



## SINFONICA workshop on user-friendly public and shared transport using CCAM

**Date:** 14 February 2024 (09:00 – 14:30)

**Venue:** ERTICO, Avenue Louise 523 (*Silversquare Louise, 8th floor*)

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ERTICO is on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Silversquare Louise building, at 523 Avenue Louise, in the south-east part of Brussels.

You need to be registered to attend the workshop. On entering the building (glass doors), sign in at the security/reception on the left, saying it is for a meeting at ERTICO. They will tell you which of the four lifts to take (A to D), which will be pre-programmed to go directly to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

### How to get to ERTICO

#### Arriving from Brussels Airport (BRU)

From **Brussels Airport** there are frequent trains to the city centre, every 10 to 15 minutes. Go from the lower level of the airport to **Brussels Midi/Zuid** station, then take the metro and tram via Louise.

Trains also call at Brussels North (Nord) and Central, so this is convenient if you arrive the evening before the meeting and have a hotel in or near the city centre.

Most trains have a final destination beyond Brussels, e.g. Tournai (Doornik), Gent, Ostend (Oostende), Knokke or Mons (Bergen).

*Do not take a train with destination Leuven or Antwerpen, as they are heading in the opposite direction to Brussels.*

Trains with destination Namur (Namen), Dinant or Charleroi avoiding the city centre and do not go to Midi/Zuid, but instead call at Brussels-Schuman, Brussels-Luxembourg and Etterbeek stations. This is useful either if you have a hotel in the EU area (Schuman) or in Ixelles (near Place Luxembourg), or if you are arriving in the morning and going directly to ERTICO's offices (get off at **Etterbeek** –easier than going via the city centre). Two trains per hour serve this route, so it is less frequent than going to Brussels Midi.



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A single train ticket is €11 (including the airport supplement), valid to any station in Brussels region (including Etterbeek). Buy from the blue machines or from the ticket office. To return one or two days later, you need to buy a single for each trip.

See <https://www.belgiantrain.be> (SNCB/NMBS site) for domestic Belgian railway information.

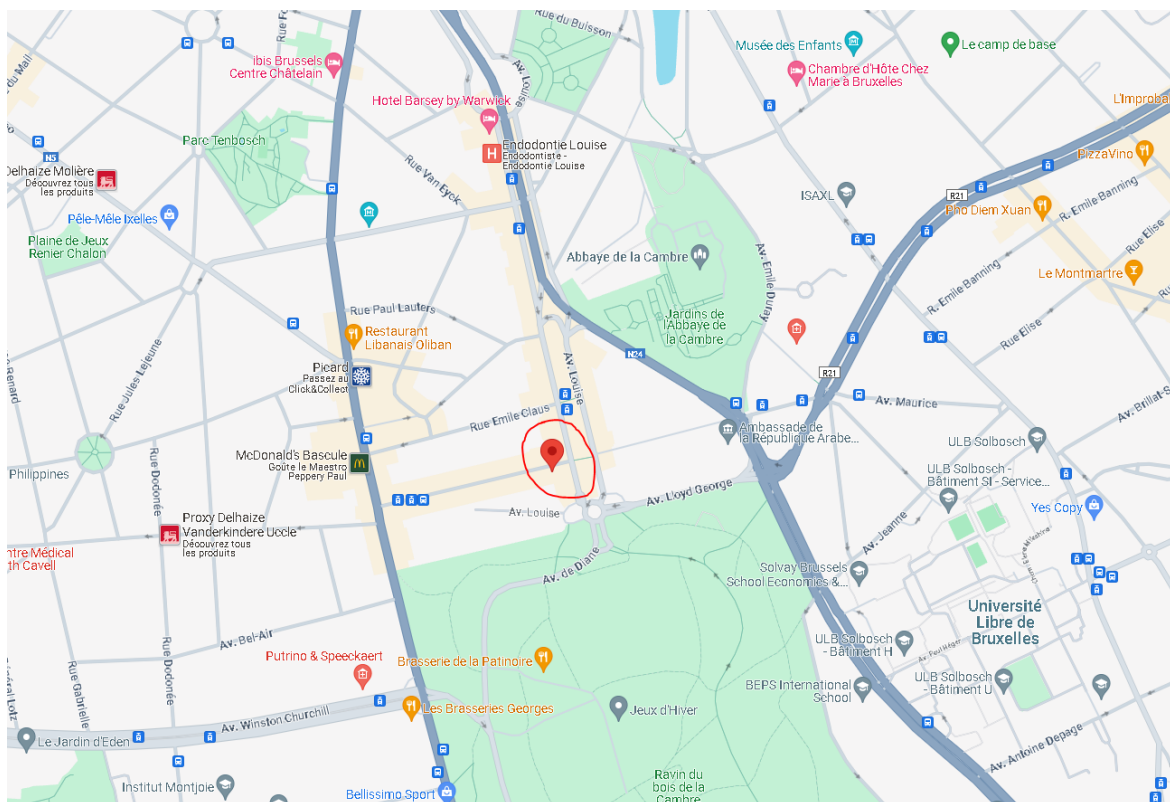
## Arriving from Brussels-South Charleroi (CRL)

Brussels' second airport, although quite far south of Brussels, is located at Charleroi and is served by several low-cost airlines.

Flibco operates a coach service from the airport to Brussels Midi station every 20 minutes, with journey time of 55 minutes. Online booking available here: <https://www.flibco.com> (Choose shuttle bus, from CRL (Charleroi Airport) to Brussels Midi station. The Door-to-Gate option is a shared taxi so much more expensive). The shuttle bus costs €19.95 each way if you book online and you can use the ticket on any service that day. You can also book at the ticket office at Charleroi Airport coach station but it is more expensive.

## Public transport from Brussels Midi/Zuid station

ERTICO is opposite tram stop **LEGRAND** (tram lines 7, 8, 93)



**Bruxelles-Midi / Brussels-Zuid** is the main station and located in the south of the city. It is where international high-speed trains arrive (e.g. Eurostar from Paris, London, Amsterdam and Cologne, DB ICE from Germany, SNCF TGV from France and ÖBB NightJet from Austria).

You can take the metro and tram from there to **Legrand** (stop for ERTICO). Go down the escalators to the Metro. After the ticket machines and ticket/information office, take the second metro barrier entrance on the left and take Metro line 2 or 6 (direction Elisabeth) for 3 stops.

Get off at **Louise/Louiza**, after going through the barriers (you need your ticket to get out), leave by the furthest left exit up the stairs.

From the tram stop in front of you, take either the **number 8 tram** (direction Roodebeek) or the **93 tram** (direction Legrand).

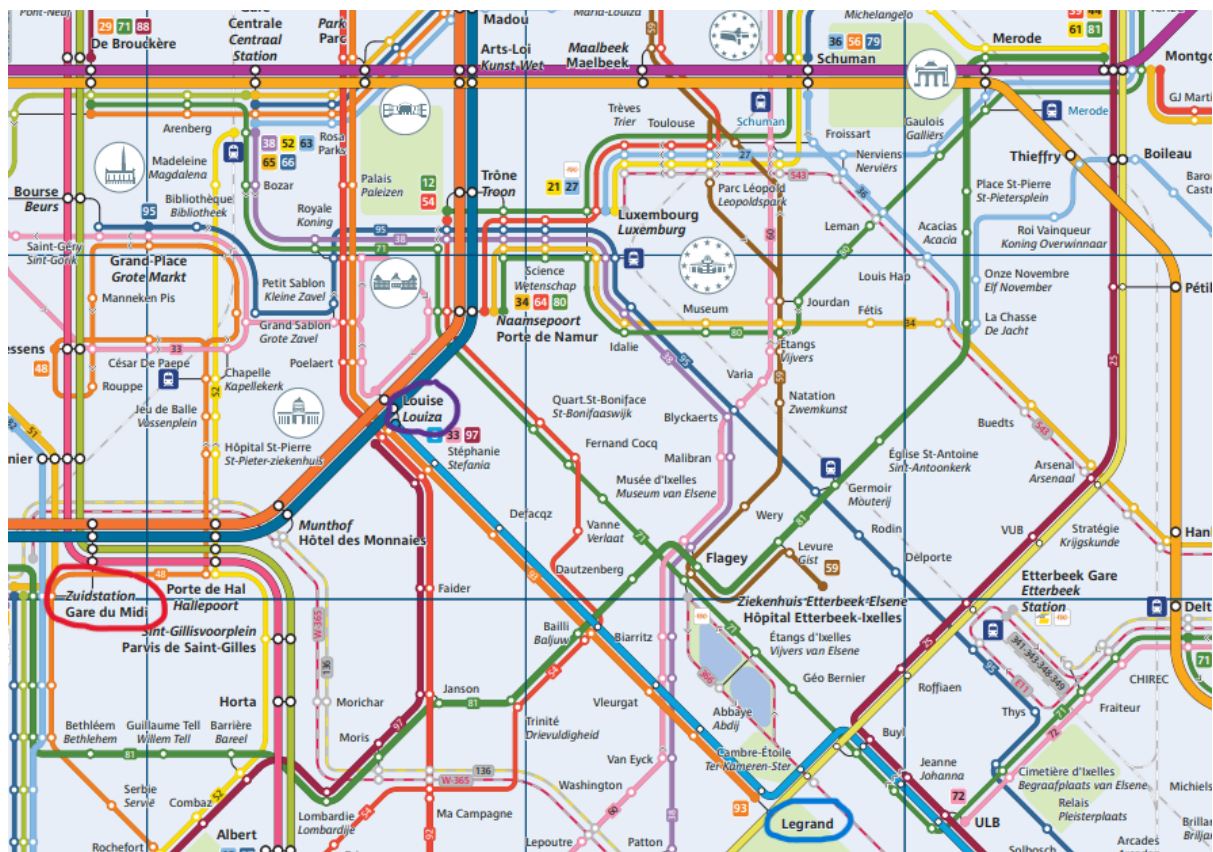
Get off at **Legrand** which is the 6<sup>th</sup> stop. Then walk straight ahead (south-east) and the entrance to Silversquare Louise (number 523, Avenue Louise) is on your right.

See excerpt of public transport network map below.

## Public transport from Etterbeek station

Coming from **Etterbeek** (served by some direct trains from Brussels Airport, see above), take **tram number 7** from opposite Etterbeek station (directions Vanderkindere) to **Legrand** (4 stops).

See map below.



## Public transport payment

You can pay on Brussels metro/tram/bus either by buying a single ticket from a machine (single ticket €2.60 – best option if you need a ticket to claim expenses).

Or you can use your contactless bank card (validate for each journey). The latter will debit €8 initially (day ticket price) but then refund the difference between this and each single trip you make in a day (€2.20 each).



For more frequent visitors to Brussels, it is cheaper to buy a MOBIB card (can be bought at a machine with 10 journeys loaded and can be recharged with additional journeys or 24-hour tickets).

See <https://www.stib-mivb.be> for local public transport information (STIB/MIVB).

## Taxi

Taxis from Brussels Airport cost around € 60 to 70. App-based ride hailing companies like Uber, Bolt and Heetch are also available.

## Parking

For those arriving by car, we have a **very limited number parking spaces** in the underground garage and these must be booked in advance. Please contact Andrew Winder [a.winder@mail.ertico.com](mailto:a.winder@mail.ertico.com) if you need a parking space. There is limited paid-for parking on street.

We also have a **secure bike locker** in our underground parking garage. Please inform us if you are arriving by bicycle so one of us can meet you and let you into the bike parking area.

## Hotel suggestions

Below are some hotel suggestions near to ERTICO's offices (either walkable or a few stops on the tram, line 8 or 93).

Many other possibilities exist in the city centre.

### **Hotel Barsey by Warwick** (4\* hotel)

€96 to €166 per night

Avenue Louise 381-383, 1050 Brussels (600 metres from ERTICO office)

Near to Abbaye tram stop (1 stop to ERTICO at Legrand) or 8 minutes' walk

<https://www.warwickhotels.com/hotel-barsey-by-warwick>

### **Ibis Brussels Centre Châtelain** (3\* modern Ibis/Accor chain hotel)

€115 to €155 per night

Chaussee De Vleurgat 191, 1050 Brussels (850 metres from ERTICO office)

Near to Vleurgat tram stop (2 stops to ERTICO at Legrand) or 13 minutes' walk

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/B638/index.en.shtml>

### **Hotel L-Avenue** (4\* suite hotel)

€190 to €336 per night

Avenue Louise 323, 1050 Brussels (900 metres from ERTICO office)

Near to Vleurgat tram stop (2 stops to ERTICO at Legrand) or 13 minutes' walk

<https://www.lavenue-be.com>

### **Hotel Louise** (3\* hotel, formerly Ibis Styles but recently renovated and changed ownership)

€79 to €127 per night

Avenue Louise 212, 1050 Brussels (1.4 km from ERTICO office)

Near to Bailli tram stop (3 stops to ERTICO at Legrand) or 20 minutes' walk

<https://www.hotellouise.be>



**Le Châtelain Brussels Hotel** (5\* independent boutique hotel)

€147 to €200 per night

Rue du Châtelain 17, 1000 Brussels (1.4 km from ERTICO office)

Near to Bailli tram stop (3 stops to ERTICO at Legrand) or 20 minutes' walk

<https://le-chatelain.com/language/en/welcome/>

**B&B Hotel Brussels Centre Louise** (3\* hotel, part of the French B&B chain)

€99 to €123 per night

Rue Paul Spaak 15, 1000 Brussels (1.6 km from ERTICO office)

Near to Bailli tram stop (3 stops to ERTICO at Legrand) or 22 minutes' walk

<https://www.hotel-bb.com/en/hotel/brussels-centre-louise>