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LIFELONG LEARNING IS IMPORTANT IN FLANDERS. SO IS YOUR CONFERENCE.

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As a professional or association, you are operating in a sector with a bright future. There is a global realisation that lifelong learning will play a key role in the labour market of tomorrow. Rather than stopping this evolution, the coronavirus crisis has only reinforced it.

Flanders is fully committed to lifelong learning. The northern region of Belgium has numerous experts in this field, and they are more than happy to share their views with you on the following pages. What should be the role of education? How can entrepreneurs themselves encourage lifelong learning? How can the various key players cross-pollinate one another? You can read the inspiring answers to all these questions in this e-book, which VISIT**FLANDERS** Convention Bureau is pleased to present to you. As inspiration for your next lifelong learning conference.

And your next conference, even. After all, in the same way that lifelong learning is a priority in Flanders, so is your association or PCO's conference. Over these pages, you will discover the unique assets the northern half of Belgium has to offer: a wealth of expertise in your field, unique venues with a rich tradition in education, and partners who are eager to help you with your organisation.

In short, all the ingredients needed to set a benchmark with your association or PCO: a legacy-creating conference that has a lasting positive impact for your both sector and society itself. Or, to put it in the words of the VISIT**FLANDERS** Convention Bureau's mission: **a conference that creates the heritage of tomorrow**.

Would you like to know more about the many possibilities for organising your conference in Flanders? I will happily be of service. On behalf of all the experts in this e-book, I wish you a warm welcome. And an enjoyable read, of course.

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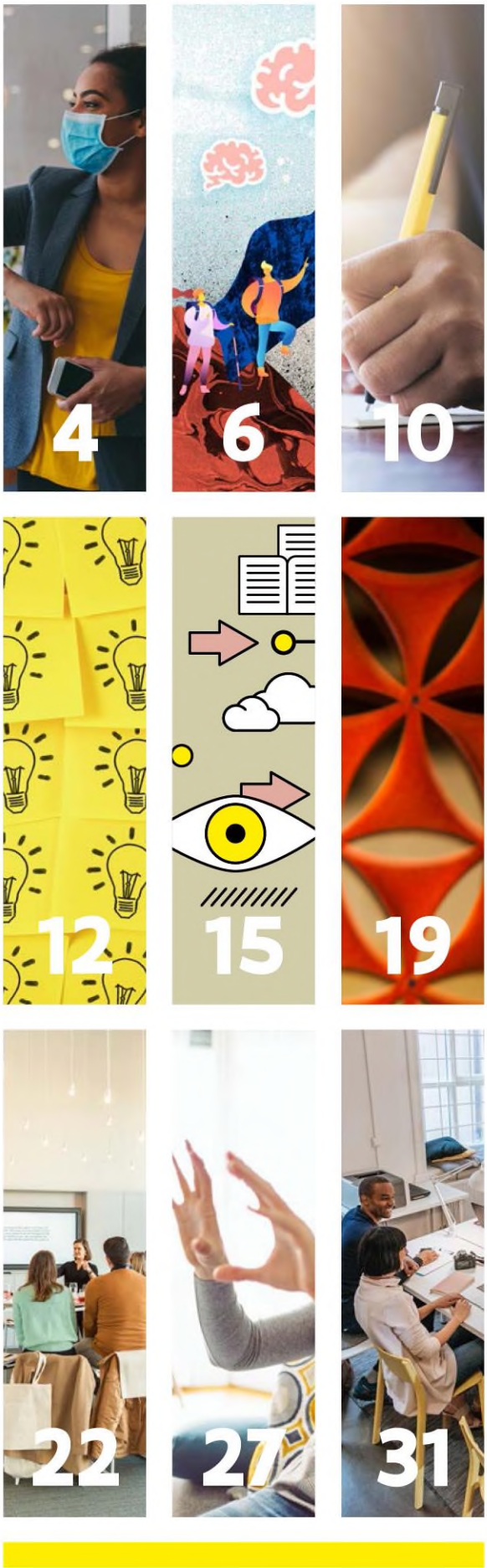

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MARIYA GABRIEL

European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

Lifelong learning will sail Europe through the environmental, technological, and labour market changes it faces. Our vision on lifelong learning is one that supports lifelong both teachers and learners. It is based on high quality early childhood education and inclusive basic education and training for *all*, coupled with proper recognition and validation of skills, including those acquired through non-formal and informal learning. This is at the heart of European Education Area that we aim to achieve by 2025, in collaboration with EU Member States and all stakeholders.

KOEN VERLAECKT

Secretary General VLIR (Flemish Interuniversity Council)

Lifelong learning lays the building blocks of the university of the future. Flemish universities are committed to lifelong learning because it is crucial to the development of the university of the future and to the consolidation of its role in society. After all, Flemish universities believe the knowledge link between the university and the individual should not be severed upon graduation: the labour market and the need to develop new competencies during a career ultimately require employees to regularly update their knowledge. Conversely, they bring in practical experience that helps to continuously adjust the training offer according to the needs of the labour market.

KOEN GOETHALS

President – Council of Flemish Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts

The enrollment rates of students over 25 years old for the 2020-2021 academic year demonstrate the increased interest in lifelong learning. It is also for this reason that the Flemish universities of applied sciences and arts want to assume their directing role for the further development of lifelong learning.

Distribution of students above the age of 25		share in the study area
Commercial sciences and business administration	5.411	12,15%
Education	4.770	21,93%
Healthcare	3.416	16,14%
Social work	2.936	13,96%
Industrial sciences and technology	1.547	7,87%
Music and the performing arts	701	27,30%
Audiovisual and visual arts	673	14,96%
Architecture	318	11,83%
Biotech	300	10,65%
Nautical science	83	19,30%

Distribution of students above the age of 40		share in the study area
Education	1.534	7,04%
Social work	820	3,90%
Commercial sciences and business administration	769	1,70%
Healthcare	590	2,70%
Industrial sciences and technology	241	1,30%
Architecture	95	3,53%
Audiovisual and visual arts	52	1,16%
Music and the performing arts	45	1,75%
Biotech	37	1,31%
Nautical science	3	0,70%

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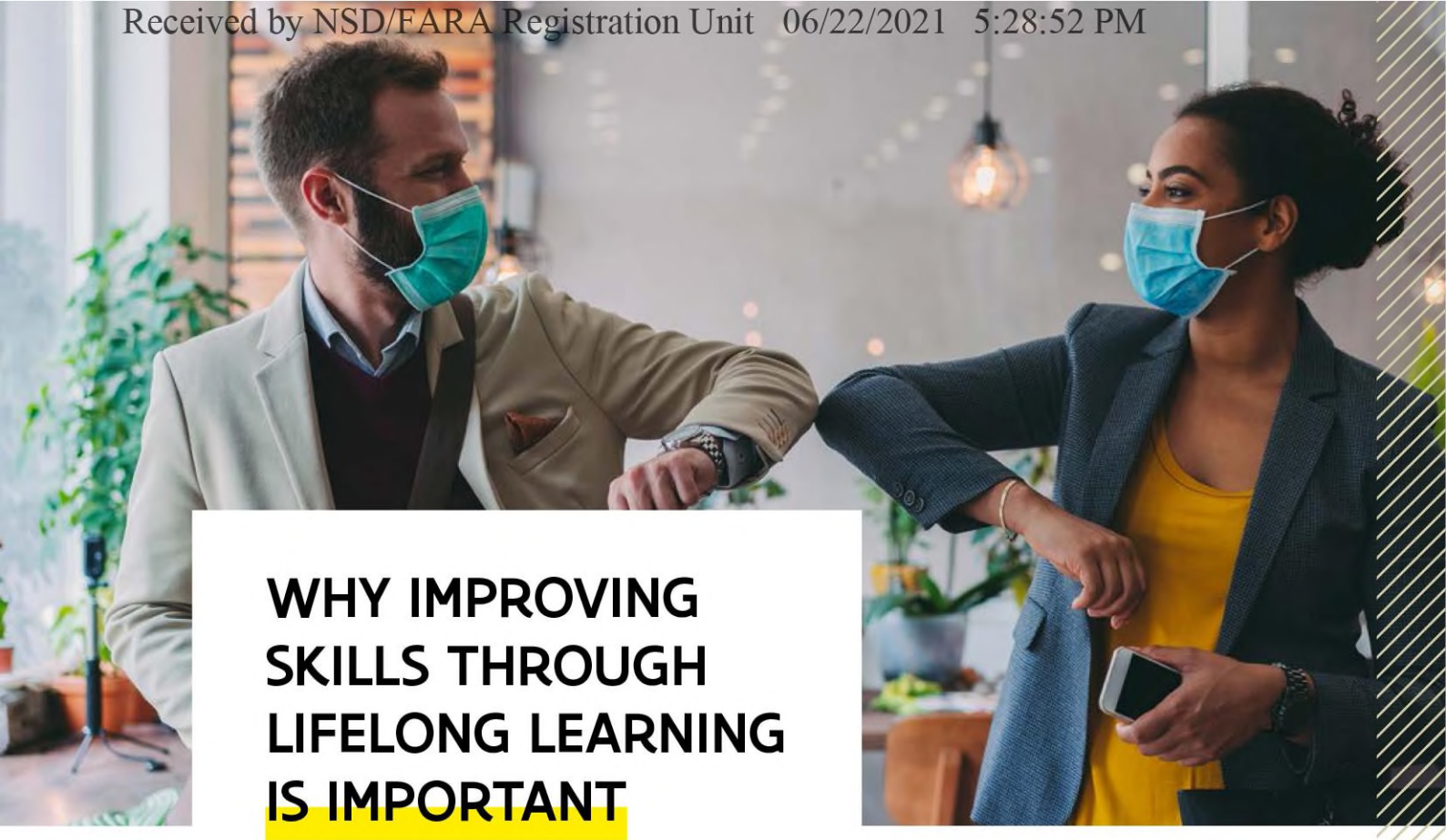

WHY IMPROVING SKILLS THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING IS IMPORTANT

Mega trends are changing and increasing the skills needed for success in work and life:

GLOBALISATION	TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE	DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE
World economy more integrated than ever	Rapid development of new technologies	Large expected decline in working-age population
Emergence of global value chains, offshoring and outsourcing	Emergence of new forms of work	Important reallocations towards care services
Increased vulnerability of some workers	Expansion of sources of learning, especially online	Need to ensure youth have the right skills

COVID-19 IS ACCELERATING THESE EXISTING TRENDS

The pandemic will accelerate the pace of automation and hasten job polarisation.

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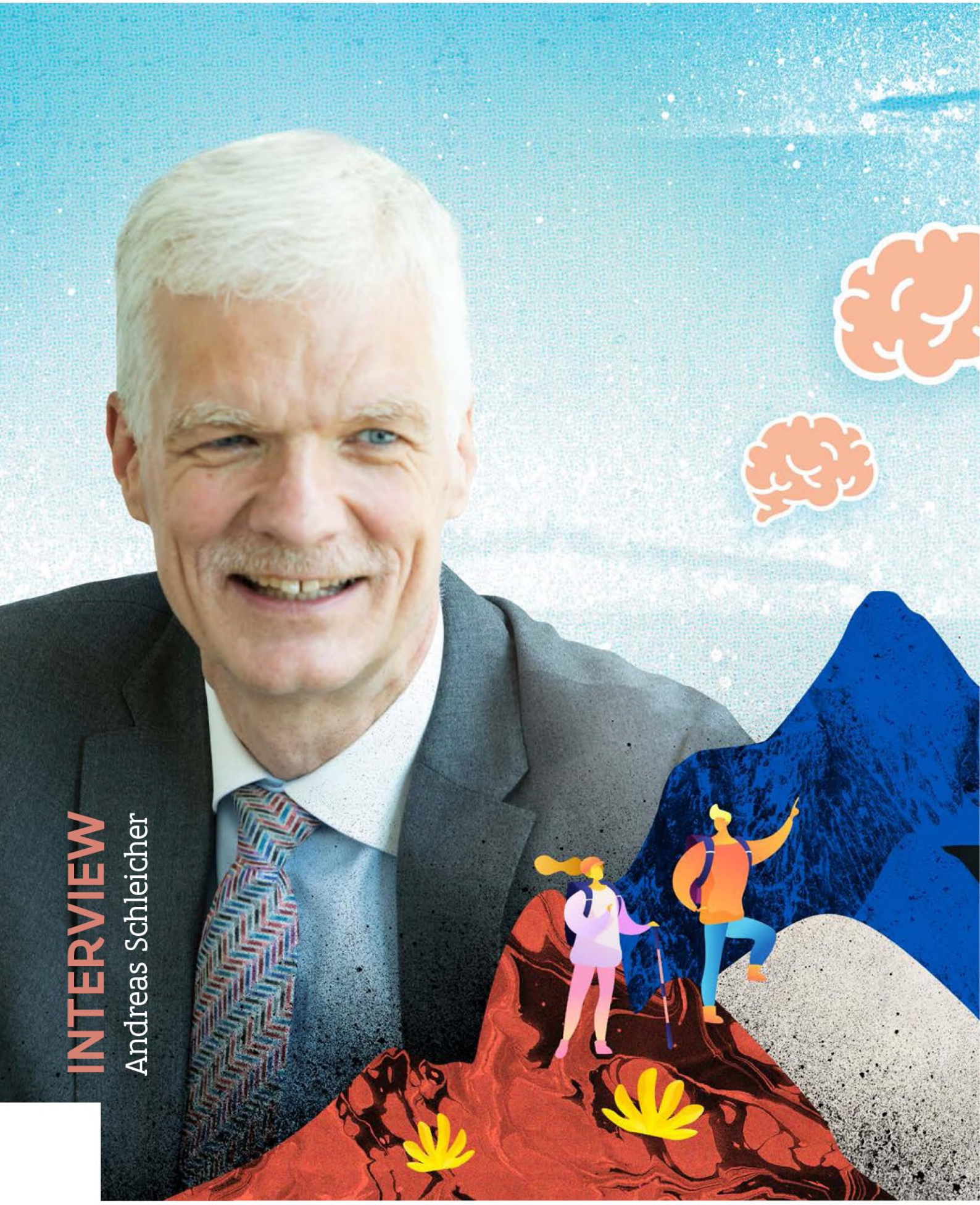

INTERVIEW
Andreas Schleicher

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THE FASTER THE WORLD CHANGES, THE MORE LIFELONG LEARNING BECOMES THE KEY.

INTERVIEW WITH ANDREAS SCHLEICHER, OECD LIFELONG LEARNING EXPERT

"I am neither an Athenian nor a Greek, I am a citizen of the world". The words of the philosopher Plutarchus came to mind during our conversation with Andreas Schleicher. This lifelong learning expert was born in Germany, studied in Australia, works in Paris and travels the globe as Director for Education and Skills at the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development). In this position Andreas guides major OECD programmes, including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), the Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) and Indicators of Education Systems (INES).

Through his work and experience, Schleicher knows better than anyone the importance of lifelong learning. And just as importantly, how we should stimulate it. The first step, says the expert, is to become a learning society. It was the start of a fascinating monologue.

THE LEARNING SOCIETY

"We're all born as lifelong learners. Toddlers don't take anything for granted, they are willing to learn, unlearn and relearn. But when they get into school, we take away a lot of that capacity. We try to make them compliant. The issue of lifelong learning is not so much to accumulate new knowledge, it's our willingness to unlearn and relearn when the context changes. And that's the difficult part. We all get used to ways of working and thinking and habits. Suddenly, technology changes that and people need to adapt, for example to the current pandemic. The foundation of a learning society is the curiosity, the interest, the willingness, the capacity to learn on your own early on.

Another pillar of the learning society is that we need to become better at recognizing learning. We have made our systems very lumpy. You learn and learn and learn to get a degree, and you think that will last for many years. We are not very good in recognizing small incidences of learning. We recognize people by their past, by their degrees, not for what they can currently do. There are many learning opportunities in adult life, but we are not good enough to build a sort of intrinsic foundation for it.

This intrinsic foundation is built by learning itself. We give youngsters too little opportunities to learn themselves. We have made the lives of children more and more scripted. When I was a child, I could go out and play, take my own risks, but today we have all micromanaged the lives of children. We've taken away that room for experimentation. And that's what learning is all about, it's not only about absorbing. We've made learning too much a process of consumption, opposed to a process of experiencing. Technology has made learning so much more consumption-oriented. You become very reactive towards stimulus on the screen."

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ANOTHER MENTALITY, A NEW QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Andreas Schleicher sees major differences between countries in terms of lifelong learning. These differences are often rooted in the mentality of the working population itself.

"In some countries almost 70% of the population says that they won't take or don't need the opportunity to learn, even if the government pays for the education. There is enough training from the part of the suppliers, but people lack the insight that learning is obliged to be able to evolve these days. In the past, we learned to do the work, and now learning is the work. Truck drivers are great examples of this. You have many ancient companies who are quite keen to move up the value chain and to adapt from transport to logistics, but yet

"In the past, we learned to do the work. Now learning *is* the work."

they don't find enough people willing to take that challenge. As people, we always have to make choices between the present and the future. Those are the hardest choices for people to make, financially, environmentally, everywhere. And learning is just a very good example. You have to make an effort today to build a better future. We have to work on making learning more fun, rather than destroying the energy of people to reinvent themselves.

One of the things we can do to change this mindset is changing our qualification systems. By creating an independent qualification structure, we could recognize a lot of talent that we otherwise won't be aware of. You'd be surprised how many people have amazing skills that nobody knows about, because they don't know themselves. Those systems are easy to build, because technology provides amazing solutions for that. Take immigrants, for instance. They end up in cleaning jobs, because we have no sort of passport that lines up their skills' profile. Give them tools to test their skills, tools to see what the requirements for certain jobs are and then they can see where their profile fits best and what they should invest in. That's an idea that we can work on starting today, building a qualification structure that motivates people to invest in their skills. Because they know if they do, something is going to come up for them. It will help the employers and inflexible labour markets of today to bring the huge skill potential of all kind of marginalized populations to the market.

"We have to build a qualification structure that motivates people to invest in their skills."

Another important part is to get a lot more creativity into our learning environments. To give people the opportunity to take ownership for their own learning, so they can decide themselves how, when and where they learn. It's also key to give teachers and educators ownership, to give them more space to become innovators.

Some regions in China created a lot of room for this entrepreneurship among the teaching population. For example, they created a digital platform where teachers could upload their ideas for projects, combined with reputation metrics. The more other teachers started to use your lessons, evaluated them and developed them further, the more recognition you get in the education system. So at the end of the school year, your principal would not only ask: "how well did you teach your kids?", but also: "what

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contribution did you make to improve the education system?" So as a teacher you became a lifelong learner, you became the education system, not a little wheel to transmit fabricated knowledge. This way the government created a great curriculum, because it was designed by the best, most recognized and respected teachers. It was very simple, but very effective to get people to take responsibility for learning.

ideas into educators and students and we do too little to find the good ideas and to scale and spread them."

THE DILEMMA WE ARE FACING

Technology is changing society, and is therefore changing education. This will be the case in the future even more than it is today. And that also has an impact on lifelong learning, according to Andreas Schleicher.

The polarization today in our society is about money. In the future, it will be about human capabilities. The biggest form of exclusion in the future is not going to be economic exclusion, it's going to be social exclusion, and that is very much related to the capabilities of people to keep up. You are not just looking at other people, you are also looking at technology. You are becoming the designer or the slave of an algorithm. That's the dilemma we are facing."

"The polarization today in our society is about money. In the future, it will be about human capabilities."

"Labour markets are going to become much more skill intensive. We will become better at matching people's skills with jobs. At the moment, there is a lot of friction and imperfection, but I think labour markets will become increasingly better in figuring out what talents you have. It will work well for those who are well-prepared and the faster the world changes, the more lifelong learning becomes the key. Those who are capable of this, will be super powerful in everything they do. But you will also see a lot of people who have not acquired those foundations.

Another example: vice-principals of high performing schools in China were asked to become temporary principle in a poor performing school somewhere else in the country. If they succeeded to lift the level of the school, their temporary appointment became permanent. So they got the best people in the most difficult places. These simple things created a more open, entrepreneurial environment. For the moment, we are putting too much effort in pushing

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YOUR ASSOCIATION AND FLANDERS: THE POWERFUL BOND OF A COMMON MISSION.

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You may already have read it in the introduction: lifelong learning is high on the agenda in Flanders. So high, in fact, that at the initiative of Ministers Weyts and Crevits, representatives from the field of education, training, and the professional field started a unique partnership: the Lifelong Learning Partnership. This partnership develops a widely supported vision, converted into an action plan to turn Flanders into a learning society.

YOUR ASSOCIATION, TOO, IS ENGAGED IN LIFELONG LEARNING.

Through your activities, you continuously provide your members with new knowledge in your field. That too is lifelong learning, which is why you are very welcome to host your conference in Flanders. You will find exceptionally broad-ranging support here, provided by all social partners. Want to know more about organising your conference in Flanders? Gemmeke De Jongh will be happy to provide you with all necessary information.

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THE LIFELONG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP: THE WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR A LEARNING SOCIETY.

The Lifelong Learning Partnership was officially commissioned by the Government of Flanders to:

1. make everyone eager to learn
2. make learning accessible
3. match supply and demand
4. ensure that learning becomes work and work becomes learning, in order to achieve a new learning system and a general change of mentality.

THE CHAIR IS PROF. DR. ANS DE VOS

(Antwerp Management School and University of Antwerp).

Representatives on behalf of the Social and Economic Council of Flanders:

- UNIZO (business association)
- VOKA (business association)
- Boerenbond (professional association for agriculture and horticulture)
- Verso (association for social profit companies)
- ACV-CSC (Christian trade union)
- ABVV (Socialist trade union)
- ACLVB (Liberal trade union)

Representatives of the educational landscape and training providers:

- Catholic Education Flanders
- GP! (community education)
- POV (Provincial Education Flanders)
- Federation of Basic Education
- University of Ghent
- University of Applied Sciences UC Leuven-Limburg

Representatives of the private training providers:

- Alimento (sectoral services for food companies)
- SYNTRA Limburg

Local level representative

- Flemish Cities and Municipalities (OVSG)

Representative of a Business school:

- Vlerick Business School

Representative of the Lifelong Learning Commission of the Flemish Education Council:

- Catholic Education Flanders

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DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE EXPERTS FROM FLANDERS.

The purpose of this e-book is to *inspire*, and features experts from Flanders giving their vision on the fascinating challenge that lies before us: shaping a learning society. On their behalf, VISITFLANDERS Convention Bureau wishes you the best of luck.

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is dean of Vlerick Business School, the nr1 business school for executive education in the Benelux. She is the co-author of Making your Way, in which she makes the case for lifelong learning.

AN DE COEN

advises organisations and public institutions on social challenges in the field of working and learning at IDEA Consult. She specialises in activating labour market policies, with a particular focus on training.

PROF. DR. ANS DE VOS

is professor at Antwerp Management School and Universiteit Antwerpen and president of the "Partnerschap Levenslang Leren" in Flanders. She investigates and teaches about important evolutions such as lifelong learning, digitalisation and flexible work and their impact upon careers from an individual, organisational and labour market perspective.

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WANNES GIJSELS

executive officer at the University of Antwerp. He is also responsible for international cooperation and coordinates the short international programs of the Antwerp Summer University. The summer university attracts 500 participants from 70 different countries every year.

DR. DITTE KIMPS

is coordinator of the expertise centre for innovative learning paths of the Department of Work & Social Economy. In government, she works mainly on apprenticeship, e-learning, STEM and lifelong learning. Ditte also has years of experience as a researcher at KU Leuven, and as a computer linguist in speech technology companies.

KARINE NICOLAY

is National Coordinator for the European Agenda for Adult Education in Flanders and project leader of Lang Leven Leren [Long Live Learning]. This project aims to stimulate lifelong learning in Flanders and support a renewal network that should enable a change in how we think about living, learning and working.

RONNY SMET

is coordinator of the Research and Development Communities in ATEE, and chair of the RDC empowering teacher education. He is also a teacher training lecturer at the Karel de Grote University in Antwerp.

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is Head of Office at Association for Teacher Education in Europe. The ATEE aims to enhance the quality of Teacher Education in Europe through active dialogue and international exchange of research and practice in initial and in-service teacher education.

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VENUES FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND CONFERENCE IN LIFELONG LEARNING

FACULTY CLUB LEUVEN

Faculty Club has a close link with the KU Leuven, one of the most innovative universities in the world. You welcome your delegates to the centuries-old setting of the Beguinage (13th century). It has been fully restored and was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1998. The historic location combined with state-of-the-art digital facilities, contemporary design, exquisite culinary experience and a professional customer oriented service makes Faculty Club the ideal place for your conference about lifelong learning.

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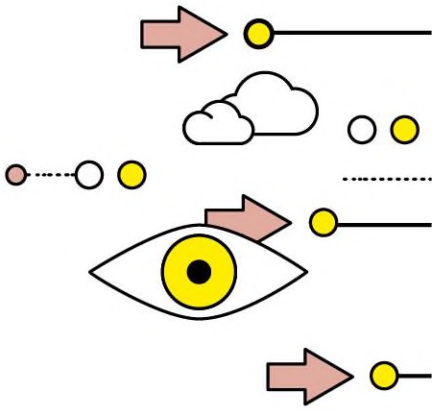

NOT FEELING 100% AT EASE? THAT JUST MEANS THAT YOU'RE LEARNING SOMETHING NEW.

ABOUT THE CHANGE OF MENTALITY NECESSARY FOR A LEARNING SOCIETY

"Many HR policies overemphasise stability."

ANS DE VOS

As OECD expert Andres Schleicher emphasised in his interview: a change of mentality is needed in order to achieve a learning society. Flemish experts agree. According to **Ans De Vos** (Antwerp School of Management, Lifelong Learning Partnership), however, we cannot assume that this change will come naturally. Her research shows that the surrounding system needs to change.

"It is too quickly assumed that an employee can judge for themselves when it is time to learn more, to find out what they like doing, or where there are still opportunities for development. Many people have never learned to ask themselves those questions, let alone find the answers. Many HR policies also emphasise stability: people are encouraged to mainly remain good at what they are currently doing and capable of doing, because there is a need for it in the organization. This has no negative intent, but it causes many people to lose their learning mentality or need.

Another thing that doesn't help is the hierarchical mindset of the linear progression of a career. We consider it normal to develop into an expert in a field. The older you get, the more respect you develop for it. That makes it more difficult to change direction. This is also reflected in the entire system of remuneration, job classifications and seniority. These are mechanisms that mainly encourage people to improve in that which they are already good at. In order to create a learning society, you must therefore also have the courage to rethink the institutional framework: how can you transform it into an instrument to stimulate and support lifelong learning?"

Bringing about the change of mentality is therefore a psychological challenge, believes **Marion Debruyne** (Vlerick Business School).

"Learning in itself is uncomfortable. It exists somewhere between the comfort zone and the panic zone. You expose yourself to new competences, insights and knowledge that you do not yet possess. You feel like a beginner again. And the further on you are in your career, the less familiar you become with that feeling. That makes learning uncomfortable. However, not feeling 100% comfortable is

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actually a good sign: it means you're learning. Feeling 100% at ease means that you are not taking in anything new.

Our approach at Vlerick Business School is geared to this. We create a protected environment, a kind of lab in which you work with new things. Not in an individual process, but together with others. That increases the sense of comfort: we are all here together to learn new things. All too often we forget that, to be effective, learning should be a social event. That social aspect helps us get out of our comfort zone."

To be successful in lifelong learning, we have to take its social dimension into account. **Jeroen Backs** (Flemish Department of Education and Training) agrees.

"The Coronavirus has made it clear that distance learning is not an unqualified success story. People enjoy coming together, without this always having to happen at the same time and in the same place. Pure distance learning is only reserved for a niche audience that has the skills for it and attaches less importance to social events. That's why we need to invest in blended forms of education, which combine distance learning with social moments, where you get together with other students."

"I would like to give the following example. Suppose you fall ill, would you feel comfortable seeing a doctor who has not received any additional training for 30 years? This need for lifelong learning must be assumed by everyone, because today all professions are constantly changing."

JEROEN BACKS

"We use Google Trends and Twitter Sentiment Analysis to gauge the mentality surrounding lifelong learning."

DITTE KIMPS

"By putting new ideas into practice, we discover what obstacles stand in the way of a new qualification system."

AN DE COEN

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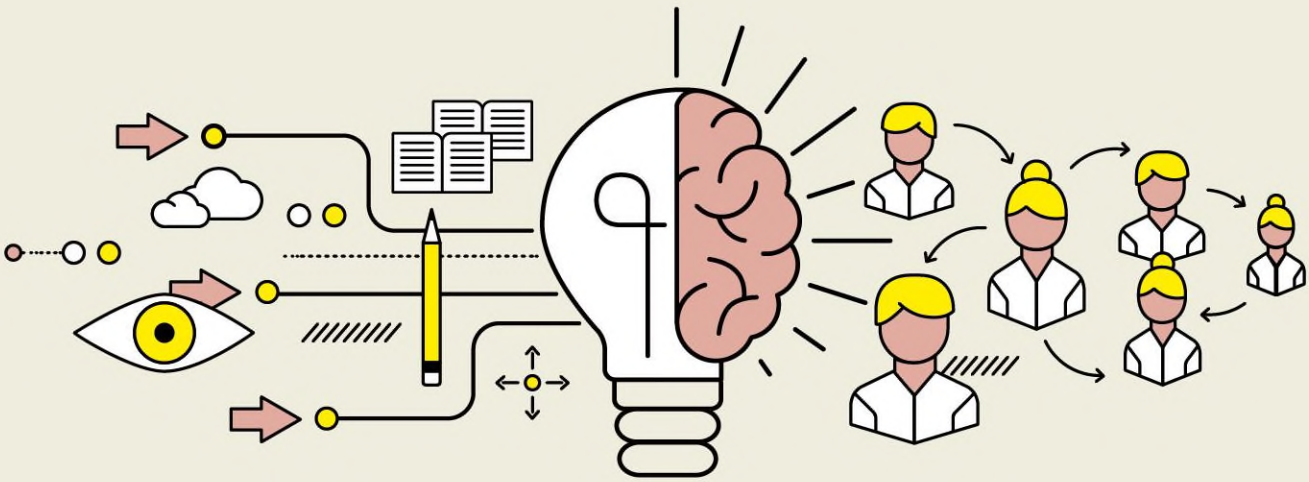

RESEARCH AS A FOUNDATION FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

A change of mentality requires looking beyond the average citizen. Not everyone has the same characteristics, values, learning preferences and barriers. **Ditte Kimps** (Expertise Centre for Innovative Learning Paths) is involved in research aimed at better mapping the target groups of lifelong learning.

"In collaboration with the OECD, our Expertise Centre is developing, on behalf of the Lifelong Learning Partnership, a new segmentation model of the target groups in order to gain a better insight into learning behaviour. The classical division, for example between those in work and those looking for work, is not fine enough to roll out effective actions. The finer the segmentation, the better you can tailor the offer and the message to each target group, and the more convincing your argument will be. It fits into a more comprehensive personalised approach to lifelong learning.

Another study on learners' customer journeys also plays into this. For a change of mentality we need to gain sufficient insight into factors that influence the motivation of learners, which barriers citizens must overcome in order to participate in a learning activity, and which factors facilitate that decision. The customer journey maps out why citizens decide to learn, what steps they must take to participate in the learning activity, and how they perceive the learning activity.

In addition, we also conduct experimental research on big data together with Statistics Flanders. Monitoring instruments for lifelong learning already exist, but it always takes at least a year for the results to materialise. Moreover, this mainly assesses participation. In order to observe short-term evolutions, we intend to use Google Trends and a Twitter Sentiment Analysis. Is society engaged in lifelong learning? Do people speak positively, neutrally or negatively on the topic? In this way, we also gauge mentality, and we can potentially work on the change of mentality that is so desperately needed."

Other research is needed to identify the barriers to the reclassification of informal learning. **An De Coen** (IDEA Consult) refers to nine so-called 'ESF projects', which are supported by the Government of Flanders and the European Social Fund.

"The projects put radically new ideas about learning and working into practice and thus identify the obstacles to a new system of qualifications. There is, for example, a project with learning hubs, in which young learners do not follow a standard learning route, but develop their own path together with the learning coach. This increases learner engagement, increases learning gains and produces results that benefit society as a whole. Learning is no longer limited to school or school hours, but continues throughout life.

Another interesting project is putting a new economic model into practice by strengthening local economies. Citizens receive a guaranteed income in the form of a supplementary income. That financial security gives them the freedom to learn continuously, which enables value creation that goes beyond the financial aspect."

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FLEMISH CITIES AS A NATURAL BIOTOPE FOR YOUR CONFERENCE ON LIFELONG LEARNING

GHENT

Ghent can rightly call itself "Flanders Capital of Knowledge". The largest student city in Flanders is home to almost 75,000 students at colleges, (art) academies and two universities: UGent and KULeuven Technology Campus. Research institutes - such as VIB and ILVO - and numerous start-ups and scale-ups bridge the gap to the business community.

The multitude of students and the balanced mix of residents and visitors make the city a lively place. Even after sunset, it is safe and pleasant for the guests of your conference. Most venues and hotels are within walking distance of each other, while your delegates can reach Brussels and the international airport in under an hour.

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THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS FOR THE MANAGER THEMSELVES TO BE A LEARNER.

HOW BUSINESS CAN STIMULATE LIFELONG LEARNING

"With a learning policy, a company can respond proactively to future needs."

DANNY VAN ASSCHE

A change of mentality is not only necessary among employees. Entrepreneurs will also have to make a change to create a learning society. This can pose a challenge, especially for smaller companies, says **Danny Van Assche** of the UNIZO entrepreneurial organization.

"It is not always easy for an SME to implement a learning policy. Because work always comes first, it is often done piecemeal and ad hoc: training is only provided in case of urgent need. However, it is better to think in the longer term and, as an entrepreneur, to ask questions such as: how is my market evolving? What are the current trends? Which competencies do I need to respond to them? Does my company already possess them? If not, where can I find them? If so, how do I keep them up to date? This can already be done through, for example, performance interviews. Then you can ask your employees what they need to do their job even better. Which competencies do they want to strengthen? If you follow this up, you can proactively respond to your needs as a company by means of a learning policy. The government and entrepreneurial organizations can help companies draw up that learning policy."

But in order to conduct a learning policy, "leading by example" is key, according to Van Assche.

"The most important step that a company can take to become a learning company is for the manager to be a learner themselves and then to introduce that culture into their company. As an entrepreneur you have to invest in yourself and keep up with current trends. This can also be done in an accessible way. For example, at UNIZO we organise a seminar for business leaders every year, to which we invite the authors of 10 high-profile management books. These authors share the key insights of their book with the public in 30 minutes. This form of learning is a huge success, with over 1,000 participating entrepreneurs attending in order to absorb knowledge".

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"Your learning curve as a business leader will have to outpace society's change curve."

MARION DEBRUYNE

Marion Debruyne of Vlerick Business School agrees that managers are eager to learn.

'The older generation of managers is continuously upskilling themselves. At Vlerick, we have been organising the 'Take the lead' course for 5 years in a row. Our mission is to bring entrepreneurs along in the super-fast digital transformation that is taking place in society. The senior managers are non-digital natives and are aware that they have to help shape this transformation. There are some highly experienced sixty-somethings among the participants, as well as twenty-somethings. That interaction is interesting, they can learn a lot from each other.

Today's leaders are aware of the importance of lifelong learning. If you want to continue to lead in a rapidly changing society, you have to keep learning. If you stand still, you'll fall behind. Your learning curve as a business leader will have to be faster than society's change curve. Or, as the Flemish entrepreneur Tim Van Hauwermeiren said in a lecture to our students, "you should attach more importance to your learning curve than your salary curve."

Andreas Schleicher also touched on this shift when he stated: "The polarisation today in our society is about money. In the future, it will be about human capabilities." Danny Van Assche concludes with a piece of golden advice for every entrepreneur.

"Do away with the delusion that training, which does not have an immediate return on investment, is a cost. Even if there is no immediate ROI, that learning culture is still important, because it yields returns in the long term."

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VENUES FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND CONFERENCE IN LIFELONG LEARNING

ST PETER'S ABBEY GHENT

St. Peter's Abbey in Ghent has inspired minds for centuries Here, learning, living and working exist together in harmony. Students come to cram in the library rooms, children visit exhibitions with their grandparents in the beautiful refectory, and people share their history and stories in the orchard of the southern abbey garden. For a thousand years, St. Peter's Abbey has been a centre of knowledge and science. And today also of lifelong learning, as host of your conference.

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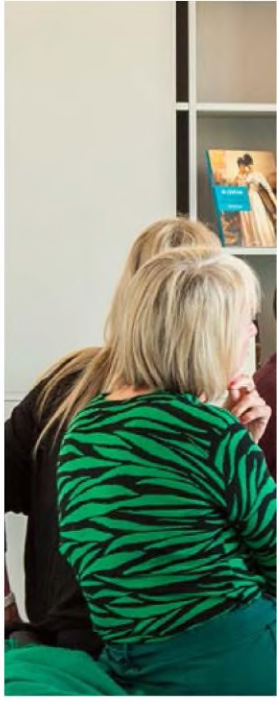

DIPLOMAS SHOULD NO LONGER BE SEEN AS AN END POINT.

EDUCATION AS THE FOUNDATION OF A LEARNING SOCIETY

"it is essential that we stimulate the joys of learning at an early age."

ANS DE VOS

A sustainable career starts from education, says **Ans De Vos** (Antwerp Management School, Lifelong Learning Partnership). In order to develop a learning society, a change needs to be made there, too. How can the school system prepare motivated workers who are prepared for lifelong learning?

"In order to create a learning society, it is essential that we stimulate the joys of learning at an early age and stimulate the self-confidence to dare to try new things. This requires much more focus on the learning process, and not only to the school result. The latter is reflected in areas in functional domains such as languages or sciences and a diploma. But that is only the tip of the iceberg; it is the undercurrent of learning and career competences, which students carry with them throughout their lives. Knowing your talents, what you like doing, how you learn, and when it is time to learn something new are skills for life. This not only increases the chances of a sustainable career, but also gives people more resilience in general.

Compulsory education should already address this, but it is equally important that secondary and adult education include this undercurrent. The same applies within organisations. In our rapidly changing society, learning and working are intertwined. We wrongly assume that everyone recognises the importance of lifelong learning and that everyone embraces the idea. However, that is not yet the case."

Philosopher, mathematician and Nobel laureate literature Bertrand Russell once wrote, "The most difficult task for

"Being taught doesn't equal learning."

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a teacher is to not spoil the student's pleasure in learning." The vision of **Marion Debruyne** (Vlerick Business School) is in line with this.

"We employ many innovative forms of learning at Vlerick Business School. This includes real life cases, bootcamps, leadership simulations in game form, interactive videos, short quizzes and polls. This fun factor helps students get out of their comfort zone. By applying gamification principles you break through one of the biggest barriers to lifelong learning, namely that learning is something you 'have to' do. We need to make learning inspiring. Inspiration comes from new insights, from interaction with other people, and from doing things outside one's daily routine. We also apply those principles to ourselves. Internally, we have a learning programme on learning design: how can you work on that in an innovative way? Our motto is: "being taught doesn't equal learning". Just because you teach people doesn't mean they are learning something. I may well be a highly knowledgeable teacher, but if I don't get through to the student, and they can't do anything with it, then I won't have accomplished anything."

"Why not use the skills of teachers outside of education?"

RONNY SMET

It is not only the student who should learn throughout life, the teacher should, too, says **Ronny Smet** (ATEE).

"Teachers need to be challenged to question their approach and adjust it with the necessary self-reflection. The structure of education must be aimed at stimulating this lifelong learning, for example, by providing more career opportunities in education, making time and space available for further learning

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and providing financial incentives. That is a role that the government must take on."

But education itself can also play a more stimulating role, says Smet.

"The technology that companies use is evolving very quickly. They should be retrained every year. Why don't schools take the initiative to regularly re-train former students in their field? How great would it be if schools and companies could organise this together, and structurally embed this further training in the further careers of students? We have seen more initiatives and pilot projects in this area in recent years, but there is still huge potential for developing this integration further.

Many teachers are also keen to evolve in their job. They don't want to teach the same class until retirement. Why not use their skills outside of education? A school can engage in outsourcing, for example, and think about a learning offer in cooperation with businesses."

"It's very important for teachers to learn soft skills"

MARIAGRAZIA TAGLIABUE

In what areas should teachers re-train themselves? The answer to this is clear, says **Mariagrazia Tagliabue** (ATEE).

"It's very important for teachers to learn soft skills, like emotional intelligence, creativity, problem-solving, leadership, communication, adaptability and curiosity. Because when you talk about soft skills, you talk about life skills, and these are strictly linked to informal learning. Life skills and informal learning are the two key issues of lifelong learning."

Dealing with new technologies is also a job for teachers, says Tagliabue.

"The use of technology will be one of the important skills for the future. But not all teachers are skilled in digital technologies. They need to learn how to behave in front of the camera, how to teach in front of the camera, how to communicate in a digital way with students. Journalists learn this in school, but teachers don't."

Jeroen Backs (Flemish Department of Education and Training) adds another important point of attention.

"It is also very important to pay attention to literacy in training. That is a hugely underestimated social problem. For example,

"Promoting literacy increases the readiness for lifelong learning."

JEROEN BACKS

17% of the Flemish population is functionally illiterate. This group features more frequently in the statistics on unemployment and social benefits. By bringing adults with a low level of literacy up to an acceptable literacy level, the willingness to participate in lifelong learning also increases."

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WANNES GIJSELS

LIFELONG LEARNING IN PRACTICE: THE ANTWERP SUMMER UNIVERSITY.

Education can respond to the needs of the labour market. According to **Wannes Gijsels** (University of Antwerp), there is still a lot of potential in the search for synergies between academia and said labour market. He sees an important role for so-called 'summer schools', the short-term curricula that educational institutions organise during the summer holidays. With the Antwerp Summer University, the University of Antwerp is already putting its money where its mouth is, and bridging the gap between education and business.

"Our summer schools are aimed at students, researchers and professionals. Academics, often in consultation with (international) business or academic partners, take the initiative for a new course offering, for example because they have access to the results of new research or want to share existing expertise and they want to present this to an international audience via Antwerp Summer University. We usually try to actively involve companies and other external organisations in the programme, for example by presenting a case or delegating speakers or participants.

A participant group with both students and professionals is didactically challenging but interesting, given that a lot is learned from one another during informal moments. The academic approach is enriching for practitioners, and the practical view is enlightening for academics, students and researchers. We place different emphases in the program for both target groups and ensure that they forge contacts with each other. Participants from companies can ask questions to professors, and students can work on a concrete case for a company. Participants of such a summer school often go on to work for that company.

This creates networks that persist well beyond the Antwerp Summer University. Because some programs have a different focus annually, many participants come back every year. Half of our participants are professionals and participate in lifelong learning through our summer school."

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FLEMISH CITIES AS A NATURAL BIOTOPE FOR YOUR CONFERENCE ON LIFELONG LEARNING

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Leuven is the perfect place for small conferences in intimate, historical surroundings, as well as the ideal setting for larger groups in state-of-the-art auditoria for up to 800 people.

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NON SCHOLAE, SED VITAE DISCIMUS

WHAT WILL THE FUTURE BRING IN TERMS OF LIFELONG LEARNING?

"The mentality for lifelong learning therefore essentially already exists."

DANNY VAN ASSCHE

"It is essential that people are allowed and able to follow their own learning path."

KARINE NICOLAY

Back when **Danny Van Assche** (UNIZO) was still at school, there was a Latin saying above the board: "non scholae, sed vitae discimus" – we don't learn for school, but for life. This beautifully illustrates the future of lifelong learning, according to the managing director of the business association,

"A diploma only indicates that we have learned how to learn. All the rest comes after. I am positive that the necessary change of mentality for lifelong learning will also be effective. Digitalisation is forcing us to do so. We are already continuously learning. The software programs we work with are constantly changing, so we learn to work with them. Even when we buy a new smartphone, or when a new Nintendo comes out, we learn to use it. So the mentality for lifelong learning is effectively already there. Younger generations are used to adapting to new changes."

That younger generation is certainly showing the way. According to **Karine Nicolay** (national coordinator for the European Agenda for Adult Education), many young people are already following their own learning path - or would like to follow their own learning path - but often still face obstacles.

"Colleges and universities are cautiously removing these obstacles, because more and more young people want to take an alternative path. I see that in my own children, too."

Change happens under the influence of technology, but it is also facilitated by technology. Karine Nicolay sees opportunities for artificial intelligence in the future. She refers to Donald Clark, who attributes AI a crucial role in motivating, supporting, giving feedback and adaptive learning. The Scottish EdTech entrepreneur illustrates this with an example from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"At Georgia Tech there were 350 students and 9 assistants to support the teachers. One of the assistants was replaced by an AI bot, which none of the students noticed. What's more, they nominated the AI bot for the best teacher award. This was mainly because the AI bot came up with answers very quickly. For example, when students asked which programming language to use for a task, the system immediately came up with an answer. When students had to send an email to the teacher first, they sometimes had to wait hours or even days to get an answer. Some delay even had

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to be built into the AI bot, as it would otherwise not seem human. After all, its answer came faster than a normal person can type."

Technology as a driving force for lifelong learning is also the trend that **Marion Debruyne** (Vlerick Business School) sees for the future.

"There are two types of learning. There is the classic 'just in case' learning, where you learn something for later on, for when you end up needing it. But in the future, 'on demand learning' will become much more important: you learn something when you actually need it. This requires a much greater integration of learning into everyday life. Online learning offers great opportunities there, due to its greater flexibility. If you look at how the lifelong learning landscape is evolving, learning on demand is becoming much more important. This is made possible by digitalisation."

"In the future, 'on demand learning' will become much more important."

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FLANDERS FOCUSES ON HUMAN CAPITAL, A KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY.

THE ASSETS OF FLANDERS AS A BIOTOPE OF LIFELONG LEARNING

"Our education system produces highly educated people."

DANNY VAN ASSCHE

Flanders has a lot of expertise with regard to lifelong learning. However, our region has even more assets that create a perfect biotope for your conference in this domain. For example, education here ranks among the global top, notes **Danny Van Assche** (UNIZO).

"Our education system produces highly educated people. This is one of Flanders' greatest attractions for foreign investment. Our employees are flexible and are able to easily pick up new things. The government stimulates this with instruments such as learning subsidies, training vouchers, time credit and training leave. There are many instruments available in our country to support lifelong learning."

This flexibility is an important plus as well, according to **Marion Debruyne** (Vlerick Business School).

"Flanders is very central as a hub. You can be in Amsterdam, London and Paris in just two hours. This location makes Flemings highly adaptive, and ensures that we have

"Our knowledge institutions are among the best in Europe."

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"We look at which competences are needed, rather than which professions."

AN DE COEN

extensive knowledge of languages. Culturally, we are also somewhere between north and south, between the Scandinavian and Mediterranean approaches, which means that we can deal with both mentalities. Also, don't overlook the fact that our knowledge institutions are among the best in Europe. While research centres like imec and VIB are leading the way worldwide."

Flanders is therefore a global centre of know-how. **An De Coen** (IDEA Consult) also highlights this great expertise as a distinctive quality.

"Flanders focuses a lot on innovation. This is about human capital, about a knowledge-based economy. We work fiercely at a competence level: we look at which competences are needed, rather than which professions. Moreover, the government is investing a lot to keep the price of lifelong learning low. For vulnerable groups in the labour market, such as jobseekers, it is often free of charge. Many courses are affordable through, for example, incentives for learners and subsidies for education and training providers, which makes the offer accessible. That offer, incidentally, is very diverse. There are courses within colleges, universities and adult education centres. And there is also a lot of training from the socio-cultural world. If we can see to it that people can find their way to this offer, we can make great strides in Flanders."

The easy accessibility of this broad offer is an important asset, says **Jeroen Backs** (Flemish Department of Education and Training).

"We offer low-threshold and affordable adult education. It has an accessible and a qualifying nature, it is not purely an instrument of an employment policy or labour market policy.

"We offer low-threshold and affordable adult education."

JEROEN BACKS

This way, you potentially reach a larger audience and avoid excluding certain target groups.

Moreover, a flexible modular system exists in Flanders, you can follow a uniform training across all centres. If you move to the other side of the country, you can continue your education at another centre there. Or you can interrupt the training and resume it later. That flexibility, quality and uniformity are absolute assets."

"All facilities for a successful conference are within reach."

RONNY SMET

Finally, **Ronny Smet** (ATEE) points out another unique asset: organising your conference here is just very practical.

"In some countries you sometimes end up on a campus that is 15 kilometres outside the city centre. In Flanders, on the other hand, all facilities for a successful conference are within reach. The campuses are centrally located, often right in the city centre. Practically, this makes everything much easier, especially for evening activities."

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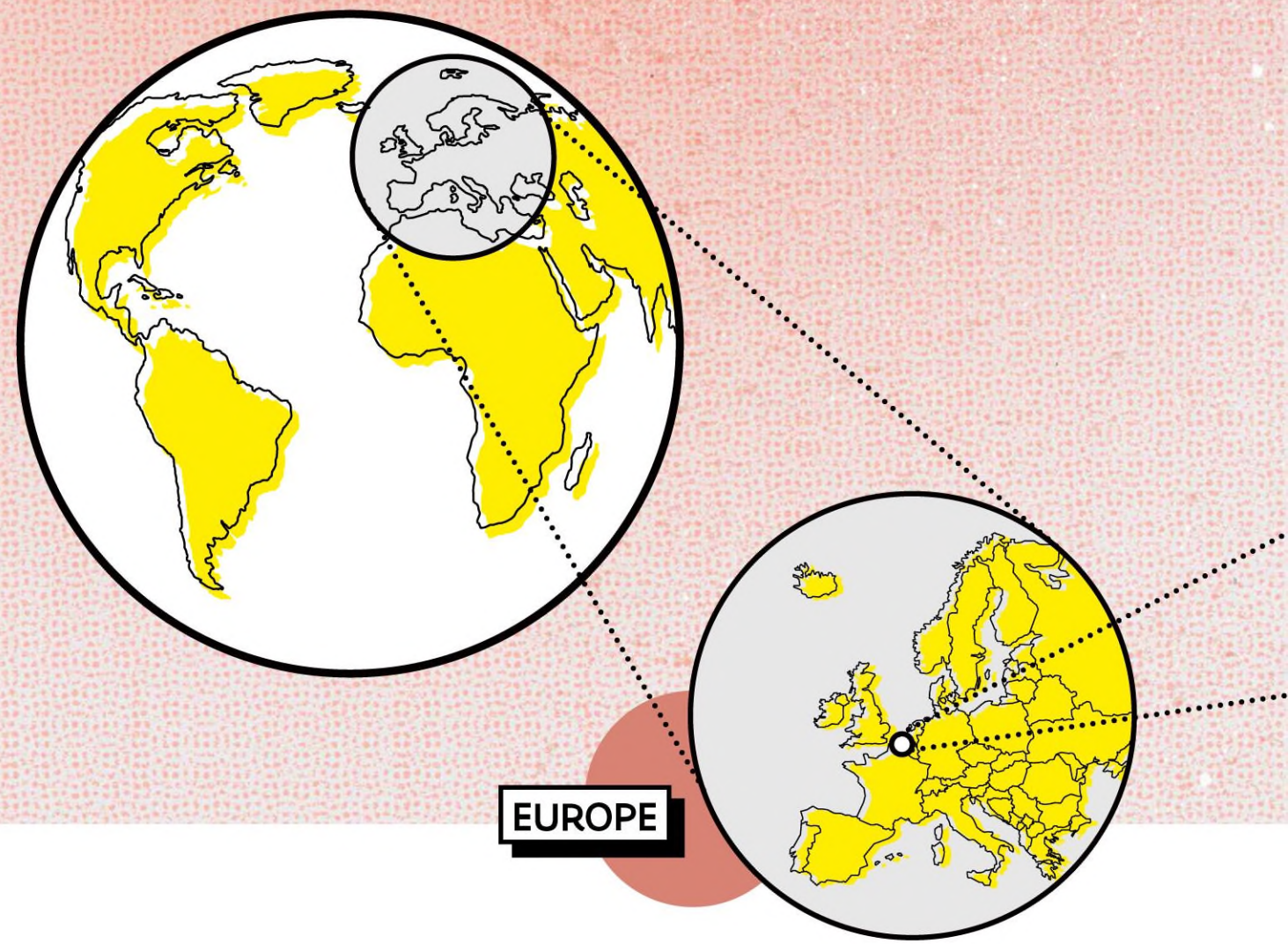

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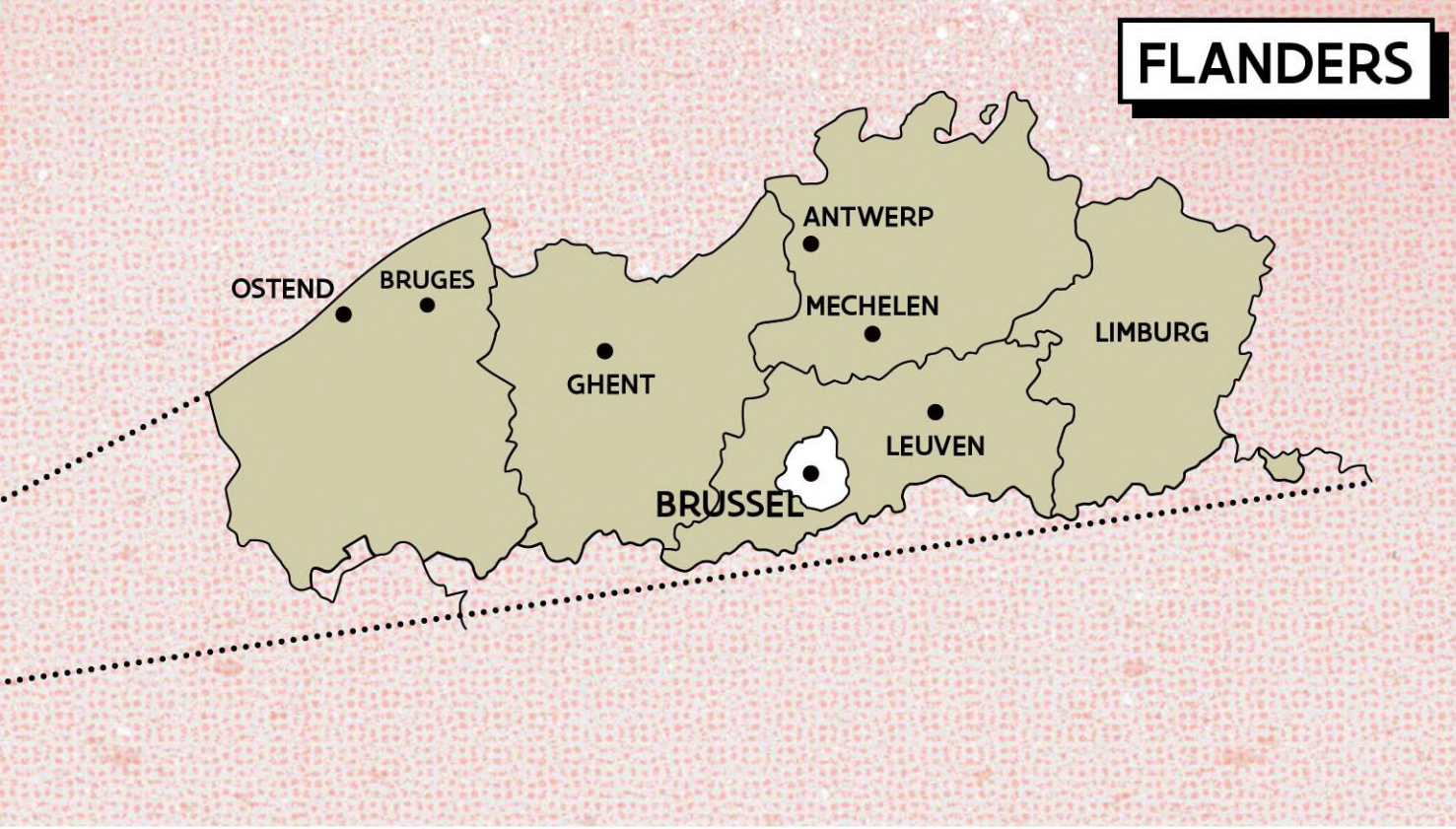

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The choice of accessible accommodation is increasing and becoming more varied every year, a positive trend that we naturally applaud. Therefore we have split the brochure into two parts. At the moment, you are consulting the brochure that provides an overview of all the accessible hostels and youth and group holiday centres. You can find an overview of all the accessible hotels, guestrooms, holiday houses, camping areas and holiday accommodations in the other brochure. You can of course request both brochures. You can find our contact details at the bottom of this page.

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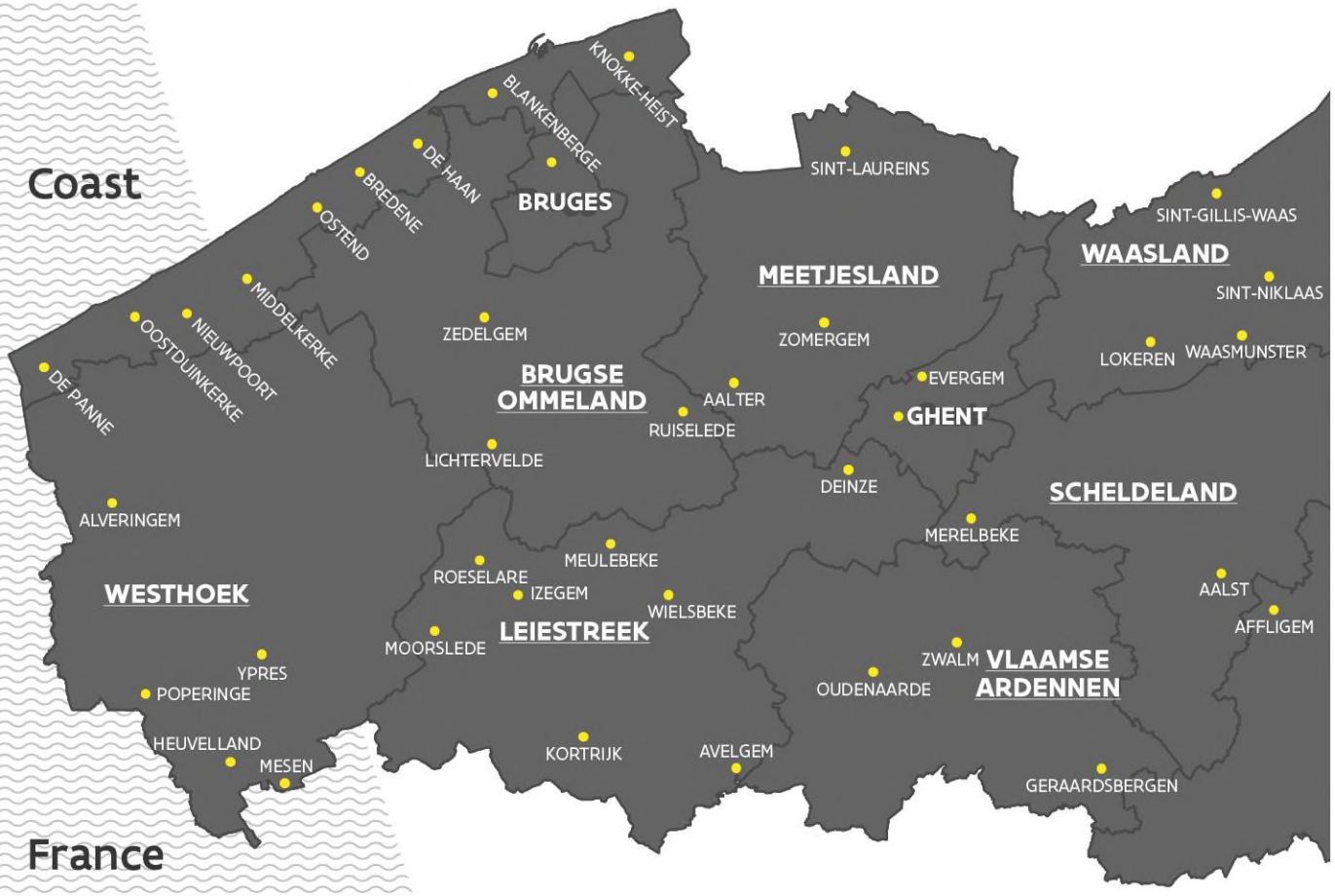

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Frequently asked questions

In the brochure it says that this accommodation has a shower chair or seat, but it isn't shown in the photo. Is this right?

It's possible! A movable shower seat or shower (wheel)chair is placed by the operator when it is needed. If you don't find a seat when you arrive, don't hesitate to ask one of the staff. Someone probably just forgot to put it there. Some support rails are also removable and are positioned during your stay.

I need more details. For example: is there sufficient space under the bed for a hoist, and what other facilities are provided? Where can I find this?

During the on site inspection we collected a great deal of information. There are therefore more details available than what you read in the brochure. The staff of Visit Flanders have these extended descriptions to hand and will be pleased to give you the necessary information. If you would rather find this out for yourself, you can find all the inspection data at www.toevla.be (Dutch only).

An accessible building is one thing, but I also need care on holiday. Where can I go to for this?

In Flanders, 25 holiday accommodations with an accessibility label are currently offering a care framework. This can mean that you will find facilities such as hoists or hospital beds, and that you can call on care staff (nursing, assistance). Some houses have their own personnel available for this, for others the necessary assistance is hired externally. This distinction is made in the icon, by the mention of 24/7 next to the accomodation that provides in-house care. All information about the accessibility and care framework at Ter Duinen, Zorgverblijf Hooidonk, De Ceder, Vakantiehuis Fabiola, 't Mechels Bos, Thomasbos, vakantieverblijf De Dielis, L'O de Vie, Zorghotel Middelpunt, Zorghotel Gezondheidscentrum Koninklijke Villa, Villa Rozerood, B&B Altijd Genieten, Vakantiecentrum Cosmopolite, Hoeve Megusta, Casa Ametza, 't Lappersfort, Hoeve Genemeer, Hotel Drie Eiken, De Kleppe, Hoeve Oswald, De Pepel, De Lage Kempen, De Pupiter, Zorghotel Domein Polderwind and M Hotel can be found in both All In brochures. If the accommodation you are looking for is not featured in this brochure, please feel free to request the other brochure! At the back of the brochure there are even more useful tips under the title Know for certain.

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Am I welcome with my guide dog or assistance dog?

In Flanders and Brussels assistance and guide dogs are in principle allowed in all public places, even where an ordinary dog would not be accepted. Some addresses in this brochure gladly stress that they welcome dogs, also ordinary dogs. These are identified with the symbol. But even when this is not explicitly stated, at least part of the building will be open to people with a disability and their assistance dog. As their owner, it's best if you let them know in advance, so that your companion gets a dog-friendly welcome.

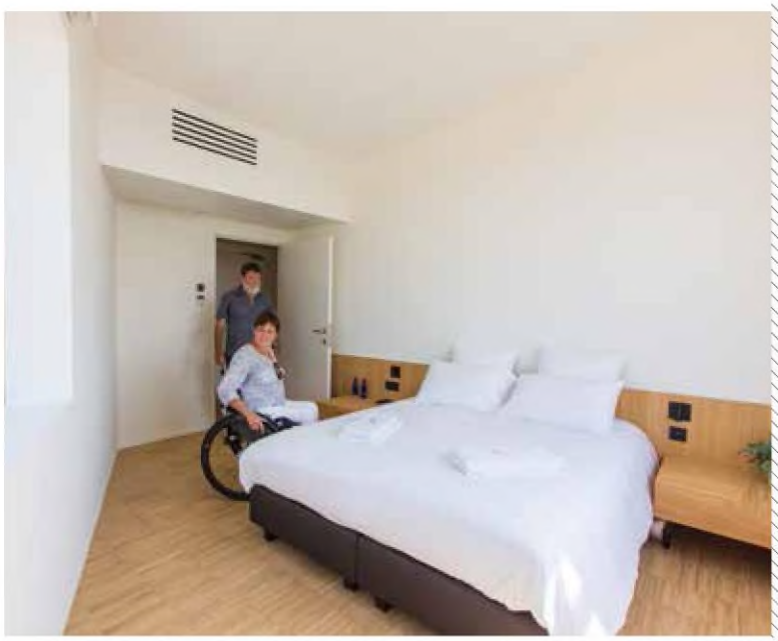
Which addresses have sufficiently accessible rooms for our group?

At the back of this brochure is a table with an indication of the number of accessible beds at each location. This will certainly help you to find a suitable address.

Good to know: adults can sometimes also stay at a youth holiday centre. In general, youth holiday centres are aimed mainly at children and young people but often you can also go there during certain periods with your socio-cultural association or other group with adults. You will often find a larger accommodation capacity there that is also accessible for people with a disability.

Why doesn't the brochure mention the prices for accommodation?

Some holiday destinations have a price per room, while others have prices per person or per group. Special discounts and rates may also apply, or different rates depending on whether you book for the low or high season. This may lead to confusion. For this reason we have omitted this information. You can find recommended prices on the website www.jeugdverblijven.be (available in Dutch).



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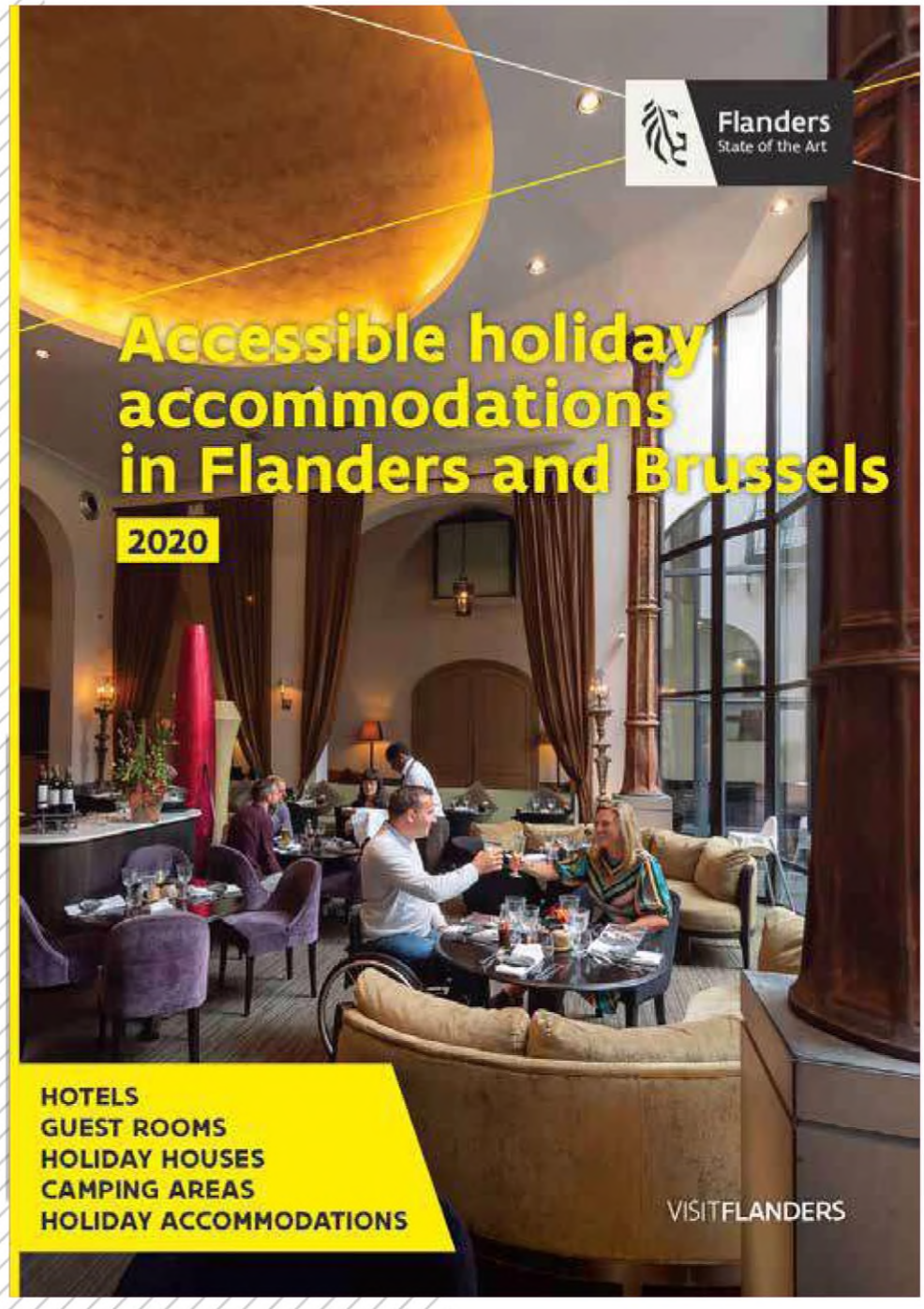

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Flemish label for accessible tourism

Since the beginning of 2008, there has been an accessibility label in Flanders for hotels, holiday centres, youth holiday centres, camping sites, guest rooms, tourist information offices and visitors' centres.

This label implies obligations. It is awarded by Visit Flanders after a thorough examination on site according to the Accessible Flanders methodology.

Specially trained accessibility supervisors assess the accessibility of a building or exterior environment for diverse forms of disability. This data is entered in the database and given a score (+, ±, -) based on the measurement results for the parking area, the entrance, the reception area, the sanitary facilities, etc.

Only those elements that are objectively measurable and essential to the accessibility and usability of a building are given a score. These often concern aspects that are important to wheelchair users. If, for example, a bathroom door is too narrow, even the best furnished bathroom is inaccessible to some.

If you have a different disability or impairment, you will certainly appreciate your holiday address if you are able to easily manage on your own. These items are also paid attention to during the assessments. They are mentioned for information purposes in the report.

When awarding the accessibility label to a hotel, youth accommodation or holiday centre, we pay attention to the **access walkway** from the public road, the **entrance** and the **reception** area, the communal **toilet**, the **restaurant** or the **dining room** and the **bedroom** with corresponding **bathroom**. For group accommodation, we also assess the accessibility of the **multipurpose room**. For a camping area, we look at the **parking facilities** with access path, entrance and reception area, and the **sanitary facilities**. In tourist information offices and visitors' centres, we inspect the access path and the entrance, and also **the counter, information displays and interactive appliances**. The toilets in a tourist information office are not assessed because their main function is to provide tourist information. Of course, we also assess the **corridors** between these components for all buildings.

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When granting the label, deviations from the scores are possible. In case of doubt, we examine the actual situation again on site and test potential bottlenecks with a standard wheelchair.

The results of the evaluation are presented to a committee especially established for this purpose. The label committee consists of representatives from the disability movement and the tourism sector. In the end, it is this committee that decides which label a building will be awarded or what conditions must first be fulfilled.

Finally, a label provides an important first impression, but never says everything. A full description is available on **www.toevla.be** (in Dutch) for each of these addresses. You can also request this from Visit Flanders. If you have doubts concerning whether the accessibility offered meets your personal requirements, carefully read this information beforehand.

You can also directly contact the building of your choice to discuss items that are not clear beforehand.

Based on the results obtained, the label distinguishes two levels.

Label A+ means that the building scores positive (+) on the components mentioned on the previous page. It satisfies strict accessibility standards and is accessible such that the visitor is **comfortable and independent**.

Label A means that the building can be considered to have **basic accessibility**. Such buildings are still usable for most people with limited mobility, but extra effort or a helper may be needed. It is certainly advisable to read why a + was not obtained.

Many other buildings have been objectively examined. If a characteristic is detected that makes the building difficult or impossible to use for some people, also with help, then the holiday building receives a negative score (–) for this component. In practice, this problem especially applies to wheelchair users. For visitors with a different type of disability or lighter motor impairment, the accessibility offered can still be adequate.

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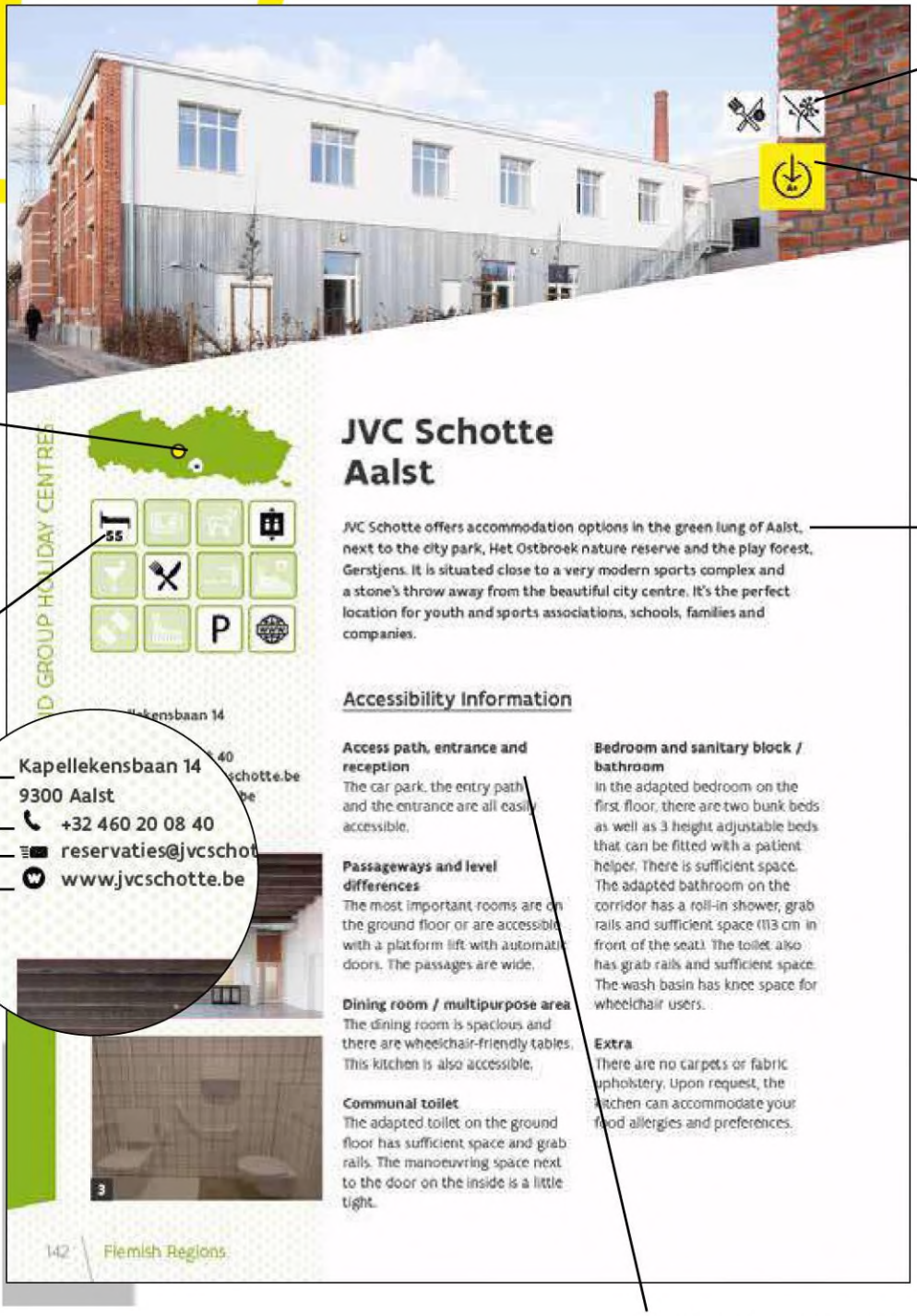

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Accessibility info

The accessibility info for the accommodation is based on the measurement results contained in the Accessible Flanders database. Here are a few often-used reference measurements:

- Doors and aisles: at least 85 cm wide everywhere
- Doors: 50 cm of free space at the side of the handle
- Slope: 5 to maximum 10%, depending on the length of the ramp
- Circulation area: free turning radius of 150x150 cm
- Lift: at least 110 cm wide, 140 cm deep
- Roll-in shower: threshold maximum 2 cm, shower seat with grab rails or shower (wheel) chair with arm supports
- Free space next to a toilet or shower seat: 90 cm
- Free space in front of a toilet or shower seat: 120 cm
- Washbasin able to accommodate wheelchairs: clearance 70 cm, depth 40 cm and width 90 cm
- Table able to accommodate wheelchairs: same, but depth is at least 60 cm
- Bed: the height of the top is between 46 and 54 cm

If essential parts of a building deviate from this, we specify this in the text.

ICONS

accessibility label

total number of beds or sleeping spots

credit cards accepted

lift, elevator

dogs welcome

meals possible

bar or cafetaria

private parking place

swimming pool

sauna

jacuzzi

fitness

internet connection

provisions for people with a food allergy *

provisions for people with other allergies and asthma *

provisions for deaf and/or hearing impaired persons *

provisions for blind and/or visually impaired persons *

provisions for people with a learning disability *

phone

fax

e-mail

website

(*) With these icons, we only indicate that there are certain provisions for these target groups. You can find a further explanation in the category Extra of that page. This does not necessarily imply that the accommodation is fully suitable for you. Feel free to present your specific needs and questions to the accommodation of your choice.

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Not to be missed!

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NAVIGO

Man and the sea have a long and intertwined history, and it is the same in our country too. In the NAVIGO National Fisheries museum you can find out all you need to know about a Flemish fishing family, the heroic Icelandic fishermen, and the shrimp fishermen on horseback, a unique, living tradition in Oostduinkerke. The museum covers North Sea fishing today and in the future. Try all of the activities and wander past a real-life fisherman's cottage, a fisherman's café, the coastal fishing vessel OD.1 'Martha' and marvel at the underwater world of the North Sea aquarium. The museum has a lift, a specially adapted toilet, and is easily accessible. There are just a couple of thresholds in the fisherman's hut. The sensory aquarium and the maternity aquarium of sea-dogs is also accessible. An audio guide is available.

NAVIGO

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APPOINTMENT WITH HISTORY

The Atlantik Wall military defence bunkers are one of the top attractions on the coast and one of the three museums in the Provincial Domain of Raversyde. A unique set of bunkers and trenches from the First and Second World Wars. The museum is the ideal place to gain an impression of what it was like on the "Longest Day". The Prince Charles Memorial is a reminder of the period when the Prince Regent stayed on the estate. The Walraversijde archaeological site (ANNO 1465) goes even further back in time and allows you to experience a 15th century fisherman's life. Raversyde Nature Park has been beautifully landscaped recently. It is the only piece of nature area located close to the sea, the ideal location for a breath of fresh air, to unwind completely and allow all the impressions of Raversyde to settle. Unfortunately the Atlantik Wall is not accessible by wheelchair, but in the building at the beginning of the tour you can watch a film about this historic defensive wall. The museum and the projection room at ANNO 1465 are easily accessible. Over there, you will also find an adjusted toilet with safety rails. The clearance space in front of the toilet is limited to 103 cm though. The reconstructed houses are more difficult to access due to the sometimes small and low passages and the limited circulation space here. The upper floors of the houses are also not wheelchair accessible. The house of prince Karel is accessible, but the small passages can be cumbersome. The Nature Park is also easily accessible. The Cafeteria 'Walrave' has not yet been investigated according to the TOEVLA method. Visitors will receive an audio guide for their visit to the Atlantikwall and ANNO 1465.

Provinciedomein Raversyde

Atlantikwall / ANNO 1465 / naturepark

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www.raversyde.be

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FORT NAPOLEON

Fort Napoleon was built over two hundred years ago. Since then, it has been used by both French and German soldiers and has left its mark on the environment. Today, we don't need to protect ourselves against foreign invaders and the fort is open to visitors. On the long, steep access path, wheelchair users will benefit from an extra push. The exhibition space on the ground floor of the fort is accessible. A small lift (100 x 115 cm) takes you to the exhibition space in the basement. Due to the uneven surface in the basement (cobbles and bricks), you may need some help. The side rooms that open onto the main corridor are only accessible via stairs. The theatre has an adapted toilet. If you want to access the toilet from the exhibition space, you can ask for the key at the reception. The roof (terrace) and the caponiers are not accessible to wheelchair users.

Fort Napoleon

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www.fort-napoleon.be/nl

TIPS

NAVIGATE AND PARK

Looking forward to a sunny day at the beach or a trip to Westhoek? But perhaps slightly put-off by the traffic jams and the thought of trying to find somewhere to park? We can't do anything about the traffic jams as yet, but finding somewhere to park should be a lot easier using the website www.navigeerenparkeer.be. This gives you a handy list of the parking spaces on the coast reserved for people with a disability. You can search and filter on a map. You can view the dimensions, base and a photograph of each location. This site also gives you detailed instructions on how to locate the reserved parking places on your GPS device.

Inter

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Coast tram

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TAKE THE TRAM

The 67-kilometre long tram line that connects our Flemish coastal municipalities is the longest tram line in the world. The Coastal Tram is a cheap, easy and pleasant way to get to know the Flemish coast. During the summer months, there is a tram every 10 minutes, and every 20 minutes in the winter. You can buy a ticket on the tram itself, but tickets purchased in advance at a supermarket, train station or Lijnwinkel are cheaper. The stops serviced by the coastal tram are increasingly being made accessible for all. These stops are marked with a T on www.delijn.be/kusttram in the list of stops. Every stop has a lowered central section so that wheelchair users can get on and off easily. Every stop is also announced visually and verbally and a few have already been fitted with sound tiles, sound lines and Braille poles. Reservation in advance is not necessary.

TIPS

RELAX IN THE SUN

'Sun, sea and... Sooo relaxed' (Zon, Zee, Zorgeloos) makes many of the locations, beaches and areas on our Flemish coast accessible to disabled visitors. In July and August, you can ask for assistance and resources from this project between 10.30 am and 6.30 pm. Assistants can help, for example, to complete a transfer between a wheelchair and beach wheelchair, or from the tram stop or a reserved parking space to the beach. You can also ask them to help with a beach walk or personal care (going to the toilet, getting changed). An accessible toilet, an adapted care area with hoist, high-low bed and shower with hoist, beach mats and beach wheelchairs for the sand or in the water, mean that everyone can enjoy the sun, sea and sand. You will find parking spaces for the disabled nearby. 'Sun, sea and... Sooo relaxed' is a free service provided by the province of West Flanders and the associated coastal municipalities. At some locations, a small contribution will be required to use the toilet or beach wheelchairs. Reservations can be made but are not mandatory.

Inter events

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Museum Paul Delvaux

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A visit to this museum is an unique experience: it immerses the viewer in the enthralling atmosphere of the painter's own artistic world. No other museum in the world can boast such a vast number of works by the world's most famous surrealistic painter of the 20th century. An exceptional collection of paintings and objects, alternating absolute masterpieces with personal belongings and cherished souvenirs of the master himself, illustrates the life and evolution in the work of Paul Delvaux in an almost intimate atmosphere.
You will need some assistance to open the entrance door. All works and info are clearly visible from a wheelchair. On the long steep slope between the floors you will definitely need assistance. The oblique plane at the door of the cafeteria can cause some disruption. The tables are also not completely accessible to wheelchair users. The adjusted toilet is located in the men's toilets. There are no grab rails. There is sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet to make a transfer. But the sink is difficult to use.

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Accessible tourist information offices and visitors' centres

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Het Zwin
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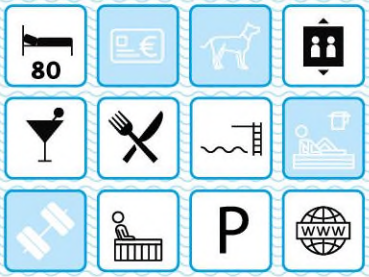
Lakeside Paradise Knokke-Heist



Lakeside Paradise "Sleep Inn" is a youth hostel located on the banks of the Duinenwater Lake, near Knokke centre, just one kilometre from the beach and 500 m from a train station and tram stop. Fans of water sports can indulge in cable wakeboarding or water-skiing. Surfing, SUP and kayaking are also possible. Schools, groups, associations, companies and sports clubs are also welcome. There is an extensive menu with delicious fresh and healthy dishes at reasonable prices. You can also enjoy a drink on the sun terrace, the beach, in the cosy bar or in the lounge with a fireplace.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space in the dining room on the ground floor and in the multifunctional room on the first floor. Tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under are available. The terrace has no doorstep and is accessible.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the shared bathroom in the corridor has adequate space and is fitted with support rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are two accessible bedrooms, each with two accessible beds and a shared bathroom in the corridor. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. Support rails are provided. The toilet is fitted with support rails and provides adequate space; it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The elevator buttons have braille indications and the elevator has an auditory signal. Contrast markings have also been provided.

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Jeugdherberg De Ploate Ostend

This modern youth hostel satisfies all the requirements of today's backpacker: comfortable rooms that can accommodate two to six people with a private bathroom, a fun lounge and bar where you can relax and meet other travellers, multifunctional rooms including a beach laboratory, which is made available free of charge to groups that stay in the youth hostel, and more. The youth hostel is ideal for enjoying a unique combination of the town and the seaside. This applies to families and backpackers as well as groups and schools. De Ploate focuses on ecological, economic and social tourism.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space and the counter has a lowered section under which a wheelchair can be manoeuvred.
Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under in the dining room and in the day rooms.
Communal toilet
The adapted toilet on floor -1 has adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl. Support rails are provided.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are thirty-two accessible rooms of different types offering a total of 70 accessible beds (photo 2), seven of which also have a private, accessible bathroom. There are also five more accessible shared bathrooms in the corridor. The doors to these are rather heavy to open without assistance. All the bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of (space is slightly restricted to 116 cm in front of the shower seat in the shared bathrooms) and diagonally in front of the seat. Support rails are also provided (photo 3). The toilets are fitted with support rails and offer adequate space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.
Extra
The rooms are equipped with hypoallergenic materials. Upon request, the kitchen will be happy to take your food allergies into account. Contrasting markings, tactile markings and Braille signage are provided. The fire alarm also displays a visual signal.

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Wandelaar Blankenberge

The Sea Scouts Wandelaar buildings are located near the harbour, the dunes and the beach of Blankenberge. They offer accommodation for maximum 45 persons and include a fitted kitchen with adjacent dining room, 3 sleeping areas without beds and sanitary facilities with showers. It has a grass playing field. The buildings are currently only rented in July and August.

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9foswandelaar.wordpress.com

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide. Occasionally, space next to the door handles is tight but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables.

Communal toilet
A toilet with sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet seat, is available in the adapted shared bathroom. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
One accessible dormitory without beds on the ground floor (photo 2). The door to that area is 82 cm wide. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (37 x 43 cm) with folding armrests, and sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The seat is a bit far from the tap (photo 3). The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users; the tap has a push button.

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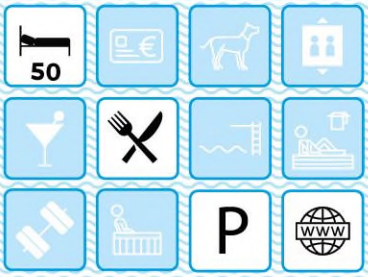

De Oesterput Ostend

Are you looking for an accommodation to spend a weekend, midweek or week at the coast? De Oesterput offers accommodation for small and medium-sized groups, with self-catering, half or full-board options. The domain occupies a peaceful location on the edge of Ostend, close to the sea and the beach. It is the ideal base for any number of activities. The accommodation is located next to a play forest and a lake where you can participate in water sports. The youth accommodation is closely linked to the oyster farm. Children and youths are always welcome to take a look at the oysters, live lobsters, crabs and eels.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The fine gravel on the access path is easy to navigate. You may need a push on the incline leading to the entrance. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink and the stove in the kitchen.

Communal toilet
There is adequate turning and manoeuvring space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are two accessible bedrooms, with six accessible single person beds in total. The bathroom in the corridor has a roll-in shower with a shower seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. A shower wheelchair is also available. There is also adequate manoeuvring space at the toilet and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take your food allergy into account on request.

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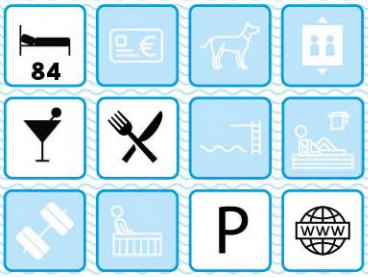

Jeugdverblijfcentrum Duin en Zee - Ostend

Youth accommodation close to the beach. There are 18 rooms for 2 to 6 persons with individual bathroom with shower, washbasin and toilet. There are also 2 multi-purpose rooms and a wellequipped kitchen. There is an accessible playground. An ideal destination for schools, family groups, sports clubs and youth associations up to 84 persons.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
Everything is located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The double door panels are 82 cm wide. Adequate circulation space. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the tables, clearing is 65 cm (photo 2).

Communal toilet
The turning space in the toilet is limited to 115 cm. There is space to manoeuvre next to the toilet but not in front of it due to the position of the sink. Grab rails are provided. The toilets in the adapted bathrooms offer a good alternative.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
5 accessible rooms (numbers 1, 5, 6, 7 and 12, with 10 accessible beds in total). The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is limited. Roll-in shower, shower wheelchair and plastic chair with arms. The shower floor is 3 cm lower than the floor (photo 3). The free space next to the seat is somewhat hindered by a wall running at an angle. There is no problem dismounting and mounting in front of and at an angle to the seat. The toilet has handrails and there is limited possibility for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the sink.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take account of your food allergies.

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De Repoo
De Haan

The Repoo is situated in the coastal polder at a stone's throw from the sea, beach, town centre and dune woods of De Haan, and is proud of its name. In the West-Flemish dialect, Repoo means relaxing to recharge one's batteries. The Repoo is committed to providing social tourism at democratic prices all the year round.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You will need some assistance on the short but steep curb. There is sufficient clearance. Inside it is difficult to reach the door handle due to the deep recess.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
A toilet with sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet seat, is available in the adapted shared bathroom. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible bedroom with 3 accessible beds (photo 2). Space in front of the cabinet is limited. There is no space beside the door handle on the inside of the door. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat, safety rails and sufficient space beside, in front of, and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). Roll-under washbasin.

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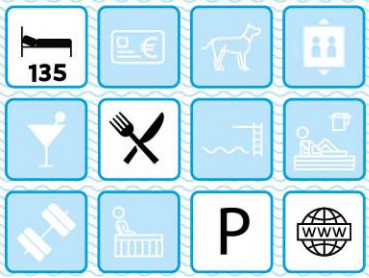

Vakantieverblijf De Zeekameel Middelkerke

The Zeekameel is an inviting and contemporary accommodation at the edge of dune and polder and a stone's throw from the sea and the marina. The building is equipped with comfortable rooms for spending a nice, pleasant, cultural, passive or active holiday, for groups as well as families.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Gravelled car park, but you can also reserve a space on the concrete. The entrances at the front and through the parking area are easily accessible, even though the space next to the door handle is limited. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 2). A second multifunctional area can be reached via slopes, although you might need a little help.

Communal toilet
Free space in front of the toilet is good and a handrail is foreseen, but there is insufficient space for a sideways transfer. The toilets in the accessible bathrooms are a good alternative. The rooms are located just around the corner from the dining room.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 6 accessible bedrooms and bathrooms; room 2 is the most accessible. Together there are 12 accessible beds. There is a level access shower with shower seat with detachable armrests. The toilet has grab rails and the sink has limited wheelchair accessibility. There is free space throughout.

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Horizon Bredene

Horizon has 4 ha of play area and is located 150 m from the dunes and 300 m from the beach. The accommodation is easily reachable by public transport. All youth, sports and school groups are welcome from 20 persons per group. It is possible to have full board, half board or bed & breakfast. The cooks conjure up delicious, child-friendly meals for you to enjoy or you can also do your own cooking. De Strandloper and De Kokmeeuw are certified. In 2019, the brand new building, De Stern, was opened. It has not yet been screened and given an official label.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
All buildings are easily accessible via ramps or stepless entrances. You might need some assistance opening one double door.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.
Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room with kitchen is located in the main building. There are high enough tables present. The multifunctional areas in De Strandloper and De Kokmeeuw offer good clearance. Here too you will find tables suitable for use from a wheelchair.
Communal toilet
The best toilet is located in the common bathrooms. The space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet is good. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
De Strandloper: various accessible bedrooms (total of 51 beds of which 20 are accessible). The beds are 39 cm high. 3 accessible bathrooms with a roll-in shower, stool with fixed armrests instead of a shower stool or seat, and one grab rail. The toilet has safety rails and the washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair. Overall there is adequate manoeuvring space (105 cm in front of the shower chair).
De Kokmeeuw: 8 accessible rooms (with a total of 26 accessible beds) and a communal bathroom along the corridor. This has a roll-in shower with seat with folding armrests and ample free space. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.
De Duinpieper: this building has not been labelled yet but has accessible bedrooms and 2 adapted bathrooms with roll-in shower and seat with folding armrests (photo 3). The space beside the seat in the shared bathroom is only 75 cm; free space in front of the toilet in the ensuite bathroom is limited to 68 cm due to the washbasin. The lift is 120 x 130 cm.
Extra
The accommodation has a "strandjutter" (beach wheelchair).

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De Barkentijn Nieuwpoort

Its ideal location on the sea wall overlooking Nieuwpoort-Bad beach makes De Barkentijn a unique place to stay on the coast. The centre welcomes schools, associations and groups with open arms. Comfortable rooms, tasty cooking and affordable prices will ensure you have an unforgettable stay.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
A platform lift to the right of the stairs brings you straight to the reception area. Clearance at the lift is minimal but manageable. Movement is unobstructed in the reception area.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The corridors are a little tight here and there.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance in the dining area. Roll-under tables are available for wheelchair users (height: 65 cm). There are various easily manageable multifunctional spaces. To reach them, you may need a little help with the doors along the passageway or with the platform lift.

Communal toilet
There are specially adapted toilets for the Orka and Walvis multifunctional rooms. You may, however, need some help with the doors on the way to the toilets. Both toilets have safety rails and sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet (photo 2).

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 accessible en-suite bedrooms (numbers 101, 217 and 219, each with an easily accessible bed). The bed in room 101 is 42 cm high. The space in front of the lift to the rooms is minimal, but manageable. The lift buttons are in a corner and are a little more difficult to reach. The space and clearance at the door is minimal, but wide enough to be manageable. There is a roll-in shower with a shower seat and safety rails are fitted. In rooms 217 and 219, there is only 68 or 80 cm of space in front of the seat. In room 101, there is 90 cm. It is generally sufficient next to and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). There is a 2-cm step around the shower area in room 101. The toilet is 41 cm high and has sufficient clearance (room 219: 100 cm in front of the toilet) and a safety rail is fitted. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, although it is restricted in room 101.

Extra
Ordinary wheelchairs and a beach wheelchair are available. The elevator buttons have braille indications and contrast markings have been provided.

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De Slikke and De Schorre Nieuwpoort

The buildings of De Slikke and De Schorre are an ideal base for sea classes. The buildings can be rented separately or together. De Slikke can cater for 45 people, De Schorre for 26 people. You rent this accommodation as self-catering, but with 40 people or more full board is also possible. De Slikke obtained the A label, De Schorre the A+ label.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible. At several doors in De Slikke the manoeuvring space next to the handle is limited.

Dining room / multipurpose area
In both buildings there is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for wheelchair users present.

Communal toilet
In De Slikke there is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted. De Schorre does not have a separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the communal bathroom near the rooms.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible rooms (1 in each building with 2 accessible beds per room) (photo 2, De Schorre) and a communal bathroom along the corridor in each building (photo 3, De Slikke). It has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use. There is sufficient clearance.

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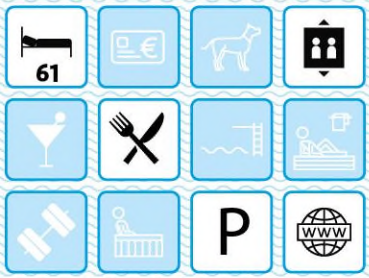

‘t Kraaienest Nieuwpoort

t Kraaienest is located in Nieuwpoort at the lock that connects the Plassendale-Nieuwpoort canal with the Yser. The accommoation comprises 20 beds in 3 dormitories, a kitchen and a cosy living room where you can eat with the whole group. A terrace and recreational areas around the building complete the experience. In addition to ‘t Kraaienest you will find 2 guest boats on the site, Jeanne Panne and Karel Cogge, which can also be rented. The 3 accommodations can be rented together or separately. In addition to accommodation, ‘t Kraaienest also organises numerous activities that you can do with your group such as raft construction and a giant canoe for people with disabilities. In short, they always look for the best challenges for your group in terms of accommodation and/or activities!

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The path is easily accessible. The space in front of the door is tight, but usable.

Passageways and level differences
The accommodation (bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchen, living rooms) is fully located on the ground floor where the hallway has an adequate width and circulation space.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 2).

Communal toilet
Free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet in the adapted bathroom is adequate. The toilet is equipped with safety rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Easily accessible studios and bedrooms with spacious bathroom in the hallway (on ground floor, 6 accessible beds) (photo 3). There is a lack of manoeuvring space next to the handle of the bedroom door. There is a roll-in shower fitted with a small seat and grab rails and adequate manoeuvring space. The tap is located on the same wall as the seat. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink. The toilet has a handrail, and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
If requested in advance meals will be adapted in accordance with your allergy.

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Jeugdverblijfcentrum Flipper De Panne

Flipper hides away between the Oosthoek dunes and the woods of Calmeynbos. The estate is situated in its own enclosure and is far from the main roads. A playground, a multipurpose sports field and a large law area are provided. The rooms are for 2, 4, 6 or 8 persons.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Using the alternative side entrance is recommended. It's easily accessible and there is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The double door panels are 79 cm wide. Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is accessible to all.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 easily accessible room (on the ground floor, close to the side entrance, 3 accessible beds) with adequate circulation space. The bed height is 37 cm. Roll-in shower with shower seat (35 x 35 cm) and grab rails (photo 3). The toilet has grab rails and there is limited space to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. There is adequate free space throughout.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take your food allergies or religion-based diets into account and also provides vegetarian dishes. The mattresses and pillows are covered in anti-dust mite covers and pillowcases.

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J-Club De Panne

J-Club is located close to the beach, the sand dunes and the Calmeyn woods. Various sports fields and a playground are located around the accommodation centre. There are a number of multi-purpose rooms, meeting rooms and classrooms available. All groups and schools, irrespective of age, can stay here. The holiday centre has 65 rooms for 2 to 4 persons. All rooms are equipped with a bathroom.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The path is on an incline but is easily accessible, as is the entrance. There is adequate circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor or can be reached via a spacious lift. The hallways are adequately wide.
Dining room / multipurpose area
The double door panels are 75 cm wide. Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs, clearance is 65 cm (photo 2).
Communal toilet
In both adapted toilets there is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, but not directly in front of the toilet. There are grab rails but one is not as functional. The turning space in the women's toilet is tight in front of the door.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Rooms 104 and 105 are accessible and both are equipped with two accessible beds. The door is 77 cm wide, the manoeuvring space at the handle and turning space behind the door and in front of the bathroom door is limited. The beds are only 35 cm high. There is a roll-in shower with a rather small seat and a grab rail. The manoeuvring space next to and in front of the seat is limited due to the position of the sink and the toilet. The toilet is fitted with a grab rail and there is adequate manoeuvring space (99 cm in front of the toilet). It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.
Extra
On the second floor, there is a spacious bathroom with a special bath with sliding seat (photo 3).

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Bivakhuis Hoge Duin Oostduinkerke

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Bivakhuis Hoge Duin is the collective name for three trendy accommodation centres within walking distance of Oostduinkerke. De Sloep, De Ark and De Kajuit can be rented together or separately by large or small groups. The centre was built with respect for the environment. In addition, they encourage the use of fair trade products and products with an acceptable ecological footprint.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
On the slope at the entrance you may need a bit of a push (photo 1). Sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Sufficient clearance. There are tables available that are suitable for use from a wheelchair (height 67 cm). In addition, table raisers are also available.

Communal toilet
De Ark: safety rails and sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, limited in front to 81 cm. The toilet in the communal bathroom is a good alternative. In De Sloep there is no commonly adapted toilet, but the toilet in the accessible bathrooms can be used. In the toilet of De Kajuit there is sufficient space and there are safety rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
De Ark: 11 accessible rooms (with a total of 29 accessible beds) and 4 easily accessible bathrooms along the corridor. De Sloep: 7 accessible rooms (with 21 accessible beds) and 3 accessible bathrooms. De Kajuit: 8 accessible rooms (with 20 accessible beds) and 2 accessible bathrooms. All bathrooms mentioned have a roll-in shower with shower seat (38 x 36 cm), a safety rail and sufficient space (photo 3). There are also shower wheelchairs with foldable armrests present.

Extra
Upon request the accommodation takes specific questions and wishes in connection with allergies into account. You can use a bicycle with a trailer for free. You can also take part in activities at a special rate.

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Vakantiedomein Hoge Duin Oostduinkerke

Children experience, parents relive! In Hoge Duin, the apples of your eye can indulge themselves to their heart's content on the sports field or romp about in the dunes and playground. Leave your parents behind in the cosy bar with patio, or in the restaurant with delicious meals and a panoramic view. Barely 500 metres from the beach. Also discover the hiking and cycle routes with Hoge Duin as their starting point.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms on the ground floor are easily accessible by lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide. You may need assistance navigating several heavy internal doors.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You may need assistance to navigate the long and fairly steep incline to the dining room. Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is a specially adapted toilet close to the bar. The circulation space is limited, requiring some manoeuvring. The free space in front of the toilet is only 71 cm. There is adequate space next to and at an angle to the toilet. There is a handrail. The toilet in the specially adapted bathroom on the first floor is a possible alternative. This is accessible to all.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible bedrooms with private bathroom (numbers 105 and 107). 6 beds per room, 1 height adjustable bed and 2 bunk beds with sufficient circulation space. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The toilet also has enough space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible. In addition, there are 30 bedrooms (with 2 or more beds) with sufficient circulation space. There is an accessible bathroom in the corridor of the first floor. It has a roll-in shower with seat, grab rail and sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. There is 107 cm in front of the seat. The shower seat is on the same wall as the tap. The toilet has grab rails and plenty of space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
The carpet is anti-allergic and there are synthetic duvets. The accommodation also takes specific requests about this into account, just as it does for food allergies. The lift has braille buttons and contrasts are largely present. You can enjoy activities at preferential rates. A mobility scooter (free for members of the Neutraal Ziekenfonds [Neutral Health Insurance Fund]) and a water and beach wheelchair (free) are available.

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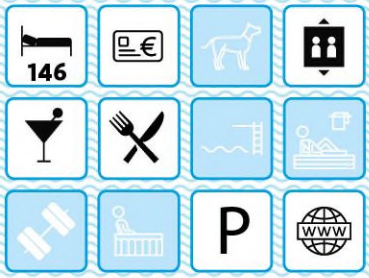

Zandboot (Vakantiedomein Ter Helme) - Oostduinkerke

The youth accommodation centre Zandboot (Vakantiedomein Ter Helme) is located in the dunes and only 700 metres from the sea. It's an ideal destination for enjoying a wonderful holiday at the coast with your friends or club, or for school seaside outings. The Zandboot (Vakantiedomein Ter Helme) is a pleasant place to stay. The meals are adapted for children, the accommodation is spacious and includes a fun playground, and the dunes nearby are an ideal natural playing area.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
Ter Helme has a new multifunctional space on the ground floor, which is easily accessible and close to the restaurants and the entrance. The multifunctional space with toilet can be reached by lift (98 x 128 cm); the lift door is 78 cm wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room in Vakantie-domein Ter Helme (photo 2) has sufficient clearance. Some of the tables have under-table clearance for wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilets in the restaurants and at the entrance have been fully renovated, three of which easily accommodate wheelchairs. In the toilet on the first floor there is 1 foldable grab rail and there is sufficient space next to and at an angle to the toilet. The space in front of the toilet is slightly limited by the washbasin.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 rooms with renovated bathroom (numbers 065 and 066 with at least 1 accessible bed in each room) (photo 3). Less clearance at the door, but wide enough for use. A little manoeuvring may be necessary. The toilet has sufficient space and safety rails. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users. There is a roll-in shower with just sufficient space, a seat and a safety rail.

Extra
The rooms are allergy friendly: they have a stone floor. The kitchen will take allergies into account.

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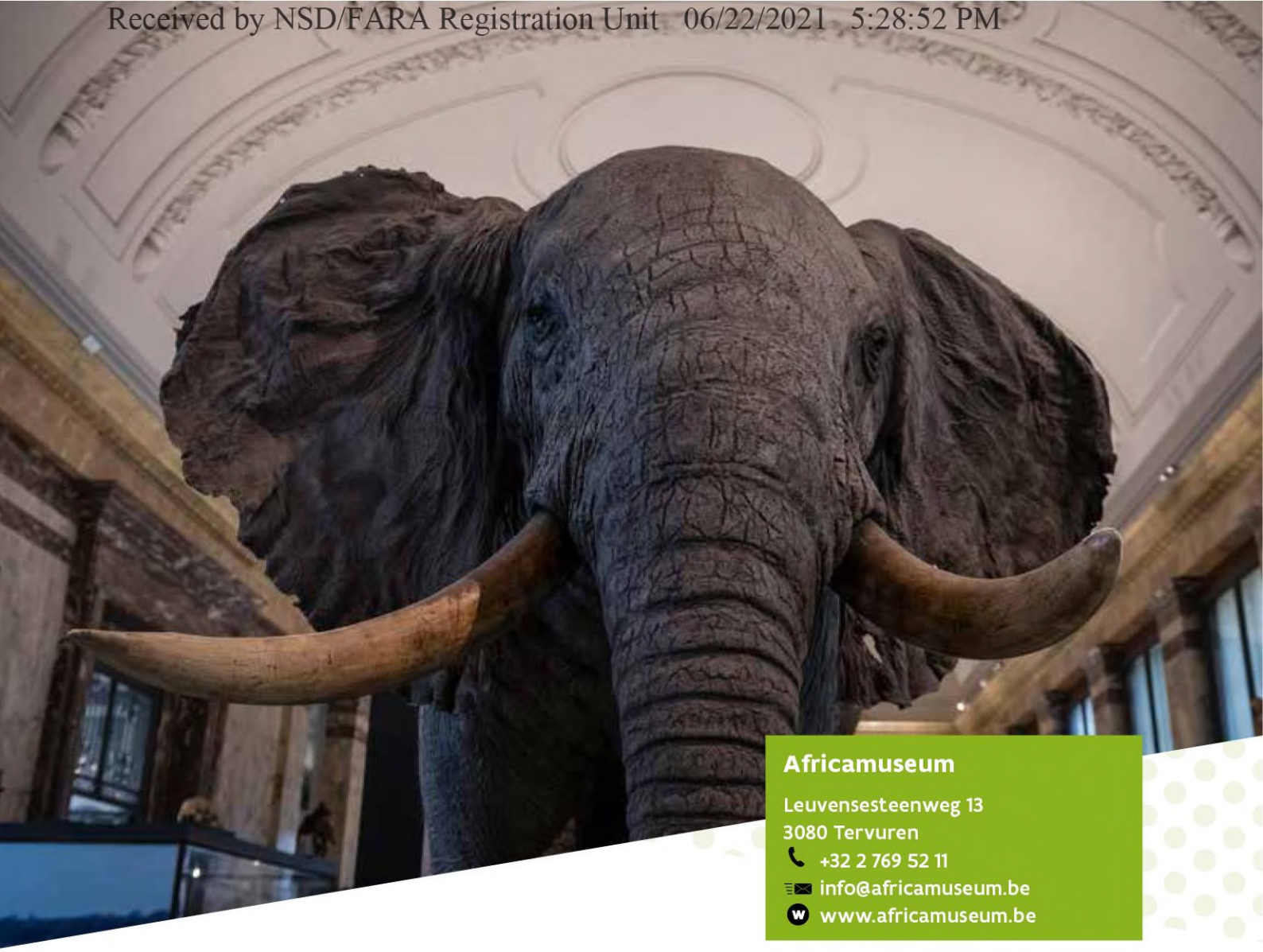

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AFRICAMUSEUM

Various themed rooms guide you through Africa's varied nature and cultural cities. You can learn about old and new traditions and gain an insight into the colonial history our country shares with Central Africa. In addition, you are immersed in the language and music of this unique continent. This museum is great for young and old, making it an ideal family outing!

The paths to the entrance are made of coarse dolomite gravel. They are on a slope and there are gutters along the path. The entrance itself can be easily accessed. There is a lowered and wheelchair-friendly reception desk. The different floors are accessible with ramps, lifts and platform lifts. The ramps are sometimes rather steep. The main lifts are spacious. The platform lifts are large enough, although the entrance to the lifts at the roundabout is limited to a width of 84 cm and the buttons are more difficult to reach. The experience elements sometimes have knee space for wheelchair users; sometimes only partially. The majority of the information and experiences on offer are accessible and usable, though you may need help in places. The information texts are not always easy to read. The Tembo Restaurant and the picnic area are fully accessible, but the tables are not wheelchair-friendly. The shop can be easily accessed. There are various adapted toilets In most areas, the turning space is tight, but doable. Supports have been fitted. The sinks have (limited) clearance underneath. Wheelchairs, walking frames and seats are available.

A visual step-by-step plan for people with autism is available (in Dutch): https://www.toerismevoorautisme.be/portfolio/africamuseum-tervuren/

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FATHER DAMIEN

The modernised Damien museum, a contemporary and interactive experience centre, follows the footsteps of Jef De Veuster (1840-1889), better known as Father Damien. Visit the living room of the Damien family and follow his route as a missionary to the Hawaiian Islands. The exhibition gives you an idea of the community that he created with exclusively diseased people on the island of Molokai, where he ultimately died. You can also learn about Damien Action, which today continues the work of Damien and gives hope to the millions of people with leprosy and tuberculosis. The exhibition comprises the residence and living areas, chapel and the rooms in the extension. In the house, there is a historical door that is just 74 cm wide. Upon request, you can reach the house via the other direction (chapel). Otherwise, all of the rooms and exhibited objects are accessible. Visually impaired visitors may need assistance in the darker areas, where there is reduced contrast.

HOGE MOTE

Hoge Mote—centrally located in the historic centre of Ronse—is, without a doubt, a ground-breaking information and experience centre. The restoration of the site is impressive. It is a heritage gem with surprising modern highlights and it is the home of Tourism Ronse. It's the perfect starting point for a city walk or to explore the region. Using the interactive panels, audio stories, films and virtual reality, visitors can learn more about Sint-Hermes, the development of Ronse, and Flanders' most beautiful landscape. The information is available in four languages. Hoge Mote already had three towers, but with the addition of the fourth tower, the view is complete.
The access path consists of quite flat, well-sandblasted cobblestones. The entrance can be easily accessed. There is a lowered and wheelchair-friendly reception desk. There is plenty of space. A good lift will take you to the different floors including the panorama terrace on the second floor. The exhibited items and experience elements are easily accessible and usable. Most leaflets and brochures are easy to reach without help. There is a spacious adapted toilet with grab rails and a sink with sufficient clearance underneath. The audio stories are also available in written form with large print, and in Braille. Colour contrasts have been provided.

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ACCESSIBLE CYCLING AND WALKING IN OUR GREEN SPACES

The Province of Antwerp, together with dozens of volunteers, has outlined four accessible cycling loops in the vicinity of Brasschaat, Mol, Rijkevorsel and Bornem. The recently updated descriptions can be found on www.provincieantwerpen.be > Fietsen en wandelen langs knooppunten > Fietsen > Toegankelijke fietsroutes (in Dutch). Each route is also accompanied by a guide that indicates the various accessible locations along the way. So why not make a weekend of it? The loops all depart from a holiday location with an accessibility badge.

In East Flanders, the free cycling and walking magazine StapAf issued a special, one-off edition for disabled people. This edition guides you around the more beautiful spots in the province, but with a specific focus on accessibility. The eating, drinking and sleeping tips have also been selected for smooth access, where possible, and a helping-hand, where necessary. StapAf+ can be ordered via the province of East-Flanders' webshop. You can also find the routes on www.tov.be/toegankelijkheid (in Dutch).

Discover our other cycling and walking tips in the brochure 'Accessible day excursions in Flanders and Brussels' at www.visitflanders.com/en/accessibility.

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TIME MACHINE

Where do our customs and traditions come from? The Bokrijk Open air museum is a life-sized time machine. Are you prepared to roll up your sleeves and get involved? In the new workshops, you can work with bread dough, clay, leather or wood. You learn the ins-and-outs of the craft and go home with a hand-made souvenir. The Open air museum is located in a 550 hectare park, a genuine paradise for walkers and cyclists. Visit the arboretum or discover the De Wijers lake area and cycle through the water. Kids can also play to their hearts' content in the free open air museum playground.

There are asphalt roads in the museum and in the rest of the park. Some houses are inaccessible to wheelchairs. The playground has special play equipment for children with disabilities. There are adapted toilets. It is possible to borrow wheelchairs free of charge from the information centre (main entrance of the Open Air Museum). To ensure availabilty of these, it is advised that you contact the Bokrijk Information Centre on +32 11 265 315 beforehand.

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DE VELODROOM

De Velodroom ('The Velodrome') is a cycling experience centre at De Schorre in Boom. The main attraction is the large collection of cycling artefacts, with over 1500 cycling jerseys, 40 bicycles, 3000 books and many more cycling treasures. In addition, in De Velodroom, you can also discover the history of local cycling heroes and the Apostel-Mampaey family from Boom, who constructed velodromes. In the cycling café, De Musette, you can gather your strength before continuing on your cycling journey. You can also hire regular and electric bikes.

The access path and entrance are readily accessible. The reception desk has a lowered and wheelchair-friendly section. The floors are connected with a good lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide. All of the exhibited items and experience elements are easily accessible and usable. The adapted toilet is spacious enough and has grab rails. There are route markers and tactile indicators for blind people. The lift buttons have Braille markings.

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WATER

Discover the wonderful world of water, launch your own hydrogen rocket, make a gigantic whirlpool or create huge, magical soap bubbles. More than 100 experiments will make your trip to Hidrodoe a unique experience! You may need some help to navigate the path from the car park to the entrance, but otherwise the entrance is easily accessible. Otherwise, Hidrodoe is fairly easy to access, although you may need some help, especially with the slopes and doors. Everything is designed to suit children. The Watercafé is accessible and has wheelchair accessible tables. The space for turning and moving at the door of the adapted toilet is narrow, but usable. There is suffi cient space in the toilet and brackets are provided. The sink is limited in use for wheelchair users. Hidrodoe also provides visual step-by-step plans for persons with autism.

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ADVENTURE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

Are you a daredevil who thrives on sensation and adventure? At The Outsider, you can really push your boundaries, even if you have a disability. The first platform of the climbing tower is wheelchair-friendly. Employees from The Outsider will hoist you up and then tackle the obstacles with you. Real adventurers can descend from the 9-metre high tower on the death-ride cable. The experienced employees mean you can have a go at it all. In the summer, there are plenty of accessible activities for those who dare, ...

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Visit Flanders has even more information about walking and cycling in Flanders and Brussels, like where you can rent, amongst other things, wheelchair bicycles. This information is always based on objective expert inspection or the experience of people with a disability. You can access this information on the website www.visitflanders.com/accessibility.

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Cultuurhostel Bed Muzet Lier

BED MUZET is the first cultural hostel in Belgium. Located in the green oasis surrounding the Municipal Academy for Music, Word and Dance in Lier, this hostel is directly in the historic centre, nearby the Sint-Gummaruskerk, the Zimmertoren and the Market square. The combination of overnight accommodation and infrastructure for exercising various cultural disciplines is one of a kind. The academy has classrooms, practice and performance spaces with standard presence of music stands, pianos, dance halls, acoustically isolated percussion spaces and a recording studio. In the first instance, the hostel focuses on people who are already culturally active, but individual backpackers, families, and sports, nature and other associations are of course also more than welcome.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible via a ramp. After ringing, the entrance door will automatically open and close. There is sufficient circulation space. The desk accommodates wheelchairs.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible with the spacious elevator. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are suitable for use from a wheelchair. There is also a self-catering kitchen with a cooker and sink that accommodate wheelchairs (picture 2).

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet at the reception has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 11 accessible rooms, 8 of which have their own accessible bathroom. Together they have 18 accessible beds (14 of which are the lower beds of bunk beds). The guests in the other rooms can make use of a common adapted bathroom in the hallway. All adapted bathrooms have a roll-in shower with seat and grab rails. With some bathrooms the transfer space is narrow, but most of them have sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Usually the toilet also has enough space and grab rails (picture 3). The sink is suitable for wheelchair use.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no fabric coverings, with exception of the curtains. Gluten-free and vegetarian meals can be provided. Visual contrasts and guidelines to the entrance and desk have been provided. At the desk, thresholds, ramp and stairs there are also tactile markings. The elevator buttons have braille indications and the elevator has an auditory signal.

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Jeugdherberg De Roerdomp Genk

Youth hostel De Roerdomp is situated in the woods of the Central Limburg Park, a few kilometres from the main entrance of the Provincial Park of Bokrijk. They have 2 meeting rooms for up to 40 persons, a cosy bar with miniature library, a large grassland, sports fields and a playground. Everybody is welcome: individual travellers, families, groups and schools.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need assistance opening the doors due, for example, to the slight incline that leads up to the door (photo 2). Otherwise there is easy access with adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The double door panels are 79 cm wide. The turning space in front of the bar is tight, but functional. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables.

Communal toilet
Specially adapted toilet in the communal bathroom in the hallway, with free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails are available.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The manoeuvring and turning space at the door to the bedrooms is tight, but functional. The bedroom door is 81 cm wide. There is adequate circulation space in the 5 rooms for 4 to 5 persons. In the 14 rooms for 6 persons the aisle width between the beds is 118 cm. In the 2 bathrooms in the hallway there is a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair (photo 3). There is adequate circulation space in the bathrooms. The toilet has rails. There is ample free space and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
Provisions have been made for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet, the mattresses and pillows have plastic covers. There are no carpets or fabric upholstery. The kitchen can accommodate your food allergies.

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Jeugdherberg De Veurs Voeren

Whoever wants to discover the typical Voer landscape with its hills, sunken roads, many woods and rustic villages would have difficulty finding a better place to stay than this hostel. It is housed in a modern, comfortable building. From a large terrace you can enjoy a wonderful view. Ideal for woodland classes, families and hiking groups.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The hostel is located on a slope, when hiking you may need someone to push on the street leading up to the entrance. The entrance is reached via a platform lift. You can use an intercom system, which is rather difficult to reach, to call someone who will help with the operation. Inside there is more than sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair. The turning space in front of the bar is tight.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space beside, in front of (91 cm) and diagonally in front of the toilet. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 2 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 1 and 2, each with 2 accessible single beds) (photo 2). The clearance and space in front of the doors and in the bathroom is a little tight, but sufficient for use. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space for making a transfer. The toilet has a safety rail and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the mattresses and pillows have synthetic covers.

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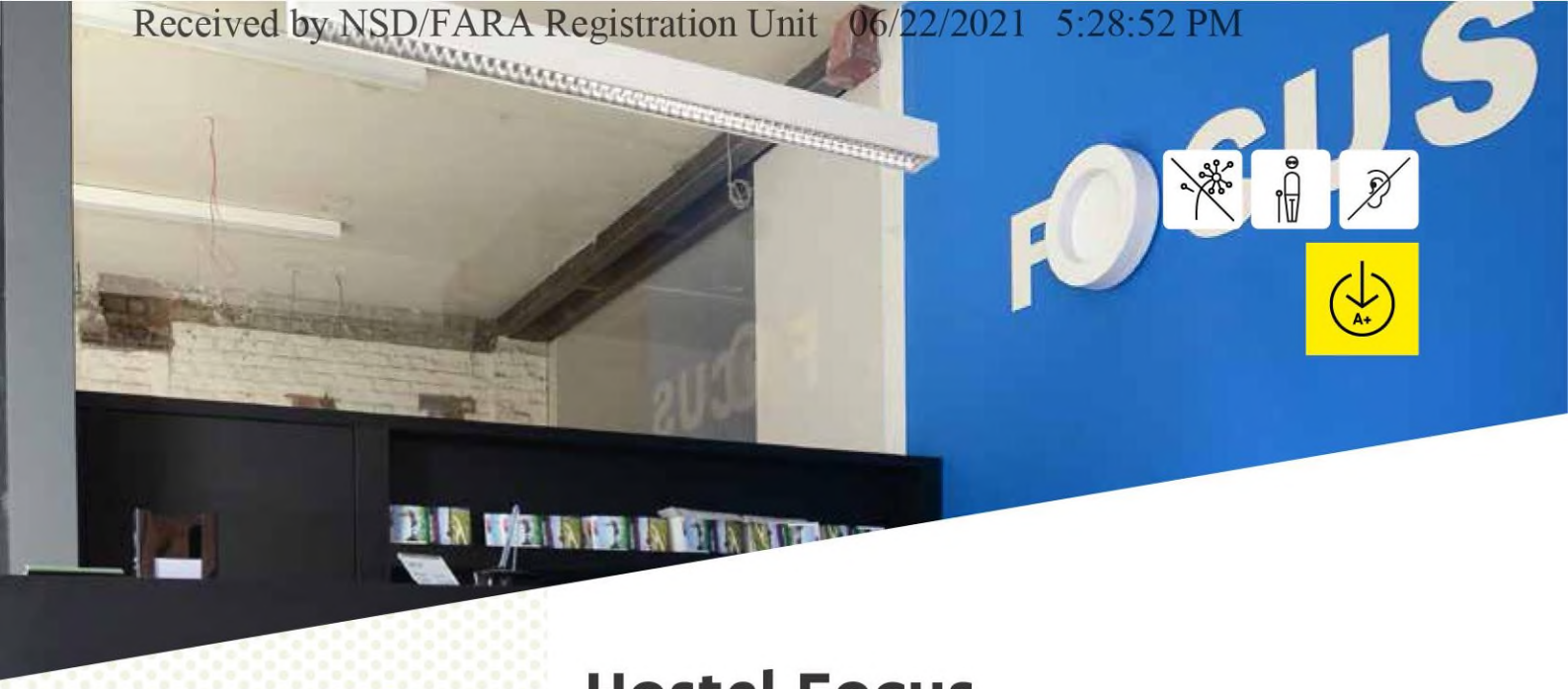

Hostel Focus Kortrijk

Hostel Focus is located near Kortrijk station and city centre and is a good choice for a budget-friendly trip to this beautiful city. The hostel offers a combination of individual rooms and group accommodation. This makes a stay here interesting for individuals, families and both small and large groups.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space and the counter has a lowered section under which a wheelchair can be manoeuvred (photo 1).

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide. However, the corridor to the bedrooms narrows to a width of 118 cm at one point, but it is easy to turn around before and after the narrowest point.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The buffet and the self-catering kitchen are equipped with a section that is high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The terrace has no doorstep and is accessible (although the door is rather heavy).

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet on the first floor has adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl. Support rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are four adapted rooms (numbers 15, 16, 25 and 26), with one accessible single bed per room (photo 2). The room and circulation space behind the door of rooms 16 and 26 is slightly restricted, but certainly functional. The bathrooms in rooms 15 and 25 satisfy the A+ norms. They are fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. Support rails are provided. The toilet is fitted with removable support rails and has adequate space (photo 3). It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. This all applies to the bathrooms in rooms 16 and 26, too, but the space in front of the shower seat in these rooms is restricted to 88 cm.

Extra
The rooms are equipped with hypoallergenic materials. A lot of attention has been devoted to contrasts in the use of colour. The fire alarm also displays a visual signal.

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Jeugdherberg Groeninghe Kortrijk

Jeugdherberg Groeninghe is located within walking distance from Kortrijk station and the city centre. The city has many historic buildings, to include the Beguinage and the Belfry, which even feature on the UNESCO World Heritage List. What's more, this city is the perfect base for exploring the Westhoek and Flanders Fields. The youth hostel has a capacity of 123 beds, distributed between rooms for one to six guests, all of which have en-suite facilities. There is also a restaurant, bar and two multi-purpose rooms. The hostel focuses on young backpackers, large families, school classes and international students looking for a comfortable room at an affordable price.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the front desk.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via a good lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables. In the self-catering kitchen it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the sink, kitchen counter and the cooking area (the shelves are removable).

Communal toilet
There is adequate turning and manoeuvring space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are four accessible bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms (rooms 107 to 110). They offer a total of ten accessible single beds. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a shower seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. There is also adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails in the toilets. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets. The kitchen takes people with food allergies into account. The lift buttons are also in Braille and voice announcements are provided. There are tactile orientation markings from the pavement to the reception.

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Peace Village Mesen

In this contemporary youth accommodation centre school groups, sports clubs, companies, families or individuals can spend the night on a bed and breakfast arrangement. As a group, after reservation, it is possible to have full board or half pension. Numerous leisure facilities and meetings rooms are also available. In the evening, you are welcome to enjoy a drink in the bar. There are two football pitches, a volleyball court and a campfire circle. The site also provides a series of educational (evening) activities.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, good clearance. There is a counter suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. There are wide passages everywhere.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Good clearance. There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space beside, and diagonally in front of the toilet. It is not possible to position yourself right in front of the toilet because of the location of the washbasin. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Easily accessible, spacious bedrooms and bathrooms (8 rooms over 4 pavilions, a total of 16 accessible beds) (photo 2). The door of the bedroom is difficult to open independently because you have little space beside the door handle. You do have to negotiate a small doorstep. In the bathroom there is a roll-in shower with movable shower seat without grab rails. A small wall however prevents an easy access to the shower seat (photo 3), but there is a shower wheelchair as an alternative. The toilet has safety rails and the washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
On request the kitchen will be happy to take food allergies into account.

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Jeugdherberg ‘t Schipken Geraardsbergen

On the banks of the Dender river, in a rural corner of the De Gavers provincial park, some 100 beds are ready and waiting for you in a 17th century farmstead. If you have not brought bicycles, you can rent them from De Gavers. From April to September, you can play sports and relax in, and by, the water. The play area and beach are paradise for children. If you are hungry or thirsty, there is a cafeteria and a restaurant. And what is there to do around the youth hostel? The hilly Oudenberg region is well worth exploring by bike, mountain bike or on foot.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You have to navigate convex cobblestones and a transverse incline. The position of the bell is rather high, but otherwise, there is easy access with adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. Free space and clearance on the way to the bedrooms is a little tight here and there, but it is quite easy to move through the building.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables suitable for wheelchair users (photo 2). The space in front of the bar is minimal but manageable.

Communal toilet
There is no specially adapted communal toilet, but there is a suitably adapted toilet in the bathrooms for the accessible rooms.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Kikker: two accessible en-suite bedroom suites (numbers 1 and 2). The space and clearance by the doors and in the room is minimal, but manageable. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and is fitted with safety rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. Free space in front of the seat is 68 cm. The toilet has sufficient space and safety rails are fitted. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.
Reiger: one accessible room, with two accessible single beds. The bathroom has a roll-in shower and a toilet both with adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

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Zennedal Halle

Zennedal is the complex of buildings in the Don Bosco parish which has opened its doors for youth associations. It is located in the town of Buizingen near Halle in the province of Flemish Brabant, and only 10 minutes by train from Brussels. Parents who come along to cook meals have separate sleeping quarters and sanitary facilities at the attic during the summer period. The kitchen is fully equipped. All dormitories are heated.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. Free space and clearance around the doors and on the ramps is limited but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables.

Communal toilet
Free space is limited, but manageable with a bit of manoeuvring. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The two dormitories are accessible with the necessary assistance. Free space between beds is limited, but manageable (photo 2). There are 18 accessible beds, depending on the arrangement. The bathroom (photo 3) has a roll-in shower with shower seat with removable armrests (not on the photo), and sufficient space. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

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Jeugdheem Sint-Benedictus Affligem

Spend the night in the abbey of Affligem? It's possible! The abbey is located in a quiet area just outside Affligem and surrounded by fields where hops are grown. This youth holiday centre offers accommodation for youth associations and adults, who want to organise activities for one or several days. It has room for 74 persons and 4 day rooms.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need help on the rough cobbles of the access path. You can also drive to the front and park in the spacious inner courtyard to avoid the cobblestones. The free space and clearance at the door in the space are limited but sufficient.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. Free space and clearance around all the doors is limited but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You may need help on the ramp to the dining room. There is sufficient clearance in the room which has tables that offer limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.

Communal toilet
A toilet with sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet seat, is available in the adapted shared bathroom. Safety rails are fitted. The rubbish bin might hamper manoeuvring and the position of the mirror is rather high.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is 1 accessible bedroom with 2 accessible beds. Most of the beds are low, but there is also a high-low bed with a trapeze (overhead grab handle) and a high bed. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair with large rear wheels and armrests which can be detached. The fixed seat is difficult to use. There is a roll-under washbasin.

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Den Everketel (Scouts en Gidsen Peutie) Vilvoorde

If you want to stay in the middle of nature, but close to Brussels, you've come to the right place. The scout site is surrounded by woods, has a large play area and a playground just 50 metres away. The first building houses the hall and the kitchen. The hall can be split into four. The second building houses the sanitary facilities and upstairs there is a dormitory with 20 beds. An extra sleeping area can be created for larger groups. You have the option to light a campfire.

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1800 Vilvoorde (Peutie)
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. You have sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient space and there are wheelchair-friendly tables.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the communal adapted bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The large hall can be divided into 4 rooms that you can use as dormitories. There are no beds. Per space, you have at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with sufficient space, a seat and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
There are no carpets or fabric upholstery. There are guide lines and tactile markings. Contrasts are largely present.

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De Gheyselberg Londerzeel

At barely 20 km distance from Brussels, hidden between fields, meadows and orchards you will find the Gheyselberg. The building is surrounded by a large terrain. The playing fields offer space for sports and games. Slopes, grass fields and paved terrains provide variation and encourage original activities. The two atriums are unique: 'stairs-benches' around the building, that offer the possibility for group meetings, performances...and the two partially covered sun terraces, giving you a good view of the environment. There is parking for 18 cars and 100 bicycles.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The sloping access path is rather steep, you might need some help. There is enough circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The hallway between both group rooms is rather narrow, but due to the placement of panic bars on the push side of the doors, this hallway can be used.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are suitable for wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The door is a little harder to open because the door handle is in a corner. The toilet has enough space and a grab rail.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
On the ground floor there are 3 big and 2 smaller accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories (picture 2). In every room, there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. In both adapted bathrooms the door is a little harder to open because the door handle is in a corner. Roll-in shower with shower seat with foldable armrests (picture 3). There is sufficient space. The sink accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets or fabric coverings.

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Chiromeisjes Kapelle-op-den-Bos

This 'Chiro' accommodation is close to the centre of Kapelle-op-den-Bos, centrally located between Brussels, Antwerp and Mechelen. At less than a 2 kilometre distance, you will find a bus stop and train station. Outside, there is a big enough play area on a lawn and paved terrain.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails. The sink accommodates wheelchairs.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories (picture 2). In every room, there are at least 2 accessible sleeping spaces. In the common showers 1 shower head has been made detachable and adjustable in height (picture 3). There is a roll-in shower with a movable shower seat with detachable armrests. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets or fabric coverings.

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De Hagaard Overijse

De Hagaard is the youngest member of the Chiro houses and is located in Overijse. It is a sustainable, residential youth centre situated in a green oasis. It has two floors with a capacity of 96 beds, which can be extended to 108 during the week. There are also six spacious workrooms that can accommodate between 20 and 25 people, a large hall and a combined self-catering kitchen/workroom next to the cafeteria and the full board kitchen. It is possible to prepare your own meals for up to a maximum of 50 people.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space. The counter has a lowered section under which a wheelchair can be manoeuvred.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room and the other rooms also provide adequate circulation space. Tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under are available.

Communal toilet
There is adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl in the adapted toilets on the ground floor and in the basement. Support rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 11 accessible rooms offering a total of 48 accessible beds (photo 2). The two adapted bathrooms on the ground floor and in the basement have a roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). Support rails are provided. The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The rooms are equipped with hypoallergenic materials.

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Tschaluin (Chirojongens Baal) - Tremelo

Tschaluin is a peacefully located new build with own playing field, tent ground, parking and forest. At weekends, there is enough space for a maximum of 30 persons. For camps, it offers space for groups of 60 to 80 persons. The halls offer space for 60 persons, and outside there is space for another 20 to sleep in tents.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is enough circulation space (picture 2).

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space in all rooms. The tables accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilet has enough space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
5 accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories. In every room, there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been supplied. The shower faucet is not easily accessible to everyone because it is at your back on the same wall as the seat (picture 3). The washbasin in the adapted toilet is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: anti-allergy fabrics are used and there are no carpets or fabric covering. Visual contrasts were supplied.

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Het Heike / Chiro Wespelaar Wespelaar

In Wespelaar, a quiet municipal district of Haacht, you will find Het Heike. Chiro Wespelaar leases these premises and the grounds to other clubs for a day, weekend, midweek or bivouac.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The buildings are easy to find and accessible.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The multifunctional space can also serve as a dining room and is sufficiently spacious. The tables are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted common bathroom provides sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 rooms on the ground floor can be used as sleeping areas and are accessible, with at least 2 accessible sleeping places per room. There are no beds. 1 room is connected to the accessible bathroom, which has a roll-in shower with shower seat (37 x 38 cm) with sufficient space and a grab rail. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
There is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Jeugdverblijf Kalleberg Boortmeerbeek

You will find this youth centre in Boortmeerbeek, a town in the Mechelen-Brussels-Louvain triangle. Both the town centre and a recreational woodland area are within walking distance. The centre has its own recreational area, a well equipped kitchen and a few multifunctional rooms that also serve as bedrooms. There are no beds.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The cross slope makes the path a little difficult for a wheelchair. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The tables are suitable for use from a wheelchair and there is sufficient clearance.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet (photo 3). Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The multifunctional area on the ground floor also serves as a sleeping area. There are no beds, but there is sufficient clearance. There are no showers, only a washbasin next to the toilet. That is suitable for use by a wheelchair user (photo 3).

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Langebos Heem Aarschot

The Langebosheem is a modern youth accommodation that serves as room for Chiro Gijmel, but also as camp or weekend location. Behind and next to the building there is a lawn with a (small) forest behind it, in which the children can amuse themselves. The capacity depends on the layout: the refectory can be made bigger by a mobile wall (upon request).

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is enough circulation space and the tables can accommodate wheelchairs (picture 2).

Communal toilet
The toilet has enough space and grab rails. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The space can be divided. Up to 4 accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories. In every room there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3).

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets or fabric coverings.

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De Brink - Hopper Jeugdverblijf - Herentals

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De Brink is a large 16 ha youth accommodation centre with modern facilities, which is located in the Antwerp Campine region, 3 km from the centre of the city of Herentals. The centre is situated in the middle of the Campine woodland area called De Brink and it's open all year round for a wide variety of group activities such as youth camps, courses, forest and nature classes, training and reflection days, study days, etc. The main building and the Zonnedauw pavilion are A label certified. The Shelter outdoor accommodation and the camping bathroom are A+ certified .

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance to all buildings is easily accessible. A newly constructed 1.50 m wide path connects all buildings with each other. There are two reserved parking spaces.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached with a platform lift (85 x 110 cm) in the main building. Some assistance to operate the lift may be necessary. Clearance and space on the paths is minimal in some places, but sufficient for practical use. Dining room / multipurpose area Clearance in the main building and Zonnedauw building is occasionally minimal but you can use the restaurant and multipurpose space. There are tables with under-table clearance for a wheelchair (height 67 or 68 cm).

Communal toilet
Main building: the toilet door is 77 cm wide. Reduced clearance and space behind the room door is manageable. There is sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. Free space in front of the toilet is limited to 53 cm by the washbasin. Safety rails are fitted. Zonnedauw: The toilet has sufficient space and is equipped with grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Main building: 24 accessible beds in corridors C and D (photo 2). The doors are at least 80 cm wide. Free space and clearance on paths and in the room and bathroom are occasionally limited but is manageable with assistance. The roll-in shower has a movable shower (wheel)chair with small wheels and detachable armrests (note: 1 shower wheelchair for the main building and Zonnedauw). There is sufficient clearance. In the toilet in block C, the space in front of the door is limited. In block D, the turning space in the toilet is tight. Both have sufficient positioning space next to the toilet but the space in front of the toilet is tight. There are grab rails. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users. Zonnedauw: 11 rooms with a total of 44 accessible beds. The roll-in shower (photo 3) has a movable shower chair (wheelchair) with small wheels and detachable armrests. There is sufficient clearance. The toilet was discussed in the Communal toilet category. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users.

Extra
There is no carpet in most of the rooms and the beds have an anti-allergy mattress and pillow cover. Upon request the kitchen is happy to work with food allergies.

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De Brink - Shelter & kampeersanitair - Herentals

De Brink is a large 16 ha youth accommodation centre with modern facilities and located in the Antwerp Campine region at 3 km (1.5 miles) from the centre of the city of Herentals. The centre is situated in the middle of the Campine woodland area called De Brink and it's open all year round for a wide variety of group activities such as boot camps, training courses, forest and nature classes, training and reflection days, study days, etc. The buildings Hoofdgebouw (main building) and Zonnedauw have been awarded the A label, Shelter and the camping sanitary block have been awarded A+.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance to all buildings is easily accessible. A newly constructed 1.50 m wide path connects all buildings with each other. There are two reserved parking spaces.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The ground floor of Shelter is an open space that can be used multifunctionally.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the camping bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Shelter has 6 accessible fold-out beds that you put a mat or mattress on yourself. De Brink also has 6 mattresses available. In the camping bathroom you will find a roll-in shower with ample space and a shower wheelchair with small wheels and removable armrests.

Extra
There is no carpet and no fabric coverings are used anywhere.

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Chiro Booischot - Ter Laeken Heist-op-den-berg

Looking for a camp site in the middle of a village, but one which is still very quiet? Then Chirolokalen Ter Laeken is the place for you. The rooms are spacious and comfortably furnished, with 4 dormitories, a day room, refectory, sufficient bathrooms and an equipped kitchen. There is also a tent meadow. You can play on the large lawn with playground. There is an informative video tour on Facebook.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easiliy accessible with sufficient space. Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted common bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Room 2 is accessible and can be used as a bedroom, with at least 2 accessible sleeping places. There are no beds. In the common bathroom you will find a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
There is no carpet and no fabric coverings are used in room 2.

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Dakananders Hulshout

These beautiful rooms are located next to a recreation area. In summer, 80 people can sleep inside on beds and 40 can stay in tents if you bring them yourself. The dining room and kitchen provide plenty of space for the entire group.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. The door is quite heavy. There is sufficient space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room is spacious. The tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet is spacious enough and has grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 2 accessible dormitories, each with at least 2 accessible beds. The adapted shower is obstacle-free, spacious enough and has grab rails. There is a shower chair with small wheels.

Extra
There are no carpets or fabric upholstery.

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Sporta Spot Kempen Westerlo

In the heart of the green Campine region, the Sporta Spot Kempen utilises all its assets. Discover the unique mix of extensive accommodation and optimal sport facilities spread over 13 ha. The wide choice of relaxation facilities and activities make the Sporta Spot Kempen a village where sportsmen and women, schools, companies, associations and families feel at home. Sportarena and Sporthotel are the accessible accommodations. The Sport Arena has room for 65 persons; the Sport Hotel has 104 beds. You can also rent sporty handcycles from the centre.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
At the reception in the main building and in the Sportarena and Sporthotel accommodation centres the entrances are easily accessible and there is sufficient clearance. The doors are perhaps a little heavy, so you may need help opening them.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The slightly limited clearance here and there is no problem for unobstructed use of the Sportarena and the Sporthotel.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You may need a little help opening the double doors in the Sportarena and the Sporthotel. The slightly limited clearance here and there is no problem for unobstructed use of the refectories in both buildings. There are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair (height 68 cm).

Communal toilet
In the common adapted toilet in the main building the door is only 76 cm wide and there is insufficient space next to the toilet (65 cm). In front of the toilet there is a space of 95 cm. You will find the same situation in the Sportarena, but there is another toilet in the player's corridor that does have sufficient space and grab rails. In the Sporthotel there is no common adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathrooms is a good alternative.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Sportarena: 13 accessible rooms (a total of at least 26 accessible beds) with bathroom. There is a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use. There is sufficient clearance. Sporthotel: 8 accessible rooms (a total of at least 16 accessible beds) with bathroom. There is a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair. There is also a seat, but with insufficient space beside the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use. There is sufficient clearance.

Extra
Upon request, it is possible for a sign language interpreter to be present. Visual contrasts have been provided.

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Berkelhoeve Vorselaar

De Berkelhoeve provides accommodation with all amenities on a large private estate with woodlands, playing fields and recreational facilities. This location is also suitable for training events. De Berkelhoeve has many small rooms and the individual wings (Rekketek or Wizzeweus) can be booked outside of the summer months.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You are best off using the entrance at the back, which is the most accessible.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached with a lift (100 x 120 cm). The lift door is 80 cm wide. Free space and clearance on the route to the lift and other routes in the building is sometimes limited. You need to pass through several double doors. The narrowest part of the door is 78 cm wide.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient space for circulating. There is a table suitable for wheelchair users (height: 67 cm). The kitchen in the Wizzeweus is accessible, and the cooker and sink are wheelchair accessible.
Communal toilet
In the communal toilet in the Wizzeweus, there is sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. Free space in front of the toilet is 88 cm. There are grab rails.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom in the Rekketek (room 5 with 2 accessible beds). The space next to the door handles is limited. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and grab rails. There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. There is only 66 cm in front of it. There is enough space next to, in front of (115 cm) and diagonally in front of the toilet; grab rails have been fitted. The sink is wheelchair accessible. The Wizzeweus also has an adapted room with bathroom (number 15), but here the space between the beds is limited. The positioning space and space next to the shower seat is limited. Grab rails are fitted. The toilet has space and grab rails. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.
Extra
There are no carpets, no fabric coatings, and anti-allergic fabrics are used.

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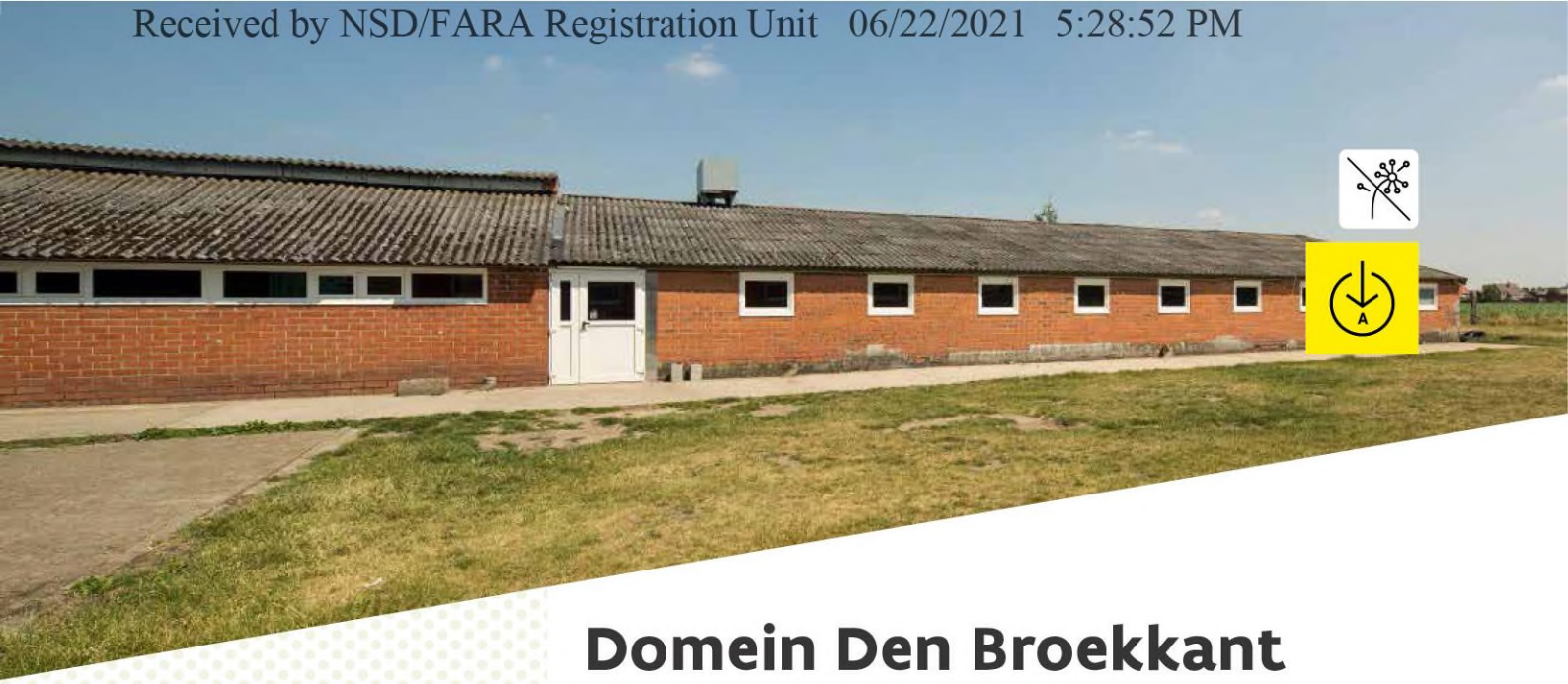

Domein Den Broekkant Den Eik and Den Olm Arendonk

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This renovated farmhouse in the Campine region of Antwerp provides space for large groups. It's a simple, well-equipped campsite with a large dining room, spacious dormitories and a large playing area with green surroundings. The kitchen is fully equipped. Den Olm is a thoroughly renovated and updated part of a farm on the large Den Broekkant park.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The car park is unpaved, but you can park and exit on the paved area. The slope at block A of Den Eik leads up to the door. Block B is easily accessible. You may need help with both doors. The entrance to Den Olm can be easily reached and is easily accessible.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passages to the most important rooms are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Den Eik: The dining room in Block B is accessible and spacious. There are wheelchair-friendly tables. Den Olm: You access the dining from inside via a rather steep ramp. In the dining room, you have sufficient space and there are wheelchair-friendly tables.

Communal toilet
Den Eik: The adapted toilet in Block B is spacious enough, but there are no grab rails. You can also use the toilet in the adapted bathroom in Block A. It has grab rails and sufficient space.
Den Olm: You use the toilet in the adapted bathroom. It has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Den Eik: In Block A, there is 1 adapted bedroom in which a maximum of 2 accessible beds can be placed. In Block B, there are 4 easily accessible bedrooms, each with 2 beds, but you will have to go to Block A for the adapted bathroom. It has a roll-in shower with a rather small seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users. The manoeuvring space next to the door handle is limited in the bathroom.
Den Olm: There is 1 accessible bedroom with an adapted bathroom. In the room, a maximum of 3 accessible beds can be placed. In the bathroom, there is a roll-in shower with sufficient space and a moveable shower chair with removable arm rests. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
There are no carpets or fabric upholstery.

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KLJ-lokalen Ravels-Eel Ravels

These rooms are in a quiet street near the Ravel state-owned forests. You sleep in the rooms or in tents which you can set up in the large garden. This accomodation has a fully equipped kitchen, 9 multipurpose areas and modern sanitary facilities. There is an adapted parking space close to the main entrance.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible. The positioning and turning space is somewhat limited around some doors.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
The turning space is tight. There is sufficient positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the toilet. There is 96 cm in front of the toilet. There are grab rails. The small sink is wheelchair accessible, but the limited depth may make it a bit more difficult to use.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 multi-purpose areas on the ground floor can be used as a dormitory. There are no beds.
In the group showers there is a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photo 3). Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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The Heibrand domain is situated near the Trappist abbey of Westmalle, in a woodland area with grasslands and surrounded by walking and cycling paths. With woods, playing fields and sports fields, Heibrand offers complete infrastructure for accommodating groups up to 248 persons. Its lovely and spacious buildings are available year round for training courses, forestry classes, group holidays and bivouacs. Pavillions Lagune and Luwte are both accessible.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Lagune: Easily accessible, although the space next to the door handle on the inside is tight.
Luwte: The space next to the door handle on the inside is tight. There is sufficient turning space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide. In Luwte, the positioning and turning space around the door leading into all spaces is tight.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Adequate circulation space. There are a few tables with limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
There is ample free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails are available.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Lagune: 5 accessible bedrooms with 2 accessible beds in each room. The positioning and turning space by the doors is a little tight, but manageable. In the bathroom in the corridor you will find a level access shower with shower seat with folding armrests. The turning space in the toilet is tight. There is sufficient positioning space (113 cm in front of the toilet). There are grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.
Luwte: 2 accessible bedrooms (number 1 and 5, with 2 accessible beds each) and bathroom in the hallway. The bed is 67 cm high. Here and there you have limited space and clearance near the doors, but there is sufficient room for practical use. The bathroom door is 80 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and a handrail. There is sufficient space in front of and diagonally in front of the seat, but there is only 56 cm next to it (photo 3). The presence of a shower wheelchair mitigates this problem. The toilet has safety rails and enough clearance and the washbasin in the bedroom accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
There are no carpets and the beds have anti-allergy mattress covers and pillowcases. The kitchen is happy to take food allergies into account (on request).

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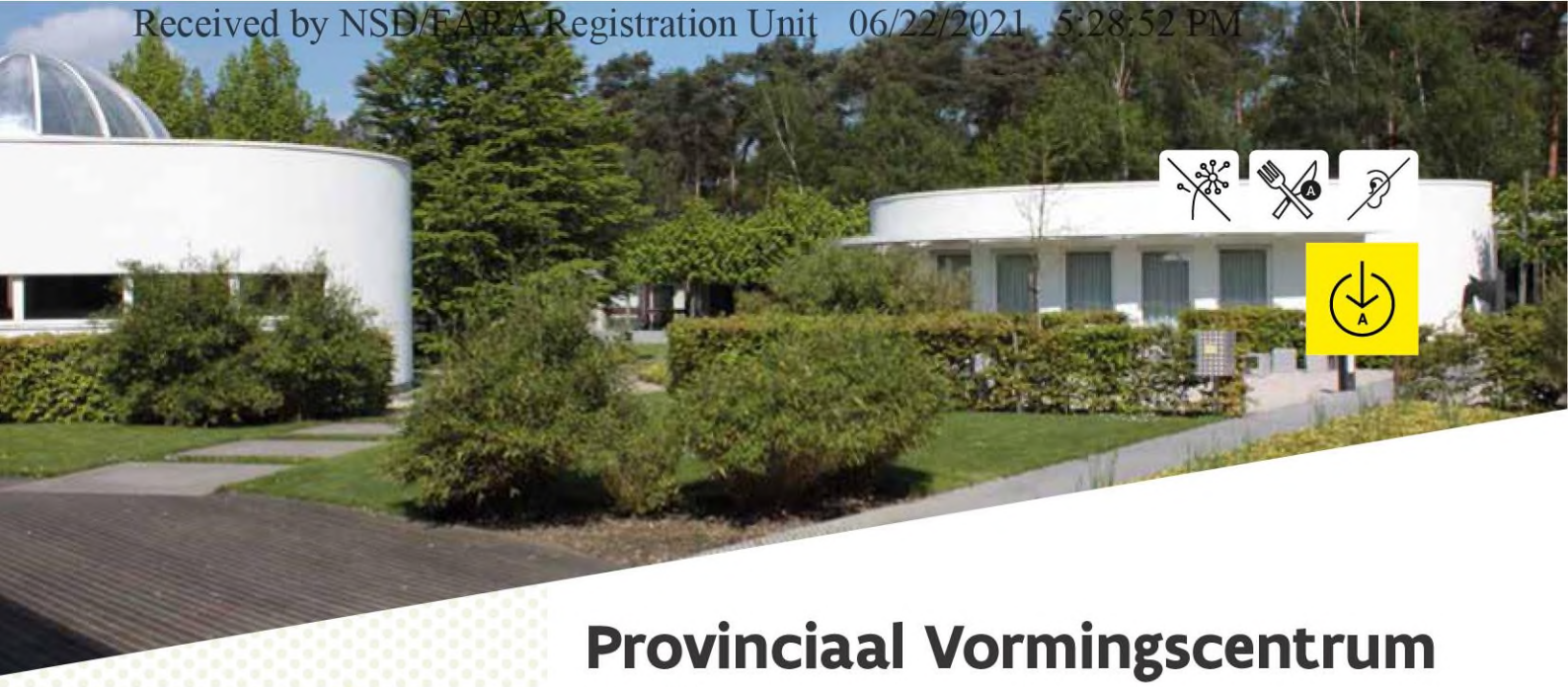

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This modern complex offers a peaceful work environment in the middle of 12 ha of woodland for courses, training and study days, meetings and conferences for youth work, education and socialcultural society activities. There are numerous accommodation and meeting rooms, extensive sport accommodation, restaurants, a coffee corner, various bar areas and even an audiovisual studio.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor (wide corridors) or are easily accessible by lift. The lift is located in a recess, making the buttons more difficult to reach. Some doors are more difficult to open independently, but these doors are often open or an alternative route is possible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
In 'Resto 1', the 'Animatiehal' and the 'Polyruimte' there is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair present. You are best advised to enter the 'Animatiehal' via the 'Polyruimte'. That door is easier to open on your own.

Communal toilet
There are several adapted toilets with sufficient space and grab rails. You may need help to open some doors.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
4 accessible double rooms (numbers F47, F13, G46 and G12, each with 2 accessible beds). Rooms F47 and G46 have an adapted bathroom. The others have an accessible bathroom in the corridor. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with movable shower (wheel) chair with folding armrests. The positioning space is limited in the communal shower. The toilets have grab rails and sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
Upon request, the meal can be adjusted to take into account specific (also medical) diets. The accommodation provides customised products for this, but of course you can also bring your own products. Anti-allergic fabrics are used. Via the lending service, you can obtain roll-up ramps and an audio induction loop system.

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Chiro Sprankel Mol

The location of Chiro Sprankel is close to the forests, two swimming pools and a sports hall. The Zilvermeer-lake is also not far away. There is a paved play area with basketball square, a playing field and an area for tents (allowing you to spend the night with over 105 persons). The building has a big hall, 5 rooms, a spacious kitchen and big sanitary blocks.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance doors are 83 cm wide. The doors to the rooms have a threshold of 5 cm. The door to the great hall does not have a threshold. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough, with exception of the inner doors to the rooms. Those are 78 cm wide. You can also reach the rooms from the outside.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space in the great hall (picture 2) and the tables can accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
4 accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories. In every room there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The circulation space in front of the door of the adapted bathroom is narrow, but usable. There is a roll-in shower with a seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3). The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs, even if the depth is limited.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets or fabric coverings. The new sanitation is executed in contrast with the environment.

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Jeugdkamp De Maat Mol

De Maat youth camp is in the green and pleasant surroundings of the town of Mol. The renovated outbuildings of a castle, now gone, and the nearby parkland give the youth camp its unique character. You can play and practice sports to your heart's content in the park. There are two buildings: the wheelchair-accessible main building for 75 people and the smaller forester rangers' lodge for groups of up to 15 people. It is self-catering.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, with sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide. The free space next to the handle behind some doors is limited.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance in the small and large day rooms. The tables are suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the communal bathroom has sufficient space and safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
One accessible bedroom on the ground floor with at least two accessible beds (height of 38 cm). The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower and a movable shower chair fitted with removable armrests so that you can seat yourself under the broad shower head. There is sufficient space next to (80 cm), in front of and diagonally in front of the chair. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

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Jeugdheem Zonnedauw Geel

This 5-hectare estate with forest, playground, pond and tent area is just waiting to be explored by your group. Three buildings, each with a different sleeping capacity, are waiting to welcome the children. The wheelchair accessible Pavilion houses 127 guests, the Castle 79, and the log cabin 36.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The path consists partly of flat cobblestones and a slope, but you can drive up to the entrance and park close to it. There is sufficient circulation space. At the main entrance, the space beside the door handle on the inside is limited, but you can also enter through the dining room.

Passageways and level differences
All areas are located on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient turning and positioning space and there are grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is at least 1 accessible dormitory with at least 2 accessible beds. Whether the other rooms and beds are usable depends on the abilities of the group. The bathroom in the hallway has a level access shower with shower seat, grab rails and sufficient positioning space. The sink is wheelchair accessible. The space next to the door handle in the bathroom is tight, but a grab rail helps you open the door more easily.

Extra
The mattresses are anti-allergic and washable.

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De Hoge Rielen Kasterlee

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This former military base is now the ideal location for nature trips and adventures. In this unique and purely natural setting, you will find the necessary space for initiative, a friendly atmosphere, engagement and personal service. A variety of buildings, campsites, the hostel, sports facilities and meeting rooms have everything you need for groups, including youth groups. The restaurant and café serve delicious meals in cosy surroundings.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Building 56 - Eekhoorn: Clearance in front of the entrance is limited but you should be able to enter with a little help. The double doors are each 80 cm wide. Building 6 - Dobbelsteen: there is a small step; the double doors are each 85 cm wide. There is sufficient clearance. The entrance to Kamp 8 - Boog and Kamp 9 - Boemerang is easily accessible. You may need help opening the heavy sliding door at the entrance.

Passageways and level differences
All areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance. There are tables with undertable clearance for wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
Building 56 - Eekhoorn: There is an adapted toilet in the hall of the bedrooms. You may need help up the long slope and at the door on the route to and from the toilet. There is sufficient space and grab rails are fitted. Building 6 - Dobbelsteen and Kamp 8 - Boog + Kamp 9 - Boemerang: the toilet is in the communal bathroom which is discussed below.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Building 56 - Eekhoorn: On the slope up to the rooms you may need a push. There are 32 accessible beds in 13 rooms. The beds are 41 cm high. The separate, adapted bathrooms have roll-in showers with a shower seat (35 x 40 cm), sufficient free space and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users. Building 6 - Dobbelsteen: 12 accessible rooms with a total of 18 accessible beds. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat (34 x 36 cm), sufficient free space and grab rails. The tap is on the same wall as the seat. The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space. Kamp 8 - Boog and Kamp 9 - Boemerang: the dormitory is accessible. The beds are difficult to access, but extra beds can be added. The bathroom is in a separate building that can be reached via a sand path. There is a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and enough space. The toilet also has grab rails and positioning space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take allergies and preferences into account.

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De Hoge Rielen: Gebouw 11 - Kajak and Gebouw 14 - Knoop Kasterlee

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Building 11 - Kajak and building 14 - Knoop are easily reachable and accessible. However, the door is a bit too heavy to open yourself.

Passageways and level differences
The most important spaces are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient space and wheelchair-friendly tables are available.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the communal adapted bathroom has adequate space and has grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Building 11 - Kajak and building 14 - Knoop each have 1 adapted bedroom with 3 accessible beds per room (the lower bed of a bunk bed). In the adapted bathroom, there is always a roll-in shower with sufficient space, a seat and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to accommodate your food allergies and preferences.

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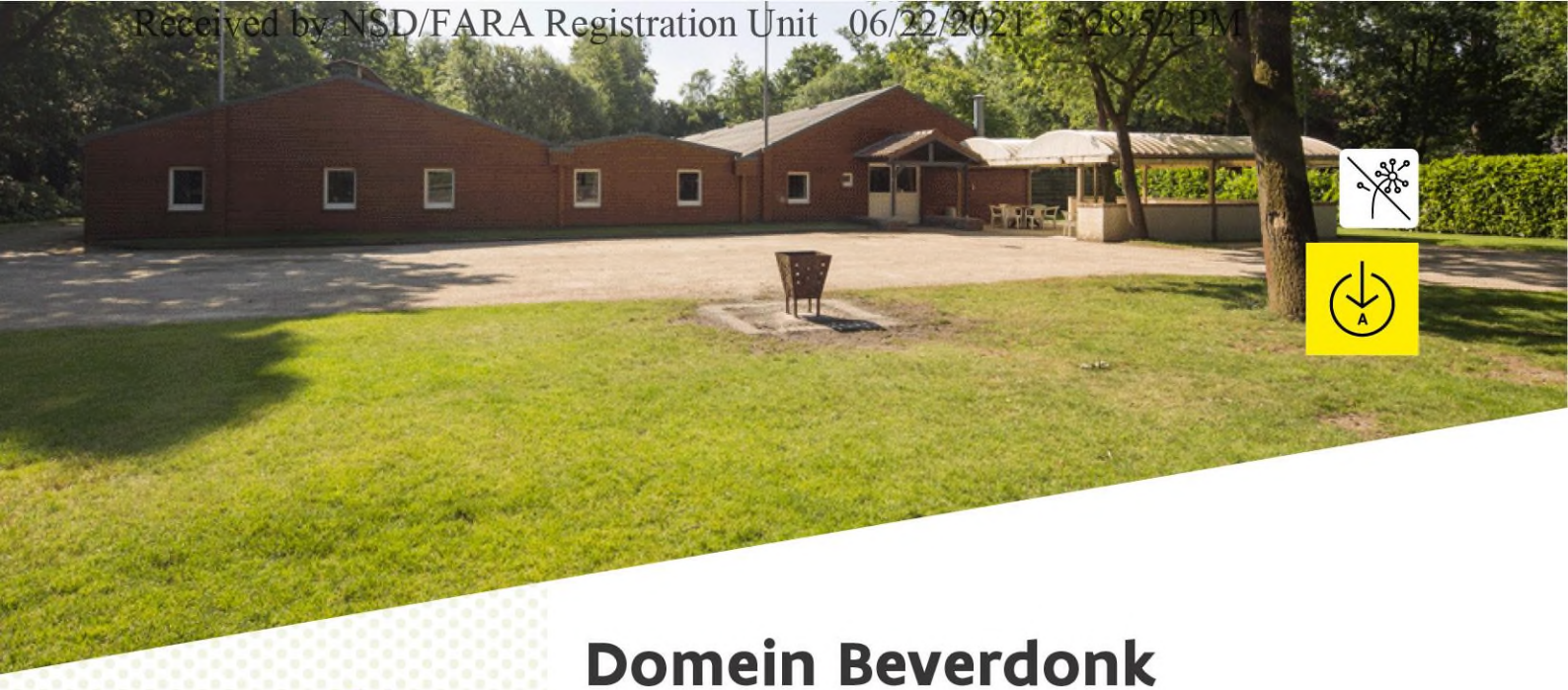

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In the peaceful Kempen region, hidden among the woods and the fields close to the Kleine Nete River, lies Domein Beverdonk. The domain gives you a choice of 4 holiday accommodations. Beverdonk is recommended for groups that need several appliances during their stay.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, ample circulation space. You may need a push up the slopes to Het Landhuis.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide.
Dining room / multipurpose area
Comfortable amount of circulation space, the narrowest passage is 1 m wide over a distance of 1,5 m. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.
Communal toilet
There is ample free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails are available.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
De Waterval and Het Eilandje: Accessible rooms with adequate circulation space (31 accessible beds). The beds are 66 cm high. Roll-in shower with shower wheelchair and handrails. The toilet has handrails and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs. Adequate free space everywhere. Het Landhuis: 2 accessible rooms (4 accessible beds) on the ground floor. The door of room 1 and the adapted bathroom is 78 cm wide; the door of room 2 is 77 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with a shower chair (59 cm high). The shower and the toilet offer adequate space and are fitted with support rails. The toilet bowl is 44 cm high. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users. The first floor has 2 accessible rooms that can be reached with a platform lift (photo 2). The clearance here is limited and you may need a push up a slope. Schildpadhoeve: There are five accessible bedrooms offering a total of ten accessible beds. The circulation space in front of the doors is tight. There is one roll-in shower with a seat. The tap is positioned far away from the seat. The shower and the toilet offer adequate space and are fitted with support rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.
Extra
A multisensory therapy room is available in De Waterval and Het Eilandje. Hoists and high-low beds are available. The care room also contains a specially equipped bath (photo 3). There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Chirolokalen Bevel Nijlen

Chirolokalen Bevel is a quietly located bivouac, which since 2014 has had new plumbing, showers and leadership space. It is a large building with a large playground around it. There is space for tents and a campfire. Created by Chiro volunteers who are aware of the needs of groups that come to the bivouac.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and wheelchair-accessible tables are available.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted common bathroom has enough space and there are grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Room 2 is accessible and can be used as a sleeping area, with at least 2 accessible sleeping places. There are no beds. In the adapted bathroom you will find a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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Sonneheem (Chiro Jong Leven) Nijlen

Het Sonneheem is a new building in the heart of the Noorderkempen, 300 metres from the village centre. It has a maximum capacity of 100 people, of which a maximum of 75 people can stay in the building. For stays involving up to 25 additional people, the tent square can be used. There is a large paved square, and a large lawn. In the immediate vicinity, there are 2 parks with a playground and football field. A play forest is within walking distance.

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2650 Nijlen
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a strip of gravel between the street and the paved zone in front of the entrance. By car you can drive up to that paved zone, where you will also find an adapted parking space. The entrance itself is easily accessible.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and a wheelchair accessible table is available.

Communal toilet
The common adapted toilet has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 room on the ground floor can be used as an accessible dormitory, with at least 2 accessible sleeping places. There are no beds. There is a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
The layout of the building provides good guidance lines. Visual contrasts are largely present. There is no carpet and no fabric coverings are used.

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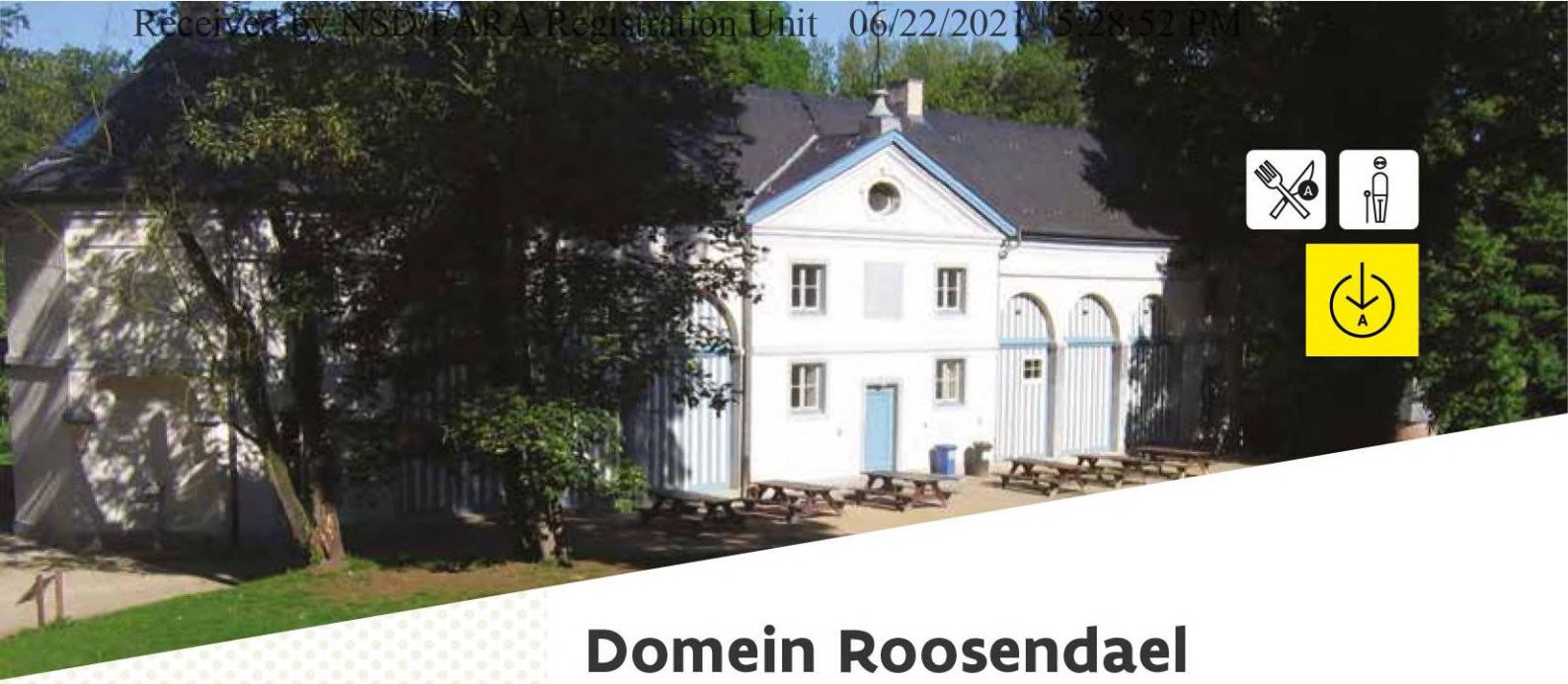

Domein Roosendael Sint-Katelijne-Waver

Roosendael is the ruins of a centuries old abbey estate in Sint-Katelijne-Waver. This estate of approximately 17 hectares alongside the Grote Nete river is partly a nature area and nature reserve. There are various accommodation formats for all kinds of groups in various pavilions (country house, coach house and canal house) and there is also a camping site. Guests who stay in the accessible Koetshuis (coach house, 44 beds) full board or self-catering can use the wireless Internet connection free of charge. There are parking spaces reserved for the disabled.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Cobbled access path. Moreover an easily accessible hard ground path. It is also possible to drive a car up to the entrance. Good clearance in the hall. The reception can only be reached via the staircase.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. On the first floor the call button is in the corner.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Here and there you have limited space and clearance, but there is sufficient room for practical use. There are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair (photo 2).

Communal toilet
Sufficient space. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
Koetshuis: 2 accessible bedrooms and bathrooms for 2 persons on the first floor (a total of 2 accessible beds). The beds are 30 cm high. The door to the room is 82 cm wide. The manoeuvring and turning space at the door and next to the bed is tight, but functional. Roll-in shower with shower seat (37 x 28 cm), grab rails and adequate manoeuvring space. There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. There is an adapted toilet with safety rails and a washbasin suitable for use from a wheelchair. In front of the toilet there is 70 cm of manoeuvring space, otherwise it is adequate. The turning space is tight, but functional.

Camping site
The door is 84 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests. The space is limited: next to the seat there is 77 cm to the washbasin, in front of the seat there is a space of 89 cm (photo 3). Diagonally in front of the seat there is sufficient space. In the toilet there is sufficient space and there are safety rails. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
In the Koetshuis, tactile contrasts have been used based on paint with textures. The kitchen is happy to take into account food allergies and halal, vegetarian and vegan diets.

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JVC Orangerie Horst Schoten

At the Horst domain in Schoten the 'Orangerie' is located in a beautiful green environment, waiting for the schools, youth and charity organisations, associations and individuals who can make use of it. You can also find various items of play equipment on the domain.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
On the cobblestones of the access path and when opening the heavy door you may need help. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached by elevator. The elevator doors are rather heavy to open by yourself. The passageways are usually wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space. The tables accommodate wheelchairs in a limited way. The rectangular tables have 36 cm free depth, the round tables 25 cm.

Communal toilet
There is an adapted toilet in the communal bathroom on the ground floor. The toilet has sufficient space and a grab rail.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible dormitory with 2 accessible beds on the first floor (picture 2). The communal bathroom on the ground floor has a roll-in shower with a seat (38 cm wide x 41 cm deep) and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3). The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: no carpets or fabric coverings are used.

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Jeugdverblijfcentrum Bielebale - Brasschaat

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Bielebale is located in an attractive and quiet park in the town of Brasschaat. You're within walking distance of the swimming baths, sports centre, kids farm, playgrounds, recreational woodland area, cycle paths and walks, etc. The centre offers a lot of possibilities for groups up to 53 persons in Bielebale 1 (A label) and up to 78 persons in Bielebale 2 (A+ label). Bielebale 2 can be divided into 2 for a group of 32 and a group of 46. For meals you can rely on a caterer.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible by lift. Most of the corridors are sufficiently wide. However, the corridor to the bathroom in Bielebale 1 has a door that is 75 cm wide.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space. Some, but not all of the tables in Bielebale 1 are wheelchair accessible.
Communal toilet
Bielebale 1: you are best off using the toilet in the rooms. The door is 79 cm wide and the circulation space in front of it is tight. There is plenty of space in the toilet, although the sink hinders the positioning space in front a little. Grab rails are fitted. Bielebale 2: The adapted toilet near the reception has sufficient space and grab rails.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Bielebale 1: 2 accessible rooms with 6 accessible beds each. The corridor door to the rooms is 79 cm wide. The space behind this door, in the room and between the beds is somewhat tight, but manageable. The beds are 44 cm high. In the hallway there is a roll-in shower with a choice of different shower chairs, with large or small rear wheels and folding armrests. The shower door is 78 cm wide. The space is somewhat tight. Bielebale 2: 16 accessible rooms with together 55 accessible beds (picture 2). All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space (picture 3). The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space. The washbasins accommodate wheelchairs. There is also a communal bathroom with a high-low bath.
Extra
High-low beds are available. The elevator in Bielebale 2 gives an auditory signal and visual contrasts are present. There is a hearing-loop by the reception, in the polyvalent space and in the living area of Bielebale 2. There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Chirolokaal Kristal Stabroek

Chirolokaal Kristal has a delightful enclosed playground. The village centre with its recreational park and sports centre are within walking distance. The area has plenty of woodland and recreational facilities, such as swimming pools and the Kalmthoutse Heide heathland park. The town of Antwerp is also close by. Chirolokaal Kristal can be rented by youth organisations for activities including at least one overnight stay. Tents can also be set up in the grounds.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance. The door is relatively heavy.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. There is more than sufficient clearance everywhere.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is more than sufficient clearance (photo 2). The tables are suitable for wheelchair users.
Communal toilet
There is a specially adapted toilet with sufficient space (95 cm in front of the toilet) and safety rails in the communal bathroom next to the dormitory.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible dormitory without beds on the ground floor. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and a grab rail. There is sufficient positioning space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The sink is wheelchair accessible.
Extra
There is no carpet. The building and access path have a clear structure for guidance. Colour contrasts are largely present.

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Chirolokalen Chiro Wuustwezel

These buildings are centrally located between two woods in the rural area of Wuustwezel and offer additional playing opportunities in the nearby meadows and sports fields. You are really near the centre of the town of Wuustwezel. You have 6 fully furnished and spacious rooms, a large kitchen, a sanitary building and shower building. All of this is situated around a large multipurpose hall.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible although the door is quite heavy to open. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance. There are tables suitable for wheelchair users (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
6 accessible rooms without beds. The free space behind the door is only limited in the orange and yellow room. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photo 3). The seat is on the same wall as the tap. Sufficient free space in front of and diagonally in front of the seat but the washbasin next to the seat reduces the transfer space to 71 cm. There is also a shower wheelchair with small wheels and folding armrests to remedy these problems. The toilet was discussed in the Communal Toilet category. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

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Groot Reitveld Heusden-Zolder

Groot Reitveld is a youth holiday centre in Zolder. It has a meadow where tents can also be set up, a paved area with a tennis court and basketball court and a woodland area for playing in nearby. There is also a swimming pool, a recreational complex and much more in the vicinity. The accommodation has a large cafeteria and three day rooms.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The door is rather heavy to open without assistance. Otherwise, there is easy access with adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The heavy doors to the large hall can be opened with a magnet contact switch.

Communal toilet
There is adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl (photo 2). Support rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Four accessible dormitories without beds in the annex provide approximately five accessible sleeping places per dormitory. There is a 7-cm doorstep at the entrance to the annex. There is an adapted roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. Support rails are provided (photo 3). The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are visual contrasts and tactile markings on the stairs.

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Het Mezennestje Beringen

This former infant school now accommodates the youth centre Het Mezennestje which is located in the heart of the former Limburg mining region. The large courtyard, field and nearby woods provide ample playing space. There are 4 spacious dormitories adjacent to the refectory.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible; entry via double doors which are each 77 cm wide. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. You can reach the dormitories in the main building through double doors; each individual door section is 73 cm wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and wheelchair accessible tables are available.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. A safety rail is fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
30 accessible beds can be provided in the various dormitories; the beds can be moved (photo 2). The clearance and free space at the doors (including the bathroom door) and in the dormitory is limited but sufficient. The beds are between 55 and 58 cm high. The roll-in shower has a movable shower (wheel)chair with small wheels and detachable armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space for making a transfer. The toilet was discussed in the Communal Toilet category. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

Extra
Anti-allergic materials are used.

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Vakantiehuis Pietersheim Lanaken

Princely sojourn at a rural children's farm? It is possible at Vakantiehuis Pietersheim at the edge of Hoge Kempen National Park. This vacation home offers lodging for 68 persons and is extremely well suited for groups, associations, schools, families etc... The playground offers fun for more than 300 children, while the nearby sports fields guarantee the active guest a sporting stay.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. Comfortable amount of free space.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.
Dining room / multipurpose area
The double door panels are 83 cm wide and are a bit too heavy to be opened independently. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the tables.
Communal toilet
Circulation space in the toilet is just adequate, requiring a bit of manoeuvring. There is free space along side and at an angle to the toilet, but the washbasin blocks the front. There are grab rails although they are quite short and far apart.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 accessible bedrooms and bathrooms (numbers 1, 7 and 13, with 1 accessible bed per room). The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is limited but functional with some manoeuvring or assistance. Roll-in shower with shower wheelchair and plastic chair with arms. The shower unit is 6 cm deeper, but slopes. The free space next to the plastic chair is somewhat hindered by a wall running at an angle (photo 3). There is no problem dismounting and mounting in front of and at an angle to the chair. The toilet has grab rails, although they are short and far apart, and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs. Circulation space at the washbasin is somewhat tight.

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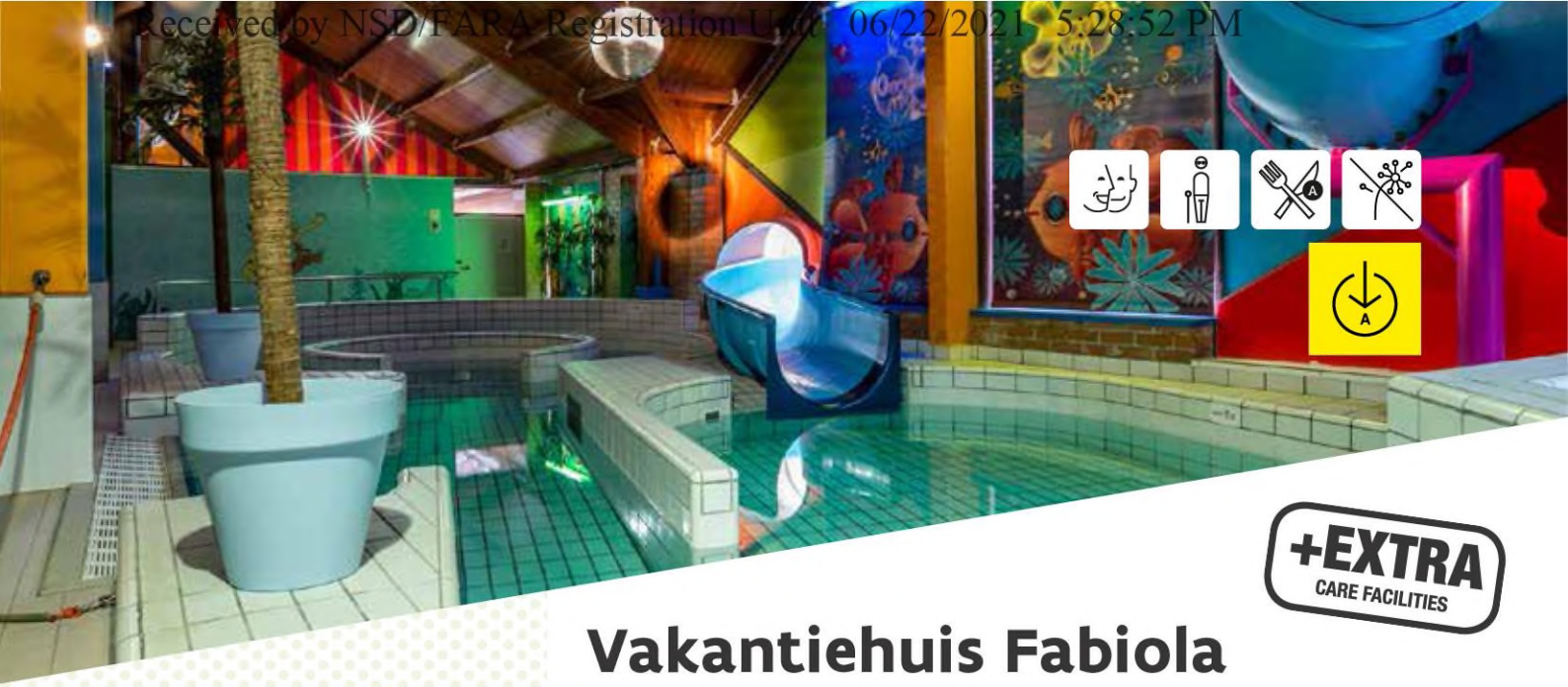

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Holiday home Fabiola is located on the edge of the Hoge Kempen National Park and provides a good base for the various tourist attractions in the area. With its accessible subtropical swimming pool, accessible infrared sauna, sports hall, multiple sports fields and games areas, cycle and go-cart park, and 10 ha of recreational woodland, it has a lot to offer. For families, there are 't Mechels Bos bungalows, while small social groups and families can also stay in the Thomasbos bungalows.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The buildings are easy to reach and are accessible. A few bevelled thresholds can be easily crossed with a wheelchair. De Piramide: double door with door sections each 80 cm wide. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. Here and there the clearance and space is a bit tight, but you can reach all the areas easily.

Dining room / multipurpose area
In all buildings there are accessible dining rooms. The doors are at least 80 cm wide. Here and there the space and clearance is limited, but sufficient for practical use. There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
In the various buildings there are easily accessible toilets present with sufficient space and 1 or 2 safety rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Here and there the space and clearance is limited, but sufficient for practical use. The doors are at least 80 cm wide. The accessible rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The main building has 41 accessible beds, De Piramide has 10 accessible beds and the Efro Center has 38 accessible beds. You have a choice of various bathrooms in the room or in the corridor. In each building at least 1 bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower (wheel)chair, armrests and sufficient space. Each building also has one toilet with sufficient space and 1 or 2 safety rails, and a washbasin suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
Care can be externally hired. Available at the accommodation: shower wheelchairs, hoists, height adjustable beds and baths, massage tables, adapted (wheelchair) bikes and all-terrain wheelchairs. The duvets, pillows and mattresses have anti-dust mite labels. The kitchen takes food allergies and medical and religious diets into account. The accommodation is suitable for people with a learning disability. House 2 is adapted for people with a visual impairment.

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Vakantiecentrum Schootshei Dilsen-Stokkem

Holiday centre Schootshei is situated in Dilsen-Stokkem, along the Zuid-Willemsvaart canal and near the Dutch border. A large grassland and woods are available. Mountain bike and kayak facilities are nearby. A large refectory, and both small and large dormitories with beds can be provided.

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3650 Dilsen-Stokkem (Rotem)
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info@schootshei.be
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a 3 cm step on the access path. The clearance behind the small gate is a bit tight, but manageable. You may need assistance on the gravel, but generally a well accessible path is provided.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. Free space and clearance around the doors and corridors is limited but manageable.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is a 4.5 cm step at the entrance to the dining room. There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables. The multi-purpose room in another building has a 77 cm-wide door with a 3 cm step.
Communal toilet
You may need assistance to open the double doors on this route. The clearance in the recess is limited but manageable with a bit of manoeuvring. Beside the toilet you have 83 cm space but only 66 cm in front of the toilet due to the position of the wash-basin. Safety rails are fitted. There is roll-under washbasin but the space in front of it is limited.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The 2 dormitories for 24 and 26 persons are accessible. Possibility of 20 accessible beds after moving some of the beds. There is a 3 cm step to enter the dormitory for 24 persons, and 9 cm in the other dormitory. The door to the dormitory for 24 persons is 81 cm wide. Free space between beds is limited to between 90 and 95 cm (photo 2), but it is possible to move them. In the shared showers there is a movable shower seat with removable armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient clearance. The tap is operated with a push button at fixed height.

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De Royer Brem Meeuwen-Gruitrode

De Royer Brem is a campsite with a beautiful location on the edge of the recreational area De Duinengordel with a surface area of 3,000 ha. You will find hiking paths, biking routes, swimming ponds, horse riding routes, playing forests, etc. there. The accommodation also has a playground, tent space for 250 persons and an adventure forest.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is enough circulation space and the tables are suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails (picture 2). The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
5 accessible rooms without beds on the ground floor that can be used as dormitories. In every room there are about 6 accessible dormitories. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with mobile seat (not included in the picture) and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3).

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets or fabric coverings.

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Sporta Spot Maasland Maaseik

Sporta Spot Maasland is located in a meander of the river Maas in the gravel mining region of Heerenlaak. This accommodation has a fully equipped kitchen and separate eating and recreational areas. Besides the extensive offering of aquatic sports, near the beach pavilion you can also enjoy archery, a speleo box, a BMX course, a teambuilding obstacle course and 2 beach volleyball courts. The centre is open all year round and has special customised arrangements for sports clubs, schools, associations, etc.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The path is made of gravel. It is best to drive up to the paved path in front of the entrance and get out there. The door is rather heavy to be opened independently.

Passageways and level differences
All areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible. A few doors are on the heavy-side to be opened independently and the manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is tight.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The double door panels are 84 cm wide. Adequate circulation space (photo 2). There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
Circulation space in the toilet is tight but adequate, requiring a bit of manoeuvring. Free space next to and at an angle to the toilet is adequate. The location of the washbasin makes mounting and dismounting impossible directly in front of the toilet (photo 3). There are grab rails, though they are short and far apart.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible rooms (numbers 4 and 10, together 4 accessible beds). The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is limited but functional with some manoeuvring or assistance. Roll-in shower with shower wheelchair and plastic chair with arms. The free space next to the chair is somewhat hindered by a wall running at an angle. There is no problem dismounting and mounting in front of and at an angle to the seat. The toilet has adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails, although they are rather short and far apart. Manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is limited.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take allergies and preferences into account.

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Chirodroom Bilzen

The Chirodroom is located on the Kapelhof Estate, a recreational complex offering three football pitches, a Finnish jogging track, etc. You will also find a playground, swimming pools, a sports hall and a forest in the vicinity. The accommodation offers a large hall, a bar, kitchen, meeting room and more. The Chirodroom is not rented out as weekend accommodation during the school year.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You can avoid the gravel in the car park by driving your car up to the bricks in front of the building. There is a decent, paved path leading from the public road. There is easy access with adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space (photo 2) and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet in the shared bathroom has adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl. Support rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The meeting room on the ground floor can be used as an adapted bedroom for two wheelchair users. No beds are provided. The adapted bathroom (photo 3) is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The seat is positioned at a height of 44 cm. Support rails are provided, but are positioned far apart. The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, but the top is 95 cm high.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere. The bedrooms upstairs have acoustic ceilings that cushion the noises of the surroundings.

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Het Klokhuis Borgloon

In the beautiful village of Gors-Opleeuw, the former elementary school has been transformed into a friendly place to stay for groups, associations and families. Herberg Het Klokhuis is situated on a junction of the cycle route network and near the Zammelen natural park, making it the ideal starting point for exploring the region.

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3840 Borgloon (Gors-Opleeuw)
+32 12 74 77 94
info@herberghetklokhuis.be
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible. A few heavy doors are more difficult to open and the manoeuvring space at some doors is also tight.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance in the dining room and tables suitable for use from a wheelchair are present (height 67 cm).

Communal toilet
The turning space is tight, but functional. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 1) on the ground floor. There are three accessible beds in this room (photo 2). The space in front of the door to the room and next to the door handle is a little tight, but appears sufficient for unobstructed use. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance (photo 3). You use the communal toilet.

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De Bosuil Neerpelt

The Bosuil is situated near the centre of Sint-Huibrechts-Lille, in a quiet area near the forest chapel. In the grounds of this youth centre you will also find a cafeteria, playground, swimming pool and sports ground. You can pitch your tent in the camping meadow. A recreational woodland is nearby.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is more than sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The tables are suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Communal toilet
There is no separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the communal bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible room (10 accessible beds) (photo 2). The space between the beds is a bit tight here and there, but getting around is OK. The beds are 37 cm in height. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. Next to the seat you only have 60 cm. The toilet wall makes a complete sideways transfer difficult, but if you position yourself slightly diagonally it will probably work. You may need a little help here. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the pillows and mattresses have a washable synthetic cover.

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Chikabo Lommel

You will find this youth centre in the Limburg Kempen in rural surroundings. You can romp to your heart's content in the large playground or use the playing fields of a nearby school. So, you will also find here a football field, basketball pitch and volleyball pitch. A football field, a basketball pitch and a volleybal pitch are also closeby. There are no beds, so bring your own mat.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The condition of the access path is less than perfect in places. Otherwise, it is accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible. There are a few doors that are 77 cm wide. The space next to the door handle is limited around many doors and the turning space in front of the door is tight here and there.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The tables are suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Communal toilet
There is no separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the communal bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The 4 rooms on the ground floor that can be used for sleeping (photo 2) are reached via doors that are 77 cm wide from the dining room. There are no beds. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat with foldable armrests. There is sufficient space beside, in front of (96 cm) and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space; the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use. The fixed safety rail on the wall is a bit far from the toilet. The clearance is perhaps a bit tight, but certainly usable.

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Scoutsheem Lommel Lommel

The scouts of Lommel are based in an area with lots of woods on the outskirts of Lommel. Nearby you will find sports and playing fields, a swimming pool, a recreational park, and much more. Six rooms are provided which you can use as dormitories or multi-purpose space. There is space for tents.

Nieuwe Kopen 4
3920 Lommel
huur@scoutinglommel.be
www.scoutinglommel.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. The doors to the multi-purpose spaces / dormitories are only 77 cm wide, which is just wide enough for standard wheelchairs. Clearance at some of the doors is limited but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
A toilet with sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet seat, is available in the adapted shared bathroom. The toilet seat is 56 cm high. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
6 accessible rooms without beds (photo 2) and 1 accessible bathroom. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests, and sufficient space beside, in front of, and diagonally in front of the seat. The tap is on the same wall as the seat (photo 3). The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space; there is roll-under washbasin.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Chiroheem Sint-Lambertus Hechtel-Eksel

This youth centre is in the centre of Hechtel, in the middle of the Limburg Kempen. The building has 5 rooms, an equipped kitchen and a sanitary room. In 4 rooms there are beds available during the summer holiday period. You can enjoy yourself on the playing field behind the building, where you can also pitch your tents.

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3940 Hechtel-Eksel (Hechtel)
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verhuur@chirojongenshechtel.be
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
On the rather steep slope leading to the entrance you may need a bit of a push (photo 1). Otherwise easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
In the largest room the tables are suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Communal toilet
There is no separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the communal bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 4 rooms on the ground floor that can be used for sleeping (photo 2). Beds are available in the summer holiday period. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space beside (83 cm), in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space beside it (82 cm next to the toilet). The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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Chiro KSA heem Tessenderlo

Chiro - Ksa heem Tessenderlo is quietly located near the nature and forests surrounding Tessenderlo, but also close to the village centre. It offers well-equipped rooms and a spacious site. Ideal for (tent) camping and weekend trips.

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3980 Tessenderlo
kampplaats.chiro-ksa.tessenderlo@outlook.com
www.chiro-ksa.be/

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easy to reach and accessible.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide. Dining room / multipurpose area The rooms are easily accessible. There are wheelchair accessible tables.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The rooms are easily accessible. There are wheelchair accessible tables.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space in the toilet in the communal adapted bathroom and there are grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The 3 rooms that serve as dormitories are easily accessible and each have at least 2 accessible sleeping places. There are no beds. The adapted bathroom has a shower with a seat and grab rails. The washbasin is underneath.

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Jeugdlokalen Haeidonck Tessenderlo

In the green Tessenderlo you will find, among other things, beautiful biking routes, short and long hiking routes, quiet paths, the accessible 'Rolwagenpad', the 'Bosmuseum' (forest museum) and the tourist office tower in the beautiful, extensive silence and nature area Gerhagen. Next to the camping terrain of the scouting room (where you can pitch tents) there are another two big playing fields (total surface area of 25,000 m²). Next to the rooms there is a paved sports field for basketball or volleyball. In front of the rooms there is a parking lot for a couple of vehicles and there is spacious bicycle storage.

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www.scoutshulst.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is circulation space and the tables accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 dormitories with a total of 18 accessible beds (picture 2) and 6 rooms without bed that can be used as dormitories. In each of those rooms there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3).

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‘t Heuvelken Tessenderlo

‘t Heuvelken is beautifully situated adjacent to the nature and recreation area of Gerhagen and the ‘de Merode’ forests. You can enjoy 500 hectares of nature, sports and relaxation. There are 2 buildings: the accessible country house sleeps 56 people and the main building is suitable for 150 people.

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www.heuvelken.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You are best off driving right up to the entrance to avoid the cobblestones on the access path. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main areas are located on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space in the multifunctional space. The tables are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the communal bathroom has sufficient turning and positioning space. There are grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is 1 adapted room with 1 single bed and plenty of space. The bathroom has a level access shower with shower seat, grab rails and sufficient positioning space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
The mattresses are anti-allergic and washable.

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Heideven Peer

Youth and tourist accommodation Heideven is located in the Limburg municipality of Kleine-Brogel, a small formerly independent municipality of Peer, on the edge of an expansive forest area. Heideven, with its brand new complex surrounded by nature, offers comfort, peace, space and tranquillity for optimal enjoyment of its environment.

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3990 Peer (Kleine-Brogel)
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info@heideven.be
www.heideven.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables.

Communal toilet
There is adequate turning and manoeuvring space in the toilet in the communal bathrooms and grab rails are available. It is possible to increase the height of the toilet seat on the toilet.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is one accessible sleeping area with room for four accessible beds on the ground floor. The two communal bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a shower seat and grab rails. There is 85 cm of manoeuvring space next to the seat and 100 cm in front of it. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: anti-allergy fabrics are used and there are no carpets.

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Hoogveld Zedelgem

Domein Hoogveld is a youth accommodation centre near Bruges and the coast, situated in a wonderful park. With its unique castle, the picturesque Farmhouse, the spacious Pavilion and the converted Country House, Hoogveld is the ideal base for a wonderful group stay. The Pavilion building has been awarded A-label certification. The Country House s is also accessible but has not yet achieved certification. All groups are welcome to this former private estate of Baron van Zuylen.

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+32 50 27 79 14
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www.hoogveld.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The stamped earth access path is fairly easy to use with a wheelchair. A slope bridges a small threshold at the doors of the Country House and the Pavilion. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms in the Pavilion are on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide, although there is a narrowing that is 99 cm wide on the way to the rooms. In the Country House, a good elevator takes you to the upstairs rooms and the relaxation area.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Sufficient clearance. There are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
In the Pavilion, you can use the toilet ub the accessible bathroom in the corridor. In the Landhuis, the space in the communal adapted toilet is limited. There is only space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. Grab rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Pavilion: 2 accessible rooms (6 accessible beds in total) and an accessible bathroom in the corridor. The lower bed of the bunk beds is quite low (41 cm). There is a roll-in shower with shower seat (38 x 32 cm) and grab rails. There is sufficient positioning and turning space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The low toilet has grab rails and sufficient space, the sink is wheelchair accessible. There is sufficient circulation space. Country House: there are 3 adapted rooms, of which only room 1 on the floor is freely accessible. The space in front of the door is limited. In the bathroom, the positioning and turning space is tight. There is a shower chair with fixed armrests. The toilet has grab rails. The sink has limited wheelchair access.

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Merkenveld - Hopper Jeugdverblijf - Zedelgem

Merkenveld is located in the rural municipality Loppem (Zedelgem), 10 km south of Bruges and 20 km away from the coast. The youth accommodation itself has 20 ha play forest and 10 ha camping meadow, and lies right next to 70 ha nature area. Merkenveld can be reached quickly with bicycle, bus and train. There is a path connecting the main building with the parking area, the building, the playing field, the chapel, the pond, the fire pit, some camping areas, and the sanitary block. This way you can easily move around the building in a wheelchair. All outside doors are wheelchair accessible.

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8210 Zedelgem (Loppem)
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merkenveld@hopper.be
www.merkenveld.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
To avoid the earth access path you can drive up to the entrance of the building. There is a reserved parking space there. The wheelchair accessible path is at the same level of the sanitary block of building Spinder. The entrance has no threshold and is wide enough.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The horizontal circulation in the building is wide enough but not without thresholds in all places. A route without thresholds has been outlined, in which the level differences in the courtyard and on the parking lot are solved by a sloping surface.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space in hall Spinder and the big refectory Fourage. The tables accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet at refectory Fourage has sufficient space next to and at an angle to the toilet bowl. In front of the toilet bowl you have 94 cm. There is also a good toilet in the adapted bathroom of building Spinder.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 rooms on the ground floor of Spinder are accessible (Verkenner, Kapoen and Kabouter). They each have 4 accessible beds (picture 2). The space behind the door is narrow, but usable. The communal bathroom has a narrow shower with mobile shower seat with detachable armrests (picture 3). There is sufficient space. The toilet has grab rails and sufficient space. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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Chiroheem Kantekleer Avelgem

Chiroheem Kantekleer lies in the village of Avelgem along the river Schelde in West Flanders. The towns of Kortrijk, Waregem, Oudenaarde, Ronse and Doomik are nearby and are easily accessible by bus. The encampment consists of two central farmyards, with two 60 m2 covered courtyards, a number of day rooms, a playing field and a camp fire location. Tents can also be set up in the grounds.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The space behind the door to the girls' dormitory is tight, but usable. It is otherwise well accessible. There is a short but steep slope at the entrance to the boys' dormitory via the kitchen. The other entrance is well accessible.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The corridor to the sleeping room is 120 cm wide. Dining room / multipurpose area There is sufficient clearance in the dining room in the boys courtyard building and there are roll-under tables suitable for wheelchair users (photo 2).

Communal toilet
In the communal bathroom in the girls' dormitory, there is an easilyaccessible toilet with sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible dormitory without beds on the ground floor of the girls' dormitory. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with a shower chair fitted with folding armrests. There is sufficient space next to, in front of (96 cm) and diagonally in front of the seat. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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De Pannenhoeve Alveringem

This well-equipped camping site has space for 43 people and is just 3 km away from the French border, in the beautiful Westhoek area. During the summer months, tents can be put up for another 50 people on the pastures near the building. The large playing area and lake with its overhanging terraces will undoubtedly tempt your group. The cosy club house is sufficiently far away from the dormitories.

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8691 Alveringem (Leisele)
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, with sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide, with the exception of a 100 cm narrowing.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
There is an easily accessible toilet with sufficient space and fitted with safety rails in the communal bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Two accessible dormitories with a total of two easily accessible beds (59 cm high) on the ground floor. The positioning space behind the bedroom door and in front of the bathroom door is tight, but manageable. The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (33 x 33 cm) and safety rails. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

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De Pannenhoeve - ‘t Vorgas Alveringem

Pannenhoeve is situated on a working farm in the border municipality of Leisele and is primarily aimed at youth camps. The comfort, the large playing field, the farm animals and the unique location ensure that almost every group will quickly feel at home. The farmhouse sleeps 90 people and there is sufficient tent space on the surrounding grass. The self-catering kitchen is fitted with modern appliances.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The car park is laid with gravel, but you can also drive up to the paved area. From there, you’ll have no trouble entering, although the door is a bit heavy to open yourself.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient space. The tables are wheelchair friendly. The terrace is also accessible, with no obstacles. On the terrace, the tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in one of the two adapted bathrooms. There, you have sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Two of the six rooms each have a bed that has sufficient turning space on one side. The beds are very high. In both accessible bathrooms, there is a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The seat is placed rather high. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
The linear layout of the building makes it easy to navigate for blind and visually impaired people. Colour contrasts are largely present. There is no carpet and no fabric upholstery.

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Hernieuwenburg - Vogelsang Wielsbeke

On the 10 ha grounds of Hernieuwenburg, in addition to the Vogelsang youth centre there is also a castle, a farmyard, an outdoor swimming pool and miniature golf. In the area there are various pleasant hiking and cycle paths, including alongside the Leie. Sports and playing fields are close by. You cook your own meals.

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www.wielsbeke.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Part of the access path is cobbled. It has been laid well so that it can be used easily with a wheelchair. There is also a possibility of driving up to the entrance. Inside there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Double door with door sections of 82 and 84 cm wide. There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is no separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible room (photo 2) (2 accessible beds) with bathroom (photo 3). Here and there the space and clearance is tight, but sufficient for practical use. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use.

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't Haantje Ruiselede

't Haantje is the beating heart of a small parish in the country. This complex has a large party room with stage, several meeting rooms, a fully equipped kitchen, excellent sanitary facilities and three spacious dormitories. The area is ideal for cycling or mountain bike tours and hiking in the woods or across the rolling fields.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is ample circulation space (photo 2).

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide. The separate panels of one double door on the way are 81 cm wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Comfortable amount of circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 1).

Communal toilet
There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet in the communal bathroom. There is 97 cm of space in front of the toilet. Handrails are available.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Easily accessible, spacious sleeping quarters (45 accessible beds). The double door panels leading to the bathroom are 79 cm wide. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat and grab rails. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. There is 112 cm of space in front of the seat. The tap is located on the same wall as the seat. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

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De Miere Meulebeke

De Miere is on the edge of the Ter Borcht sports and recreation area and is therefore a good location for youth movements, sports and woods classes and other socio-cultural youth associations. Bivakhuis De Miere can accommodate groups of up to 60 persons in self-catering. The youth centre is open all year round and is adjacent to a 3000 m2 playing field and woodland.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The multipurpose room in the main building is the most accessible. There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
In the adapted toilet in the rooms, there is sufficient positioning space next to, in front of (115 cm), and diagonally in front of the toilet. There are grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible dormitories (photo 2) and a bedroom (a total of 28 accessible beds). The door to the sanitary block is quite heavy and there is a short but steep slope. The space next to the door handle of the door to the shower and the toilet is limited. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). A wheelchair accessible sink can be found in the toilet in the rooms. The toilet in the sanitary block has sufficient positioning space (108 cm in front of the toilet) and grab rails, although they are quite short.

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Het Rokken Roeselare

Het Rokken is a former chicory kiln on the estate of a farm that dates from 1717 and has been converted into a comfortable bivouac house. It is a rural location on the edge of Roeselare. The accessible bedrooms and sanitary facilities are in De Schuur. In De Ast you will find the kitchen and multi-purpose areas. Het Rokken is open for all groups, young and old. You can go there for holidays, weekends, a mid-week, meetings, retreats and team building.

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8800 Roeselare
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The courtyard is covered with loose gravel (photo 1), which is difficult to cross independently in a wheelchair. Via a path with planks (available at that location) you can move between the buildings. De Schuur has a 3 cm threshold, De Ast has a threshold of 8 cm where a slope can be laid. The positioning and turning space at the door of De Schuur is tight.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The narrowest passage is a corridor that is 118 cm wide in De Schuur.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Good clearance (photo 2). There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
Adapted toilet near the sanitary facilities and bedrooms in De Schuur. The turning space is limited. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is only 81 cm. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible dormitories in De Schuur (a total of 9 accessible beds). The beds are 42 cm high. There is a roll-in shower in the corridor with a low shower seat (33 x 33 cm) and a grab rail (photo 3). Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the seat, in front only 115 cm. The turning space is limited. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.

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Radar vzw - Afrit 9 Lichtervelde

This youth accommodation centre is in Lichtervelde, near the motorway but surrounded by rolling meadows and a recreational woodland area within walking distance. The unique structure of the complex with all buildings situated around a central courtyard provides a cosy atmosphere. You can also set up a tent camp on the premises. You can buy fresh milk, cheese and ice cream in the dairy farm nearby.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The path is in a bad condition here and there. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance. The tables have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
The toilet of the communal bathroom has sufficient positioning space and grab rails, even though they are quite far apart.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The accessible dormitory is reached via a slope. The positioning and turning space behind the door is tight. The space between the beds is tight as well, although they can be moved. The space next to the door handle into the shower is tight. The shower has level access and has sufficient positioning space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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't Huzeke Izegem

The location in the centre of West Flanders makes 't Huzeke an ideal weekend destination. You stay in a simple 'Chiro' accommodation with a well-equipped kitchen and a nice outdoor area.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space (picture 2) and the tables are suitable for wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilet near the multifunctional room has sufficient space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
6 accessible rooms without beds on the ground floor that can be used as dormitories. In every room there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat (picture 3). Grab rails have been provided. The toilet also has enough space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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De Touwladder Moorslede

De Touwladder is in quiet surroundings in the centre of Dadizele. The fully furnished and recently converted centre has four day rooms, a private playground and recreational woods. Ideal for groups that want just that little bit more.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a 4 cm threshold on the access path. Otherwise, it is easily accessible with sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Good clearance. There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
The positioning space next to the door handle and turning space in the toilet is a little tight, but manageable. There is sufficient positioning space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. There is 75 cm of space in front of the toilet. There are grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible dormitories (photo 2) (a total of a minimum of 12 accessible beds, possible extension to 21 beds when moving the beds). The beds are 40 cm high. The doors of the dormitories are 82 cm wide. There is a level access shower in the bathroom in the hallway. There is a movable shower chair with folding armrests that can be positioned as per the user's wish. There is positioning space. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.

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De Iep Ypres

De Iep is located about 2 km (1.25 miles) from the centre of the city of Ypres. This accommodation is in a quiet park surrounded by a green belt. Within walking distance of the Menen Gate, De Iep is a unique base for visiting a variety of historic sites in the Westhoek area of Flanders. This accommodation provides full or half board, a dining room with views of the playing field, a recreational room with bar and multimedia area.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You will probably need some assistance to navigate the long, steep incline to the entrance. Adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or easily accessible via a large lift.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Comfortable amount of free space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The turning space in front of the door and in the toilet is tight, but functional. The door is 83 cm wide. The manoeuvring space next to the handle on the inside is limited. There is adequate manoeuvring space at the toilet bowl. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Various larger bedrooms (a total of 10 accessible beds) with adequate circulation space. In the bathroom to the right side of the corridor (limited manoeuvring space next to the handle on the inside) there is a roll-in shower with a rather small shower seat and a grab rail. There is ample free space next to and at an angle to the shower seat, in front is only 100 cm. A plastic shower seat with folding armrests is available. The toilet has a handrail and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
In De Iep all meals are homemade. The cooks have years of experience and a good knowledge of products. So the kitchen can easily work with adapted meals for persons with a food allergy. Of course, it can be recommended to inform the kitchen of these allergies before the start of your stay.

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Ravenhof Ypres

This youth centre is situated half way between Ypres and Poperinge on a real hop farm, which is typical in this region. The house offers plenty of space indoors and outdoors and is a stone's throw from the recreational woodland. In other words, this is a unique camping and weekend location in one of the few places in Flanders where you can enjoy extensive views.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance (photo 2). There is a table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Dormitories 1, 2 and 3 have at least a total of 6 accessible beds, depending on the arrangement. The accessible bathroom is in the largest dormitory 1. There is a roll-in shower with movable shower chair with folding armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the chair. The toilet also has sufficient space and safety rails. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

Extra
There is no carpet. Colour contrasts are largely present.

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De Bosgeus Heuvelland

De Bosgeus is situated in the wonderful rolling landscape of the West-Flanders Heuvelland region near the French border. It has many day rooms with facilities for groups staying here. The domain also has two hiker's huts, 1 of which is accessible. Because of the limited size, do take narrow space and clearance into account. Try the house beer in the bar.

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8950 Heuvelland (Nieuwkerke)
+32 472 27 36 27
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www.bosgeus.com

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible via a slope for which you may need some help. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are occasionally narrow but you can pass with a little manoeuvring. Free space is limited beside the door handle at some of the doors.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance (photo 2). There is a table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The Douvebeek toilet near the reception has sufficient free space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The Parquet room Wulvergem has 3 accessible beds. Additional beds can be provided in the Westouter room. This room is next to the Douvebeek sanitary block. The bathroom in the Parquet room Wulvergem has a good roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail (photo 3). Free space beside the seat is 81 cm, and 95 cm in front of the seat. The toilet has sufficient space and safety rails are fitted. The washbasin offers limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath. The sliding door is rather heavy.

Extra
High-low beds are available. There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the mattresses and pillows are anti-allergic. Special meals are available on request.

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Vakantiehuis De Lork Heuvelland

De Lork is located in the most southern tip of the West-Flanders Heuvelland region, on the flank of the highest hill, the Kemmelberg. This youth centre is ideal for all kinds of groups and trips. Various material for lessons, meetings and training seminars is available. For nature school camps, you can use the specially equipped nature workshop called "'t Gapertje". A large gym is also available. In the area you can walk, cycle, go horse riding, swim, visit museums and much more.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Because of its location on the Kemmelberg access is via a steep street that leads to the parking area and the entrance. Accessible via 2 sloping surfaces; with a manual wheelchair you will probably need help. The slope to the left of the patio is a bit less steep and long. There is also a rather steep ramp in the entrance area that is negotiable with help. There is a rather steep slope by the entrance hall where help may be needed.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or easily accessible via a large lift.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Comfortable amount of free space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is free space next to and at an angle to the toilet in the entrance hall. In front, space is limited (65 cm). The toilet is useable, but circulation and free space in the toilet are a bit tight. Handrails are present. The toilet in the accessible bathroom around the corner is a good alternative (photo 2).

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
4 accessible bedrooms and bathrooms (numbers A11, A16, B11 and B16, together 11 accessible beds, depending on requirements 75 accessible beds are possible). Space in the bedrooms is tight. All bathrooms include a roll-in shower with a small shower seat and the tap is positioned behind you. With only 30 cm free space next to the seat, a sideways transfer is impossible. In front of the seat, there is 90 cm of free space. The toilets have handrails and the washbasins accommodate wheelchairs. There is adequate free and circulation space in the hallway bathroom (photo 2 and 3). A bath and hoist are also present.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: synthetic duvets are available and not a lot of fabric coverings are used.

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Monsalvaet, Lanceloot and Parsifal - Heuvelland

Monsalvaet, Lanceloot and Parsifal are located next to each other at the base of Rode Berg. Monsalvaet has 52 beds and Parsifal has 40 beds and a cosy room with fireplace. With its 8 bedrooms and lovely garden, Lanceloot is well suited to smaller groups (retreats, family gatherings, ...).

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
At Monsalvaet you may need some assistance opening the double door. Parsifal has a 4-cm threshold.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The hallways are adequately wide, but you are required to pass through a number of doors that are 80 cm wide and to negotiate a few steeper inclines. At Lanceloot the door is in a niche, so you may need some help to open it.
Dining room / multipurpose area
In Monsalvaet and Lanceloot you may need some assistance opening a double door. Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 2).
Communal toilet
The adapted communal toilet in Monsalvaet is too narrow, but the toilet in the bathroom in the sanitary pavilion is a good alternative.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Lanceloot: Accessible bedroom ('Ronde Tafel', 2 accessible beds). Roll-in shower with shower seat (35 x 35 cm) and a handrail. Free space in front of the seat is 90 cm. The toilet has handrails. There is free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs. There is limited space behind the bathroom door.
Parsifal: Accessible bedroom (on ground floor, 2 accessible beds) with separate bathroom (photo 3). Roll-in shower with shower seat (35 x 35 cm) and handrail. Adequate free space at shower seat and toilet. The toilet has handrails and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.
Monsalvaet: 1 accessible bedroom (2 accessible beds) with bathroom in the sanitary pavilion. Roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail. There is adequate free space at the shower seat and toilet. The toilet has safety rails and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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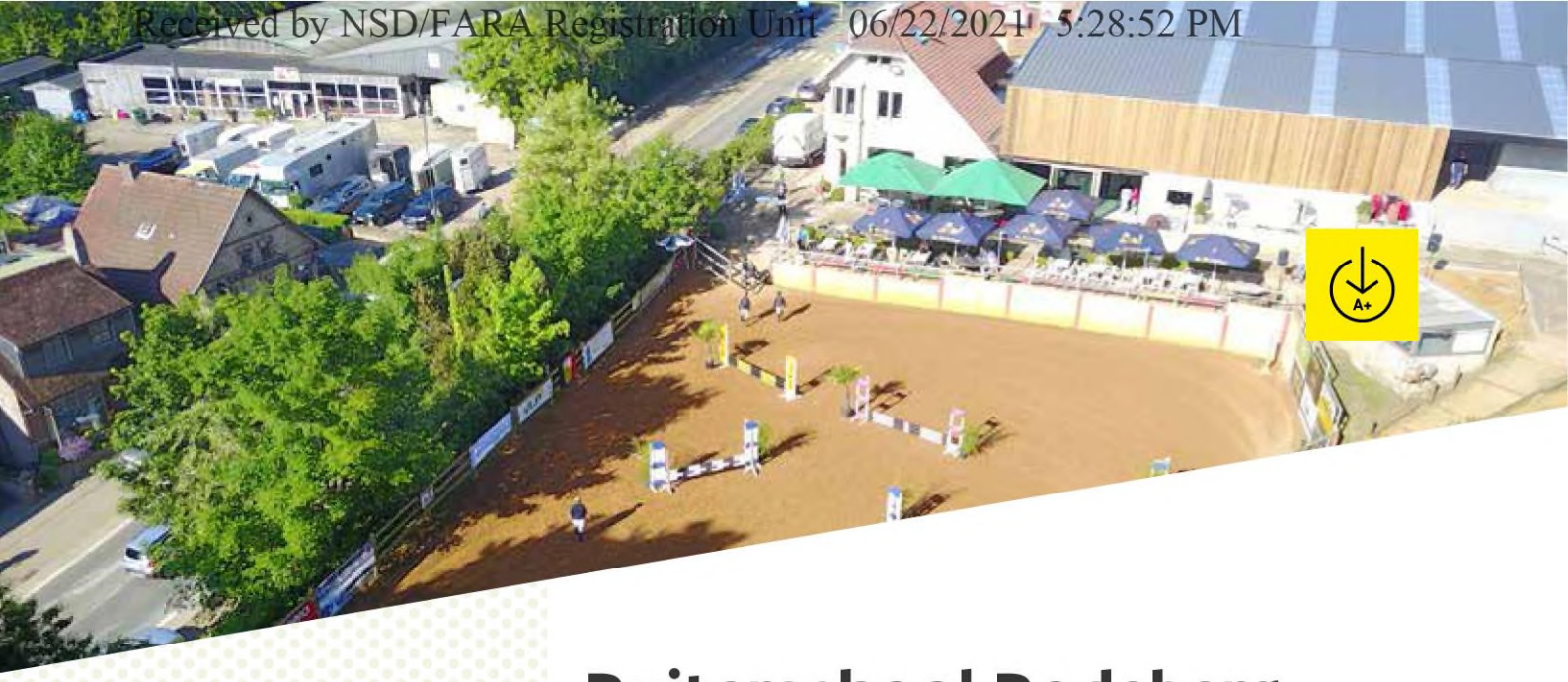

Ruiterschool Rodeberg Heuvelland

Heuvelland, where the Rodeberg Equestrian School is located, offers numerous possibilities and both sporty types and those who enjoy a quieter life are catered for. A selection from what's on offer includes: local wine tasting, a drink of picon on a cosy terrace combined with a beautiful walk, mountain bike tours, bike rides, electric bike rental in the immediate vicinity, scooters, golf carts, massage, and more. Children are equally spoiled for choice as they can help out with the ponies in the meadow, take care of them, enjoy a first riding lesson, or help feed them. There is a nice play corner, with all kinds of games for young and old. In addition to the equestrian sports camps, the accommodation is also suitable for trips with friends, company packages, family reunions, equestrian packages, cyclists, hikers, or a combination of all these groups.

Rodebergstraat 21
8954 Westouter
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info@ruiterschoolrodeberg.be
www.ruiterschoolrodeberg.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and wheelchair-accessible tables are available. The terrace has level entry access.

Communal toilet
The common adapted toilet at the entrance has sufficient space. Grab rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is one well-accessible bedroom with bathroom. There are 4 bunk beds in the room. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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Het Dorpshuis Haringe Poperinge

Het Dorpshuis is a former school building located in Haringe, close to the French border. The building has a well-equipped kitchen, large day room and thirteen dormitories with beds. Outside there is a grassy area and a paved area.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Apart from a 3 cm threshold at the pavement and a short slope at the door the access path and entrance are easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide. Many doors are located in deep alcoves, which makes it harder to reach the handle.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room is easily accessible, but the handle on the sliding door is hard to grip. There is adequate room and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the tables. The doors to the two multi-purpose rooms are 80 cm wide.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom in the corridor has adequate space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Rooms 1 and 3 are accessible. Room 1 is equipped with two accessible beds, room 3 has three accessible beds. In room 1 there is 120 cm of turning space next to the beds and plenty of space in room 3. There is an adapted bathroom in the corridor available. It has a roll-in shower with a seat (35 x 40 cm), adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the sink and the tap has a push button.

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Outside Tipi's Poperinge

Looking for a unique accommodation for your event? The Outside Tipis in Poperinge are the ideal base for a successful teambuilding weekend or an exciting hen party. The tipis are located in the middle of the Adventure Park. This means you can take part in activities and sleep on the same site. If you'd like to venture further afield, the centre of Poperinge can be reached on foot (1.5km). There are two tipi fields, located 200 metres apart. There are 10 camp beds per tipi, so, you only need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. If your group is larger, you can pitch tents around the tipis. When staying in the tipis, you can use the sanitary facilities in the Adventure Park. Both the tipi fields have a fire pit, so you can create a cosy campfire.

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8970 Poperinge
+32 57 33 87 01
info@outsidetravel.be
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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some help on the first part of the entry path laid with dolomite gravel, although the surface is quite hard. The doors to the cafeteria and the sanitary facilities are a bit too heavy to open unaided, but the buildings are otherwise easily accessible.

Passageways and level differences
Good paths connect the different buildings. There are no bumps. The tipis can only be accessed via gravel and grass, but there is an alternative sleeping arrangement (request in advance).

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is enough space both in the Wakebar cafeteria and the multi-functional Beach room. The tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the sanitary building has adequate space and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The tipis are somewhat difficult to access due to the grass and gravel surface. You can stay in an accessible room in the building with the sanitary facilities if you request this in advance. There are a maximum of two accessible sleeping places. There is a roll-in shower with a shower wheelchair with large back wheels and removeable arm rests. The space in front of the door is a little tight.

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Plokkersheem Poperinge

In the centre of the border town Watou, full of art, rest and space, there is the charming Plokkersheem consisting of De Plokker (60 beds) and De Hoppe (20 beds). De Hoppe is very suitable for smaller groups. Both parts can be booked together or separately.

Douvieweg 14
8978 Poperinge (Watou)
+32 493 55 78 46
info@plokkersheem.be
www.plokkersheem.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
A part of the access path consists of dolomite and pebbles. However, you can drive the car up to the bricks at the entrance. You can reach the entrance of both buildings via a properly sloping surface, but the flat circulation space in front of the door of De Hoppe is limited to 122 cm.

Passageways and level differences
In both buildings the most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You may need help with opening the double doors to the refectories in both buildings. There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are suitable for wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilets in the adapted bathrooms of both buildings have sufficient space and grab rails (picture 2).

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
De Plokker has 2 adapted rooms with 2 accessible beds each. The space behind the door is somewhat narrow, but usable. De Hoppe has 1 adapted room with 2 accessible beds. Here the space in front of the chamber door and next to the bathroom door is narrow, but also usable. Both buildings have adapted bathrooms with roll-in showers with seat (picture 3) and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. There is 1 bracket in each of them. The washbasin in the bathroom of De Plokker accommodates wheelchairs in a limited way, the washbasin in De Hoppe is suitable for wheelchairs.

Extra
Plokkersheem is a self-catering property. Catering can be provided after consultation: ranging from a well-prepared sandwich meal to fresh, home-made hot dishes. These naturally take any (food) allergies communicated in advance into account. The mattresses and pillows are anti-allergic.

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Den Bosduiker Sint-Niklaas

Den Bosduiker is just 2 km away from the centre of and the station in Sint-Niklaas (15 minutes walk). And yet you will be staying in beautiful countryside. The grounds have a lighted playing field and adjacent recreational woodland. On the enclosed grounds even the youngest can enjoy themselves in complete safety. A campfire bowl with the necessary wood is present. You can also pitch tents at the edge of the playing field.

Iepenstraat 78C
9100 Sint-Niklaas
+32 478 19 66 85
olmenverhuur@gmail.com
www.olmenverhuur.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is reached via a path consisting of grass and hard soil. It is quite accessible, but you may need some assistance. The door is 83 cm wide, but you can also enter through the wider door of the dining room.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible. The positioning space next to the door handles is often tight.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and the tables have limited wheelchair accessibility.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient clearance. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Accessible sleeping area without beds on the ground floor. Roll-in shower with shower wheelchair with safety rails and sufficient space for making your transfer. The shower wheelchair has small wheels so you cannot use it on your own (photo 3). You use the adapted communal toilet. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.

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Puytvoet - De Blokhut Sint-Niklaas

Puytvoet is a green area on the edge of the city Sint-Niklaas in the Waasland region, the ideal place for summer camps and weekends. The terrain is approx. 7.5 ha big. There are four houses for campers, three big playgrounds, a lawn, camping grounds and forests, a chapel, two covered retreats and a sanitary block. De Blokhut is equipped with all comfort and can receive up to 40 persons.

Puitvoetstraat 91A
9100 Sint-Niklaas
puytvoet@skynet.be
www.puytvoet.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access road is made of earth. You can drive the car up to the paved strip next to De Blokhut and reach the entrance this way. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible room on the ground floor with 2 accessible beds (picture 2). The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3). The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: no carpets or fabric coverings are used.

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Tarsicius-lokaal (Puytvoet) Sint-Niklaas

The Tarsicius building is located in the middle of a green area on the outskirts of Sint-Niklaas. This rich woodland environment of "Puytvoet" also has large grassy and sandy play areas. The accommodation is equipped with all the modern comforts for 40 guests (55 guests during the summer holiday) and has several rooms, a fully-equipped, stainless steel kitchen and all the sanitary facilities you would expect.

Puitvoetstraat 91 bus C
9100 Sint-Niklaas
lokaalverhuur@sint-tarsicius.be
www.sint-tarsicius.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access road is a dirt track. You can drive your car to the adapted car park and access the entrance via a paved path. Otherwise, it has easy access and adequate circulation space.

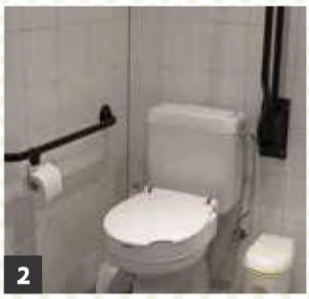
Passageways and level differences
All the rooms that can be rented are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has adequate space and is fitted with support rails (photo 2).

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are three rooms that can be used as adapted dormitories. They offer a total of approximately 15 accessible sleeping places. Beds are not provided. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat with foldaway armrests and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.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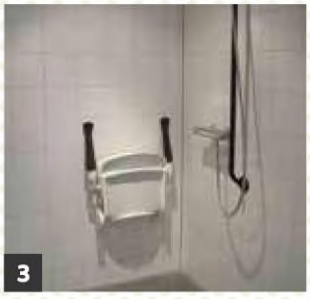
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Lokalen Jongenschiro Belsele - Sint-Niklaas

This accommodation is located in the centre of Belsele, within walking distance from shops, playgrounds, forests and the station. There are four large rooms, sanitary facilities and a kitchen with limited equipment.

Hof van Belsele 2
9111 Sint-Niklaas (Belsele)
+32 479 64 78 70 (after 6PM)
verhuur.chirostaderas@gmail.com
www.chirobelsele.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under in the four rooms, which can also be used as dining rooms.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has adequate space and is fitted with support rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are four rooms that can be used as adapted dormitories (photo 2). Each room has at least two accessible sleeping places. Beds are not provided. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat with foldaway armrests and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Axlandhoeve Sint-Niklaas

The 'Axlandhoeve' was a dairy farm for many years. After extensive alterations, some of the stables were converted into a comfortable youth hostel. Some are occupied by animals for the kids farm. A large playing field is available and you have 2 large day spaces inside, next to the refectory.

Stenenmuurstraat 64
9112 Sint-Niklaas (Sinaai-Waas)
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+ 32 494 70 65 83
jeugdverblijf@axland.be
http://jeugdverblijf.axland.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and roll-under tables are present.

Communal toilet
A toilet with sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet seat, is available in the adapted shared bathrooms. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible bedroom with 3 accessible beds (photo 2) and 2 accessible bathrooms. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat, safety rails and sufficient space beside, in front of, and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space; there is a roll-under washbasin.

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Chirolokalen WIJ Sinaai Sint-Niklaas

Chirolokalen WIJ is located close to the centre of Sinaai, a formerly independent municipality of Sint-Niklaas and the most rural municipality in Waasland. The chiro (youth movement) site is located in front of the centre, where it is possible to pitch tents. There is a football pitch and playground with play equipment in front of it. There are several forests to play in within a radius of one kilometre. The building offers four large rooms of approximately 45 m², a fitted kitchen and good sanitary facilities.

Vleeshouwerstraat 4 bus D
9112 Sint-Niklaas (Sinaai-Waas)
+32 471 62 90 91
verhuurchirowijsinaai@gmail.com
www.chirowij.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Some doors are 84 cm wide and/ or have a threshold of 3 or 4 cm. There is otherwise good accessibility with sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is a 4 cm threshold. There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables.

Communal toilet
The space behind the door to the bathroom and in front of the toilet door is tight. There is sufficient space in the toilet and there are grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are two dormitories without any beds as well as four accessible sleeping places. In the communal sanitary facilities there is a roll-in shower with a very small seat (36 x 25 cm) and grab rails. There is adequate space. The tap has a push button. The toilet has been described above.

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Scouts en Gidsen Sint-Franciscus - Sint-Niklaas

These rooms belonging to the Scouts of Sinaai are located in pleasant recreational woodland and are easily reached from the motorway or the nearby station. The rooms are rented all year round. You have 3 rooms, 1 larger room, a sanitation block and an equipped kitchen available.

Wijnveld
9112 Sint-Niklaas (Sinaai)
+32 473 22 55 75
+32 485 11 15 86
(second number only during summer)
verhuur@scoutssinaai.be
www.scoutssinaai.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access path is laid in the woods using wood chips. It is fairly manageable with a wheelchair, but you may perhaps need a push. There is also a possibility of driving up to the entrance. There is a 5 cm threshold. Inside there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor and can be reached via a stone chipping outside path. Due to a special laying technique, this is easy to use in a wheelchair.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You are best advised to use a room from building 1 as a dining room. There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair. The dining room in building 2 has a 15 cm threshold and the door is 76 cm wide.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails have been fitted (photo 2).

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 3 accessible rooms without beds that you can use for sleeping. In the sanitation room there is a roll-in shower and shower wheelchair with removable armrests (photo 3) and tight, functional space for making the transfer. The shower wheelchair has small wheels so you cannot use it on your own. You use the adapted communal toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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Hoogland - De Raap Lokeren

De Raap is a new building in the Hoogland Park. It's completely separate from the other centres and has its "own dedicated area". This old school, situated between the trees and the railway, has been converted into a basic but very comfortable youth centre. They have a playing field and playground and you'll find woods and a park nearby.

Oude Heerweg 178
9160 Lokeren
+32 9 348 24 29
info@hooglandlokeren.be
www.hooglandlokeren.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access path is in poor condition. You may need some help on the slope and when opening the door. There is sufficient circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The door is quite heavy. There is sufficient circulation space. There is a table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but you can use the toilet in the adapted bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible dormitory without beds. The circulation space in the bathroom is tight, but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and grab rails. The seat is 35 cm deep. There is 92 cm of space in front of the seat and 80 cm next to it. The toilet has enough space and grab rails are fitted. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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De Nieuwe Statie Sint-Gillis-Waas

De Nieuwe Statie is located in Sint-Gillis-Waas, a municipality with lots of country roads offering endless walking and cycling options. The hall can accommodate 75 persons and is situated next to a sports field and playground. No beds are available.

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9170 Sint-Gillis-Waas
+32 498 63 26 55
+32 9 210 57 70 (CJT)
bestuurvzw@kljsgw.be
cjt@cjt.be
www.jeugdverblijven.be

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space. The tables are wheelchair accessible. The terrace has level entry access.

Communal toilet
In the adapted communal bathroom you will find a toilet with adequate turning and manoeuvring space. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are four large rooms and one small room that could be used as sleeping areas. They offer a minimum of nine accessible sleeping places. There are no beds. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with a shower seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

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Heidepark Waasmunster

Heidepark is an accommodation and training centre for youth and for anyone in a youthful spirit who wants a few days relaxation or training. With a cordial welcome, friendly service and healthy and tasty meals, Heidepark wants to contribute to every group feeling good during their stay. They have a variety of educational material. In the playing grounds you also have a volleyball field, a small playground and giant board games.

Ommegangsdreef 63
9250 Waasmunster
+32 52 46 00 73
heidepark@chiro.be
www.heidepark.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some assistance on the inclines leading to the gate and to the reception. Inside you have plenty of clearance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.
Dining room / multipurpose area
The door is 80 cm wide; the space next to the handle is limited. There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables.
Communal toilet
The manoeuvring space in the adapted communal toilets is limited. The toilets in the accessible bathrooms are recommended.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible bedrooms (numbers 16 and 17, a total of 10 accessible beds) with sufficient clearance (photo 3). The adapted bathroom is located in sanitary facilities block 2 near the bedrooms. There is a lack of manoeuvring space next to the handle. There is a roll-in shower with a movable shower chair with removable armrests. The manoeuvring space next to the chair is tight, but functional. The toilet has adequate manoeuvring space and one grab rail, though it is positioned diagonally and quite far away. The space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is tight.
Extra
Food allergies or adapted diets represent no obstacle for a stay at Heidepark. Heidepark provides adapted meals if communicated in a timely fashion.

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JVC Schotte Aalst

JVC Schotte offers accommodation options in the green lung of Aalst, next to the city park, Het Ostbroek nature reserve and the play forest, Gerstjens. It is situated close to a very modern sports complex and a stone's throw away from the beautiful city centre. It's the perfect location for youth and sports associations, schools, families and companies.

Kapellekensbaan 14
9300 Aalst
+32 460 20 08 40
reservaties@jvcschotte.be
www.jvcschotte.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The car park, the entry path and the entrance are all easily accessible.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible with a platform lift with automatic doors. The passages are wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room is spacious and there are wheelchair-friendly tables. This kitchen is also accessible.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet on the ground floor has sufficient space and grab rails. The manoeuvring space next to the door on the inside is a little tight.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
In the adapted bedroom on the first floor, there are two bunk beds as well as 3 height adjustable beds that can be fitted with a patient helper. There is sufficient space. The adapted bathroom on the corridor has a roll-in shower, grab rails and sufficient space (113 cm in front of the seat). The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
There are no carpets or fabric upholstery. Upon request, the kitchen can accommodate your food allergies and preferences.

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KLJ Moorsel Aalst

This youth accommodation is located in the Denderstreek region, close to the village core of the rural Moorsel, sub-municipality of Aalst. There is a playground next to the accommodation. You will have 4 rooms, 1 of which is big so that it can be divided in 2 parts, and 3 smaller spaces. There are no beds. In July and August, you can rent a big multi-use hall (Trefcentrum) in addition. You can also pitch tents on the terrain.

Waverstraat 2b
9310 Aalst (Moorsel)
+32 496 25 32 23
ansofiedenijs@hotmail.com
www.klj-moorsel.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
The alternative access path to avoid the stairs at the main entrance is semi-paved and sloping. You may need some help. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the same floor and are accessible without having to cross thresholds. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables accommodate wheelchairs in a limited way (free height 68 cm).

Communal toilet
Both the toilet in the adapted communal bathroom as the toilet near the hall Trefcentrum have sufficient space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories. In every room there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3). The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: no carpets or fabric coverings are used.

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Oud Klooster Dikkele Zwalm

This youth accommodation is located in the postcard picturesque Dikkele, the perfect spot from which to explore the Flemish Ardennes. It is not only youth organisations and schools that can stay here with full room and board for 55 people; under the expertise of the care organisation, vzw Kompas, a weekly programme has been created for people with an intellectual or slight motor disability. The right approach, proper nutrition, great programming, warmth, honest pricing, care and fun are the keywords here.

Brouwerijstraat 4
9630 Zwalm (Dikkele)
+ 32 473 68 56 28
info@jeugdverblijfdikkele.be
www.oudkloosterdikkele.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The doorways are sufficiently wide but you may need help to open some of the double doors.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and a roll-under table is provided (photo 1).

Communal toilet
There is an accessible toilet in the shared bathroom. More information can be found below.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 bedroom (photo 2) with 3 accessible beds, and an accessible bathroom (photo 3). The clearance and space at the entrance to the sanitary space is limited but manageable with assistance. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat, safety rails and sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the seat. The free space around the seat is limited by the washbasin. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space. The roll-under washbasin has a limited height clearance of 66 cm.

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Het Moerashuis Oudenaarde

Close to the centre of Oudenaarde you will find the Donkvijvers. These beautiful surroundings include 40 ha of water area and many hectares of recreational area. Het Moerashuis has been here since 2007, and it is your ideal base for all sorts of adventurous activities on and around the Donk lake. Relax at the end of an exciting day in the bar / restaurant or on the pleasant terrace. You can have fun on the DIY barefoot path or swamp route, or go hiking, cycling or mountain-biking in the Flemish Ardennes.

Donkstraat 50
9700 Oudenaarde
+32 55 20 70 30
info@outsider.be
https://theoutsidervlaamse-ardennen.be/nl/overnachtingen

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some assistance navigating a short, steep diagonal incline from the terrace to the path leading to the entrance. Otherwise there is easy access.

Passageways and level differences
All areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You enter via a double door with sections of 78 and 82 cm wide. There is sufficient clearance and the space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables is tight.

Communal toilet
There is no separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the communal bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
6 accessible rooms (each with 4 accessible beds, making a total of 24) (photo 2). The turning space behind the doors is tight. The beds are only 30 cm high and the distance to the top bed is short (62 cm). The communal bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space, the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use.

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‘t Brielhof Deinze

‘t Brielhof is located in a green oasis in the beautiful Leie Region, near De Brielmeersen Recreational Domain. Thanks to the location near the station and the E17 highway, you can reach your destination quickly and easily. Good insulation and efficient heating result in an energy efficient stay. ‘t Brielhof can accommodate 80 persons: 60 in the building and 20 in tents.

Antoon Van Paryspad 1
9800 Deinze
+32 498 62 85 52
+32 9 210 57 70 (CJT)
verhuur@brielhof.be
www.brielhof.be

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables.

Communal toilet
In the adapted communal bathroom you will find a toilet with adequate turning and manoeuvring space. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are two rooms that can be used as sleeping areas. They offer a minimum of eight accessible sleeping places. There are no beds. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with a shower seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are no carpets or upholstery.

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Ten Berg Merelbeke

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www.tenberg.be

Ten Berg is located in a 5 ha castle estate, a stone's throw from Ghent. De Stobbe is a selfcatering house for large groups with a spacious kitchen, a number of well equipped day rooms and alternating large and small bedrooms. Your hot meal in De Tilk is included. It has a spacious dining and work area, sitting area and kitchenette. About half of the castle park consists of woods. It also has three playing fields where the kids can have fun.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You will probably need some assistance on the cobblestone and gravel path, especially on the initial slope. It is also possible to drive a car up to the entrance. The entrance to De Stobbe via day room A is accessible, but the door is quite heavy. De Tilk has a 5 cm step.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. Some of the doors are quite heavy and free space is sometimes limited, but manageable. This is not a problem in De Stobbe because the doors remain open.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
De Stobbe: toilets in the two common bathrooms in the hallway with sufficient clearance. There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted. De Tilk: the adapted bathroom attached to the bedrooms is preferable.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
De Stobbe: 12 accessible bedrooms with 24 accessible beds in total. You can create extra space in room 1 by folding some of the beds (photo 2). The 2 bathrooms in the corridor have a roll-in shower with seat (44 x 30 cm), ample free space and a safety rail (photo 3). Roll-under washbasin and sufficient clearance.
De Tilk: at least 2 accessible bedrooms (14 accessible beds) with 2 adapted bathrooms. Space at the doors is somewhat tight. There is a roll-in shower with a high seat (32 x 27 cm) and one grab rail. The tap is relatively high. There is adequate manoeuvring space in front of the seat and 79 cm of space next to it. The toilet has one grab rail and enough space. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
On request you can obtain a hoist and anti-allergenic bed linen. There is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere. The kitchen is pleased to take your allergies or ethics-based diet into consideration.

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Kattenberg Aalter

Kattenberg is an attractive, newly built accommodation in Aalter. It is located close to a private forest occupying approximately 3 ha and a large play meadow behind the forest. The agreeable rooms and location make this building the ideal place to organise a camp. The venue is not available for rent during weekends. It has free internet.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, although the space next to the door handle is restricted by an alcove. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has adequate space and is fitted with support rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The large multifunctional room on the ground floor can be divided into three rooms (photo 2), one of which is equipped for wheelchair users and is situated close to the adapted bathroom. This room provides at least two accessible sleeping places. Beds are not provided. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat (36 cm wide), support rails and adequate space next to, in front of (116 cm) and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, although the height is slightly restricted to 68 cm.

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Jeugdlokaal Oepites Zomergem

Oepites youth hall is located in the centre of rural Zomergem, a part of Meetjesland. It is close to the village and sports centre, in the middle of a green oasis. The hall can be rented during the week and weekends for overnight stays (up to a maximum of 60 people), meetings and parties. Due to its own activities, it is not available for rent on Sunday afternoons. There is a large hall, six rooms, extensive sanitary facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and a spacious terrace (as well as several grassy areas/hills to play on).

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space (photo 2) and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has adequate space and is fitted with support rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are three rooms that can be used as adapted dormitories. Each room has at least two accessible sleeping places. Beds are not provided. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat (32 cm deep) (photo 3), support rails and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has been described above. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and fabric coverings are used nowhere.

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Lovendonk (Chirolokaal Sleidinge) - Evergem

This youth accommodation is located in a peaceful residential area, a 5 minute walk from the centre of Sleidinge. In a 15 km radius there are various swimming pools and forests. There is a big playground around the building. The building consists of 11 rooms around a big multipurpose room. There is a well-equipped kitchen. Aside from that there is also a tent area, which offers room for about 100 persons.

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Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space (picture 1) and the tables are suitable for wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the adapted bathroom has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
6 accessible rooms without beds that can be used as dormitories (picture 2). In every room, there are at least 2 accessible sleeping places. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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For anyone that would like to exercise in a green setting, De Boerekreek provincial centre in Sint-Laureins is a dream location. The centre's main assets are organised horse riding and water sports during the holidays. Perhaps you would prefer to explore the region on your own? De Boerekreek is the ideal base for a walk, cycling tour or a day of fishing. Full-board overnight stays are possible for groups of at least 25 people.

Accessibility Information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may require assistance on the access path, which is constructed from cobblestones and compacted earth. You can also park your car close to the accommodation's entrance, from which a level path leads to the door. There is adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide, although there is a double door in one corridor, one section of which is only 80 cm wide. This door is also fairly heavy.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under, although the height of the tables is restricted to 66 cm (photo 2).

Communal toilet
The shared, adapted toilet has adequate space and is fitted with support rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are two adapted ensuites (numbers 1 and 4, each with one accessible bed). The bed is 67 cm high. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a hanging shower seat, support rail and adequate space (photo 3). The toilet in room 4 is fitted with support rails and has adequate space. In room 1, the space next to the toilet is restricted to 79 cm. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, although the height is restricted to 63 cm.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: anti-allergy fabrics are used for the mattresses and pillows, there is no carpet and upon request the meals can be adjusted for almost every intolerance/allergy. Gluten-free bread can also be ordered upon request. There are tactile lines to the desk and inside you can follow the straight hallway walls well.

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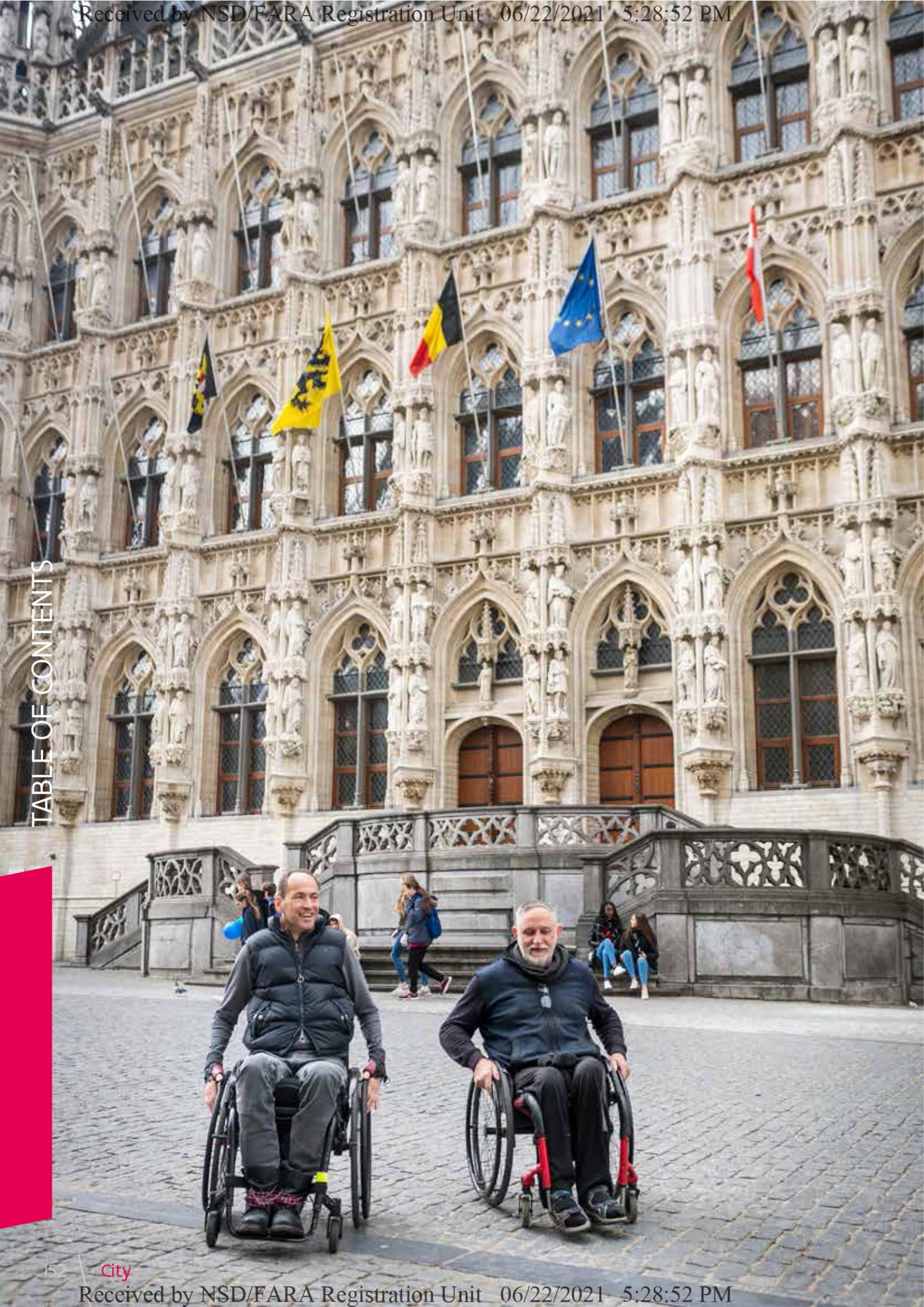

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HOF VAN BUSLEYDEN

In the 16th century palace, you will discover authentic highlights from the Flemish and other Masters. Find out about the stories from the glory-days of Mechelen and the Burgundian Netherlands. Stand eye-to-eye with the Enclosed Gardens: moving, opulent and unique masterpieces with a thousand and one details. These are the 16th century's highlights from anonymous, female artists. The museum is easily accessible via the courtyard garden along Sint-Janstraat. There is a lowered counter that is accessible for wheelchairs. The passages are sufficiently wide and the doors open automatically. The floors are accessible via a good lift. Gentle slopes and an innovative plateau lift bridge any differences in levels between the galleries. Most of the experience elements and exhibits are easily accessible and usable. Most of the gallery texts are easy to read. The shop is also accessible. Portable stools and a wheelchair are available. There are various resting points throughout the museum. There is an adapted toilet with ample space and grab rails. There is an audio induction loop system at the reception desk. You'll find a mixture of sound and images everywhere. The main spoken films feature subtitles. The lift has an audible and visual signal and the buttons are also labelled in braille. Most of the time there are clear guide strips and contrasts, such as lines in LED lighting or differences in colour. This is slightly more difficult to achieve in a room that is predominantly white and in the darker room containing the Enclosed Gardens. Signage is clear and also tactile to some extent. A system of letters, colours and symbols is used to keep everything simple and recognisable. In the next phase, the range of facilities for visitors with a visual and auditory impairment will continue to be developed, for example via modified audio tours and the heritage app which you can use to obtain text information digitally.

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Chocolate Nation

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THE LARGEST BELGIAN CHOCOLATE MUSEUM IN THE WORLD

The word 'Belgium' immediately conjures up images of chocolate. Belgian chocolate is world-famous. The love story between this small country and the sweet deliciousness has been around for generations. In fourteen themed spaces, we take you on a 60 to 90-minute journey through the story of Belgian chocolate. The journey begins in the cocoa plantations at the equator and follows the cocoa bean to the biggest cocoa storage port in Antwerp. A giant fantastical machine shows how Belgian chocolate is made and how its velvety smooth flavour came about. On your journey through the museum, you will find out all about the chocolate traditions, history, brands, products and innovations that lend it its worldwide reputation. And, of course, you can taste away to your heart's content. There is an alternative entrance around the corner. You may need help on the sloping pavement and when opening the door. A small lift (88 x 185 cm) takes you to the exhibition space in the basement. If the entry gate is too narrow, the staff will guide you to an alternative entrance. The visitors route takes you through various rooms that usually have wide automatic doors that open by themselves on a timer. Only the door to the final experience area and the door to the exit are trickier to use. A good lift takes you to the different floors. All the museum areas are very spacious with wide passageways and enough room to manoeuvre. A few experience elements will be difficult to reach for some visitors because they do not provide knee space for wheelchair users. Some of the pedestals with showcases are also too high. Some of the museum areas are very dark, which can make it very difficult for people with visual impairments to navigate the space. The door from the experience areas to the shop is heavy but, otherwise, the shop is accessible. The Octave bar/restaurant can be easily accessed. The tables have restricted wheelchair access. There is an adapted toilet on each floor. Two of the toilets have tight turning space next to the door. The turning space is also tight inside of the toilet; however, you have enough space next to the toilet itself. The toilets always have one grab rail and the sink has knee space for wheelchair users. For deaf people and those with a hearing impairment, a written version of the audio tour texts is available. Some digital screens also have extra subtitling.

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GRUUTHUSE MUSEUM

One of the most evocative buildings in Bruges is the historic Gruuthuse Palace, where the Gruuthuse family resided in style. After a long period of restoration, the luxurious 15th century city palace has opened its doors once again. The museum showcases 500 years of fascinating Bruges history: a rich collection of art, documents and manuscripts bring the stories of the rich and powerful elite to life. The museum also gives you access to the authentic chapel that connects the Gruuthuse Palace to the Church of Our Lady. From this unique private chapel, the palace residents could attend mass in peace, without having to mingle with the common folk. It's not just the palace that was given a makeover. The romantic courtyard was also given a new look, with a glass pavilion that serves as a central information point and ticket desk for the Gruuthuse Museum as well as the Church of Our Lady next door. The Gruuthuse Museum is not accessible for wheelchair users due to the historic nature of the building and the complexity of the different levels. Wheelchair users can, however, visit the brand-new pavilion and the Church of Our Lady. The museum wants to be as inclusive as possible, also for visitors with a sensory impairment. The museum caters to the different senses of its visitors using models and other tactile elements, replicas, adapted audio tours etc. For deaf and hearing impaired visitors, there are alternatives to the audio fragments (subtitles, written texts) and there is a visual guide.

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A NEW HOME FOR THE GHENT ALTARPIECE

In the autumn of 2020, the St. Bavo's Cathedral will open the new visitor centre for the Ghent Altarpiece. Using 'augmented reality' glasses, you will be able to view medieval murals and numerous works of art with historic simulations and interactive modules that make you feel like you have travelled back in time hundreds of years.

Via a newly constructed addition with a lift and a few ramps, you can reach all levels of the cathedral, obstacle-free, even the crypt, the chancel and the apse chapel.

If you have a visual impairment, you can use an adapted version of the AR glasses with audio descriptions. There will also be a tactile model of the cathedral and a relief version of the central panel of the Ghent Altarpiece.

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HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

In the Brussels European district, at Leopoldpark, you will find a museum dedicated to the sometimes turbulent history of Europe. The supporting texts for the exhibition are available in all 24 official languages of the European Union and access to it is free. The museum offers customised programmes to schools, families and groups so that everyone can have an interesting and captivating experience. A visit lasts approximately one and a half hours. Groups of ten or more people must reserve in advance.

There is a drop-off point in front of the museum but no parking. Assistance can be offered for museum visits (heavy doors, etc.). There are employees at various locations who can help. There is something for everyone, and it will appeal to various senses (touch, hearing, smell, etc.). You can obtain further information about the exhibition via a tablet (with audio). The museum has various, adapted toilets but none of the toilets fulfil all of the guidelines. There are two (more-or-less) adapted toilets at the reception, one of which has a changing table that is suitable for adults. The tables in the restaurant are not adapted.

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HERITAGE WALK IN THE ART CITIES OF MECHELEN, BRUGES, LEUVEN, GHENT AND ANTWERP

Visitors come from across the world to pass the time in the Flemish art cities. But the historical character of our city centres doesn't always sit well with overall, good accessibility. Nevertheless, cities such as Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven and Mechelen are making huge efforts to offer disabled visitors an interesting experience. Antwerp has engaged an experienced expert to design a wheelchair-friendly route. You can obtain a free copy (in Dutch and English) from the tourism service. 'Bruges accessible for all' (*) will guide you around the most accessible route through the historical centre. The corresponding brochure will tell you all you need to know about sanitary facilities, food and drink outlets and special points of interest along the route. 'Gent on Wheels' is a walking map based on feedback from wheelchair users. Available from Tourism Ghent. In 2020, Ghent will publish a new brochure and walking map, in line with the principles of the publications of Bruges, Mechelen and Leuven. The accessible heritage walk in Leuven (*) covers two connected walking loops that include many points of interest. Restaurants, cafés and public toilets are also covered. For those who have a little more time to spare, the brochure also offers a few separate tips for days out.

'Mechelen accessible to all' (*) sets out a city walk around the Burgundian and contemporary high points of Mechelen. Information, which has been verified, is also provided about specific points of interest, cafés and restaurants near the route.

(*) These publications are also available via www.visitflanders.com/en/accessibility/brochures .

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More tips can be found on the website www.visitflanders.com/accessibility. This information is always based on objective expert inspection or the experience of people with a disability.

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Hostel Bruegel Brussels

Hostel Bruegel is an international hotspot within walking distance of the Central Station and the Grote Markt. The highlights of Brussels are all within convenient reach. The lively Backpacker Bar is especially popular. It's the ideal place to expand your international network!

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The sloping entry path consists of cobblestones. At the entrance there is a bell to alert the reception staff. They are happy to place a removable ramp and can assist you, if necessary. Inside, there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be accessed with a good lift. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room is spacious enough. The tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users. Part of the terrace can be accessed obstacle free.

Communal toilet
The toilets in the cafeteria and bar have sufficient space and have grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
3 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 126, 226 and 326). They each have 2 accessible beds. The door to the room is quite heavy. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with adequate space, seat and grab rails. The toilet also has adequate space and grab rails. The wash basin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
Hypoallergenic fabrics are used.
Upon request, the kitchen is happy to accommodate your food allergies or dietary preferences. The lift has Braille markings. There are tactile markings on the stairs and ramp. Visual contrasts are largely present.

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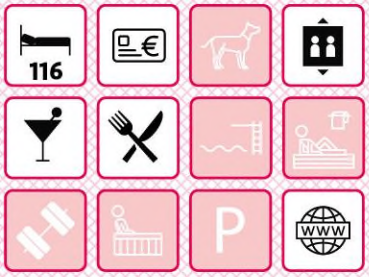

Jeugdherberg De Blauwput Leuven

Youth hostel De Blauwput is situated near the station of Leuven and a stone's throw from the city centre. The accommodation is in a modern and pleasant building with an attractive interior and beautiful courtyard garden. De Blauwput has rooms with their own sanitary facilities. You can spend your evening in the cosy bar or lounge. Two adapted parking spaces are provided.

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www.jeugdherbergen.be

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. You may need a push up the ramp in front of the youth hostel. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached with a lift (100 x 133 cm). The free space and clearance at the door to the bedrooms on the ground floor is limited but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the tables.

Communal toilet
The door is 84 cm wide. Free space beside the handle behind the toilet door is limited. There is adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails, although the latter are rather short and far apart.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 6 accessible bedrooms with bathroom (spacious 6-person bedrooms that can be used as shared, two or one person bedrooms and of which 2 beds are always accessible). The clearance and space at the door is limited but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat (38 x 38 cm), but without grab rails. There is sufficient space in front of and diagonally in front of the seat; you have 77 cm at the side. The toilet has sufficient space (85 cm beside the toilet) and grab rails are fitted. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users. There is also a communal bathroom in the corridor. The space in front of the door is limited but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with seat (38 x 38 cm), a grab rail on the open side and sufficient free space (100 cm in front of the seat). There is 81 cm of manoeuvring space next to the toilet and adequate space in front of it. Grab rails are provided. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users..

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take allergies into account, provided you inform them beforehand. Maps of the building and the rooms are available in Braille; all spaces are indicated in Braille and the drinks menu is also available in Braille.

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Leuven City Hostel Leuven

Welcome to Louvain. Leuven City Hostel is an independent hostel for backpackers in the centre of Louvain. It offers both private and larger, shared rooms in a completely renovated house dating from 1845. There is a kitchen where you can prepare your own meals. Free Internet via WiFi or the computer at the reception and free coffee and tea throughout the day.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. Wheelchair users receive a remote control for easier entry. There is sufficient space at the reception desk.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor and easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance. There are tables suitable for wheelchair users present (photo 2). The kitchen is also accessible.

Communal toilet
There is no separate communal toilet, but you can use the toilet in the communal bathroom.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 2 accessible rooms (numbers 1 and 2, totalling 2 accessible beds). The beds are 61 cm high, there are alternatives if you should need a lower bed. In the bathroom in the corridor there is a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet also has sufficient space and safety rails (photo 3). The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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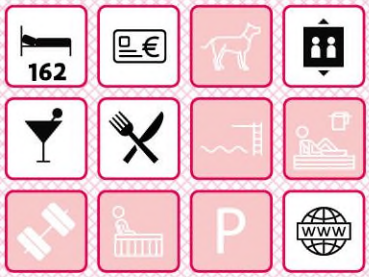

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Youth hostel Pulcinella in the centre of Antwerp is the ideal base for visiting the historic city centre with its beautiful buildings and exploring the many cosy cafés. The youth hostel has rooms for 2, 4 or 6 persons and all rooms have sanitary facilities in the room. Groups can book meals. There are 2 meeting rooms, a bar and a lounge (with TV, board games, musical instruments and table football).

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible although the door is quite heavy to open. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The corridors are generally sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Sufficient circulation space. The tables in the dining room are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
The doors are rather heavy for both ladies and gentlemen. There is always sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet; grab rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Rooms 01.16 and 02.16 (6 persons): 3 accessible single beds per room. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The toilet also has grab rails and there is sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible. Rooms 01.06 and 02.06 (2 persons): 2 accessible single beds per room. The space in front of the bathroom door is limited. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and grab rails. Sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. There is 96 cm in front of the seat. The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space (110 cm in front of the toilet). The sink is wheelchair accessible. Shared bathroom: the two bathrooms in the hallway have a roll-in shower with shower seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
Antiallergics are used and there are no carpets or fabric coverings. On request, some food allergies or intolerances are taken into account. The lift has braille buttons. The structure of the building provides guidance. Visual contrasts are largely present.

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Jeugdherberg De Zandpoort Mechelen

Youth Hostel De Zandpoort is situated on the outskirts of Mechelen. The historic centre of this Flemish art city and its car-free shopping area is within 10 minutes walking distance. The youth hostel boasts splendid architecture and a cosy courtyard garden. The rooms that accommodate two or four people are equipped with sanitary facilities. Once you have checked in, you benefit from continuous access and free Wi-Fi on the ground floor. Groups can reserve meals. There is a sitting area with a TV and you can have a drink at the bar, where board games are also available. The youth hostel also offers two meeting rooms. On the website you will find a 360° view of the ground floor.

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2800 Mechelen
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+ 32 15 27 85 40
mechelen@vjh.be
www.jeugdherbergen.be

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
At the entrance and the lock there are heavy doors, so you will probably need help. You may also need help on the small slope. There is however an alternative entrance for wheelchair users that is very accessible. Inside there is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The passageways are occasionally narrow but you can pass with a little assistance.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You have sufficient space in front of the buffet and between tables, depending on the arrangement of the tables. There are tables that offer space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.

Communal toilet
The corridor to the toilet is narrower, but you can easily enter the toilet. There is adequate manoeuvring space, though there is a wall you will have to watch out for. If you set your wheelchair diagonally next to the toilet, it's more than doable. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
All 30 rooms are available and each have 2 accessible beds. One of the beds can be moved to create more space. The space behind the room door is narrow, but usable with assistance. There are 4 accessible bathrooms on the hallway (1 per floor). They each have a roll-in shower with shower seat with one grab rail and sufficient space beside, in front and diagonally in front of the seat. The floor has ridges for safety. The ridges on the floor may impede manoeuvring. The toilet has grab rails, a wash basin and sufficient space.

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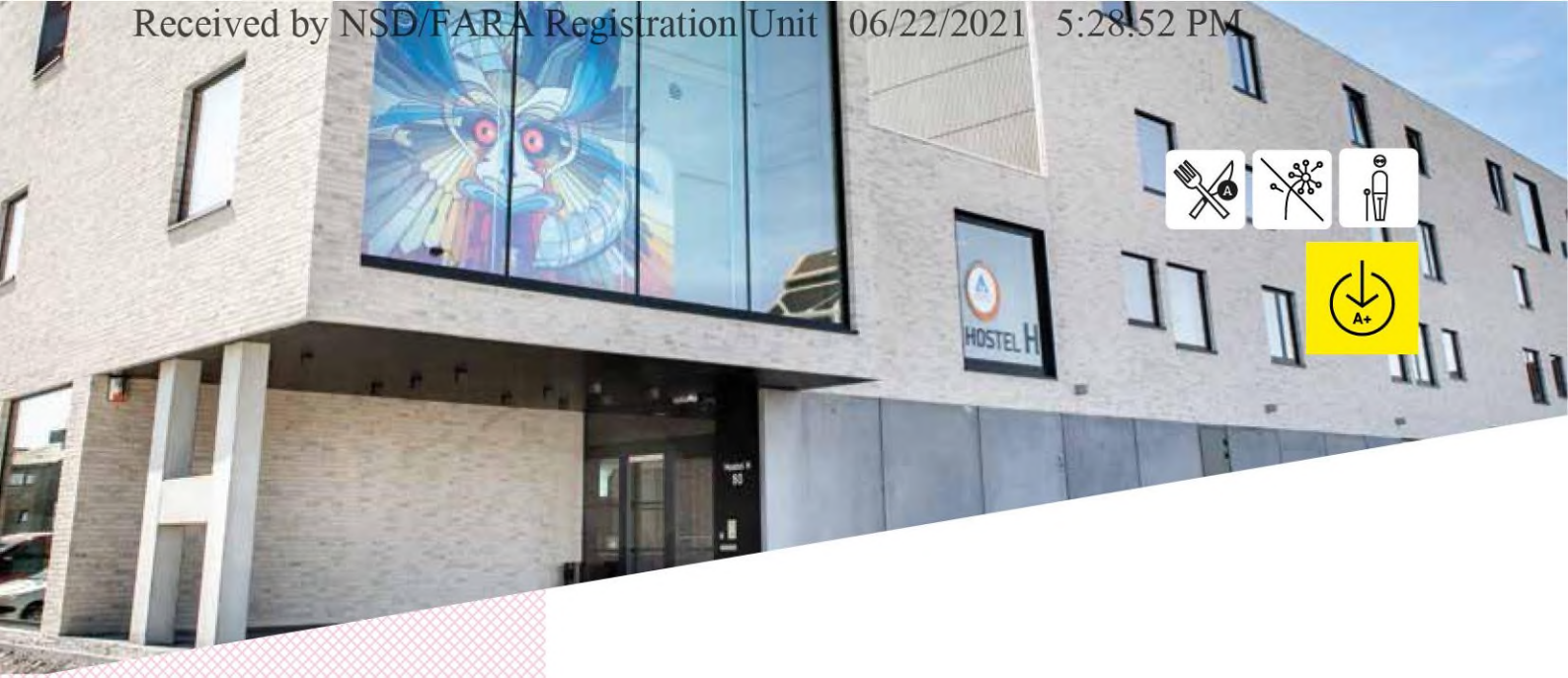

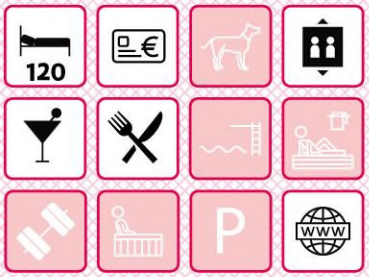

Hostel H Hasselt

Hasselt is the perfect town to discover on foot. Cosy low-traffic shopping streets, trendy shops, colourful terraces, gastronomic restaurants...but also interesting museums, sparkling culture and relaxing green. Fans of biking and hiking will be pleased with the wider environment. The modern hostel is located in a trendy neighbourhood on the rise, near the station of Hasselt and at walking distance from the centre of Hasselt. It has a capacity of 120 beds and focuses on young people, budget tourists, schools and youth groups. Meals are possible after reservation, with groups of 10 people and more.

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www.jeugdherbergen.be

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space. The desk is suitable for wheelchairs.
Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached with a spacious elevator. The passageways are wide enough.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space in all rooms. The tables accommodate wheelchairs. The self-catering kitchen has a part that is fully suitable for users from a wheelchair.
Communal toilet
The adapted toilets on the ground floor and the first floor have sufficient space and grab rails.
Bedroom and bathroom
There are 11 accessible rooms with own bathroom, with a total of 22 accessible beds (picture 2). The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat. Grab rails have been provided (picture 3). The toilet also has sufficient space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.
Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: anti-allergy fabrics are used, and aside from that there are no carpets or fabric coverings. Upon request an adapted menu can be put together for guests with food allergies or intolerances. Visual contrasts and guidelines to the desk have been provided. At the desk and stairs there are also tactile markings. The elevator buttons have braille indications and the elevator has an auditory signal.

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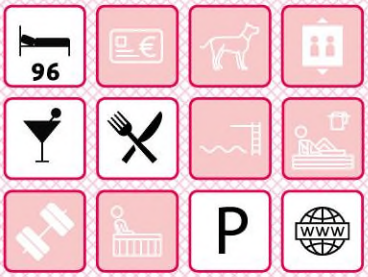

Domein Aan de Plas Bruges

The domain Aan de Plas offers a holiday opportunity in a green and peaceful location, yet still close to the centre of Bruges. Ideal for families, friends, associations and companies to relax together, tackle sporting challenges, take part in cultural exploration in the historic art city of Bruges and so much more ... There is free parking and you can catch public transport just 50 metres away.

HOSTELS

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info@aandeplas.be
www.aandeplas.be

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance. The double door panels are 84 cm wide. The counter is suitable for a wheelchair.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide. Some doors are heavy and the manoeuvring space next to the handle is limited, but they are usually open.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance. There are tables suitable for wheelchair users present (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is a space of 106 cm. There is a safety rail.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is 1 accessible room (number 1 with 3 accessible beds) with bathroom (photo 3). You will need some assistance to get over the sharp step at the door. It is easier to enter and leave the room via the window onto the terrace. There is a roll-in shower with a seat and grab rails. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. The space in front is restricted by a wall. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is a space of 97 cm. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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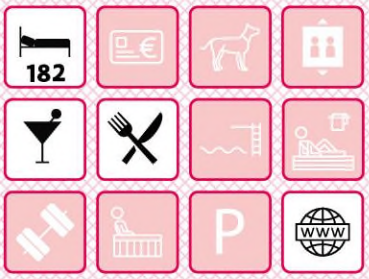

Bauhaus Bruges

Hostel Bauhaus lies in the historic heart of Bruges. Enjoy your stay in this authentic, typical Bruges building that was recently converted into a lively, comfortable and budget-friendly youth hostel. You can rent bicycles in the hostel or go on discovery by foot via marked routes that you can get details of from reception. In the evening you can swap travel stories in the bar.

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8000 Bruges
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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Behind the door to the reception and the cafe the space becomes a little narrow, but if someone holds open the door, the passageway is manageable.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The positioning and turning space of some doors is limited, but manageable with assistance.

Dining room / multipurpose area
You can have breakfast in the cafe. Various tables can be reached with a wheelchair. The tables have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is a space of 90 cm. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
1 accessible room (number 11 with 4 accessible beds) (photo 2). Room 10 is identical but the door here is only 76 cm wide. There is a level access shower in the bathrooms in the hallway behind the cafe and next to the bedrooms, with shower seat and grab rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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Snuffel Hostel Bruges

Looking for a home away from home in one of the most charming cities of Belgium? Snuffel is a hostel with character and focuses on a hospitable reception and a great atmosphere. You can stay the night close to the old city centre, barely 500 metres away from the Market, the Belfort (belfry) and the basilica of Sacred Blood. Snuffel has reserved parking for guests with disabilities.

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Ezelstraat 42
8000 Bruges
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info@snuffel.be
www.snuffel.be

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space. The desk is suitable for wheelchairs.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached with the spacious elevator. The passageways are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space in all rooms. The tables are suitable for wheelchairs. The self-catering kitchen has a part that is fully suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilets near the bar and on the floors have sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 13 accessible rooms with a total of 28 accessible beds (picture 2). 4 of those rooms have their own adapted bathroom. In the other rooms you can make use of an adapted bathroom in the hallway. All adapted bathrooms have a roll-in shower with seat and brackets. Most of the time there is sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat (picture 3). Only in the bathrooms of 207 and 213 the space in front of or next to the seat is slightly limited. The toilets always have sufficient space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets or fabric coverings. Visual contrasts have been provided.
The elevator buttons have braille indications and the elevator has an auditory signal.

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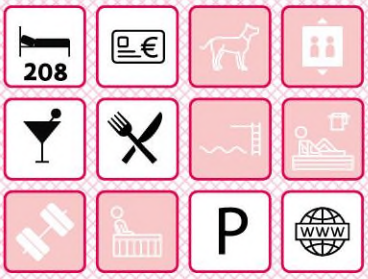

Jeugdherberg Europa Bruges

Europa youth hostel is within 15 minutes walking distance of the station and the historic city centre of Bruges. This youth hostel was given the cosmopolitan name 'Europa' because visitors come from all around the world. There's a large refectory and a hall with seating areas. You can have a drink in the cosy bar where board games are also available. The youth hostel also has 4 meeting rooms.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Accessibly by means of a long inclined slope. You may need some assistance opening the double door. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough. You may need some assistance opening one door leading to the dining room and bedroom.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Good clearance. Tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under are available (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There is no separate adapted communal toilet present, but the toilet in the bathroom in the corridor is a good alternative.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
No specifically adapted rooms, but 32 accessible beds in ordinary bedrooms. The room and bathroom door is 78 cm wide. At the door, between the beds and at the wardrobe the turning space is tight, but functional. The adapted bathroom in the corridor has a roll-in shower with a movable shower chair with foldaway armrests. The turning and manoeuvring space next to and in front of the chair is limited, but functional. The toilet is fitted with grab rails and there is adequate manoeuvring space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to accommodate your food allergies.

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Jeugdherberg Herdersbrug Bruges

This youth hostel is situated among the polders along the Baudouin canal, 6 km (4 miles) from the North Sea beach and the city of Bruges. It has 20 rooms with a shower, toilet and fridge. It also has a bar, a meeting room and spacious patio that looks out onto the canal. The youth hostel is the ideal base for aquatic sports enthusiasts, hikers and cyclists. The rooms have individual lockers.

HOSTELS

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dudzele@vjh.be
www.jeugdherbergen.be

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The corridor leading to most of the rooms is 130 cm wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is a lack of manoeuvring space next to the door handle at the doors leading to the dining room. Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is an adapted toilet with free space next to (84 cm), in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails are available.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are four accessible bedrooms with a bathroom (numbers 9, 10, 20 and 21, each with two accessible beds) (photo 2). There is a lack of manoeuvring space next to the handle on the bathroom door. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat and support rails. In rooms 9 and 20, there is 80 cm of space next to the seat and 90 cm in front of it (photo 3). In rooms 10 and 21, there is adequate space next to the seat, but just 80 cm in front of it. The shower head is relatively high. The toilet has adequate space and is fitted with support rails. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink.

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De Karakol Antwerp

The scouts' building in Linkeroever was designed as weekend and camping accommodation for 100 people. It is located on the banks of the Linkeroever, on a site occupying 4,000 square meters and borders an open play area, forest, outdoor swimming pool, playgrounds, the famous "St. Anneke beach" and a green walking path that follows the Scheldt and leads you, via three playgrounds and the pedestrian tunnel, to the centre of Antwerp.

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2050 Antwerp
verhuur@21ste.be
www.dekarakol.be

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space in all the rooms and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
Next to the toilet in the adapted bathroom (see below), there is another adapted toilet that has adequate space and support rails (photo 2).

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There is one accessible bedroom for two wheelchair users near the adapted bathroom in the corridor. In fact, all the rooms are accessible and could be used as a dormitory. Beds are not provided. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. Support rails are provided (photo 3). The toilet is fitted with support rails and provides adequate space; it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The fire alarm also displays a visual signal. On the access path there are natural lines that are easy to follow. Inside visual contrasts are used.

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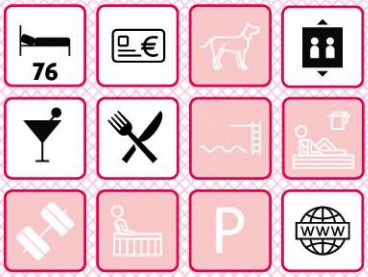

Hopper Jeugdverblijf Het Scoutshuis Antwerp

Are you looking for affordable and comfortable overnight accommodation or a meeting venue for your class, youth group or colleagues? Does it need to be close to the station and the City of Antwerp? If so, Het Scoutshuis is the perfect spot. In the rooms for two, four or eight guests you sleep in simple, mobile wooden beds with hand lamps, and store your clothes in a metal trunk. In other words it's comfortable camping. De Kampgrond (sleeping area) can accommodate twenty people that bring their own mattresses: cosy and basic. Toilets and individual showers are situated in the corridor. Looking for half board, full board or self-catering? Take your pick! Want to organise a meeting for a small or large group? Het Scoutshuis offers five meeting rooms with Wi-Fi, whiteboard and beamers that you connect to your laptop with a single click.

Wilrijkstraat 45
2140 Antwerp (Borgerhout)
+32 3 226 46 06
scoutshuis@hopper.be
www.hopper.be

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There are two low 2 cm thresholds one after the other. The doors are rather heavy to be opened independently. There is adequate circulation space. The front desk has a lowered section under which it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via a good lift. The passageways are wide enough. Several doors are rather heavy to be opened independently.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables (64 cm high). In the self-catering kitchen there is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the sink, worktop or stove.

Communal toilet
There is adequate turning and manoeuvring space in the toilets in the adapted communal bathrooms on the third and fourth floors. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are two single bedrooms, one double room, six rooms for four persons and six rooms for eight persons. All the rooms are accessible but in the double room there is no manoeuvring space next to the bed. The rooms offer at least 26 accessible beds (at least two accessible beds per room for four or eight persons). There is also an accessible dormitory with no beds. The two bathrooms in the corridor have a roll-in shower with a shower seat, adequate manoeuvring space and a grab rail. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
There are no carpets and the mattresses are covered in anti-allergy covers. If you mention your food allergies when making your reservation the hostel is happy to take them into account.

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Scouts Akabe Hasselt

The Akabe camp house is an ideally situated holiday destination for youth groups and other associations. It's located in Godsheide, a quiet corner of Hasselt, in an area with many ponds called De Wijers of Middle Limburg. A stone's throw from the Bokrijk park, the Albert canal and the Flemish nature reserve De Maten, the scouts of Akabe Hasselt welcome you.

PLEASE NOTE: IN 2020, THE CAMP HOUSE WILL NOT BE RENTED OUT.

Vossenbergstraat 52
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www.kamphuisaka.be

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You might need assistance to ride up the slope that runs up to the door. Inside there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. Free space and clearance around the doors is limited but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and a table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The clearance is limited but there is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet in the hall. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The ground floor has 1 accessible bedroom with 8 accessible beds. The first floor has a dormitory (photo 2) that you can reach with a platform lift which is 80 cm wide and 112 cm long. The dormitory door is 81 cm wide and the space behind the door is limited but manageable. Here you will find 2 accessible beds. There is a roll-in shower with a mobile shower chair with removable arm-rests (photo 3). There is sufficient space for making a transfer. The toilet was discussed in the Communal Toilet category. You can ride under the washbasin with a wheelchair but the clearance is limited.

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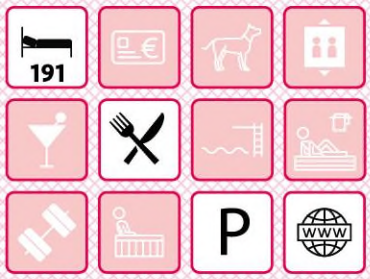

De Karmel Bruges

Situated in a 2.5 ha park and within an hour's walking distance of the centre of Bruges, opposite the Provincial Park of Tillegembos, De Karmel has everything you need for group stays. The wonderful Kasteel, the cosy Pand and the rustic Koetshuis are available all year round for seminars, outdoor classes, introduction and retreat days, group holidays, family weekends, etc. Kasteel and Koetshuis are accessible.

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8200 Bruges (Sint-Andries)
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dekarmel@chiro.be
www.dekarmel.be

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Kasteel: accessible via a rather steep incline with tight turning space at the rear. Koetshuis: there is a 3 cm threshold to the various rooms, but otherwise easy access.

Passageways and level differences
Kasteel: the main rooms are located on the ground floor. You may need assistance opening some of the double doors and navigating a rather steep incline. Koetshuis: the main rooms are on the ground floor. The hallways are wide enough in both buildings.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Ample circulation room. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
Kasteel: free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails are available. Koetshuis: limited space, but satisfactory for practical use. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet and 80 cm in front of it. The toilet bowl is relatively low. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Kasteel: easily accessible rooms (numbers 0/12 and 0/14, up to 10 accessible beds) and separate bathroom with adequate circulation space. There is a roll-in shower with a seat with foldaway armrests and adequate manoeuvring space. The toilet has handrails and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs. Ample space throughout. Koetshuis: 1 accessible bedroom (number 0/04) with 7 accessible beds and a separate roll-in shower. There is also a roll-in shower here with a seat with foldaway armrests and adequate manoeuvring space. Good clearance. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the sink.

Extra
The kitchen takes food allergies into account.

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This scout hall in the centre of Ghent has many assets. The building is located in a city park, is perfectly located as a base for exploring the city, and is connected to the city's recreation parks and sports facilities by public transport. The building is primarily rented out to recognised youth organisations, youth sports associations, schools and social organisations that work with young people.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some help on the uneven path to the entrance. The intercom is quite high. Inside there is sufficient room.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or are accessible with a spacious lift. The passages are wide enough.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The dining room is spacious. The tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in the communal bathroom. It has sufficient space and has some (rather short) grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
The large accessible dormitories can be divided into 4 smaller rooms. In total, they have at least 8 accessible beds. The beds are low. In the communal bathroom, there is a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rails and sufficient manoeuvring space. The wash basin can be rolled under with a wheelchair.

Extra
The lift has Braille and relief markings on the buttons and gives an audible signal. Contrasts are present.

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This index gives an overview at a single glance of the accessible accommodation by city / municipality in alphabetical order and of the number of accessible beds and sanitary fixtures. Handy if you are in a certain city or municipality looking for holiday accommodation for a small or larger group. Do not forget that youth accommodation also frequently open their doors for socio-cultural groups, groups of friends and families.

Municipality	Name	Type	Number of accessible beds (*)	Number of accessible sanitary cells (**)	Page
Aalst	JVC Schotte	Youth/group holiday centre	3 (1 room)	2	142
Aalst	KLJ Moorsel	Youth/group holiday centre	- (3 dormitories)	1	143
Aalter	Kattenberg	Youth/group holiday centre	- (1 dormitory)	1	148
Aarschot	Langebos Heem	Youth/group holiday centre	- (4 dormitories)	1	70
Affligem	Jeugdheem Sint-Benedictus	Youth/group holiday centre	2 (1 room)	1	62
Alveringem	De Pannenhoeve	Youth/group holiday centre	2 (2 rooms)	1	114
Alveringem	De Pannenhoeve: 't Vorgas	Youth/group holiday centre	2 (2 rooms)	2	115
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Overijse	De Hagaard	Youth/group holiday centre	48 (11 rooms)	2	66
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Poperinge	Outside Tipi's	Youth/group holiday centre	2 (1 room)	1	130
Poperinge	Plokkersheem	Youth/group holiday centre	6 (3 rooms)	2	131
Ravels	KLJ-lokalen Ravels-Eel	Youth/group holiday centre	- (3 rooms)	1	78
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Tessenderlo	't Heuvelken	Youth/group holiday centre	1 (1 room)	1	109
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Voeren	Jeugdherberg De Veurs	Hostel	4 (2 rooms)	2	56
Vorselaar	Berkelhoeve	Youth/group holiday centre	2 (1 room)***	2	76
Waasmunster	Heidepark	Youth/group holiday centre	10 (2 rooms)	1	141
Westerlo	Sporta Spot Kempen	Youth/group holiday centre	42 (21 rooms)***	21	75
Wielsbeke	Hernieuwenburg - Vogelsang	Youth/group holiday centre	2 (1 room)	1	116
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Zedelgem	Merkenveld - Hopper Jeugdverblijf	Youth/group holiday centre	12 (3 rooms)	1	112
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(*) By an accessible bed we mean a single bed, double bed or the lower bed of a bunk bed next to which there is sufficient clearance on at least 1 side.

(**) A sanitary cell is a bathroom, sanitary block or unit with a minimum of 1 accessible shower, toilet and washbasin.

(***) Extension of the number of rooms and/or beds is possible, depending on the arrangement and possibilities of the group.

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Your opinion is important for us

In this brochure we want to offer reliable and clear information concerning the accessibility of the holiday accommodation included. Your findings are thereby very important for us. The following questions can help to put a few things straight. Thanks in advance for the effort!

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Do you find all the info you need in this brochure? Is the brochure attractive? Do you think it is easily readable and understandably structured?

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Do you have any suggestions? What do you think could be done differently, what could be better?

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2 ACCOMMODATION

Have you already stayed in one of the addresses in this brochure? If so, which accommodation?

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Did the accessibility satisfy your wishes? What did you think of the service offered?

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Accessible festivals and events

Ready for a new festival summer? Inter makes events, shows in cultural centres, festivals and sports events accessible for disabled people throughout the whole year. Efforts are made for everyone, whatever your disability. More information and the complete overview of accessible events can be found on the website www.inter.vlaanderen/events. You can email to events@inter.vlaanderen or call +32 11 26 50 30.

Need nursing?

Do you need nursing during your stay? Then you can best contact a home care service. The largest organisation for home nursing, with departments throughout Flanders, is the Wit-Gele Kruis.

The contact points for each province can be found at: www.wgk.be (in Dutch).

Aids on your holiday

Do you need specific equipment during your holiday? For large and small aids in the vicinity of your accommodation you can, among other things, go to the home care shops www.thuiszorgwinkel.be, www.socmut.be (both websites only available in Dutch) and www.rodekruis.be/en/

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Know for certain!

Accessible railways

Belgian Railways provides assistance services for entering and exiting trains in 132 stations. To be sure that the service can be provided, you must book your journey in advance. You can make a reservation by calling + 32 2 528 28 28 or using the online form.

All information, including special rates, can be found at www.belgianrail.be under Customer service > Travellers with reduced mobility, or in the brochure 'Guide for persons with reduced mobility'. This brochure is available in all stations or can be downloaded from the website. To receive this brochure in Braille or on an audio CD, please send an e-mail to assistance@b-rail.be.

Get away with the buses and trams of De Lijn

The Flemish transport company De Lijn is also concerned with accessibility. However, wheelchair users must book their bus or tram ride (return) in advance in order to check whether the stop and the vehicle are sufficiently accessible. You can check to see if your stop is accessible on the website too. Reserving on 5 'more mobile lines' is not mandatory via a trial project.

You can book this service via the dial-a-bus centre in the province of departure. You can find the contact details on www.delijn.be (About De Lijn > Organisation > Responsible Enterprise > Accessibility). For all other questions, call +32 70 22 02 00. You do not have to book the coast tram. On the website www.delijn.be/kusttram (Locations and stops) you can find an overview of the accessible stops (marked with a T).Are you unsure and looking for an easy way to put your questions to the driver or someone else? Blue Assist gives you this option. Take a look in advance at www.blueassist.eu (in Dutch).

Below and above the ground with the MIVB (Brussels)

The metro in Brussels provides personal assistance during rides.
It is recommended to call in advance +32 2 515 23 65, or fill in the form on the website. You can find this form and information about the accessibility of the metro, trams and (mini)buses at www.mivb.be > Travel > Accessibility, under the section Your Journey > Accessibility. Accessible metro stations can be found on the map of the metro on the website. You can also ask for assistance via the pillars in the stations but you may have to wait a little longer.

You will find more tips on www.visitflanders.com/accessibility. You will discover practical tips about flying, where you can find an accessible taxi, lift bus or even a mobile home, etc.

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Inspiration for accessible travel

Finding suitable overnight lodging is one thing, but Visit Flanders offers you even more inspiration! Tips for day trips, accessible transport, services at the Flemish coast, travel organisations, accessible bicycle and footpaths,...

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Flanders – a holiday area for everyone!

Have you been bitten by the travel bug? Would you like to take a trip to the seaside, go on a city trip or visit somewhere in the countryside? Do you want to be sure that the location is also accessible? If so, the "Accessible holiday accommodation in Flanders and Brussels" brochure is just what you need!

Flick through the colourful pages and really get in the holiday mood. This brochure also describes in detail what you can expect in terms of accessibility. From the front door to the toilets: everything has been researched and assessed at the location itself. Only the best and most accessible accommodation in Flanders is included in this publication.

The choice of accessible accommodation is increasing and becoming more varied every year, a positive trend that we naturally applaud. Therefore we have split the brochure into two parts. At the moment, you are consulting the brochure that provides an overview of all the accessible hotels, guestrooms, holiday houses, camping areas and holiday accommodations. You can find an overview of all the accessible hostels and youth and group holiday centres in the other brochure. You can of course request both brochures. You can find our contact details at the bottom of this page.

We wish you a great deal of pleasure in discovering the different locations and hope you have a fabulous holiday!

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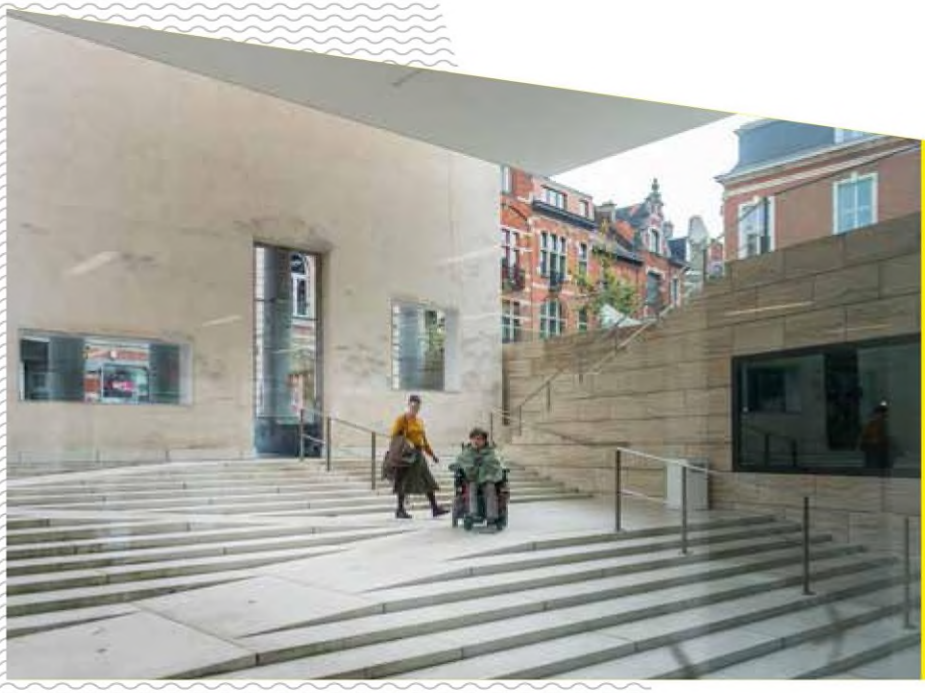

In destinations with a coloured dot you can easily find holiday addresses with an A or A+ label.

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Frequently asked questions

In the brochure it says that this accommodation has a shower chair or seat, but it isn't shown in the photo. Is this right?

It's possible! A movable shower seat or shower (wheel)chair is placed by the operator when it is needed. If you don't find a seat when you arrive, don't hesitate to ask one of the staff. Someone probably just forgot to put it there. Some support rails are also removable and are positioned during your stay.

I need more details. For example: is there sufficient space under the bed for a hoist, and what other facilities are provided? Where can I find this?

During the on site inspection we collected a great deal of information. There are therefore more details available than what you read in the brochure. The staff of Visit Flanders have these extended descriptions to hand and will be pleased to give you the necessary information. If you would rather find this out for yourself, you can find all the inspection data at www.toevla.be (Dutch only).

An accessible building is one thing, but I also need care on holiday. Where can I go to for this?

In Flanders, 25 holiday accommodations with an accessibility label are currently offering a care framework. This can mean that you will find facilities such as hoists or hospital beds, and that you can call on care staff (nursing, assistance). Some houses have their own personnel available for this, for others the necessary assistance is hired externally. The distinction is made in the icon, by the mention of 24/7 next to the accommodation that provides in-house care. All information about the accessibility and care framework at Ter Duinen, Zorgverblijf Hooidonk, De Ceder, Vakantiehuis Fabiola, 't Mechels Bos, Thomasbos, vakantieverblijf De Dielis, L'O de Vie, Zorghotel Middelpunt, Zorghotel Gezondheidscentrum Koninklijke Villa, Villa Rozerood, B&B Altijd Genieten, Vakantiecentrum Cosmopolite, Hoeve Megusta, Casa Ametza, 't Lappersfort, Hoeve Genemeer, Hotel Drie Eiken, De Kleppe, Hoeve Oswald, De Pepel, De Lage Kempen, De Pupiter, Zorghotel Domein Polderwind and M Hotel can be found in both All In brochures. If the accommodation you are looking for is not featured in this brochure, please feel free to request the other brochure!
At the back of the brochure there are even more useful tips under the title Know for certain.

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Am I welcome with my guide dog or assistance dog?

In Flanders and Brussels assistance and guide dogs are in principle allowed in all public places, even where an ordinary dog would not be accepted. Some addresses in this brochure gladly stress that they welcome dogs, also ordinary dogs. These are identified with the symbol. But even when this is not explicitly stated, at least part of the building will be open to people with a disability and their assistance dog. As their owner, it's best if you let them know in advance, so that your companion gets a dog-friendly welcome.

Which addresses have sufficiently accessible rooms for our group?

At the back of this brochure is a table with an indication of the number of accessible beds at each location. This will certainly help you to find a suitable address.

Good to know: adults can sometimes also stay at a youth holiday centre. In general, youth holiday centres are aimed mainly at children and young people but often you can also go there during certain periods with your socio-cultural association or other group with adults. You will often find a larger accommodation capacity there that is also accessible for people with a disability. You will find youth and group accommodation in the other All In brochure. Don't hesitate to ask us for your copy.

Why doesn't the brochure mention the prices for accommodation?

Some holiday destinations have a price per room, while others have prices per person or per group. Special discounts and rates may also apply, or different rates depending on whether you book for the low or high season. This may lead to confusion. For this reason we have omitted this information. You can find recommended prices on the website www.jeugdverblijven.be (available in Dutch). Consult the other brochure for the youth holiday centres.

Where is it possible to cook for yourself?

In a holiday home you can cook your own meals. This takes place in equipped houses, studios or apartments where you are the only ones staying, with your family, partner, or small group of friends. Some group accommodation (youth hostels and holiday accommodations) also provide facilities for you to do your own cooking. Consult the other All In brochure for youth accommodation.

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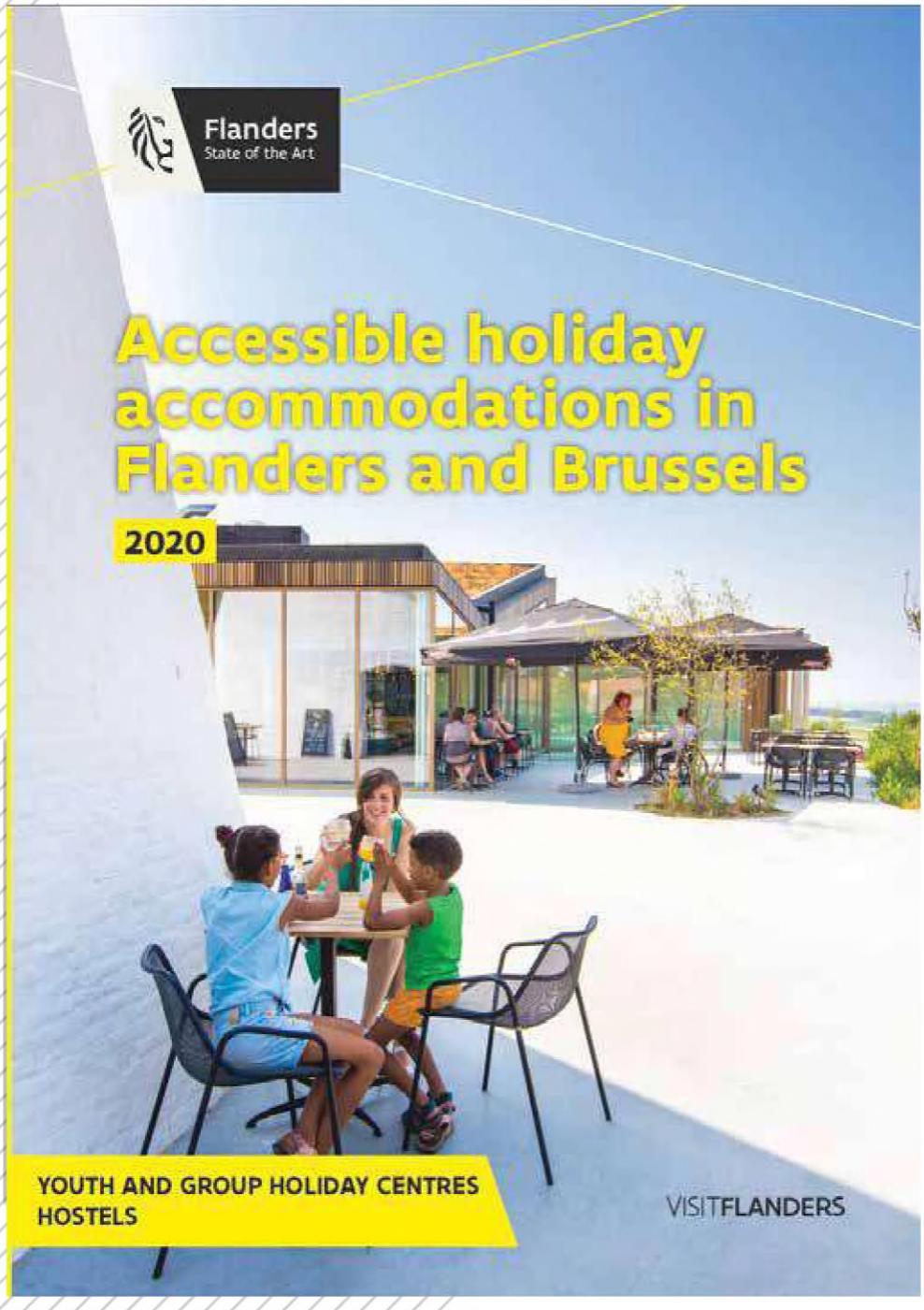
If you are looking for accessible hostels, youth and group accommodation, consult our other All In brochure! If you haven't got one yet, don't hesitate to ask us for your free copy.



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Flemish label for accessible tourism

Since the beginning of 2008, there has been an accessibility label in Flanders for hotels, holiday centres, youth holiday centres, camping sites, guest rooms, tourist information offices and visitors' centres.

This label implies obligations. It is awarded by Visit Flanders after a thorough examination on site according to the Accessible Flanders methodology.

Specially trained accessibility supervisors assess the accessibility of a building or exterior environment for diverse forms of disability. This data is entered in the database and given a score (+, ±, -) based on the measurement results for the parking area, the entrance, the reception area, the sanitary facilities, etc.

Only those elements that are objectively measurable and essential to the accessibility and usability of a building are given a score. These often concern aspects that are important to wheelchair users. If, for example, a bathroom door is too narrow, even the best furnished bathroom is inaccessible to some.

If you have a different disability or impairment, you will certainly appreciate your holiday address if you are able to easily manage on your own. These items are also paid attention to during the assessments. They are mentioned for information purposes in the report.

When awarding the accessibility label to a hotel, youth accommodation or holiday centre, we pay attention to the **access walkway** from the public road, the **entrance** and the **reception** area, the communal **toilet**, the **restaurant** or the **dining room** and the **bedroom** with corresponding **bathroom**. For group accommodation, we also assess the accessibility of the **multipurpose room**. For a camping area, we look at the **parking facilities** with access path, entrance and reception area, and the **sanitary facilities**. In tourist information offices and visitors' centres, we inspect the access path and the entrance, and also **the counter, information displays and interactive appliances**. The toilets in a tourist information office are not assessed because their main function is to provide tourist information. Of course, we also assess the **corridors** between these components for all buildings.

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When granting the label, deviations from the scores are possible. In case of doubt, we examine the actual situation again on site and test potential bottlenecks with a standard wheelchair.

The results of the evaluation are presented to a committee especially established for this purpose. The label committee consists of representatives from the disability movement and the tourism sector. In the end, it is this committee that decides which label a building will be awarded or what conditions must first be fulfilled.

Finally, a label provides an important first impression, but never says everything. A full description is available on **www.toevla.be** (in Dutch) for each of these addresses. You can also request this from Visit Flanders. If you have doubts concerning whether the accessibility offered meets your personal requirements, carefully read this information beforehand.

You can also directly contact the building of your choice to discuss items that are not clear beforehand.

Based on the results obtained, the label distinguishes two levels.

Label A+ means that the building scores positive (+) on the components mentioned on the previous page. It satisfies strict accessibility standards and is accessible such that the visitor is **comfortable and independent**.

Label A means that the building can be considered to have **basic accessibility**. Such buildings are still usable for most people with limited mobility, but extra effort or a helper may be needed. It is certainly advisable to read why a + was not obtained.

Many other buildings have been objectively examined. If a characteristic is detected that makes the building difficult or impossible to use for some people, also with help, then the holiday building receives a negative score (–) for this component. In practice, this problem especially applies to wheelchair users. For visitors with a different type of disability or lighter motor impairment, the accessibility offered can still be adequate.

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Accessibility info

The accessibility info for the accommodation is based on the measurement results contained in the Accessible Flanders database. Here are a few often-used reference measurements:

- Doors and aisles: at least 85 cm wide everywhere
- Doors: 50 cm of free space at the side of the handle
- Slope: 5 to maximum 10%, depending on the length of the ramp
- Circulation area: free turning radius of 150x150 cm
- Lift: at least 110 cm wide, 140 cm deep
- Roll-in shower: threshold maximum 2 cm, shower seat with grab rails or shower (wheel) chair with arm supports
- Free space next to a toilet or shower seat: 90 cm
- Free space in front of a toilet or shower seat: 120 cm
- Washbasin able to accommodate wheelchairs: clearance 70 cm, depth 40 cm and width 90 cm
- Table able to accommodate wheelchairs: same, but depth is at least 60 cm
- Bed: the height of the top is between 46 and 54 cm

If essential parts of a building deviate from this, we specify this in the text.

ICONS

- accessibility label
- total number of rooms (60)
- camping areas: total number of places
- credit cards accepted
- lift, elevator
- dogs welcome
- restaurant or snackbar
- bar or cafetaria
- private parking place
- swimming pool
- sauna
- jacuzzi
- fitness
- internet connection
- provisions for people with a food allergy *
- provisions for people with other allergies and asthma *
- provisions for deaf and/or hearing impaired persons *
- provisions for blind and/or visually impaired persons *
- provisions for people with a learning disability *
- phone
- fax
- e-mail
- website

(*) With these icons, we only indicate that there are certain provisions for these target groups. You can find a further explanation in the category Extra of that page. This does not necessarily imply that the accommodation is fully suitable for you. Feel free to present your specific needs and questions to the accommodation of your choice.

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Not to be missed!

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Man and the sea have a long and intertwined history, and it is the same in our country too. In the NAVIGO National Fisheries museum you can find out all you need to know about a Flemish fishing family, the heroic Icelandic fishermen, and the shrimp fishermen on horseback, a unique, living tradition in Oostduinkerke. The museum covers North Sea fishing today and in the future. Try all of the activities and wander past a real-life fisherman's cottage, a fisherman's café, the coastal fishing vessel OD.1 'Martha' and marvel at the underwater world of the North Sea aquarium. The museum has a lift, a specially adapted toilet, and is easily accessible. There are just a couple of thresholds in the fisherman's hut. The sensory aquarium and the maternity aquarium of sea-dogs is also accessible. An audio guide is available.

NAVIGO

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APPOINTMENT WITH HISTORY

The Atlantik Wall military defence bunkers are one of the top attractions on the coast and one of the three museums in the Provincial Domain of Raversyde. A unique set of bunkers and trenches from the First and Second World Wars. The museum is the ideal place to gain an impression of what it was like on the "Longest Day". The Prince Charles Memorial is a reminder of the period when the Prince Regent stayed on the estate. The Walraversijde archaeological site (ANNO 1465) goes even further back in time and allows you to experience a 15th century fisherman's life. Raversyde Nature Park has been beautifully landscaped recently. It is the only piece of nature area located close to the sea, the ideal location for a breath of fresh air, to unwind completely and allow all the impressions of Raversyde to settle. Unfortunately the Atlantik Wall is not accessible by wheelchair, but in the building at the beginning of the tour you can watch a film about this historic defensive wall. The museum and the projection room at ANNO 1465 are easily accessible. Over there, you will also find an adjusted toilet with safety rails. The clearance space in front of the toilet is limited to 103 cm though. The reconstructed houses are more difficult to access due to the sometimes small and low passages and the limited circulation space here. The upper floors of the houses are also not wheelchair accessible. The house of prince Karel is accessible, but the small passages can be cumbersome. The Nature Park is also easily accessible. The Cafeteria 'Walrave' has not yet been investigated according to the TOEVLA method. Visitors will receive an audio guide for their visit to the Atlantikwall and ANNO 1465.

Provinciedomein Raversyde

Atlantikwall / ANNO 1465 / naturepark

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FORT NAPOLEON

Fort Napoleon was built over two hundred years ago. Since then, it has been used by both French and German soldiers and has left its mark on the environment. Today, we don't need to protect ourselves against foreign invaders and the fort is open to visitors. On the long, steep access path, wheelchair users will benefit from an extra push. The exhibition space on the ground floor of the fort is accessible. A small lift (100 x 115 cm) takes you to the exhibition space in the basement. Due to the uneven surface in the basement (cobbles and bricks), you may need some help. The side rooms that open onto the main corridor are only accessible via stairs. The theatre has an adapted toilet. If you want to access the toilet from the exhibition space, you can ask for the key at the reception. The roof (terrace) and the caponiers are not accessible to wheelchair users.

Fort Napoleon

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www.fort-napoleon.be/nl

NAVIGATE AND PARK

Looking forward to a sunny day at the beach or a trip to Westhoek? But perhaps slightly put-off by the traffic jams and the thought of trying to find somewhere to park? We can't do anything about the traffic jams as yet, but finding somewhere to park should be a lot easier using the website www.navigeerenparkeer.be. This gives you a handy list of the parking spaces on the coast reserved for people with a disability. You can search and filter on a map. You can view the dimensions, base and a photograph of each location. This site also gives you detailed instructions on how to locate the reserved parking places on your GPS device.

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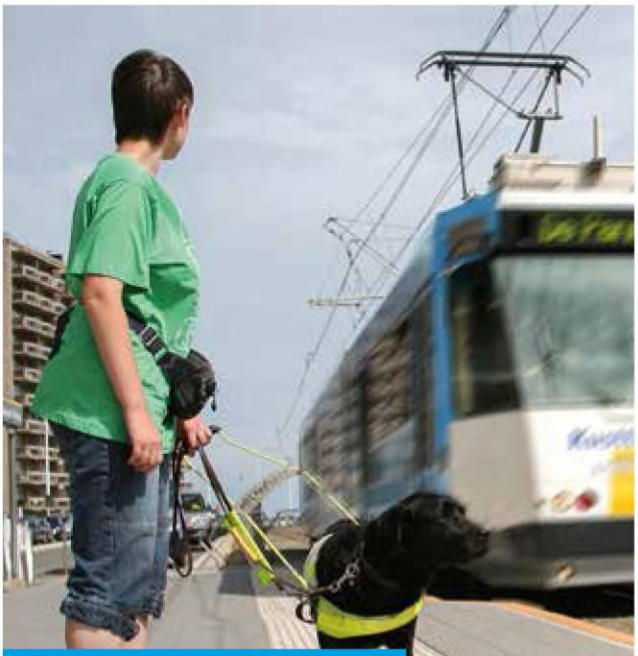

Coast tram

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TAKE THE TRAM

The 67-kilometre long tram line that connects our Flemish coastal municipalities is the longest tram line in the world. The Coastal Tram is a cheap, easy and pleasant way to get to know the Flemish coast. During the summer months, there is a tram every 10 minutes, and every 20 minutes in the winter. You can buy a ticket on the tram itself, but tickets purchased in advance at a supermarket, train station or Lijnwinkel are cheaper. The stops serviced by the coastal tram are increasingly being made accessible for all. These stops are marked with a T on www.delijn.be/kusttram in the list of stops. Every stop has a lowered central section so that wheelchair users can get on and off easily. Every stop is also announced visually and verbally and a few have already been fitted with sound tiles, sound lines and Braille poles. Reservation in advance is not necessary.

TIPS

RELAX IN THE SUN

'Sun, sea and... Sooo relaxed' (Zon, Zee, Zorgeloos) makes many of the locations, beaches and areas on our Flemish coast accessible to disabled visitors. In July and August, you can ask for assistance and resources from this project between 10.30 am and 6.30 pm. Assistants can help, for example, to complete a transfer between a wheelchair and beach wheelchair, or from the tram stop or a reserved parking space to the beach. You can also ask them to help with a beach walk or personal care (going to the toilet, getting changed). An accessible toilet, an adapted care area with hoist, high-low bed and shower with hoist, beach mats and beach wheelchairs for the sand or in the water, mean that everyone can enjoy the sun, sea and sand. You will find parking spaces for the disabled nearby. 'Sun, sea and... Sooo relaxed' is a free service provided by the province of West Flanders and the associated coastal municipalities. At some locations, a small contribution will be required to use the toilet or beach wheelchairs. Reservations can be made but are not mandatory.

Inter events

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MUSEUM PAUL DELVAUX

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Museum Paul Delvaux

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A visit to this museum is an unique experience: it immerses the viewer in the enthralling atmosphere of the painter's own artistic world. No other museum in the world can boast such a vast number of works by the world's most famous surrealistic painter of the 20th century. An exceptional collection of paintings and objects, alternating absolute masterpieces with personal belongings and cherished souvenirs of the master himself, illustrates the life and evolution in the work of Paul Delvaux in an almost intimate atmosphere.
You will need some assistance to open the entrance door. All works and info are clearly visible from a wheelchair. On the long steep slope between the floors you will definitely need assistance. The oblique plane at the door of the cafeteria can cause some disruption. The tables are also not completely accessible to wheelchair users. The adjusted toilet is located in the men's toilets. There are no grab rails. There is sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet to make a transfer. But the sink is difficult to use.

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Huyshoeve *** Knokke-Heist

This rural and charming hotel lies exactly on the edge of the picturesque village of Ramskapelle, three kilometres from the centre of Knokke-Heist and at cycling distance from Bruges and Sluis. De Huyshoeve welcomes tourists who want to explore the seaside resort of Knokke-Heist and the surrounding area, as well as business travellers in search of peace and quiet. The hotel has bicycles available for you to explore the 'Riante Polderroute', a path through the dunes nearby.

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HOTELS

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The cobblestones on the access path have been repointed and are fairly well accessible (photo 2). There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The buttons in the lift are close to the corner. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance (photo 1). There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
The turning space in front of the door is tight. There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is 95 cm of space. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 1). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (37 x 35 cm) and a safety rail. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The tap is located on the same wall as the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
There is Braille signage on the lift buttons and visual contrasts are provided.

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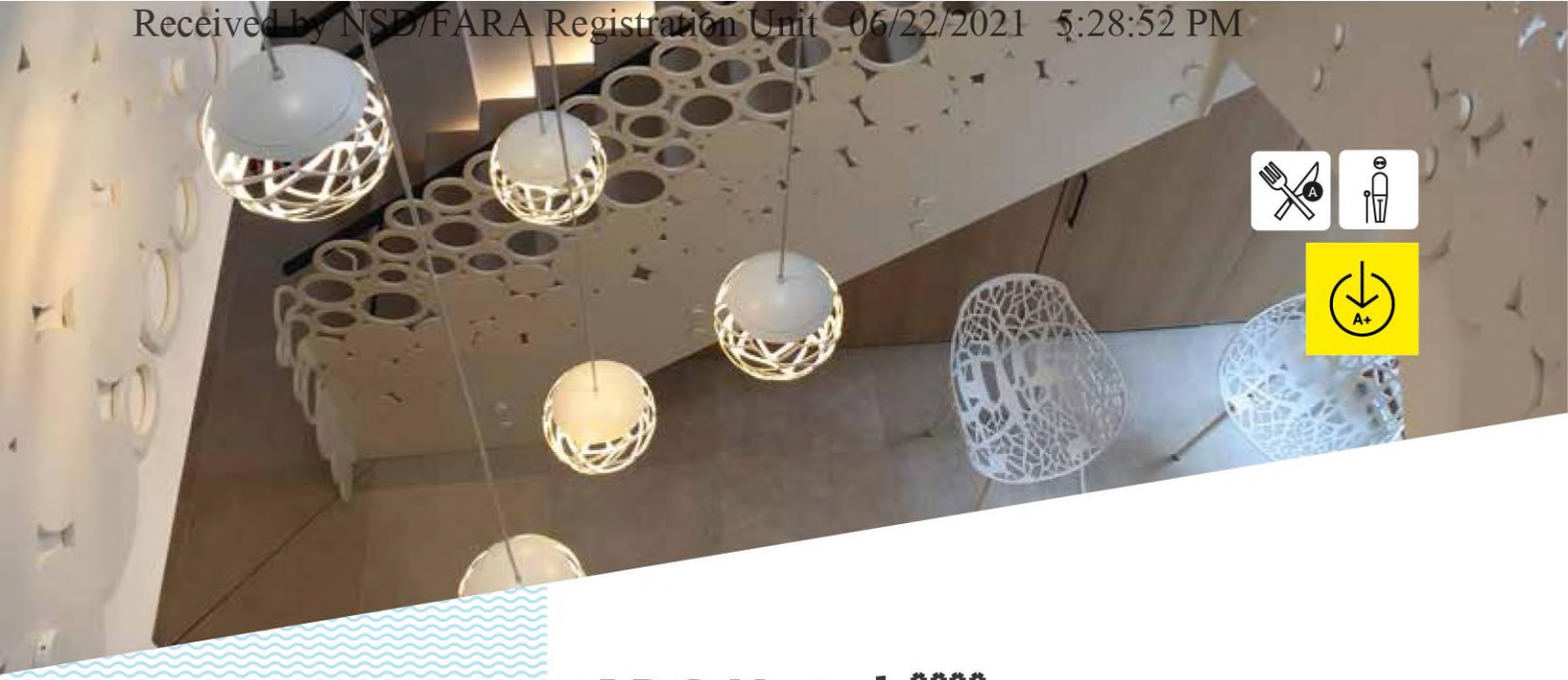

ABC Hotel ****
Blankenberge

The environmentally friendly ABC Hotel occupies a peaceful location just five minutes from the beach and the heart of Blankenberge. The hotel has a sun terrace and outlook over the city, as well as its own bar and restaurant specialising in fish dishes. An organic breakfast is served every day. Each room is equipped with a flat screen TV, coffee machine and en-suite bathroom. Some rooms have a sitting area where you can relax. You can hire a bicycle to explore the surrounding area.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space. The counter has a lowered section under which a wheelchair can be manoeuvred.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via a good lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the reception area has adequate manoeuvring space. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
Room 103 is accessible and has an adapted bathroom. There is adequate turning space on one side of the bed. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. The toilet also has adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The lift buttons have Braille and raised characters. The lift also emits auditory signals. Visual contrasts are provided. Food allergies are taken into account for breakfast.

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Alfa-Inn ***
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This family hotel, where you will receive a warm welcome with your children, is located 150 metres from the beach, in Blankenberge's shopping street. There are games, a playground and cartoons in the video room for the little ones. The hotel also serves an extensive breakfast buffet, has a cosy courtyard garden, spa, billiards room and sun terrace. The accommodation consists of renovated rooms and fully equipped apartments for up to six persons. The hotel has a private car park, which can be used for €15 a day.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance via Kerkstraat is easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under part of the counter.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via a good lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
The turning space in the toilet is tight, but functional. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. It is not possible to manoeuvre right in front of the toilet. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
Rooms 215 and 315 are accessible and have an adapted bathroom. They each have two accessible single beds (arranged side by side). There is plenty of circulation space. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, 106 cm in front of the toilet. Grab rails are provided. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The lift buttons are also in Braille and voice announcements are provided. There are adequate visual contrasts.

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Du Commerce ★★★ Blankenberge

Cosy family hotel in the heart of the seaside resort, near the market, the port and the beach, and only 5 minutes walk from the station. Families can book a family room with a door between the rooms. You can leave your bike in the shed free-of-charge and your car in the private garage (must be booked and extra fee). Bike rental is available. Breakfast is served until 11am which is ideal if you want to sleep late. Enjoy a drink in the renovated lounge with children's play corner. The steam bath is available for private use.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is sufficient circulation space almost everywhere. Only a short and steep ramp between the door and the reception area appears to be difficult for a manual wheelchair without assistance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.
Restaurant / breakfast room
The space narrows at the door, but the latter is usually open, which means you can easily pass through. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the 65 cm high tables.
Communal toilet
The manoeuvring and turning space at the entrance and in the toilet is limited, but functional with some manoeuvring or assistance. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet, 90 cm in front of the toilet. A grab rail is available.
Bedroom and bathroom
There are 3 accessible rooms (numbers 1, 2 and 4) each with two single beds each, one of which is accessible. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with sufficient space (90 cm in front of the seat in room 2). There is a movable shower chair with detachable armrests for rooms 1 and 2. Room 4 has a seat with grab rails. The toilet also has sufficient space and there are grab rails. The sink has limited wheelchair access in rooms 1 and 2.

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José * Blankenberge

Hotel José, a family hotel with a long history of tradition, is located in the centre, close to the sea, the shopping street, train station and one of the coastal tram stops. A warm welcome and original setting guarantee a great holiday in a family atmosphere. You receive free tea and coffee during the day. You can enjoy an extensive and varied breakfast buffet in the morning. The hotel offers good value for money.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or are accessible via a lift. The passages are wide enough. The breakfast room and communal toilet are reached via a rather steep incline. Some people may need assistance here.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The manoeuvring and turning space at the door is tight, but otherwise there is adequate circulation space. There are some tables that offer limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.

Communal toilet
There is little space beside the door handle on the inside of the door. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. The sink obstructs the manoeuvring space in front of the toilet.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Eline' suite on the first floor). The turning space behind the bedroom and bathroom door is tight, but functional. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (38 x 35 cm) and a safety rail. Sufficient space next to, in front of (114 cm) and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient clearance next to it and diagonally in front of it (photo 3). In front of the toilet the space is limited to 90 cm. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair; the clearance in front of it is 100 cm.

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Ibis Styles Zeebrugge *** Zeebrugge

This hotel is located in the centre of Zeebrugge, close to the port's commercial centre. The rooms are modern and trendy. You can choose between standard rooms, suites and family rooms. There are two heated outdoor swimming pools for hotel guests to use and private parking facilities. Free coffee, tea and water are available in the lobby, day and night.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space. The counter has a lowered section, but the possibility for manoeuvring a wheelchair under it is limited.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The depth under the tables is restricted by the table leg in the centre.

Communal toilet
The door to the adapted toilet on the ground floor is rather heavy and the space next to the handle is limited. The toilet is very spacious with adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Support rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are three accessible ensuites on the first, second and third floors, each with one accessible double bed (photo 2). The space next to the handle in front of the bedroom door is limited. The bed is 58 cm high. The bathrooms are fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat (photo 3) and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. One support rail is also provided. The toilet is fitted with support rails and provides adequate space; it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.

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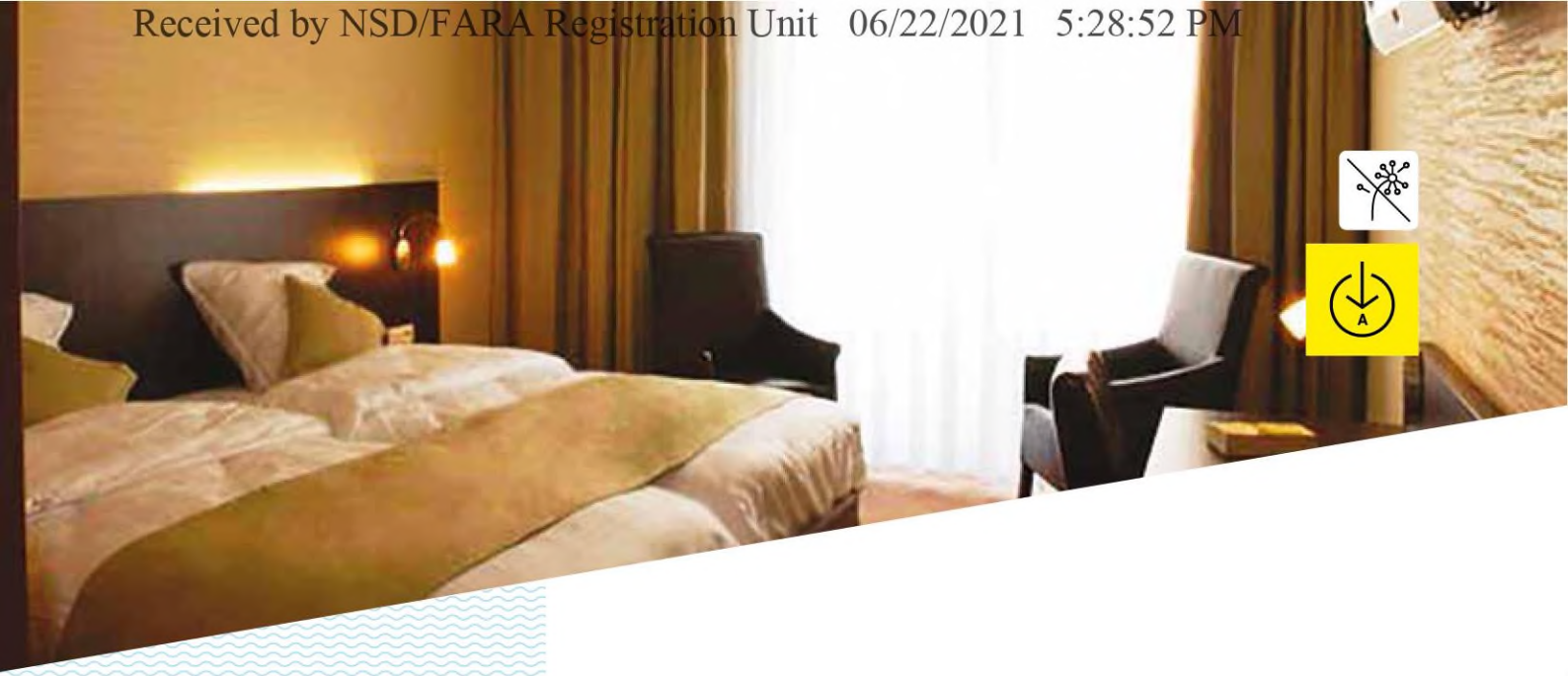

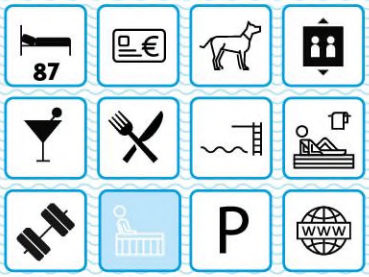

Europe ****
Ostend

Hotel Europe is situated centrally in Ostend, near the North Sea and the Casino. It's the ideal location for a walk on the promenade or sunbathing on the beach. You can relax in the heated swimming pool, the sauna, the solarium, the Turkish steam bath or the fitness room. An underground car park is available.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space. The slope of the footpath can hinder access slightly (photo 2).

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor or are easily accessible via the lift.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The door leading to the breakfast room is 81 cm wide and relatively heavy. The sections of the breakfast room's double door are 83 cm wide. There is adequate circulation space. There is limited space to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables.

Communal toilet
The turning space in front of the door is limited. Good amount of free space next to and at an angle to the toilet; it is a bit tight in front (90 cm). Handrails are available.

Bedroom and bathroom
5 accessible rooms (photo 1) (numbers 229, 329, 429, 529 and 629) with adapted bathrooms. The manoeuvring and turning space at the door is tight. Roll-in shower with shower seat with grab rails and adequate manoeuvring space. The toilets in rooms 229 and 329 have safety rails (photo 3). In the toilets of the other rooms, safety rails can be positioned on request. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet, 106 cm in front of the toilet. The washbasins are suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
1 bedroom is suitable for people with asthma and allergies (number 629).

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Hotel Bero ****
Ostend

This child-friendly hotel is located in the centre of Ostend. The shopping streets, the beach and the casino are within walking distance. Sports lovers can use the gym or swim laps in the swimming pool. Relax in the sauna or the Turkish bath while the children play in Captain Haddock's playroom. The hotel also offers a discount for children.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The ramp in the entrance area requires strong arms in the case of a manual wheelchair (photo 2).
Passageways and level differences
The lift door is 81 cm wide and has adequate space. The narrowest hallway is 100 cm wide.
Restaurant / breakfast room
The tables accommodate wheelchairs in a limited way. There is sufficient circulation space.
Communal toilet
There is sufficient free space next to and at an angle to the toilet. In front of the toilet, there is only 73 cm free space.
Bedroom and bathroom
3 spacious accessible rooms (numbers 204, 303 and 402) with adequate circulation space and 2 single beds (photo 1). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rail and adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the shower seat. There is 90 cm of space in front of the seat. There is adequate manoeuvring space in the toilet, but only has a single foldaway grab rail. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. There are another 3 adapted rooms with enough circulation space. The bathrooms have an adapted toilet with sufficient space and grab rails and washbasin that accommodates wheelchairs, but the showers are not roll-in because the shower base is 4 to 8 cm above the level of the floor. The tray itself is flat, and seat and grab rail have been provided.
Extra
6 rooms have been furnished with anti-allergenic materials. Upon request, the kitchen will take into account any food allergies or special diets. An AED device is available at the reception.

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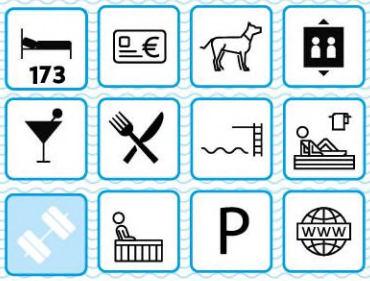

Royal Astrid *** Ostend

Waking up with a view of the royal villa. Is it a dream? Come and stay in the spacious family rooms of Royal Astrid. The extended Beauty and Wellness centre for various face and body treatments and massages is new. Afterwards, you can rest in the cosy bar with terrace and you can have a nice meal in the restaurant.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or they can be reached with the elevator. There are various elevators. With one elevator the lift cage is 110 cm wide and 120 cm deep, and with the other elevator the lift cage is big enough, but the door is 80 cm wide. The passageways are wide enough.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables accommodate wheelchairs in a limited way. The free depth under those tables is limited by the central leg.
Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to and at an angle to the toilet. In is not possible to install directly in front of the toilet, because of the placement of the washbasin. Grab rails have been provided.
Bedroom and bathroom
6 accessible rooms with bathroom, with 1 accessible single bed each (numbers 352, 358, 367, 452, 458 and 467) (picture 2). The bed is 56 cm high. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to the seat (picture 3). Grab rails are present. In the 3 bathrooms on the fourth floor a plinth of 2 cm demarcates the shower zone. You may need some help with that. The toilet has a grab rail and sufficient space; the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.
Extra
There are visual contrasts present and the elevator buttons have braille on them.

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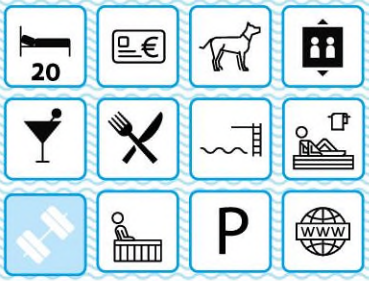
Zorghotel Gezondheids-centrum Koninklijke Villa Ostend ****



The health centre is a holiday home for persons in need of care or people suffering from chronic diseases. Vacation and recreation are increasingly focused on treatment and therapy, or coaching to improve well-being and health. In the former Royal Villa, you can take a break, with your partner if you want, and relax in exclusive surroundings.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
It is situated in the dunes so there is quite a long and steep access path. Adapted car park spaces are available near the entrance of the day centre, which is the most suitable access. The space in front of the reception is limited but manageable.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. You may require assistance to hold open the double doors from the reception to all spaces.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables. The clearance under the tables is only 40 cm due to the central leg.

Communal toilet
Toilets with sufficient clearance next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet are available on the ground floor and at -1. Safety rails are fitted. On the ground floor, the space and clearance in front of the toilet door is tight, but usable with assistance.

Bedroom and bathroom
Two accessible bedrooms with bathroom (numbers 9 and 10, each with 2 high-low beds per room) (photo 2). In room 10, the space next to the door handles is rather tight. Both bathrooms have a roll-in shower with movable seat, and sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the seat. Free space in front of the seat is 100 cm. There is also 1 safety rail but the seat is quite low, however, movable shower seats with folding armrests are also available. The raised and extended toilet in both bathrooms has safety rails and sufficient space (photo 3); roll-under washbasins are provided.

Extra
In addition to the high-low beds and shower seats, you also have a hoist, toilet height adjusters, single beds with guard rails, a bed trapeze system, urinals and bed pans. Continuous care is available on-site 24/24 with a call system. Nursing care is provided via a third-party payment system.

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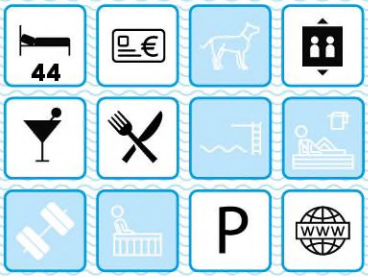

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The focus is on recreational accommodation for a relaxing holiday with care. Guests with a disability and/or in need of a high level of care, can enjoy the delights of a relaxing and pleasant stay at the seaside in the exciting coastal resort of Middelkerke. The comfort, atmosphere and accommodation of a hotel are combined with the facilities and the full accessibility of a care centre. If you are in need of care, the care team will find the right solution! The kitchen team provides culinary delights while taking your wishes into account.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance. The reception counter is suitable for wheelchair users.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached with a spacious lift.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.
Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
44 adapted rooms with bathroom, five of which are fully-equipped care rooms with a ceiling hoist. On the 2nd floor there is an additional bathroom with height adjustable bath and ceiling lift. The other bathrooms have a roll-in shower with movable seat with folding armrests and a grab rail. Sufficient space is provided in front of and diagonally in front of the seat; the space in some rooms next to the seat is only between 75 and 85 cm. The toilet has safety bars and sufficient space; lateral space in some rooms is only 82 cm. Roll-under washbasins.
Extra
On request the kitchen takes allergies, diets and food preferences into account. The rooms and passages are fitted with hypoallergenic floor coverings. Middelpunt has a variety of aids (on request). Besides the height adjustable beds and baths, and hoists, you can also reserve nursing (via Wit-Gele Kruis) and assistance. The elevator buttons have braille indications and visual contrasts have been used.
The rooms and communal areas are decorated in a low-stimulus way and colour schemes have been used in their design. There is an infrared wellness area for up to 6 persons, including 2 wheelchair users.

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Hotel Cosmopolite is located in the centre of Nieuwpoort-Bad and is a good base for enjoying a wonderful holiday at the seaside. The sea dike is situated just 80 m away, and the port channel just 250 m away. The Caprice Bar is the best place to relax and enjoy yourself. Try Belgian beers, have a delicious cocktail or try a drink from our extensive range. Light meals such as exquisite tapas and modern classics are served in the bar. In Brasserie Carrousel, you can enjoy a wide variety of dishes and the children can play in the kids corner.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space throughout.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The space narrows at the entrance, but is functional, and otherwise there is adequate circulation space. There are tables under which it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair, although the width is limited.

Communal toilet
There is adequate manoeuvring space in the toilet and it is fitted with grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
Five accessible rooms (numbers 127, 227, 327, 427 and 527), each with two 60 cm high single beds. All of the bathrooms have a roll-in shower with adequate space, although the space in front of the seat is limited in some bathrooms. A seat and support rails are provided everywhere. The shower head can only be moved in rooms 127 and 527. The toilet has a safety rail fitted and the washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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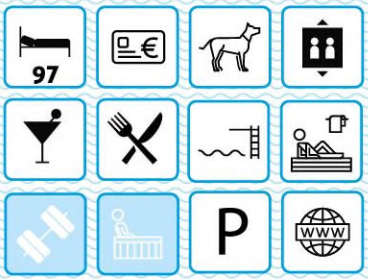

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The ibis Styles Nieuwpoort Hotel is an oasis of peace. It's located on the Belgian coast and offers a combination of style and comfort. Discover the city of Nieuwpoort with its white sandy beaches, fish market, many shops and the harbour Euromarina. The ibis Styles Nieuwpoort offers both standard two-person rooms with 1 or two beds and family rooms. The rooms each have their own bathroom with a bath or shower. The hotel provides free toiletries and a hairdryer. The hotel has elegant rooms, a bar with a terrace, two meeting rooms, a children's corner and a car park. There is also a wellness centre with a covered swimming pool, a sauna and a hammam.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily reachable and accessible. The desk has a lowered, wheelchair-friendly section.

Passageways and level differences
The floors are accessible with a good lift, however the lift button in wing 1 is slightly harder to reach. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient space and there are some wheelchair-friendly tables.

Communal toilet
You may need help opening the heavy door due to the limited manoeuvring space on the inside. Aside from that, the toilet is spacious enough and has enough manoeuvring space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 4 adapted rooms (numbers 31, 131, 231 in wing 1 and number 206 in wing 2). You may need help opening the heavy door with limited manoeuvring space next to the door handle on the inside. Aside from that, they are very accessible and you always have sufficient turning space on one side of the 2 single beds. In the rooms in wing 1, the turning space in front of the bathroom door is rather tight, but doable. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rails and sufficient manoeuvring space (107 cm in front of the seat in wing 1). The toilet has grab rails and sufficient manoeuvring space (109 cm in front of the toilet in wing 1). The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users, however, it is located in a niche in room 206.

Extra
Upon request, the kitchen can accommodate your food allergies and preferences. The lift buttons have Braille markings. Visual contrasts are largely present. The route to the wellness zone is obstacle-free and it has a separate dressing room with an adapted toilet. There is no shower wheelchair or hoist available.

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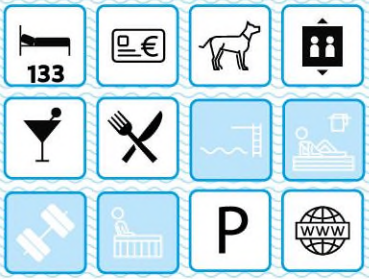

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Sandeshoved is a child-friendly, family hotel located on the pedestrian sea dike in Nieuwpoort. It offers special prices for the winter period as well as weekend and midweek packages. The hotel organises gastronomic and themed weekends and there are special holiday packages for pensioners. Sandeshoved also provides group meals, arranges daytrips and is a great place for holding sea classes and seminars.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The ramp to the entrance is quite steep, which means you may require assistance. There is easy access with adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The position of the lift buttons is quite high (137 cm). The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The doors to the breakfast room and Sandeshoved restaurant are rather heavy. You may have to open both sections of the door to the restaurant (each section is 80 cm wide). There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The depth under the tables is restricted by the table leg in the centre.

Communal toilet
The two adapted toilets on floor -1 are too small to be used comfortably. There is a well-adapted toilet with adequate space and support rails in the restaurant De Vloote, on the other side of the street. You can access it via an underground corridor, but assistance may be necessary when negotiating two steep inclines and several narrower sections.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are three accessible ensuites (numbers 135, 235 and 335), each with two single beds, one of which is accessible (photo 2). The sliding door to the bathroom is quite difficult to operate without assistance due to the small handle and limited space. The bathrooms are fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat, support rails and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The shower head is positioned to the rear of the seat and is therefore difficult to use. The toilet is fitted with support rails and provides adequate space; it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.

Extra
The bathroom in room 335 (not the room itself) is fitted with a ceiling-mounted hoist. However, use of this room cannot be guaranteed in advance due to a contract with an organisation.

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Hotel Aan Zee ⁂
De Panne

Hotel Aan Zee is located on the lively market square of De Panne, close to the main shopping street and a stone's throw from the beach. As someone who enjoys life, you will certainly be able to appreciate what's on offe at this small, picturesque hotel. The courtyard and restaurant are also very pleasant. Parking is available for 10 euros. Internet is available free of charge.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The passages are wide enough.
Restaurant / breakfast room
The clearance by the buffet and the route is a little tight, but seems to be manageable. The furniture can also be moved. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.
Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Grab rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
3 adapted rooms with bathroom (numbers 11, 14 and 24). Room 11 is the most accessible and is A+ label certified. There are several mattresses available. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with movable shower chair with folding handrails. Only room 11 has sufficient positioning space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the shower chair. In rooms 14 and 24, the toilet and washbasin limit the space next to the shower chair to 73 cm, and to 70 cm in front of it. The toilet has grab rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The sink is wheelchair accessible.
Extra
The lift has braille buttons and emits an auditory signal. Visual contrasts are largely present. Anti-allergic fabrics are used. The kitchen is happy to take your food allergies and dietary requirements into account on request.

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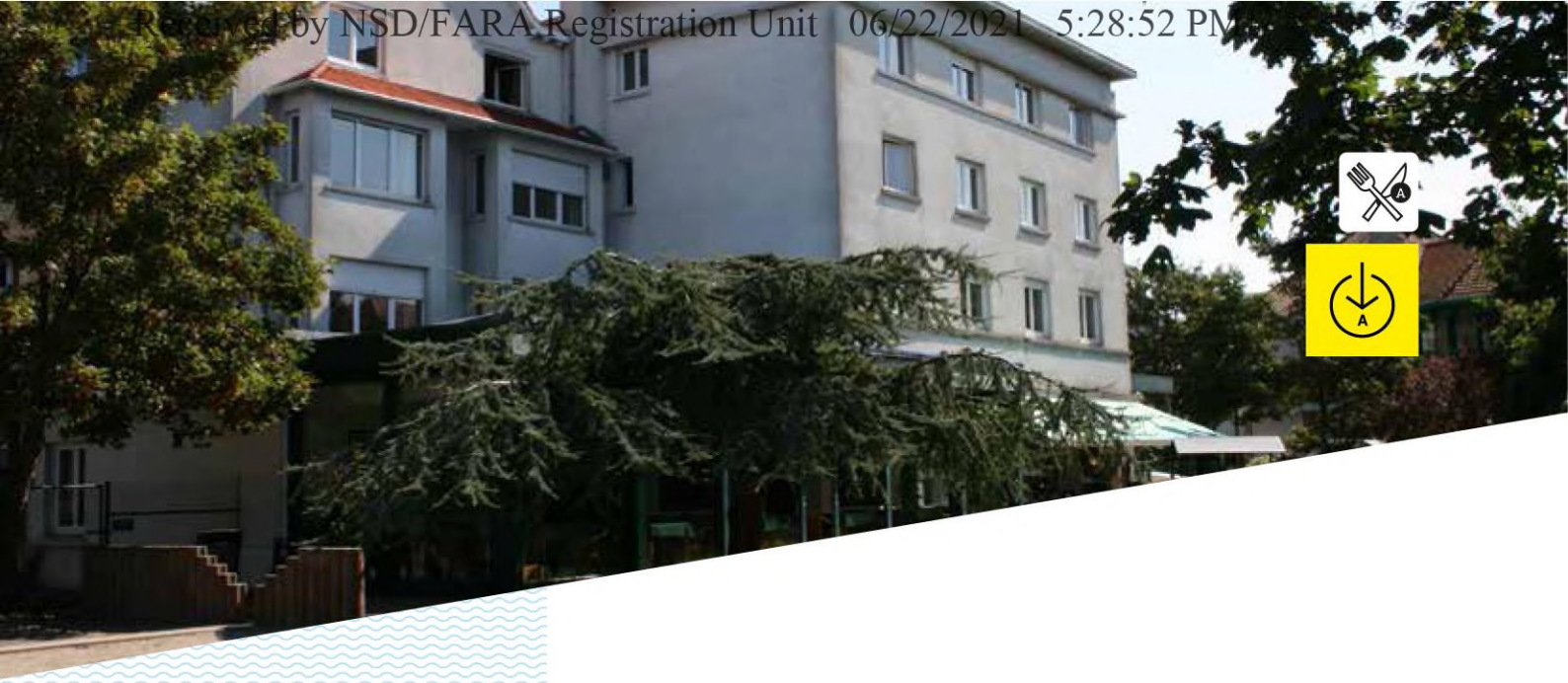

Parkhotel De Panne

The Park Hotel is situated in the beautiful Erfgoedwijk, just 200 metres from the beach. You can relax in the 2000 m² garden with a terrace, sun loungers and a playground. The hotel has 39 comfortable rooms and a wonderful breakfast buffet with fresh, organic and local products.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You enter via two ramps. You may need some help. Otherwise, the entrance is easily accessible.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be accessed with the lift. On some floors, the buttons are in a corner. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient space. 1 larger table only has limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
The door to the toilet in the restaurant is 84 cm wide. The turning space is quite tight, but doable. Next to the toilet there is sufficient space for a wheelchair, and 100 cm in front. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Bedroom and bathroom
Room 304 is accessible. The space next to the door handle on the inside is tight. The bed is 63 cm high. There is sufficient turning space on 1 side next to the twin beds. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rails and sufficient space. However, the tap will be against your back. You can therefore also use a shower wheelchair with large back wheels and foldable arm rests. The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users but the depth is rather limited.

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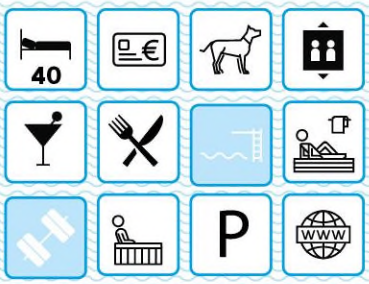

Casino Koksijde ****

This four-star hotel is located in the centre of Koksijde, 25 metres from the sea. The rooms are spacious, with a terrace facing the sun or a balcony with a sea view, or you can stay in a family room with a separate children's room. In the fish restaurant 'Mozart', seasonal dishes using fresh produce from the local market are served. In the charming lounge or on the sun terrace you can enjoy a variety of fish dishes such as fish stew and a variety of mussel and crab dishes. You can relax in the sauna, Turkish bath or whirlpool.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Accessible via a fairly steep incline, you may need a bit of help. There is sufficient clearance. The reception counter is suitable for a wheelchair.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the extended toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
3 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 002, 004 and 005). Two single beds in the room (photo 2). The turning space at the bathroom door is tight, but functional. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. In room 002 there is just 66 cm of space in front of the seat. The shower has a 2 cm raised edge. The extended toilet has safety rails and there is space beside, in front of (110 cm in room 005) and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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‘t Hof Ten Hullenhove ***
Ostend

An active farm, located in the flat polder at 5 kilometres from the sea and close to the network of cycle paths. Children can safely play on the premises or in the fenced-in garden and patio with toys of all kinds. When the weather is bad, children can enjoy themselves in the multi-purpose room with play area, ping-pong table and table football while parents can read a book from the library. The spacious kitchen is available all day.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Sufficient circulation space almost everywhere. There is, however, limited free space next to the door handle, possibly requiring help when opening the door.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Living / dining room
Adequate circulation space throughout. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables.

Communal toilet
The manoeuvring space in front of the door is limited. There is free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Equipped with handrails.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (‘De Welkom’) with two single beds. The circulation space in the room and in front of the bathroom door is adequate, with some manoeuvring required at a number of places. The beds can be separated from each other in order to create more room (photo 2). There is a roll-in shower with a moveable shower chair with removable armrests. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the seat and 103 cm in front of it. The toilet is fitted with grab rails and there is adequate manoeuvring space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

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Hoevedomein Rietvelde Oostduinkerke ****

The Rietvelde farmhouse estate is situated 500 metres from Nieuwpoort and about 3 km (2 miles) from the sea. The group house Het Riethuis and the 3 small holiday homes are spacious and contemporarily furnished. Only Het Riethuis is accessible and has room for 12 persons. This working farm has cows, sheep and ponies. Children can have fun outside on the playing field or in the recreational area where they can play table tennis or board games.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is very accessible via smooth paths. There is adequate space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance in the living and dining room of the holiday home. There is a table under which you can manoeuvre a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet for all holiday homes, but the toilet in the bathroom of Het Riethuis is always nearby.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (room 1 in Het Riethuis) (photo 2). The door to the room is 83 cm wide; the bathroom door is 82 cm. Here and there by the doors and in the room the space and clearance is a little tight. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (35 x 27 cm) and a safety rail (photo 3). Sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the seat, limited in front to 82 cm. The shower head is difficult to reach from the seat due to its height and position on the wall. The toilet has a safety rail and there is space to the side, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink; the space under the sink is 80 cm wide.

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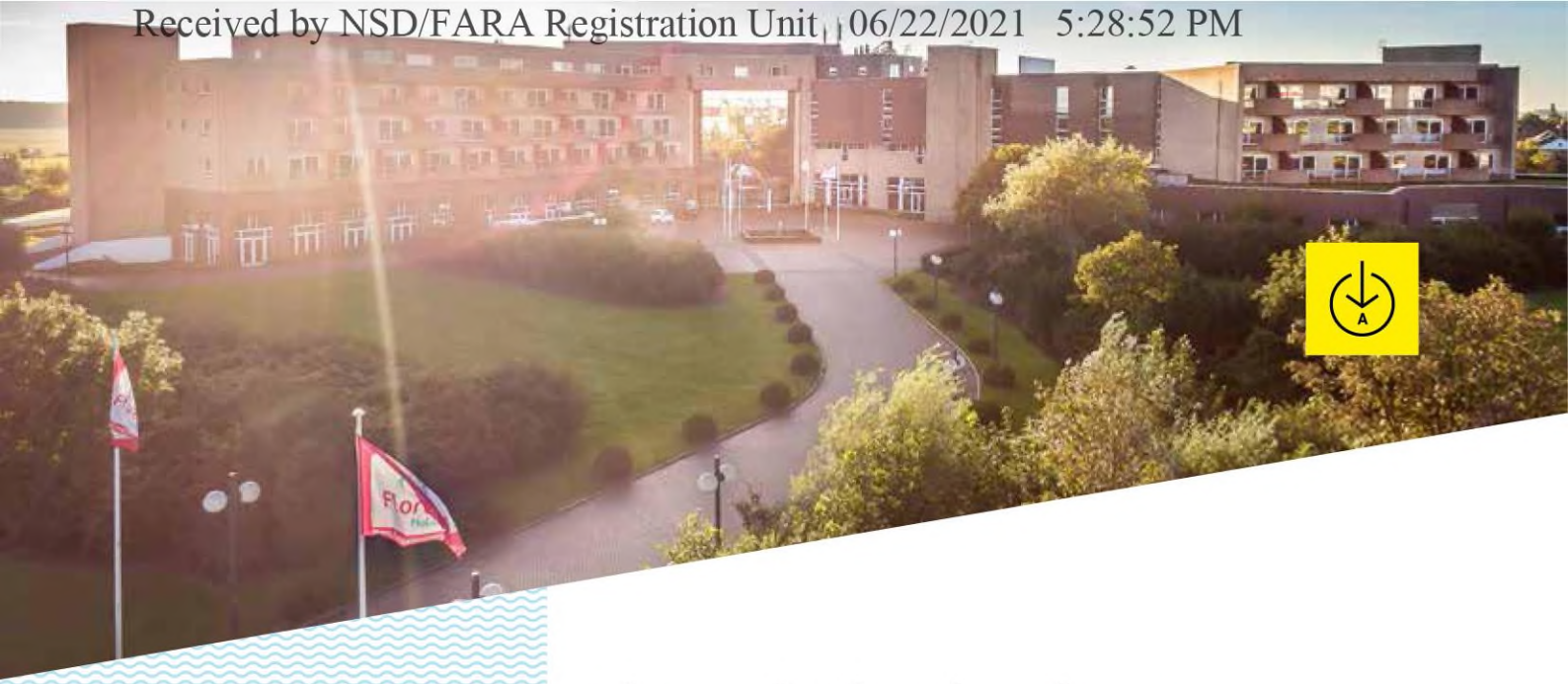

Floreal Blankenberge Blankenberge

Floreal Blankenberge is a modern holiday centre with extensive meeting and sports accommodation, which is situated within walking distance of the seawall of Blankenberge and the lively city centre. On the premises you'll also find a miniature golf course, petanque courses, playgrounds and a spacious terrace. There is also a new caravan park with 42 spaces. Entertainment is provided during the holiday periods, also for children. Sea Life, the municipal swimming pool and a bowling complex are all nearby. You can park free-of-charge in reserved spaces with your disabled card.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas on the ground floor are easily accessible. Rooms on the upper floors are also easily accessible via a large lift. The hallways are adequately wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Accessible via a double door with 77 cm-wide sections. The tables accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
Comfortable amount of free space next to and at an angle to the toilet, less space in front (95 cm). There is a single foldaway grab rail.

Holiday apartment / studio
6 accessible studio flats with bathroom (on 1st floor) (photo 2). The studios have two single beds. The circulation space is a bit tight here and there. Roll-in shower with shower seat and handrails. The free space in front of the seat is 100 cm, but there is only 60 cm next to it (photo 3). The presence of a shower wheelchair mitigates this problem. The free space next to the toilet is only 70 cm, but there is adequate space in front and at an angle. The toilet has handrails and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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Vakantiecentrum Cosmopolite Blankenberge

Cosmopolite lies at the corner of Blankenberge's main square, the Grote Markt, five minutes away from the marina, the beach and the sea wall. It is also adjacent to the pedestrian shopping precinct. The holiday resort offers you a relaxing stay at the heart of this pleasant seaside town, where there is always something going on.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance. The reception-desk counter is suitable for a wheelchair user.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance and roll-under tables are available for wheelchair users.
Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (room 107 with 2 single beds, 1 of which is an accessible height adjustable bed). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and grab rails. The hoist is on the same wall as the seat. Also available is a separate shower wheelchair with large rear wheels and folding armrests, which you can set up as you wish. The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails are fitted. The sink is wheelchair accessible.
Extra
In addition to the adjustable-height bed and shower stool, wheelchairs, a bed trapeze, a commode, nursing care, a physiotherapist and a doctor are available on request. The lift buttons are in Braille and there is an auditory signal.

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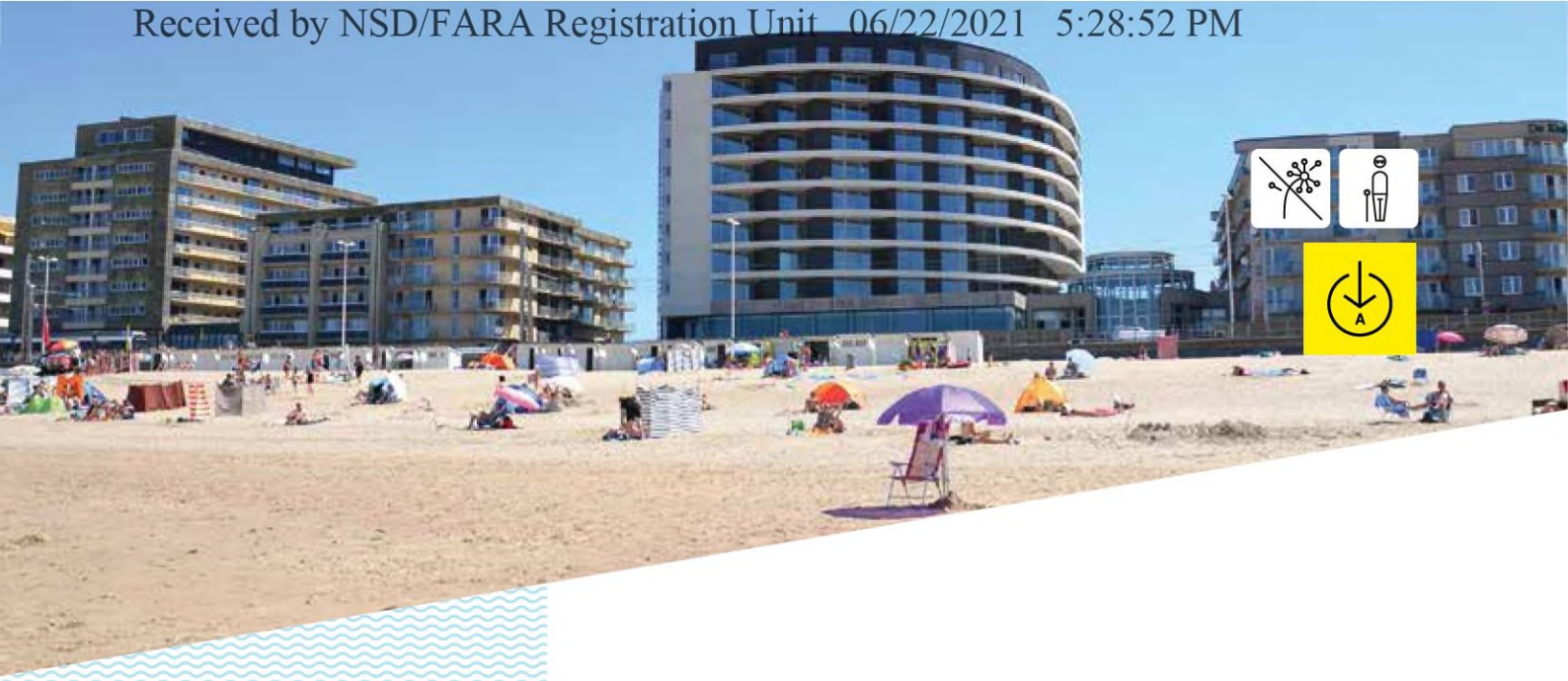

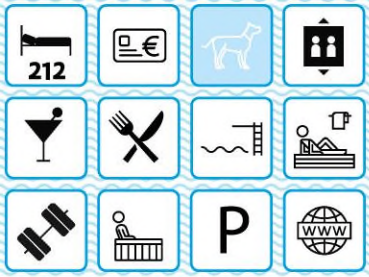

Vayamundo Oostende Ostend

Vayamundo Ostend offers comfortable accommodation and also a wide range of recreational activities. You can visit the swimming pool with sauna, the fitness area, the library or the sports centre. You can enjoy a snack and a drink in the winter garden with sea views.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You enter the front door through a very large revolving door, and at the rear there are automatic sliding doors. The desk is suitable for wheelchairs.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached with spacious elevators. The passageways are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space. There are wheelchair accessible tables available.

Communal toilet
The 3 adapted toilets have sufficient space and grab rails. Only on -1 there is only 1 grab rail.

Bedroom and Holiday apartment
There are 7 adapted rooms with 2 accessible beds each and 9 adapted apartments with 1 accessible bed each. There is sufficient circulation space everywhere. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with detachable shower seat, sufficient space and a grab rail (picture 3). The toilets all have 2 grab rails and sufficient space. The washbasins accommodate wheelchairs.

Extra
There are braille buttons in the lift, the lift has an auditory signal and there are visual contrasts. There is no carpet in the apartments or adapted rooms.

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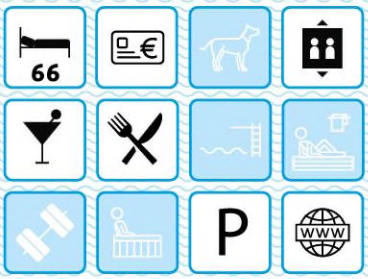

Zorgverblijf Ter Duinen Nieuwpoort

Ter Duinen is an oasis of peace and quiet in the middle of a picturesque polder landscape and is a stone's throw from the beach and the sea. Excursions in the surrounding area, including with an accessible tourist train, give your stay a tint of charm and variety. In Ter Duinen you can enjoy an invigorating holiday. Nursing care, numerous resources and entertainment are present.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms on the ground floor are easily accessible, the lift has adequate space. Wide corridors everywhere.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space in both the cafeteria and the breakfast area / restaurant, and tables are present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilets at the reception and the restaurant have sufficient positioning and turning space. There are grab rails, although they are a little far apart at the restaurant.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
66 accessible rooms with two electric height adjustable beds. The positioning space next to the door handles is limited. The turning space in the bathroom is tight. The space in front (40 cm) and next to the seat (70 cm) is limited (photo 3), but there is also a shower wheelchair available. There is sufficient positioning space next to the toilet. There is 100 cm in front of the toilet. There are grab rails. In the 4 communal bathrooms along the corridor there is a Parker bath and a roll-in shower with sufficient space and a shower wheelchair.

Extra
Numerous aids are offered such as wheelchairs, a shower recliner, mobile hoist systems, height adjustable beds, etc. Upon request, an independent nurse can attend. In emergencies, you can rely 24/7 on the nursing staff that work in the convalescent home. On request the kitchen takes food allergies into account.

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Villa Rozerood De Panne

Villa Rozerood creates an environment where not only the sick child receives suitable care, but serves as a place where the child as well as the parents and siblings can finally leave their daily worries behind for a while. Various residential packages are possible depending on the wishes and needs of the family concerned. Professional support is available from a team of experienced paediatric nurses (available 24 hours a day), led by its own paediatrician. Nursing care can be provided in consultation with the family, by the parents alongside the nurses or taken over by the nursing team. There is a varied entertainment programme for families and children. Service dogs are welcome after consultation with the team.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, but the bell and the keypad are positioned too high and in the corner. There is adequate circulation space. The counter has a lowered section, but the possibility for manoeuvring a wheelchair under it is limited.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There are three adapted toilets. They generally offer adequate space (90 cm in front of the toilet and limited turning space on the third floor). The toilets on the ground and first floors are fitted with a single support rail and the toilet on the third floor does not have any at all. On the ground floor, space next to the handle is restricted and the toilet bowl is rather low.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is one spacious, easily accessible ensuite on the third floor (number 14 with two accessible beds). Rooms 15 and 16 have also been adapted, but the bathrooms are smaller. The space next to the handle behind the bathroom door is limited. The bathroom is fitted with a roll-in shower with a seat, support rail and adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet is fitted with support rails and provides adequate space; it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. There is also a shared bathroom with a high-low bath.

Extra
Professional support is available from a team of experienced paediatric nurses. The team guarantees on-call nursing 24 hours a day. There is a bathroom with a high-low bath and a hoist. There are also facilities for people that suffer from asthma and allergies.

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Euphorbia Koksijde

Vakantiehuis Euphorbia occupies a stunning location in the dunes, just five minutes' walk from the North Sea and ten minutes from the shopping centre in Koksijde-Bad. Everything has been thought of to optimise everyone's experience, including wheelchair users.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is ample parking on the grounds, with a slope to the entrance. You might need assistance opening the double door, but otherwise everything is easily accessible and there is plenty of circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables.
The kitchen is easily accessible: manoeuvring a wheelchair under the kitchen counters and sink is possible.

Communal toilet
There are two adapted toilets with a care table. In the toilet by the rooms, there is limited positioning space next to the button of the sliding door. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. There is 102 cm or 117 cm of positioning space in front of the toilet. It is fitted with grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are six accessible rooms, each with two accessible single beds. Two electric height adjustable beds are also available. The space next to the door handle in front of the room door is tight. The sinks in the rooms have limited wheelchair access. The communal bathroom in the corridor has an electric height adjustable bath, shower stretcher and roll-in shower with shower wheelchair. The turning and positioning space behind the door is tight.

Extra
There are facilities for people with a learning disability: the area is fully lockable, the garden by the large terrace can be locked separately and all rooms can be locked. There are two height adjustable beds, a height adjustable bath, shower stretcher, shower wheelchair, changing tables and side guards for the beds.

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Reigersnest Koksijde

Competitive prices, a free indoor and outdoor play area, delicious meals, a lovely terrace with a bar, free entertainment during most school holidays, advantageous packages with discounts for drinks, Plopsaland theme park close by and much more. Reigersnest has a lot to offer. The team welcomes you and your fellow travellers with open arms. Small and older children, young families, grandparents with or without their grandchildren, small or large groups: everyone feels at home in this family friendly Gezinsbond (Flemish Family Alliance) house! It is located in the middle of the dunes just 900 m from the sea. It has everything your family and friends (or group) could possibly need for an unforgettable holiday.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access path runs over several slopes. In the middle, there is a steep part which not everyone may be able to use independently. Plenty of circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are reachable via a lift (the buttons inside the lift are located in a corner). The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Good clearance. There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space next to, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible bedrooms (numbers 139 and 238) with bathroom. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat with foldable arm rests and sufficient space. The toilet has grab rails and sufficient space. The sink provides wheelchair access.

Extra
The lift has braille buttons and visual contrasts are largely present.

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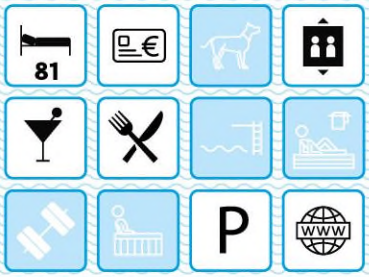

Vakantiedomein Ter Helme Oostduinkerke

Vakantiedomein Ter Helme is located in the Karthuizer dunes and only 700 metres from the sea. It's an ideal destination for enjoying a wonderful holiday at the coast with your family, friends or club, or organising a seminar, or for school seaside outings. Vakantiedomein Ter Helme itself is a pleasant place to stay. The accommodation is spacious and includes a fun playground, and the dunes nearby are an ideal natural playing area. Enjoy a delicious lunch or a cosy dinner in one of the restaurants.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some help on the slope from the street. If you park in the car park, there'll be no problem. The entrance is very accessible with adequate circulation space. There is a reception desk that has knee space for wheelchair users.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms on the ground floor are easily accessible. The new multifunctional room on the ground floor is easily accessible and close to the restaurants and the entrance. The multipurpose area with corresponding toilet on the first floor is accessible via a 98 x 128 cm lift. The lift door is 78 cm wide. The flats can be reached via a different, larger lift. The hallways are adequately wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Adequate circulation space (photo 2). There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The toilets near the restaurants and entrance have been completely renovated, three of which easily accommodate wheelchairs. In the toilet on the first floor, there is one foldaway support rail and adequate space next and diagonally in front of the toilet. The space in front of the toilet is slightly restricted by the sink.

Holiday apartment / bedroom
The 6 accessible rooms (numbers 51 to 56) all have 2 double beds, 1 of which is accessible. In rooms 52 to 55, the room and circulation space at the doors and in the bathrooms are tight here and there, but are certainly functional. All the bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate space and support rails. The toilet also has adequate space and is fitted with support rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink (photo 3). In 8 accessible apartments (at least 1 accessible bed per room), the bathroom has been renovated. There is a roll-in shower with sufficient space, shower seat and grab rail. The space next to as well as in front of the toilet is sufficient, the washbasins are suitable for wheelchairs. The circulation space at the doors is limited, but sufficient for use. In the entrance hallway, some manoeuvring may be necessary.

Extra
The rooms and apartments are allergy friendly: they have stone floors. The kitchen takes allergies into account.

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De Wielen ★★★ Blankenberge

The camper holiday park De Wielen is equipped with mobile homes and campers and is located between the flat polders and the North Sea beach. A quiet atmosphere pervades. Children can have fun in the renovated playgrounds and in the summer months there is an entertainment programme. De Wielen is the starting point for various cycle routes and also has all modern facilities.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Reception mainly takes place in the cafeteria (photo 2), which is easily accessible. The inaccessible reception at the entrance to the park is hardly ever used.

Walkways
The paths are wide enough and paved.

Pitches
The pitches are on average 160 m². They are easily accessible via the paths.

Sanitary block
There are accessible sanitary facilities in block 1 next to the cafeteria. You might need assistance to get up the incline that runs as far as the door. There is a roll-in shower with shower chair with folding armrests (photo 3). There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the shower seat. There is 90 cm of space in front of the shower seat due to the position of the sink. The tap is on the same wall as the seat. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

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Park Mercator ** Middelkerke

Campsite Mercator in Middelkerke is a cosy and quiet campsite close to sea and beach. Children can enjoy themselves in the playground. You can enjoy many fish and meat dishes in the snack bar and the restaurant.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The slope to the reception is very steep, but you can ring the bell and call the staff so you do not need to tackle the slope. There is sufficient space inside. The reception desk has knee space for wheelchair users.

Walkways
The paths are sufficiently wide and paved.

Pitches
Standard 100 m2 and easily accessible via tarmac paths.

Sanitary block
There is 1 sanitary block with sufficient circulation space and a very spacious bathroom. The turning space in front of the door is a little tight. There is a level entry shower with shower seat (40 x 35 cm), ample positioning space and a grab rail. The toilet also has plenty of space and grab rails. The sink has limited wheelchair access.

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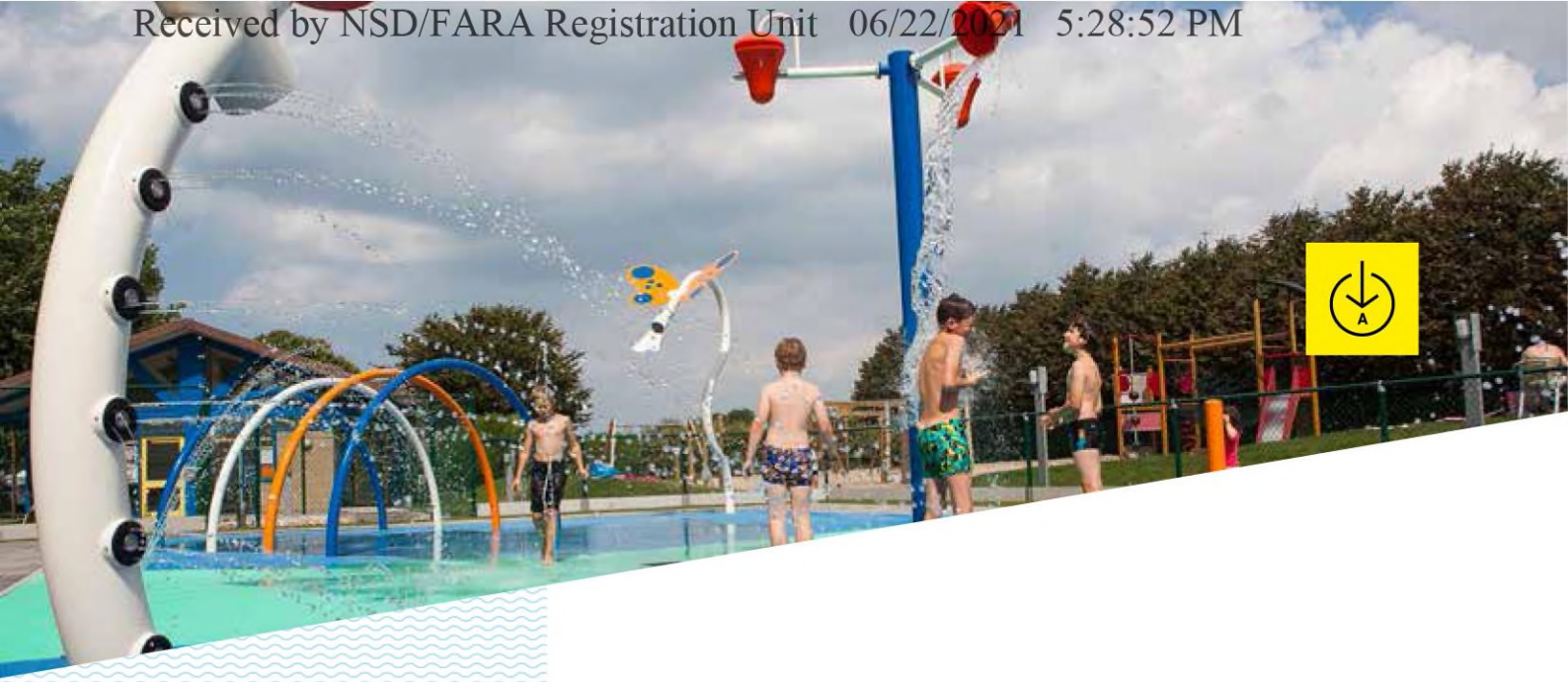

Kompas Camping Westende ***

Kompas Westende Campsite is situated in picturesque settings between the dunes and the polder, 10 minutes walk from the sea. Enjoy the peace and quiet of nature combined with comfort, culture, good food and a cosy atmosphere. The campsite offers many free sports and recreational facilities. There are also Comfort Lodges for rent.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Walkways
The paths are wide and hardened.

Pitches
Standard 100 m² and easily accessible.

Sanitary block
Block one and four offer accessible sanitary facilities. In block one there is a lack of manoeuvring space next to the handle behind the door. In block four you may need assistance to navigate the incline that leads to the door and the tight space at the entrance. Both blocks have a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. In block four the seat is small and is positioned far from the wall and the grab rails. The toilet has grab rails (the fixed grab rail in block four is not easy to use) and adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet bowl, with 90 cm of space in front of it. Manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is limited.

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CAMPING AREAS

Park Costa ** Bredene

Park Costa is the ideal place for breathing in a dose of healthy air at the Belgian coast. You can enjoy the quiet and relax in green, family and child-friendly surroundings. While the children romp in the play area, you can quietly play a game of boules, a game of billiards or take part in an organized activity. It's a 5 minute walk to the sea front.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, but due to the limited space at the counter you may need a little help.

Walkways
The paths are wide enough and paved.

Pitches
The pitches are between 80 and 100 m² in size and easily reached via asphalt paths. You can park near the pitches.

Sanitary block
There is 1 sanitary block with an accessible shower and toilet. The clearance in front of the door is 120x90 cm and there is a threshold of 3 cm. Entering during a test with a manual wheelchair appeared to be no problem. The space next to the handle behind the doors is limited. The shower is roll-in, there is a shower seat (36 x 22 cm) with 2 safety rails and there is sufficient space everywhere (photo 3).
The tap is located on the same wall as the seat. Clearance in the adapted toilet is 140 x 120 cm. There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, in front of it you only have 75 cm. Safety rails are fitted. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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‘t Minnepark *** Bredene

The campsite is 2 km (1.25 miles) from the sea front and beach. An ideal location for people who love space and quiet. They also have a tennis court, a basketball field and petanque courses. Modern facilities and comfort offer a guarantee for a successful holiday.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
For the threshold of 6 cm at the door to the reception you may need a little help. The space next to the handle inside is limited. The clearance in front of the door is limited, but by going through part of the terrace movement is fairly easy. There is sufficient clearance indoors.

Walkways
The paths are wide enough and paved.

Pitches
Standard 110 to 135 m² and easily reached via asphalt paths. You can park near the pitches.

Sanitary block
There is a slope up to the shower door, as a result of which you have no flat space (photo 2).

The door is relatively heavy and the space next to the handle inside is limited. The door threshold of 5 cm also makes independent entry with a manual wheelchair difficult. There is lots of space indoors. The shower is roll-in and has a shower seat (35 x 35 cm) and safety rails. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The payment terminal is positioned rather high. There is 120 cm turning space in front of the toilet door. There is a 2.5 cm threshold and the ground slopes quite a lot here. There is a turning radius of 120 cm in the room. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, 90 cm in front of the toilet. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink in the shower area.

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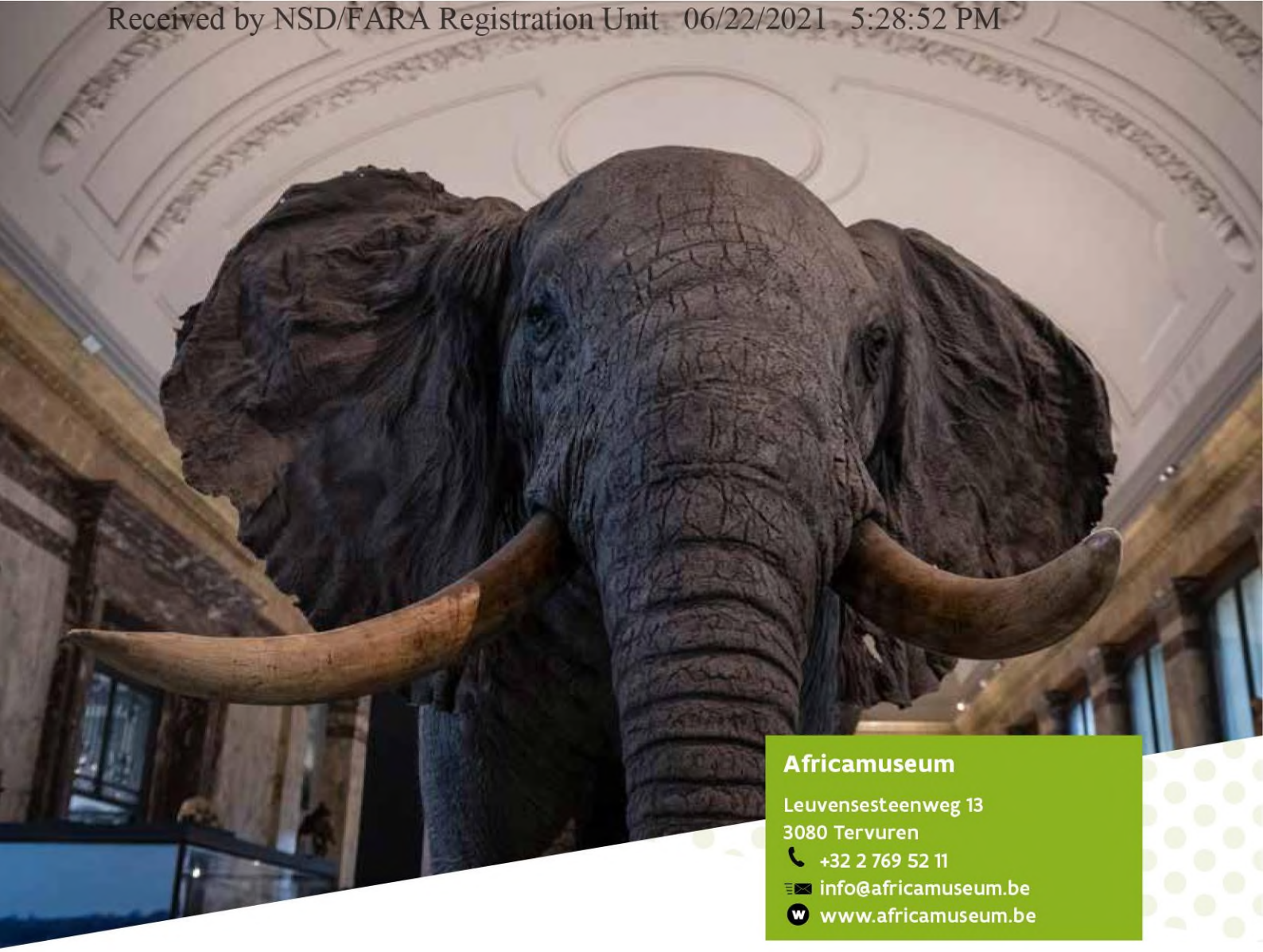

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Not to be missed!

AFRICAMUSEUM

Various themed rooms guide you through Africa's varied nature and cultural cities. You can learn about old and new traditions and gain an insight into the colonial history our country shares with Central Africa. In addition, you are immersed in the language and music of this unique continent. This museum is great for young and old, making it an ideal family outing!

The paths to the entrance are made of coarse dolomite gravel. They are on a slope and there are gutters along the path. The entrance itself can be easily accessed. There is a lowered and wheelchair-friendly reception desk. The different floors are accessible with ramps, lifts and platform lifts. The ramps are sometimes rather steep. The main lifts are spacious. The platform lifts are large enough, although the entrance to the lifts at the roundabout is limited to a width of 84 cm and the buttons are more difficult to reach. The experience elements sometimes have knee space for wheelchair users; sometimes only partially. The majority of the information and experiences on offer are accessible and usable, though you may need help in places. The information texts are not always easy to read. The Tembo Restaurant and the picnic area are fully accessible, but the tables are not wheelchair-friendly. The shop can be easily accessed. There are various adapted toilets In most areas, the turning space is tight, but doable. Supports have been fitted. The sinks have (limited) clearance underneath. Wheelchairs, walking frames and seats are available.

A visual step-by-step plan for people with autism is available (in Dutch): https://www.toerismevoorautisme.be/portfolio/africamuseum-tervuren/

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FATHER DAMIEN

The modernised Damien museum, a contemporary and interactive experience centre, follows the footsteps of Jef De Veuster (1840-1889), better known as Father Damien. Visit the living room of the Damien family and follow his route as a missionary to the Hawaiian Islands. The exhibition gives you an idea of the community that he created with exclusively diseased people on the island of Molokai, where he ultimately died. You can also learn about Damien Action, which today continues the work of Damien and gives hope to the millions of people with leprosy and tuberculosis. The exhibition comprises the residence and living areas, chapel and the rooms in the extension. In the house, there is a historical door that is just 74 cm wide. Upon request, you can reach the house via the other direction (chapel). Otherwise, all of the rooms and exhibited objects are accessible. Visually impaired visitors may need assistance in the darker areas, where there is reduced contrast.

HOGE MOTE

Hoge Mote—centrally located in the historic centre of Ronse—is, without a doubt, a ground-breaking information and experience centre. The restoration of the site is impressive. It is a heritage gem with surprising modern highlights and it is the home of Tourism Ronse. It's the perfect starting point for a city walk or to explore the region. Using the interactive panels, audio stories, films and virtual reality, visitors can learn more about Sint-Hermes, the development of Ronse, and Flanders' most beautiful landscape. The information is available in four languages. Hoge Mote already had three towers, but with the addition of the fourth tower, the view is complete.
The access path consists of quite flat, well-sandblasted cobblestones. The entrance can be easily accessed. There is a lowered and wheelchair-friendly reception desk. There is plenty of space. A good lift will take you to the different floors including the panorama terrace on the second floor. The exhibited items and experience elements are easily accessible and usable. Most leaflets and brochures are easy to reach without help. There is a spacious adapted toilet with grab rails and a sink with sufficient clearance underneath. The audio stories are also available in written form with large print, and in Braille. Colour contrasts have been provided.

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ACCESSIBLE CYCLING AND WALKING IN OUR GREEN SPACES

The Province of Antwerp, together with dozens of volunteers, has outlined four accessible cycling loops in the vicinity of Brasschaat, Mol, Rijkevorsel and Bornem. The recently updated descriptions can be found on www.provincieantwerpen.be > Fietsen en wandelen langs knooppunten > Fietsen > Toegankelijke fietsroutes (in Dutch). Each route is also accompanied by a guide that indicates the various accessible locations along the way. So why not make a weekend of it? The loops all depart from a holiday location with an accessibility badge.

In East Flanders, the free cycling and walking magazine StapAf issued a special, one-off edition for disabled people. This edition guides you around the more beautiful spots in the province, but with a specific focus on accessibility. The eating, drinking and sleeping tips have also been selected for smooth access, where possible, and a helping-hand, where necessary. StapAf+ can be ordered via the province of East-Flanders' webshop. You can also find the routes on www.tov.be/toegankelijkheid (in Dutch).

Discover our other cycling and walking tips in the brochure 'Accessible day excursions in Flanders and Brussels' at www.visitflanders.com/en/accessibility.

Openluchtmuseum Bokrijk

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TIME MACHINE

Where do our customs and traditions come from? The Bokrijk Open air museum is a life-sized time machine. Are you prepared to roll up your sleeves and get involved? In the new workshops, you can work with bread dough, clay, leather or wood. You learn the ins-and-outs of the craft and go home with a hand-made souvenir. The Open air museum is located in a 550 hectare park, a genuine paradise for walkers and cyclists. Visit the arboretum or discover the De Wijers lake area and cycle through the water. Kids can also play to their hearts' content in the free open air museum playground.

There are asphalt roads in the museum and in the rest of the park. Some houses are inaccessible to wheelchairs. The playground has special play equipment for children with disabilities. There are adapted toilets. It is possible to borrow wheelchairs free of charge from the information centre (main entrance of the Open Air Museum). To ensure availabilty of these, it is advised that you contact the Bokrijk Information Centre on +32 11 265 315 beforehand.

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DE VELODROOM

De Velodroom ('The Velodrome') is a cycling experience centre at De Schorre in Boom. The main attraction is the large collection of cycling artefacts, with over 1500 cycling jerseys, 40 bicycles, 3000 books and many more cycling treasures. In addition, in De Velodroom, you can also discover the history of local cycling heroes and the Apostel-Mampaey family from Boom, who constructed velodromes. In the cycling café, De Musette, you can gather your strength before continuing on your cycling journey. You can also hire regular and electric bikes.

The access path and entrance are readily accessible. The reception desk has a lowered and wheelchair-friendly section. The floors are connected with a good lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide. All of the exhibited items and experience elements are easily accessible and usable. The adapted toilet is spacious enough and has grab rails. There are route markers and tactile indicators for blind people. The lift buttons have Braille markings.

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WATER

Discover the wonderful world of water, launch your own hydrogen rocket, make a gigantic whirlpool or create huge, magical soap bubbles. More than 100 experiments will make your trip to Hidrodoe a unique experience! You may need some help to navigate the path from the car park to the entrance, but otherwise the entrance is easily accessible. Otherwise, Hidrodoe is fairly easy to access, although you may need some help, especially with the slopes and doors. Everything is designed to suit children. The Watercafé is accessible and has wheelchair accessible tables. The space for turning and moving at the door of the adapted toilet is narrow, but usable. There is suffi cient space in the toilet and brackets are provided. The sink is limited in use for wheelchair users. Hidrodoe also provides visual step-by-step plans for persons with autism.

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ADVENTURE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

Are you a daredevil who thrives on sensation and adventure? At The Outsider, you can really push your boundaries, even if you have a disability. The first platform of the climbing tower is wheelchair-friendly. Employees from The Outsider will hoist you up and then tackle the obstacles with you. Real adventurers can descend from the 9-metre high tower on the death-ride cable. The experienced employees mean you can have a go at it all. In the summer, there are plenty of accessible activities for those who dare, ...

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Not to be missed

Visit Flanders has even more information about walking and cycling in Flanders and Brussels, like where you can rent, amongst other things, wheelchair bicycles. This information is always based on objective expert inspection or the experience of people with a disability. You can access this information on the website www.visitflanders.com/accessibility.

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Accessible tourist information offices and visitors' centres

All tourist information offices and visitors' centres have obtained an A label, unless stated otherwise.

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Ibis Budget Brussels South Sint-Pieters-Leeuw

Ibis Budget Brussels South is located in the centre of Ruisbroek, at no more than 8 km of the centre of Brussels. The hotel and the centre of Brussels are easy to reach with train or bus. The rooms for 1, 2 or 3 persons all have a shower, toilet, washbasin and satellite TV.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The door is rather heavy to open by yourself and the doorbell is high. There is sufficient circulation space. The desk accommodates wheelchairs in a limited way.
Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached with a spacious elevator. The passageways are wide enough.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space and the tables accommodate wheelchairs in a limited way. The free depth under those tables is limited by the central leg.
Communal toilet
The door is rather heavy to open by yourself. There is sufficient space next to and at an angle to the toilet. In front of the toilet there is 92 cm. 1 grab rail has been provided on the open side next to the toilet.
Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with bathroom on the ground floor, 1 accessible double bed each (numbers 1 and 4). The room door is rather heavy to open by yourself. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with mobile shower seat and sufficient space next to, in front of and at an angle to that seat. Grab rails are present. There is sufficient space next to and at an angle to the toilet, but the washbasin limits the space in front of the toilet. The toilet has 2 grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.
Extra
There are rooms with anti-allergy fabrics. The buttons in the elevator have braille indications and there are visual contrasts.

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The Lodge Vilvoorde ***

This hotel is located in the former borstal of Vilvoorde. After an eventful history as borstal, barracks and a prison, The Lodge now provides accommodation for guests from around the world. The wonderful site, the pleasant and authentic rooms, and the quiet location are the main advantages of this venue. Every room has its own mood. The images, the use of colour and some surprising highlights relate to the themes of the former borstal.

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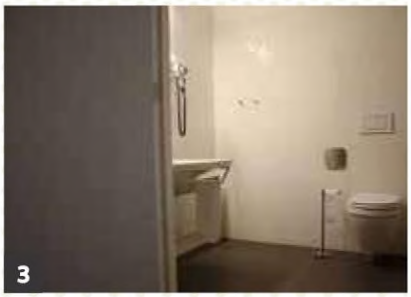
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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can easily be reached with the lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide. Clearance is a bit tight in front of the lift, but certainly manageable. The lift controls on the first floor are slightly harder to reach.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance (photo 1) and a roll-under table is provided.

Communal toilet
Toilets with sufficient clearance next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet are available in both the ladies' and men's rooms. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with bathroom (number 104). The clearance in the bathroom is tight, but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with movable shower chair with removable armrests, and sufficient space. The toilet has removable grip bars and sufficient space; the washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users (63 cm clearance height).

Extra
Rooms 1, 2, and 3 are equipped for people with asthma and allergies. The black corridors without contrasts may present problems for people with a visual impairment.

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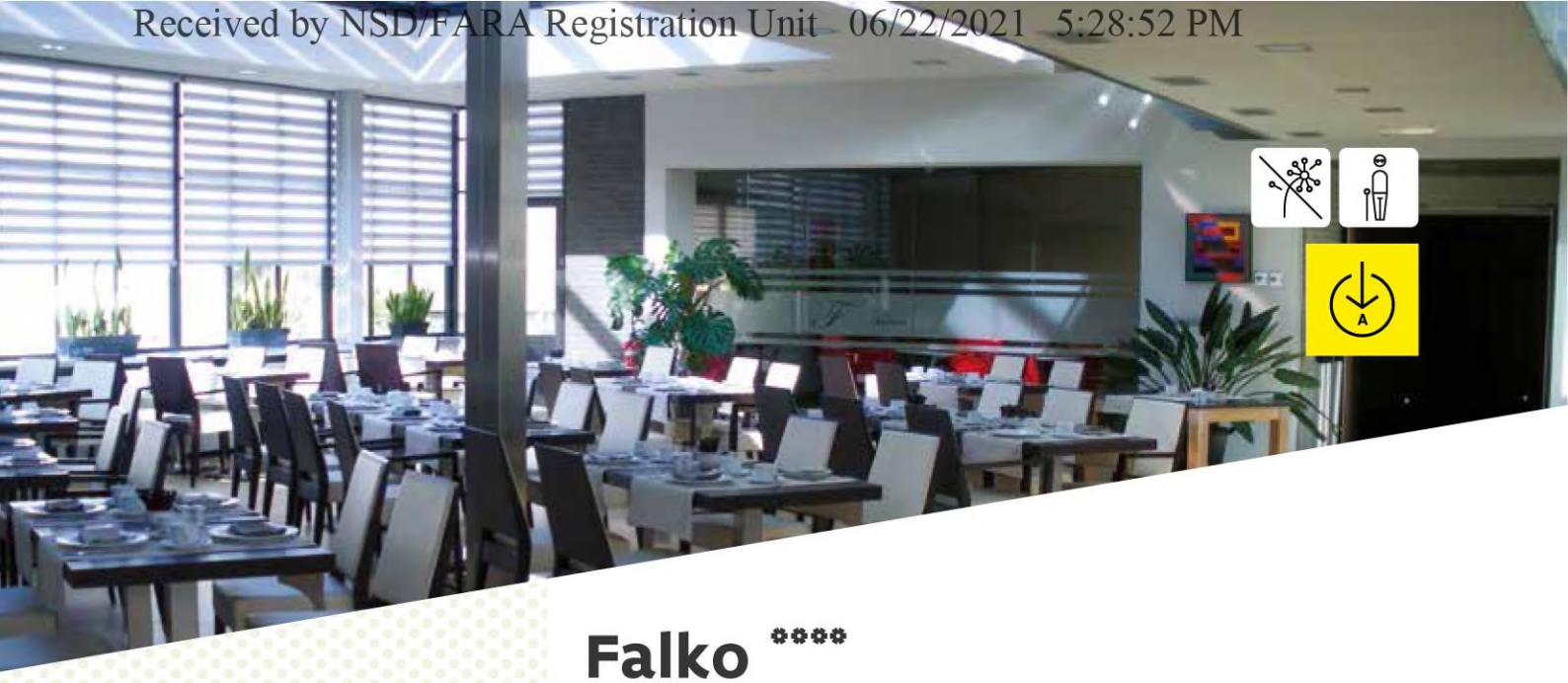

Falko ★★★★ Meise

The modern, four-star hotel Falko is situated in Wolvertem, a small village north-west of Brussels. The hotel has 45 deluxe rooms with the latest amenities. It's an ideal starting point for your trip along the country lanes and pleasant villages of the Green Belt or a visit to Brussels. In the evening you can enjoy the refined cuisine of a rural gastronomic farmhouse.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
A slight incline runs up to the rather heavy door. Because of this you may have slightly more difficulty opening the door. Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
You may need assistance opening the various double doors. The most important areas are located on the ground floor or are easily accessible via the lift. The lift to room 1.3 has a door 80 cm wide, the surface area in the lift is 92 x 129 cm (width x depth).

Restaurant / breakfast room
Ample circulation space (photo 1). There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails available.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms (numbers -1.3 and 011) with adapted bathroom (photo 3: room 011). The space behind the door to the room is a bit smaller, but adequate for rather easy use. In room 011 the space behind the door and in front of the bathroom door is a little tight, but functional. Both bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. In room -1.3 the turning space in the shower is tight and the seat is fairly small (34 x 34 cm). The toilet has grab rails and adequate manoeuvring space (111 cm in front of the toilet in room -1.3). It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.

Extra
The accommodation has facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the mattresses, pillows and covers have an anti-allergy label. The elevator buttons have braille indications.

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De Pluimpapaver ***
Aarschot

Hotel Pluimpapaver has 4 comfortable guest rooms that were completely renovated in early January 2017. After an extensive breakfast in the cosy breakfast area, surrounded by greenery and the garden, you can explore the hilly Hageland. In the evening you can enjoy a home-cooked dinner with regional and seasonal products, subject to reservation. The Jacuzzi and wooden sauna barrel in the garden may well tempt you to enjoy some well-earned R&R. If the weather is good, the spacious terrace is the perfect place to relax. You can access the cycling and hiking network directly from Hotel Pluimpapaver. You can safely leave your bicycle, mobile scooter or tricycle in the lockable parking area.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Use the entrance from the car park at the rear. The fine dolomite section is relatively accessible. You may need assistance to navigate several inclines. There is a 6 cm threshold at the entrance, via the breakfast room. The manoeuvring and turning space behind the door is tight, but functional.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. Here and there you will find limited space and clearance, but sufficient for use with assistance.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The circulation space is tight, but functional. There is a table under which it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Auxerrois') (photo 2). You can reach the room via a 90 cm wide corridor, or via the outside door with an incline that runs up to the door. There is no level space there. The clearance in the room is tight, but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with chair and foldable armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and also sufficient space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink

Extra
The Pluimpapaver is happy to take into account any food preferences or dislikes communicated in advance.

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Amethist ** Herselt

In restful surroundings the Amethist offers colourful rooms a stone's throw from the Hageland and Antwerp Kempen. Breath in the fresh air on a bench in the garden next to the woods or on the common outdoor terrace. Relax and enjoy one of the health treatments: foot reflexology, shiatsu, relaxing massage, ear candles and deep massage. If you want something more active, then the many cycling and walking opportunities are something for you.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The parking, the access path and the entrance are easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
The positioning and turning space behind the door is tight. The tables have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space next to, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ("Geluk" room). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower chair with removable armrests. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails (photo 3) and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
The accommodation has facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the bedding has an anti-allergy label.

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Corsendonk De Linde is situated just outside the village of Retie and it's the ideal base for individual holidaymakers as well as groups. There are three mapped out cycling routes and cycling node 92 passes along De Linde. De Linde has a miniature golf course, a playground, petanque courses, bicycle rental and much more.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible. The positioning and turning space by the doors is a little tight here and there, but manageable.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The individual door sections of the double door are 78 cm wide. There is sufficient circulation space. The tables have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. The sink gets in the way of the positioning space in front of the toilet. There are grab rails. In front of the door and next to the door handle space is limited, but sufficient for practical use.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
7 accessible bedrooms and bathrooms (numbers 301 to 307) with two – somewhat high – single beds per room. The positioning and turning space by the doors and in the rooms is a little tight. There is a wheelchair accessible shower with a seat and grab rail, but the shower space is very limited. There is also a shower wheelchair available as an alternative. The toilet has ample positioning space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
There is a room to recharge electric wheelchairs. There is also an off-road ('Wombat') wheelchair available. On request (communicated at least one week in advance) the kitchen will take your allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements into account.

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Hotel Drie Eiken Edegem ****

Perhaps a business trip takes you to Antwerp and you want to stay in a relaxing and comfortable hotel. Or perhaps you are just looking to have a great stay during your holiday or city trip. Whatever your reason, a stay in Hotel Drie Eiken always unfolds at the pace you set and in according to your preferences. The hotel boasts a terrace, private spa centre (with massage bed, infrared sauna and steam bath) and free gym. You can enjoy the convivial lounge bar or sun terrace. Hotel Drie Eiken can be found to the south of Antwerp and offers easy access due to its location next to the UZA exit on the E19.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the front desk.
Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via a spacious lift.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.
Communal toilet
The toilets have adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails.
Bedroom and bathroom
In 54 of the 68 rooms there are one or two accessible beds, of which at least one offers a turning radius of 150 cm. There are 60 accessible beds in all. The beds in some room types can be adjusted, while they are relatively high in others. You are allocated a room type in accordance with your requirements. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat and grab rails. In general there is adequate manoeuvring space, although the space next to the seat in some rooms is a little tight and in some room types the tap is also positioned to the rear of the seat. Free-standing shower chairs are available to solve this issue. There is also a toilet with adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.
Extra
Nine rooms on the second floor are suitable for people with respiratory problems or allergies and have PVC floor coverings. The kitchen takes any allergies into account. The lift buttons are also in Braille and raised signage and voice announcements are provided. The walls can be easily followed by the blind. Wheelchairs and walking frames are available. Upon request, the hotel can arrange care via independent care providers. In the event of an emergency at night, medical assistance from the Antwerp University Hospital is available. Physiotherapy and spa areas are accessible.

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Hotel Dennenhof *** Brasschaat

The Van der Valk Dennenhof hotel and restaurant is located in the 'Garden of Antwerp', north of Brasschaat. The hotel is the ideal location for a short holiday, enjoying the surroundings of Brasschaat or doing some shopping in bustling Antwerp. You can park for free at the hotel and there is a bike rack. The cycling network is close to the hotel. Dennenhof offers all-inclusive programmes for parties and corporate events and attractive packages for 2 or more days. There is free Wi-Fi throughout.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is accessible, there is sufficient turning space. The reception desk has limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible with the lift. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The restaurant and breakfast room are easily accessible and have an accessible terrace. In the breakfast room, there are wheelchair-friendly tables. The tables in the restaurant only have limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space in the toilet in the entrance hall. There are grab rails. The toilet is quite low. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users. The tap has a push button.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 2 accessible rooms with adapted bathrooms (numbers 001 and 002). You always have enough turning space on at least 1 side of the bed. The beds are quite high. The manoeuvring space next to the door handle of the bathroom door is limited. There is a roll-in shower with sufficient space and a shower seat with foldable arm rests. The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
Upon request, the kitchen can accommodate your food allergies and preferences. There are relief markings on the lift buttons. Colour contrasts are largely present. Staff will assist you to your room, if necessary.

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De Maretak ** superior
Dilsen-Stokkem

Hotel de Maretak is a small, cosy hotel in Dilsen-Stokkem. Situated close to the Oude Maas river and the various cycling junctions in the area, it's an incredibly popular spot with cyclists. This place is also perfect if you like to visit pretty cities and villages and do some shopping. Hotel de Maretak is aimed at couples who want to escape the frenzy of everyday life and professionals who want to combine the luxury of a hotel with the cosiness of a B&B. Everyone over the age of 16 is welcome. The six two-person rooms, the snug restaurant that is famous for its delicious food, the heated open-air pool (open in the summer months) with sun loungers and the wellness & beauty centre La Myrrhe, which is housed in the same building, will guarantee a welcoming and peaceful stay that meets your needs.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need help on the ramps and at the gates to the entrance. The entrance itself is easily accessible. The reception desk has a section that has knee space for wheelchair users.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. There are some narrow areas here and there, where you may need help at the doors on the way to the swimming pool and wellness zone. They are accessible, nevertheless. The adapted room and the restaurant are easily accessible.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient space. The tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users. The terrace is fully accessible with no obstacles.

Communal toilet
The communal adapted toilet is slightly difficult to access and use due to the tight spaces. It would be easier to use the toilet in the adapted bathroom, which is close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is an adapted bedroom on the ground floor. The space behind the door and beside the bed is rather tight, however, certainly doable. The bathroom door is 80 cm wide and the space next to the door handle is tight. In the adapted bathroom, there is a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rails and sufficient space (next to the seat, you have 80 cm of manoeuvring space). The toilet has grab rails and sufficient space. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

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M Hotel Genk ****

M Hotel is located in the beautiful Molenvijver park in the centre of Genk. It is also close to the Hoge Kempen National Park. This hotel has everything you need for an enjoyable stay: the delicious cuisine of the Molenvijver restaurant, a large terrace with a view over the pond, extensive information about cycling and hiking routes, and more. The hotel is happy to create a custom programme for groups.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily reachable. Perhaps you will need some help on the short ramps that bridge the thresholds. Inside there is plenty of space.

Passageways and level differences
You access the floors via a good lift. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
You may need help opening the double door. Most tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users, but more wheelchair-friendly tables can be provided.

Communal toilet
In the adapted bathroom at the reception, the space at the door handles is a little tight, however, you have enough turning and manoeuvring space. The toilet has grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users, but the space in front is a little tight.

Bedroom and bathroom
Rooms 407 and 408 are the most accessible. They each have 2 height adjustable beds with sufficient turning space on one side of the bed. In room 407, the bathroom door is 82 cm wide. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with sufficient space and, depending on your needs, a shower seat (with no grab rails), a shower chair, and a shower wheelchair. The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails, although the manoeuvring space in front of the toilet in room 408 is limited to 106 cm. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
Aids such as a shower chair and wheelchair, height adjustable beds and toilets are available. A hoist, other aids and nursing can be provided upon request. There are no carpets or fabric upholstery. The kitchen can accommodate your food allergies and preferences.

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Kasteel Wurfeld **** Maaseik

The castle hotel dates back to 1640, has 33 comfortable rooms and is located in a 2.5 ha park. You can relax in the English garden, do some shopping in Aachen or Maastricht, have a drink on a terrace in Maaseik or visit a local beauty farm. Do you like sports activities? Castle Wurfeld is located near the cross-border cycling network that takes you to the Netherlands and Germany. There are various function rooms for seminars and parties.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Entrance by means of a platform lift. The space in front of the entrance door and beside the door handle is limited, but allows unobstructed use. Inside there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via a lift (surface area 107 x 138 cm). On the way to the lift the manoeuvring and turning space is tight, but functional. The buttons are a little difficult to reach.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance (photo 1). There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space next to, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 105 and 106) (photo 3). The manoeuvring and turning space at the door and also in front of the bathroom door of room 105 is tight, but certainly functional. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail. In room 105 the manoeuvring space next to the seat is 84 cm. In room 106 there is 112 cm of space in front of the seat. Otherwise adequate. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
Rooms 101, 102, 103 and 104 are equipped for people with asthma and allergies. The duvets and pillows are house dust mite proof.

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Oude Eycke ***
Maaseik

Enjoy the quiet in this hotel that is located in a fine 19th century farmstead. Within the unique surroundings of the picturesque village of Aldeneik, all the ingredients are present for the holiday of your dreams: hospitality, luxury rooms with free Wifi, a cosy inner courtyard, the delicious breakfast buffet, the location alongside the cycle route network with free cross-border ferries and the proximity of Maaseik, the River Meuse and 2 water sports centres. The free car park is locked at night.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space. The front desk has a wheelchair accessible section.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space. The tables are limited for wheelchair use, but a better table can be provided on request.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Grab rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with bathroom (rooms A and D). Two relatively high single beds in the room, both of which are accessible from one side. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with chair, sufficient space and foldable armrests. In room A, the shower has a small threshold of less than 2 cm. The toilet has grab rails and there is sufficient space. The folding grab rail is detachable. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
A few rooms have provisions for people with asthma and allergies. In all rooms the pillows, mattresses and duvets have an anti-allergy label.

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Martin's Rentmeesterij ****
Bilzen

Martin's Rentmeesterij is located 150 metres from the Grand Commandery of Alden Biesen. The hotel offers an exclusive experience in which culture, gastronomy, relaxation and enjoyment are seamlessly meshed. You stay in the 13th century stewerd's house on the estate. With its 69 bedrooms and 3 junior suites, numerous salons, the AKKO restaurant with a pleasant terrace, the bar and meeting and dining halls, this hotel is ready to host your holidays, business events, receptions and weddings. You can also recharge in the wellness oasis with a swimming pool. The hotel looks over the authentic courtyard and the extensive wooded gardens.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entry path and the entrance are easily accessible. There is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible with good lifts. The passages are wide enough. You may need some help opening some of the doors.

Restaurant / ontbijtruimte
The restaurant is easily accessible, although the turning space in front of the buffet is rather tight. The tables only have limited knee space for wheelchair users. The terrace is accessible with no obstacles.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
Rooms 120, 202 and 220 are accessible and have an adapted bathroom. In room 202, a seat limits the turning space next to the bed to 104 cm. The doors to the rooms are a little heavy. The bathrooms have roll-in showers with sufficient space, a seat (35 x 38 cm) and grab rails. The fixed rail was installed in a less-than-ideal position. The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails. In room 202, the space next to the seat is limited to 83 cm. The wash basin only has limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
There are no carpets or fabric upholstery. The lift has Braille markings and spoken instructions.

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De Kommel ***
Voeren

With its quiet location on the ridge of a hill, from De Kommel you have a wonderful view of 's Gravenvoeren and the surrounding region. The Voer region is a true paradise for cyclists and walkers, and the hotel takes advantage of this with various packages. In addition, you will find a number of accessible walking trails in the neighbourhood. Anyone who would rather go shopping or who enjoys culture will note that cities such as Maastricht, Tongeren, Liege and Aachen are close by. De Kommel is famous for its good cooking and hospitality. There is airconditioning throughout the hotel.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The adapted car park next to the entrance is in bricks. For a walk, you have to cross the gravel car park. This is however fairly good for wheelchair users. On the public road you will need a strong pusher to cross the steep street. The clearance in the entrance hall is tight, but sufficient for practical use.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift (108 x 139 cm). Here and there the clearance is a little tight, but sufficient for you to be able to get around easily.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The clearance and space by the door is tight, but is sufficient for you to be able to ride in and out with ease. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 1).

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 1). A bit tight for clearance behind the door, but certainly sufficient for practical use. Two single beds in the room (photo 2). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space to be able to make the transfer to the shower chair. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
Rooms 1, 18, 19, 26 and 27 have pillows and feather duvets with an anti-allergy label. The kitchen will gladly take your allergies into account, provided they are informed in advance.

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l'O de Vie ***
Sint-Truiden

l'O de Vie has 8 fully equipped rooms. The (para)medical team has been trained to offer warm and high quality care tailored to your personal needs. Enjoy a quality meal with fresh local products in Brasserie l'O de Vie or take a refreshing dive in the swimming pool. If you prefer outdoor activities, explore the wonderful nature of Haspengouw on a refreshing hiking or cycling trip, or visit the historic castle park.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The reception area in the main entrance building is highly accessible with ample space for moving around. There is a roll-under reception-desk counter. You enter the holiday home via a double door with sections of 67 and 75 cm wide. The door has a switch for opening automatically.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The spaces and clearances by the doors of the rooms mentioned below are tight, but are sufficient for use.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is a large, roll-under table suitable (height: 68 cm). There is sufficient clearance.
Communal toilet
You may need some assistance on the narrower part of the route. The door on the route opens automatically with a switch. The space beside the door handle in the toilet is a bit tight due to a recess. There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet; grab rails are also fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
7 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 1 to 7 with 1 accessible single bed in each room) (photo 2). There is tight space and clearance here and there by the doors, but they are sufficient. All the bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a shower seat (the seat on the photo is available on request), support rails and a toilet fitted with support rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space to move in front of, beside and diagonally in front of all the shower seats and toilets (except room 3 which only has 97 cm in front of the shower seat). Roll-under washbasins.
Extra
All rooms have facilities for people with asthma and allergies. Height adjustable beds, hoisting lifts and other aids are available on request. Via Triamant, you have the option to request 24/7 nursing. You can call the nursing staff with a special button in the rooms. Please let us know beforehand if you need extra care.

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Mussenburghof ** Bree

The Mussenburghof, a tall-facade farmhouse dating back to 1895, is situated on the peaceful canal banks of the Zuid-Willemsvaart,1 km from the city of Bree, an excellent starting point for cycling and hiking. Your host and caterer Jan prepares all the meals. You eat in a cosy new dining room. You can relax on the terrace and play on the new petanque course. For riders there are horse stables and pastures available.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The cobblestones on part of the access path have been levelled off and are suitable for a wheelchair. The space and clearance behind the entrance door and in the hall are tight, but manageable.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The spaces and clearances by the doors of the rooms mentioned below are tight, but are sufficient for use.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space and there are wheelchair accessible tables.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Boogschutter'). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with removable armrests. The toilet has grab rails and there is sufficient space next to, in front of, and diagonally in front of the seat. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
8 rooms have pillows, mattresses and duvets with an anti-allergy label. There is no carpet. The kitchen will gladly take your food allergies or dietary requirements into account on request.

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Van der Valk Hotel Brugge - Oostkamp **** - Oostkamp

This hotel is situated on the edge of the historical city of Bruges, near the E40 Brussels-Ostend motorway. The character of the original grand country house is combined with modern amenities. The hotel has an attractive bar, a cosy restaurant, 4 multipurpose rooms with direct sunlight, airconditioning and all standard equipment. Relax in the wellness area with solarium, free sauna, jacuzzis and fitness area. Discover, enjoy and experience ...

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You might need a little help with the relatively heavy double door. There is sufficient circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached with the lift. The clearance for the lift door is 120 x 120 cm. The passages are sufficiently wide.
Restaurant / breakfast room
Can be reached using the lift. Sufficient clearance but a little tight at the buffet to be able to turn completely. There is a table suitable for wheelchair users.
Communal toilet
Clearance at the door handle is a little tight. The clearance at the side and diagonally beside the toilet is sufficient; in front of the toilet you only have 70 cm. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with bathroom (number 9) (photo 3). The clearance and space behind the room door is minimal but useful. The bed is 60 cm high. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (36 x 37 cm) and safety rails (photo 2). There is sufficient space beside (86 cm), in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users. There are another 11 rooms with an adapted bathroom but the seats are located slightly too far from the shower tap and no safety rails are provided.

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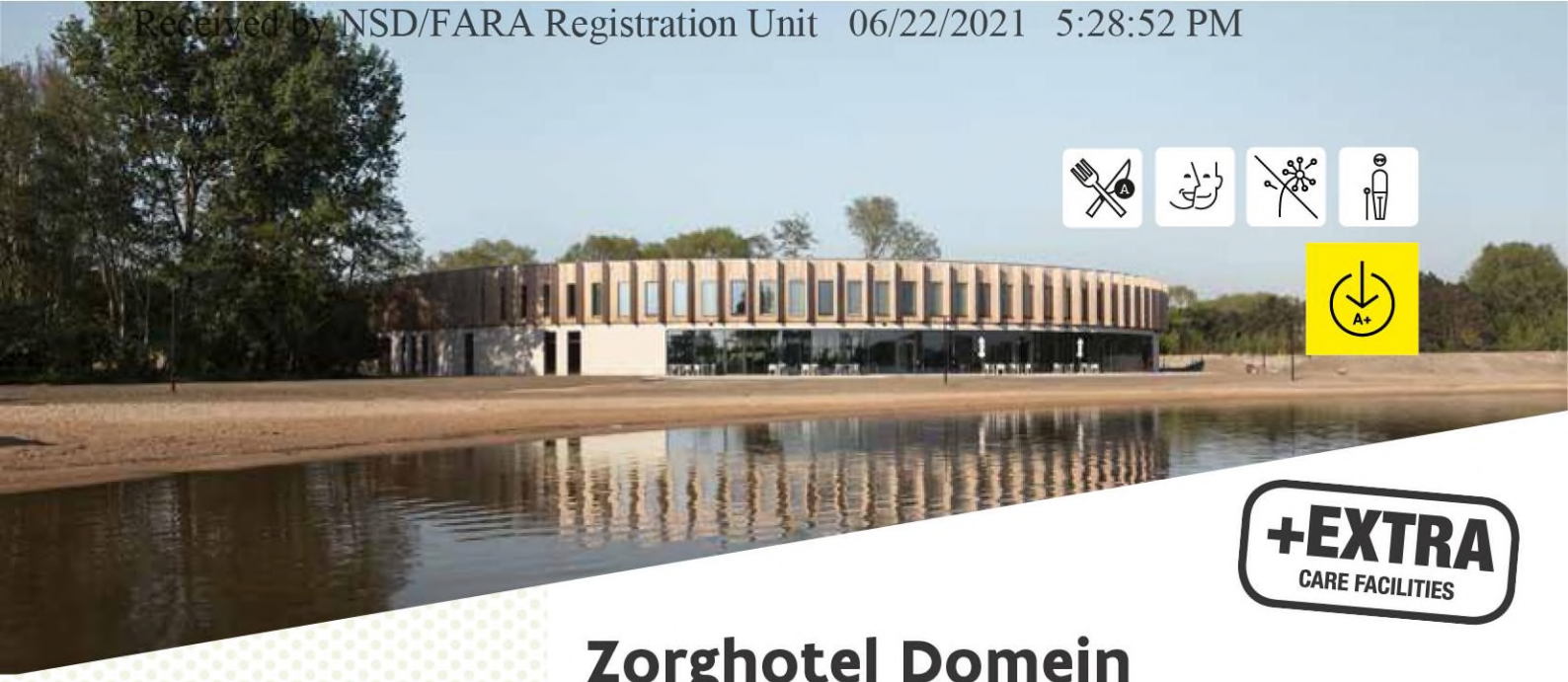

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Zorghotel Domein Polderwind **** - Zuienkerke

Domein Polderwind is the ideal holiday destination, and the best place to enjoy a holiday without limitations or obstacles! At Polderwind you will find peace and relaxation along the water or in the courtyard. For active holidaymakers there are plenty of opportunities in the beautiful surroundings, near Bruges and on the coast. In and around the property, everything is available and adapted to ensure that everyone has an unforgettable holiday. Everybody is welcome, whether they are travelling alone, together with a family or a carer, or in a group.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space. The front desk has a lowered, wheelchair accessible section.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached with a good lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide everywhere.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space. Wheelchair accessible tables are available. The bar and the buffet are also wheelchair accessible. The terrace is accessible and there is no threshold.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space in the toilets in the restaurant and there are grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
All 46 rooms are easily accessible and there are 92 accessible height adjustable beds in total. They all have a private bathroom with roll-in shower with ample space, seating and grab rails. The toilets also have sufficient space and grab rails. The sinks are wheelchair accessible. 10 Comfort Care rooms are also equipped with automatic doors and a ceiling lift.

Extra
Using a form, you can request nursing (via an external care provider), assistance, physiotherapy etc. in advance. There is also a staff member from the Reception on hand and/or Night Auditor via a wireless call system and wandering detection. Aids such as a hoist, shower stretchers, wheelchairs, walking frames, side guards, etc. are available. The wellness and fitness rooms are accessible and fitted with all the necessary equipment. On the property you will also find beach wheelchairs, adapted walking paths, pedal boats accessible via a wheelchair lift, wheelchair bikes, and an accessible platform for angling. The kitchen is happy to take your food allergies or preferences into account. There are guide lines, tactile markings and visual contrasts. The lift gives a visual and audible signal.

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d-hotel Kortrijk ****

This trendy design hotel is situated at about 3 km (2 miles) from the centre of Kortrijk. D-hotel offers a unique mix of modern design and atmospheric charm. The authentic windmill and the protected farm courtyard form a beautiful contrast to the sleek new building complex. Various national and international stylists worked on the interior design. The spacious wellness area with saunas, Turkish bath, jacuzzi and swim-spa guarantees total relaxation.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance. A counter suitable for use from a wheelchair is present.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via a lift. The passages are wide enough. The inclined area on the route from the reception to the room is perhaps a little steep for some. Here assistance can be designated.

Restaurant / breakfast room
The clearance is a little tight here and there, but sufficient for using the breakfast room. There is a table with limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.

Communal toilet
The clearance is 120 x 120 cm. Sufficient space beside, in front of (100 cm) and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (number 11) with two single beds. The clearance at the doors is a little more limited, but sufficient. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair with folding armrests. The shower surface is sufficiently large. The toilet has safety rails, there is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use (photo 3), there is sufficient clearance.

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Ibis Hotel Kortrijk Centrum *** - Kortrijk

This hotel is located in the historic centre and near the major shopping streets of Kortrijk. Ideal therefore for visiting the city from here or shopping in the pleasant centre. The hotel has spacious rooms that are warmly and comfortably furnished. The reception, bar and breakfast room are striking trendy and pleasant. Kortrijk is also an ideal base for nature and cycling lovers; in the Leie region you can cycle pleasantly along water and hills.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient space (photo 2). A counter table suitable for use from a wheelchair is available.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via a lift. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance. The tables offer limited possibility for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space next to, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
4 accessible rooms (numbers 228, 237, 330 and 339) (photo 3). The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is tight in places. In two rooms the door opens automatically and is operated by remote control. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. Sufficient space next to, in front of (107 cm in room 330) and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails, there is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

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Novotel Ieper Centrum Ypres ***

Novotel Ieper Centrum is a three-star hotel in the very heart of Ypres. The medieval Cloth Hall and its bell tower, the Flanders Fields Museum and the famous Menin Gate are all within walking distance. The hotel has rooms with air conditioning, a bar with a terrace and 4 meeting rooms. This hotel is both suitable for business travel and a holiday with your partner or family.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
There is sufficient clearance everywhere, The passages are wide enough. Large lift to the rooms.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Adequate circulation space (photo 2). There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs, depth under the table is 40 cm. If desired, tables that are more suitable for wheelchair users will be provided.

Communal toilet
Adapted toilet with adequate circulation space and free space in front and at an angle to the toilet. The free space next to the toilet is limited due to the location of the toilet on a slanting wall. There is a single foldaway grab rail on one side.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms (numbers 117 and 217). The hallway after the room door and in front of the bathroom door is narrow (120 cm), but in the room there is sufficient circulation space. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with seat and grab rails. There is sufficient space next to and at an angle to the seat. In front of the seat you have 102 cm (picture 3). With the toilet there is also sufficient space next to and at an angle to the toilet. In front of the toilet you have 100 cm. Grab rails have been provided. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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Belvedere ***
Heuvelland

The family hotel Belvedere is located in a wooded area and has a splendid view of the rolling hills of the Heuvelland region. This is the ideal starting point for wonderful cycling trips and beautiful nature hikes. The area has many museums and special sights. Ypres, Poperinge and Lille are not very far. The restaurant has an outdoor terrace serving traditional French cuisine à la carte. Nearby you can visit the Cordoba cable-lift which connects the Rodeberg hill with the Vidaigneberg hill. Free parking for cars and bicycles.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
It is best to use the lift, since the sloping surface is rather steep for a manual wheelchair. There is adequate circulation space inside. There is a lowered reception counter.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are accessible via the lift. The circulation space in front of the lift on the upper floor is tight, but is not really a problem due to the position of the room directly across from the lift door. The corridors are sufficiently wide for easy passage.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 2).

Communal toilet
The free space next to the door handle is a bit limited. Free space in front of the toilet is 93 cm. There is adequate free space next to and at an angle to the toilet. A handrail is available.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room (number 7) with two single beds, 60 cm high. The space in front of the entrance door and beside the door handle is limited, but allows unobstructed use. Ample space inside. The bathroom door is 84 cm wide; there is a lack of manoeuvring space next to the handle on the inside. Roll-in shower with a shower seat (35 x 30 cm) and grab rails. Free space in front of the seat is 110 cm, adequate free space next to and at an angle to the toilet. There is adequate manoeuvring space in the toilet and it is fitted with grab rails. Manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is limited.

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Callecanes Poperinge ***

This hotel is located adjacent to the former Belgian- French customs office and it's the ideal base for visiting the hills of West-Flanders and French-Flanders. Cyclists and hikers can enjoy wonderful trips in this region. The hops city of Poperinge, the idyllic village of Watou, the Roman city of Kassel, the Saint-Sixtus Abbey and the Catsberg Abbey are just a stone's throw away. The hotel has an exquisite garden, sun terrace, fitness area and sauna.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessibly. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance. There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the toilet. There is 105 cm of space in front of the toilet. There are grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
4 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 16, 17, 18 and 23). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and folding armrests. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

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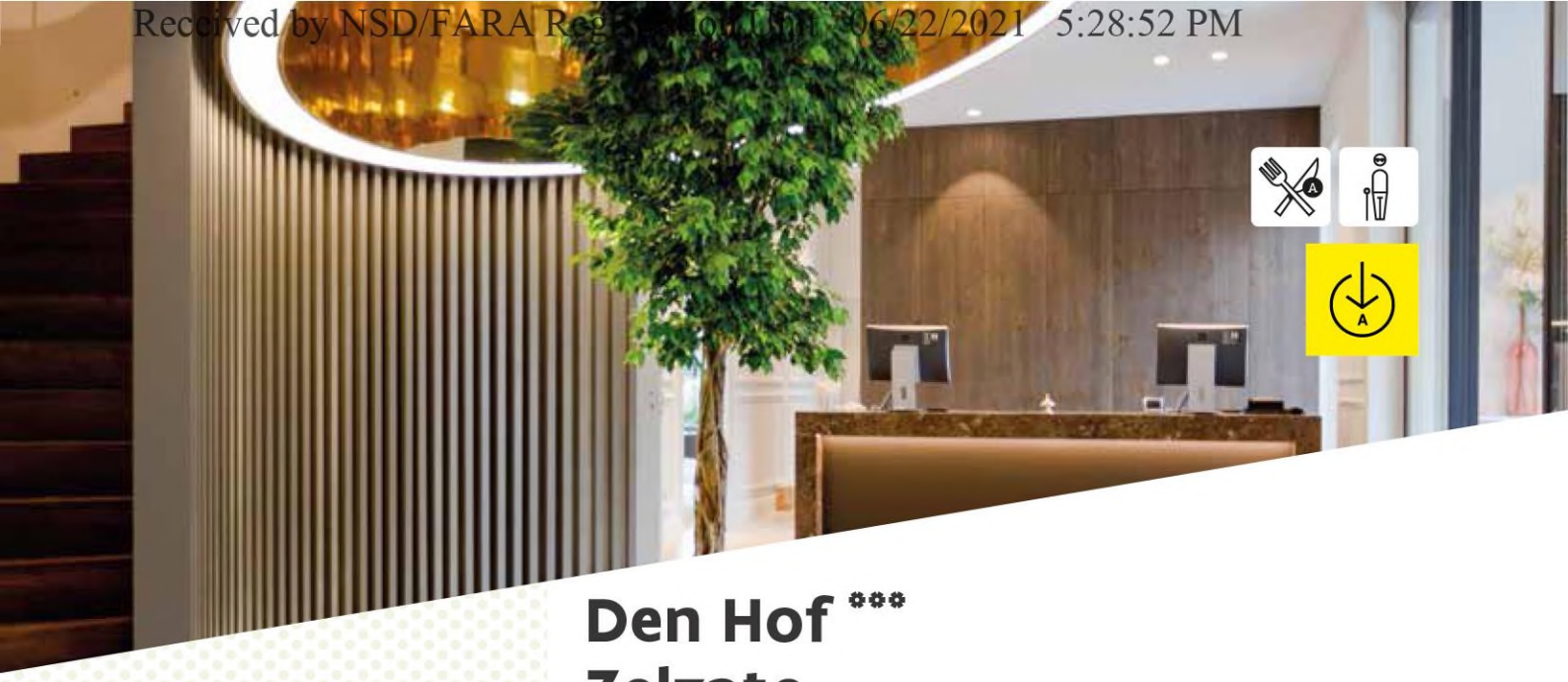

Den Hof ***
Zelzate

Den Hof is located in a renovated manor house situated in a beautiful park. Right in the centre of Zelzate, Den Hof is the ideal base for cycling tourists and/or a daytrip to Ghent, Antwerp or Bruges. The restaurant is well known for its Belgo-French cuisine where the family and its team serve good-honest cuisine accompanied by an extensive wine menu. The Oak Bar is a very trendy business bar where you can work, have a drink or grab a quick bite to eat. The hotel offers standard as well as luxury rooms. Each room occupies a quiet location and overlooks the park. Den Hof is perfect for any occasion, business or family-related.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Most paths in the domain are constructed from fine dolomite. It is relatively easy to negotiate. There is also a narrower paved path along which you may need some assistance to navigate an incline. You may also welcome a push up the incline to the main entrance that houses the reception. There is a 9 cm threshold at Het Parkhuis building, with the accessible room. The path slopes up to the door, which means that you will require some assistance.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. Most passageways are adequately wide, although you have to go through one door that is 80 cm wide with tight manoeuvring space on the way to the room in Het Parkhuis.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
In the adapted toilet in the main building the manoeuvring and turning space behind the door is tight, but functional. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. There is 78 cm of space in front of the toilet. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
Room 21 in Het Parkhuis is accessible. There are two rather high single beds, one of which is accessible. The door opening to the bathroom is 81 cm wide. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and one grab rail. The toilet also has adequate manoeuvring space and a grab rail. The possibility of manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is limited due to the restricted depth.

Extra
The lift buttons have Braille and for the most part there are adequate colour contrasts. The kitchen is happy to take your allergies into account.

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Ibis Sint-Niklaas Centrum Sint-Niklaas ***

Ibis Sint-Niklaas guarantees you a weekend of delightful relaxation. It is a good base for a visit to the lively city of Sint-Niklaas and your hiking and cycling through the green Waasland region. 5 minutes away is the Waasland Shopping Centre and within walking distance there are restaurants, brasseries, cafés and a cinema. The rooms have every comfort.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessibly. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
In front of the buffet the clearance is a little tight here and there. Otherwise there is sufficient clearance. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
The clearance inside and the space by the door handle in the toilet is a bit tight, but manageable. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
4 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 107, 207, 307 and 407). The door to the room is a little difficult to open on your own because of the heavy door. Beside the bed you have 100 cm clearance (photo 2). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. There is limited space to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
The elevator buttons have braille indications, there are tactile markings on the stairs and visual contrasts have been provided.

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Keizershof Hotel ★★★★ Aalst

The Keizershof Hotel in Aalst is located in the centre of the city, at walking distance from the station and the Grote Markt. Are you travelling by car? You can park in the hotel's private parking spaces or in one of the neighbouring car parks. In the neighbourhood, you'll find many food and drink establishments, but you can also eat at the hotel. After a long day in the most charming city in Flanders, you can enjoy a relaxing sauna. Want to stay active while staying at Keizershof Hotel? Take advantage of the fitness facilities.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There are disabled parking spaces in the nearby Hopmarkt car park. The entrance is easily reachable and accessible. There is a reception desk that has limited knee space for wheelchair users (65 cm high).

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible with the lift. The lift door is 81 cm wide. On the way to the communal adapted toilet and the adapted rooms there are some narrower passages, but you can access the spaces easily enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
You may need help opening the double doors. Each door is 77 cm wide. There is sufficient space and a wheelchair-friendly table.

Communal toilet
In front of the toilet door, you have 125 cm of turning space. You can open the door with a button. Inside the toilet, the turning space is tight, but doable. You have enough manoeuvring space next to the toilet and there are grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Bedroom and bathroom
Room 509 is accessible. The space behind the door and in front of the bathroom door is rather tight, but doable. You have sufficient space on 1 side next to the bed. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat and grab rails. Beside the seat, you have 84 cm of manoeuvring space and plenty of space in front. The toilet has sufficient manoeuvring space and grab rails. The wash basin can be partially rolled under with a wheelchair.

Extra
Upon request, the kitchen can accommodate your food allergies and preferences. The hotel has a hypoallergenic room with oak parquet flooring, two separate box spring beds and a hypoallergenic duvet and pillows. A wheelchair is available.

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Hoeve De Schapenkop ** Ronse

Forget the dishes and cleaning, and enjoy some quality time with each other and the (grand) children. This farm is fully equipped for our little ones. They can have fun to their heart's content on the safe playing field, or in the separate indoor play area if the weather's not fine. Every room has a nappy table, baby bath, relax, infant's bed, nappy bin, etc. Half-board (vegetarian, gluten-free, ... upon request) and/or lunch packages can be provided. In the evening you can enjoy a locally brewed beer while your kids sleep.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The gravel path is well accessible. The entrance itself is easily accessible, with sufficient space. There is a roll-under reception-desk counter.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide (short part is 108 cm wide at the counter in the shared area).

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables. There is also a roll-under buffet.

Communal toilet
The toilet in the shared area has sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with bathroom ('Belgisch melkschaap', photo 2). There is a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests (photo 3), and sufficient space beside, in front of, and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space; there is a roll-under washbasin.

Extra
Rooms are also available for people with asthma and allergies; allergies and other needs are also taken into account during meals. The owners have special routes for an accessible walk with the buggy, and cycle trips on a more flat terrain.

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Het Leerhof *** Brakel

In this restored farmhouse, atmosphere and harmony, quiet and enjoyment prevail. During the days you can cycle and hike around this hilly region or visit the wonderful Brakelbos and Geraardsbergen, Oudenaarde, Brakel or Ronse. If you would rather take things easy, you can sit in the garden with a book and listen to the peace and quiet around you. In the evening, you can enjoy a nice drink in the peaceful inner courtyard or by the stove. The park can also be rented as a holiday home.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Good path for wheelchair use from the adapted car park to the rear entrance (photo 2) and in a part of the courtyard. You may need some help on the cobbles in the beginning, along the street side. You can also enter at the front via an incline, but here too because of the steepness you may need some help. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance. There is a table under which it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 easily accessible room with bathroom ('Roodstaart'). The manoeuvring space next to the handles is sometimes a little tight. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with movable shower seat with folding armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair. There is more than sufficient clearance.

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De Pupiter ****
Kluisbergen

Located in the heart of the Flemish Ardennes, in a typical, authentic former village school in Oude Kwaremont in Kluisbergen. The acommodation comprises 17 spacious rooms with free Wi-Fi and a flat-screen TV. Equipped with a sitting area, a desk, and tea and coffee making facilities, each room is equipped with a safe, an iron and ironing board, and free toiletries. Free parking is also provided for guests, with a charging station for e-bikes and electric vehicles. You can enjoy a delicious breakfast every morning. On sunny days, the terrace overlooking the garden and the Flemish countryside is open.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance. The reception-desk counter is suitable for wheelchair users.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance and a table suitable for wheelchair users is available.
Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Grab rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
15 accessible rooms with bathroom. Each room has two single beds, with enough space on one side next to the bed. The door handle of the bathroom is difficult to grip, but the door slides open smoothly. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with seat or shower wheelchair and armrests. In some rooms there is sufficient circulating space. Where that is not the case, you can use the shower wheelchair or request a room that meets your needs. The toilets have sufficient space and grab rails. The sinks are wheelchair accessible.
Extra
The bedding is hypoallergenic. Aids are available on request. Doctor visits, physiotherapists, nursing and/or care can also be arranged on request. A sign language interpreter can be requested.

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Leopold Hotel Oudenaarde ****
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Leopold Hotel Oudenaarde is the first boutique hotel in the Flemish Ardennes. The historic city centre, which is within walking distance, has plenty to offer. The City Hall and Belfry justifiably feature on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The stylish and modern Leopold Hotel Oudenaarde offers its guests the typical Leopold standards: relaxation and tranquillity in comfortable bedrooms, a chance to enjoy delicious wine and the best Belgian beers in the bar, and the possibility of sampling snacks all day long. The hotel boasts a terrace, an area for hosing down bicycles and an underground car park.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The incline slopes up to the door, but the entrance is easily accessible because the door opens automatically. There is adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via a good lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and there are tables with limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath. The depth under the tables is restricted due to the central table leg.

Communal toilet
The door to the entrance is heavy and therefore difficult to open. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. Manoeuvring right in front of the toilet is not possible due to the position of the sink. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are four adapted rooms, but only room 212 successfully obtained the label. There is adequate space next to the double bed. The bed is relatively high. The turning space in front of the bathroom door is restricted to 105 cm. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat and a grab rail. The tap is positioned on the same wall as the seat and a wall restricts the space in front of the shower seat. A shower wheelchair is also available to solve this issue (not displayed in the photo). The toilet has adequate space and is fitted with support rails. Manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is limited. In room 223 the manoeuvring and turning space in the bedroom and bathroom is tighter, but could still be functional for some manual wheelchair users.

Extra
The lift buttons are also in Braille and voice announcements are provided.

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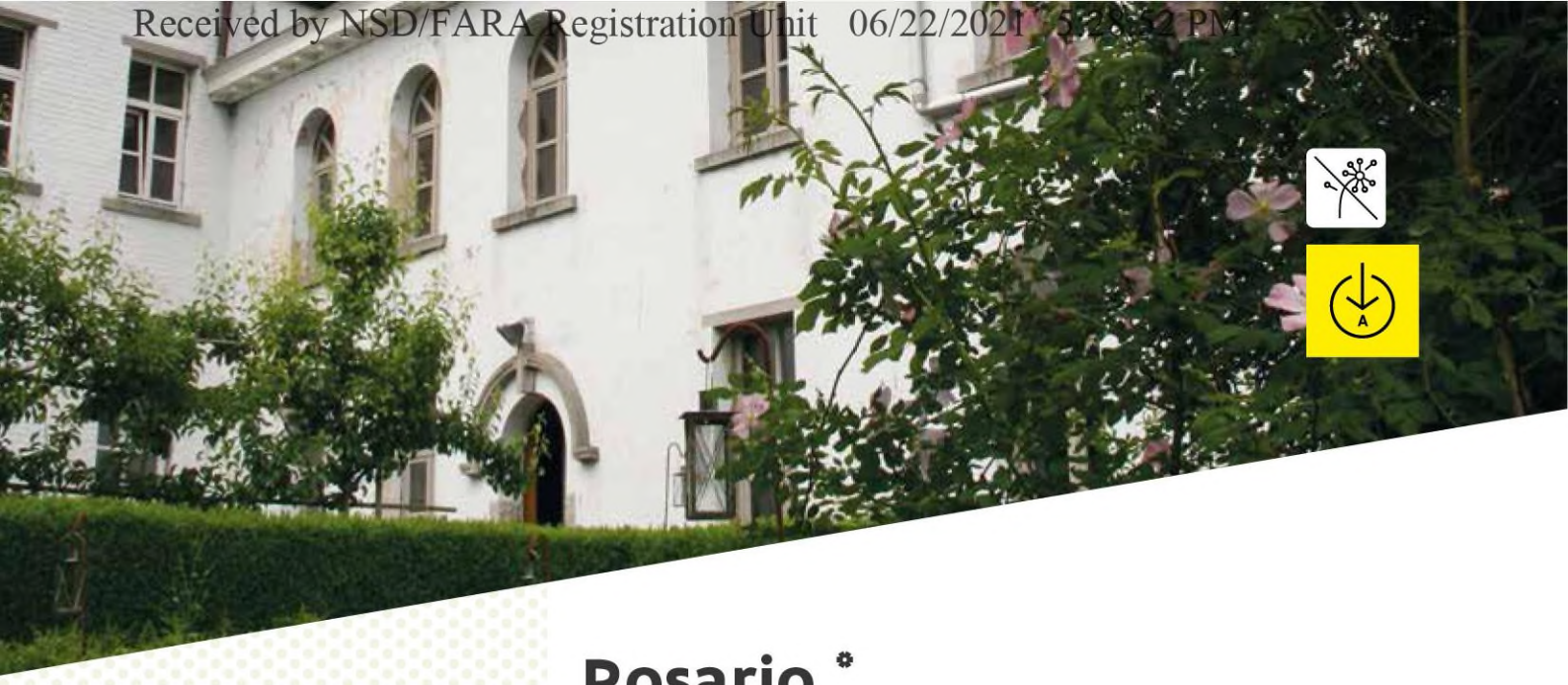

Rosario Bever

In the centre of Bever, a village on the border of the Pajottenland region and the Flemish Ardennes, you are invited to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Rosario retreat. The former convent has been converted with immense respect for human values and the environment, into an oasis where individuals, groups or companies can stay. You can join other guests at the long monastery table, attend or organise a course, unique concert or seminar. The necessary training rooms, the library, the room of silence and magnificent chapel are all at your disposal.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance path has a gate which is 77 cm wide. You may need assistance opening the gate and possibly negotiating the incline to the entrance and at the side door. There is adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The clearance and space in the various passages and at the doors to the areas mentioned is minimal but sufficient.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance (photo 2). There is limited space to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the table.

Communal toilet
The clearance is tight, but sufficient. You have sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
You enter the accessible garden room (with 2 single beds which are 41 cm high) via an outdoor path. On this path you must pass through a double door with sections which are 73 and 72 cm wide, and a slope. You may need a little push on the slope. The turning space in the room is rather tight, but functional. The manager can remove some of the furniture. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with sufficient space and a shower seat with detachable armrests (photo 3). The toilet has safety rails and there is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is only just suitable for use from a wheelchair. The turning space at the sink and in the shower area is tight, but functional.

Extra
The rooms on the first floor have facilities for people with asthma and allergies. The upholstery is house dust mite proof.

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B&B Aangenaam Anders ***
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B&B Aangenaam Anders is a modern 3-star Bed and Breakfast in the heart of Diest. The owners are ready to ensure you have a wonderful night's stay and will make you feel at home in the town they love dearly. With three modern two-person rooms, they have something for everyone. The breakfast will satisfy everyone's taste buds.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entry path is laid with flat cobblestones. You may need help at the entrance, as there is a rather heavy door and a ramp that ends at the door. Inside the turning room is tight but doable.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passages are generally wide enough. The terrace can be accessed via a ramp, where you may need a push.

Living / dining room
The space in front of the door to the dining room is rather tight, but sufficient. There is a table that only has limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in the adapted bathroom. It has sufficient manoeuvring space, although the depth is not ideal. There are grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible bedroom and bathroom on the ground floor. The turning room in front of the door is tight, but doable. The double bed is accessible on one side. The bathroom door is rather heavy. There is a roll-in shower with a shower chair with removable arm rests. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users. The turning space in front of it is tight.

Extra
Upon request, the kitchen can accommodate your food allergies and preferences.

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Hildegarden Lille ****

In addition to a holiday home, Hildegarden also offers 4 new rooms, 2 of which are accessible with the A+ label. The accommodation is located in a quiet residential area with the charms of the Antwerp Kempen and numerous places to eat in the neighbourhood. The Lilse Bergen recreational park is only 1.5 km (1 mile) away. The hiking and cycle point networks are easily accessible. In other words, you'll be staying in pleasant surroundings and there is time for a chat.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Sloping threshold of 8 cm on the access path, perhaps you will need a little help there. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
There is a bevelled 5 cm threshold at the door of the veranda. You can also eat in your room. There is a kitchenette and a table. It is possible to have breakfast brought to your room.

Communal toilet
There is no common adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with bathroom ("Lichte leegte" and "Vuur rood"). The positioning and turning space by the doors is tight, but manageable. Some of the furniture has wheels. The manager will gladly move something if necessary. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower chair with folding armrests. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the chair. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
In the rooms 'Water val' and 'Oosten wind', the mattress and bed linen have an anti-dust mite label. Your allergies or dietary preferences will be taken into account when serving breakfast. There are also provisions for people with a visual impairment, such as guide lines.

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B&B de Rijcke Rust ★★★★ Rijkevorsel

B&B de Rijcke Rust is only a stone's throw from the village but nevertheless surrounded by expansive meadows and farmland. It's the ideal base for walking and cycling tours around the North Campine area. This accommodation is 100 metres from the cycle route network. The B&B has 4 rooms in country house settings and each of them is equipped with a private bathroom, TV and internet. You can enjoy a full breakfast buffet with homemade products in the communal living area.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (Pyrus) (photo 2). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with sufficient space and a shower seat with detachable armrests (photo 3). The toilet has safety rails and there is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users and there is sufficient clearance.

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B&B Soetemin Lier ****

B&B Soetemin is a friendly family bed and breakfast on the outskirts of Lier. An ideal location for the recreational tourist for a pleasant walk around the city ramparts, a visit to one of the museums or a refreshing drink in the centre of the city of Lier. The modern, luxurious bedrooms have something for everyone. In the evening you can visit the restaurant in the adjoining building.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough. Here and there the space is limited by the door handles, but sufficient for use.

Living / dining room
Sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for wheelchair use (height 66 cm, width 80 cm). In the restaurant in the adjoining building, which can be reached from the B&B, the height clearance under the tables is limited to 35 cm.

Communal toilet
The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is tight, but functional. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 1) (photo 1). Two single beds in the room. The manoeuvring space next to the handle behind the door is tight. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (37 x 37 cm) and safety rails (photo 3). Next to the seat there is 78 cm of space and adequate space in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The tap is a bit far from the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
The accommodation has facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the fabric coverings in the rooms have an anti-dust mite label.

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't Poorthuys ***
Dilsen-Stokkem

After a good night's sleep in one of the modern and fully equipped rooms, you can enjoy a delicious breakfast with fresh local produce. Then you can take a stroll in the nearby orchard or do some cycling along the cycle route network. The garden of the Poorthuys is accessible for wheelchair users.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Gravel parking and access path from the public road. For this you will probably need help. There are two adapted parking places with clinkers connecting to the entrance of the adapted room. Each individual door section in the double door is 80 cm wide.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. There is sufficient clearance.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the toilet in the bedroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with two 58 cm high single beds and bathroom. The space around the door handle of the bedroom door and the bathroom door is tight, but manageable. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail (photo 3). Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. The space in front of the toilet is limited due to the location of the washbasin, because of this it is not possible to stop right in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
You can have medical aids supplied to the accommodation via your health insurance fund. There is no carpet, no fabric coverings are used, and the bedding is anti-allergic. Your food allergy will gladly be taken into account on request.

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De Floreffe ***
Overpelt

De Floreffe strikes you immediately with its warm, restful atmosphere with stylish and comfortable rooms. You can enjoy splendid cycling and walking tours in the countryside and breathe the healthy forest air of the Limburg Campine region. In the evening you can expect a delicious dinner with local produce and then relax on the garden patio or in the cosy sitting room which has an open hearth.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. On the way to the toilet and the breakfast room the manoeuvring and turning space at the door is tight, but functional.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Space for manoeuvres en route is 120 x 150 cm. There are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair, even if they are just 65 cm high.

Communal toilet
The manoeuvring space next to the handle on the inside is limited. Clearance is 120 x 150 cm.
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted (photo 3).

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Safari'), with roll-in shower, a low shower seat (33 x 37 cm) and a single grab rail. The toilet has a grab rail and there is limited space to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. You have enough clearance and space everywhere.

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De Grote Linde *** Oostkamp

De Grote Linde is a farm with guest rooms located alongside the Gent-Oostende canal, close to Bruges, Damme and the coast. In the area there are numerous cycle and hiking routes. A large playing field, plenty of space to cycle in the courtyard and the possibility of helping out at the farm make it an ideal place for families and groups to stay. In the sitting room there is a TV and a computer. 't Zomerhuis is the accessible guest room.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some help on the gravel on the access path, although the parts where there is little gravel are fairly accessible with a wheelchair. It is also possible to drive up to the paved parking in front of the guest rooms. The space and clearance by the entrance door to 't Zomerhuis is tight, but certainly manageable.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. Here and there the clearance is a bit tight, but sufficient for use.

Living / dining room
The positioning and turning space by the door and in the room is tight, but manageable. There is a wheelchair accessible table.

Communal toilet
The turning space in front of the door of the toilet in the Zomerhuis is tight, but manageable. There is sufficient positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the toilet. There is 98 cm in front of the toilet. There are grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is a sleeping area with a single bed in the living space below. The space next to the bed is limited. The space in front of the door of the adapted shower is tight, but manageable. The shower is wheelchair accessible and has a seat and grab rail. There is sufficient positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the seat; there is 77 cm in front of the seat due to the positioning of the sink. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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B&B Altijd Genieten ***
Damme

B&B Altijd Genieten is located a few kilometres from Damme, and ten kilometres from Bruges, Sluis and the Belgian coast. You're never far from a cycling or walking route. In the morning, you can enjoy an extensive breakfast menu at a cosy table. The veranda living area has a view of the beautifully kept garden with a petanque court and barbecue. It is the perfect environment for complete relaxation. Breakfast can, of course, be served outdoors, weather permitting. The private kitchen is also available for guests to use. There is Wi-Fi and a TV. A charging unit is available for electric bicycles. Children can play safely in a secure indoor and outdoor play area. There are five adapted parking spaces.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with adequate circulation space. The entry console can be operated from the car or wheelchair.
Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and tables that are high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The terrace has no doorstep and is accessible. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the work surface in the kitchen and its height is adjustable (photo 2).
Communal toilet
The turning space is a little tight, but certainly functional. There is adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl. One support rail is provided. The toilets in the bathrooms can be used completely independently.
Bedroom and bathroom
The four ensuites are easily accessible. Each room is fitted with two accessible high-low beds. Four of these can be extended to 220 cm. There is a ceiling-mounted hoist from the bed to the bathroom in the two rooms on the ground floor. Moreover, two bathrooms have a high-low bath. All the bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat, (removable) support rails and adequate space (photo 3). The tap is positioned on the same wall as the seat in one of the upstairs rooms. The toilets are fitted with (removable) support rails and offer adequate space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.
Extra
The accommodation is furnished with anti-allergic materials. Food allergy or diet preferences can be taken into account on request. A ceiling lift, height adjustable beds, height adjustable baths, 2 shower seats and an alternating mattress are available. A passive and active hoist and a personal alarm can also be used. Care, nursing and kinesiology can be provided via external providers. There are also facilities for people with a visual impairment.

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Ovaertine ** Zwevegem

Ovaertine is a restored farmhouse with rustic charm and is part of a working horticultural business. Each of the five charming guest rooms has its own bathroom, central heating and TV. Your hostess cooks in an open kitchen with produce fresh from the market. Enjoy the peaceful and cosy guestroom and garden. Ovaertine also organises cooking workshops.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The parking in the inner courtyard and the access path are partially gravelled. It has been well rolled so that it is fairly easy to use with a wheelchair. Furthermore, you can park your car next to the paved terrace. The car park next to the building is more difficult with a wheelchair but as a wheelchair user you don't really need it. Small 4 cm threshold at the entrance door. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
The manoeuvring space at the door handle is limited. Sufficient clearance. The table is 64 cm high.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 2) (photo 2). The manoeuvring space at the door handle is limited. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (33 x 23 cm) and safety rail (photo 3). Sufficient space next to, in front of (110 cm) and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has a safety rail and there is space beside, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is limited space to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

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't Hof van Spiere ****
Spiere-Helkijn

't Hof van Spiere, a renovated farm surrounded by fields and meadows, is located in a village on the language border between South-West Flanders and Henegouwen. Some trumps of this area are the outlined routes for hikers, cyclists and riders. Kortrijk and Doornik are 15 km away, and Lille is just 30 km away. These cities are more than worth a visit.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You can park close to the entrance as wheelchair user. The access path of fine stone chippings (picture 1) is firm enough to ride over. You may need help with the threshold of 8 cm at the entrance and the somewhat narrow clearance and space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Living / dining room
The clearance and space at the door is narrow, but usable. Once you are inside there is enough circulation space and there is a table that accommodates wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is no separate adapted toilet in the building of the guest rooms, but the toilet in the accessible bedroom is always close.

Bedroom and bathroom
The bedroom on the ground floor is accessible (picture 2). The clearance and space is narrow, but usable with a manual wheelchair. 1 side of the double bed can be reached with the wheelchair. Some furniture is moved by the operator to create more space. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (40 cm wide and 38 cm deep) and grab rails (picture 3). There is sufficient space. The toilet also has grab rails and sufficient space. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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Buytenshuys Hooglede ****

The Buytenshuys guest house was the first to be awarded the A+ accessibility label. It has all the comfort of a hotel but the hospitality of a bed and breakfast. The charming rooms and cosy and spacious shared spaces with views of Hooglede are ideal for relaxing. An exceptional place to enjoy the West-Vlaanderen region!

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Living / dining room
There is good circulation space throughout. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 1).

Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the bedroom toilet is always close at hand.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 spacious, accessible room on the ground floor (photo 2). Two single beds available. Roll-in shower with shower chair with removable arms and handrails (photo 3). There is a spacious adapted toilet, with safety rails and a washbasin that accommodates wheelchairs.

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Predikherenhof ** Poperinge

This rustic gem is an old manor house in a distinct farmhouse style that is still a working dairy farm. Heave a sigh of relief in a shady garden alcove: this is a property that is full of character with a unique landscaped garden featuring a pond and a terrace. Upon waking up, you delight in a delicious breakfast buffet. The hostess Aniek spoils you with homemade farm and regional products. Explore Poperinge and the surrounding area, marked by the horror and misery of the War. But also discover the fun side of Westhoek.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The ramp extends to just in front of the door; there is no level free space (photo 2). Therefore, wheelchair users will probably need help opening the door. The proprietors are also ready to help.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible, despite the sometimes slightly narrower hallway.

Living / dining room
Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs that can be raised even higher using blocks.

Communal toilet
There is no specially adapted communal toilet present, but the bedroom with adapted toilet is located on the ground floor and close to the breakfast area.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room ('Hermelijn'). The space behind the entrance door and in front of the bathroom door is a bit tight. The turning space next to the bed is limited. The bed can be raised with blocks. The bathroom door is 80 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with a small shower seat (30 x 30 cm), grab rail and adequate manoeuvring space. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet and 82 cm of space in front of it. Grab rails are provided. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink but the space in front is limited.

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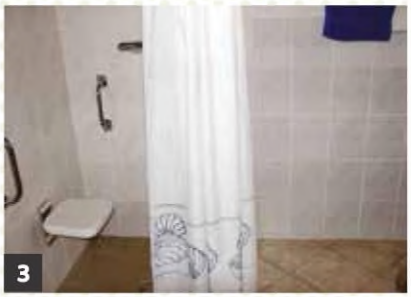
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Arenberghoeve Beveren-Waas ***

Would you like to just get away from the pressures of everyday life? Do you like peace and quiet and a sweeping landscape? Then this farm with guest rooms is an ideal place in Flanders for a stay. De Arenberghoeve is located in one of the Waas Polders between Kieldrecht and Doel, close to the Dutch border. It is an ideal base for hiking and cycling in a vast polder landscape.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Part of the access path is cobbled. It does seem to be fairly suitable for a wheelchair. You might need assistance due to the 4 cm threshold at the entrance and the lack of manoeuvring space next to the door handle on the inside. Inside there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
Sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Prosper') (photo 1). There is no manoeuvring space next to the handle on the inside. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (35 x 33 cm) and safety rail. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat (photo 3). The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use by a wheelchair user, although the height is restricted to 61 cm. There is sufficient clearance.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and the fabric coverings are anti-allergy. On request, we will gladly take your food allergy into account.

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B&B Baz Kruibeke

BAZ B&B is quietly located near the centre of Bazel, one of the most beautiful villages in Flanders. A variety of unique accommodation options have been created in this house, which traditionally belonged to the doctor. In the large communal living room you can relax with a drink, read a book snuggled up to the stove, play a game or have a meeting. A TV screen and projector are provided. You can also get a breath of fresh air in the garden. In the heated swimming pool and sauna you can relax after a day in Antwerp, or after a brisk walk or bike ride in the great outdoors. At the B&B, you can rent bikes or recharge your own electric bike. Breakfast is also pure relaxation: you can enjoy it on the terrace in the garden or in the cosy breakfast room. There is an extensive breakfast buffet with sweet and savoury delicacies. Various restaurants are within walking distance. On request you can enjoy dinner at the B&B.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The paths to the main entrance and alternative entrance via the terrace are easily accessible. The code keyboard and the bell are difficult to reach from the wheelchair, and from the entrance hall you can only reach the accessible room and common space through 73 cm-wide narrow doors. You are better off going via the outside route along the terrace.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. Through the terrace you can go directly to the common room through a 81 cm-wide door, and into the room. Someone else will first need to open the sliding window of the room from the inside.

Living / dining room
You enter through the 81 cm-wide terrace door. There is sufficient circulation space and the tables are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
There is no common adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is nearby.

Bedroom and bathroom
The 'Harbour' Room, which you reach through the terrace, is easily accessible and has a double bed with one side accessible. The operations for the bathroom door are somewhat difficult to grasp. There is a roll-in shower with seat, folding armrests and ample space. The toilet has grab rails and sufficient space, although the toilet is a little low. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
There is no carpet.

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Fruithof Tack ****
Sint-Gillis-Waas

Fruithof Tack is a modern B&B on a working fruit farm. There are fourteen comfortable rooms, one of which is a family room, four luxury rooms and an accessible room. Each room has a TV, Wi-Fi, refrigerator, safe and bathroom with level entry shower or bathtub. In the mornings, you can enjoy a gourmet breakfast buffet with plenty of fruit. In the evening you can relax by the fireplace or enjoy a drink at the bar, which is well stocked with lots of fruity drinks. You can also prepare your own food.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You're best off taking the left-hand driveway with accompanying access path to the alternative entrance by the breakfast area. The slope is less steep than on the right, although you may still need some assistance. The turning space is a little tight, but usable. The door sections of the double door are 80 cm wide.

Passageways and level differences
The main areas are on the ground floor or are accessible by lift. On the route to the room you have to go through a narrow 76 cm door with limited space and there is a short, steep slope. You can also take an alternative route through the fruit workshop.

Living / dining room
There is ample circulation space in the breakfast room, the seating area and the bar. The tables have limited wheelchair access (height: 65 cm).

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 adapted room (number 14) with two single beds, one of which is accessible. The bed might be a little high. The bathroom has a level entry shower with shower seat (35 x 34 cm), grab rails and ample wheelchair space. There is also plenty of space in the toilet and a grab rail. The sink is wheelchair accessible and has an adjustable mirror.

Extra
There is Braille on the lift buttons. There are usually enough colour contrasts for visually impaired people. The roof terrace and swimming pool are also easily accessible by wheelchair.

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B&B Mettes ***
Buggenhout

This guesthouse has 2 rooms with adapted sanitary facilities. There is a common living room with an accessible kitchen. After all the stress you can come here to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet. An extensive breakfast ensures a good start. B&B Mettes also looks after the environment.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The rooms can be reached by a 91 x 120 cm platform lift (photo 2). The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
The dining area is in the guesthouse itself. There is good clearance there. There are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair. The kitchen can be used by guests and is accessible (photo 3).

Communal toilet
There is no common adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bedroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 entirely accessible room with bathroom (number 1). The turning space next to the bed and in front of the bathroom door is limited, but the manager will remove some furniture to accommodate your needs. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. The tap is 75 cm from the seat. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space in front and diagonally in front; at the side, slightly limited at 82 cm. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, space in front of the washbasin is 105 cm. Room 2 is also fairly well accessible and has the same fixtures, but has one minus point that there is only a space of 88 cm in front of the washbasin.

Extra
If available, you can rent an electric buddy bike for 25 euros a day. There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there is no carpet and upon request anti-allergy bedding and diet meals can be provided. Information is available in large font. The fire alarm is also provided visually.

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Mirabella ***
Lede

This restored square farm with an attractive inner courtyard is located on the edge of the Honegem- Soleghem nature reserve and within cycling distance of both Aalst and Dendermonde. Hikers and cyclists will certainly find this region to their taste. All guest rooms are equipped with modern comfort and a spacious bathroom. You will feel at home in the friendly breakfast room and cosy sitting area.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The cobblestone access path has been well laid and is therefore very easy to use with a wheelchair (photo 2). You may need assistance opening the door due to the incline leading up to it. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide. The turning space is only tight behind the door on the way to the room, but it is functional. The manoeuvring space at the door handles is limited.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for use by a wheelchair user (photo 1).

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bedroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Zomerkamer'). There is adequate circulation space. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair with folding armrests. There is adequate space to be able to make the transfer to the shower wheelchair. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use by a wheelchair user (photo 3).

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: in the room Herfst on the first floor there are no fabric coverings, and anti-allergenic bedding is used.

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B&B Hakuna Matata ★★★★ Geraardsbergen

The 4-star B&B Hakuna Matata is situated at the foot of the Bosberg hill in Geraardsbergen, a picturesque village in the Flemish Ardennes. You'll be staying in one of the 3 deluxe theme rooms (Mexico, Thailand and South-Africa suite). The B&B is located in a cycling and hiking paradise in the quiet region of Dender-Mark. Nearby you can visit Parc Pairi Daiza, the Helix or the provincial park De Gavers. And last but not least, don't forget the famous cycling hill De Muur, the mattentaart cakes and Manneken Pis.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a transverse incline on the entrance path. A removable ramp has been placed at the door.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables

Communal toilet
There is little manoeuvring room next to the handle at the door leading to the toilet. The clearance is a bit tight, but manageable. There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is 101 cm. There is only a single foldaway grab rail.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Chichen Itza') (photo 2). There is an incline to cross a threshold. There are two single beds in the room. The space next to the bed is tight. The space at the bathroom door is limited. The bathroom (photo 3) has a roll-in shower with movable shower seat with folding armrests. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair; the clearance is a bit tight but sufficient.

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Het Natuurlijk Genot Maarkedal

B&B ⁰⁰⁰⁰ / Holiday home ⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰

The passion of the owners for healthy living, natural food, the organisation of activities, and the bringing together of people is palpable in all aspects of their ecological B&B and holiday home. They offer a cosy, active and healthy stay in an oasis of natural materials and a friendly atmosphere. Are natural sleep, a healthy breakfast and staying in the rolling countryside of the Flemish Ardennes your idea of a relaxing holiday? If so, Het Natuurlijk Genot can offer you the ecological experience you are looking for!

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Given the natural slopes of the area, there is also a significant slope on the dolomite access path. You can, however, drive right up to the entrance by car. A gentle slope and very accessible entrance lead you inside.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Living / dining room
There is ample circulation space in the breakfast room and the sitting area. The tables are wheelchair accessible thanks to an extendable section. The terrace also has level entry access.

Communal toilet
There is an adapted toilet in the shared bathroom in the hallway. Space is limited in front of the toilet due to the sink, but there is enough space next to the toilet. There are grab rails. You can also use the toilet in your room.

Bedroom and bathroom
The 4 rooms have a wide door and plenty of space next to 1 (side of the) bed. Room 4 'Morgenster' has its own adapted bathroom. There is also a shared bathroom in the hallway. Both have a level entry shower with removable seat (there is 1 seat for both bathrooms), grab rails and ample positioning space. In the bathroom in the hallway, the turning space is a little bit tighter. There is also plenty of positioning space by the toilet as well as grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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Alpha Hotel holiday house Tienen ***

The Alpha Hotel is situated in the heart of Tienen, a lively city with a history of producing sugar products. The hotel is the perfect base for exploring the city with its rich history and beautiful cycling and walking paths. It's also great for business trips. There is a restaurant, a pretty veranda for relaxing or working, and free parking for guests. Only the holiday home, with a separate entrance, has obtained the accessibility label.

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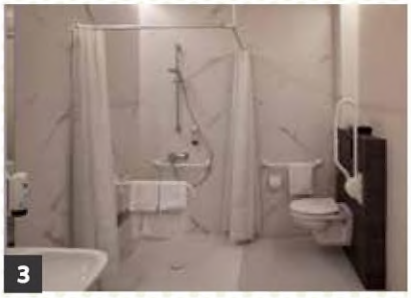

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The holiday home is accessible via the underpass. The path is wide enough and does not have any bumps. The entrance is easily accessible. When you book, you receive a code that you scan at the entrance to unlock the door.

Passageways and level differences
All the rooms in the holiday home are on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient space. The table only has limited knee space for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in the bathroom. It has sufficient space and grab rails. The toilet bowl has a limited depth.

Bedroom and bathroom
The bedroom is accessible and you have sufficient turning room on one side of the bed. The bed is 73 cm high. In the bathroom, there is a roll-in shower with sufficient space, a rather small seat and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
Gluten-free and lactose-free breakfasts are available.

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Bogaerde Winning: Begijnen Bekkevoort ****

The farmstead Bogaerde Winning is located in the heart of the beautiful Hageland. It's ideal for both adventure and relaxation-seeking guests, a week with family, or for business events. The farm consists of two holiday homes that can host 12 persons: the 'Bogaerden' and the 'Begijnen'. The latter is wheelchair accessible. Both houses can be rented together to accommodate groups of up to 24 persons.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The car park consists of a plastic grid filled with gravel, the entry path consists of well-laid cobblestones. You can also drive closer to the entrance of the holiday home. The entrance is easily accessible.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
The living and dining space is spacious and there is a wheelchair-friendly table. In the kitchen, the turning space is limited but you can manoeuvre through it.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in the adapted bathroom.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible bedroom with a double bed, which has sufficient turning space on 1 side. The adapted bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The toilet has enough space and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

Extra
There are no carpets and hypoallergenic fabrics are used.

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Aan de Boskapel ****
Lille

At Boskapel in the Antwerp Campine region, there is a spacious detached and light holiday home with a large private garden. It is located in a quiet street near the cycling network and walking routes. The house is for 10 persons and has 4 bedrooms (including 1 with shower and washbasin, and 1 with washbasin), 2 bathrooms and the necessary facilities for your comfort. The holiday home has a spacious terrace with garden furniture.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
The space behind the door that leads to the living and dining areas is limited due to the presence of a staircase. There is ample space in the room once you have passed the staircase (photo 2). There is a roll-under table.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet is in the bathroom; no separate adapted toilets are available in the shared areas.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with 1 accessible single bed and a spacious bathroom. The doors to the room and bathroom are 77 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with movable shower chair with removable arm-rests, and sufficient space (photo 3). The toilet (43 cm high) has safety rails and sufficient space; there is a roll-under washbasin.

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Hoeve Megusta is an extraordinary farm where you can relax, find inner peace and warmth and fully enjoy the surrounding nature and animals. Both the indoor and outdoor accommodation have been adapted so that people with disabilities can comfortably enjoy and actively participate in the events around the farm. A wheelchair accessible path has been constructed through the meadow to the orchard, vegetable and herb garden. A raised chicken coop means that anyone can collect the freshly laid eggs. A wheelchair bicycle is also available. Guests staying overnight can help farmer John feed all the animals in the morning and perhaps take a pony or tractor ride.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.

Living / dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space. The tables are suitable for use from a wheelchair. The kitchen in the studio is fully wheelchair accessible (picture 2) (the base cabinets can be rolled away). The cooking fire has tactile operation buttons and the kitchen has been executed with a lot of contrast.

Communal toilet
The adapted toilet near the multipurpose area has sufficient space and grab rails.

Studio and bedroom
There are two studios that accommodate wheelchairs, with their own bathroom, adapted kitchen and two bedrooms, each with two beds. There is a roll-in shower fitted with a seat and grab rails with adequate manoeuvring space (photo 3). The toilet also has adequate space and is fitted with support rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. The four rooms upstairs do not accommodate wheelchairs, but three of these offer adequate contrasts for the visually impaired, as do the studios. One of the rooms is a low-stimulus room. There is an accessible communal room.

Extra
6 height adjustable beds are available, 5 of which are electric. Other equipment can be provided on request. Nursing can be organised via an external partner. Anti-allergy fabrics are used and there are no carpets or upholstery. Each room is fitted with an air purification system that can rid the air of 99% of allergens. There is a pull-cord alarm in the bathrooms that emits a visual and audible signal. Go-carts, bicycles, wheelchairs, a wheelchair bicycle and several tricycles are also available. Adapted horseback riding is offered for the real adventurers and an electric hoist is available to assist with this.

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Het Witte ZandPat ★★★★★
Dessel

If you want to indulge in luxury surrounded by family and friends, visit Het Witte ZandPat. The owners have pulled out all the stops to turn their holiday home into a haven for those who wish to escape their hectic, everyday lives and enjoy some peace and quiet in style. In the pastoral Dessel, you're guaranteed to find relaxation. If you would prefer to have a more active holiday, the Campine offers lots of adventure. Cycling, hiking, swimming, an amusement park or a museum and shopping in the bustling city: it's just a stone's throw away from Het Witte ZandPat.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entry path and the entrance are easily accessible. There is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important spaces are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
You have sufficient space. The dining table is wheelchair-friendly.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in the communal adapted bathroom. It has adequate space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
The bedroom on the ground floor is easily accessible. The sliding doors to the room and bedroom are opened with a small handle. The double bed is accessible on 1 side. In the adjoining bathroom, there is a bath and a roll-in shower with a seat, foldable arm rests and sufficient space. The wash basins have knee space for wheelchair users and have tiltable mirrors.

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Casa Ametza Brasschaat

Do you dream of taking your family out to enjoy nature without worries? Then, this adapted "dream house" is ready for you in the middle of the park of Brasschaat, right next to a swimming pool and a sports hall. Casa Ametza has six homes where you can stay with your family of 4 to 6 persons. Every studio is furnished according to the needs of the dependant. Do you need physical therapy, help with washing or nursing care? Then, Casa Ametza would like to take care of that for you. The accommodation also offers activities or outings for the whole family or for each member of the family. A volunteer can accompany you or you can go and explore on your own.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are wide enough.
Living / dining room
There is sufficient circulation space. The table is suitable for wheelchairs. The kitchen is fully accessible: the worktop, the fireplace and the sink accommodate wheelchairs (picture 2).
Communal toilet
There is no communal toilet. You use the toilet in your studio.
Bedroom and bathroom
There are 6 wheelchair accessible studios with 2 bedrooms and an adapted bathroom. In the houses for 4 people, 2 have 4 accessible beds, and 2 have 3 accessible beds. In the 6-person houses there are 2 accessible beds and 2 bunk beds, but the bunk beds can each be transformed into 1 accessible bed. In the orange studio there is a bath with ceiling hoist, grab rails, and sufficient space. The other bathrooms have a roll-in shower with seating and sufficient space. Grab rails are fitted. There is also sufficient space in the toilet and there are grab rails. The sinks are wheelchair accessible.
Extra
The accommodation can arrange for care provided by professional care providers if you request this when booking. High-low beds are available. The orange studio has a ceiling mounted hoist. The grey studio has a stimulus deprived interior. Extra attention was paid to people with visual impairments in the red and green studios. The blue studio was furnished for people with an auditory impairment and has a hearing-loop. There is no carpet anywhere.

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De Waterkant ** Herk-de-Stad

Everyone is welcome – the young and the not so young! Come and calmly enjoy the quiet open space, or why not play a more active role and help take care of the farm animals? Or perhaps go hiking or cycling? You can stay in one of the 2 studios on the farm, which are suitable for a family of 5 or 3 people. Both accessible studios can be connected.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
A short and, at studio 1, steep incline runs up to the door. It's therefore difficult to reach it on your own. Inside there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide. Only in the kitchen is the clearance a bit tight, but sufficient for use.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance. The table suitable for use from a wheelchair has a height of 67 cm.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible studios with bathroom. The height of the bed is 43 cm. Somewhat tight clearance and space by the bathroom door and in the bathroom, but sufficient for use. There is a wheelchair accessible shower with a shower wheelchair, with small wheels and folding armrests. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of (101 cm in studio 2) and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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Vakantiehuis Fabiola - 't Mechels Bos Maasmechelen

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Stay at 't Mechels Bos for a carefree holiday with your family (or group). The property consists of two wings that each offer five flats with care provided. They are fully equipped to accommodate children or adults with a serious disability or care need. All possible necessary equipment, such as a height adjustable bed, physio table, hoist, shower wheelchair, etc. are provided. Don't forget to take a dip in the accessible subtropical swimming pool and take advantage of the numerous possibilities for relaxing in the domain and the surrounding area for children and adults alike.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrances of the reception in the main building (with swimming pool and sports hall) and of the 't Mechels Bos building are easily accessible. Both of them have sufficient space. There is plenty of free parking space in the vicinity of the property.

Passageways and level differences
The accessible rooms are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
You can eat in the dining room in your apartment or in the communal dining room in the building. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the tables in both rooms. Your apartment also has a living area and each wing has a communal living area.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space next to, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted. The clearance is a little tighter, but sufficient for practical use.

Bedroom and bathroom
Each flat has three bedrooms, each with two single beds. The accessible bedroom on the ground floor has two height adjustable beds. The other two bedrooms are located on the first floor. Each flat has two bathrooms. The accessible bathroom has a roll-in shower. There is a toilet fitted with grab rails and manoeuvring space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of it. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink. The bathroom on the first floor is a little smaller and is equipped with a sink and a shower. There is also a separate toilet. Each wing offers a communal bathroom with a height adjustable bath, a sink under which a wheelchair can be manoeuvred and a toilet with adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails.

Extra
Care can be externally hired. In all the apartments, the duvets, pillows and mattresses have anti-dust mite labels. The kitchen takes food allergies and medical and religious diets into account. At the park, you can rent (wheelchair) bikes and special all-terrain wheelchairs. 't Mechels Bos also has a controlled multisensory environment (snoezelen) and a time-out room.

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Vakantiehuis Fabiola - Thomasbos Maasmechelen

Thomasbos is the latest development by Vakantiehuis Fabiola (Holiday House Fabiola), located on the edge of Hoge Kempen National Park. Thomasbos offers four modern and accessible holiday bungalows, perfectly suited to small groups as well as families with members that require (intensive) care. The bungalows can be rented separately or together. There is also an experience house (sensory house) with rooms that provide stimulation or relaxation of the senses: a sound room, a (dry) relaxation room and a simulation room.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
All the rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and there is a table under which you can manoeuvre a wheelchair.
Communal toilet
The toilets in the communal bathrooms of each chalet and the experience house provide adequate manoeuvring space and are fitted with grab rails.
Bedroom and bathroom
The four chalets have two single rooms and one double room, each with height adjustable beds. Chalet 2 also has a double room with a double bed. The double rooms with two single beds are less accessible due to their limited turning space. There are nine easily accessible beds in total. In each chalet and the experience house there is a bathroom with a roll-in shower with a seat, grab rail and adequate manoeuvring space. A shower stretcher is also available. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks, which are also fitted with a tilting mirror.
Extra
Care can be hired via an external provider. Anti-allergy fabrics are used and there are no carpets. The kitchen takes food allergies and medical and religion-based diets into account. The relaxation room in the experience house has a whirlpool bath. Besides the height adjustable beds and shower stretchers the property also provides hoists, shower chairs and wheelchairs, adapted bicycles and all-terrain wheelchairs.

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Varnhof ****
Voeren

Varnhof is a luxury holiday home located in Teuven, next to the Dutch and German borders, which can accommodate 22 people. The holiday home is surrounded by fruit trees and is situated on a hillside just outside Teuven village centre. In total, there are eight bedrooms, six bathrooms, a large equipped kitchen, a dining area, living room with a wood-burning stove, television, Wi-Fi, terrace, etc.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access path is 117 cm wide. There is a small, 2.5-cm doorstep and the door is located in a recess, which makes it a little tricky to reach the handle. There is adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. The room and circulation space at several doors is a little tight, but functional.

Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and a table that is high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. The terrace has no doorstep and is accessible.

Communal toilet
There is adequate space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet bowl. Support rails are provided, but they are positioned rather far apart.

Bedroom and bathroom
Bedrooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 are easily accessible. These rooms each have two single beds, one of which is an accessible bed (photo 2). The bathrooms in rooms 1 and 2 are easily accessible. They have a roll-in shower with a shower seat and support rails (photo 3). In room 1, there is 114 cm of space in front of the shower seat and adequate space elsewhere. There is 112 cm of space in front of the toilets in both bathrooms and adequate space elsewhere. The toilet is also fitted with support rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks, but the depth is slightly restricted and they are positioned quite high. In the bathroom in room 3, the greatest issue involves the fact that there is just 73 cm of space next to the shower seat. Otherwise, this bathroom scores the same as the bathrooms in rooms 1 and 2.

Extra
The rooms are equipped with hypoallergenic materials.

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Jean and Hilda will gladly welcome you to the holiday homes of their typical Haspengouw square farm. Three accommodation areas have been created in the former barn and stables, each with 2 bedrooms, a bathroom, sitting room with TV and fully equipped kitchen with dining corner. On the farm you can help with or share in the farm activities. Bicycles and go-carts are available for the children. You are very close to the cycle route network 158.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Cobbled access path, but it is fairly easy to use with a wheelchair (photo 1). Sloping threshold of 8 cm at the entrance hall door, you may need a little help there. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance in the common dining and living room (photo 2). There is a table suitable for wheelchair use.

Communal toilet
Sufficient space next to, in front of the toilet, although you have to remove the changing table. Safety rails are fitted. You can also use the toilet in the apartment.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible apartment with bathroom (number 2). The space at the doors and beside the door latches is limited here and there, but appears sufficient for practical use. The door to the room is 84 cm wide. Two single beds in the bedroom. There is a roll-in shower with a seat (58 cm high) with foldaway armrests. A wall in front of the shower seat restricts the manoeuvring and turning space, which is why a shower wheelchair is also provided. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
In the 3 apartments there are provisions for people with asthma and allergies. The duvets have an anti-house dust mite label and the curtains are trevira fibre.

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Martenshof ** Heers

This restored square farm in the picturesque South Limburg village of Mettekoven is located among the fruit trees. The holiday home has an accessible kitchen but you can also eat in the tavern with local produce. You can cycle along the cycle route network or hike along the GR paths and other prepared walks.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The Bakhuisje can be reached from the adapted parking area via a sloping path constructed from smooth cobblestones and brick.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.
Living / dining room
In the dining area of the accessible guestroom 'Bakhuisje' there is sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for wheelchair use present.
Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the toilet in the bedroom is always close by.
Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Bakhuisje'). The clearance at the door to the room and beside the door handle is a little tight, but appears sufficient for unobstructed use. The clearance next to the bed is 120 cm. The bed is 62 cm high. The turning space in front of the bathroom door and positioning space by the door handle is tight, but manageable. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail. The space next to the shower seat is limited and the tap is against your back. To assist with that, there is also a shower wheelchair with small wheels. The toilet has a safety rail and there is space next to (although slightly limited to 81 cm), in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance (photo 3).
Extra
A few rooms have provisions for people with asthma and allergies. In the mansion, studio 1, apartment 1 and the old house, the duvets and pillows are house dust mite proof. There is a wheelchair present. The kitchen is also accessible (photo 2).

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Aan het Tombos **** Gingelom

This authentic farm is located between the meadows and orchards of Gingelom. You can stay in the spacious holiday home for 4 persons named after the 'Conference' pear. This holiday home has a large terrace and is accessible for wheelchair users. You can also rent all three accommodations (suitable for 14 people) with your friends or family and spend time together at the table or terrace at 'Conference'. Aan Het Tombos has various different packages available.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Sloping, cobbled access path, which have been well laid and as a result fairly good for wheelchair use. There is sufficient clearance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.
Living / dining room
In the dining room there is sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.
Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the toilet in the bedroom is always close by.
Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Conference'). The space and clearance in the room is tight. Removing one of the beds creates more space. Moreover there is also a sofa bed in the spacious living room that can be made up as a bed by the proprietors on request. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (38 x 37 cm) and safety rails. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.
Extra
Apartments Bigareau and Jonagold have provisions for people with asthma and allergies. The coverlets, mattresses and pillows are house dust mite proof.

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Hoeve Jadoul: Druif ****
Gingelom

Full of atmosphere, quiet but nevertheless active courtyard farm with guest rooms and holiday homes. Groups of up to 24 persons can rent the whole residence as a holiday house. The rooms have a desk with a TV, chairs, an alarm clock radio, a mini bar, a safe and a Wi-Fi connection. They all have their own bathroom equipped with a washbasin with a hair drier, shower or bath and WC. There is a kitchen in the living and dining room. There are 2 multipurpose areas for seminars, reunions or relaxation. The farm is also child friendly. The tennis court and petanque course are wheelchair accessible.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The courtyard was laid in round cobblestones. On the way to the entrance you have to pass over a short but steep ramp. The space behind the entrance door and next to the handle is a little narrow, but turns out to be sufficient for practical use. You may need some help on the ramp after you pass the entrance door.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. The passageways are usually wide enough. You may need some help with the connecting door that is in a niche.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient circulation space. The table accommodates wheelchairs in a limited way because of the height (picture 2), but blocks will be provided to make the table higher.

Communal toilet
There is no separate adapted toilet in the Druivenverblijf, but the toilet in the accessible bedroom is always close.

Bedroom and bathroom
The bedroom Muscat on the ground floor is accessible and sufficiently spacious. It has 1 accessible single bed. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (41 cm wide and 32 cm deep) and a grab rail. The seat is rather low. There is sufficient space. The toilet also has a grab rail and sufficient space. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

Extra
The accommodation has facilities for people with asthma and allergies. You can follow a guided tour in the orchards with a cart adjusted for wheelchair users.

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Hoeve Jadoul: Kers Gingelom ****

Full of atmosphere, quiet but nevertheless active courtyard farm with guest rooms and holiday homes. Groups of up to 24 persons can rent the whole residence as a holiday house. The rooms have a desk with a TV, chairs, an alarm clock radio, a mini bar, a safe and a Wi-Fi connection. They all have their own bathroom equipped with a washbasin with a hair drier, shower or bath and WC. There is a kitchen in the living and dining room. There are 2 multipurpose areas for seminars, reunions or relaxation. The farm is also child friendly. The tennis court and petanque course are wheelchair accessible. The Kersenverblijf consists of 2 rooms with double beds, of which the room on the ground floor is adapted, and a family room for 4 people on the first floor.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The courtyard has been laid with convex cobblestones. You might need assistance to negotiate a short incline and 4 cm threshold. The space behind the access door and beside the door handle is a little tight, but appears sufficient for practical use.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. If you go from the living room to the room, there is not so much space for reaching the door handle, but you can easily get through the door.

Living / dining room
Here and there the turning space is limited, but functional. There is a good table suitable for use from a wheelchair (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the toilet in the bedroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom ('Kordia'). The space behind the door to the room and next to the door handle is a little restricted, but appears sufficient for unobstructed use. Two single beds in the room. The turning space at the bed and in front of the bathroom door is tight, but functional. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails (photograph 3). Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
The residence is equipped for people with asthma and allergies. You can take a guided tour of the orchards in a cart specially adapted for wheelchair users.

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De Dielis provides group accommodation giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy a holiday. The holiday home lies in a quiet green oasis within walking distance of the centre, and offers a wealth of recreational possibilities. The accommodation is intended primarily for the care sector and is fully and specifically adapted for groups of elderly people and people with a motor disability or severe or multiple disabilities. All possible care, assistance and aids are available. People who do not need this care are, of course, equally welcome. In the garden, you will find a bird's nest swing and accessible play equipment. There are special conditions for small care groups of 4 people and above.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with sufficient clearance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached with the lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient clearance and there are roll-under tables suitable for wheelchair users. The kitchen is also easily accessible with a roll-under sink and stove suitable for wheelchair users.
Communal toilet
In the downstairs and upstairs toilets there is sufficient space. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
12 accessible bedrooms with single beds and three communal bathrooms. The upstairs bathroom can be used entirely independently since it has a roll-in shower with a seat, is fitted with safety rails and has sufficient space. The downstairs bathrooms are care bathrooms with roll-in showers and, among others, shower gurneys, heat lamp, snoezel (sensory therapy) lighting, music system and a height adjustable bath with mobile passive hoist. One of the bathrooms also has a shower seat fitted with armrests and sufficient space. The toilets have sufficient space and safety rails are fitted. The wash-basins are suitable for wheelchair users.
Extra
Extra care and assistance can be provided via an external provider. Hypoallergenic materials are used. The elevator buttons have braille indications and there are colour accents for visually impaired persons. A height adjustable bed, hoist, (shower) wheelchairs and shower gurneys are available. There is a low-stimulus room and a personal alarm beside each bed. In 2 rooms and in the living area, there is a nurse's station display. For the safety of people with a learning disability there are a front door with a code lock, fully fenced garden, safety buttons for water and gas supply, etc.

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De Lage Kempen - ‘t Huis Hechtel-Eksel

De Lage Kempen is a versatile holiday centre in the beautiful Bosland nature reserve. In this green setting, surrounded by endless footpaths, you will immediately relax. As soon as you head out on your bicycle, you'll discover different trails of the Limburg cycling route network. The holiday home is a cosy and atmospheric house, equipped with every convenience. A place where everyone will feel at home right away. You can sit on the large terrace or relax on the spacious sofa. The walks in the forest, opposite the holiday centre, are also wheelchair friendly. A true holiday destination for everyone.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easy access. There is sufficient space to move around.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient space to move around. The table is wheelchair accessible using suspension blocks.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
The 2 holiday homes (which can be connected) each have 2 wheelchair accessible bedrooms with an electrically adjustable bed, assistance bed and a connected bathroom per room. The bathroom has a level access shower with a shower wheelchair. The toilet also has ample positioning space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
Nursing via external providers and care tools are available on request. The quilts and pillows are hypoallergenic and little fabric coatings are used. Contrasting colours have been used for the visually impaired. The colours are quiet and in one of the bedrooms there is a small multisensory environment.

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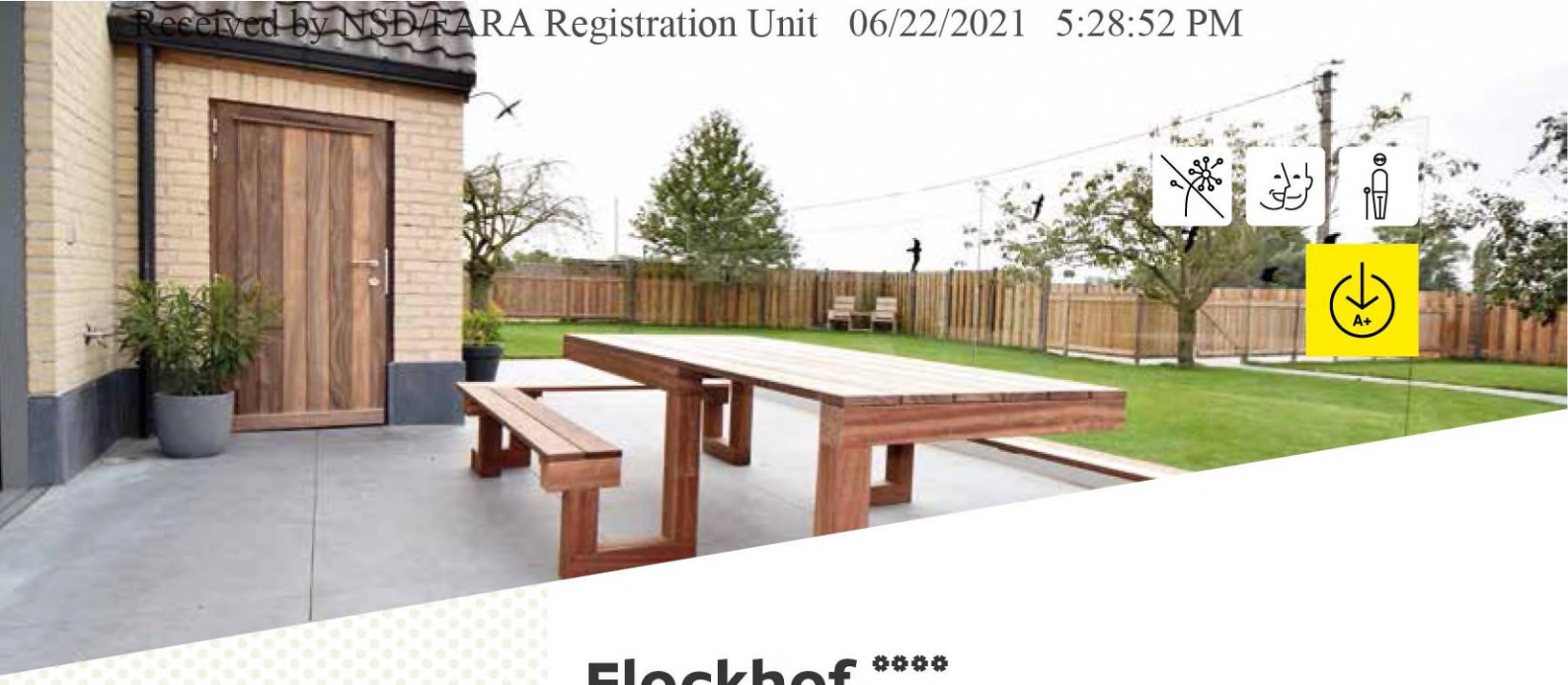

Flockhof **** Jabbeke

't Flockhof is a comfortable holiday home for eight guests located in the rural village of Zerkegem. It is situated five kilometres from the E40 motorway, from which you can quite literally go anywhere. In this cosy and fully-equipped four-star accommodation, families, friends or colleagues can delight in the tranquillity and nature of the countryside. The living room and three bedrooms are equipped with a digital flat screen TV and a wireless internet connection. 't Flockhof has a spacious, well-lit car park, wide illuminated entry paths and a fenced garden with attractive seating area. The ornamental chickens supply freshly laid eggs each morning and love to be petted.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and there is a table under which you can manoeuvre a wheelchair. In the kitchen it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the hob and the sink and all appliances are at working height. The terrace is accessible via an electric sliding patio door (with no threshold) and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the table.
Communal toilet
You can use the toilet in the adapted bathroom.
Bedroom and bathroom
There is one adapted bedroom on the ground floor with two accessible and height-adjustable single beds. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, plenty of manoeuvring space and grab rails. The toilet also has lots of space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, the tap is automatic and there is a tilting mirror.
Extra
The garden is fenced. There are adequate colour contrasts for the visually impaired and the website complies with the requirements of the Anysurfer label. There are no carpets and the bed linen and towels are washed at a high temperature. There is underfloor heating.

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Hof te Voorde ****
Deerlijk

Holiday home Hof te Voorde is perfect for a relaxing stay with friends or family (max. 14 people). It's quietly located and offers many adventurous, inviting spaces for the children: a large natural garden with tree house, goats, bunnies, a cat and chickens, playground, berry garden, orchard and bikes. The holiday home is a place where spending time together is the main focus: cooking together in the well-equipped open kitchen, dining at the large wooden dining table, dreaming away in the hammocks or having a chat around the campfire. In the environment there are several hiking and cycling trips. Walking and cycling maps are waiting for you in the holiday house.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
A good path takes you from the street and car park to the entrance. Aside from a small 3 cm threshold, it is easily accessible. Inside, you have sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be accessed with the lift. The corridor to the room is 120 cm wide. The double door along the route opens quite easily.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient space. The table is wheelchair-friendly. The terrace can be accessed obstacle-free.

Communal toilet
You use the toilet in the adapted bathroom.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible bedroom and bathroom. In front of the doors, you have 120 cm of turning space. There are 3 single beds, of which at least 2 are accessible. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a moveable shower chair with foldable arm rests. Next to the chair, you have 85 cm of manoeuvring space, in front of the chair 100 cm. The toilet has sufficient space to manoeuvre and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

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Lappersfort Diksmuide ***

Huize Lappersfort (8 persons) is atmospheric accommodation surrounded by the greenery of the Westhoek; this residence is suitable for families, groups and families who love a holiday in a homely atmosphere where they do not have to do without any of the comforts of home. There is tailored care and the chance to offer some respite to the informal caregiver. In addition to the quiet location of the house on the edge of the village of Leke, you can enjoy the spacious meadow with its seating areas, pool, berries, orchard, picking garden and BBQ corners. In this way both the person in need of care and the informal caregiver can achieve inner peace. The house can be rented together with loft André (located on the side for 2 people); with two separate entrances it forms a kangaroo house with the owners.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with adequate circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and a table that is high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under.

Communal toilet
There is no shared, adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is close by. A bath chair is available that you can place over the toilet and use as a night chair.

Bedroom and bathroom
The bedroom on the ground floor has 1 accessible high-low bed with 1 folding bed next to it (picture 2). There is no space next to the bedroom or bathroom door handles. You may need assistance. Directly behind the bathroom door, there is 120 cm of turning space and adequate space further along. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with an adjustable bath chair (with or without wheels), shower seat, adequate space and a support rail. The toilet has two support rails and adequate space. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink (photo 3).

Extra
There is a height adjustable bed with a patient lifting pole. An active and passive hoist is available. The manager is an independent nurse and can provide the necessary care. It is also possible to organise someone to watch over the care recipient for a fee. Colour contrasts have been provided for the visually impaired. The area around the house can be completely closed off. There are no carpets available to assist with allergies. Assistance dogs or other dogs belonging to the care-dependent person or carer are welcome upon payment of a fee. A stair lift goes to the upper floor. The residence is also certified for the care of people with autism (cooperation with vzw Metgezel).

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Vakantiehoeve Briesland Alveringem ***

Renovated farmhouse in one of the most peaceful corners of the Veurne-Ambacht polders, 15 km from the coast. Children will enjoy playing with the toys available inside and outside. They may also help on the farm. There is a large living room with fireplace and a cosy sitting area. Hostess Jocelyne does the cooking. If you wish to do your own cooking, you can rent the entire house. A nice idea for small and large groups.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The door is located in an alcove, but otherwise there is adequate accessibility and turning space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The corridor to the dining and living area is 108 cm wide.

Living / dining room
Accessible via a short, steep slope. Adequate circulation space. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is no adapted communal toilet, but the room with adapted bathroom is at the ground level.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (Easy Corner in Vijverzicht) (photo 2) with adapted bathroom. Behind the bedroom door there is a turning space of 108 cm. Roll-in shower with shower chair with removable armrests (not on the photo). The toilet is equipped with grab rails and the sink accommodates wheelchairs.

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Oostveldhoeve ****
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This former farm was fully renovated in 2008 and adapted to provide all the modern facilities you would expect. The large, 350 m2 farm can accommodate a maximum of 18 people and has 7 bedrooms. Respect for the original character and the meticulous selection of colours and materials make this atmospheric villa a perfect place to stay. The beautifully landscaped garden with a meadow (5,000 m2 in total), the unobstructed views of arable fields and meadows and rural character create an oasis of peace and quiet. Its central location in the hinterland of Bruges serves as the ideal base for a carefree active or passive holiday.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. The car park and the access path from the street are laid with gravel, but you can exit the car on to a paved path that leads to the entrance. The circulation space behind the door at the entrance is tight, but functional.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. Most of the corridors are sufficiently wide, although the door from the entrance hall to the other rooms is 83 cm wide.

Living / dining room
There is adequate circulation space and a table that is high enough for a wheelchair to be manoeuvred under. Space under the table is limited to a height of 65 cm. In the kitchen, the circulation space between a few of the appliances is limited, but otherwise there is adequate turning space (photo 2). The terrace (photo 1) can be accessed via a short but steep ramp and a door that is 84 cm wide.

Communal toilet
The toilet door is 83 cm wide. There is adequate space. The permanent support rail on the wall is slightly far away, but there is also a removable support rail that you can position wherever you want.

Bedroom and bathroom
The bedroom on the ground floor is accessible and has two single beds, one of which is accessible. The bathroom door is 82 cm wide. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a shower seat (35 cm wide and 27 cm deep) and adequate space. The permanent support rail on the wall is far away (photo 3), but there is also a removable support rail that you can position wherever you want. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, although the top is quite high. The circulation space at the sink is tight, but functional.

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De Palingbeekhoeve ***
Ypres

This former farm with farmyard animals is situated in the heart of West-Flanders, more specifically in Hollebeke, a quiet village near Ypres. At the farm you will find all the wealth of farming and the peace and quiet of nature. It is a perfect place to stay for cyclists, hikers and bon-viveurs. The holiday centre consists of 4 holiday homes with views of the extensive provincial parks De Palinkbeek (eels brook) and De Vierlingen. Holiday home De Linde is accessible.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The driveway is steep and consists partly of pebbles and cobblestones. The apartment is easily accessible from the parking area. A 3 cm threshold is bridged with a metal bevel. De Linde and the communal areas are easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
Sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
In the bedroom are 3 high-low beds (photo 2). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with sufficient space and a shower wheelchair with folding armrests (photo 3). There is sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is a space of 90 cm. The toilet has safety rails. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: the fabric coverings in the room have an anti-dust mite label.

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Vijverhuis Ypres *****

This holiday home is uniquely located at the Zillebeke lake. Looking for somewhere to chill out with friends or family? This home, dating back originally to 1902 and just a stone's throw away from the historic centre of Ypres, is ideal. It accommodates maximum 22 people. All bedrooms have their own bathroom and toilet.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is accessible via a narrow footpath or via the road over a small threshold (3 cm). There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient clearance (photo 2) and there is a roll-under table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
There is no communal specially adapted toilet, but bathrooms with a specially adapted toilet are never far away on the ground floor.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 2 and 9). The door of room 2 is 83 cm wide. Narrow positioning and clearance space behind the door on the way to room 9. The space next to the handle behind the (bath) room doors is also tight. In each room there are 2 single beds of 62 cm high with sufficient circulation space on at least 1 side. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with sufficient space, seat and grab rails. The toilet has grab rails. There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet. There is 100 cm of space in front of the toilet in room 2 and 115 cm in room 9. The sink is wheelchair accessible, although it may be a bit high (92 cm). The circulation space in front of the sink is tight, but manageable.

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Akkernest ***** Heuvelland

Nestled in the stunning green countryside of Heuvelland, the Akkernest 5-star holiday home welcomes you to an unparalleled oasis of peace and quiet. Akkernest is wheelchair accessible from the parking to the garden and the perfect accommodation for large families, groups of friends and businesses.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easy access. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Living / dining room
There is ample circulation space in the breakfast room and the sitting area. The table is wheelchair accessible. The kitchen has a wheelchair accessible counter top. There is level access to the terrace and a wheelchair accessible table.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient positioning space and grab rails in the spacious toilet in the living area.

Bedroom and bathroom
The 6 guest rooms are spacious and have enough space by the doors, next to the bed and in the bathroom. There are 2 accessible single beds per room. Two rooms have a fully wheelchair accessible bathroom with level access shower, seat, grab rails and ample positioning space. The toilet also has ample positioning space and grab rails. In the other bathrooms there are no seats or grab rails. All sinks are wheelchair accessible.

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Vakantiehoeve Rodeberg Heuvelland ***

The holiday farm Rodeberg is a modern, restored agricultural farm on the flank of the Rodeberg hill and 100 metres from the Hellegatbos wood. You can stay in a holiday home which can accommodate up to 24 persons, with a spacious living area and a fully equipped kitchen. The sun terrace is ideal for holding a barbecue. The terrace also has wonderful panoramas.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a gentle slope leading up to the door and the door is in a recess; you may, therefore, need help.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridor to the dining room and rooms is 130 cm wide.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient circulation space. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the tables because they are 65 cm in height.

Communal toilet
You can use the adapted toilet in the bathroom of the accessible room.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with two single beds (1 of which is accessible) and a bunk bed. If necessary, a bed can be removed to create extra space. There is a shower with movable shower chair with folding armrests and sufficient space for circulation. The toilet also has brackets and offers sufficient space. The washbasin is underneath.

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In 't Genot is a rural holiday home on a plot of 1,100 m between Roesbrugge and Haringe, the municipal districts of Poperinge. The property overlooks the fields and is close to the French border. Cyclists and hikers will have the perfect holiday here with various nearby cycling and hiking routes. The holiday home can accommodate 14 adults and 2 babies. On the ground floor there are 4 bedrooms with private showers and sinks, 1 of which is wheelchair accessible. One of the rooms with a shower on the upper floor has a spa bath. There is a large open kitchen with a long dining table. The beautiful large garden has a covered barbecue and a phenomenal view.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You can avoid the pebbled parking area by parking on the street in front of the home. You might need some help on the slope that runs to the entrance door. Otherwise, the entrance is easily accessible, and there is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Living / dining room
There is ample circulation space in the breakfast room and the sitting area. The table is wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet. You can use the toilet in the adapted bathroom.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 wheelchair accessible bedroom with double bed on the ground floor. The space behind the bed, on the way to the bathroom, is a little tight. The space to turn in front of the bathroom door is also tight, but is manageable. The bathroom has a level access shower with shower seat with moveable grab rails and ample positioning space. The toilet also has ample positioning space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

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Hoeve Oswald Sint-Niklaas

Hoeve Oswald is a cosy holiday home with 24 beds, situated in a rural location in the peaceful, green Sinaai, close to Sint-Niklaas. The brand-new residence welcomes families, youth and sports clubs, schools, social tourism, senior citizens, people with physical or mental disabilities, and more. In short, everyone is welcome! This sustainable and family-friendly accommodation has a fully equipped kitchen, living room with fireplace and bar, cosy dining room and relaxation room with home cinema. From the terrace you have a view over the fields, cows and meadows. In the beautiful garden you will find a campfire circle, an accessible path and a few small animals.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. There is adequate circulation space.
Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The upper floor, with seating and dining area, is accessible by a good lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.
Living / dining room
There is sufficient circulation space and there is a table under which you can easily manoeuvre a wheelchair. The terrace is also accessible. The kitchen has a lowered kitchen counter, a section of which provides enough space to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath.
Communal toilet
The toilets all have adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails.
Bedroom and bathroom
All seven bedrooms are accessible. There are 13 accessible single beds in total. The five bedrooms on the ground floor have en-suite bathrooms. The two bedrooms on the first floor share a bathroom. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. Three bathrooms also have a bath. Each one has a toilet with adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks.
Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: there are no carpets, no fabric upholstery and the ventilation system is fitted with pollen filters. On request, the accommodation is happy to provide support if you require specific care such as nursing, physiotherapy or medical care. Height adjustable beds, hoists and other equipment can be rented via the care store.

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Provinciaal Domein De Gavers **** - Geraardsbergen

Between the hills of the Flemish Ardennes and the flat valley of the river Dender, you will find this multipurpose recreational park with holiday houses for 4, 6 and 8 persons. Holiday house number 6 is adapted. You can play sport and relax on the Gaver lake with its sandy beach and shallow water playground. Your children will have the time of their life in the play village with slides, trampolines, etc. Aqua fun for young and old is guaranteed in the Gavers baths with pools, water slides, whirlpool and sauna. The campsite is also accessible.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible with a ramp to the wooden access path (photo 1). The clearance and space behind the entrance door of the holiday house is a little tight, but manageable.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. In the kitchen and between some of the furniture, clearance is minimal, but you can move around and the furniture can also be moved.

Living / dining room
Minimal clearance (see above). There is a table under which it is just possible to manoeuvre (photo 2).

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom. Minimal clearance and space behind the doors, but functional. The space next to the bed is 120 cm wide. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat with folding armrests (photo 3) and adequate manoeuvring space (80 cm next to the chair). The toilet has safety rails and there is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair users. The clearance is minimal, but sufficient for using the bathroom.

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't Schoon Leven ** Zwalm

This converted farmhouse is situated in the listed village of Zwalm, near the watercress canals. Cyclists and walkers will find a wide choice of cycle and walking routes in the region. The rooms are stylishly furnished and each has its own bathroom. From the roof terrace you can look out onto the beautiful garden.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessibly. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
Narrow clearance behind the door to the breakfast room, but sufficient for practical use. There are high enough tables present.

Communal toilet
There is no common adapted toilet, but the toilet in the bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 1) (photo 2). Here and there limited space and clearance. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair (photo 3). There is also a seat, but without safety rails and with limited space. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: anti-allergenic bedding is used.

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Vierkantshoeve Molenzicht Horebeke ****

This authentic, renovated courtyard farm is a wonderful place to relax and rest in the beautiful Flemish Ardennes. Ten people can stay at the accommodation: there are 4 rooms and 4 bathrooms. The ground floor apartment is comfortably furnished with a cosy living room, a spacious kitchen, two bathrooms and two bedrooms including the accessible room, "De Binnenhofkamer". This part of the house can accommodate 4 people. You can relax in the courtyard and the terrace next to the vegetable garden and the versatile barn invites you to unwind. The Molenzicht farmstead is great for relaxation and privacy. The accommodation is rented to one group at a time, either the apartment on the first floor or the apartment on the ground floor, or a combination of both. The accommodation obtained the label for cycling-friendly accommodation and is also child-friendly.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
A section of the access path is 90 cm wide. You can use this flat path to avoid the cobblestones in the inner courtyard. You may need some assistance negotiating the incline to the entrance. The manoeuvring and turning space at the door is tight, but functional.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and there is a table under which you can manoeuvre a wheelchair. If necessary, it can be raised with blocks.

Communal toilet
There is no shared, adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is close by.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Room 1 is easily accessible and has 2 single beds, one of which is accessible. You can ask for the bed to be lowered if it is too high for you. The door is 84 cm wide and the manoeuvring space next to the door handle is tight. The spacious bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. The toilet is also equipped with grab rails and sufficient manoeuvring room. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

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Zorgverblijf Hooidonk is a centre where people who need medical care can enjoy a holiday. You'll feel at home immediately thanks to their hospitality, care and professional facilities. Guests receive medical, nursing and paramedic assistance. You will be spoilt with delicious meals adapted to your diet. Volunteers provide a helping hand for the recreational activities. With an adapted electric duo-bicycle you can go out for a day of cycling in the Antwerp Kempen region.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, sufficient clearance. A counter table suitable for use from a wheelchair is available.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can easily be reached via the lift.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Both in the restaurant and the 'Boskant' multipurpose room there is sufficient clearance and there are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair. In the restaurant the clear width of the table is 77 cm, the clear depth under the tables is 55 cm.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet near 'Kapittel' and the pedicure. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
44 accessible rooms with bathroom (photo 3) in wing A (a total of 88 accessible beds, room A015 is discussed here). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with removable shower seat (34 x 34 cm) and a safety rail. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the seat, in front only 68 cm. There is also a shower wheelchair available. There is sufficient space beside, in front of (109 cm) and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted. The clear depth under the washbasin in this type of room is 26 cm, the clear height is 60 cm. Because of this you may not be able to reach the tap easily. There are also other rooms with washbasins better suited for wheelchair use. A certain type of room is offered according to your needs.

Extra
During your stay, you can rely on professional care assistance after a welcome meeting. A carer and nurse are on call 24/7. Besides the height adjustable beds, hoisting lifts and shower wheelchairs, scooters are available for a walk in the accessible park. In the A-wing there is no carpet and the fabric coverings are anti-allergy. People with a learning disability are also very welcome.

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Hoeve Genemeer is located in the middle of the beautiful, green environment of Beverlo, at the foot of the mining site. At Hoeve Genemeer, you are greeted by a homely atmosphere. It's a place where you can escape the hustle and bustle and fully rejuvenate.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The car park is laid with gravel. At the entrance, there is an area paved with brick.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are on the ground floor. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is adequate circulation space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the tables. The kitchen is easily accessible: it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under part of the kitchen counter.

Communal toilet
Use of the toilets in the communal care bathroom and the adapted bedroom are recommended.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are five bedrooms, ranging from 3 to 6 persons. In each room, there is an electric height adjustable bed, as well as a two-person bed and a bunk bed. All bathrooms are separated from the bedroom by mobile sliding walls. The walls can be moved in accordance with the visitor's needs. The shower area is too small to be used independently, but a shower chair and shower wheelchair are available. The toilet is fitted with grab rails and there is adequate manoeuvring space. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the sink (71 cm wide). In the corridor there is a care bathroom with a height adjustable bath and a hot tub, 2 hoists and 2 shower gurneys. The toilet there also has adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails, although they are rather short and positioned a little high.

Extra
Care can be provided via an external provider. Hypoallergenic fabrics are used. Electric buddy bikes and wheelchair bikes are available. The garden is fully accessible via brick paths. Each room has an obstacle-free terrace.

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Kasteel Mariagaarde Borgloon

As well as being a historic castle with a lake, park and ornamental garden, this is also group accommodation with spacious rooms for training and meditation, music and art experience. There is a range of creative summer courses for adults. Castle Mariagaarde is situated on the 'blossom routes' and the cycle route network.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Fairly easily manageable cobblestones for a wheelchair and a threshold of 4 cm on the access path. You enter via an incline. In front of the door the clearance is a bit tight, but certainly manageable. There is another threshold of 3 cm at the door. Inside there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. Here and there the clearance is a little tight along the routes, to the lift and at the doors, but you can move around in the building fairly easily.

Dining room / multipurpose area
The clearance and space in front of the doors is a little tight, but sufficient for use. There are tables suitable for use from a wheelchair in the meeting rooms and the multifunctional 'Atelier' area. These can also be placed in the dining room (photo 2).

Communal toilet
In the toilet in the communal bathroom there is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
2 accessible bedrooms with single beds and adapted bathroom (numbers 1 and 4). Both have a roll-in shower with shower seat (33 x 26 cm) and safety rails. In room 4 there is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. In room 1 you have only 75 cm of space next to the seat, but enough in front of it and diagonally in front (photo 3). Both have an adapted toilet with safety rails. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Extra
The duvets have an anti allergy label. The kitchen is happy to take your food allergies into account on request.

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De Kleppe Brakel

Looking for an accessible and affordable holiday destination with an enjoyable range of activities, adapted to the wishes and needs of your group? At De Kleppe you've come to the right place. If necessary you can enlist the services of a reliable care network and any care-related equipment needed. There are two group accommodation options that can be rented together or separately. They can accommodate a total of 43 guests (15 + 28). There are also two Mini-Kleppes with a separate entrance for four to six guests and six to eight guests respectively. They can also be rented in combination with the group accommodation, totalising 57 beds. The outdoor area with the farm and the experience garden is fully accessible. De Kleppe is located in the heart of the Flemish Ardennes, ideal for walkers and cyclists.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The four accommodation options each have an accessible entrance and are interconnected.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift (the call button is positioned in the corner). The passageways are adequately wide (140 cm on the first floor of the Kleine Kleppe).

Dining room / multipurpose area
Spacious, with possibility to manoeuvre a wheelchair underneath the tables and the kitchen surfaces.

Communal toilet
All adapted toilets have adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Grote Kleppe: thirteen bedrooms, ten of which accommodate wheelchairs. Nine of these have an en-suite accessible shower, four have their own toilet and two are designed as a first-rate care room. There are also three communal sanitary rooms with a shower and toilet. Kleine Kleppe: two double rooms and eleven single rooms, ten of which accommodate wheelchairs and three are low-stimulus rooms. All rooms have one or more adapted sinks and one room has an en-suite shower. There are four bathrooms with an adapted toilet and an adapted shower. Mini-Kleppe 1 and Mini-Kleppe 2: each two accessible double rooms and one adapted bathroom. All the rooms provide a total of 40 accessible beds, of which 13 are height adjustable beds. All bathrooms have a roll-in shower with a shower seat, adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. The toilets also have grab rails and adequate manoeuvring space and it is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sinks. Mobile shower stools and shower commode chairs are also available.

Extra
Height adjustable beds and all-terrain wheelchairs are available. A hoist, mobile call system, shower stretchers and other equipment can be used free of charge on request. Nursing and care can also be provided on request. Adjustments have been made for people with visual impairments and ASD. The use of fabric takes people with asthma and allergies into account. An extraction system keeps the rooms as dust-free as possible. The experience garden is fully fenced. There is a multisensory environment and a time-out room.

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De Ceder Deinze

De Ceder is more than a holiday centre in the heart of the Leiestreek region. The accommodation focuses on travellers with or without the need for healthcare. Both individuals and groups of young people, adults or seniors, people with an impairment, social groups...are very welcome. Themed holidays with care are possible. De Nieuwe Ceder combines medical and nursing care with a beautiful location, an adapted infrastructure, an excellent kitchen and a real sense of holiday.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
With a manual wheelchair, help may be needed to use the ramp (9.7% over a length of 15 m). The free space in front of the door at the end of the ramp is 100 x 120 cm. There is adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor. There are wide corridors.

Dining room / multipurpose area
Access via a double door. Adequate circulation space everywhere. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.

Communal toilet
There is an adapted toilet for women and men. The women's toilet has adequate free space on the side, in front and at an angle to the toilet. The free space next to the men's toilet is limited to 84 cm. Both are equipped with handrails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
Of the 56 rooms, there are 20 accessible bedrooms and bathrooms of the type discussed here. Roll-in shower with shower chair and a handrail (photo 3). The rooms have two single beds each. There is little free space in front of and alongside the shower chair. The toilet has handrails and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs, albeit not over the entire length.

Extra
There is an in-house team of nursing staff and carers on call 24/7. You can rely on various medical services. Various aids are available upon request. The swimming pool is accessible via a swimming pool life. The lifts and room numbers have Braille labels. The kitchen can take into account any food allergies or diets.

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Kasteel Bellem Aalter

At Castle Bellem, you stay in a historic castle and outbuilding. You can relax in the beautiful castle grounds. The outbuilding is accessible and has a spacious multi-purpose hall and kitchen. You must stay for a minimum of 2 nights.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The part of the road to the entrance gate is laid out in convex cobblestones. The rest of the access path is easily accessible. You might need someone to help open the double doors for you at the entrance. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The corridors are generally sufficiently wide. The occasional narrowing of the corridors upstairs is no real hindrance.

Dining room / multipurpose area
There is sufficient circulation space. The tables are wheelchair accessible.

Communal toilet
The toilet has sufficient space and is equipped with grab rails.

Bedroom and sanitary block / bathroom
There are 4 accessible rooms with bathroom: 2 singles and 2 doubles. They each have 1 accessible bed. The bathrooms have a roll-in shower with sufficient space, seating and grab rails. The toilet also has sufficient space and grab rails. The sinks provide limited wheelchair access.

Extra
The lift buttons have braille indications and the elevator gives an auditory and visual signal. There is no carpet anywhere.

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Stille Kempen ** Diest

Stille Kempen is a camping holiday park for people looking for absolute quiet among the dreamy hills of the Hageland region and the vast pine forests of the South Campine region. The campsite has permanent pitches but also 11 spacious pitches for caravans and mobile homes, more than 15 superbly located pitches near the water for tents, a cosy cafeteria, two floodlit petanque courses and a fishing pond.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need a push up the short but steep slope to the reception in the cafeteria. The door is 84 cm wide. The clearance is limited but manageable.

Passageways and level differences
The paths are hard surfaced dirt paths and compacted gravel and are in poor condition here and there. They are sufficiently wide.

Pitches
The seasonal pitches are 150 m² and the visitor pitches are 85 m². They are easily accessible via the paths. You can park on your pitch or book a spacious parking space in advance.

Sanitary block
You will probably need help with the 4 cm step on the path and a slope that has to be negotiated up to the door. The clearance in the toilet is a bit tight, but you can position yourself next to or diagonally in front of the toilet (photo 2) and it is fitted with grab rails. In front of the toilet there is a space of only 80 cm. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink and the turning space in front is tight. The mirror is too high. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat (32 x 23 cm) and 2 safety rails (photo 3). There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat.

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De Lilse Bergen ★★★★ Lille

De Lilse Bergen is the wonderful recreation park with 4 stars campsite in the middle of the green. The children will be playing at the huge playground and in and around the play pond before you know it. Or maybe you will find them at the minigolf terrain or on a pedal boat. For the smallest children there is a toddler zone, with playground equipment suitable for them. Furthermore, there are good facilities and sports field for various sports: mini football, tennis, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, petanque, ... After all the action, you can enjoy the peace at the campsite, where the air buzzes with cosiness.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You have adequate space next to the barriers to pass through with a wheelchair. There is a 3 cm threshold at the door to the reception, but it is easily accessible with automatic sliding doors and adequate clearance. The reception desk has a lowered and wheelchair-friendly section.

Walkways
The main paths are sufficiently wide and paved. The side paths mainly consist of stamped earth which is fairly easy to use with a wheelchair (photo 2). You may need a little help here and there.

Pitches
Standard 100 m² and easily reached.

Sanitary block
Block 1: roll-in shower with shower seat (34 x 28 cm) and safety rails. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The tap is perhaps a bit far from the seat. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.
Block 2: Free space beside the door handle of the shower and toilet door is limited but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat (45 x 33 cm), safety rails and sufficient free space (photo 3). The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. Roll-under washbasin, although the depth is limited to 48 cm. There is also a roll-under sink in the dishwashing area.

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This green campsite is known for its family and child-friendly character and is recognised as a four-star campsite. It has modern sanitary facilities, shops, restaurant-bars, an aquatics centre and the Zilvermeer lake jetty. Some of the park's facilities: bathing pond with new slides, sandy beach and sunbathing meadow, playgrounds, water bikes, rowing boats, go-carts, electric mini-cars and bike rental. The miniature golf course is accessible for wheelchair uses. Zilvermeer has a Green Key certificate. There are 2 accessible bungalows with label A+. The rest of the campsite has the A label level.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
A short ramp takes you to the door, but because the door opens automatically this is not a problem. There is sufficient circulation space.

Walkways
The paths are wide enough

Pitches
Standard between 100 and 150 m² and easily reached via asphalt paths. You can park near the pitches.

Sanitary block
Blocks Centraal and Zuid have 2 adapted bathrooms, of which bathroom 1 scores the best. The clearance in front of the bathroom door is 106 x 150 cm, the door is 79 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the seat. In front of the seat there is a space of 103 cm. There is also space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet, straight in front does not work because of the location of the washbasin (photo 3). Safety rails are fitted. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Holiday houses
The 2 holiday homes (photo 2) are comfortably accessible. There is more than sufficient free space and clearance everywhere. Roll-under table. The toilet has safety rails and sufficient space. Each bungalow has 2 bedrooms with in total 6 movable high-low beds. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with a seat with armrests and shower wheelchair. Roll-under washbasin. The kitchen has a roll-under cooking and sink area.

Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies in the holiday houses: there is no carpet and the matrasses are anti-allergy. There are colour accents for visually impaired persons.

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Floreal Kempen *** Kasterlee

Do you dream of a restful holiday with every comfort in woodland surroundings? Then the Floreal Kempen campsite is your ideal destination in the heart of the Campine region. In the bar-restaurant you can eat tasty snacks and varied dishes of the day. In the peak season there is daily entertainment for big and small. There's a 3,6 km long wheelchair path in the woods next to the campsite.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
For opening the double doors to the reception you may need a little assistance. Otherwise easily accessible and sufficient clearance.

Walkways
The paths are wide enough and paved.

Pitches
Standard 100 m² and easily reached via paved paths.

Sanitary block
Sanitary block 1 (photo 2) is accessible via an inclined slope. The door is fairly heavy and therefore difficult to open. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail (photo 3). There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has a safety rail and there is space beside, in front and diagonally in front of the toilet. There is tight space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink. Moreover there is also an accessible toilet in the main building, where the reception and the restaurant are located. This toilet has a safety rail and sufficient space beside the toilet. In front, the space is limited to 76 cm. The clearance is also tight.

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Houtum Kasterlee ****

A place where memories are made: we try to give you the best experience we can, every time. Campsite Houtum has been the perfect base camp to explore the beautiful nature of the Campine region since 1975. When you stay with us, you literally sleep in nature. Whether you bring your own caravan, mobile home or tent, rent a chalet or a cabin, or you have your own place, you can always enjoy the wonderful feeling of freedom that the nature of the Campine gives you.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some help on the rather steep ramp to the reception. There is sufficient circulation space.

Walkways
The paths are wide and paved.

Pitches
The pitches consist of grass and can be reached with paved paths (picture 2).

Sanitary block
You can reach the sanitary block via some consecutive steeper ramps. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat (32 cm wide and 39 cm deep) and a grab rail (picture 3). There is sufficient space. The toilet also has sufficient space and grab rails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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De Lage Kempen ****
Hechtel-Eksel

De Lage Kempen is a versatile holiday centre in the fantastic Kempen nature reserve, in woodland and in the middle of numerous footpaths winding their way into the horizon. It has all the ingredients for a successful holiday: attractive chalets, a scenic camping site, an open-air swimming pool accessible via a slope and a whole range of recreational activities. The Ardennes, Maastricht and Valkenburg are also not far away.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a spacious and specially adapted parking place. The door of the reception building is 78 cm wide and there is a 5 cm threshold. Free space and clearance is minimal but manageable with help. There is sufficient clearance indoors.

Walkways
At their narrowest point, the paths are 100 cm wide. Here and there, they are covered by grass and you may need a little help.

Pitches
The pitches are on average 100 m². They are easily accessible using the paths. You can park on the pitch.

Sanitary block
There is one specially adapted sanitary block. On the slope to the block you may need a bit of a push. There is a 4 cm threshold and the clearance and space at the doors is a little tight, but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair with folding armrests and a push-button shower head. The clearance is also a bit tight here, but certainly manageable. The toilet has sufficient space and safety rails are fitted. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.

Extra
There is a stoma toilet provided (not wheelchair accessible).

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Camping Scheibeekhoeve Alveringem

Want to discover what Alveringem and the rest of the Westhoek has to offer? Then there's no better base than the campsite at Scheibeekhoeve. Here, you can relax in the countryside and enjoy the green and peaceful environment. Veurne, Diksmuide, Poperinge, Ypres and the coast are never far away. Want to explore by bike? The farm is close to various cycling junctions. Children can play to their hearts' content in the play barn, or race with go-carts.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is a spacious grass car park for visitors. As a wheelchair user, you can park next to the farm on the paved surface. It would be best to inform them first. The reception hall is accessible and has a reception desk that has knee space for wheelchair users.

Walkways
Most of the paths to the camping site itself consist of grass. The reception and sanitary facilities are accessible via a paved path from the paved pitches near the sanitary facilities and the farm. You may need help getting up a ramp.

Pitches
Most pitches consists of grass, but there are also two paved pitches.

Sanitary block
In the sanitary block, there is a spacious adapted bathroom with a roll-in shower. There is a moveable shower chair with removable arm rests and you have sufficient manoeuvring space. The toilet also has sufficient space and grab rails. The wash basin has knee space for wheelchair users.

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Puyenbroeck Wachtebeke ****

Campers can enjoy a wide variety of facilities provided by the provincial park of Puyenbroeck. You can make use of the swimming pool and enjoy the playgrounds, bike rental, miniature golf, boating lake, the tourist train, etc. Entertainment is provided for the children in July and August. You don't have to cook because the park has a snack bar, a selfservice restaurant and a restaurant.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need help for the 7 cm step at the door. The door is 82 cm wide. The arrangement of the chairs at the reception counter reduces the clearance so some manoeuvring is required.
Walkways
The paths are tarmacked, easily accessible and wide enough.
Pitches
The pitches are easily accessible via the paths. You can park on the pitch.
Sanitary block
Campsite East has an adapted bathroom with toilet. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users. The round facilities block on the camping meadow also has a specially adapted shower and toilet. Both of them only have a folding grab rail. Here and there, the clearance is a little tight and you may need a little help. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.
Extra
You can hire tandems, three-wheelers and handbikes.

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Provinciaal Domein De Gavers **** - Geraardsbergen

Between the hills of the Flemish Ardennes and the flat valley of the river Dender, you will find this multipurpose recreational park with with holiday houses, a campsite, hiking huts, safari tents and tipi's. You can play sport and relax on the Gaver lake with its sandy beach and shallow water playground. Your children will have the time of their life in the play village with slides, trampolines, etc. Aqua fun for young and old is guaranteed in the Gavers baths with pools, water slides, whirlpool and sauna.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient clearance.

Walkways
The paths are in concrete, easily accessible and wide enough (photo 2). Some of the side paths to the pitches are hard-surfaced dirt paths and gravel.

Pitches
The pitches are easily accessible via the paths. You can park on the pitch.

Sanitary block
Sanitary block 5 is adapted. You may need some assistance on the steepish ramps to the toilet and shower. The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is rather tight. There is a roll-in shower with seat (38 x 37 cm) and safety rails. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the seat, in front you have 96 cm. The shower area is slightly lower than the rest. There is adequate manoeuvring space at the toilet and there is a grab rail (photo 3). There is tight space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink.

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TIPS

Not to be missed!

HOF VAN BUSLEYDEN

In the 16th century palace, you will discover authentic highlights from the Flemish and other Masters. Find out about the stories from the glory-days of Mechelen and the Burgundian Netherlands. Stand eye-to-eye with the Enclosed Gardens: moving, opulent and unique masterpieces with a thousand and one details. These are the 16th century's highlights from anonymous, female artists. The museum is easily accessible via the courtyard garden along Sint-Janstraat. There is a lowered counter that is accessible for wheelchairs. The passages are sufficiently wide and the doors open automatically. The floors are accessible via a good lift. Gentle slopes and an innovative plateau lift bridge any differences in levels between the galleries. Most of the experience elements and exhibits are easily accessible and usable. Most of the gallery texts are easy to read. The shop is also accessible. Portable stools and a wheelchair are available. There are various resting points throughout the museum. There is an adapted toilet with ample space and grab rails. There is an audio induction loop system at the reception desk. You'll find a mixture of sound and images everywhere. The main spoken films feature subtitles. The lift has an audible and visual signal and the buttons are also labelled in braille. Most of the time there are clear guide strips and contrasts, such as lines in LED lighting or differences in colour. This is slightly more difficult to achieve in a room that is predominantly white and in the darker room containing the Enclosed Gardens. Signage is clear and also tactile to some extent. A system of letters, colours and symbols is used to keep everything simple and recognisable. In the next phase, the range of facilities for visitors with a visual and auditory impairment will continue to be developed, for example via modified audio tours and the heritage app which you can use to obtain text information digitally.

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THE LARGEST BELGIAN CHOCOLATE MUSEUM IN THE WORLD

The word 'Belgium' immediately conjures up images of chocolate. Belgian chocolate is world-famous. The love story between this small country and the sweet deliciousness has been around for generations. In fourteen themed spaces, we take you on a 60 to 90-minute journey through the story of Belgian chocolate. The journey begins in the cocoa plantations at the equator and follows the cocoa bean to the biggest cocoa storage port in Antwerp. A giant fantastical machine shows how Belgian chocolate is made and how its velvety smooth flavour came about. On your journey through the museum, you will find out all about the chocolate traditions, history, brands, products and innovations that lend it its worldwide reputation. And, of course, you can taste away to your heart's content. There is an alternative entrance around the corner. You may need help on the sloping pavement and when opening the door. A small lift (88 x 185 cm) takes you to the exhibition space in the basement. If the entry gate is too narrow, the staff will guide you to an alternative entrance. The visitors route takes you through various rooms that usually have wide automatic doors that open by themselves on a timer. Only the door to the final experience area and the door to the exit are trickier to use. A good lift takes you to the different floors. All the museum areas are very spacious with wide passageways and enough room to manoeuvre. A few experience elements will be difficult to reach for some visitors because they do not provide knee space for wheelchair users. Some of the pedestals with showcases are also too high. Some of the museum areas are very dark, which can make it very difficult for people with visual impairments to navigate the space. The door from the experience areas to the shop is heavy but, otherwise, the shop is accessible. The Octave bar/restaurant can be easily accessed. The tables have restricted wheelchair access. There is an adapted toilet on each floor. Two of the toilets have tight turning space next to the door. The turning space is also tight inside of the toilet; however, you have enough space next to the toilet itself. The toilets always have one grab rail and the sink has knee space for wheelchair users. For deaf people and those with a hearing impairment, a written version of the audio tour texts is available. Some digital screens also have extra subtitling.

Gruuthusemuseum

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GRUUTHUSE MUSEUM

One of the most evocative buildings in Bruges is the historic Gruuthuse Palace, where the Gruuthuse family resided in style. After a long period of restoration, the luxurious 15th century city palace has opened its doors once again. The museum showcases 500 years of fascinating Bruges history: a rich collection of art, documents and manuscripts bring the stories of the rich and powerful elite to life. The museum also gives you access to the authentic chapel that connects the Gruuthuse Palace to the Church of Our Lady. From this unique private chapel, the palace residents could attend mass in peace, without having to mingle with the common folk. It's not just the palace that was given a makeover. The romantic courtyard was also given a new look, with a glass pavilion that serves as a central information point and ticket desk for the Gruuthuse Museum as well as the Church of Our Lady next door. The Gruuthuse Museum is not accessible for wheelchair users due to the historic nature of the building and the complexity of the different levels. Wheelchair users can, however, visit the brand-new pavilion and the Church of Our Lady. The museum wants to be as inclusive as possible, also for visitors with a sensory impairment. The museum caters to the different senses of its visitors using models and other tactile elements, replicas, adapted audio tours etc. For deaf and hearing impaired visitors, there are alternatives to the audio fragments (subtitles, written texts) and there is a visual guide.

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A NEW HOME FOR THE GHENT ALTARPIECE

In the autumn of 2020, the St. Bavo's Cathedral will open the new visitor centre for the Ghent Altarpiece. Using 'augmented reality' glasses, you will be able to view medieval murals and numerous works of art with historic simulations and interactive modules that make you feel like you have travelled back in time hundreds of years.

Via a newly constructed addition with a lift and a few ramps, you can reach all levels of the cathedral, obstacle-free, even the crypt, the chancel and the apse chapel.

If you have a visual impairment, you can use an adapted version of the AR glasses with audio descriptions. There will also be a tactile model of the cathedral and a relief version of the central panel of the Ghent Altarpiece.

Sint-Baafskathedraal

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TIPS

House of European History

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1000 Brussels
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https://historia-europa.ep.eu/en/welcome-house-european-history

HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

In the Brussels European district, at Leopoldpark, you will find a museum dedicated to the sometimes turbulent history of Europe. The supporting texts for the exhibition are available in all 24 official languages of the European Union and access to it is free. The museum offers customised programmes to schools, families and groups so that everyone can have an interesting and captivating experience. A visit lasts approximately one and a half hours. Groups of ten or more people must reserve in advance.

There is a drop-off point in front of the museum but no parking. Assistance can be offered for museum visits (heavy doors, etc.). There are employees at various locations who can help. There is something for everyone, and it will appeal to various senses (touch, hearing, smell, etc.). You can obtain further information about the exhibition via a tablet (with audio). The museum has various, adapted toilets but none of the toilets fulfil all of the guidelines. There are two (more-or-less) adapted toilets at the reception, one of which has a changing table that is suitable for adults. The tables in the restaurant are not adapted.

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HERITAGE WALK IN THE ART CITIES OF MECHELEN, BRUGES, LEUVEN, GHENT AND ANTWERP

Visitors come from across the world to pass the time in the Flemish art cities. But the historical character of our city centres doesn't always sit well with overall, good accessibility. Nevertheless, cities such as Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven and Mechelen are making huge efforts to offer disabled visitors an interesting experience. Antwerp has engaged an experienced expert to design a wheelchair-friendly route. You can obtain a free copy (in Dutch and English) from the tourism service. 'Bruges accessible for all' (*) will guide you around the most accessible route through the historical centre. The corresponding brochure will tell you all you need to know about sanitary facilities, food and drink outlets and special points of interest along the route. 'Gent on Wheels' is a walking map based on feedback from wheelchair users. Available from Tourism Ghent. In 2020, Ghent will publish a new brochure and walking map, in line with the principles of the publications of Bruges, Mechelen and Leuven. The accessible heritage walk in Leuven (*) covers two connected walking loops that include many points of interest. Restaurants, cafés and public toilets are also covered. For those who have a little more time to spare, the brochure also offers a few separate tips for days out.

'Mechelen accessible to all' (*) sets out a city walk around the Burgundian and contemporary high points of Mechelen. Information, which has been verified, is also provided about specific points of interest, cafés and restaurants near the route.

(*) These publications are also available via www.visitflanders.com/en/accessibility/brochures .

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Not to be missed!

More tips can be found on the website www.visitflanders.com/accessibility. This information is always based on objective expert inspection or the experience of people with a disability.

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Accessible tourist information offices and visitors' centres

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http://www.europarl.europa.eu/belgium/nl/eu-voor-leerkrachten/parlamentarium

Infokantoor Markt (Historium)

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Infokantoor 't Zand (Concertgebouw)

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Aloft Brussels Schuman ***
Brussels

Aloft Brussels Schuman is perfectly located in the centre of the European Quarter, with all major EU institutions within walking distance, and is also close to the city centre. You will stay in a spacious room inspired by lofts. With features like an ultra-comfortable signature bed, extra large spa showers and convenient technology, including a 42" flat screen TV, you'll have a great stay. W XYZ Bar has no walls, no limits and is always the place to be. In the evening you can enjoy live DJs, signature cocktails and exciting events. Hungry? Get your breakfast, snack or meal from Re:fuel and take it away!

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The street is on a slope. Other than that, the entrance is easily accessible. There is sufficient turning space at the reception.

Passageways and level differences
The main areas are on the ground floor or are accessible by lifts. Some call buttons in the lift are a little more difficult to reach due to their corner placement. The platform lift to the buffet is especially suitable for manual wheelchairs and smaller electric models. For larger wheelchairs, this lift is difficult to use. Staff can help with table service. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space and there is a wheelchair accessible table in the back of the room.

Communal toilet
The toilet door is 78 cm wide. There is sufficient turning and positioning space. There is only a folding grab rail. You can also use the toilet in your room.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are a total of 9 adapted bedrooms (2 types) each with a double bed, with access from one or two sides, depending on the type of room. However, the door of bedroom type 1 on the first floor is only 75 cm wide. The rooms on the other floors are more spacious. The bedroom door is a little heavy and the positioning space is tight. The bed is quite high. The turning space in front of the bathroom door is limited. Help from someone to open the door is useful. The bathrooms have level access showers with shower seats (37 x 40 cm) and grab rails. The toilets have sufficient positioning space (space in front of the toilet: 98cm) and grab rails. The sink has limited wheelchair accessibility.

Extra
There is Braille on the lift buttons. Contrasting colours have mostly been used.

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Thon Hotel EU ****
Brussels

Thon Hotel EU is located in the European district of Brussels and is an ideal base for business and leisure travellers alike. The majority of the European institutions, as well as the historic centre of Brussels, are within walking distance of the hotel. Enjoy a generous breakfast buffet, have a delicious meal at The Twelve Restaurant, or relax with a drink in the lounge bar.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easily accessible. There is sufficient turning space at the reception. The reception has a lowered part with limited wheelchair access.

Passageways and level differences
The main areas are on the ground floor or are accessible by excellent lifts. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is enough circulation space and there are tables with wheelchair access. The terrace also has level entry access. The tables there have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
You use the adapted toilet in the restaurant, which can be reached by lift. There is sufficient turning and positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the toilet bowl. The space in front of the toilet is limited. The toilet has grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are a total of 20 adapted bedrooms (2 types) each with a double bed, with access from one side. The doors are 84 cm wide. The bed is quite high. All bathrooms have level access showers with shower seats and grab rails. The toilets also have grab rails. There is always enough positioning space next to the shower seat and the toilet. Depending on the room type, the turning space in the shower or the positioning space in front of the shower seat and the toilet are tight, but manageable. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
The adapted bathrooms have alarm buttons. The lift gives an auditory signal. The breakfast buffet has a gluten-free range. The kitchen is happy to provide allergy information on request.

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Hotel Ladeuze Leuven **

Hotel Ladeuze is located in the centre of Leuven and is therefore an ideal base for exploring this beautiful city. In the morning you can enjoy a nice breakfast in the breakfast café, where you can get coffee and tea all day long. There is also a lounge and guest kitchen available.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance is easy to find and accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space in the breakfast room. A wheelchair accessible table is available.

Communal toilet
The toilet has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with adapted bathroom. The room has 3 single beds, 1 of which is accessible. The bed is quite high. In the bathroom you will find a roll-in shower with seat, grab rails and sufficient space. The toilet also has sufficient space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
Anti-allergic fabrics are used. At breakfast, we are happy to take your allergies into account on request.

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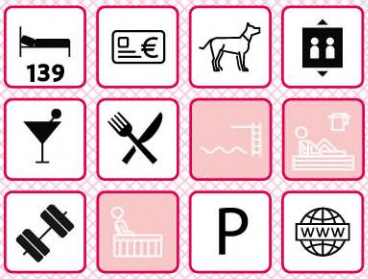

Novotel Leuven Centrum **** - Leuven

This cosy, family hotel is within walking distance of the station and the city centre. The rooms are modern and have every comfort. The hotel has its own brasserie called the Gourmet Bar with special kids menus, a fitness centre with Turkish baths and six meeting rooms. An indoor public car park is also available. The rooms, breakfast room and lobby were recently fully refurbished.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, adequate circulation space throughout.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor or are easily accessible via the lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide.
Restaurant / breakfast room
The passageways are tight in places. Manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables is limited due to a centre table leg.
Communal toilet
There is free space next to and at angle to the toilet. The space is limited to 82 cm in front of the toilet. Handrails are available.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms (number 120 and 220) (photo 2). Behind the bedroom door, the manoeuvring and circulation space next to the handle is tight. Free space in front of the bathroom door is limited, but the sliding door allows unobstructed use. The door is 82 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with a seat (38 x 43 cm) and foldaway grab rails. The turning space in the shower is tight, but functional. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the seat, with 105 cm in front of it. The toilet has adequate space and is fitted with support rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.
Extra
The elevator buttons have braille indications.

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Park Inn by Radisson Leuven *** superior - Leuven

Due to its location within walking distance of the historical centre, the Park Inn by Radisson Leuven is the ideal staging post for business travellers and tourists alike. You can relax in the fitness room or at the trendy bar with a cocktail or a Belgian beer. You can enjoy local and international specialties in the RBG Bar & Grill restaurant. The five multi-functional rooms are lit by daylight and have the latest in audiovisual equipment, making it the ideal location for organising meetings and events.

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www.parkinn.com/hotel-leuven

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The sloping access path and the 5 cm threshold at the door mean that you may need some help. There is sufficient clearance in the reception area.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
A table suitable for a wheelchair user is available. The clearance of the passageway and in front of the buffet is a little tight, but manageable.

Communal toilet
The door is rather heavy to open without assistance. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are two accessible en-suite bedrooms (numbers 117 and 217, each with one accessible double bed). The space and clearance at the door is tight, but manageable. The bed is 56 cm high. There is a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. You have sufficient space next to, in front (101 cm) and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet also has sufficient space (100 cm in front of the toilet) and safety rails are fitted. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users. It is in an alcove, which means that you cannot turn your wheelchair around completely in front of the washbasin.

Extra
The upholstery in the rooms is dust-mite proof. The elevator buttons have braille indications. The kitchen will gladly take your allergies into account.

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Holiday Inn Express Antwerp City-North *** - Antwerp

Holiday Inn Express Antwerp City-North is located in the Eilandje area, the trendy heart of the city. The hotel is located on the William Dock and has views of the old port of Antwerp and the MAS (museum aan de stroom). The 140 modern rooms have every comfort, including internet connection and air-conditioning. This hotel has an underground car park. In the bar there's also a Seattle's Best Coffee bar.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The automatic door ensures easy access to the entrance via the ramp. Ample circulation space throughout.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are located on the ground floor. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the tables, but if you want it is possible to install a more suitable table.

Communal toilet
The entrance doors are heavy and are 77 and 81 cm wide. The turning space is limited, but functional with some manoeuvring. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, 106 cm in front of the toilet. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room on the ground level (number 003) (photo 2). The manoeuvring and turning space at the doors is tight. The doors are 80 and 82 cm wide. There is a roll-in shower with a shower seat and one grab rail (photo 3). The free space next to the shower seat is only 77 cm, in front is 104 cm. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet and 108 cm of space in front of it. Grab rails are provided. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
The elevator buttons have braille indications.

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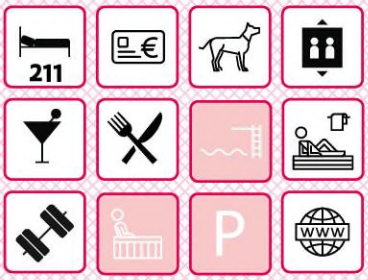
Hilton Antwerp Old Town**** Antwerp



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Hilton Antwerp Old Town is located in the centre of the historic city. There are many museums, restaurants and cafés within walking distance. The Hilton Antwerp Old Town is also the ideal base for those who want to go shopping in this ultimate fashion city. Use of the fitness facilities is free. In the Brasserie, you can treat yourself to an extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner. Indulge in an elegant but relaxed atmosphere with seasonal foods. You can park your car in the spacious public car park, which has 500 parking spaces.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
It is best to use the manual door next to the revolving door. There is adequate circulation room.
Passageways and level differences
The lift has ample space, the hallways are adequately wide.
Restaurant / breakfast room
Ample circulation space throughout. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs.
Communal toilet
There is free space next to, in front of and at an angle to the toilet. Handrails are available. The toilet is raised and extended. The turning space is rather tight.
Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms (numbers 307 and 309) (photo 2). Two 60 cm-high single beds per room. Note: there is only a bath with bath seat and bath board present, no shower. There is adequate free space and circulation space throughout for easy accessibility, perhaps a bit tight at the door to the room. The toilet is raised and extended, and has handrails. The washbasin accommodates wheelchairs, even though its height is only 62 cm (photo 3).
Extra
Special diet meals are available on request. Guest service agents are present to provide help on request. There is an aid kit available, with among other things a vibration disk for people with an auditory impairment. Upon request, the pillows and duvets can be replaced by synthetic ones. There is no alternative for the sheets of polyester and cotton.

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De Groene Hendrickx ***
Hasselt

This hotel is located at the friendly Zuivelmarkt (dairy market), among the best that Hasselt has to offer: splendid shopping streets, atmospheric terraces, trendy restaurants and captivating museums. The 22 rooms are furnished in a contemporary and smart style without losing their authenticity. The brasserie invites to pleasant chats and for sunny days there is an attractive outside terrace.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The manoeuvring space in front of the door is tight due to the slope, and the door is rather heavy, which is why you may need some assistance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via the lift. Here and there some tight clearance on the walking routes, but movement is fairly easy.
Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance (photo 1). There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.
Communal toilet
The clearance and space by the door and in the toilet is somewhat more limited, but is sufficient for practical use. The door is quite heavy. There is sufficient space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet, limited in front to 115 cm. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (number 1) (photo 2) with adapted bathroom. The space and clearance at the doors and beside the bed is a little tighter, but is satisfactory for practical use. There is a roll-in shower with shower chair with removable arm-rests (photo 3). Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The toilet has sufficient space and safety rails. The washbasin has limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.
Extra
There are facilities for people with asthma and allergies: in room 2, the fabric coverings have an anti-dust mite label.

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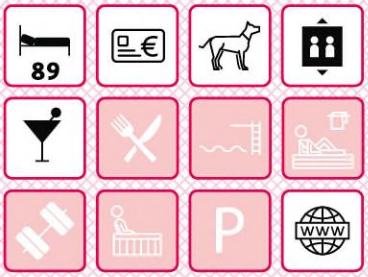

Holiday Inn Express Hasselt *** - Hasselt

Holiday Inn Express Hasselt is located alongside the green boulevard, in the centre of Hasselt, near the museums and shopping streets. Tastefully furnished rooms, equipped with every comfort for a pleasant stay.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance door is difficult to open independently due to the slope and the heavy door. The door is 84 cm wide. Indoors, easily accessible with sufficient clearance. There is a counter suitable for wheelchair users.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via a lift. The passages are wide enough. Only the double door on the way to the bedroom is difficult to open independently.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient clearance. There are tables with limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath.

Communal toilet
The space next to the door handle on the inside is limited. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet and 97 cm in front of it. The toilet is relatively low. Grab rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 3 on the ground floor, connecting room with room 1). The door is relatively heavy and the manoeuvring space at the bathroom door is limited. There is a roll-in shower with a low shower seat (38 x 32 cm) and only a single foldaway grab rail. There is 80 cm of manoeuvring space next to the seat and 107 cm in front of it. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet, 96 cm in front of the toilet. Manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink is limited.

Extra
There is a hearing loop at the counter. You can also ask for a vibration alarm here. In the bathroom you will find an alarm cord and telephone. On request, we will gladly take your food allergies and preferences into account when serving breakfast.

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Radisson Blu Hotel, Hasselt **** - Hasselt

The Radisson Blu Hotel, Hasselt, is located in the heart of the city and surrounded by trendy boutiques, cultural hotspots, charming restaurants and beautiful architecture. Enjoy a deluxe coffee or a glass of cava in the Sky Lounge, 60 metres up and with a unique panoramic view of the city. In the evening, enjoy a delicious à la carte dinner in the house restaurant Koper. Hotel guests may also use the Health club with gym à I-Fitness, swimming pool and sauna.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Entrance via a revolving door, the space in the revolving door is large enough. Indoors, easily accessible with sufficient clearance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or are accessible via a lift. The passages are wide enough.
Restaurant / breakfast room
The space in front of the buffet in the breakfast room is limited, but it is large enough to move through without having to turn. There are high enough tables present.
Communal toilet
The toilet has ample positioning space. Safety rails are fitted.
Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms (numbers 202 and 205) with two single beds and bathroom. The space around the door handle of the bedroom door and the bathroom door is tight, but manageable. Roll-in shower with shower seat and a safety rail. There is enough positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the seat. Space is limited in front of the seat due to the sink. The toilet has sufficient space and has safety rails. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair, there is sufficient clearance.
Extra
1 room has a wooden floor and anti-allergic bedding. On request, the kitchen will gladly take your allergies into account.

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Academie ★★★★ Bruges

Hotel Academie is a good base for your visit to Bruges. It is located in a quiet location, yet it is still right in the middle of the tourist centre, 50 m from the famous Minnewater and Begijnhof. The rooms are spacious and have every comfort. Relax in the cosy bar, stylish lounge or on the attractive patio.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The flat cobblestone pavement is narrow, but there is no big difference in height compared to the street. Accessible via an alternative entrance at the side. There is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The lift buttons are not equally accessible everywhere. The lift door on the bottom floor of Block b is 80 cm wide. The passageways are also wide enough, with the exception of one 80 cm door en route to room 109.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance. The tables have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails have been fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 2 accessible rooms with bathroom (number 158 in Block B and number 109 in Block A). The space next to the door handle of the bathroom in room 109 is tight, but manageable. There is a level access shower with a shower wheelchair with large rear wheels (not on the photo). This is useful because the rotatable shower walls limit the space. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
At breakfast gluten-free bread is available on request (please mention this preference when booking); soya milk is supplied as standard at the buffet.

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Boterhuis *** Bruges

Jan and Annie warmly welcome you to the stylish Boterhuis family hotel. The hotel is located in a quiet part of the historical centre of Bruges, just 150 metres from the main marketplace. All the attractions are within walking distance.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The main entrance is easily accessible. Adequate circulation space throughout. Part of the reception desk accommodates wheelchairs.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are located on the ground floor. The circulation space in the corridor is tight, but certainly functional.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is a 6 cm threshold at the door. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 2).

Communal toilet
The turning space in front of the door and in the room is tight, but functional. The toilet itself offers adequate manoeuvring space. Handrails are available. The toilet is raised and extended.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms (numbers 11 and 16), with 2 single beds available. Roll-in shower with shower seat and a grab rail. In room 11, the free space along side the shower seat is limited to 84 cm (photo 3). In front of the seat is 90 cm. The toilet has a grab rail and the washbasin accommodates wheelchairs.

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De Castillion ★★★★ Bruges

Hotel De Castillion is located in the historic centre of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bruges, a stone's throw from the Grote Markt. It is the ideal base from which to discover the many attractions of the city. This family-run and recently fully renovated 4-star hotel is known worldwide as an oasis of calm, the place where unconditional hospitality, rich history, and contemporary comfort combine to make your stay an unforgettable experience.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The access road consists of flat cobblestones. You can enter through an alternative entrance to the side of the gate. The bell and card reader are quite high. Inside, space is a little tight, but manageable. On the way to the reception desk, you may need a little help when opening the double door.

Passageways and level differences
All areas are on the ground floor or are accessible by means of a spacious lift. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is enough circulation space and there are tables with wheelchair access. Only the space near the buffet is a little tight.

Communal toilet
The toilet door is 81 cm wide. The turning space is a little tight, but manageable. There is sufficient positioning space next to and diagonally in front of the toilet: 90 cm. There are grab rails. You can also use the toilet in the adjoining accessible room.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible spacious bedroom (number 001) with a double bed, one side of which is accessible. The space next to the door handle in front of the bathroom door is tight. The bathroom has a level access shower with shower seat and a grab rail. The toilet also has ample positioning space and grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible, but perhaps a little too high.

Extra
There is Braille on the lift buttons. Contrasting colours are mostly used. The kitchens are happy to take any allergies into account, provided they are informed beforehand.

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De Medici **** Bruges

Hotel De Medici is situated in one of the prettiest allies of Bruges within 10 minutes walking distance from the Grote Markt square. This four-star hotel is ideal for visitors who like Eastern influences. The lounge bar has a splendid view of the sleek Japanese garden. Sauna, Turkish steam bath and jacuzzi are available.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
The entrance at the back is easiest for a manual wheelchair. The ramp to the main entrance is also possible for those with strong enough arms or someone to push their wheelchair.

Passageways and level differences
The main rooms are located on the ground floor or can be accessed via the lift (100 x 120 cm). The corridor leading to the room on the ground floor is 120 cm wide and overall the passageways are adequately wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Ample space throughout. There are tables present to accommodate wheelchairs (photo 1).

Communal toilet
The turning space is rather tight. There is adequate manoeuvring space next to the toilet, 95 cm in front of the toilet. Grab rails are available but they are a little high.

Bedroom and bathroom
Three accessible rooms with adapted bathrooms (numbers 23, 137 and 237). Two 58 cm-high single beds per room. The turning space at the bedroom and bathroom doors is tight. The space is also tight next to the bed in the rooms upstairs. There is a 3 cm threshold at the bathroom door. There is a roll-in shower with a seat and a grab rail. There is insufficient manoeuvring space next to the seat; however, a shower wheelchair with small wheels is also available. There is adequate space in front of the seat. The toilet has adequate space and is fitted with support rails. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink.

Extra
Special diet meals available on request. There is gluten-free bread available, for example. A portable alarm system is available.

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Golden Tree Hotel *** Bruges

Golden Tree Hotel is a renovated town house near the centre, 't Zand and the Concert Building. All of the rooms have a bathroom with hairdryer, telephone, flat-screen TV and safe. The breakfast buffet is served in a unique 19th century room with exquisite ceiling paintings.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You can best take the entrance via the veranda at the back. This is easily accessible and there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
With the exception of the breakfast room, the most important areas are on the ground floor. The passages are wide enough.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Located on a mezzanine, but as an alternative you can also eat in the veranda. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
The very steep incline on the route to the toilet is difficult to use independently, you may need a strong push. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet, in front you only have 90 cm. Safety rails are fitted. The toilet in the adapted room is a good alternative.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (number 4) with bathroom in the annex. The clearance at the door to the room is a little tight, but sufficient for practical use. Roll-in shower with movable shower seat (not on the picture) and a grab rail, sufficient space. The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for use from a wheelchair.

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Grand Hotel Casselbergh **** Bruges

This hotel in the historic centre of Bruges combines a rich history with modern luxury. It gives the historic Casselbergh, Zeven Torens and 't Fransch Schildt homes new purpose. Through the ages, the owners and inhabitants have always been prominent and sometimes aristocratic persons. Breathe in the atmosphere of a bygone age and enjoy! The hotel has various meeting rooms, 40 parking spaces and a fantastic wellness centre in the 13th century cellars.

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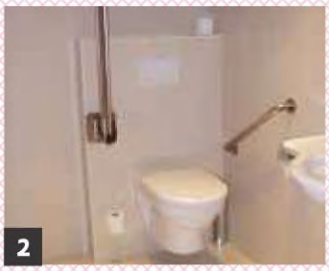
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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible, the lift brings you to the reception on the mezzanine floor. There is sufficient clearance.
Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The lift controls are a bit too close to the corner.
Restaurant / breakfast room
Sufficient circulation space, even though it is tight around the buffet. The tables accommodate wheelchairs.
Communal toilet
The toilets in the breakfast room and meeting rooms have sufficient positioning space next to, and diagonally in front of, the toilet bowl. There is 115 cm in front of the toilet in the breakfast room, and 60 cm due to the sink placement in the toilet in the meeting rooms. There are grab rails.
Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with bathroom (number 11.03). The space next to the door handle in front of the door to the room is tight. The height of the bed is 74 cm. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower wheelchair with folding arm-rests (not shown in the photo). The glass wall can be folded against the main wall so that it is not in the way when you ride in (photo 3). There is also a bath with a bath seat and safety rail. The toilet has safety rails and there is space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance. Rooms 11.07 and 11.22 were also adapted, but have major negative points in the bathroom.
Extra
Gluten-free bread and soya milk are available on request.

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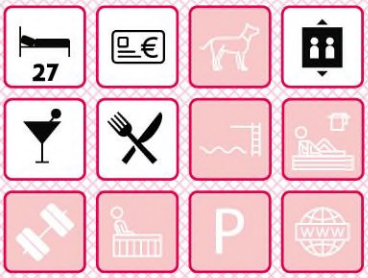

Lace Hotel ***
Bruges

This hotel is a pleasant place to stay in the centre of Bruges. It is located on the lively 't Zand square, where you can park in the public underground car park. The spacious rooms have a shower, WC, TV and safe. In the morning you will be spoiled with a tasty breakfast.

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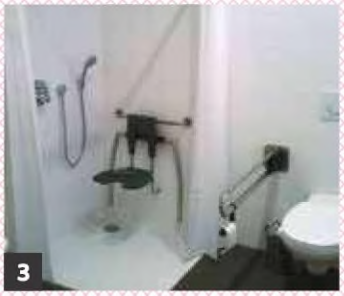

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The turning space is narrow outside the lift. The lift door is 81 cm wide and the space inside the lift is 100 x 125 cm. On the somewhat steeper slope on the route to the rooms you may need a little push. The turning space at the bottom of the slope is limited.

Restaurant / breakfast room
You may need help opening the double door. There is sufficient circulation space. The tables have limited wheelchair access.

Communal toilet
You can use the toilet in the adapted bathroom. That is the easiest to reach and has sufficient space and grab rails.

Bedroom and bathroom
2 accessible rooms with bathroom (numbers 102 and 104). 2 single beds in the room, of which 1 side is accessible. In room 102 the space next to the door handles is somewhat tight. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat (40 x 35 cm) and folding armrests. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
The kitchen will gladly take your food allergies or dietary requirements into account on request.

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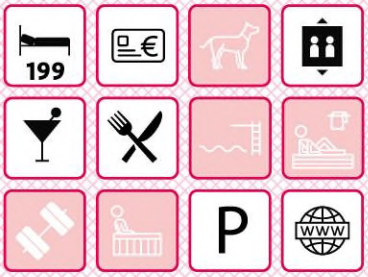
Martin's Brugge *** superior Bruges



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This modern but stylish hotel is known for its trendy interiors and warm atmosphere. The hotel is ideally situated near the Grote Markt square, behind the Belfort tower (belfrey). Martin's Bruges has modern facilities (flat-screen TVs, air-conditioning, etc.) and provides charming settings so you can enjoy a weekend with your partner or friends. In the Martin's Bar you can enjoy the different regional beers or cocktails in a cosy atmosphere. There are two underground parking spaces.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You have to cross two bevelled thresholds of 6 cm high. Inside there is sufficient circulation space. From the parking garage (no adapted parking places) you reach the reception via a ramp, a relatively narrow corridor and the lift.

Passageways and level differences
The most important rooms are on the ground floor or can be reached with the lift. The lift door is 78 cm wide. On your way to the rooms you pass a few slopes and a corridor that narrows in places to 107 cm.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space. The tables are limited for wheelchair use.

Communal toilet
In the communal adapted toilet on the basement level, you have sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. In front of the toilet there is a space of 80 cm. The toilet seat is 40 cm high. There is a safety rail on the open side.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom (number 701). Limited space in front of the bathroom door. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with adjustable shower chair with armrests. There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the chair. There is also sufficient space in the toilet (80 cm next to the toilet) and there are grab rails. The sink is wheelchair accessible. Room 707 is also adapted, but there is no space next to the shower seat and there are no grab rails in the shower. The shower chair can also be used here.

Extra
The kitchen is happy to take your food allergies into account on request.

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Montanus ★★★★ Bruges

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Accessible via the alternative entrance at the rear. The cobblestones of the path are fairly accessible for a wheelchair. Inside there is sufficient space.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor. The passageways are adequately wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
Good clearance. There is a table suitable for use from a wheelchair.

Communal toilet
The turning space at the entrance in front of the toilet is restricted to 100 cm. The space next to the handle is limited. Sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Grab rails are provided.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room with bathroom in the annex (number 7) (photo 2), reachable via a cobbled path that is fairly well usable by wheelchairs. The door is 84 cm wide. The manoeuvring space next to the bathroom door is limited. Roll-in shower with shower seat (seat surface area 30 x 30 cm) and a grab rail. There is adequate space next to the seat and 110 cm in front of it. The toilet has a grab rail and sufficient space. The washbasin is suitable for use by a wheelchair user (photo 3).

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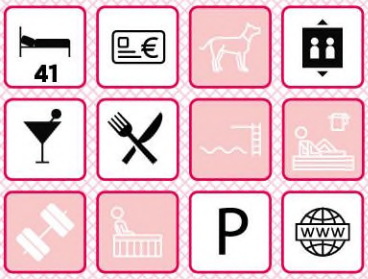

Europahotel *** Ghent

Want to get to know the area between the Leie and the Scheldt rivers and still be within a stone's throw of the lively town of Ghent? Then choose the Europahotel, with its spacious bedrooms on the quiet outskirts of the town along the river Leie. The hotel has also been fully refurbished. In the evenings, after a delicious meal, you can enjoy the hustle and bustle of the town, have a drink on a patio or take a stroll along the banks of the river.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some assistance to gain access using a platform lift. The door is 80 cm wide. You can also go directly to the reception area from the underground car park using a comfortable lift. There is sufficient clearance in the reception area. The reception desk has a roll-under section suitable for use with a wheelchair although it is just 69 cm wide.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached by lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is a roll-under table suitable for wheelchair users. The clearance in front of the buffet is minimal, but manageable.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted. The toilet seat is somewhat low being just 43 cm high.

Bedroom and bathroom
One accessible en-suite bedroom (number 119). There are two single beds, one with sufficient space next to the bed. The clearance at the bathroom door is minimal, but manageable. There is a roll-in shower with a seat and safety rails are fitted. You have sufficient space next to, in front and diagonally in front of the seat. The tap is a little far away from the shower seat. The toilet also has sufficient space and is fitted with safety rails (photo 3). The seat is 43 cm high. The washbasin has clearance for wheelchair users.

Extra
There is braille on the lift buttons. The kitchen is happy to take your food allergies and dietary requirements into account on request.

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Harmony ****
Ghent

Thanks to its stunning waterfront location in the oldest district of Ghent, het Patershol, a stay at the cosy and luxurious Hotel Harmony is a special experience for every guest. Castle Gravensteen is 100 metres away and the St. Bavo Cathedral is just a 5-minute walk away. Take a seat in the beautifully decorated and cosy lounge where you can enjoy a prestigious wine or other nice drink, either alone or with friends. When the weather is nice, a refreshing dip in the heated outdoor swimming pool is highly recommended.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There are many large cobblestones in the area. You can use the rear entrance on Corduwaniersstraat. From the reserved parking area there is a good path to the entrance, via a slope or platform lift. After the entrance with the platform lift, there is a door with rather tight positioning and turning space, but which is still manageable. There is sufficient turning space at the reception. The reception has a wheelchair accessible area.

Passageways and level differences
All areas are on the ground floor or are accessible by lift. The call button on the lower floor of the old wing is a bit more difficult to reach due to its corner placement. The corridors are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient circulation space and there is a wheelchair accessible table.

Communal toilet
The turning space in the toilet is tight. There is sufficient space next to, and diagonally in front of, the toilet; 93 cm in front of the toilet. There is 1 grab rail on the open side. You can also use the toilet in your room.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 2 accessible bedrooms (numbers 315 and 21) each with a double bed with access on one side. The bed is quite high. In room 21, the space next to the door handle of the bedroom door is limited. The bathrooms have level entry showers with shower seats (31 x 33 cm) and grab rail(s) (one rail in room 21). There is sufficient positioning space in room 21. In room 315 there is 77 cm next to the seat and 113 cm in front of it. The toilets have sufficient positioning space and grab rails. All sinks are wheelchair accessible..

Extra
There is Braille on the lift buttons. The kitchen will gladly take any allergies into account, for example, they can prepare gluten-free or lactose-free meals. There are specific anti-allergy rooms.

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Holiday Inn Express Gent Ghent ***

Holiday Inn Express Gent has spacious rooms with free continental breakfast and free WIFI, and is located near the E17 motorway 5 km (3 miles) from the medieval city centre of Ghent. This ecological hotel is certified with a Green Key label and it's a sustainable choice if you are looking for a hotel in Ghent.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easily accessible via an incline. The reception desk is suitable for a wheelchair and there is sufficient clearance.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The passageways are adequately wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is sufficient clearance in the breakfast room and restaurant. There are tables suitable for wheelchair use present (depth 47 cm, height in the breakfast room 66 cm).

Communal toilet
The width of the corridor in front of the toilet is a bit tight, but you can ride into the toilet with the manual wheelchair. The door to the entrance is heavy. There is sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet (photo 2). Positioning right in front of the toilet is not possible due to the position of the washbasin. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with bathroom (number 500) (photo 3). The door to the room is 82 cm wide and is difficult to open. The bathroom door is 78 cm wide. The 5 cm threshold is bridged with an incline. Roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rail. There is sufficient space next to, in front of (106 cm) and diagonally in front of the shower seat. The toilet is fitted with grab rails and there is space beside and diagonally in front of the toilet. Positioning right in front of the toilet is not possible due to the position of the washbasin. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use and there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
There is a hearing loop at the counter. A vibration alarm is also available.

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NH Gent Belfort ****
Ghent

You stay in the heart of Ghent: at the foot of the Belfort tower (belfrey), in the shadow of the town hall and a stone's throw from the Sint-Baafs Cathedral. The rooms have every modern comfort. The hotel also has 10 meeting rooms, a fitness room, sauna and peaceful garden patio. Delicious local dishes are served in the Van Artevelde restaurant and bar.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Accessible via an alternative door by ringing the bell. The manoeuvring and turning space at the door is tight, but functional. There is adequate circulation space inside.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift. The passageways are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
There is adequate circulation space. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair underneath the tables but a more suitable table is available.

Communal toilet
There is a fairly long slope on the way to the toilet. The door is 83 cm wide and the manoeuvring space next to the handle is limited. There is adequate manoeuvring space in the toilet. There is only a single foldaway grab rail.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (number 230) (photo 2) with adapted bathroom. The space and clearance at the doors is a little tighter, but satisfactory for practical use. There is a roll-in shower with a shower seat fitted with foldaway armrests and a grab rail and adequate space (in front of the seat 105 cm). At the toilet there is sufficient manoeuvring space as well as grab rails. The washbasin is suitable for use by a wheelchair user (photo 3).

Extra
If you mention it beforehand, your allergy can be taken into account at mealtimes. There are also rooms without carpet available.

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Novotel Gent Centrum Ghent ***

Novotel Gent Centrum is in the historical centre of Ghent, near the popular tourist attractions and shopping centres. The bar and restaurant offer a wide range of dishes that you can enjoy on the patio or beside the swimming pool if the weather permits. The hotel is perfect for a weekend trip or longer stays and discovering Ghent with your partner or family.

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
You may need some assistance for the steepish ramp at the main entrance. The back entrance is via the Hoogpoort with a double door (door sections are 78 cm and 77 cm wide). You need to push the doors hard to open them. There is sufficient clearance. The reception has a section which is adapted for wheelchair users.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via the lift (108 x 139 cm). The lift door is 80 cm wide. The passages are sufficiently wide.

Restaurant / breakfast room
A wall in front to the buffet reduces the clearance to 99 cm. The clearance is limited but manageable. There is a table suitable for wheelchair users.

Communal toilet
In the communal adapted toilet at the entrance, you have sufficient space beside, in front of (116 cm) and diagonally in front of the toilet. The turning space is tight. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
There is 1 accessible room with bathroom (number 312). The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat and safety rails. There is sufficient space beside, in front of and diagonally in front of the seat. The tap is perhaps a bit far from the seat (photo 3). The toilet also has safety rails and sufficient space. There is limited space for manoeuvring a wheelchair under the sink and the mirror is positioned rather high.

Extra
Room 312 has an alarm system. A wake-up and notification system, and a listening aid system are available for the deaf and hearing impaired. Someone with a food allergy can get alternative products (for example, gluten-free breakfast) upon request.

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Maison Bousson ***** Bruges

Your host Sofia welcomes you to a former masonry that was converted into an exquisite B&B which is in a quiet location and within walking distance of the centre of Bruges. The white suite rooms have trendy interiors in a minimalist style with fashionable accessories. Every suite has a sitting corner and a terrace which overlooks the stepless garden, swimming pool and wellness (only the sauna does not have level entry access). The massage tables are height-adjustable so everyone can enjoy a good massage.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Slightly inclined slope leading up to the door, but this presents few problems for practical use. Easily accessible, narrowing of 112 cm on the route but there is sufficient clearance before and after the narrowing.

Passageways and level differences
The most important areas are on the ground floor or can be reached via a platform lift. The passages are wide enough.

Living / dining room
Sufficient clearance. There is a table suitable for use by a wheelchair user.

Communal toilet
There is sufficient space next to, in front of and diagonally in front of the toilet. Safety rails are fitted.

Bedroom and bathroom
1 accessible room (Junior Suite on the ground floor) with a double bed and a height-adjustable bed. The bathroom has a roll-in shower with shower seat, safety rail and a folding armrest. Sufficient space beside and diagonally in front of the seat, in front 90 cm of space. The toilet has safety rails and there is space beside, in front of (90 cm) and diagonally in front of the toilet. The washbasin is suitable for wheelchair use, there is sufficient clearance.

Extra
There is an alarm system present in the communal toilet and the bathroom on the ground floor. All rooms are suitable for people with asthma and allergies, the fabric upholstery is house dust mite proof. You can use a wheelchair on location.

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+EXTRA CARE FACILITIES

De Pepel ***** Bruges

De Pepel is 3.5 km from the historic centre of Bruges. 800 m from the house, you will find both the start of the Abdijen cycling and hiking trail with the Ryckevelde Forest and Castle, as well as the Assebroekse Meersen nature reserve and links to the bicycle network. De Pepel is a detached, level access holiday home. The cosy living space has a distinct appearance with the presence of a life-sized wooden sculpture and an emphasis placed on special lighting. From the terrace with its automatic sunshade you can enjoy the 600m² private nature garden, while relaxing on the wooden garden furniture. There is a lots of entertainment for everyone, both inside (DVDs, Lego, books, etc.) and outside (table tennis and table football). The green key is the symbol of our ecological policy.

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Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
Easy access. There is sufficient circulation space.

Passageways and level differences
All rooms are located on the ground floor and are easily accessible. The positioning space by the door handle of two sliding doors is limited. However, you can also leave them (partly) open.

Living / dining room
There is sufficient circulation space. The table is wheelchair accessible. The kitchen has a wheelchair accessible, height-adjustable counter top.

Communal toilet
There is no communal adapted toilet, but the toilet in the adapted bathroom is always close by.

Bedroom and bathroom
There are 2 accessible bedrooms; 1 spacious room is specifically equipped with an adjustable bed. The other room, which has a double bed, can also be used if you move the night-stand. The bed there is quite high. The bathroom has a level access shower with shower seat, grab rails and sufficient positioning space (110 cm in front of the seat). There is also a shower wheelchair available. The toilet also has grab rails and positioning space. The sink is wheelchair accessible.

Extra
Nursing and aid tools are available via external providers. There is information about the house and Bruges in Braille, as well as audio books. There are plenty of contrasts. There is a visual alarm clock and a visual fire alarm. Headphones are available for the TV. There is no carpet and everything is washable for allergy purposes. A few small multisensory environments are also available.

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Blaarmeersen **** Ghent

Camping area Blaarmeersen is located in a large, 100-ha estate with a swimming pond, indoor climbing hall, squash, tennis, multi-sport fields, etc. All these facilities offer ease of access and accessibility. The Bourgoyen nature area is also nearby. There is a direct bus connection and a traffic-free cycling path to the historic centre of Ghent (5 km).

Accessibility information

Access path, entrance and reception
There is an incline up to the door to access the reception. This means the door is difficult to open independently.

Walkways
The paths are hard-surfaced and wide enough. They are sufficiently wide. You'll encounter a few sloping curbs which are slightly steeper.

Pitches
The pitches are on average 100m². They are easily accessible via the paths. You can park on the pitch.

Sanitary block
Sanitary block 2 is the most accessible. You'll encounter a 6 cm step on the path. The ladies' and men's room have a roll-in shower with a shower seat (37 x 37 cm), adequate manoeuvring space and grab rails. The seat is a little high. The manoeuvring and turning space in front of the shower door is limited but manageable. There is adequate space next to the toilet in the women's and the men's toilets. There is also adequate space in front of the men's toilet; there is 102 cm in front of the women's toilet. There is one grab rail in the men's toilet and the women's toilet has two. It is possible to manoeuvre a wheelchair under the sink, although the space is tight in the men's toilet.

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This index gives an overview at a single glance of the accessible accommodation by city / municipality in alphabetical order and of the number of accessible beds and sanitary fixtures. Handy if you are in a certain city or municipality looking for holiday accommodation for a small or larger group. Do not forget that youth accommodation also frequently open their doors for socio-cultural groups, groups of friends and families.

Municipality	Name	Type	Number of accessible beds (*)	Number of accessible sanitary cells (**)	Page
Aalst	Keizershof Hotel	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	95
Aalter	Kasteel Bellem	Holiday accomodation	4 (4 rooms)	4	157
Aarschot	De Pluimpapaver	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	73
Alveringem	Vakantiehoeve Briesland	Holiday House	3 (1 room)	1	141
Alveringem	Camping Scheibeekhoeve	Camping area	/	1	164
Antwerp	Holiday Inn Express Antwerp City-North	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	181
Antwerp	Hilton Antwerp Old Town	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	182
Beernem	Oostveldhoeve	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	142
Beerse	Hoeve Megusta	Holiday House	12 (2 rooms)	2	124
Bekkevoort	Bogaerde Winning: Begijnen	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	121
Beringen	Hoeve Genemeer	Holiday accomodation	4 (2 rooms)***	2	153
Bever	Rosario	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	100
Beveren-Waas	Arenberghoeve	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	113
Bilzen	Martin's Rentmeesterij	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	82
Blankenberge	ABC Hotel	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	27
Blankenberge	Alfa-Inn	Hotel	4 (2 rooms)	2	28
Blankenberge	Du Commerce	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	29
Blankenberge	José	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	30
Blankenberge	Floreal Blankenberge	Holiday accomodation	6 (6 rooms)	6	45
Blankenberge	Vakantiecentrum Cosmopolite	Holiday accomodation	1 (1 room)	1	46
Blankenberge	De Wielen	Camping area	/	1	53
Borgloon	Kasteel Mariagaarde	Holiday accomodation	4 (2 rooms)	2	154
Brakel	Het Leerhof	Hotel/Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	97
Brakel	De Kleppe	Holiday accomodation	40 (24 rooms)	13	155
Brasschaat	Hotel Dennenhof	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	77
Brasschaat	Casa Ametza	Holiday House	22 (12 rooms)	6	126
Bredene	't Minnepark	Camping area	/	1	56
Bredene	Park Costa	Camping area	/	1	57
Bree	Mussenburghof	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	85
Bruges	Academie	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	186
Bruges	Boterhuis	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	187
Bruges	De Castillion	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	188
Bruges	De Medici	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	189
Bruges	Golden Tree Hotel	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	190
Bruges	Grand Hotel Casselbergh	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	191
Bruges	Lace Hotel	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	192
Bruges	Martin's	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	193
Bruges	Montanus	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	194
Bruges	Maison Bousson	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	200
Bruges	De Pepel	Holiday House	2 (2 rooms)	1	201

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Brussels	Aloft Brussels Schuman	Hotel	17 (9 rooms)	9	176
Brussels	Thon Hotel EU	Hotel	20 (20 rooms)	20	177
Buggenhout	B&B Mettes	Guest Room	2 (2 rooms)	2	116
Damme	B&B Altijd Genieten	Guest Room	8 (4 rooms)	4	108
De Panne	Hotel Aan Zee	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	40
De Panne	Parkhotel De Panne	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	41
De Panne	Villa Rozerood	Holiday accomodation	2 (1 room)	1	49
Deerlijk	Hof te Voorde	Holiday House	2 (1 room)	1	139
Deinze	De Ceder	Holiday accomodation	20 (20 rooms)	20	156
Dessel	Het Witte ZandPat	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	125
Diest	B&B Aangenaam Anders	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	101
Diest	Stille Kempen	Camping area	/	1	158
Diksmuide	't Lappersfort	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	140
Dilsen-Stokkem	De Maretak	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	78
Dilsen-Stokkem	't Poorthuys	Guest Room	2 (2 rooms)	2	105
Edegem	Hotel Drie Eiken	Hotel	60 (54 rooms)	54	76
Genk	M Hotel	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	79
Geraardsbergen	B&B Hakuna Matata	Guest Room	2 (1 room)	1	118
Geraardsbergen	Provinciaal Domein De Gavers - vakantiewoning 6	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	149
Geraardsbergen	Provinciaal Domein De Gavers - camping	Camping area	/	1	166
Ghent	Europahotel	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	195
Ghent	Harmony	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	196
Ghent	Holiday Inn Express Gent	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	197
Ghent	NH Gent Belfort	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	198
Ghent	Novotel Gent Centrum	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	199
Ghent	Blaarmeersen	Camping area	/	1	202
Gingelom	Aan Het Tombos	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	133
Gingelom	Hoeve Jadoul: Druif	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	134
Gingelom	Hoeve Jadoul: Kers	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	135
Hamont-Achel	Vakantieverblijf De Dielis	Holiday House	20 (12 rooms)	3	136
Hasselt	De Groene Hendrickx	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	183
Hasselt	Holiday Inn Express Hasselt	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	184
Hasselt	Radisson Blu Hotel, Hasselt	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	185
Hechtel-Eksel	De Lage Kempen - 't Huis	Holiday House	8 (4 rooms)	2	137
Hechtel-Eksel	De Lage Kempen	Camping area	/	1	163
Heers	Alfonsinehoeve	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	131
Heers	Martenshof	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	132
Herk-de-Stad	De Waterkant	Holiday House	2 (2 rooms)	2	127
Herselt	Amethist	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	74
Heuvelland	Belvedère	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	91
Heuvelland	Akkernest	Holiday House	12 (6 rooms)	2	145
Heuvelland	Vakantiehoeve Rodeberg	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	146
Hooglede	Buytenshuys	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	111
Horebeke	Vierkantshoeve Molenzicht	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	151

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Jabbeke	Flockhof	Holiday House	2 (1 room)	1	138
Kasterlee	Houtum	Camping area	/	1	162
Kasterlee	Floreal Kempen	Camping area	/	1	161
Kluisbergen	De Pupiter	Hotel	15 (15 rooms)	15	98
Knokke-Heist	Huyshoeve	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	26
Koksijde	Casino	Hotel	6 (3 rooms)	3	42
Koksijde	Euphorbia	Holiday accomodation	12 (6 rooms)	1	50
Koksijde	Reigersnest	Holiday accomodation	2 (2 rooms)	2	51
Kortrijk	d-hotel	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	88
Kortrijk	Ibis Hotel Kortrijk Centrum	Hotel	4 (4 rooms)	4	89
Kruibeke	B&B Baz	Guest Room / Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	114
Lede	Mirabella	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	117
Leuven	Hotel Ladeuze	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	178
Leuven	Novotel Leuven Centrum	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	179
Leuven	Park Inn by Radisson Leuven	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	180
Lier	B&B Soetemin	Guest Room	2 (1 room)	1	104
Lille	De Lilse Bergen	Camping area	/	2	159
Lille	Hildegarden	Guest Room	2 (2 rooms)	2	102
Lille	Aan de Boskapel	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	123
Maarkedal	Het Natuurlijk Genot	Guest Room / Holiday House	4 (4 rooms)	2	120
Maaseik	Kasteel Wurfeld	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	80
Maaseik	Oude Eycke	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	81
Maasmechelen	Vakantiehuis Fabiola - 't Mechels Bos	Holiday accomodation / Holiday House	20 (10 rooms)	11	128
Maasmechelen	Vakantiehuis Fabiola - Thomasbos	Holiday accomodation / Holiday House	9 (13 rooms)	5	129
Meise	Falko	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	72
Middelkerke	Zorghotel Middelpunt	Hotel	88 (44 rooms)	46	37
Middelkerke	Mercator	Camping area	/	1	54
Mol	Provinciaal Recreatiedomein Zilvermeer	Camping area	12 (2 holiday houses)	5	160
Nieuwpoort	Cosmopolite	Hotel	5 (5 rooms)	5	37
Nieuwpoort	Ibis Styles Nieuwpoort	Hotel	4 (4 rooms)	4	38
Nieuwpoort	Sandeshoved	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	39
Nieuwpoort	Zorgverblijf Ter Duinen	Holiday accomodation	66 (66 rooms)	70	48
Oostduinkerke	Hoevedomein Rietvelde	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	44

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Oostduinkerke	Vakantiedomein Ter Helme	Holiday accomodation	16 (16 rooms)***	16	52
Oostkamp	Van der Valk Hotel Brugge - Oostkamp	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	86
Oostkamp	De Grote Linde	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	107
Ostend	Europe	Hotel	5 (5 rooms)	5	32
Ostend	Hotel Bero	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	33
Ostend	Royal Astrid	Hotel	6 (6 rooms)	6	35
Ostend	't Hof Ten Hullenhove	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	43
Ostend	Vayamundo	Holiday accomodation	23 (16 rooms)	16	47
Ostend	Zorghotel Gezondheidscentrum Koninklijke Villa	Hotel	4 (2 rooms)	2	36
Oudenaarde	Leopold Hotel Oudenaarde	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	99
Overpelt	De Floreffe	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	106
Poperinge	Callecanes	Hotel	4 (4 rooms)	4	92
Poperinge	Predikherenhof	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	112
Poperinge	In 't Genot	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	147
Retie	Corsendonk De Linde	Hotel	7 (7 rooms)	7	75
Rijkevorsel	B&B de Rijcke Rust	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	103
Ronse	Hoeve De Schapenkop	Hotel	2 (1 room)	1	96
Sint-Gillis-Waas	Fruithof Tack	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	115
Sint-Niklaas	Ibis Sint-Niklaas Centrum	Hotel	4 (4 rooms)	4	94
Sint-Niklaas	Hoeve Oswald	Holiday House	13 (7 rooms)	6	148
Sint-Pieters-Leeuw	Ibis Budget Brussels South	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	70
Sint-Truiden	I'O de Vie	Hotel	8 (7 rooms)	7	84
Spiere-Helkijn	't Hof van Spiere	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	110
Tienen	Alpha Hotel: holiday house	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	121
Vilvoorde	The Lodge	Hotel	2 (1 room)	1	71
Voeren	De Kommel	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	83
Voeren	Varnhof	Holiday House	5 (5 rooms)	3	130
Wachtebeke	Puyenbroeck	Camping area	/	2	165
Westende	Kompas Camping	Camping area	/	2	55
Ypres	Novotel Ieper Centrum	Hotel	2 (2 rooms)	2	90
Ypres	De Palingbeekhoeve	Holiday House	3 (1 room)	1	143
Ypres	Vijverhuis	Holiday House	2 (2 rooms)	2	144
Zandhoven	Zorgverblijf Hooidonk	Holiday accomodation	88 (44 rooms)	44	152
Zeebrugge	Ibis Styles Zeebrugge	Hotel	3 (3 rooms)	3	31
Zelzate	Den Hof	Hotel	1 (1 room)	1	93
Zuienkerke	Zorghotel domein Polderwind	Hotel	92 (46 rooms)	46	87
Zwalm	't Schoon Leven	Holiday House	1 (1 room)	1	150
Zwevegem	Ovaertine	Guest Room	1 (1 room)	1	109

(*) By an accessible bed we mean a single bed, double bed or the lower bed of a bunk bed next to which there is sufficient clearance on at least 1 side..

(**) A sanitary cell is a bathroom, sanitary block or unit with a minimum of 1 accessible shower, toilet and washbasin.

(***) Extension of the number of rooms and/or beds is possible, depending on the arrangement and possibilities of the group.

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Your opinion is important for us

In this brochure we want to offer reliable and clear information concerning the accessibility of the holiday accommodation included. Your findings are thereby very important for us. The following questions can help to put a few things straight. Thanks in advance for the effort!

1 BROCHURE

Do you find all the info you need in this brochure? Is the brochure attractive? Do you think it is easily readable and understandably structured?

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Do you have any suggestions? What do you think could be done differently, what could be better?

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2 ACCOMMODATION

Have you already stayed in one of the addresses in this brochure? If so, which accommodation?

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Did the accessibility satisfy your wishes? What did you think of the service offered?

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Accessible festivals and events

Ready for a new festival summer? Inter makes events, shows in cultural centres, festivals and sports events accessible for disabled people throughout the whole year. Efforts are made for everyone, whatever your disability. More information and the complete overview of accessible events can be found on the website www.inter.vlaanderen/events. You can email to events@inter.vlaanderen or call +32 11 26 50 30.

Need nursing?

Do you need nursing during your stay? Then you can best contact a home care service. The largest organisation for home nursing, with departments throughout Flanders, is the Wit-Gele Kruis.

The contact points for each province can be found at: www.wgk.be (in Dutch).

Aids on your holiday

Do you need specific equipment during your holiday? For large and small aids in the vicinity of your accommodation you can, among other things, go to the home care shops www.thuiszorgwinkel.be, www.socmut.be (both websites only available in Dutch) and www.rodekruis.be/en/

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Accessible railways

Belgian Railways provides assistance services for entering and exiting trains in 132 stations. To be sure that the service can be provided, you must book your journey in advance. You can make a reservation by calling + 32 2 528 28 28 or using the online form.

All information, including special rates, can be found at www.belgianrail.be under Customer service > Travellers with reduced mobility, or in the brochure 'Guide for persons with reduced mobility'. This brochure is available in all stations or can be downloaded from the website. To receive this brochure in Braille or on an audio CD, please send an e-mail to assistance@b-rail.be.

Get away with the buses and trams of De Lijn

The Flemish transport company De Lijn is also concerned with accessibility. However, wheelchair users must book their bus or tram ride (return) in advance in order to check whether the stop and the vehicle are sufficiently accessible. You can check to see if your stop is accessible on the website too. Reserving on 5 'more mobile lines' is not mandatory via a trial project.

You can book this service via the dial-a-bus centre in the province of departure. You can find the contact details on www.delijn.be (About De Lijn > Organisation > Responsible Enterprise > Accessibility). For all other questions, call +32 70 22 02 00. You do not have to book the coast tram. On the website www.delijn.be/kusttram (Locations and stops) you can find an overview of the accessible stops (marked with a T).Are you unsure and looking for an easy way to put your questions to the driver or someone else? Blue Assist gives you this option. Take a look in advance at www.blueassist.eu (in Dutch).

Below and above the ground with the MIVB (Brussels)

The metro in Brussels provides personal assistance during rides.
It is recommended to call in advance on +32 2 515 23 65, or fill in the form on the website. You can find this form and information about the accessibility of the metro, trams and (mini)buses at www.mivb.be > Travel > Accessibility. Accessible metro stations can be found on the map of the metro on the website. You can also ask for assistance via the pillars in the stations but you may have to wait a little longer.

You will find more tips on www.visitflanders.com/accessibility. You will discover practical tips about flying, where you can find an accessible taxi, lift bus or even a mobile home, etc.

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Accessible Travel

Inspiration for accessible travel

Finding suitable overnight lodging is one thing, but Visit Flanders offers you even more inspiration! Tips for day trips, accessible transport, services at the Flemish coast, travel organisations, accessible bicycle and footpaths,...

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NO BETTER PLACE FOR CREATING LEGACY, THAN WHERE THE FUTURE IS SHAPED.

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Healthcare is facing enormous challenges. As an association or PCO active in Care & Health, you know this better than anyone else. Ageing, socio-economic evolutions and new pandemics will exert ever-increasing pressure on our care system in the decades ahead.

In Flanders, we face these challenges head on. Experts strive for a more holistic picture; for a better organisation of care in the social fabric of society; for a new model, where the focus is not on the (health)care institution, but on the patient.

Allow yourself to be inspired by the vision of our experts, and discover why healthcare in this northern region of Belgium is among the very best in the world. Learn about the medical innovations being developed here, and which ones will be shaping the future.

You will then immediately understand why your conference in Care & Health will be truly at home in Flanders. Together with your delegates, you will feel the beating heart of our new developments. Your conference will create legacy in the place where the future is shaped.

We hope you enjoy reading the information and the inspiration that is provided in this e-book. Care & Health are important in Flanders, and that is why your conference is too. Would you like more information about the organisation of your congress? I will be happy to assist you.

On behalf of all the staff of VISIT**FLANDERS** Convention Bureau, the official convention bureau of Flanders and Brussels, I would like to offer a warm welcome to your association or PCO and all your delegates.

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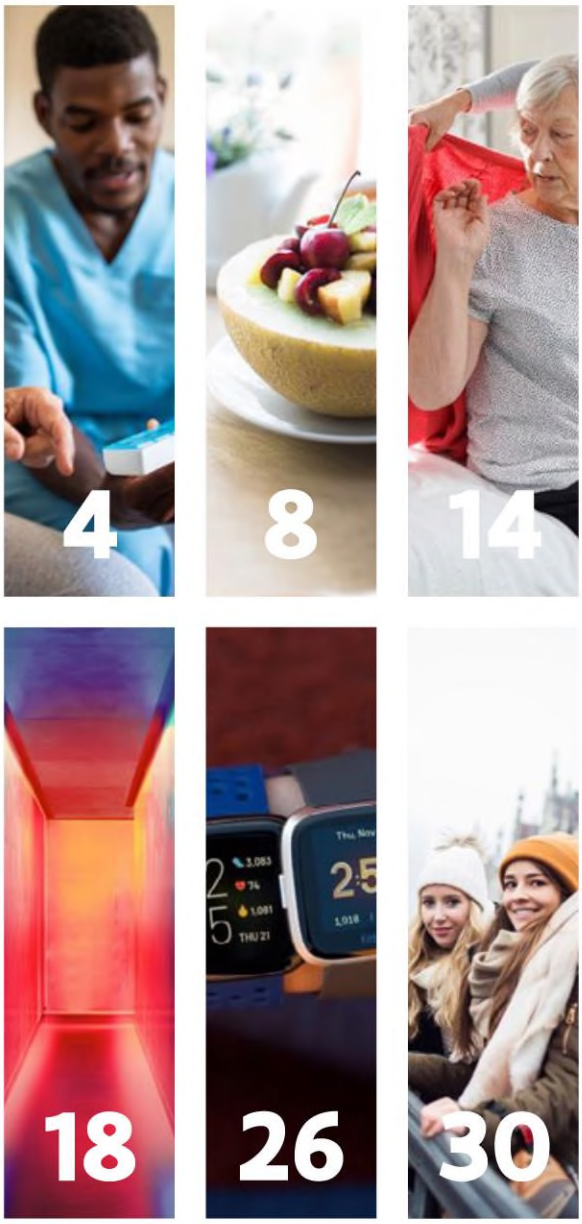

"FLANDERS IS BIG ENOUGH TO MATTER AND SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE" – that is how one of the experts in this e-book described the position of Flanders in Care & Health. With its distinguished knowledge institutions, cutting-edge innovation centres and renowned experts, our region is a major player that helps shape new developments in medicine and care globally. At the same time, Flanders is small enough to make an approach on a human scale possible, where the patient takes centre stage. This duality creates a fascinating biotope where the future of Care & Health takes shape. You can follow that evolution from the front row with your congress in Flanders. Read more about it in this e-book.

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Good care close to people reinforces the cohesion between various groups in society.

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GOOD CARE IS ONLY POSSIBLE WHEN THERE IS SOLIDARITY IN SOCIETY

JAN DE MAESENEER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL COHESION

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Healthcare in Flanders places a strong emphasis on social cohesion, where the care is embedded as much as possible in the fabric of society. That ensures that people have more direct access to care. But there is more: this approach also has a major impact on the involvement of people in a community - and so on the quality of life of society.

"Connecting care" is the striking way **Jan De Maeseneer** describes this approach. The emeritus professor in Family Medicine and Primary Health Care is one of the founders of the Flemish approach, and a worldwide authority in the organisation of general care that is directly accessible to citizens, without referral. Even though he is retired, De Maeseneer is still an important advisor to the government, and as such assists in giving direction to the fight against corona. In short, he is a general who has fought many wars, who does not view the battle from behind the safety of the front, but still fights in the trenches, even today.

De Maeseneer is, for example, one of the architects of the division of Flanders into so-called primary zones, which makes the concept of connecting care possible. *"You must organise primary care around a critical mass of, say, 100,000 people. That is now, for example, also being done in Estonia, and there are other countries that have adopted this way of working. Next, you must bring together care for welfare and health. There are, after all, no problems that are only biomedical. Every problem has health components and welfare components."*

"The degree to which people are open to diversity is in itself an indicator for the success of your care system"

But the success of your approach depends on social cohesion, maintains De Maeseneer. *"You can only organise good care if there is a foundation of solidarity in society. If there are groups who do not talk to each other, you cannot create involvement which, for example, enables informal care. At the same time, the mechanism also works in reverse: good care close to people strengthens*

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The life of **Jan De Maeseneer** reads like a novel. That is why he has also written a book in which he explains his vision on healthcare based on his own life story. Would you like to receive a copy of this book? Send a note to Milo Vergucht, expert Care & Health at VISITFLANDERS Convention Bureau. He will be pleased to send you a copy.

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social cohesion, because then people feel that they count in society. And the feeling that you count immediately makes you more prepared to do things for others."

If you want to promote social cohesion through the care system, you must also change the education system. This is the conviction of the emeritus professor in Family Medicine and

"A new type of care needs a new type of healthcare provider."

Care is thus a means of promoting social cohesion - and consequently social justice and the openness for other cultures and differences. According to Jan De Maeseneer the degree to which people are open to diversity is in itself an indicator for the success of your care system.

Primary Health Care. *"If you want a new type of care, then you also need a new type of healthcare provider. Your care system must be supported by people who look at both care and themselves in a different light. That demands fairly radical changes in the occasionally rather rigid educational curricula."*

But there is also a price to improving care, realised Jan De Maeseneer. *"Too much money is being spent on hospitals. According to the OECD, only 14% of the budget goes to primary care; it should be 30%. I would plead for acute hospital beds to be cut and the focus shifted more to collective support and prevention. Why can't part of rehabilitation take place in society itself? The hospital should be a place where you spend as little time as possible, only for the operation. And finally: do not forget mental health. That remains in all countries a problem child."*

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SOCIAL COHESION IN PRACTICE: THE SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND OF THE CITY OF GHENT.

Embedding care in the social fabric. Ghent put that into practice with the Social Innovation Fund, which offers citizens support and assistance in tackling social challenges in an innovative manner.

The call to submit projects was a big success. The initiatives proposed by citizens were highly diverse, and showed points of contact with housing, poverty, debt control, work and health. In that last area, considerable attention was given to mental well-being, as corona had particularly heightened the need.

New types of cooperation arose between the residents, non-profit organisations, businesses, public services and academic institutions. One non-profit organisation invested in 20 houses for young people who stream in from youth care. This injection of private capital is unique in the sector of youth welfare.

Existing problems were solved with a totally new approach. An innovative funding system for affordable dental care, for example, made healthy teeth accessible to the disadvantaged.

"The target group was closely involved in the rollout of the projects."

A striking aspect is that the target group was closely involved in the rollout of the projects. In a project around drug treatments assistance, young people were equal partners at the helm of the project.

The private capital funding of housing for young people from special youth care is a first.

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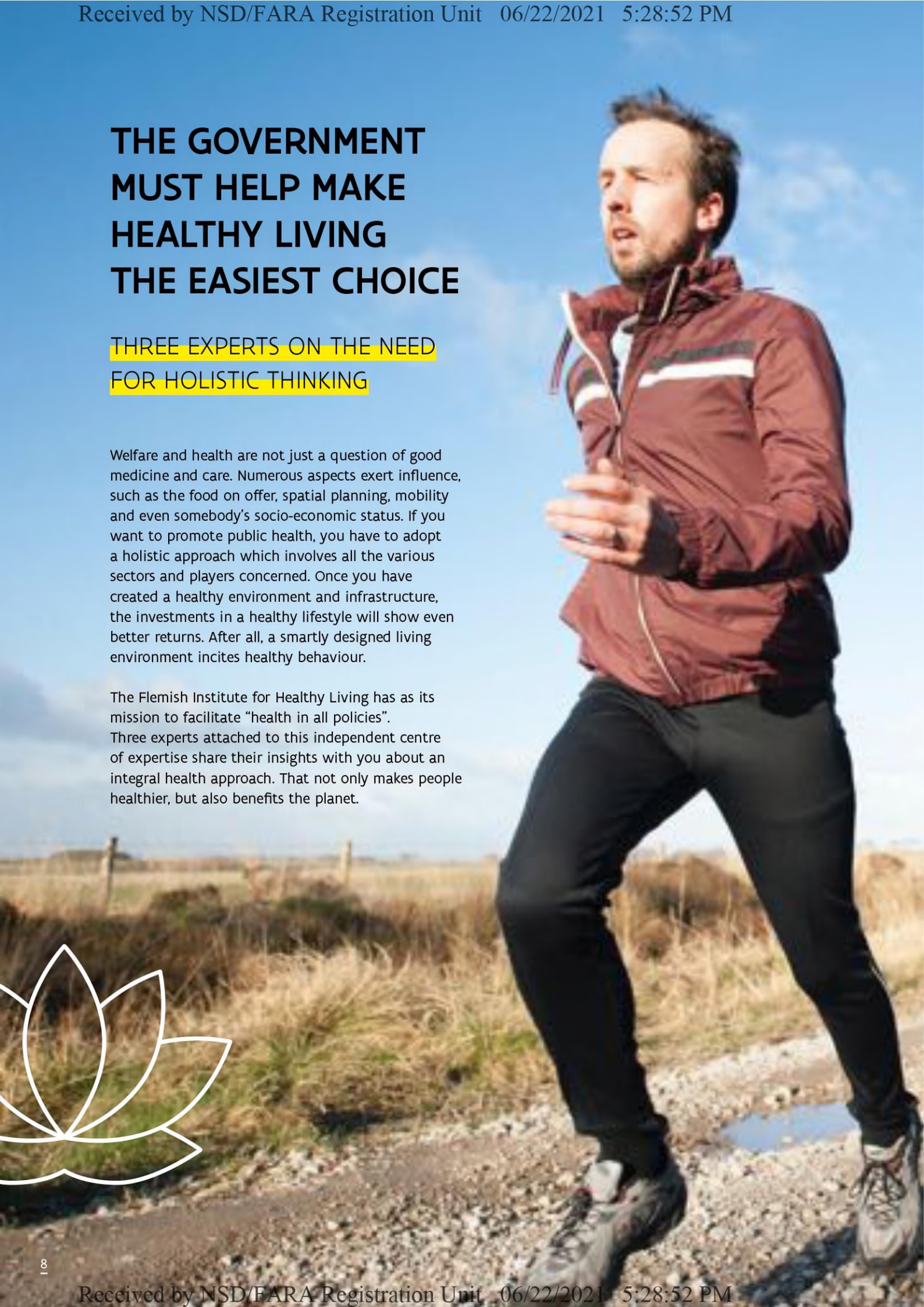
THE GOVERNMENT MUST HELP MAKE HEALTHY LIVING THE EASIEST CHOICE

THREE EXPERTS ON THE NEED FOR HOLISTIC THINKING

Welfare and health are not just a question of good medicine and care. Numerous aspects exert influence, such as the food on offer, spatial planning, mobility and even somebody's socio-economic status. If you want to promote public health, you have to adopt a holistic approach which involves all the various sectors and players concerned. Once you have created a healthy environment and infrastructure, the investments in a healthy lifestyle will show even better returns. After all, a smartly designed living environment incites healthy behaviour.

The Flemish Institute for Healthy Living has as its mission to facilitate "health in all policies". Three experts attached to this independent centre of expertise share their insights with you about an integral health approach. That not only makes people healthier, but also benefits the planet.



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LOES NEVEN

Innovation manager,
Flemish Institute for Healthy Living

"It is good when you dedicate yourself to tracking down early stages of diseases such as colon cancer. But you can take action even earlier, by promoting health. In other words, by ensuring that people live healthily and thus lower the chance of developing colon cancer. Or by strengthening their immune system, so that they are less susceptible to infectious diseases. It is important to heal diseases caused by affluence with high technological or pharmaceutical solutions, but in fact you are chasing the facts, because you only intervene when the disease has already taken hold.

"The nutrition triangle in Flanders also pays attention to the environmental impact of food."

Because so many policy areas are involved in welfare and health, we have, within the Flemish Institute for Healthy Living expanded the nutrition triangle. In the past, the focus was on improving health and preventing disease. Now this instrument also pays attention to the environmental impact of food. For if people eat healthier, with less processed food and less meat, this also has a favourable impact on the environment. So we encourage all the players within the food system to play their part and to strive for a choice of food that is healthier. A healthier and environmentally friendly range is the future. All partners must together ensure that we succeed in that scheme."

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DR. RAGNAR VAN ACKER

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"Creating a healthy environment is only possible by embedding public health in the other policy areas, because they are communicating vessels. Take, for example, climate change. If walking and cycling is encouraged as a priority, this not only helps make people healthier, it also helps meet the climate targets. Another such win-win situation can be found in the area of food: whoever eats healthier also reduces the environmental impact of his nutrition pattern.

Poverty is also an important aspect in a holistic vision. People in vulnerable situations do not always have the time, the mental resilience or the money to follow a healthy lifestyle. You must make this possible and easily accessible. We do that, for instance, by 'Exercising On Referral', whereby people with risk factors - such as diabetes or cardiovascular disease - can be referred by the GP to an exercise coach, and receive financial support for this. And by the way, this approach does not have to be restricted to exercise. It can also be for nutrition, mental well-being and smoking."

"Healthy living is still too often seen as a purely individual responsibility."

KIM VAN DER AUWERA

Member of staff,
Flemish Institute for Healthy Living

"Healthy living is still too often seen as a purely individual responsibility, a question of: "don't you decide what you put in your mouth?" But will-power and motivation is not enough to help people lead a healthier life, the environment also has to be right. If the setting doesn't stimulate you or even obstructs you, it becomes extremely difficult. That is why we have to view health, climate and poverty in a far more holistic way. It is not an individual responsibility; it is a shared responsibility. If you reduce it to a personal choice, you ignore the external influences.

We must create an environment that encourages healthy living. The government must help to make healthy living the easiest choice possible, so that people are more inclined to choose that option. When the surroundings are designed for healthy behaviour, you are going to adapt your behaviour because it is the most obvious choice. If the infrastructure promotes walking and cycling through, for example, better 'walkability', people will then take the easiest option and will use the car less often. That is why a problem such as obesity is directly linked to a society focused on unhealthy food and an infrastructure designed for the use of a car, rather than the other way round."

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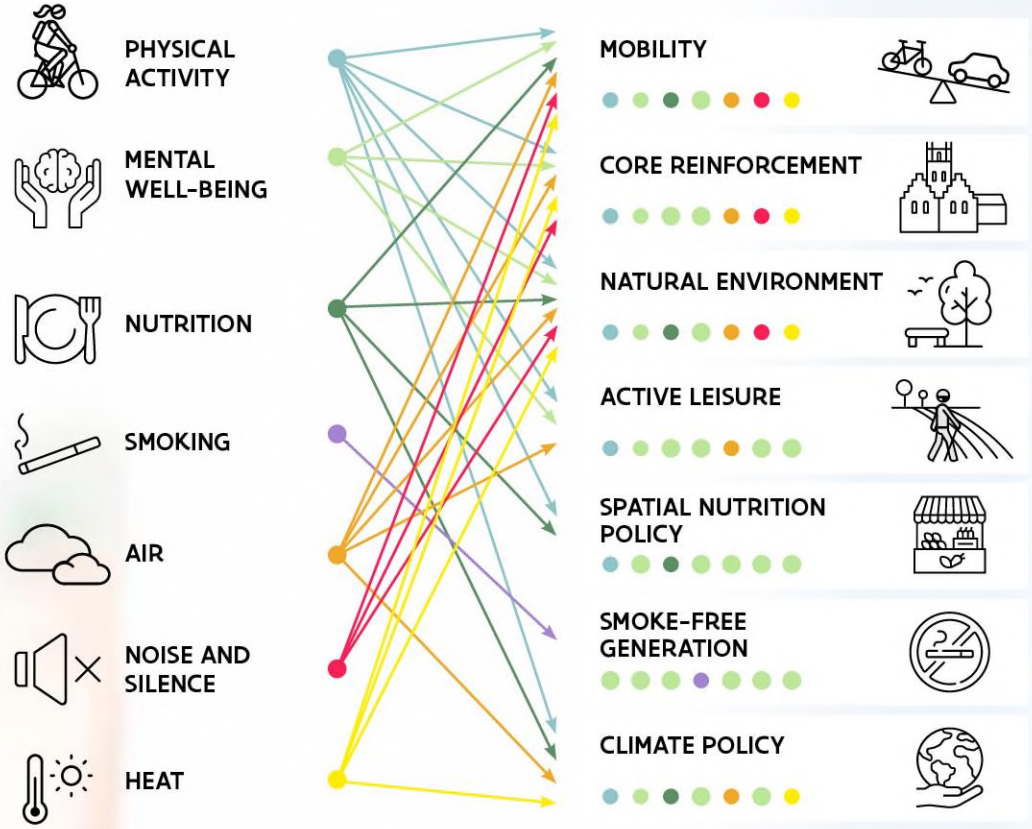

Health is not just a matter of medicine and care, but requires a holistic approach that involves other domains.

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3 BEST PRACTICES FROM FLANDERS

1 Focus on settings

The Flemish preventive care policy is based on setting-focused targets. This means that the Flemish Institute for Healthy Living keeps its finger on the pulse in settings: schools, municipalities and businesses. There, fixed indicators are structurally monitored, so that the specific needs of each setting can be supported on the basis of concrete data. That guarantees a consequential and consistent approach that is unique in Europe.

2 Express health profits in money

Investments in prevention only pay off in the longer term, past the current term of office. How can you nevertheless help policy makers to make these policy choices?
For the mobility policy, the Flemish Institute for Healthy Living has developed for example the Health Calculator Modal Shift. Using this online tool, you can calculate how much your project will generate in social health profit, and express it in a monetary sum and years of life. Let's say you build a cycle bridge in your municipality. As council you can work out down to the last euro how much that investment will deliver in the area of health. The calculator also takes into account CO_2 emissions and tailback pressure, so that the debate goes further than health alone.

3 Make your tools resident friendly

Another interesting tool is the 'Walkability-score' tool, which illustrates that you can stimulate planning in other ways for people to move around the neighbourhood. The tool has been developed in such a way that local administrations can make use of it for their own districts. This way you can analyse in a more objective way the street network, the residential density and the mix of basic facilities, based on their walkability score.
If necessary, you can, together with local stakeholders, bring improvements to these districts.

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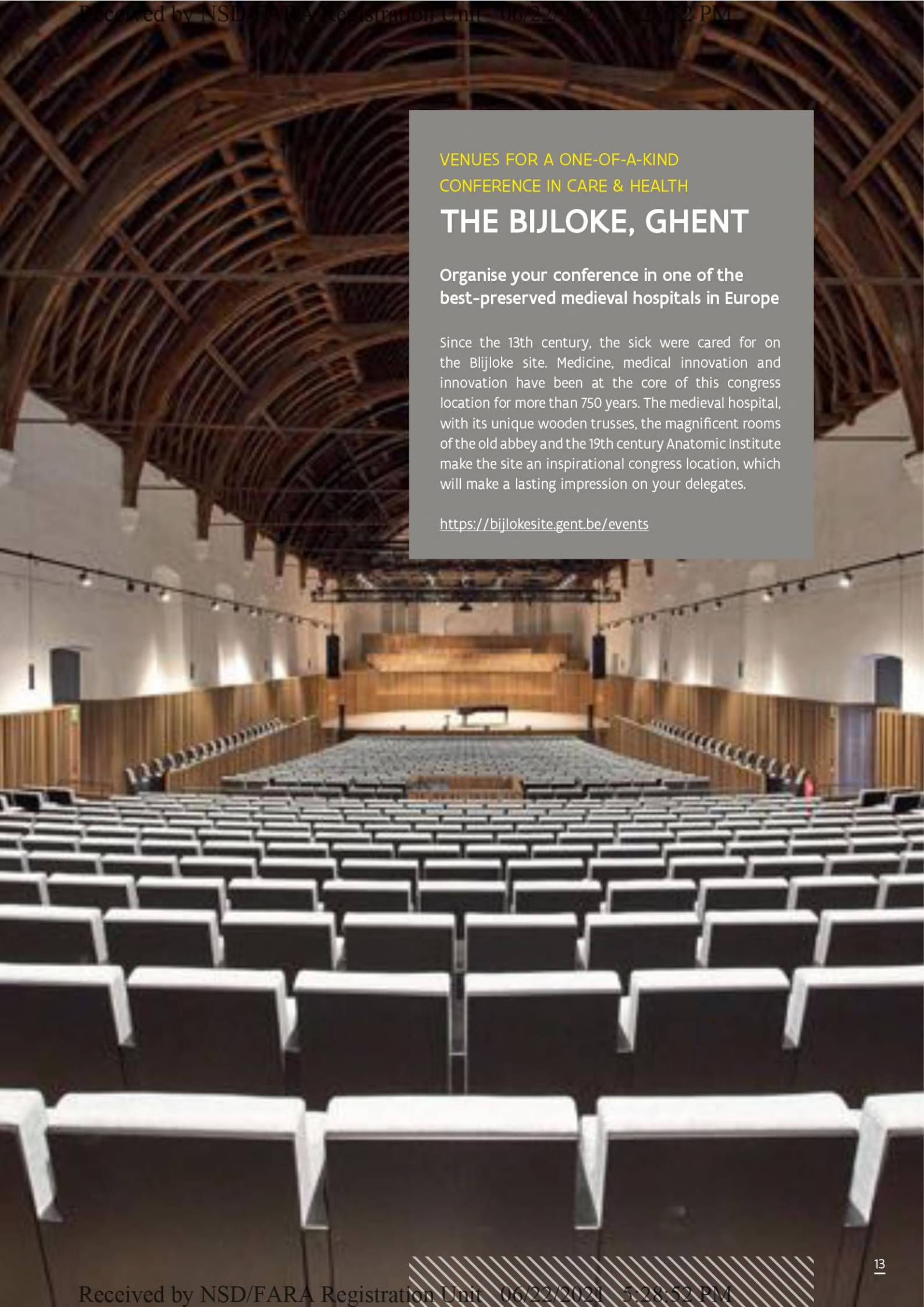

VENUES FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND CONFERENCE IN CARE & HEALTH

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GIVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PATIENT INSTEAD OF TO THE INSTITUTIONS

INSPIRATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW CARE MODEL

SVIN DENECKERE
Director of the Flemish Institute for Quality of Care (VIKZ)

Experts throughout the world agree: healthcare must evolve into a new model, whereby it is not the care institutions that take centre stage, but the person with a need for care. That changes the classic view of medical treatment. The traditional approach is replaced by a multidisciplinary approach in which the *'quality of care and life'* have a central position, and which is more focused on the promotion of healthy living and on prevention.

Quality assurance is crucial in this. That is the expertise of Svin Deneckere, director of the Flemish Institute for Quality of Care (VIKZ). The aim of VIKZ is to make the quality of care measurable, so that both the care provider, the authorities and the patient can see where there are points for improvement, says Svin.
"We support the Care & Health sector in Flanders to develop these quality measurements, and to report the results to the public on our website www.zorgkwaliteit.be. After all, citizens must be able to find out where they can find the best quality of care for their problem. This way, the quality of care becomes a stimulus for improvement."

A double movement

In order to achieve the new care model, the director of the VIZK argues for a double movement of centralisation and decentralisation.

"We must be able to centralise more the highly complex care. There are still too many so-called IKEA hospitals around today, which all want to offer every form of care. That is not at all necessary. Let us use in part the quality measurements to determine which care is best offered where, and which is not.

At the same time, we must remove chronic care as much as possible from the highly complex environment. In other words: we must decentralise chronic care and start organising it in a person-oriented way as much as possible, moving the focus away from hospitals, residential care centres and institutions. Chronic care can best be organised at the level of society, as a preventive, neighbourhood-focused care. For example, in care for the elderly, we can focus on age-friendly and dementia-friendly municipalities and on residential care areas in which you can evolve as elderly person: from your owner-occupied house to co-housing, to an assisted-living dwelling and only then to a residential care centre.

This organisation is, by the way, not only possible for elderly care but also for chronic illnesses such as diabetes, back problems and mental diseases such as depression. We must also be able to remove these from care institutions and organise them on the basis of the patient's story.

A personal budget for the patient

It is also important to organise funding differently. That is now too much based on actions: you provide care and you are

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Basic medical services can be perfectly organised as neighbourhood-focused care.

paid for it. You are largely encouraged to perform many actions, and not necessarily to deliver the best quality of care. The best quality of care can, after all, also be less care, or treatment from a different care provider. Funding based on performance remains important, for that stimulates innovation and ensures a great accessibility to care. But we must also fund quality, whereby people are encouraged to work in a multi-disciplinary way.

The best quality of care can also be less care.

Personal health budgets can prove useful for putting the patient first. These already exist in care for the disabled. Instead of giving a budget to a care institution, you give the money to the patient. He or she can then use that budget to make choices and purchase care. You thus give the responsibility to the patient rather than to the institutions. This could be a stimulus to free oneself from institution-focused thinking.

This approach must be combined with a greater focus on prevention in all its aspects. Of every 100 euros which the government spends on care, only 1 or 2 euros is currently spent on prevention. That is not logical, for studies show that you earn back each euro you invest in prevention, three to four-fold."

EACH PATIENT IS UNIQUE, SO THE TREATMENT MUST ALSO BE UNIQUE.

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You can put the patient at the centre in your general care policy, and also in your treatment. Flanders is focusing strongly on a more personalised healthcare and medicine. In many cases, this will lead to a better result for the patient - without raising the costs. This is possible by developing the proper technologies and solutions, that are often in cross-overs between biotech, medical tech and electronics or ICT: individualised treatments based on molecular DNA profiles, or other solutions such as more digital therapies, smart implants and personalised care paths.

This evolution is actively supported by flanders.health, an innovative business network created by flanders.bio, DSP Valley and MedTech Flanders. The development involves companies in the digital, medical-technology and life sciences sectors, but also hospitals, healthcare providers, knowledge centres like VIB, imec and VITO, and other sectors such as logistics.

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THE NEW CARE MODEL IN PRACTICE: 3 ACTUAL CASES

Experts like Svin Deneckere and Jan De Maeseneer argue in this e-book for the organisation of low-complex care at the level of society. Less difficult tasks can be done by care providers at a local level, such as neighbours, informal caregivers and people in the vicinity. This helps disadvantaged groups - such as people with disabilities, chronically sick, vulnerable elderly people, young people with behavioural and emotional problems and people living in poverty - to retain their place in society. Flanders has some remarkable initiatives in that area. We present some of the best here.

CITY OF PEOPLE: PEOPLE OF GHENT TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER

Seniors and mobility remains a complex problem. Elderly people who have problems with getting around find it difficult to make social contacts, and this leads to loneliness. The "City of People" Project encourages the residents of Ghent to listen actively to elderly people, volunteers and professional care workers. This way, the challenges can be very precisely mapped. Ready-made solutions are being developed in consultation with the city council, the university of Ghent, the Public Social Welfare Centre (OCMW) and even committed businesses.

CARE HOTEL DEN BRIEL

This hotel is founded on a unique concept. It not only welcomes tourists, but also people with a care need. Think of people who cannot return home after time in hospital because they still need considerable care; or elderly people who are waiting for a place in a retirement home, or even family members of patients who are admitted to hospital. Regular tourists pay slightly more than those needing care, even though the latter use more facilities.

HELLO JENNY

How do you break through the social isolation of elderly people? This can prove awkward, because elderly people often find it difficult to ask for help. The Flemish research centre for digital technology imec (www.imec.be) found the solution with 'Hello Jenny', a wooden speaker which is placed in the elderly person's home and with which they can hold a simple yes/no conversation. The box sends this info to the smartphone of a volunteer, who can intervene if necessary. Sensors on the front door also register how often the senior has visitors. Is that number unusually low? Then Jenny asks the elderly person whether he or she would like to receive a visitor.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE OF CARE

WHY YOUR CONFERENCE IS AT HOME IN FLANDERS

The challenges for the future are enormous. In Flanders, these challenges are being tackled and the future of care is taking shape.

Our region belongs to the world top in Care & Health. Quite a few innovations see the light of day here. And the good news is: you can witness these innovative developments from up close by organising your conference in Care & Health here.

You are welcome with your delegates in our innovation centres, during an inspirational tour. Furthermore, the Flemish experts would be delighted to be a guest speaker at your congress, to present their research and results in person during a plenary session.

On the following pages, we would like to introduce you to a number of experts from Flanders as well as the newest innovations and the centres where they are developed. Let yourself be inspired when choosing your location for your next congress.

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As expert in Care & Health, Milo Vergucht is pleased to be at your service. Together with your association or PCO, He matches your theme and programme with our most appropriate innovation centres. In addition, he would be pleased to put together a panel of experts, who think along with you about the legacy you can create with your congress.

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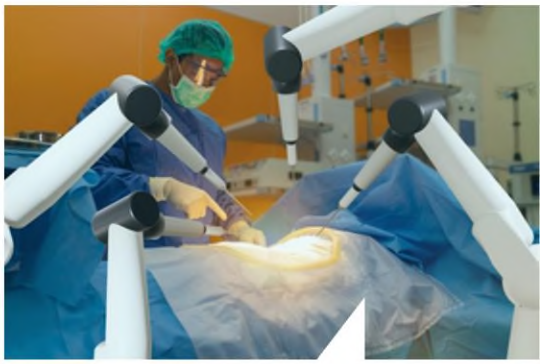
INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH OFTEN COME FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS

THE VISION OF CARINE BOONEN, COORDINATOR OF FLANDERS' CARE



DR. CARINE BOONEN
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The fact that care innovation is booming in Flanders, is due to an scientifically validated strategic vision. Internationally renowned research centres, knowledge institutes, industry, entrepreneurs and the care sector sustainably attune their expectations and range on offer in a carefully extended ecosystem. This helps them, in co-creation with the persons with a need for care and their informal caregivers, to offer the right care at the right moment. A "health in all policies" strategy translates this integrated approach throughout all the policy areas. Flanders' Care was founded in that context. It is a programme of the Government of Flanders, aimed at improving quality of care and stimulating responsible entrepreneurship in the care economy. As coordinator, Carine Boonen is at the forefront of a great deal of cross-pollination between business leaders and the healthcare and welfare sector.

"The future of care will no longer be restricted to curing what has gone wrong, but will largely focus on personalised prevention: preventing somebody falling ill. This was also the case in the traditional Chinese culture, which aims at keeping people healthy. If somebody got sick there, it was a failure by the doctor. Today you can predict so many things, before birth and even before conception, that there comes a time when there are no more sick people. Then we will only focus on sickness prevention. Key terms are the 4 Ps: predictive, preventive, personalised and participative.

What will the hospital of the future look like? One thing is certain, there will be a lot fewer beds. A patient will only need to be 'patched up' when something goes wrong, when prevention has failed. We will be able to solve many problems at home. Complex innovation will reach into the living room.

The world is changing rapidly, innovations come and go in a rapid tempo. That raises ethical challenges. Is everything that is made possible technologically, also desirable? We need an ethical framework, points of reference for assessing ethical aspects of care innovation in every stage of that innovation. Europe, the UN or the WHO should create a 'universal code of conduct', which states how we deal as human-beings with ethical aspects of care innovation, primarily also with an eye on future generations."

Robot surgery was invented together with engineers who saw how useful it could be for medicine.

Care needs input from other disciplines.

"Many future innovations will come from other sectors and will be applied in care. For example: you need a new hip. Instead of choosing the most suitable model from dozens of standard hips, we will simply print out a customised hip with 3D printing. At present, it is already possible to print in 3D with live tissues, such as the regeneration of a pancreas for patients with diabetes. These innovations came from different sectors, when non-medically trained specialists saw their use for medicine. Or take, for example, robot surgery. That was invented by engineers together with doctors.

This multidisciplinary approach is essential and should begin together with the study. More and more students are given the opportunity to take their thesis or doctorate in a different discipline, so that cross-fertilisation brings together the best of many worlds. Care needs this input from other disciplines."

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TOWARDS INNOVATIONS WITH GREATER SOCIAL IMPACT

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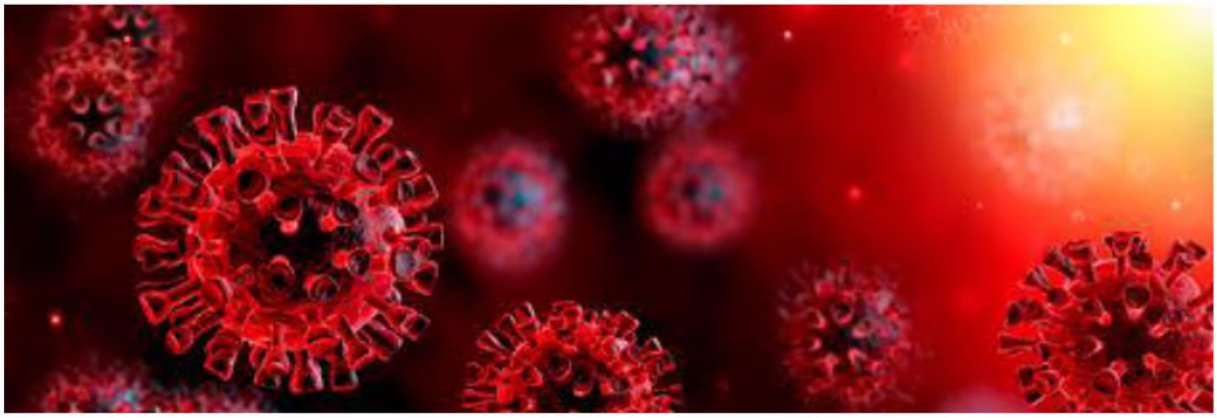
Obviously, innovations are only useful when the patient benefits from them. To enlarge the social impact of new developments, the Flanders Institute for Biotechnology (VIB) recently started the so-called "Grand Challenges" programme. With this programme, the world leader in biomolecular research in life sciences wishes to build a bridge between fundamental research and its application for the benefit of patients, customers and society. Sofie Bekaert of VIB explains which 'Grand Challenges' are being tackled.

"One example of the grand challenges is: how do we get medications past the blood brain barrier, which protects our brains against foreign bodies? This research is 'high risk': the investment does not guarantee success. With our 'Grand Challenges' programme, we nevertheless focus on it. Together with our partners, the scientists of VIB gathered all the building blocks for getting small molecules past the blood brain barrier. That opens a wide range of possibilities for developing medicines against neurological diseases."

But the Grand Challenges Programme can also prove useful at acute moments. VIB immediately took action during the COVID crisis, says Sofie Bekaert.

"The Grand Challenges Programme focuses on "high risk" research with social impact."

"Within our institute, we immediately rolled out various activities, including an unprecedented rapid launch of a new spin-off. The team recently developed an antiviral that is currently being tested on patients. If these tests prove successful, we will soon be able to cure COVID-19 patients with a medication."



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WHERE YOUR CONFERENCE IN CARE & HEALTH IS AT HOME

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Leuven is the ideal biotope for your congress in Care & Health. The city has a solid track record in these fields. The University Hospitals of Leuven are among the most modern and well-equipped hospitals in Europe, bringing together education, advanced research and medical care in one location. UZ Leuven was recently ranked 31st in the "World's Best Hospitals 2021" by Newsweek Magazine.

Health House, KU Leuven, imec and Flanders Institute for Biotechnology all have a strong focus on biomedical research & development. They collaborate with several global players in the pharmaceutical and health care industries and have set up numerous spin-off companies with global appeal. Additionally, medical software and IT applications developed in Leuven are known for their reliability and innovative approach.

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DISCOVER ALL INNOVATIONS IN THE HEALTH HOUSE EXPERIENCE CENTRE

DIMITRI VANAEKEN
Communication and Events Manager Health House

The number of innovations in Flanders is so high that a decision was taken three years ago to bring them all together in a place called Health House. A visit to this 600 m² experience centre is an unforgettable trip for the delegates of your congress. Communication and Events Manager Dimitri Vanaeken explains why.

"In Health House, storytelling shows you the near future of medicine and care. You are not simply given information about the innovations, you can also experience them thanks to interactive elements. You can, for example, perform an operation yourself on a digital dissection table. Or your body can be scanned, and you can have a 3D printed hip implanted.

Each innovation in Health House is based on input from researchers and scientists. This is not about gimmicks, but rather about high-quality content that is scientifically validated. Health House continuously screens the developments in medical science and selects new applications based on this. This means that our institute has also become a real centre of expertise, which brings together the most current knowledge on the possibilities within medicine, taking place now and in the very near future. What's more: we also focus on patient assistance and prevention, as shown in the storylines of 'DBS Select' and 'Planet Virus'."

"A visit to Health House is an unforgettable trip for congress delegates."

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Choose from 12 storylines

When your delegates visit Health House, they have a choice of twelve storylines. Dimitri Vanaeken reveals his favourite five.

1. **THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE LIFE CYCLE**, from conception to extreme old age. Discover, for example, the plaster that allows gynaecologists to monitor the condition of pregnant women remotely. Or learn more about the use of virtual reality in the operation quarter to bring patients into a state of hypnosis instead of using anaesthetic.

   Click here to watch the preview.

2. What will **TOMORROW'S HOSPITAL** look like? To lift the veil: instead of hospitals in large cement blocks, we will evolve towards small units, integrated in greenery. An open space between the trees - that is a much nicer place to wait for the doctor than an impersonal waiting-room.

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3. The **LAZARUS** storyline raises, in an accessible way, the issue of alcohol misuse among students. Students are presented interactively with the same choices they make on an evening out - "do we get a crate of beer or a bottle of vodka?" - and gain some insight into the consequences of their behaviour. Lazarus is mandatory for students who have a past of alcohol abuse and therefore have to follow a guidance pathway. The confrontation with their own choices and behaviour always gives rise to remorseful feedback.

   Click here to read more.

4. **DBS SELECT** – won an award in 2020 as one of the most innovative European projects - is a perfect example of patient education. People with tremors, who are eligible for deep brain stimulation, are flooded with information from the medical practitioner which leaves many questions unanswered. Health House has therefore visualised the entire patient cycle in a digital story, which provides easier access to the content. In addition, this information is not given individually - as it is in a consultation with the doctor - but in a group of a dozen patients with their families. In this way, they can exchange experiences and enjoy considerable support from each other.

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5. Needless to say, COVID-19 cannot be ignored: it is here in the **PLANET VIRUS** storyline. For this, Health House gathered twenty experts with a world reputation, such as Peter Piot and Hans Kluge. They provided input for informing people about the virus and thus combating the hoax and fake news. At the same time, the question was raised on how the next pandemic can be avoided. Health House also makes a link to other areas such as climate change, consumer behaviour and food patterns. This results in confrontational content. How many people consider that our trusted jar of chocolate paste on the breakfast table plays a role, because the palm oil farmer comes into contact with bats?

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LIFE SCIENCES VIRTUAL TOUR: PAY A VIRTUAL VISIT TO THE FLEMISH KEY PLAYERS IN LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTH

PETER VERPLANCKEN
Deputy Director Inward
Investment & Aftercare Flanders
Investment & Trade (FIT)
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An inspirational tour is a highlight during any conference. Soon you will be able to prepare down to the last detail an unforgettable experience for your delegates from your own PC, thanks to the unique concept of the Life Sciences Virtual Tour. **Peter Verplancken** of Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) explains this concept in which you can visit the most important Flemish companies, incubators, research institutes, logistics service providers, science parks, cities, federations and cluster organisations in a virtual manner.

From the beginning of June, you are welcome for your personal Life Sciences Virtual Tour. Would you like to be the first to know when the tours begin? Follow VISIT**FLANDERS** CONVENTION BUREAU on LinkedIn in
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You choose: which Flemish key-player in Life Sciences & Health would you like to visit on your PC?

"The Life Sciences Virtual Tours are a hybrid experience. You can pay a virtual visit to the key players by clicking on an interactive map of Flanders. At some institutions, you can also make an online detour and enjoy a 360° tour. You will see the researchers at work and, using film clips, you are given an explanation about their activities. If you so wish, you can reserve a guide from FIT who will lead you live across the map. This way, you will not miss a single institute that is important for you."

As Deputy Director Inward Investment & Aftercare van Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT), Peter Verplancken is a strong proponent of Care & Health congresses in Flanders. *"FIT does, after all, want to promote international entrepreneurship in Flanders, for example by attracting companies. If they are to do so, they need to get to know our ecosystem, and a congress is a perfect way of doing this. We have noticed that congresses often have a long-term impact.*

"A congress in Care & Health really belongs in Flanders."

During a congress, foreign investors and experts can connect with the entire ecosystem of academics, policy makers, researchers and entrepreneurs, and find here the expertise they are seeking. This isn't, of course, restricted to entrepreneurs. Congresses with doctors and professors without a business are also warmly welcome, for they increase the reputation of Flanders as world centre in Care & Health.

There is no doubt that Flanders makes a great host for congresses in Care & Health. This is where ground-breaking research takes place and is put to use with exceptional results. This can be seen in the many Flemish contributions in reputable academic publications, and in the numerous start-ups that arise as spin-offs from one of the many research institutes."

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4 GROUND-BREAKING INNOVATIONS FROM FLANDERS

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FIBRICHECK FROM BLUEHEALTH INNOVATION CENTER

THE CHOICE OF TOM BRAEKELEIRS
Directeur BlueHealth Innovation Center
www.bhic.care

"FibriCheck arose under the urging of Professor Pieter Vandervoort of the University of Hasselt and the East Limburg Hospital (ZOL). As a cardiologist, he was looking for a technology that could automate the monitoring talks with heart patients. These consultations take place every six months and are routine for both the doctor and the patient. Everything okay? Fine. Speak to you in six months. And this goes on year after year.

Professor Vandervoort wondered whether there could be some other way of detecting any anomalies. And since everyone now has a smartphone, why shouldn't we use it for medical matters? But that seemed impossible without hardware or an ECG appliance. Yet the team of FibriCheck managed to surmount all the difficulties.

FibriCheck is the world's first cardiology algorithm that has received the approval of both the CE and the FDA, without a single piece of hardware being required. That really is a world first. The company behind FibriCheck has since supplied the algorithm for Fitbit and Samsung Watch. So throughout the world quite a bit of cardiology data is validated on a smartphone thanks to a Flemish algorithm."

www.fibricheck.com

BlueHealth Innovation Center is an ecosystem of local authorities, businesses, research centres and care institutions which support the digital transformation in healthcare through innovation. In addition to FibriCheck, BHIC also supports other applications such as Epihunter (for the detection of absence epilepsy), LindaCare (telemonitoring for cardio patients) and Nephroflow (software for kidney dialysis, now Nipro Digital).

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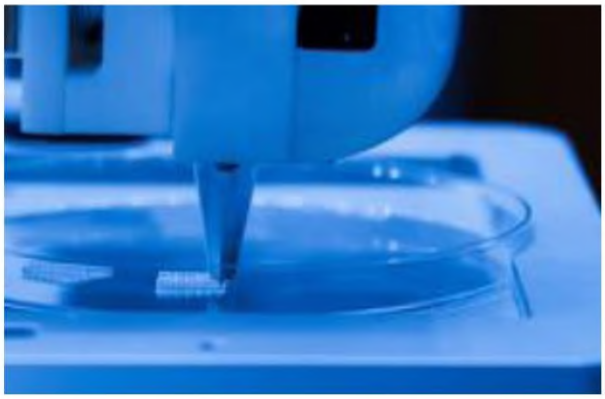

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THE INNOVATIVE INKS FROM XPECT-INX

"Being able to print organs in a hospital environment, that is the big dream in our branch. It is, unfortunately, not something that will be here tomorrow. And yet the printing of cells and tissue is no longer unattainable. Xpect-INX supplies innovative inks that make this possible. Applications that can make use of our materials include organ-on-chip applications. For this you print a complex 3D tissue on which to test medications, which in turn reduces the amount of animal testing. A second application is the screening of cancer treatments. Tumour cells taken during a biopsy can be cultivated in a lab and used to test which treatments could be effective. An important link in this chain are innovative inks, yet the range is fairly restricted in the current market. Xpect-INX hopes to change all that, and so contribute to the medicine of tomorrow."

THE CHOICE OF JASPER VAN HOORICK
Project Lead Xpect-INX
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Xpect-INX is specialised in materials and inks for 3D bioprinting. The spin-off project was born from several doctorate projects and commercialises bio-inks in various European countries.

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THE SARS-COV-2 BREATH TEST FROM IMEC

THE CHOICE OF PETER PEUMANS
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"The test methods for SARS-CoV-2 involve quite a bit of discomfort. They are invasive, for they make use of blood, saliva or a sample from the nose or throat. The test developed by imec (Interuniversity Micro-Electronics Centre) has, on the contrary, a very low access threshold, because it makes use of the virus particles in the microscopically small, watery particles present in exhaled air. Those particles are the main transmission route for the virus. In addition, the result is known quickly: in just ten minutes you not only know whether you are a carrier of the virus, but also receive a reliable and decisive answer about the contagiousness.

This innovation is a real game changer. It allows faster and more wide-spread testing, which is an important condition for containing epidemics and reducing the economic and social impact. imec is planning to test a functional prototype by the summer of 2021 at Brussels Airport. In addition, we also want to be able to use this test to rapidly and flexibly focus on the emergence of other viruses and germs that spread via exhaled particles, such as influenza, RSV and tuberculosis."

imec is the world's leading research and innovation hub in the field of nano-electronics and digital technologies. The Flemish research centre believes in the contribution that technology can make to a better future. imec puts this vision into practice by supporting businesses and authorities with their sustainable innovation.

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THE PROFICIENCY BASED PROGRESSION METHODOLOGY FROM ORSI ACADEMY

"ORSI Academy has developed a brand-new surgical training method called 'Proficiency Based Progression'. In this, the skills and performance of surgeons are learned and assessed in an objectively measurable, scientifically validated and constructive manner. And all it requires is a chicken!

The general principle is 'see one – do one – teach one'. So not done. It is no longer appropriate today for surgeons in training to practise on patients, with all the risk this entails. We much prefer to use 'quality assured training' or 'proficiency-based progression' training in a smartly chosen, non-damaging training model. We must train surgeons like we train pilots: they spend hundreds of hours in a simulator before they make their first flight in a plane. That's exactly what we do in ORSI Academy. Robot surgery is fantastic, but a fool with a tool is still a fool."

THE CHOICE OF
PROF. DR. ALEXANDRE MOTTRIE
CEO ORSI Academy
www.orsi-online.com

ORSI Academy is a unique centre for surgical innovation and expertise in minimally invasive surgery. The facility contains four 350 m² multifunctional labs, meeting rooms and an auditorium for 120 persons to set up lectures, dry or wet labs, making it the centre with the largest robotic surgery expertise in the world.

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WHILE WE ARE HERE, WHAT CAN WE DO?

INSPIRATION FOR CREATING LEGACY WITH YOUR CONGRESS IN CARE & HEALTH

GUNTHER DE GRAEVE
CEO International Academy for Design & Health

ANN DECOCK
Local Co-Chair of the World Congress for Design & Health 2022

Your congress in Care & Health is a truly excellent opportunity to create legacy. Take, for example, the World Congress for Design & Health, that is being organised in April 2022 in Ghent. Organisers **Gunther De Graeve** and **Ann Decock** made legacy a focal point of their approach. How are they succeeding in creating with their congress an on-going positive impact for both their delegates and the residents of their host city?

Ann Decock: *"Design and health are two professions that are related to each other. We all know that the surroundings have an impact on health. Today there is mainly so-called healing architecture: the infrastructure is aimed at healing sick people. But we can also ask how infrastructure can prevent people from getting sick in the first place. In other words: can we build in such a way that the diseases related to lifestyle - as those are no less than 70% of the total - can be prevented? Can we build a healthy city with fewer depressions and less obesity? In this way, medicine can concentrate on the other 30% of disease, which have a cause other than lifestyle."*

Gunther De Graeve: *"The question we asked was: while we are here, what can we do? How can we make the link between our congress and the location? Can we find common ground with local projects, to help support them? For that we look at the presentations that are programmed for our congress. Can we link those studies to local projects that benefit from the results? In this way, you help local projects move forward, while at the same time you stimulate your own experts to focus their research more on legacy. And a great side-effect: you involve the local community more strongly with your congress, so they benefit from it. Incidentally, that makes it*

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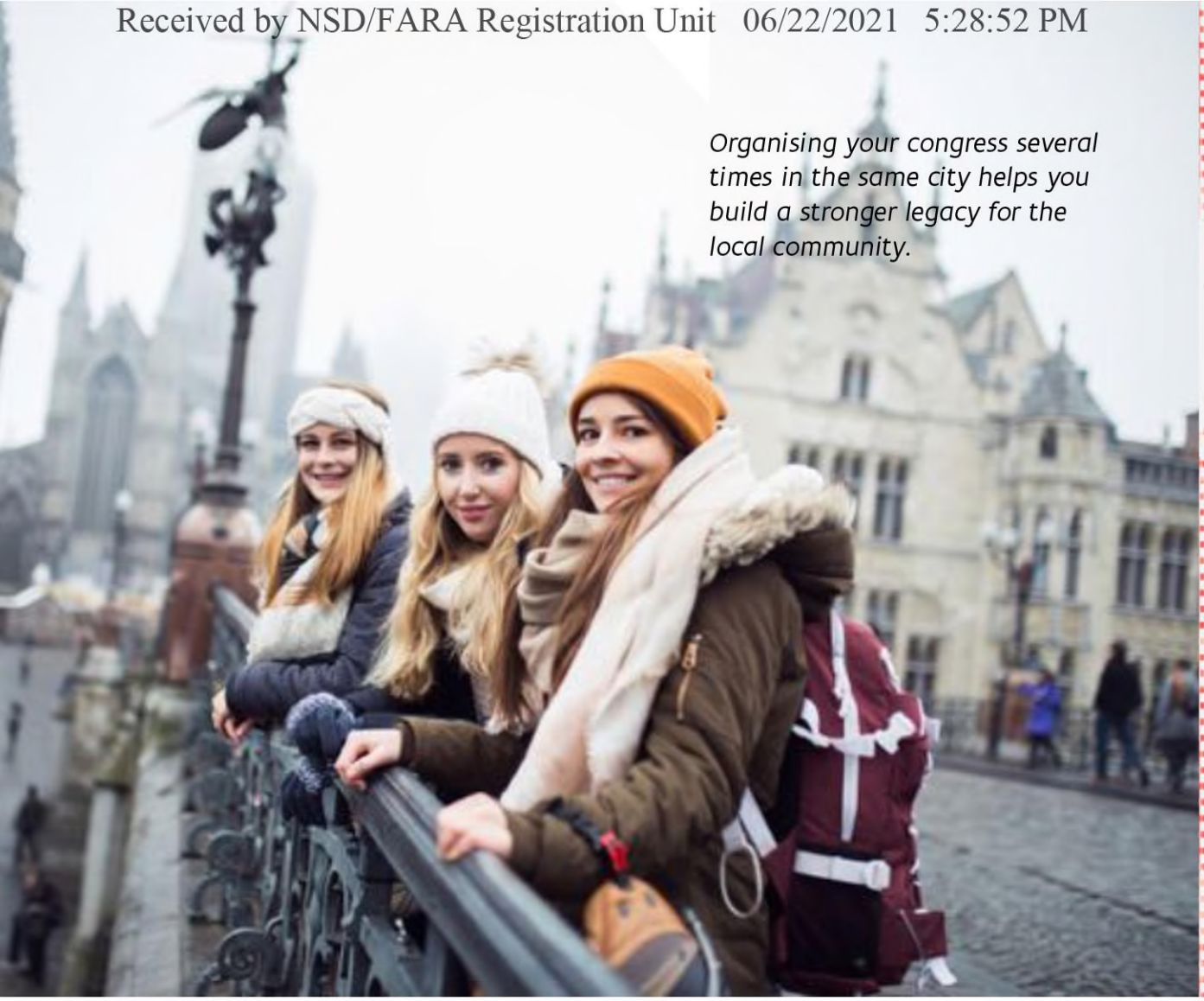

Organising your congress several times in the same city helps you build a stronger legacy for the local community.

a lot easier to recruit local community volunteers which are always needed for your congress."

Ann Decock: *"We are thinking about organising our congress in the same location for several times in a row. After all, you build up legacy in steps. You need time for that, and you get that time by bringing the congress frequently to the same city or the same country, by monitoring local projects and making the community all the stronger for it."*

"You build up legacy in steps."

Gunther De Graeve: *"You can also build legacy in education. Our congress brings together two professions: design and health. In response to our congress in Milan, the local university built a laboratory where architect students follow part of their course in medicine and the other way around. In the United States, a faculty was founded which couples neuroscience with architecture. The study is about the use of colours in buildings and the effect of that on your brain. A new study course that starts up or new subjects that are included in a course: that is also legacy.*

You can also create legacy in the form of your congress. We are organising our congress in Ghent at two locations in the city, a ten-minute stroll from each other. The first keynotes will be given in one location, and then we will walk to the other location for the papers. Our delegates will stroll in the urban fabric, to which we can once again attach activities. And at the same time we promote the health aspect: after all, walking is healthy. And so we combine two fields - architecture and health."

"You can also build legacy in education."

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4 LEGACY TIPS

from Ann Decock and Gunther De Graeve

1. See whether you can link the presentations, seminars or topics of your congress to local projects.
2. Organise your congress in the same city or the same country for several times in a row.
3. Opt for two locations for your congress in the city, a short stroll from each other.
4. Spread out your congress over a longer period.

Ann Decock: *"Even the duration of a congress can have impact on your legacy. Now a congress lasts on average four days. Your delegates arrive, they are submerged for four days in the content and then they leave again. Generally they are exhausted by the time they arrive home and then they have to spend time catching up with all the work that has been left undone. In other words: they don't get the chance to process the knowledge they have acquired, and after several weeks, everything has been forgotten. You can rightly ask the question: why can't a congress last for two weeks? Your delegates arrive. They follow the sessions spread farther apart and, in the meantime, keep abreast of their work. In this way, you don't build up to peak exhaustion, but absorb the knowledge gradually, so that you can process and even apply it immediately to the work you are doing at the congress location."*

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Caring is part of our DNA twice.

We care for our citizens in no less than four hospitals in a relatively small urban area. The doctors and researchers working there are happy to share their knowledge and experience in international forums, and regularly host medical conferences themselves. So there is no shortage of potential local organisers to team up with.

We care for our visitors, welcoming both tourists and conference delegates in "Europe's best kept secret", less than an hour away from the Belgian capital. Facilitating your congress is even included in the city's policy plan.

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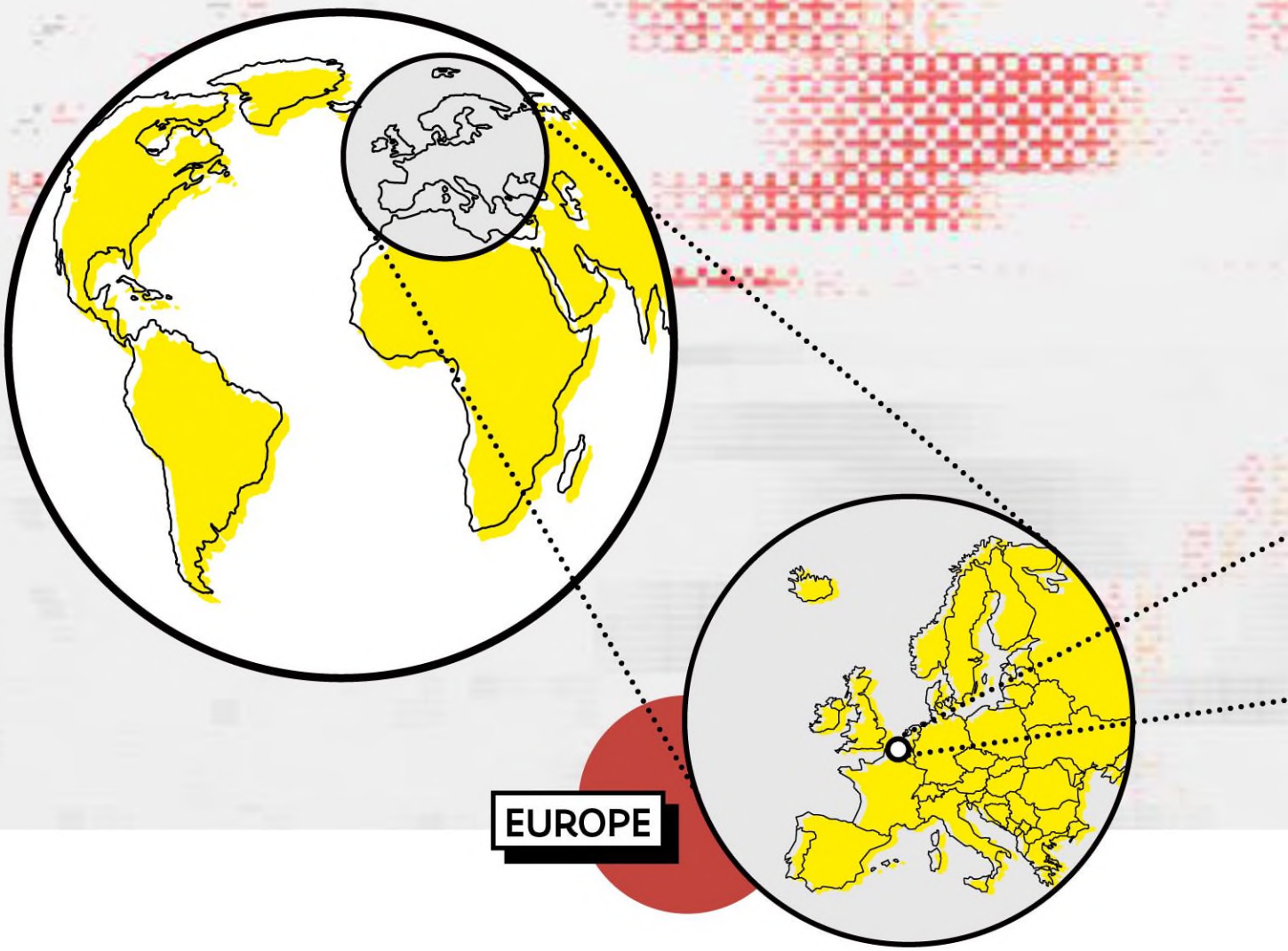

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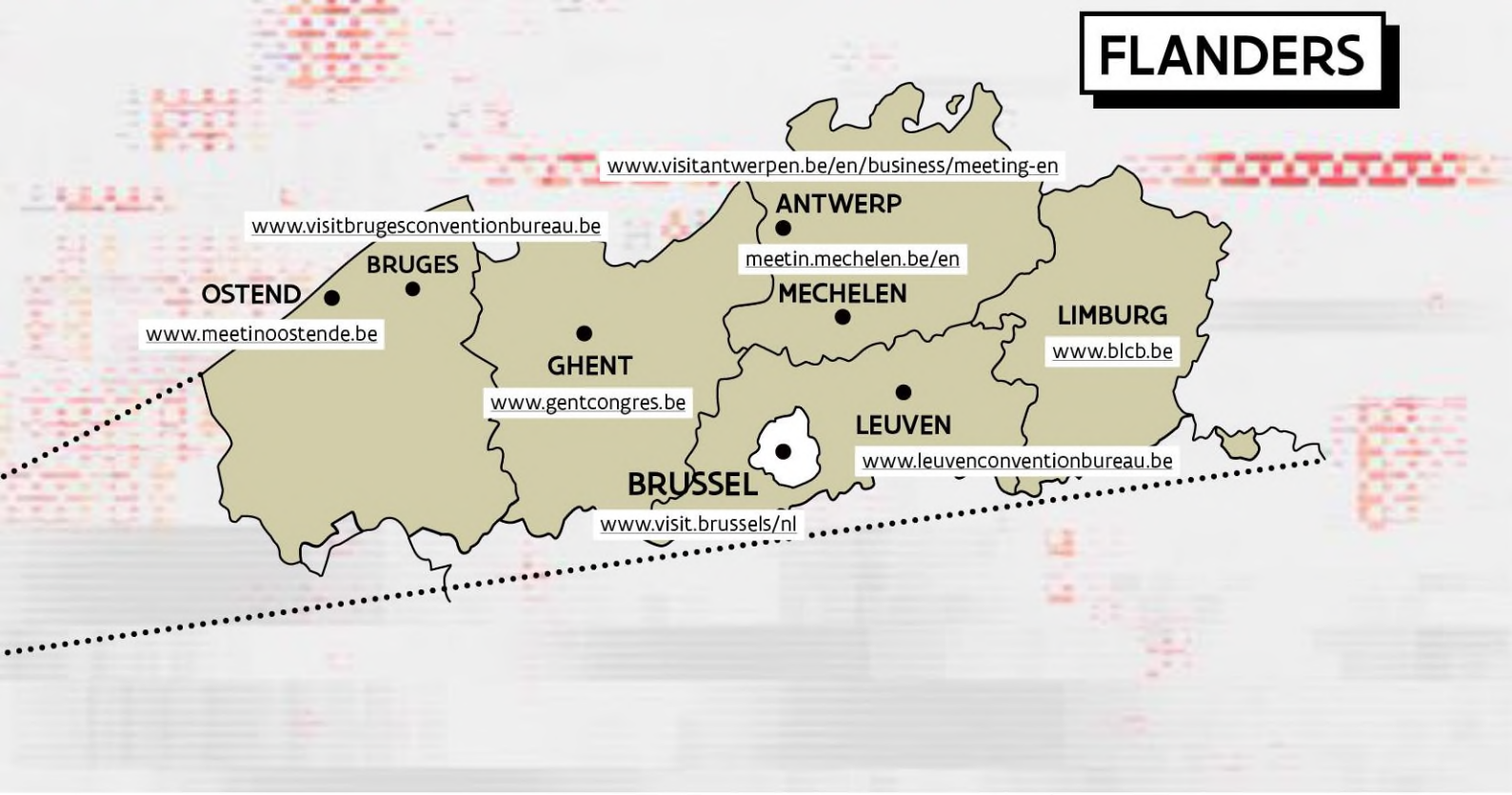

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BY **ZUHAL DEMIR**
Flemish Minister for Tourism, Energy and Climate

WELCOME TO FLANDERS, WELCOME TO YOUR BIOTOPE

Clean, green energy is a policy priority in Flanders. Investments in this sustainable technology are given priority. Scientific research is stimulated. We're happy to roll out the red carpet for smart energy conferences where knowledge can be shared.

Your association will receive a warm welcome in Flanders. Here you will find the perfect conditions for a successful conference: a vibrant ecosystem in which companies, knowledge centres and my department have joined forces to develop the energy of the future together.

Flanders is considered an industry leader around the world. Find out why in this e-book. Read more about our "living labs" where new ideas are born and existing technologies are combined. Find out how a world-class partner as Flanders can contribute to the success of your conference. Discover our conference venues that are unique in the world.

In Flanders, your conference becomes a milestone. Or, in the words of our slogan, this is the place where you 'create tomorrow's heritage'. As Flemish Minister for Tourism, Energy and Climate, I welcome you to Flanders, I welcome you to your biotope.

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A smart battery system supplies energy on construction sites by, for example, recovering energy from cranes.

FREDERIK LOECKX
Managing Director of Flux50 shares his vision

FROM SMART ENERGY REGION TO SMART ENERGY WORLD

DOES THE FLEMISH FORMULA FOR SUCCESS ALSO WORK ON A GLOBAL LEVEL?

Flanders may only cover a small area on the world map, but our region plays a global role when it comes to smart energy. The transition to an economy that is powered by clean energy is very much underway here. The authorities, companies, research institutions and universities have joined forces to launch projects that focus on smart, sustainable and green energy.

Frederik Loeckx is helping to steer this evolution. As the managing director of Flux50, he has a clear vision for the energy transition, both in Flanders and around the world. Can the lessons learned in Flanders help accelerate the adoption of smart energy around the world? Loeckx starts from a surprising conclusion: there are already plenty of smart energy solutions available. The most important question in Flanders, however, is how to incorporate all these technologies into one global system?

LIVING LABS AS A DRIVER OF CHANGE

"Linking different energy components creates a lot of added value", says Loeckx. "In Flanders we excel at system thinking: we link components, transforming them into an efficient system. Construction sites, for example, often use diesel generators to power the machines on-site. This is hardly an environmentally-friendly approach. Flemish SMEs from completely different sectors then got together to develop an environmentally-friendly alternative based on electronics, batteries and smart controls, which can be used on construction sites. Maximum energy is thus recovered from cranes, for example."

"These partners collaborate in living labs that highlight the potential based on physical, tangible solutions. Companies can test their new technology solutions on these sites. To give an example: floating solar panels are tested at a former shipyard and we are using the river's tidal action for energy extraction."

BEING SMALL HAS ITS ADVANTAGES

Flanders' leadership position also manifests itself in the available know-how. The output in terms of research, publications and patents is tremendous. And while this may sound strange, international players consider the region's small size to be an asset, says Loeckx.

"Flanders is the perfect test market for new smart energy technology. Our region is small but complex, with a complicated state structure, many knowledge institutions and multi-layered legislation. We are thus able to devise complex solutions and test them against a real energy system. This paves the way for a "triple helix" collaboration where companies, knowledge institutions and governments work together. This enables them to optimise products with a reasonable test basis."

The international approach is a striking leitmotiv in Loeckx's discourse. "But this makes perfect sense, given our connections with other countries. Our systems are

www.flux50.com

What is Flux50?

Flux50 has a dual task. The organisation first and foremost facilitates the transition to low-carbon systems by setting up cross-sector collaborations between energy, IT and construction companies in Flanders. To this end, Flux50 brings together all the relevant players in the industry, academic world and government, with the objective of positioning Flanders as a smart energy region.

LINKING DIFFERENT ENERGY COMPONENTS CREATES A LOT OF ADDED VALUE,

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A HIGH-QUALITY CONFERENCE IS THE BEST WAY TO BRING DIFFERENT IDEAS AND STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER

an energy hub for Europe, for both gas and electricity. Flux50 organises international missions with Flemish companies, to mutually share knowledge there. We are involved in numerous partnerships, such as the International Clean Network, European technology and innovation platforms and the European Digital Innovation Hubs."

CONFERENCE VENUES THAT ARE TRULY UNIQUE

Flanders' leadership position and its international connections combine to turn the region into the ideal venue for a smart energy conference. Loeckx even suggests a specific venue for this. "Our living labs. Here they do so much more than just research and development. The sites also pay attention to training, exhibitions and communication about smart energy. And they also host smart energy conferences."

Flux50s Managing Director feels that the importance of conferences should not be underestimated. "Our sector need such "meeting points", where creativity is triggered to develop integrated systems. A conference is the perfect way to combine competences and inform people about the latest industry developments. Bear in mind that the energy sector is a very fragmented industry, with a very diverse group of players. A high-quality conference is the best way to bring different ideas and stakeholders together."

Moreover, this usually happens in unique locations, Loeckx concludes. "In Flanders, we have succeeded in transforming our energy heritage sites, such as old mines or power plants, into conference venues with all the modern amenities. Combining authenticity with new functions - another example of this system thinking. Something we truly excel at in Flanders."

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A STROLL PAST THE LIVING LABS

IDEAL CONFERENCE VENUES

As Frederik Loeckx already indicated, the living labs are the driver behind the smart energy sector in Flanders. Here they create specific solutions, offering plenty of inspiration for the transformation to smart energy. These stunning sites make for a great conference venue because you share knowledge in the place where this knowledge is created. Moreover, all these sites are also architectural gems. You will find a selection here.

Transfo in Zwevegem, a heritage site just 50 km from Bruges, is an excellent example of the successful transformation into a new and sustainable energy system.

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THE SITE WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP A CLOSED ENERGY COMMUNITY THAT PRODUCES AND DISTRIBUTES ITS OWN ENERGY.

1. Transfo's energy community

In 2004, this majestic power plant, which was inaugurated in 1911, was transformed into a heritage site, dedicated to the theme of sustainable energy. It has since become home to the ambitious Re/Sourced project, which is being developed with EU funding. The site will be used to develop a closed energy community that produces and distributes its own energy.

The energy – from solar panels and a wind turbine – will be distributed to the most diverse profiles on the site: large consumers (for example a diving cylinder, as you will see below), small consumers (such as two escape rooms), companies that operate out of the new Transfo building, and residential consumers who live in the new houses and flats on-site.

THE ACTIVITIES WILL TURN YOUR CONFERENCE INTO AN EVEN MORE MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

But Transfo is also a great venue for your conference. The authentic machine room, pump room and multi-purpose hall are the perfect venue to share knowledge about sustainable energy. Here Volkswagen presented its new All Electric ID.3 model to its regional dealers.

Outside the seminars, your delegates are welcome to partake in more "energising" activities. The former fuel oil reservoir has since been turned into a 15-metre-deep diving cylinder. Daredevils will love the death ride from the water tower. To open the door to the escape room, participants must get a steam boiler going. Or they must find their way out of Transforest, a bio-energy escape room. Delegates who prefer a more laid-back approach can take an instructive tour and learn on the history and the functioning of the former power and steam plant.

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2. Incubathor, a zone with fewer restrictions

This living lab is a little different from most other field labs. As its name suggests, IncubaThor gives start-ups in the energy sector the space and support to grow. Here in Limburg, they take this very seriously. Besides facilitating services such as sales, marketing and HR, IncubaThor also offers an entire network. Entrepreneurs that are starting out can thus make useful contacts for growing their business, including with contacts in neighbouring countries.

What makes IncubaThor really special however – and makes a visit by your delegates really worthwhile – is the fact that this incubator is situated in Thor Park, where fewer restrictions apply and start-ups are given greater leeway. The smart energy sector is heavily regulated, limiting the freedom of movement. Within the demarcated zone of Thor Park, some leeway has been created in terms of energy regulation, giving companies the opportunity to experiment more freely and test their ideas out with specific projects and applications.

As such, IncubaThor is a world centre of new know-how and ideas in smart energy. Moreover, this knowledge is immediately applied and marketed. The combination of research, development and production is the ideal source of inspiration for a rock-solid conference programme. Moreover, you get to welcome your delegates in a unique location: the Thor Central conference centre, which is also located in Thor Park. Find out on page 20 why you will make a lasting impression on your guests with a conference held in this old coal mine.

An unforgettable experience for your delegates: a boat trip to the offshore wind farm.

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3. The Bluebridge innovation centre in Ostend

As a city, Ostend has plenty of assets to offer when it comes to hosting your conference and in recent years it has added another: the blue economy or the sustainable use of the sea as a driver for economic growth. The flagship site in this city by the sea is the Bluebridge-Ostend Science Park, an innovation centre for which Ghent University and the Province Development Authority West Flanders joined forces with the Port of Ostend and other leading knowledge centres.

One of the most important pillars of the blue economy is blue energy. Wind makes up the lion's share of this. Thanks to its offshore wind farms, Flanders is a world leader in this sustainable energy industry.

MUSSELS, FRESH FROM UNDER THE WIND TURBINE

What is even more unique is that some of these wind farms have multiple functions. In addition to producing electricity, the wind turbines are also used as a testing ground to cultivate mussels and even seaweed, which can be used for many things, including as a source of sustainable energy. Expectations are also high for innovative projects focussing on floating solar panels and wave energy.

If you are planning a conference on blue energy or another area of the blue economy, Ostend is simply the perfect location. A boat trip to the offshore wind farm is guaranteed to make a lasting impression on your delegates. Just like the mussels that are cultivated under it, given the excellent reputation for cuisine that Ostend enjoys.

THE COMBINATION OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION IS THE IDEAL SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR A ROCK-SOLID CONFERENCE PROGRAMME.

Bluebridge is the driving force behind a world first: the Ostend Science Park, a 16-hectare science park that is home to companies engaging in R&D in the blue economy. According to Professor Carl Devos, the CEO of Ostend Science Park, the park aims to become "the meeting place for the blue economy in Europe".

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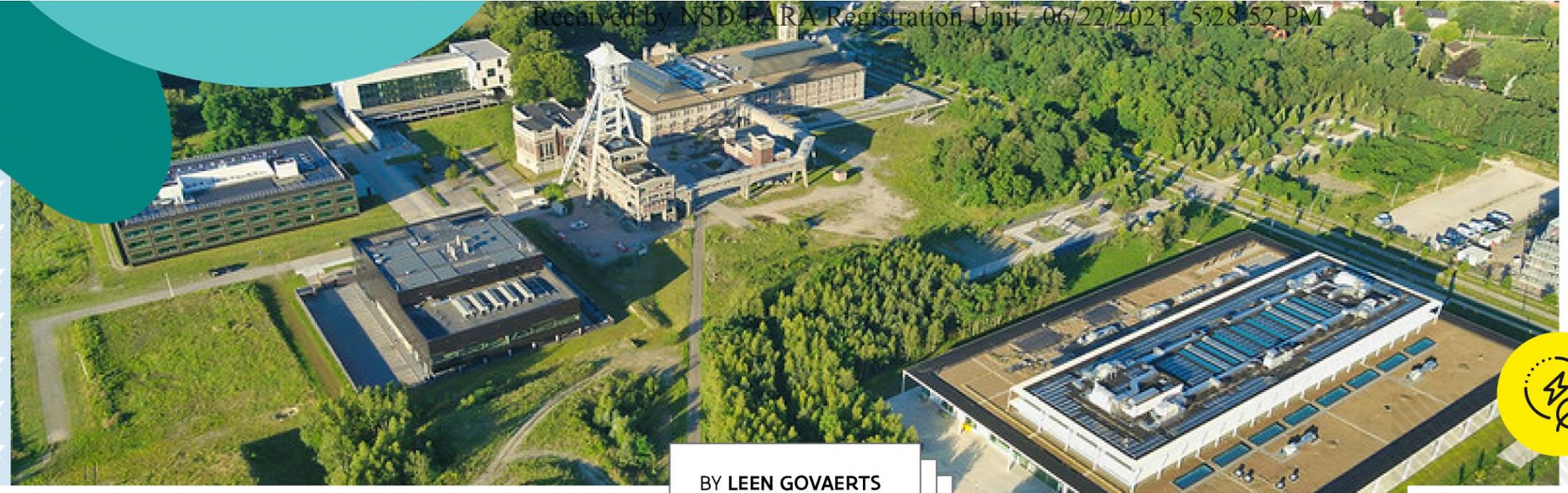

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THE CORNERSTONE OF A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE: A WORLDCLASS PARTNER

ENERGYVILLE AS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ENERGY MISSION 2021

The energy industry is facing tremendous challenges, a fact of which you are keenly aware as a sectoral association. The European Green Deal has even spelled it out: "becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 is the greatest challenge and opportunity of our times."

This challenge makes up the playing field of EnergyVille, a partnership between the Catholic University of Leuven, VITO, imec and the University of Hasselt. This world authority in the field of smart energy focuses on three specific areas: climate-neutral electrification, the development of energy-positive residential neighbourhoods and decarbonisation of industry. The 400 employees are engaged in research and training, as well as the development of new technologies and services – such as advanced solar panels and batteries – and their application.

This is done in Living Labs. Every new development can be tested on the EnergyVille campus before it is launched on the market. Moreover, this zone in Thor Park has fewer restrictions (see page 10), offering more opportunities for innovation.

A CONFERENCE THAT YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS: ENERGY MISSION 2021

Maintaining our leadership position in research is crucial. But the upscaling of existing technologies is equally important: how can the existing applications be better combined with each other and applied on a broader and larger scale?

The energy sector will be given a status update on this crucial topic during Energy Mission 2021, the conference that EnergyVille is organising on 21 and 22 October 2022 in Thor Central in Genk, together with Flux50, POM Limburg and IncubaThor. All major players in the energy transmission industry will be there, including industry players, the knowledge institutions and the government. Several innovations, inspiring examples and innovative cases will be presented for the first time.

Tip: save these dates! You are more than welcome to attend, as an association. And the conference will also give you a taste of the wealth of possibilities that exist for organising your own energy conference in Flanders.

Energy Mission
SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
LOW CARBON INDUSTRY
SMART & RENEWABLE ELECTRIFICATION

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EVERY NEW DEVELOPMENT CAN BE TESTED ON THE ENERGYVILLE CAMPUS BEFORE IT IS LAUNCHED ON THE MARKET.

THE IDEAL PARTNER FOR YOUR ENERGY CONFERENCE

VISIT**FLANDERS** Convention Bureau will gladly introduce you to partners that will help you organise a successful conference. In addition to sharing a wealth of world-class know-how, an organisation like EnergyVille will also let you tap into an international network. EnergyVille, among others, is affiliated with the European Energy Research Alliance, the European Battery Alliance, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the International Energy Agency. EnergyVille even took the lead for the launch of the "European Digital Innovation Hub". These alliances pave the way for plenty of new contacts in the industry, a cornerstone of the success of your conference.

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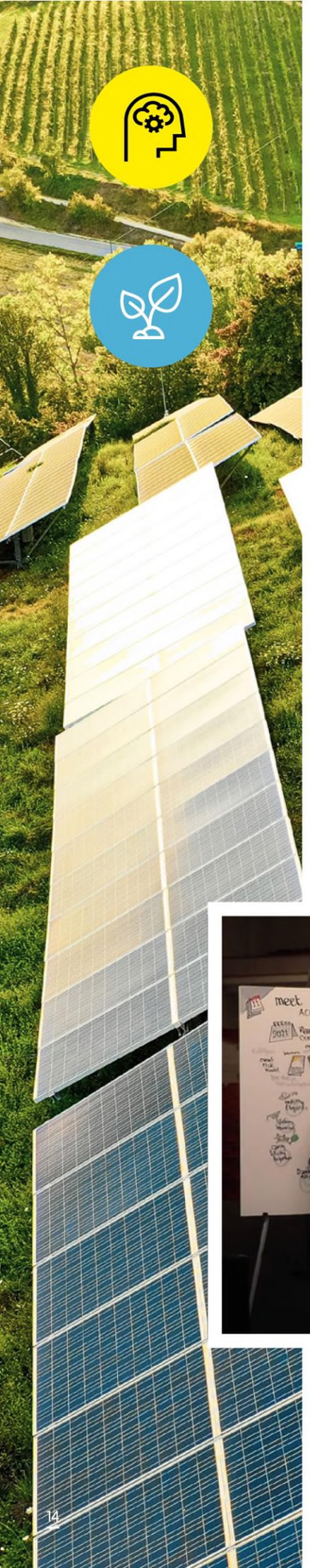


KEEP LEARNING, KEEP GROWING

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROCESS AS AN ADDITIONAL GUARANTEE FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CONFERENCE

Why do your association's members attend your conference? To learn and grow in their profession. The people who organise your conference in Flanders also have this healthy reflex. That is why Visit**FLANDERS** Convention Bureau set up the "Meet in Flanders Academy". During this professional training process, all the meeting industry partners hone their skills, providing an additional guarantee for the success of your conference.

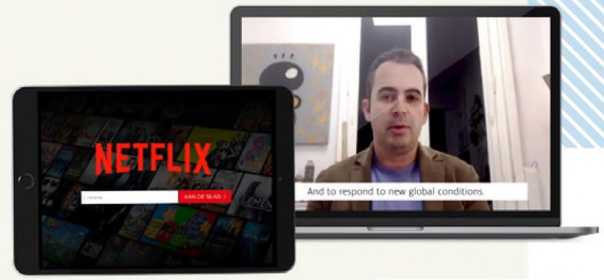
FLANDERS HAS EVERYTHING IT TAKES TO ORGANISE A SEAMLESS HYBRID CONFERENCE.

The most recent iterations of this Meet in Flanders Academy were organised in a COVID-safe way in the form of hybrid conferences with a mix of physical and digital presentations and workshops. As such, you can be assured that Flanders has everything it takes to organise a seamless hybrid conference.

The physical presentation of the most recent Flanders Academy took place in the stunning auditorium of Ostend's Casino Kursaal.

"ATTENTION IS THE CURRENCY OF THE FUTURE"

THE VISION OF MARC MEKKI, AWARD-WINNING TECH INNOVATION SPEAKER & ENTREPRENEUR



Keynote speaker Marc Mekki shared his tips on digital transformation all the way from Barcelona.

Attention is the currency of the future. Unfortunately, this currency is hard to come by seeing as it is claimed by so many different parties in today's digital world.

In the fight for people's attention, your association must change tack. Instead of being top of mind in respect of your conference a few days a year, you must keep their attention throughout the year.

How? Just do what Netflix does.
There are a few quick wins that are easy to put into practice:

- **personalise the communication to your target group.** Personalised content, which is tailored to your audience's interests, will always win from general information when it comes to delegates' attention. At Netflix, an algorithm assures this personalisation: it immediately suggest films to viewers that suit their interests. As an association, you are familiar with your target group. You know them: these are the people that attend your conference. And people with similar profiles.

- **segment your target group**. D on't think of your audience as a monolith. Review the list of participants in your conference and create segments using various parameters. You can segment by level: a company CEO will be interested in other topics than a researcher working at a university. Engagement is also an interesting criterion: the recipients who open all your newsletters require different content than readers who open them less often.

Do you not have the information it takes to do this? Ask your audience questions in your newsletter or on social media. This will help you collect the information you need and, better yet, you will also foster engagement among the people who respond to your questions. More engagement promotes more loyalty.

You can go quite far when it comes to this digital transformation, creating personalised websites and even hosting personalised seminars. Marc Mekki, however, is a fan of iterative design thinking: work towards your goal with small, regular steps to achieve your end result in an experimental way. So start with your e-newsletter to your target group and you will already achieve outstanding results in terms of your digital transformation in the short term.

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INSPIRATION FOR A ONE-OF-A-KIND CONFERENCE

FROM CYCLING THROUGH THE WATER TO ALBERT EINSTEIN AND OUR HISTORICAL CITIES

Flanders is a world leader when it comes to renewable and sustainable energy. In this small region, your delegates will be introduced to developments that are helping to shape this industry. Your conference in Flanders offers the perfect opportunity for this.

Meet your allies on the next pages: the organisations, institutions and partners that will gladly help you organise your smart energy conference. Together with you, they ensure that your delegates will get to attend a conference that they will remember for many years to come. Because of the knowledge that they acquired here. And because of the unforgettable time they had in Flanders, discovering our heritage and visiting cities like Antwerp, Ghent, Leuven, Mechelen and Bruges.

Do you wish to receive more information about one of these partners?

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Limburg: recommended by TIME Magazine

The success of a conference is determined by three criteria: location, location, location. Where better to organise a conference on new energy than in the region with one of the largest solar farms and battery facilities in Europe?

Welcome to Limburg, a lush green region in the east of Flanders, on the Dutch and German borders. Since time immemorial this region – where, as an aside, the world-famous Flemish master Jan van Eyck was born – has been bursting with energy. Coal was mined here until the early nineties. Once the black gold had lost its lustre, the old mines were transformed into a sanctuary of new energy.

The industrial heritage was beautifully preserved in the ultra-modern conference centres, where you can host both physical and hybrid conferences. Your neighbours are world-class companies, organisations and research institutions, specialising in energy. They provide the required expertise for putting together a successful conference programme. And just as important: they also make up an interested audience of experts and connoisseurs.

Outside conference hours, Limburg will also guarantee the kind of conference that leaves a lasting impression. The locals are friendly and hospitable. Their passion for the good life manifests itself in dozens of excellent restaurants. Nature will also welcome your delegates with open arms. They can even cycle through the trees and the water here, an experience that TIME Magazine famously described as “one of the 100 most beautiful places to visit in the world”.

The question most delegates get upon their return is: “How was the food?” In Limburg, you have invited them to the equivalent of culinary heaven.

“ONE OF THE 100 MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES TO VISIT IN THE WORLD”

TIME Magazine

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From a former coal mine to the perfect conference venue

Where better to organise an energy conference than a former coal mine? In choosing Thor Central, you choose a superb example of industrial archaeology, near the lush green surroundings of the Hoge Kempen National Park. Authentic mine elements are combined with modern state-of-the-art technology, guaranteeing your delegates a unique experience. Focus on the energy of the future in the heritage of the past: green, sustainable and renewable.

The Thor Central building is situated in the immense Thor Park, which is geared towards smart energy developments. Here, companies, knowledge centres and the authorities engage in research, training and production. The entire energy chain is developed, from concept to implementation in practice, just a short walk from your conference venue. This offers unique opportunities for your conference.

Internationally-renowned experts, engaged in ground-breaking research, are available to provide support for your programme. The scientist who generates energy from Nike running shoes? Or from mud? They will gladly share their latest insights with your delegates.

Your delegates can enjoy panoramic views from the covered walkway - which miners used to get to the shafts.

THE ENTIRE ENERGY CHAIN IS DEVELOPED, FROM CONCEPT TO IMPLEMENTATION IN PRACTICE, JUST A SHORT WALK FROM YOUR CONFERENCE VENUE.

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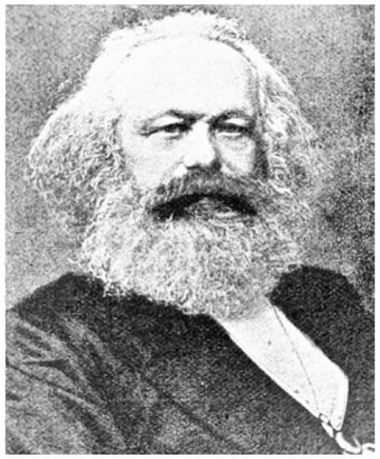
The sea: a source of sustainable energy that will make for a memorable conference

One of the most sustainable forms of energy is generated by the sea. The wind, the tides and the waves combine to create a continuous and powerful energy. An energy on which the Flemish coastal region has been quick to capitalise. There are eight wind farms in the region, in addition to the many new technologies that are developed here.

The place to be – which Einstein, Nureyev and Audrey Hepburn have visited before you – is Ostend, the city by the sea. This stunning city is the perfect venue for a conference on blue energy and other forms of smart energy.

Here you can treat your delegates to a fascinating and varied programme, in addition to some outstanding culture. James Ensor, a forerunner of modern art, was born in Ostend. The city hosts numerous cultural events, including an arts festival, a theatre festival and a film festival.

The historic buildings within and outside the city are the perfect venue for your conference. During a break, delegates can stroll along the promenade, visiting the famous Venetian and Royal Galleries. And since you are in a city by the sea, the fish lovers among your delegates will definitely enjoy exploring Ostend's culinary offering.



THIS STUNNING CITY IS THE PERFECT VENUE FOR A CONFERENCE ON BLUE ENERGY AND OTHER FORMS OF SMART ENERGY.

Many of the world's greats were welcomed in Ostend, from Karl Marx to Mark Twain and Woodrow Wilson. And now your delegates get to follow in their footsteps.

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From the city to the beach and vice-versa: the authentic charm of Kursaal Oostende

This building has a phenomenal asset for conference-goers: its unique location, in the city centre, and just a few steps from the sea. On one side of the building your delegates can walk out straight onto the beach. The other exit leads straight into the bustling centre of Ostend.

The building's modernist architecture is equally unique. The listed building has several conference rooms for smaller and larger groups, in addition to its magnificent concert hall which can accommodate up to 2,000 delegates.

Organise the plenary or closing dinner of your conference in the Delvaux Room. The room takes its name from the magnificent mural by the famous surrealist artist André Delvaux.

ON ONE SIDE OF THE BUILDING YOUR DELEGATES CAN WALK OUT STRAIGHT ONTO THE BEACH. THE OTHER EXIT LEADS STRAIGHT INTO THE BUSTLING CENTRE OF OSTEND.

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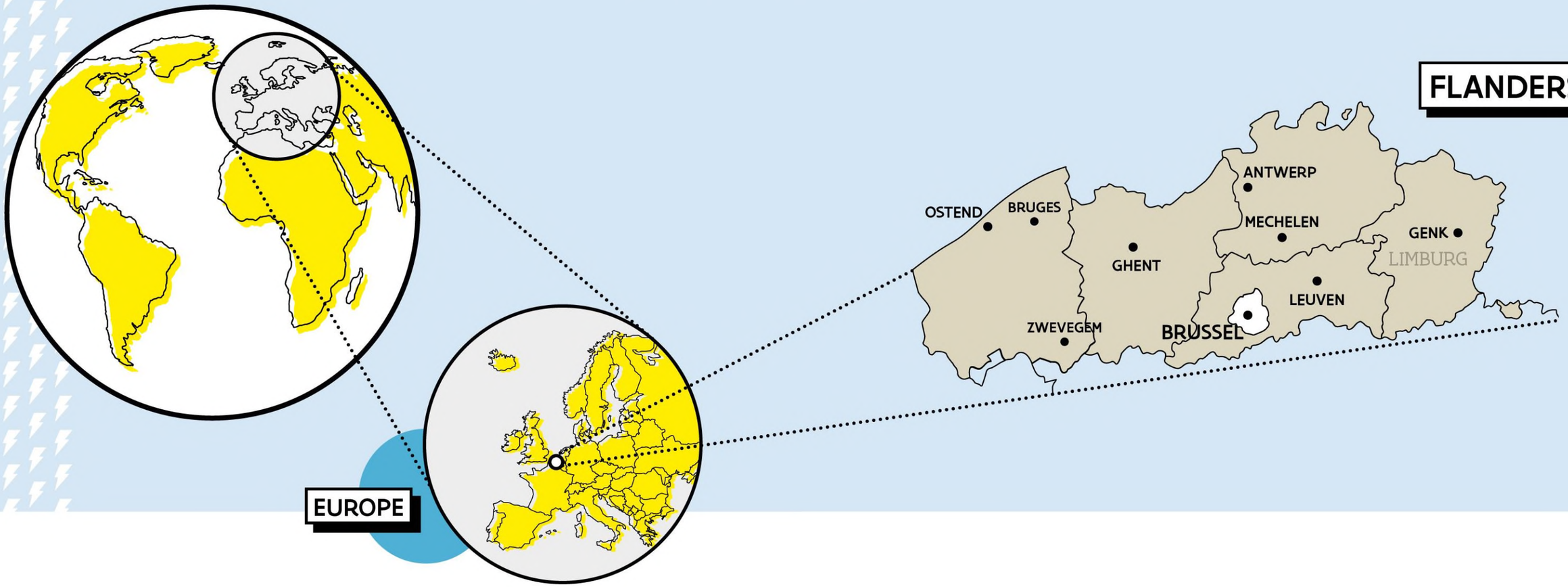

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FLOWER TIME BRUSSELS 2021

International top florists add flower power to Brussels City Hall. More than 100,000 flowers, thirty plus floral artists and thirteen magnificent historical rooms. The creators of the Brussels Flower Carpet and the Floraliën once again join forces for Flowertime. A must for every flower or architecture lover!

MORE INFORMATION
Dates and opening hours:
12 August 2021, 1 pm-5.30pm;
13-15 August 2021, 8 am-9.30pm.

Entrance Fee: 8 euros (free for the group leader and for children up to 10 years old).

Ticket sales for the general public will only start in May 2021, but tour companies with groups of 15 people or more can already mail to info@flowercarpet.be to request an option on the time slot they prefer. This option can be canceled free of charge until July 15, 2021

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BRUSSELS BIANNAL FLOWER CARPET

Every 2 years the Grand Place in Brussels gets covered with a flower carpet. Entrance is free, you can get a panoramic view against payment.

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THE ROYAL GREENHOUSES (SERRES)

Brussels

It is well recommended to visit the Royal Serres in early spring, usually in the second half of April until early May, as only then they are open to the general public. It is a tradition that has been maintained since 1965.

The architect Alphonse Balat designed the complex of greenhouses for King Leopold II. The tropical garden is surmounted by a dome. The largest greenhouse is called the winter garden. For some occasions it is used as a reception space for dignitaries.

PRICE
2.50 EUR per person. Free of charge for under 18s. No prior reservation possible, be prepared for long queues in the weekends.

The entry price goes entirely to the Queen's Charities (Hulpfonds van de Koningin / Oeuvres de la Reine), to restoration work and to the purchase of art works for the Royal Collection.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
tram: 3, 7 and 19, De Wand tram stop bus: 53 (STIB/ MIVB), 230, 231, 232 (De Lijn), Koninklijke Serres / Serres Royales bus stop

Opening hours vary, please check website.

www.monarchie.be

FLORIST GARDENS IN LAEKEN

Brussels

This domain used to be home to the florists and gardeners of King Leopold II. Today the site has been transformed into a demonstration garden and the Brussels Centre for Horticultural Art and Technology will be located there.

Visitors will be able to admire a wide variety of plants and be introduced to different ecological gardening techniques.

Guided tours and events are also organised on a regular basis.

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THE NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN

National Botanic Garden of Belgium, Meise

The National Botanic Garden is one of the largest botanical gardens in the world. It grows a treasure trove of plants from all over the world. Both in the open air and in several majestic greenhouses you can discover about 18,000 species. The greenhouse complex with the Victoria greenhouse is one of the most beautiful in Europe and covers around 1 ha. Enjoy the anemones in spring or the rich colors of autumn. Every day there's a new species flowering or setting fruit, from orchids to oaks.

One day is simply too short to discover everything the Botanic Garden has to offer: a walk through all biomes of this Earth, a visit to the new wood museum 'Woodlab', wandering through the Castle of Boechout where the story of Princess Charlotte of Belgium comes to life, discovering the new Rose garden...You are welcome to enjoy a simple meal, drinks and ice-cream in the Orangerie.

In 2021, a brand new state-of-the-art visitor center will open, offering all necessary facilities. Next to the visitor center, a newly created welcome garden is the tastemaker for everything there is to discover in the Botanic garden.

Meise is located approximately 12km/7.5m from Brussels city centre.

MORE INFORMATION
Open daily from 9:30. Closing hours vary depending on the season. Tickets can be purchased online.

www.plantentuinmeise.be/en/agenda

FLORALIA BRUSSELS

Castle of Grand Bigard (Groot-Bijgaarden)
3 April till 2 May 2021

The park of 14 hectares incorporates nearly all spring bulb varieties. The castles' gardeners have planted by hand more than 1 million bulbs. During the four weeks in which the exhibition takes place flower lovers will have the opportunity to discover 500 varieties including 400 tulip varieties.

INDOOR EXHIBITION
Visitors can also enjoy the prestigious indoor exhibition in the 1000 m² newly restored greenhouse. About 150 creations reflecting the trends and current fashions will be presented in a beautiful indoor garden.

The donjon, dated from the 14th century, will be accessible to its roof terrace from where you can see the Atomium and the city of Brussels. Each floor will be decorated in different themes.

The park is located 10 km from the historic centre of Brussels, and daily open from 10 am to 06 pm.

Adults: 14 EUR per person
Groups & senior: 12 EUR per person Children (6-14 year): 5 EUR per person

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SONIAN FOREST

The Sonian Forest–that's 4,400 hectares (10,920 acres) of top European nature, the destination of several million visitors each year. It is also a vast and enchanting forest on the edge of Brussels.

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GAASBEEK (CASTLE)/ PARK AND MUSEUM GARDEN

The Museum Garden is closed and will reopen in May 2021

Gaasbeek Castle lies at the heart of an extensive park (49 hectare) that was laid out in the seventeenth century already. It has both impressive avenues and narrow winding paths. It probably has the tallest beech trees in Belgium!!

Be aware: Gaasbeek Castle has closed its doors until 2023 for a major restoration campaign. The ambition is to keep the castle and its museum alive and dynamic. In addition, the castle must become even more accessible to a large, international audience.

MUSEUM GARDEN
The garden is made up of six different sections:

- A terrace garden with an Italian-style orangery garden.
- A kitchen garden, divided into four squares, with a greenhouse, cold frames and beds for flowers and herbs. In the middle is a cloister with low standard pyramid-shaped pear trees, flat-lying garlands and rose columns.
- Berry and fig gardens, with a cross-shaped arbour with an abundance of espaliered fruit and flowers.
- An orchard with a regional collection of half standard plum trees.
- An orchard with full standard fruit trees, typical of Pajottenland fruit farming circa 1900, with a traditional fruit shed and a mushroom cellar.
- An orchard with low standard trees showing how cultivation practices have evolved over time from around 1950 to the present.

In 2012, the Museum Garden was awarded the EGHN (European Garden Heritage Network).

TICKETS
For a reservation please call
+ 32 (0)2 531 01 30 at the following times:
Monday-Friday: 9 am-4pm
Saturday-Sunday: 9 am-noon

Reservations:
visit.gaasbeek@vlaanderen.be

If the time you have chosen is already fully booked, an alternative will be proposed.

Standard rate: € 5
Reduced price: € 4 for students/ European Youth Card up to 26 years, 60+, people with disabilities, visitors Botanical Garden Meise.
Free: under 18 years of age, escorts of persons with disabilities, National Trust

OPENING HOURS
From 1 May to 30 September:
daily from 10 am to 6 pm.
From 1 October to 31 October,
daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The garden is closed every Monday and Tuesday, except for public holidays.

www.museumtuingaasbeek.be

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ROSE GARDEN OF COLOMA CASTLE

Sint- Pieters- Leeuw

Located 10 km from Brussels and 15km from the Castle of Groot Bijgaarden you can find the Internationally renowned rose gardens with approximately 3,000 varieties of roses and 30,000 rose bushes.. The four themed gardens together constitute a beautifully landscaped area is set inside unique castle grounds (16th century).

Coloma is one of the most extensive rose gardens in Europe. You can probably find every type of rose on the planet there: antique roses, the most recent hybrids, climbing roses, rambling roses and bush roses.

MORE INFORMATION
Free Entrance.
The rose garden of Coloma is open all year from Tuesday to Sunday from sunrise to sunset. Also on public holidays. The recommended visit period is from June to the beginning of October.

Reservation for guided tours:
Tel: +32 (0)2 371 22 62 or
Mail: toerisme@sint-pieters-leeuw.be

www.natuurenbos.be/coloma

HALLERBOS

Halle Blue Bells: Mid April - Beginning of May

Hallerbos – 'The Blue Forest' – is the most important an most extensive forest area between Zenne and Zoniën. The forest is a public's favorite thanks to the beautiful purple carpet of bluebells, which bloom around mid-April. The giant Sequoia trees and rolling hills also make a visit to this forest more than worth it.

MORE INFORMATION
The best way to explore the Hallerbos is with the free walking map. There are also three marked hiking loops (yellow, blue and white/black) in the forest. You can learn more about the forest on one of the many free open walks with a nature guide. A group can request a guided visit with a nature guide.

www.hallerbos.be/en/visitors-info

TERVUREN PARK AND ARBORETUM

Tervuren

TERVUREN PARK
Tervuren park, also called Warande Park, covers 205 ha and was once the hunting ground of the Dukes of Brabant.

It is one of the gateways to the Sonian Forest. A walk between majestic oak and beech trees, past elegant French gardens, ponds and flower beds, is a breath of fresh air after a day in busy Brussels.

In front of the park there is a French garden featuring ponds, flower beds and statues, which extends to a series of ponds that receive water from the river Voer. Combine your walk with a visit to the AfricaMuseum.

www.Africamuseum.be

ARBORETUM OF TERVUREN
In addition to the existing Royal Walk, which allows you to explore the domain over the beautiful avenues, five themed walking routes have been set up, which penetrate deeper into the interior of the arboretum via forest paths and meadows.

The Arboretum is an area open to the public free of charge.

MORE INFORMATION
Booking guided tours:
www.visittervuren.be/en/see-do/top-5/geographical-arboretum

Tel: +32 (0)2 766 53 40
Mail: toerisme@tervuren.be

VAN BUUREN MUSEUM & GARDENS

Ukkel

The garden, which Jules Buyssens designed, shows a great unity of style with the Art Deco house. Alice commissioned René Pechère 45 years later to design the new gardens to complement the villa.

Now, the garden can be divided into the "picturesque garden", the "Labyrinth" and the "Garden of the Heart". The "Picturesque garden" is an "ordinary" garden, with a geometrically constructed rose garden, reminiscent of the straightforwardness of Art Deco. The whole forms a green shrine in the heart of Brussels, which can be visited all year round.

MORE INFORMATION
Registration is required.
Open on all public holidays.

Individuals: every day 14h00-17h30. Closed on Tuesday.
Groups: every day 10h00-17h30.

More information and reservation guided tours:
Tel: +32 (0)2 343 48 51
Mail: info@museumvanbuuren.be

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RECOMMENDED A COMBINATION OF:

- Botanical garden of Meise (always open)
- Serres of Laeken (!! when open – only 3 weeks a year in spring)
- Floralia – Castle of Groot-Bijgaarden (3/4 -2/5/2021)
- Rose Garden of Coloma (spring + summer)
- Hallerbos, when the blue bells are blooming (mid April – beginning of May)
- Museum Garden and park of the Castle of Gaasbeek (spring + summer)
- when in Brussels, get some fresh air in the Sonian Forest, or combine excuisite art with the beautiful and atypical gardens in Museum Van Buuren.

ALSO INTERESTING

Brussels:
https://visit.brussels/en/article/minimap-flora-walks

the 'green belt' surrounding Brussels:
www.toerismevlaamsbrabant.be/en/catalogus/parken-tuinen-en-bossen

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HERB GARDEN AND TROPICAL GREENHOUSE OF LEUVEN

Open Daily

The garden is open daily and entrance is free. Open from October till April from 09:00 till 17:00, Open from May till September from 09:00 till 20:00.

The Herb Garden of Leuven dates back to 1738 and is therefore the oldest in Belgium. Just as the gardens of Antwerp and Ghent, this garden was originally used for growing medicinal plants. For a large part this is still the case today and the garden is widely considered of great scientific importance. Besides the 2.2 ha of medicinal herbs, plants and trees, there is a greenhouse with 450 m2 of tropical and subtropical plants.

MORE INFORMATION
Guided visits are free and can be requested for groups of up to 30 people. It's possible to have a guided tour around a specific subject.

Tel: +32 16 27 23 80
Mail: toerisme@leuven.be

ARBORETUM OF WESPELAAR

The collection was started in the 1970's by Philippe de Spoelberch, a passionate dendrologist. The domain now covers 20 hectares and has a specialised collection of shrubs and trees from all over the world, of which many are threatened in the wild.

Acer, Magnolia, Rhododendron and Stewartia are particularly well represented. The garden is of interest in all seasons, as the beautiful autumn colours vary from green, yellow, orange, red to even purple.

The Arboretum has been voted one of the 13 most beautiful arboretums in the world, according to the Huffington Post.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
Entrance fees:
Adults and children +12 years: € 5
Children -12 years (accompanied by an adult): free

GUIDED TOURS
To be requested in advance, also possible on other days than the opening days
€ 50 per group (max. 25 persons) and € 5 entrance fee per person.

www.arboretumwespelaar.be/EN/Contact_and_visits/

LEUVEN

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GHENT

THE GHENT UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN

GARDENS OF ADEGEM

April to September

These gardens combine the splendour of 4 typical garden styles into one harmonious symphony of scents and colours. In the Gardens of Adegem you can wander around for hours while fully enjoying the exuberant shapes, plants, shrubs and water features. Visit can be combined with the adjacent Canadamuseum.

MORE INFORMATION
Daily open from 1pm till 6pm, except on Monday and Tuesday.

Reachable on Wednesdays and Sundays between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

GUIDED VISITS ONLY.
Reservation required.
Admission is 7 EUR pp, guide is free

Tel: +32 (0)50 71 06 66
Mail: info@tuinenvanadegem.com

tuinenvanadegem.com

THE GHENT UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN

Open Daily

The collections serve scientific and educational purposes.

The greenhouses are a safe haven for tropical and subtropical plant groups. There are three large public greenhouses, which are open to the public and more than 20 smaller ones which are dedicated to specialized collections. The latter are unfortunately not open to the public. There is also a herb and seed collection. The garden as well as the Victoria greenhouse and the tropical and subtropical greenhouse are open daily. Admission is free.

Trained guides will show you the most captivating plants in the garden and in the greenhouses. The children's' tour includes a tasting session of fruits and other plant products. A guided tour of about 2 hours is available in English and costs 25 EUR. Groups are limited to 25 persons per guide. With combi ticket of 38 EUR you can also visit the Museum of Zoology.

MORE INFORMATION
For reservations, please contact Ferdinand Cobbaut via Mail: fcobbaut@scarlet.be

www.ugent.be/we/en/services/garden

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FLORALIES GHENT

GARDENS OF THE OOIDONK CASTLE

FLORALIES GHENT (2021)

01 - 09 May

My paradise, a worldly garden' will be the theme of the Floralies.

In our society, people are increasingly looking for silence and peace, for themselves and for their personal paradise. That paradise is in a different place for everyone. Some find it in their green living room, others feel best in a park or in their own garden.

Sources of inspiration for the theme are a print of the garden of Bishop Triest and the Mystic Lamb by the Flemish master Van Eyck. The central panel of the Mystic Lamb shows a paradisiacal medieval garden full of symbolism.

MORE INFORMATION
Information regarding booking and Covid measures can be found here:

www.floralien2021.be

FLORALIES CYCLING TOURS

Surroundings of Ghent

The Floralies theme tours run along five loops that are interconnected.

- **THE BEGONIA ROUTE** (32 km) starts at the Castle of Laarne.
- **THE ROSARY ROUTE** (34 km) starts at Parking Aard in Wetteren. The tour takes you past the Provincial Domain Den Blakken.
- **THE AZALEA ROUTE** (40 km) starts in the heart of flowers municipality Lochristi. The tour takes you past farms, the Research Centre for Ornamental Plants in Destelbergen and impressive azalea and begonia fields.
- **THE TREES ROUTE** (51 km) starts at the Informationpoint Munte and takes you past many farms and florists with home sales.
- **THE RHODODENDRON ROUTE** (53 km) starts as tour in Provincial Domain Puyenbroeck Wachtebeke.

Order the route brochure on this website (the route is only available in Dutch, but gives a good overview of the different stops):

www.tov.be/nl/pagina/fietsroutes-blov

GARDENS OF THE OOIDONK CASTLE

Ooidonk

The Ooidonk Castle is well known, but the beautiful gardens surrounding the castle are also well worth a visit in themselves. They can also be visited separately from the castle.

MORE INFORMATION
GROUPS
On request from 1 March to 20 November

contact: Els Lisabeth
Tel: +32 (0)9 282 26 38
Mail: lisabeth.els@skynet.be

www.ooidonk.be

BIJSTERVELD FARM

Oosteeklo

A walled-in domain that once belonged to a Cistercian abbey from the 14th century. In the middle of this unique and untouched piece of 'measuringjesland' with populated avenues, polders and creeks, the special gardens of this historic farm flourish. Majestic pollard willows surround the romantic courtyard garden with hydrangeas, wisteria, honeysuckle and clematis. Outside the old farm walls, between the centuries-old fruit trees, various rose arcades and beech and box hedges grow. The gardens of Bijsterveld are the perfect place to unwind and definitely worth a visit.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
You can visit the gardens by appointment (minimum 15 people). The costs are € 9 per person (including a cup of coffee).

Reservations by email are required:
birgit.rousere@bijsterveld.be

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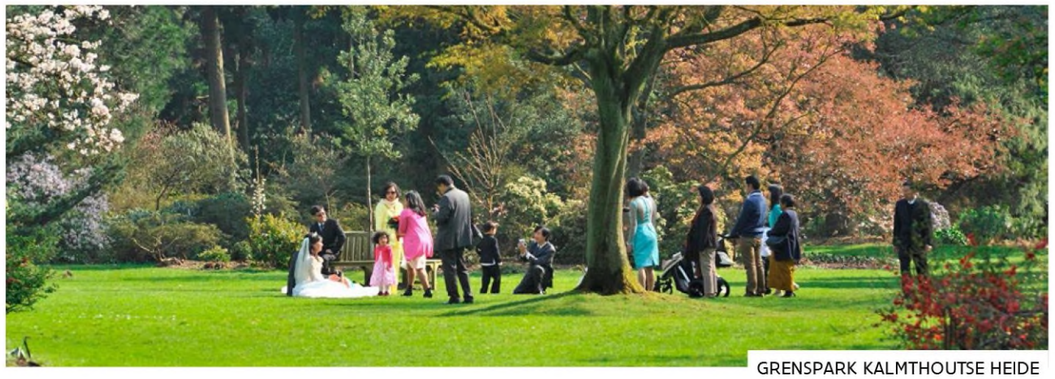

GRENSPARK KALMTHOUTSE HEIDE

ARBORETUM

Kalmthout

Arboretum Kalmthout is open every day from 10am to 5pm from January 6th until December 21st 2018.

Arboretum Kalmthout is a unique site with amazing flowering borders, a colourful rose garden and a butterfly garden full of life. In spring there are flowering magnolias and cherries, while in autumn the maples are ablaze with colour. Enjoy a magnificent nature walk and admire over 7,000 different varieties of plants from all over the world.

Kalmthout is a small town in the Province of Antwerp, approximately 30km/19m from the Antwerp city centre.

MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSION
Adults 7 EUR, children (under 12) free, seniors 6 EUR, students 5 EUR, tour guide 50 EUR

GUIDED TOURS
A guided tour lasts two hours, and you can choose the start time. There is no set minimum for the number of people. The group rate of € 6 per person will apply to groups of 15 or more. A guide for a group of up to 25 costs 50 EUR.

BOOK YOUR GUIDED TOUR ONLINE
www.arboretumkalmthout.be/en/visit/opening-hours-admission-prices.html

CONTACT INFORMATION
Arboretum Kalmthout Heuvel 2
2920 Kalmthout
Tel: +32 (0)3 666 67 41
Mail: info@arboretumkalmthout.be

www.arboretumkalmthout.be/en

GRENSPARK KALMTHOUTSE HEIDE

Only excursions on demand

And while you are in the town of Kalmthout, why not pay a visit to Grenspark Kalmthoutse Heide. This cross-border nature reserve has many pools, bright purple heath land (in august/september), inland dunes and vast forests.

The whole area measures +/- 6.000 ha (15.000 acres) and is home to some real ecological treasures. Moreover, the entire nature reserve constitutes a landscape of great cultural-historical value. The area is cut into two by the Belgian-Dutch border.

This diversity makes the park well worth a visit. Grenspark Kalmthoutse Heide is officially a 'Silence Area'.

The park is easy to reach with public transport, trains coming from Antwerp Central Station twice every hour (except for weekends). There is ample parking space for coaches.

MORE INFORMATION
Visit Kalmthout
Putsesteenweg 131
2920 Kalmthout

Tel: +32 (0)3 666 61 01
Mail: visit@kalmthout.be

grensparkkalmthoutseheide.com/english

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VRIJBROEK PARK ROSE GARDENS

Mechelen

The most spectacular part of the Vrijbroek Park, situated just outside Mechelen, is its magnificent rose garden. In 2003, the garden was given the prestigious Award of Garden Excellence by the World Federation of Rose Societies. Three pavilions house over a thousand different roses.

The Vrijbroekpark is located approximately 3.5km/2m from the city centre, just of the E19 Motorway, and open every day from sunrise till sunset.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Vrijbroekpark
Mrs. Kristel Ketels
Hombeeksesteenweg 264
2800 Mechelen
Tel: +32 (0)1 545 13 80
Mail: info@groenmechelen.provant.be

www.vrijbroekpark.be

GARDEN PARC "'T POEIER"

This beautiful flower garden can especially be visited during the summer months, when the garden is at its best.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:
Poederstraat 55 - 2370 Arendonk

Open every Sunday in July and August from 2pm to 6pm.

Or by appointment for groups during the year.

Entrance fee: 5 Euro/pers including a free drink.

www.tpoeier.be

FLEURS DES DAMES CASTLE D'URSEL/ CASTLE ZELLAER

Flower event in the Castle d'Ursel, OR in the Castle of Zellaer, TBC.

LOCATION AND PROGRAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

ALL INFO HERE
www.fleursdesdames.be/home.htm

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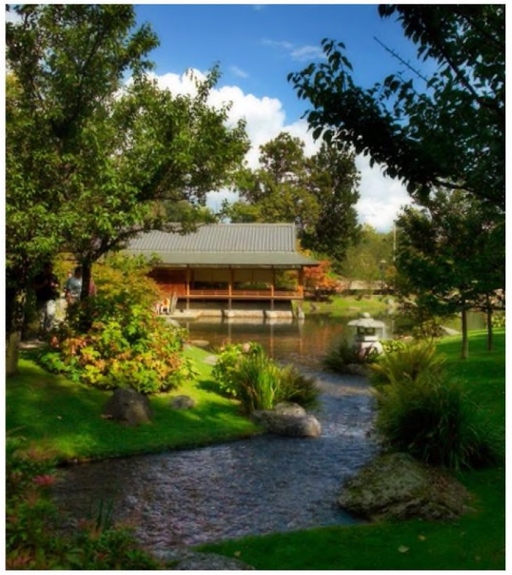

ROMANTIC GARDEN OF DINA DEFERME

JAPANESE GARDEN

Hasselt

Open from Tue to Sun from 10am to 5pm. Closed on Monday and during winter season (November – March).

With its 2.5 ha, this is the largest Japanese Garden in Europe. The garden was laid out in 1992, with the help of the Japanese city of Itami after the model of an original 17th century tea garden. The main garden contains a ceremonial house, a tea house, several water features and exceptional plants. There is also a park with 250 Japanese cherry trees.

The Hasselt Japanese Garden is an ideal place to walk around, while enjoying the views and listening to the softly flowing water. The garden is located between the city centre and the main ring, yet breathes a delightful calm. It is the ideal place for contemplation and meditation. Also not to be missed: a tea demonstration or a Japanese flower arrangement class in this unique garden.

MORE INFORMATION
Several group arrangements are possible.
http://visithasselt.be/en/hasselt-japanese-garden-group-programmes

Adults 5 EUR, seniors/ groups of 15 people 4 EUR
Tel: +32 (0)1 123 52 00

http://visithasselt.be/en/japanese-garden

BOKRIJK

Genk

Bokrijk is more than the Open Air Museum. Discover 550 hectares of pure variety. Take a healthy walk or bike ride in the beautiful nature.

ARBORETUM
Arboreta have huge collections of plants that have something to offer scientifically. The scenic arboreta, which also includes Bokrijk, are a must for every garden lover. Bokrijk has specialized in the genera holly (Ilex), Magnolia, the woody grasses and the Rhododendrons. Of course that was also a deliberate choice, as they are all very decorative or usable genera.

In addition, investments were made in the innovative cycle route "**Cycling through the water**". This way you cycle straight through a pond without getting wet.

www.bokrijk.be/en/discover-bokrijk/nature/nature

FLEURAMOUR

24 - 27 September 2021

The captivating beauty of flowers in the historic setting, of Alden Biesen Castle, that is Fleuramour. Thousands of flowers are processed in floral arrangements of an exceptional quality. Floral arrangement enthusiasts and master flower binders from all corners of the world come together here and turn this flower arrangement event into a unique happening.

TICKETS
Early Birds 20 EUR, entrance 23 EUR, children (14year) free, groups (10 people) 22 EUR

Tel: +32 (0)1 428 60 80

http://en.fleuramour.be/

ROMANTIC GARDEN OF DINA DEFERME

This wonderful 4-hectare (10-acre) garden with an English touch belonging to garden designer Dina Deferme and Tony Pirotte is to be found in a rural area not far from Hasselt.

A garden full of surprises where every part radiates pure relaxation and fascinates by its unique atmosphere. The impressive borders change their colour every month.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
Guided tours on request.
Mail: info@deferme.be

www.deferme.be

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HEX CASTLE

4-6 June and 11-12 September 2021

The Castle of Hex was built in the 18th century on a beautiful natural site. It was then surrounded by 12.5 acres of formal gardens set in a 150 acre English style park. The gardens, park and woodlands have always been immaculately maintained.

Hex is a private estate. The castle is inhabited by the d'Ursel family, who are the distant relatives of the founders of the estate in the 18t century.

However, **guided visits can be arranged** on working days (only) from 10:00 till 12:00 and from 14:00 till 17:00.

The entrance fee is 15 EUR, with a minimum of 20 persons per group. Groups of more than 35 persons will be split up into two groups.

GARDEN DAYS OF HEX CASTLE

The gardens are also open to the public twice a year, in June and September, for the Flower and Plant show, It is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and find the right flower for your garden. Get informed by attending exhibitions, demonstrations and lectures by professionals from Belgium and abroad, and shop at the nurseries specialised in old and botanical roses and breeders of rare plants. The formal gardens are regularly replanted, and the terraces in front of the south-east façade were redesigned in 1990 by the internationally reknown landscape architect Jacques Wirtz. The surrounding park, created in 1770, has survived almost untouched to this day.

OPENING HOURS
from 10 am to 5 pm

TICKETS
11€ pp, presale online 9.5€ pp
(children till 16 years old are free)
No dogs allowed
Free parking
Tel: +32 (0)1 274 73 41
Mail: gardens@hex.be

www.hex.be

ALDEN BIESEN CASTLE

NATIONAL PARK HOGE KEMPEN

ALDEN BIESEN CASTLE

GRAND COMMANDERY ALDEN BIESEN

A magnificent heritage site, an international culture and conference centre and a tourist draw: The Grand Commandery Alden Biesen has more than one ace up its sleeve. Originally built by the Teutonic Order, it is now one of the largest castle estates of the Euregion.

A visit to Alden Biesen isn't complete until you've explored the natural beauty on and around the castle estate. So strap on those hiking boots or mount your (rented) bicycle and off you go, with or without a guide. Thanks to the cycle route network, cycling in and around Alden Biesen is enjoyable and safe. The routes run along mostly car-free cycle paths via a unique bicycle junction network.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
Kasteelstraat 6, 3740 Bilzen (B)
Tel: +32 (0) 89 51 93 93
GPS: Roelants du Vivierlaan (visitor parking)

OPENING HOURS
Summer (April 1 - September 30)
Weekdays: 7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Weekend and public holidays: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Winter (October 1 - March 31)
Weekdays: 7:30 am - 8:00 pm
Weekend and public holidays: 10am - 4pm

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
www.alden-biesen.be/praktische-info?lang=en

NATIONAL PARK HOGE KEMPEN

More than 12 000 hectares of forest and heathland are managed and protected in this unique nature reserve.

Extensive pine forests alternate with purple-flowering heather and shifting dunes, large ponds bear witness to former gravel and sand extraction, high peaks offer great views, ... Numerous rare and unusual animals live in this natural setting.

In National Park Hoge Kempen, a brand new cycle path called 'Cycling through the Heathland' will open in spring 2021:
www.visitlimburg.be/en/cycling-through-the-heathland

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
www.nationaalparkhogekempen.be/en

Guided tours with a park ranger on request:
www.nationaalparkhogekempen.be/en/rangers

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WEST-FLANDERS

HET ZWIN

Knokke

The Zwin is a beautiful nature reserve at the Belgian coast, an 'international bird airport', but also a dream for plant lovers. Thanks to the permanent influence of the salty water, the Zwin boasts certain species that can barely be found elsewhere along the Belgian coasts.

Since it's reopening in Summer 2016, the completely refurbished park is a unique and varied top attraction where visitors experience nature to the full. The new Zwin has something in store for everyone.

It is now an all-weather location and includes a landmark Visitor Centre with a permanent exhibition, a restaurant and a Zwin Boutique. The visitor center and cafeteria offer a unique and stunning 360° panoramic view of the park, the surrounding nature of the Zwinduinen- and polders and the vast Zwinstreek. In the nature reserve, with its numerous dunes and dune pools, landscaped trails provide access to the various' experience shacks. Apart from the Zwin Nature Park, the Zwin is accessible free of charge: the Zwin Bistro, the Zwin Shop, the Zwin Region Information Centre and no less than 220 ha of Zwin dunes and polders which guide you to the Zwin Nature Park on foot or by bike from Knokke Het Zoute.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Zwin Nature Park
Graaf Léon Lippensdreef 8
8300 Knokke - Heist

www.zwin.be/en/zwin-nature-park

PARK VAN BEERVELDE

GARDEN DAYS
7- 9 May 2021 / 8 -10 October 2021

This event takes place twice a year, each second weekend of May and October.

During these weekends, more than 220 nurserymen, designers and artisans exhibit, for the public's pleasure and enlightenment, probably the most spectacular variety of plants and garden- related ware one could hope to see in Belgium. It is worthwile mentioning that prices of the plants are definitely lower in Belgium than in England or France.

Beervelde is also particularly attractive because each time (twice a year) the organizer creates a new theme, which is worked out by the participants.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
www.parkvanbeervelde.be/en

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GARDENS OF OOSTKERKE CASTLE

The internationally renowned Dutch garden architect Mien Ruys was commissioned to create the garden around the castle. The garden lives in perfect harmony with the surrounding polder landscape. The garden is privately owned by Baron van der Elst, but can sometimes be visited during the open garden days in the month of June. Groups may be allowed with a local guide. Information at Visit Damme.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION
Visit Damme
Jacob van Maerlantstraat 3
8340 Damme
Tel: +32 (0)50 28 86 10
Mail: toerisme@damme.be

BONEM FARM

Bonem farm, whose history dates back to the 13th century, lies on a mound and is completely surrounded by water, a remnant of the former creek area.

In 2005 the restoration of the farm, the garden and the landscape around it (16 ha) was started. Reknown landscape designer Erik Dhont took up the challenge to implement an innovative contemporary vision with respect for the intimacy and history of the farm and the surrounding polder landscape. Ponds and a swimming pond have been constructed. There is an orchard and a vegetable garden, hay meadows with grass paths, thickets with old roses. Contemporary art (Antony Gormley, Houseago, Wurm, Richard Long ...) was integrated into the landscape. Information at Visit Damme.

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A GUIDE

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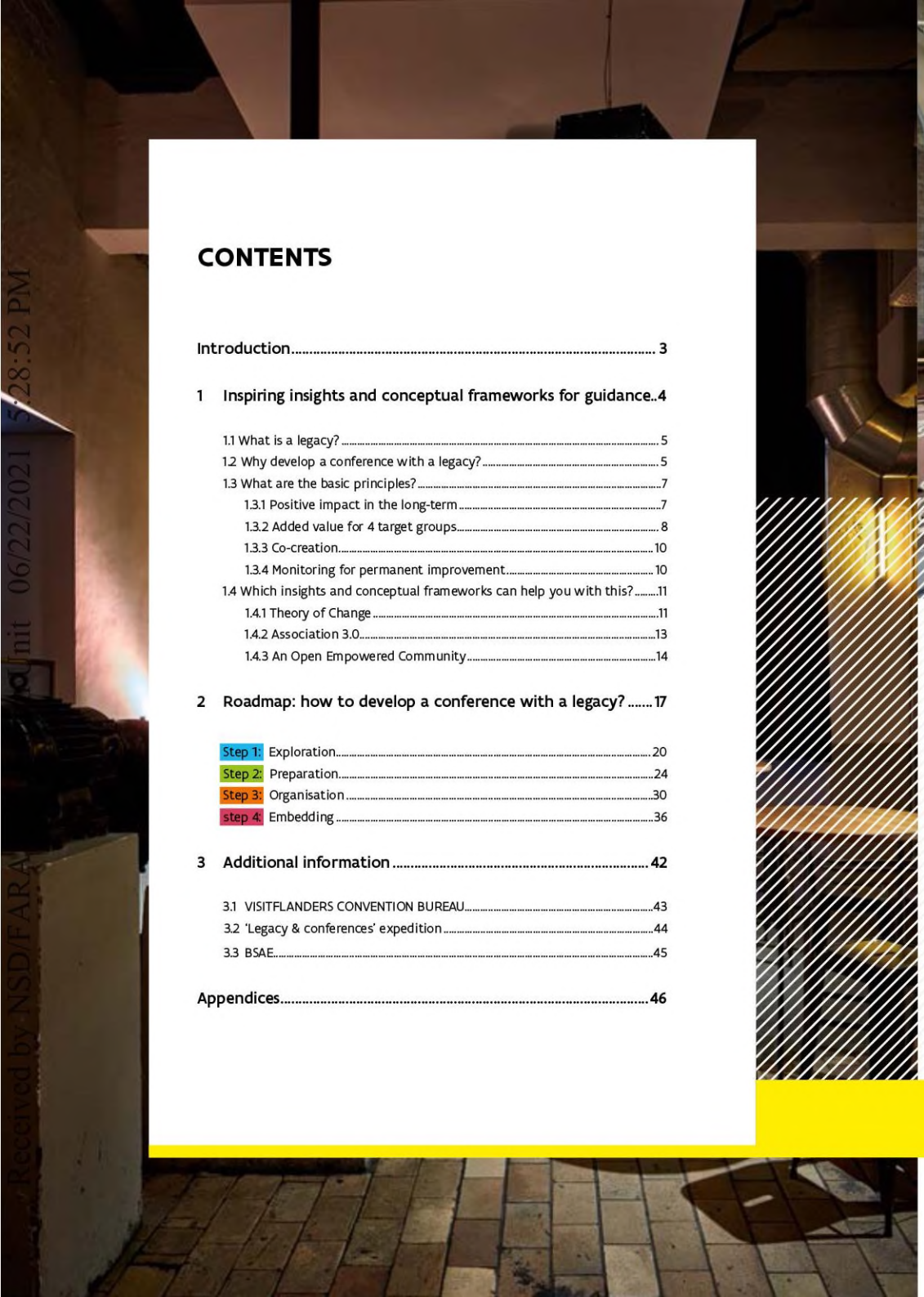

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INTRODUCTION

The Conferences of the Future
VISITFLANDERS strives to host conferences that have a **positive impact in the long-term** and that have a **legacy**. Our organisation stimulates and supports associations in developing successful conferences with legacy. This is part of our long-term vision Travel to Tomorrow' which is based on the positive power of tourism in Flanders.

Do you want to develop a conference with a legacy? Take a look at our practical manual. It features inspiring insights and conceptual frameworks offering guidance, combined with a practical **roadmap** and specific examples. In addition, VISITFLANDERS can coach you to facilitate this process.

VISITFLANDERS and BSAE, the Belgian Society of Association Executives, have developed these guidelines with the assistance of a group of driven pioneers, based on pilot projects in the field. We wish to thank the participants in our 'legacy and conferences' expedition for their insights and expertise.

'PEOPLE ARE USUALLY AFRAID OF CHANGE BECAUSE THEY FEAR THE UNKNOWN. BUT THE SINGLE GREATEST CONSTANT OF HISTORY IS THAT EVERYTHING CHANGES.'

Yuval Noah Harari, Homo Deus: A History of Tomorrow

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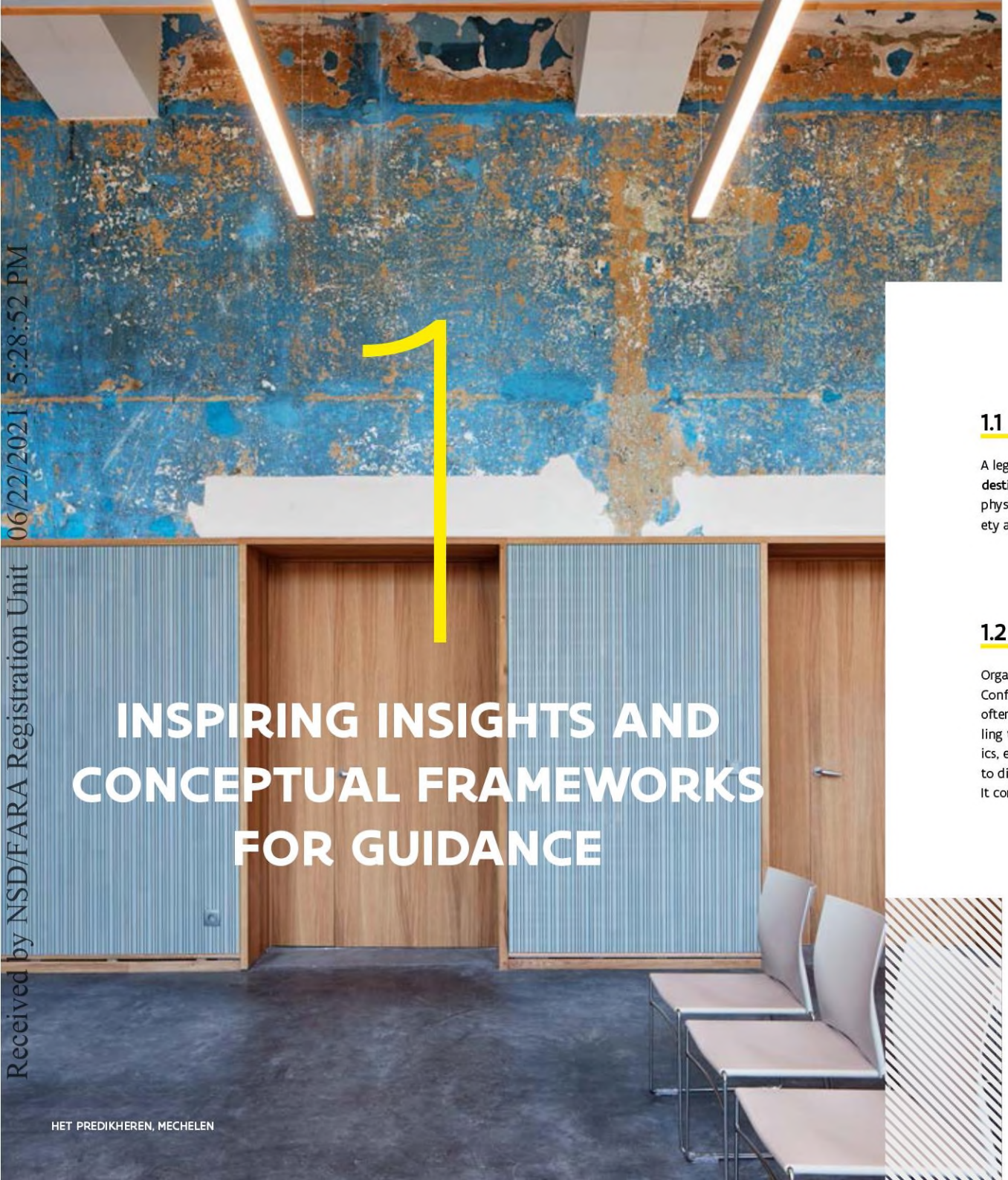

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INSPIRING INSIGHTS AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS FOR GUIDANCE

1.1 WHAT IS A LEGACY?

A legacy is something that lives on. It is what you leave behind or **what remains in the destination after the conference has ended**. It can be both small or large and brings about physical, socio-economic or cultural change in the long-term. A legacy benefits people, society and the destination.

1.2 WHY A CONFERENCE WITH A LEGACY?

Organising a conference requires major effort and investment on behalf of associations. Conferences facilitate meeting points for members and stakeholders. But the 'outside world' often raises questions about their use or relevance. How do you offset the impact of travelling to a conference, against the goal of sustainability? What about the impact of pandemics, environmental or medical crises and the value of a face-to-face encounter as opposed to digital options? Legacy demonstrates the **social value of associations and conferences**. It constitutes the **positive power** of congress tourism.

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'THE PROCESS PUT THE CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENT INTO WORDS, HELPING TO GET ALL THE CONFERENCE'S STAKEHOLDERS ON BOARD FOR THIS 'JOURNEY'

Erica van den Oever, BLCB

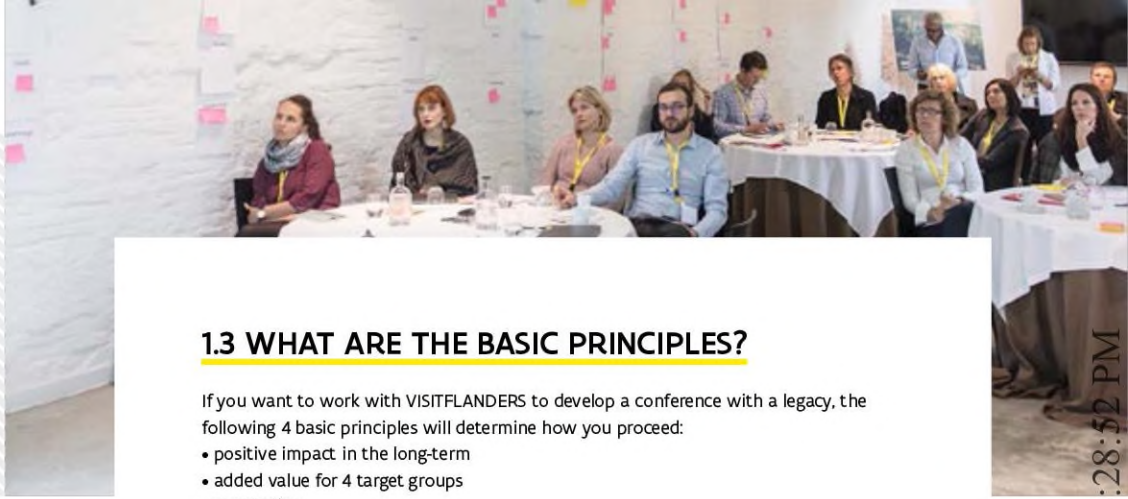
This also applies to **local actors**. The benefits are:

- Any actions that you undertake are linked to this. Making the right choice is easier as it is ensuring that your message (mission/vision) remains clear for your target group(s);
- By raising interest among locals for your topics -> See **Added value for 4 target groups**, you develop ambassadors. As such, you garner support for the development of future initiatives, for which you may require government financing;
- Legacy helps you to achieve the long-term objectives of your association and/or local organising committee.

-> **See How to start with a strong local organising committee (LOC)?**

By creating legacy, **associations** strengthen their own community in addition to empowering the **local one**. This can really help them to bring change. They also serve their members more optimally by opening new pathways to (potential) customers, new **members** and partners. It can stimulate further development and learning around the topic. By raising awareness around their collective ambition (or topic) towards society but also towards politics e.g. the European Union the association may benefit from more support and can plan for the longer term.

-> See **Open Empowered Community**.



1.3 WHAT ARE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES?

If you want to work with VISITFLANDERS to develop a conference with a legacy, the following 4 basic principles will determine how you proceed:

- positive impact in the long-term
- added value for 4 target groups
- co-creation
- monitoring for permanent improvement

1.3.1 POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE LONG-TERM

You create a positive impact in the long-term with your conference. You can do this on **3 levels**:

- at the level of the organisation of the conference itself
- at the level of the association, community and members
- at the policy level

EXAMPLE:

The Belgian Chapter of the VR/AR Association hopes to organise the XR Summit (Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality) in Flanders:

- at the level of the **organisation of the conference**, the intention is to make the conference the preferred place for major players to make announcements related to XR in Europe;
- at the level of the **association, community and members**, the intention is to develop a mature industry and bring XR to the attention of European leaders in a more structured manner;
- at the **policy level** the intention is to turn Flanders into the 'XR Valley of Europe'.

You ensure that your conference contributes to the ambitions of the various policy levels. The theme of your conference has substantive support from the policy level, from the local to the regional level, and possibly even at the federal and European level.

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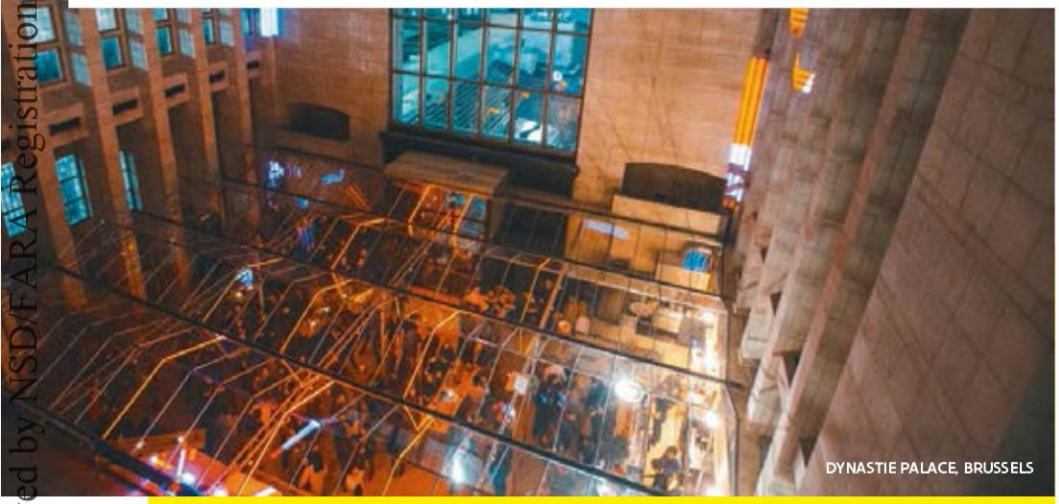
1.3.2 ADDED VALUE FOR 4 TARGET GROUPS

Your conference creates added value for the **participant** as well as for:

- The **resident**: a person living in Flanders, in the host city. This can be a student, an amateur, a scientist, etc.
- **The entrepreneur**: a company, organisation or actor in the field, with a link to the theme of your conference and your association, or an entrepreneur involved in the organisation of a conference, such as a hotel, catering company, transport company etc.
- **The place** where your conference takes place: the conference and events venues, as well as the site, the neighbourhood or surroundings and the local knowledge centres with a link to the conference theme.

It is worth remembering that you cannot offer everyone the same added value. Try to strike the right **balance**.

At the start, to develop your plans, you determine **which long-term impact** you want to achieve. As such, you can integrate your objectives as much as possible in all the relevant processes.



DYNASTIE PALACE, BRUSSELS

'THANKS TO THIS PILOT PROJECT MECHELEN HAS FORMULATED THE AMBITION TO ATTRACT THE HANDS'ON CONGRESS IN 2023 TO THE CITY. WE SEE THIS CONGRESS AS A CATALYST TO MAKE MECHELEN FLOURISH'

Els Van Zele, City of Mechelen

LAMOT, MECHELEN

EXAMPLE:

World Congress for Design and Health, International Academy for Design & Health

- Impact at the level of the **organisation of the conference and the association**, added value for the **participant and the place**: in 5 years' time, a durable conference organisation (Global & Local Organising Committees) will have been established within the International Academy for Design & Health (IADH). All subsequent world congresses are 'healthy' congresses, to be organised 'in the city' (instead of in convention centres outside the city). The city as a built-up environment will thus have an immediate and clear impact on the participant's health and on the place.
- Impact at the level of the **association and members**, added value for the participant and the **entrepreneur**: The IADH's scope has been integrally expanded to include all Design & Health disciplines. An active and visible community of members will be developed over a five-year period, which maintains contacts with other stakeholders (government, design & health practitioners, design & health researchers and the industry).
- Impact at the **policy level**, added value for the **participant, the entrepreneur and the place**: The IADH will be able to explain, in five years from now, that the 'climate change' narrative is underpinned by a 'health change' narrative.

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1.3.3 CO-CREATION

You don't do this alone. Instead, you will work with various actors, each with their own role and expertise, who have a link to the theme of your conference and your intended legacy.

- companies
- umbrella organisations
- academics
- the host city
- the conference venue
- local authorities
- etc.

Don't forget to involve locals and local entrepreneurs.
-> See **Tips: How to involve locals?**

VISITFLANDERS can also coach you with the development of your legacy.
-> See **Additional information: VISITFLANDERS CONVENTION BUREAU**

-> See **Tip: How to start with a strong local organising committee (LOC)?**

1.3.4 MONITORING FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT

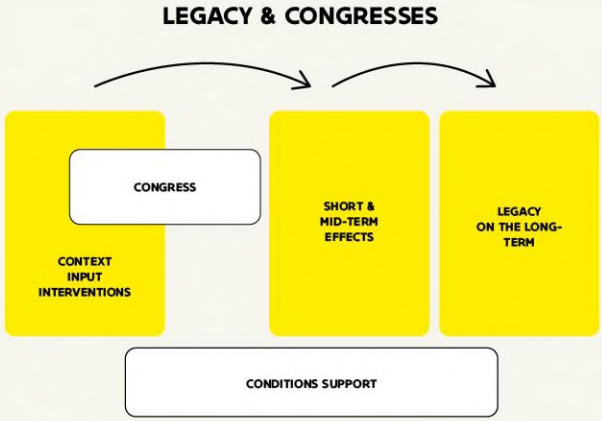
You have a **mindset** that focuses on **continuous improvement.** From the outset, you pay attention to **monitoring and measurement**. You want to know whether your additional efforts enhanced the conference. In addition to evaluating the impact, you share the acquired knowledge with others
-> See **Tips: How can you measure and monitor legacy in the short to medium-term future?**

1.4 WHICH INSIGHTS AND CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORKS CAN HELP YOU?

The following insights and conceptual frameworks can help you develop a conference with a legacy:

1.4.1 THEORY OF CHANGE

Working on a conference with a legacy means working towards a positive impact in the long-term. A conference with legacy implies **kicking off a change process**. The Theory of Change' model is a conceptual framework that you can use to make such a process tangible.



'Theory of change' converted to legacy and conferences

You stage an '**intervention**' by organising a conference in a given **context** (trends, policy of the organisation, government etc.) using resources (conference venue, speakers, etc.), with which you hope to achieve a positive effect (**impact**) on the long-term. To achieve the intended impact, you must meet various **conditions** and provide **support.**

Because the long-term impact is difficult to measure and you cannot fully control this impact, you must focus on **effects that can be achieved in the short to medium-term future** and that contribute to the long-term impact.

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Based on experience, good practices and expertise, you determine the **conditions** that are necessary or which you must focus on to achieve the intended impact. If you don't define your 'Theory of Change', your intended impact will be nothing more than a 'black box'.

'**Long-term**' means a term that is longer than the current policy period of your association or the policy period of the policy level (Europe, Belgium, Flanders, local, etc.) at which you operate. The long-term extends beyond the current policy period.

EXAMPLE

The legacy of the international congress of a Flemish sectoral federation in the biomedical industry is: 'becoming leading within the European umbrella association in the long-term and to be the leader in Flanders for a specific technology, working method or methodology.'

During the congress, Directors and active members of the European association are invited and introduced to practices in Flanders, generating knowledge and interest in Flemish initiatives and expertise that is shared after the congress.

The **year after the congress,** several Flemish experts are invited as speakers to a subsequent congress.

When a number of mandates become available to the board of the European association **3 years** after the congress, Flemish experts fill in the mandate. Examples of conditions include active participation in the European association's activities and articles of association that facilitate a regular rotation of board mandates/directorships.

Shortly after the congress, the entire field (experts and interest groups) in Flanders is informed about the lessons learned from the congress. Working groups and projects are also launched over a 2 to 3-year period, in collaboration with the Government of Flanders. Conditions for disseminating knowledge in the short term include the presence of resources for communications channels after the congress and the involvement of patient representatives (locals) in the organisation of the congress.

Coordination and integration of the theme in policy papers or memorandums is an important condition in the **medium to long-term.**

More information about an impact-oriented approach (**www.socialeinnovatiefabriek.be**) and the Impact Wizard (impactwizard.eu/).

1.4.2 ASSOCIATION 3.0

This model can help you to examine the different elements in the **functioning of an association or member association** (focus, strategy, management, secretariat, earnings model, etc.) and to work on this in a targeted manner to organise a conference with a legacy.

ASSOCIATION 1.0	ASSOCIATION 2.0	ASSOCIATION 3.0
Focus: the organization of the association	Focus: the members	Focus: sector, market, society
Most important task: advocacy	Most important task: advocacy and services	Most important task: development of the sector, the profession, innovation, innovating the branche/sector
Business model	Business model: membership fees and services	Hybrid model: membership fees, retribution, financing of projects
Slogan: supporting the community	Slogan: from supply to demand	Slogan: pioneering in innovation within the sector/branch
Instruments: meetings and network events	Instruments: research of members and social media	Instruments: co-create with stakeholders
Profile board: pioneers of the community	Profile board: balanced representation of the members	Profile board: innovators - decrease importance of hierarchy and increase partnerships around content
Function of the secretariat: general administration	Function of the secretariat: policy preparation and services	Function of the secretariat: connecting with members and socity

Models are developed by Ivan Pouwels

The model illustrated in function of an association congress:

- an **association 1.0** focuses on the organisation itself, for example 'will our logo and name be displayed on the invitation and be featured in all communication about the conference?'
- an **association 2.0** focuses on the members, for example 'will our members be able to participate in the conference (at a preferential rate)?'
- an **association 3.0** focuses on the market, the customer, the user, the patient, the participant and its members, e.g., 'how can we have an impact on policy, the market or people's living conditions with our conference?'

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THE AFRICAMUSEUM, TERVUREN

The elements of **association 1.0** are used as a basis by many associations. An **association 2.0** puts its members first, which is obviously crucial for a member organisation. An **association 3.0** offers opportunities to tackle the challenges that an association 2.0 encounters: a customer-oriented approach instead of focussing on the involvement of members or the continuous broadening of advocacy so that everyone continues to recognise themselves in the association.

According to the association 3.0 model, a **modern association** is characterised by:

- A clear vision on the future of the industry or profession
- A focus on social issues and proactive advocacy
- A position of authority in terms of knowledge and data
- An intermediary role in innovation
- Services and a training programme that are in line with a strategy or combined in an autonomous body
- A decisive and flexible association organisation
- A hybrid business model

More information cooperationnext.nl (only in Dutch)

1.4.3 OPEN EMPOWERED COMMUNITY

An organisation that wants to develop a conference with a legacy is a **strong, open and connected community (open empowered community)**. This vision can also be applied to how the conference's local organising committee functions.

-> See **Tip: How to start with a strong LOC?**

An open empowered community is united around a **collective ambition. Collective** refers to all the members, in addition to everyone involved who is cooperating based on a shared, common responsibility. This is more than a 'mission', which often mainly focuses on the organisation. Instead, the ambition focuses on the intended impact and effects. A collective ambition is inspiring and motivating, as is also the case when entering into partnerships.

In addition, 'internal connection' and 'external broadening' are the two most important activities/roles of an open empowered community:

The **internal connection** of the members, supporters, not (just) by 'servicing' or approaching members as customers, but by actively involving them and capitalising on their strengths. This benefits the members themselves as well as the organisation as a whole and its social relevance.

You focus on members' knowledge and strength with the aim of connecting personal ambitions with the desire to work with others to make a real difference. The identity of the members of a community, moreover, is defined in relation to the other members and what connects them.

As an association, you should not only look over the wall of your association and observe, but also actively, and preferably even pro-actively, interact with the 'outside world'. That is what **external broadening** means. Member loyalty does not just imply a connection between the organisation and the member, but also between members themselves and between members and the 'outside world'. The value of the community therefore no longer consists of bringing together as many similar members as possible, but of the connections between members who are very diverse. The members also connect with external actors and partners inspired by the same collective ambition.

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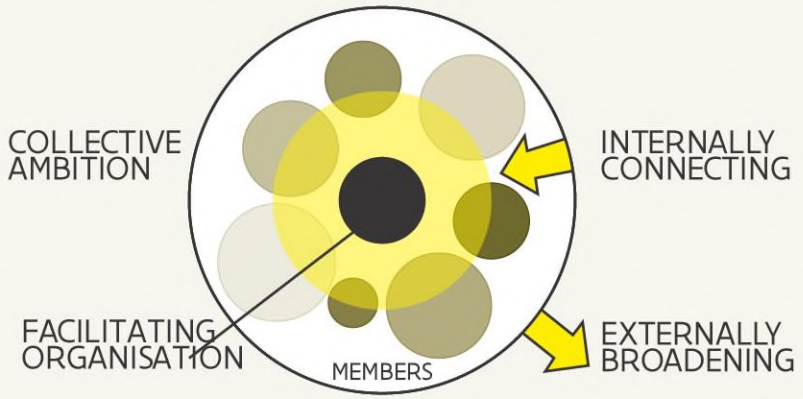

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As an association you must do more than just organise conferences and provide services. You must have a **facilitating organisation** to make a difference in your field, with your members, etc.

A network is not a community

NETWORK	VS.	COMMUNITY
Connecting		Belonging
Communication		Interaction
Information and knowledge		Empowerment
Participating		To contribute to
Nice experiences		Giving a purpose
Feeling of safety		Discovering the future
Quantity		Quality
Self-organised		Consciously organisation
Opportunity of advantages (what's in it for me?)		Solidarity/taking care of all members
No membership (maybe pay-as-you-go)		Membership fee (package of services to unburden)
Stand alone		Part of a bigger group (ecosystem)
Value = connection between 2 dots		Value = relation between 2 dots

These models were developed by Marc Mestdagh (in Dutch only):
association adviser, community expert and founder of the BSAE (in Dutch only).

EXAMPLES:

- communicating to participants or local residents compared with ensuring interaction with participants and residents;
- passive listener or participant compared with actively contributing to solutions or thinking along to solve practical challenges;
- a large number of participants (quantity) compared with participants to build qualitative and effective expertise or initiate a change in mindset;
- pay-as-you-go to participate in the conference compared with a fee to participate and acquire even more knowledge later, participate in working groups etc.;
- a conference as a 'fun experience' compared with a conference with a purpose;
- etc.

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ROADMAP:
HOW TO DEVELOP A CONFERENCE WITH A LEGACY?

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Generally speaking, a conference is developed in 4 major steps:

- EXPLORATION: you think about the potential that your conference has to develop a legacy and check whether you have sufficient support to get started;
- PREPARATION: what you do for your conference from 1 to 2 years up to 6 months prior to the start date: determining the theme and objectives, setting up partnerships and planning how to embed your conference in the community;
- ORGANISATION: the organisation of your conference: approach, programme, catering, location, and so on;
- EMBEDDING: what you are going to do and how do you intend to follow up on your conference from 6 months to a few years after the event. This is an essential step as a conference is not an end in itself, but a catalyst.

In the roadmap, we suggest **a number of key questions for each step** in function of legacy. It also includes additional tips and inspiration and we explain how VISITFLANDERS can help

'THE PROCESS MADE ME THINK ABOUT THE LEGACY THAT I COULD CREATE WITH THIS CONGRESS, WHICH INITIALLY WAS UNCLEAR. IT MADE ME REFLECT ON THE CONGRESS'S FUTURE AND ON THE ADDED VALUE THAT WE CAN CREATE IN THE LONG-TERM.'

Jurgen Plyson, European Biosafety Association

KEY QUESTIONS

The first **KEY QUESTION** you must ask before you start: this is the 0 question

Which legacy do you want to achieve with this conference?

-> See **What is legacy**, **Positive impact op long-term** and **Added value for 4 target groups.**

EXAMPLE:

The Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage (KIK-IRPA) wants to organise the annual congress of 'The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works' in Flanders.

They want to serve as an example for a continued and improved collaboration between the various partners involved (impact **organisation of the conference**). In addition, they want to involve **local residents** based on the notion that everyone cherishes an object: some people clean a church building as a volunteer, others have 'golden household tips' for cleaning a painting. They want these 'volunteers' to exchange experiences with conference participants/professionals who do the same.

With the congress they want to engage their **members** to openly share knowledge about Conservation & Restoration (C&R) (both within and outside the sector), leading to central access in the long-term.

The **intended long-term impact** is to develop a policy and framework around Heritage Science in Open Access.

GENERAL TIP

Gather information about other conferences (with a legacy) by for example, visiting other (international) conferences. Learn from what works and what doesn't.

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STEP 1: EXPLORATION

KEY QUESTIONS

Which **KEY QUESTION** must you ask?

Assets for a conference with a legacy

What are the **assets** of your association, the members, the (intended) location, the (intended) concept etc. with a view to organising a conference with a legacy?

Analysis of the association

Analyse and position your association in relation to the association 3.0 model and the Open Empowered Community model.

- What is a **positive aspect** of your operation with a view to organising a conference with a legacy?
- What are the **obstacles** in how you function with a view to organising a conference with a legacy?

-> See **Association 3.0** and **Open Empowered Community model**.

'I OFTEN HEAR THAT WE FLEMISH PEOPLE ARE TOO MODEST AND THAT WE SHOULD BE MORE VOCAL ABOUT HOW PROUD WE ARE OF OUR ASSETS.'

Guy Coolen, Music Theatre Transparant

EXAMPLE 1:

The International Association of Children in Museums organises its biennial Hands On! congress with the intention of exchanging knowledge and developing an international network focussing on the theme of child-friendly museums. The conference gathers culture professionals from around the world.

- **Asset**: the association is a growing international and qualitative network of museum professionals. The board is dynamic and flexible. The intended concept (i.e., involving more children in museums, thus making them more resilient) ties in perfectly with the current policy of the City of Mechelen (one of their policy pillars is to reduce child poverty). For a number of years already, Mechelen has been working on the Children's City theme, which means that many of the city's museums as well as other stakeholders are already focussing on this theme. The association and the City of Mechelen also share a common theme, namely 'families with children and inclusion'.
- The association is 'interactive/social', an association 2.0, en route to becoming an association 3.0.
- **Positive**: there is a growing network of members and communities associated with the theme, both in Mechelen and in Flanders. VISITFLANDERS has also extensively focused on the of family friendly theme.
- A potential **obstacle** is that many of the partners are unfamiliar with the conference approach, which affects their ambition or willingness to participate. .

-> See **Appendix** for other examples.

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CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF FROM THE START?

- Set up a **broad and diverse Local Organising Committee (LOC)** or a partnership with different working groups or organisational structures. Multidisciplinary, from a substantive and organisational point of view, with direct or indirect representation of the 4 target groups: local residents, participants, entrepreneurs and place.
- Determine a **clear and shared collective ambition** and the **intended long-term impact on all key partners** (associations involved, organisational partners, the conference location and host city and any policy actors involved).
- **Link** the collective ambition and intended long-term impact **to one of the current spearheads and policy ambitions of relevant governments.**
- Draw up a **long-term planning** schedule: from idea and nomination/concept phase, to preparation, effective organisation and actions 'afterwards' in the short (within 6 months), medium (within 1 to 2 years) and long-term (2 to 5 years or extending beyond the policy period). Then refine this step by step. -> See **A good roadmap will get you started**.
- Develop a long-term **business model** (incl. 'post-hoc' actions) that is embedded in or linked to the business model and policy plan of the leading association and possible key partners.

'THE PROCESS REALLY EXPANDED MY SCOPE, BRINGING ABOUT A SHIFT IN MY WAY OF THINKING ABOUT CONGRESSES. MY TAKE-AWAYS: A GOOD PREPARATION, EVEN BEFORE YOU TAKE THE FIRST, CONCRETE STEP, IS NECESSARY IN ADDITION TO THE SPACE TO CO-CREATE.'

Robrecht Janssen, Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage

WHAT MUST YOU CONTINUALLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT?

- Create a mindset that is focused on **process communication** (how can each person involved actively contribute to the intended legacy?), to permanently **teach** the members of the association or community **to be a 'good' member**, and to help the conference participants to **participate and contribute as actively and as much as possible.**
- Assess each action, use of resources, etc. against the **contribution to the intended long-term** impact through a short or medium-term result.
- Focus on the **support and involvement of the key partners** in the intended legacy. Take any changing circumstances or a changing context into account.
- Focus on **involving residents and the place** in the preparation, during and after the conference. -> See **Added value for 4 target groups**
- Look at the environment of the intended key target group to make connections with the outside world and to respond in a relevant manner to what is happening in the social context.

These critical success factors or 'conditions' for a successful process are based on experiences from the 'legacy & conferences' expedition with 15 pilots.

'I NOTE THINKING AS A COMMUNITY AND ANALYSING WHETHER YOU ARE AN ASSOCIATION 1.0, 2.0 OR 3.0. AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EMBEDDING THE CONFERENCE IN THE LOCATION.'

Ann Decock, International Academy for Design & Health

HOW CAN VISITFLANDERS HELP YOU? ?

- We can assist you in thinking about which legacy you want to achieve and what the positive impact can be on your association and on Flanders.
- We can offer you a theoretical framework to examine your association and get a better idea of your strengths and weaknesses.
- We can inform you about the clusters and ecosystems in Flanders and Brussels that match your association, which can help when you are setting up the LOC.

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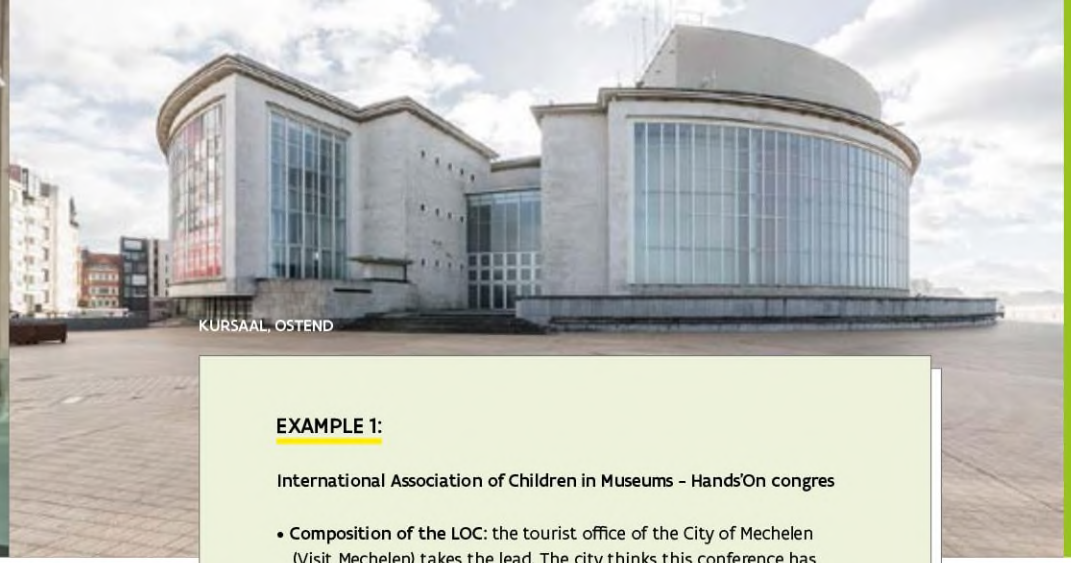
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STEP 2: PREPARATION

KEY QUESTIONS

Which **KEY QUESTION** must you ask?

Composition of the local organising committee (LOC)

- Who will you include in the local organising committee (LOC)?
- How will you incorporate permanent consultation with other bodies that are important for your conference?
- How will you match the 'content' with the 'organisation/approach'?
- How do you ensure direct/indirect representation of the local population, participants, entrepreneurs and the place?

-> See **Tip: How to start with a strong LOC?**

Involving locals

How will you **involve locals** in the preparation and the organisation of your conference and the period after this?

-> See **Tip: How to involve locals?**

EXAMPLE 1:

International Association of Children in Museums - Hands'On congres

- **Composition of the LOC:** the tourist office of the City of Mechelen (Visit Mechelen) takes the lead. The city thinks this conference has plenty of potential and intends to use it as a catalyst for the flourishing destination. Meet in Mechelen offers logistical support together with a PCO (Professional Congress Organiser). They are assisted by the people responsible at 'Mechelen Kinderstad' and the museums, such as Hof van Busleyden, for the development of the congress content. The LOC also includes 2 VISITFLANDERS experts, more specifically an expert from the VISITFLANDERS convention bureau and an expert in family-friendliness.

  Various members of the following organisations and services are invited and engaged to participate in the LOC:
  - City of Mechelen: tourist office: (Meet in Mechelen & Visit Mechelen)
  - Museums and attractions in Mechelen: Hof van Busleyden, Technopolis, Speelgoedmuseum etc.
  - The VISITFLANDERS team: experts in family-friendliness and congress tourism
  - Museums in Flanders and Brussels: the MAS, the Children's Museum in Brussels, the Suske & Wiske Museum etc.
  - Education: Thomas More university college etc.
  - Aid organisation(s)
  - Organisation(s) of local residents
  - Youth workers and youth movements
  - Other sectoral organisations, such as FARO*
  - Etc.

- **Modus operandi:** the LOC meets every 3 months for consultation and the core group of the LOC meets on a monthly basis. In October 2019, a Flemish delegation travelled to Frankfurt to participate in the HandsOn! congress and meet the international association and its directors on location.

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- **Representation of the 4 target groups**: the City of Mechelen organises an inspiration event with local businesses and traders prior to the congress, to develop innovative products that tie in with the local legacy. The city also searches for new actors, partners and residents that want to participate. The following actions and ideas are presented.
  - call for speakers
    - the list is extended to include local entrepreneurs, best local practices with a link to flourishing entrepreneurship or product development
    - enter into valuable partnerships
  - All possible partnerships are examined and checked against the intended objectives (catering, location, suppliers, goodies, accommodation, fringe programme, etc.
  - Setting low-level conditions: conclude partnerships with partners who at least fulfil x conditions (context & change)
  - Stimulating out-of-the-box possibilities
  - Organising an efficient think tank composed of all the parties involved, stimulate engagement and develop specific projects and processes
  - Stimulating links with the surroundings and the community
    - such as giving back a local or global community using a menu of options, e.g., day trip for a poor family, donate speaker's fee to an organisation for people in difficulties, or even planting sustainable greenery

- **Involving the local population**: this process starts two years before the congress. Mechelen creates a space for experimentation where locals, in particular (vulnerable) children, can experiment to their heart's content, based on the 'Hands on!' premise. The space is a place for inspiration in Mechelen where (part of) the congress will also take place. After the congress, it can still be used as a space for experimentation. Contacts with existing local organisations (e.g., a panel of local residents, representatives from neighbourhoods and shopping streets, and so on) and launch of the collaboration.

  Streaming of some of the sessions during the congress. These will be published on an online platform. Participants who are unable to physically attend the congress can attend remotely. Museums and cultural institutions use different digital formats to facilitate knowledge sharing with the local population. Launch during the congress in addition to permanent focus in the operations of all the municipal institutions in the city for the following years. Schools also benefit from the digitisation of services, facilitating children's digital literacy.

-> See **Appendix** for other examples.

GENERAL TIP

Draw up a **communication plan**. Communication that takes into account the 4 target groups is important before, during and after the conference. Use different communication channels and tools for this. Involve the host city in all your communication.

TIP HOW TO START WITH A STRONG LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)?

The LOC is the team of people who work together to bring the conference to Flanders and who are responsible on location for the smooth running of the conference. The LOC consists of different profiles and the LOC members all have specific tasks. They are usually volunteers. Their work is performed within a professional framework, and therefore does come with obligations. The LOC's tasks can be both substantive and executive.

- Set up the LOC as a **project organisation** with several project leaders and different project teams, with their own tasks and a responsible person.
- Draw up a **joint mission statement**, a permanent touchstone so that everyone knows which goal they are working towards.
- Take into account the different **profiles required**, depending on the conference theme and the legacy that you have in mind. Involve local residents, local entrepreneurs and policy-makers. You can do this by organising a co-creative session (e.g., through an Appreciative Inquiry, a listening exercise, etc.).
- Prepare a document that outlines the **roles and responsibilities** of the various people involved.
- Designate a **legacy curator** to ensure that you stick to the positive impact planning and that it is an item on the agenda of every meeting.

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- Organise a **kick-off meeting** where you clearly explain the purpose of the LOC and the different tasks, how the planning and timing is organised and what the modus operandi is. You can use a co-creative process for this.
- Enquire about the group's **motivation** at the start. Ask people why they chose to participate and what they expect to gain from it so that everyone can contribute to this before/during/after the conference.
- Give the LOC a **name** and make sure that the LOC **can continue to exist** after this conference. The LOC can be a starting point to take action within the local community after the conference. You can, for example, take someone from the LOC with you to the next conference in a different location.

The LOC often plays a decisive role in the success of a conference, and therefore also in its legacy.

'I NOTE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PROPERLY INVOLVE ALL THE PARTIES AND GET THEM INVOLVED IN YOUR NARRATIVE AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF THINKING ABOUT LESS OBVIOUS STAKEHOLDERS: THE NEED FOR A PARTICIPATORY PROCESS.'

Evert Verreth, Herita

HOW CAN **VISITFLANDERS** HELP YOU?

- We put you in touch with potential partners in Flanders, linked to the theme of your conference.
- We put you in touch with the right people at policy level in Flanders.
- We help you start up the LOC by organising a kick-off meeting.
- We offer support to the legacy curator.
- We put you in touch with local resident and entrepreneur organisations in Flanders.
- We assist you with a co-creative session.

*Member of the LOC who closely monitors whether the organiser adheres to the planning for the positive impact and whether this is an agenda item at every meeting.

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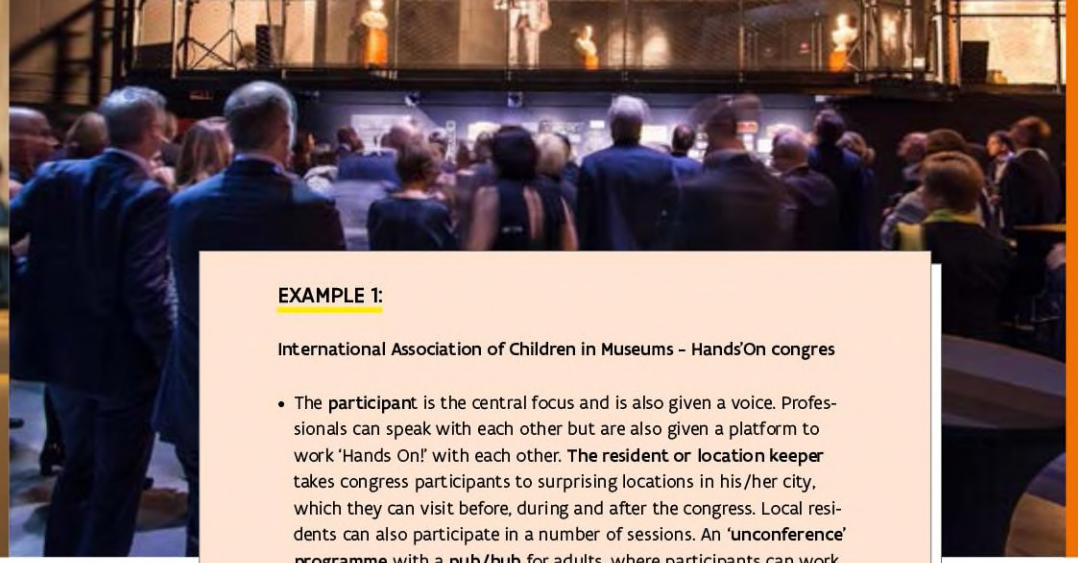

STAP 3: ORGANISATION

KEY QUESTIONS

Which **KEY QUESTION** must you ask during this phase?

Active involvement of the participants

What are you going to do to ensure that participants actively get involved before, during and after the conference?

Active involvement of the conference location (and surroundings) and the host city

How can you actively involve the conference location (and surroundings) and the host city during the conference, depending on the legacy you are aiming for?

EXAMPLE 1:

International Association of Children in Museums - Hands'On congres

- The **participant** is the central focus and is also given a voice. Professionals can speak with each other but are also given a platform to work 'Hands On!' with each other. **The resident or location keeper** takes congress participants to surprising locations in his/her city, which they can visit before, during and after the congress. Local residents can also participate in a number of sessions. An **'unconference' programme** with a **pub/hub** for adults, where participants can work in between sessions while also connecting with the local (student) clubs, partners, residents, and so on and a **'speel'plaats or place to play for children**, in addition to a space where everyone comes together. Connect with the participants using **online community tools** (digital platform) and ensure the integration of the online community within the network and on the association's website.

- Stimulate **participation with local (starting) entrepreneurs**, across all layers: organisation, catering, reception, speakers, accommodation, etc.
  - stimulating impactful contacts between the conference group and the environment by means of an adapted fringe programme: e.g., through the type of transport, valuable visits, type of catering, etc.
  - involve residents during the conference: open up all levels and opportunities and actively target them, e.g., through buddies, inspirers and so on.
  - question participants and all the parties involved (before/during/after the event) by means of appreciative enquiry, in order to increase the involvement of members within the association and with the location. Use what has been learned in subsequent processes.

- Choice of **3 conference locations** in the city, which means that there is already a connection with the city in the programme (among others, thanks to ambassadors). Children are ambassadors and need to become resilient and proud of their city. During the conference, children are given a platform and a voice. All the city's schools are invited to an art festival during the conference. A biennial exhibition is also launched by and for children.

-> See **Appendix** for other examples.

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GENERAL TIP

- Schedule an **evaluation**, as well as a **follow-up meeting** with all the partners involved, shortly **after the conference**. Organise a member survey.
- Continue to build the **offline and online community**, e.g., by working with a community manager and launching a digital platform. Store the knowledge gained during the conference on this platform as part of a lifelong learning process for your members.

TIP HOW CAN YOU INVOLVE THE LOCAL POPULATION IN YOUR CONFERENCE?

- Use the **participation ladder as a framework**: from informing to consulting, making joint decisions and taking joint action, to offering support for local community initiatives. Challenge yourself to climb one or two steps up: from asking a few local residents for their opinion to developing a fringe programme together with a few resident (groups).

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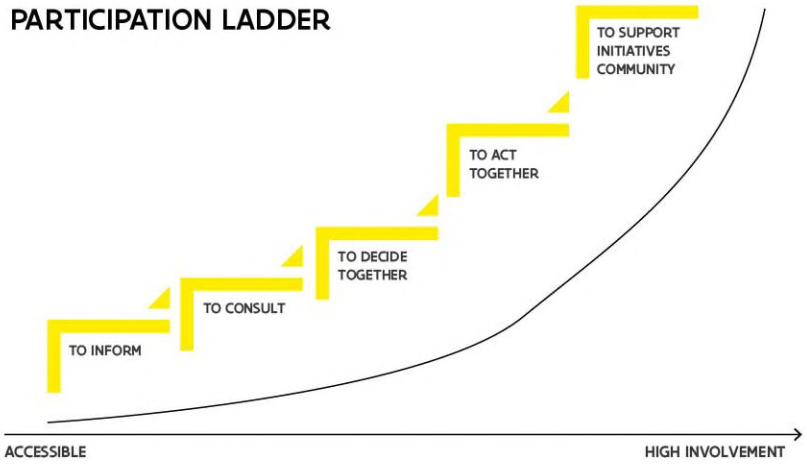

- **Take a broad view of the notion of a local 'resident'**. Local residents can be the residents that live around the conference venue, as well as the residents/customers of your members/consumers/participants in the wider region where you want to have an impact on policy.
- **Involve them directly or indirectly**. If the residents are difficult to reach directly or you have limited capacity, work through intermediaries (patient associations, coordinators of community programmes or target group organisations).
- Involve residents in the **fringe programme** as well as in the content of your conference or issues relating to the conference theme.

INSPIRATION HOW CAN YOU INVOLVE THE LOCAL POPULATION IN YOUR CONFERENCE?

- The exhibition floor of the SuperNova innovation and technology festival was open to the public during the weekend (SuperNova).
- Involve residents in the social fringe programme. International researchers thus come into contact with the local population (ICCPR).
- Involve residents as a 'challenger' on policy and education and as a 'speaking witness' of scientific evidence (multilingualism, low literacy, etc.) during a language conference (De Taalsector).
- Have local residents give guided tours of the heritage sites. This fosters pride among the locals and strengthens the local networks (Herita).
- Involve representatives from patient groups and people in vulnerable positions in the conference. Patients and people who need care can share their experience at the conference (the Flemish Agency for Care & Health).
- Conduct a local survey before the conference to see to what extent the new approach has made a difference to local residents. Present these findings to a number of focus groups and discuss the results of this survey at the conference (European Forum for Primary Care).

HOW CAN **VISITFLANDERS** HELP YOU?

- We can develop your legacy more broadly than in the city where you organise your conference. We can search for, and involve, partners from all over Flanders that work together with the LOC and that can broaden your intended legacy across borders.
- We offer advice on how to develop a sustainable and digital conference.
- We assist you with the development of a roadmap
  -> See **Inspiration: A good roadmap will get you started.**

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INSPIRATION A GOOD ROADMAP WILL GET YOU STARTED

Good planning and organisation are essential for developing your intended legacy with your conference. You need to think about what you want to achieve **before, during and after** the conference. A roadmap can help you keep an overview of your actions.

A roadmap resembles a **zoomed-out route** and includes your starting point and destination in addition to all the intermediate steps. The advantage of this is that you have an overview, at a glance, of your long-term planning: all the milestones are visualised on one A4 page and all the links between the various intermediate steps are clear and easy to understand. Objectives that are still far off can be transposed into intermediate objectives that you must first achieve. Divide the volume of work into smaller segments to make progress.

Develop a roadmap with a **time-line, milestones and actions** and think in **4 phases:**

- set yourself a clear starting point
- add the intermediate steps, actions and important milestones for the success of your conference
- the conference itself
- the destination. Think about which period you will allocate 'after' the conference

The conference is a **milestone** in the entire process, not the destination or end goal.

ROADMAP

TIMING	START	INTERMEDIARY STEP 1	INTERMEDIARY STEP 2	THE CONFERENCE	INTERMEDIARY STEP 3	DESTINATION
	month / year	month / year	month / year	month / year	month / year	month / year
		Milestone:		Milestone:		
KPI's RESOURCES BUDGET KNOWLEDGE MEASUREMENT						

You can also add the following items:

- **KPIs** (Key Performance Indicators): this helps you to maintain a focus and achieve (intermediate) objectives in the run-up to the conference
- **resources** per action / milestone
- **budget** per action / milestone or per phase
- which knowledge sharing happens when
- when you are going to measure and monitor

Above all, the roadmap must be clear, well-structured, convincing and visually strong

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STEP 4: EMBEDDING

KEY QUESTIONS

Which **KEY QUESTION** must you ask during?

Embedding in the short (6 months) & medium (1 to 2 years) term

- What will you do in the short term after the conference, in terms of knowledge sharing and further knowledge development? What resources will you provide for this?
- Which indicators will you use to measure and monitor in the long-term whether the correct steps have been taken towards the intended legacy

Long-term embedding (2 to 5 years or exceeding the policy period)?

- How does this conference fit in with the association's multi-annual plan? Do consultations or partnerships for your conference tie in with the stakeholders of your operations? Could the conference be a milestone in your operations in the coming years? Where does the knowledge sharing after the conference, or the involvement of members, fit in with your planned activities or key themes for the coming years?
- When and how will you use and deploy the relationships you built, the lessons learned, and the recommendations in the 6 years following your conference? This in accordance with the policy of the relevant government (Flanders, Belgium, Europe, etc.) and the host city of your conference.

EXAMPLE 1

International Association of Children in Museums - Hands'On congres

To achieve the intended legacy, the LOC is building new bridges with poverty organisations, youth workers and residents, among others. Creating legacy is a valuable and innovative way to link the potential and positive impact of this conference with the challenges that the local community faces. Clear social added value is created thanks to new dialogues.

During the entire partnership, Meet in Mechelen inspires the association and all partners involved to continue to embed the flourishing strategy in the future, as part of a collaboration with other partners and destinations. Added value is explained, successes are shared transparently and celebrated.

More specifically: Ensure, in the **short and medium-term future** that a Mechelen partner joins the association's international board so the knowledge sharing continues to grow in step with the international platform. The conference **continues** to have an impact on Mechelen:

- both in terms of content: for example with a permanent experiment room
- as well as at an inspirational level where the conference continues to be an important reference for Mechelen and the association.

The association includes 'legacy' as a recurring item on the agenda of its annual general meeting. The association adopts a new mindset. The LOC communicates with all the partners and stakeholders using an evaluation e-mail, among other things. The organisation of an appraisal few weeks after the conference to gather the necessary feedback from the residents and the children. Taking the lessons learned into account for the next conference. Launch of a newsletter on the theme of children and art/museums for the entire region. Official kick-off of a collaboration between partners with an agenda that focuses on children until the end of 2024.

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Policy adjustments in the **long-term** in museums and increase in the number of visits by children in Mechelen and throughout Flanders. Local partnerships are created between all museums in Flanders and Brussels, which consider children's activities as one of their priorities. In the long-term Flanders, and Mechelen, at the forefront for family-friendly policy in museums. From 2023 onwards, measure poverty figures in Mechelen and notice a decrease. Cross-policy approach and reduce the inclusion of the policy pillar on child poverty in Mechelen. The ties with Hands On! will not be cut after the conference: the valuable partnership continues as part of a learning network.

-> See **Appendix** for other examples.

GENERAL TIPS

- Take the **learnings** of the conference on board in your association work. Combine the preparation (consultations, possible partnerships etc.), the conference itself, and the embedding (such as knowledge sharing) with, and to, your members in the association's multi-annual plan. Include the preparation in the association's multi-annual plan.
- Embed the **legacy in the association's day-to-day running/operations**. Make legacy a **recurring** item for the board and members, e.g., by including it on the agenda of the annual general meeting.

'LEGACY REQUIRES A LONG PRELIMINARY STAGE AND FOLLOW-UP PROCESS.'

Dries Debackere, De Taalsector

TIP HOW CAN YOU MEASURE AND MONITOR LEGACY IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM-TERM FUTURE?

- Develop the **right mindset**. You want to know if things are evolving in the right direction, with a view to achieving your desired impact. Don't (just) pin yourself down on measuring whether your intended impact is entirely and completely present.
- Clarify your legacy and **define some of the indicators that** you want to measure from the outset.
- Look for **indicators that clearly indicate** whether you are effectively achieving impact. These can be scientifically-based indicators, but also indicators that are based on the experiences of experience experts or stakeholders in your working group.
- Impact can also be an **attitude that you want to change.** For example, you can organise a survey among the participants of your conference or the patients/customers of your members (before and after the conference). Sample questions: 'To which extent do you have confidence in methodology X or Y?', 'To which extent do you think that you'll be working from vision X or Y in X years, in line with the conference theme?'
- Establish a link between the intended legacy of your conference and the **objectives and ambitions of your functioning as an association**. Or at least make sure that there is a link. Check for with which aspects the conference wants to make a difference and make a unique contribution.
- Don't forget that stories or testimonials of patients, entrepreneurs, members, local residents etc. can all be indicators of your intended legacy.

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INSPIRATION HOW CAN YOU MEASURE AND MONITOR LEGACY IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM-TERM FUTURE?

- The VR/AR Association want to have an impact on policy and develop Flanders as a region: monitor how **many policy papers** at the relevant policy level, pay attention to the theme and monitor the **number of jobs** in the industry.
- The International Theatre Congress & World Capital of Performing Arts wants to set up collaborations and create engagement: organise regular surveys about the **engagement of the partner involved**.
- Energie Mission Limburg (Flux 50): measures **how many journalists attended** the conference and contacted the conference venue, i.e., Thor Park in Genk, after the event. Based on the intended legacy to put participants in contact with each other and to monitor the statistics of the **network app** used.
- De Taalsector wants to organise an international language conference: measure the evolution of the number of policy documents on the legacy themes of their conference (coalition agreement, policy memorandum, parliamentary documents, etc.) and the budgetary evolution (literacy, multilingualism, etc.) after the conference. In addition, conduct a **sentiment analysis** of the main legacy themes (literacy, multilingualism).
- The European Safety Association focuses on biosafety. They want to motivate young professionals with their conference and increase the professionalism of the profession. Indicators: monitor the **age of the participants** (rejuvenation), experience of the participants (starters, etc.), % work volume in biosafety (full-time job, a much-valued discipline, etc.).

HOW CAN **VISITFLANDERS** HELP YOU?

- We are available to answer any questions throughout the entire process.
- We offer support for your communication in Flanders, and any international communication if necessary through our international network.
- We offer digital solutions and tools that you can use to share learnings and the best cases from your conference with others.

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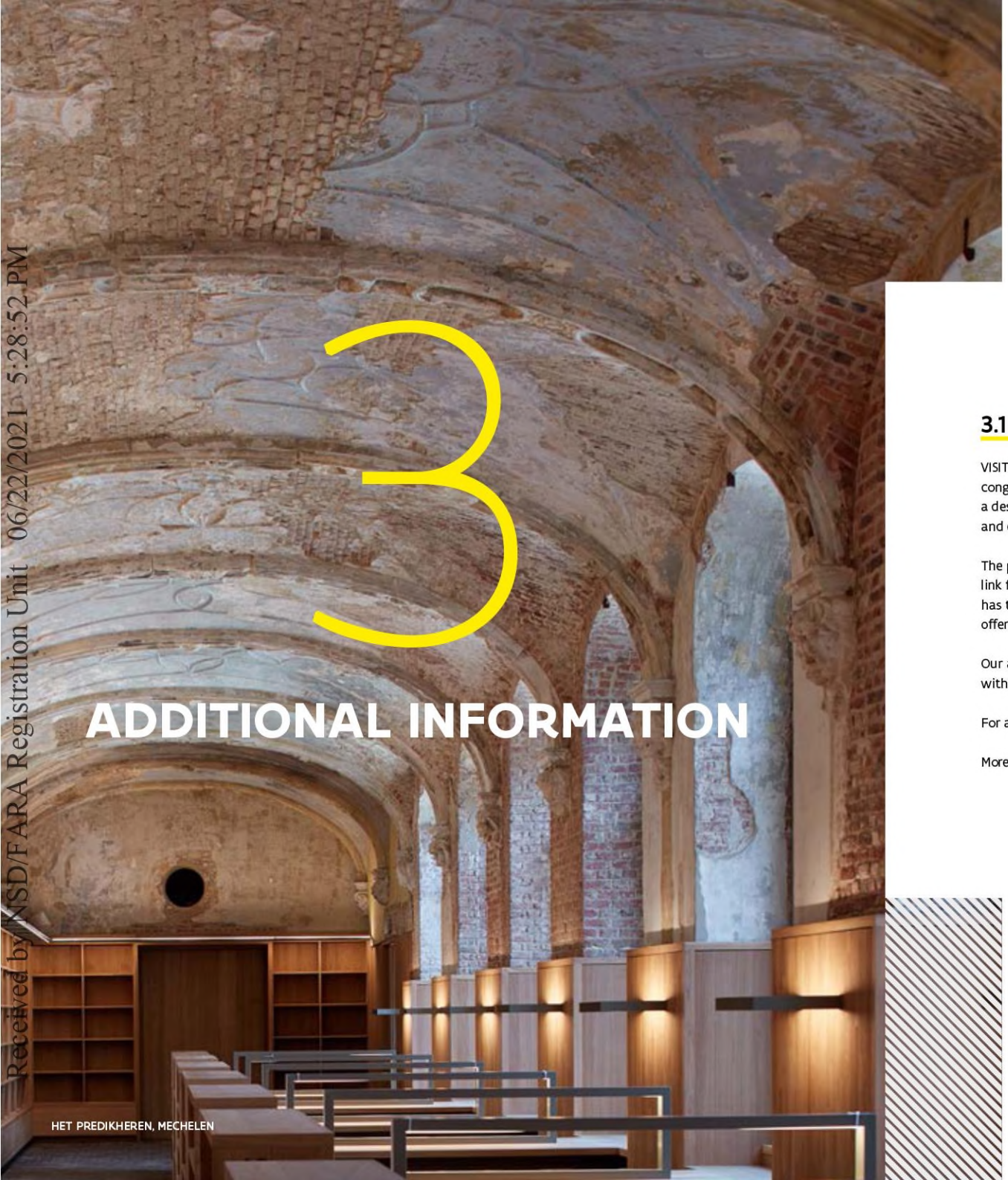

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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3.1 VISITFLANDERS CONVENTION BUREAU

VISITFLANDERS wants to promote Flanders at the international level as the preferred congress destination. The main objective is to generate a positive impact for Flanders as a destination, by attracting international association congresses that match its economic and cultural clusters.

The professional team of the VISITFLANDERS Convention Bureau is the initial, important link for international associations wishing to organise a congress in Flanders. The team has the required expertise and in-depth product knowledge. We have a global MICE team to offer optimal, tailor-made service.

Our association experts Gemmeke De Jongh, Tuya Beyers and Milo Vergucht will assist you with the development of your congress with a legacy in Flanders.

For all general inquiries our support for congresses you may contact Sylvie Lejour.

More information: www.meetinflanders.com

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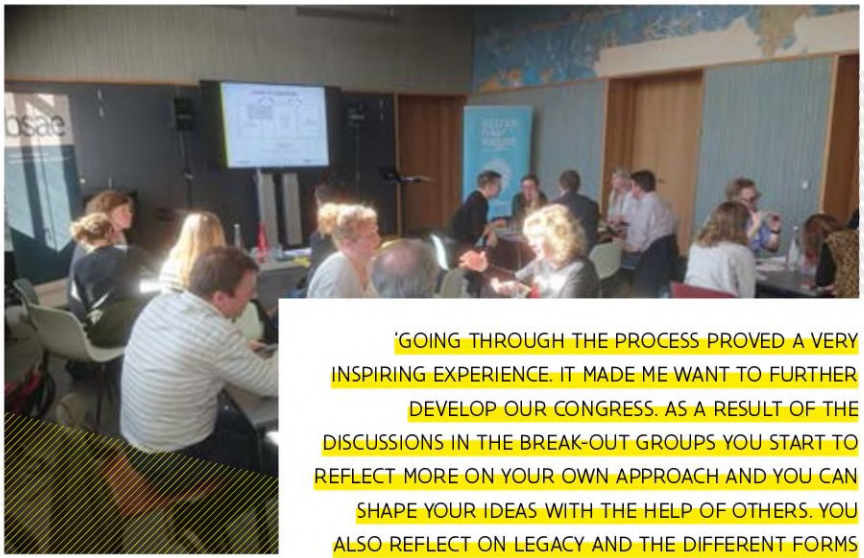

'GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS PROVED A VERY INSPIRING EXPERIENCE. IT MADE ME WANT TO FURTHER DEVELOP OUR CONGRESS. AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE BREAK-OUT GROUPS YOU START TO REFLECT MORE ON YOUR OWN APPROACH AND YOU CAN SHAPE YOUR IDEAS WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS. YOU ALSO REFLECT ON LEGACY AND THE DIFFERENT FORMS IT CAN TAKE.'

Nathalie Verboven, University Antwerp

3.2 'LEGACY & CONFERENCES' EXPEDITION

Flanders launched a 'legacy & conferences' expedition in order to develop this guideline. People in the field were brought together four times during interactive sessions. They focused on their own work/congress. The assignments, exercises and inputs of these 'pilots' helped shape this guideline. Together with VISITFLANDERS and the BSAE, these pioneers conveyed the value of conferences.

We wish to thank the following organisations for their participation: Flanders DC, the Belgium Chapter of the VR/AR Association, Flux50, Flanders Make, Muziektheater Transparant, De Taalsector, the City of Mechelen, UAntwerp, Herita, the Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage (KIK-IRPA), the Flemish Agency for Care & Health, the European Biosafety Association, the European Forum for Primary Care, the International Academy for Design & Health, the Flemish Institute for Biotechnology, the Belgian Limburg Convention Bureau and Event Flanders.

'GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS HELPED ME TO MAKE THE CONGRESS AND ITS LEGACY MORE TANGIBLE.'

Cederik Haverbeke, Belgium Chapter AR/VR Association

3.3 BSAE

BSAE, the Belgian Society of Association Executives, is the association of association managers and professionals in member organisations, sectoral organisations and professional federations in Belgium. BSAE offers support and provides professionals with a platform for exchange and development. The emphasis is on the special operating mechanisms of these member organisations and association management. BSAE's slogan is: 'Horizontal. Working on the future as professionals who bring people together'. A broad view across sectoral boundaries with an emphasis on the socially valuable role of association professionals. Association professionals who, as liaison professionals, connect their members with each other and with the 'outside world' in order to ensure that the industry, the profession, the interest group etc. is always ready for the future.

David Nassen, Association Coordinator BSAE, supervised the 'Legacy & Conferences' expedition along with the VISITFLANDERS team and also helped draft this guideline. Thanks also to Filip Callewaert, who offered support in the knowledge management process.
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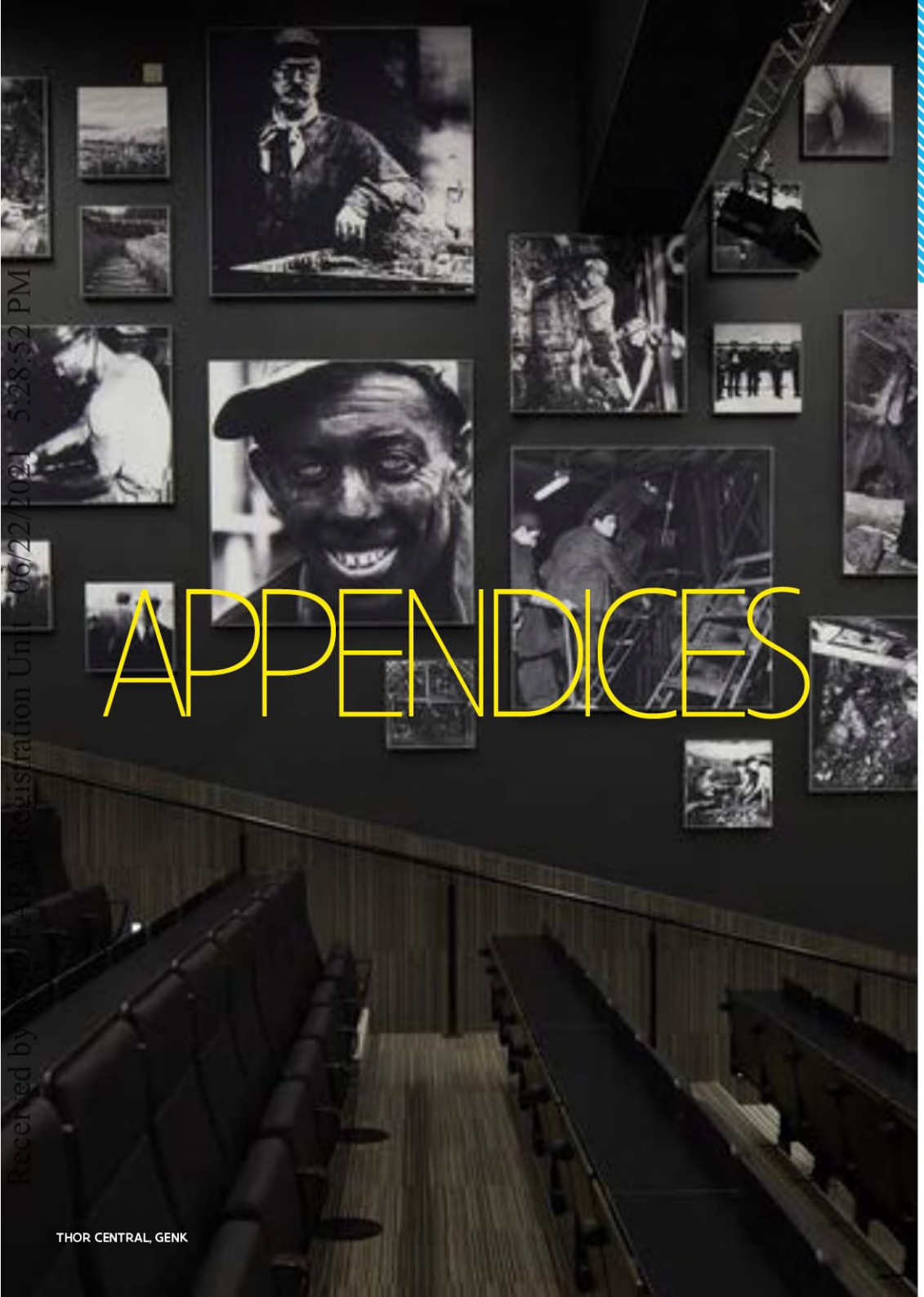

APPENDICES

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Below we have brought together a number of examples to clarify the roadmap:

STEP 1: Exploration

Example 2

The International Academy for Design and Health (IADH) is a global non-profit, interdisciplinary knowledge organisation which that focuses on stimulating and applying research into the interaction between 'design, health, science & culture'.

During the biennial three-day event, researchers, architects, scientists and government representatives meet for a preceding one-day symposium, a three-day conference and a full day of study visits to interesting locations.

- **Assets:** the IADH is at a turning point in its history after completing its first reorganisation and restructuring The 13th World Congress Design & Health is the first congress to be organised under the new structure. Despite the fresh start, the association has 20 years of research at its disposal.
- **Positive:** the association is an association 2.0, en route to becoming an association 3.0. Currently, the emphasis is on information and consultation. The intention is to grow towards joint decision-making and action. The aim is to become an active and visible community of members that is connected with all other stakeholders: governments, health & design professionals and researchers, the industry and local residents.
- The fact that it is not yet visible or clear what the academy does and how this is relevant for the membership base could be a possible **obstacle.** In addition, connecting two worlds that are not naturally connected with each other, i.e., health & architecture, can be challenging.

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Example 3

The objective of the 'Energy Mission conference' is to gather policy-makers from the industry, the policy level and knowledge institutions and to demonstrate real innovative developments and cases based on three missions or themes: built-up environment, industry and electrification.

A successful conference is a conference where you can inspire, share and connect in an informal, laid-back environment. You must examine change from the right perspective and discuss it with 'fellow change agents'.

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- **Assets:** energy is a transition priority within Vision 2050 and therefore a top priority within the policy of Flanders, but also in the Limburg region. A collaboration with various stakeholders is being set up within the core team (POM, EnergyVille, IncubaThor and Flux50). The team is supplemented with players at the academic, policy and company level. This team thus includes both national and local players. Energy Mission was created to put the policy objectives in Flanders and Europe on the map and to help achieve them. For Limburg, 'Energy' is also a theme that inspires the region's innovation, economy and marketing. The perfect mix to create legacy.
- The **association behind this congress** is rather atypical in the sense that it is a platform of associations and organisations rather than one single association that organises the congress. It consists of a combination of various research organisations, agencies and a member organisation. While this is the organisation's strength, it can also be an obstacle due to the different structures.

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STEP 2: Preparation

Example 2: International Academy for Design and Health - World Congress for Design & Health

Composition of the LOC: gather as many local stakeholders as possible: governments, health & design professionals and researchers, the industry and locals. With special attention to:

- local students of Architecture and Medicine (possibly through the associations) – the conference can be a means of bringing these communities together around the topic of Design & Health;
- future/young politicians – they help determine the future;

Modus Operandi: the LOC will work in 'working circles', each of which take on a task and responsibility. A team directs the 'circles' and meets on a regular basis.

Involvement of participants: taking the participants to various locations throughout Flanders to visit different best cases and to connect with the professionals in the field. The students are also given a distinct place as a participant during the congress and share their views on the future in presentations. Organisation of a debate with policy-makers to help put the theme on the agenda in the minister's future policy memorandum.

Involvement of entrepreneurs: invite entrepreneurs to the congress to network and co-create around new examples for the future with hands-on sessions and workshops throughout the conference.

Achieving the involvement of residents by:

- raising awareness: organise workshops and/or study tours with **residents** in the run-up to the congress and also provide them with a place during the congress;
- attentive involvement: invite local future experts, politicians and residents to pre- & 'unconference ' sessions;
- encourage participation in the design competition with a utopian question: The city without a hospital'. One of the selection criteria could be that the residents are involved in the design process/team and possibly even sit on the jury;
- social activity & city guide: linking **local entrepreneurs** who offer 'healthy living' (lunch/sauna/sports/etc.) to conference participants.

Example 3: Energy Mission congress

Composition of the LOC: POM Limburg, Flux 50, EnergyVille, Incubathor and UHasselt make up the LOC, representing the academic, policy and business levels. This core team is assisted by the Belgian Limburg Convention Bureau that provides logistical support and ensures the connection with the cities and VISITFLANDERS and the City of Genk and the Catholic University of Leuven as a Professional Conference Organiser. Thor Central in Genk, a Flanders Heritage Venue, is also a unique conference venue. 'Digging Energy for the Future': not just another slogan.

Modus operandi: the LOC meets once-monthly to discuss and work towards the 78 milestones that were set out in the roadmap.

Engagement of the participants: take participants on a journey through the history of 'energy', enabling them to experience this first-hand during an experience trail in the Province of Limburg. They will set to work hands on testing energy innovations. The participants visit the 'energy exhibition'.

Engagement of entrepreneurs: stimulate local traders to develop the 'products and services' theme during the congress. Possibly offer the most successful products on a permanent basis. Raise awareness among entrepreneurs, inspiring them to adapt their energy policy and make it more sustainable.

Enhance the energy experience for **locals** with:

- various energy walks in Genk and the surrounding area that offer participants and residents the opportunity to be energised by different walking or running trails. On these trails they are exposed to 'energy facts & figures';
- the energy exhibition introduces visitors to stories and innovative developments from the past, present and future. There is a clear link with the 'Mission 2020' energy conference. The historical mining site(s) form the backdrop and vantage point for various energy innovations in Limburg;
- restaurants in Genk and the surrounding area feature energy as a theme in their menus: 'food as a source of energy for a healthy life';
- Open House: companies and research institutions open their doors to local residents.

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STEP 3: Organisation

Example 2: International Academy for Design and Health - World Congress for Design & Health

Participation of participants and engagement of the congress venue/city is achieved by:

- selecting **2 locations** in the city ensuring a connection with the city in the programme;
- connecting the local 'healthy/new wave' hospitality establishments with participants by means of vouchers in the programme booklet;
- sponsoring of a 'healthy' **social programme** with Shots of Healthiness/Shots of Happiness (instead of a venue) - enhanced connection between the sponsor and the participant;
- **'unconference' programme** with a pub/hub where participants can also work in between sessions.

Example 3: Energy Mission Conference

Involvement of participants and engagement of the congress venue/city is achieved by:

- using energy as a theme for catering 'brain food', 'energising breaks' and 'ice – breakers';
- the Thor Central congress venue takes you on a journey through the 'Digging Energy for the Future' narrative. This Flanders Heritage Venue is the physical embodiment of energy history in Flanders. Participants can discover the stories at their own pace throughout the venue;
- 'Energy' cycling and hiking trails in the vicinity of the venue ensure that participants feel refreshed and energised at the start of the congress day;
- local students are involved in the organisation and inspire congress participants with their infectious youthful enthusiasm. They share their knowledge and innovative ideas as well as their passion for the destination with participants.

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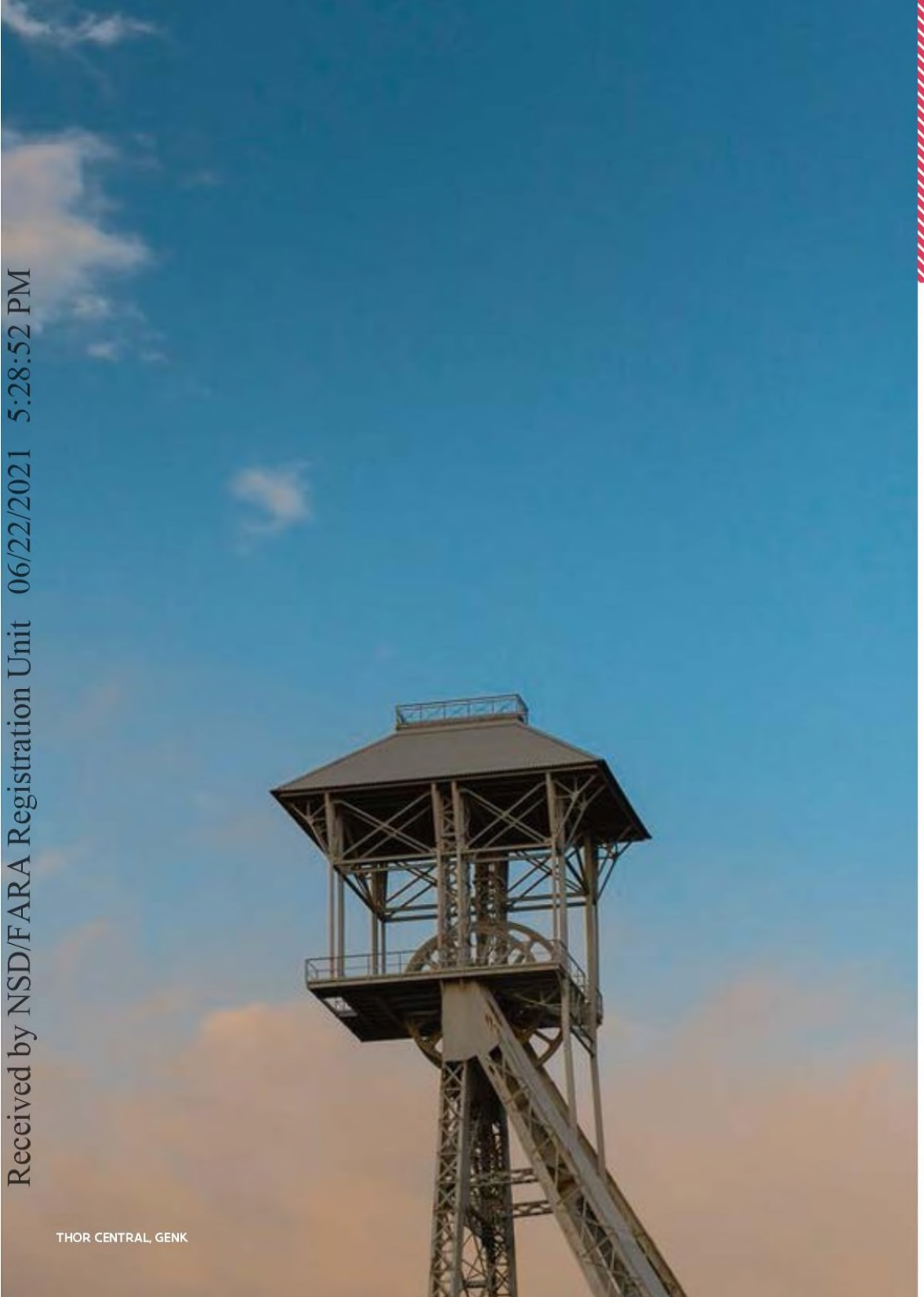

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STEP 4: Embedding

Example 2: International Academy for Design and Health - World Congress for Design & Health

In the **short and medium-term future**:

- ensure that the conference takes place more than once in the same location (instead of somewhere else every year) in order to also be able to monitor the projects initiated during the conference (while we are here);
- also scout new local projects for the next congress;
- collect stories through the blog/vlog about what people could do after the conference with the knowledge they gained there;
- start up small networks at the conference to work together in the next two years (a sort of expedition between two conferences), especially between different stakeholders.

In the **long-term**:

- In 5 years' time, a durable conference organisation (Global & Local Organising Committees) will have been established within the International Academy for Design & Health (IADH). All subsequent world congresses are 'healthy' congresses, to be organised 'in the city' (instead of in convention centres outside the city). The city as a built-up environment will thus have an immediate and clear impact on visitors' health;
- broaden the IADH's field to include all Design & Health disciplines;
- in 5 years' time an active and visible community of members and other stakeholders (governments, health & design professionals and researchers, industry, residents) will have been created;
- the IADH will be able to explain, in five years from now, that the 'climate change' narrative is underpinned by a 'health change' narrative.

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Example 3: Energy Mission Conference

In the **short and medium-term future**:

- attention to the energy theme can simplify access to subsidy flows for new research;
- participants who return year after year because Mission Energy is 'the place to be' to see their network again (relaunch contacts), let the conference grow;
- knowledge sharing: setting up new collaborations and starting up new relevant research.

In the **long-term**:

- cooperation between initiators leads to new initiatives and innovations in the long-term. These successful partnerships set an example for other companies to also reach out to knowledge institutions and the government in the region;
- the initiators (Flux50/POM) continue to be part of the variable core team, across the different iterations of Energy Mission. The wider LOC can capitalise on this experience to develop a sustainable and recurring conference, with a long-term impact that can act as a catalyst for the economy in the region.

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