

WORKSHOP VENUE

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HOW TO REACH OOSTENDE

By Plane

Please check your air ticket carefully and verify where your travel to Belgium terminates:

- The main international airport is **BRU** – (BRUSSELS AIRPORT–ZAVENTEM – www.brusselsairport.be).
- Some companies land in **CRL** (Brussels South Charleroi Airport – www.brussels-charleroi-airport.com), which is located 45 km south of Brussels and has less easy connections with Oostende.

For those arriving at Brussels Airport (BRU) to reach Oostende you will have to take the train as follows:

Arrival is on the second floor of the airport (LEVEL 2). The train terminal is on LEVEL -1. Please take the lift or elevator to level -1 for the train. Buy a ticket to Oostende (the normal price of this ticket is at this moment 25 EUR). If at the time of your arrival the ticket office is closed, you can buy a ticket from the ticket machine as you will need to scan your ticket to gain access to the platform.

Take a train to Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi). There you will have to change to another train for Oostende. There are frequent trains from the airport to Brussel Zuid (Bruxelles Midi) – about every quarter of an hour. Departure times for the Oostende train from Brussels Zuid (Bruxelles Midi) is usually once per hour.

There are also direct trains (once an hour between Brussels Airport and Oostende. Note however that although a direct travel can be nice the duration of this trip is nearly twice as long (3 full hours) compared to the travel with a change in either one of the other Brussels stations, Ghent or Bruges (a travel of +/- 1h45).

Another ‘easier’ option might be the direct train (only during weekdays and once an hour) between Brussels Airport and Bruges. This direct train only takes 1h30 and from Bruges you have at least 3 times an hour a direct train to Oostende (travel time is +/- 16 min).

Oostende is a terminal station for all trains so you will not miss this stop. More information on Belgian national railways can be found at www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx

By train

There are good international train connections to/from Brussels. The main high speed trains hub is Brussel Zuid – Bruxelles Midi (ZJR). It is serviced by Thalys, ICE, TGV, Eurostar... From there you can take a train directly to Oostende (cost about 17 EUR). The train times are usually once per hour.

ACCOMODATION

Deadline for hotel booking is 19 May 2018. SeaDataCloud partners need to book their hotel personally.

- **Hotel Bero International**

Hofstraat 1a- 8400 Oostende, Belgium Tel:+32-(0)-59-70 23 35

Email:info@hotelbero.be Url: www.hotelbero.be

Prices, single rooms, breakfast, wifi, fitness, wellness & swimming pool included:

16 Classic rooms: 85 euro per night

24 ecology rooms: 99 euro per night

Cancellation policy

Free cancellation up to 48 hrs in advance

Late cancellation or no show: 1 night will be charged

- **Princess Hotel**

Boekareststraat 7- 8400 Oostende, Belgium

Tel: +32(0)59 70 68 88

Email: info@hotelprincess.be Url: www.hotelprincess.be

Prices, breakfast included:

10 standard rooms (19-23/06/2018): 65 euro per night 5 standard rooms (24-28/06): 65 euro per night

5 Comfort rooms (24-28/06): 75 euro per night

Cancellation policy:

Free cancellation up to 48 hrs in advance

Cancellation between 48 -24 hrs : 1 night will be charged Cancellation < 24 hrs – or no show: entire stay will be charged

- **Mercure hotel**

Leopold II laan 20, 8400 Oostende

Tel: +32 (0)59 70 76 63

Url: www.accorhotels.com

Prices, breakfast included:

10 comfort rooms: 85 euro per night

Cancellation policy:

Free cancellation up to 24 hrs in advance (12 o'clock in the afternoon, local time)

Afterwards: 1 night will be charged

LOCAL TRANSPORT/INFORMATION

Hotels are located in the city centre close to many restaurants, cafes, shops, and near the beach.

To reach the workshop venue, you'll need to take the ferry-boat (free of charge, see maps). You should leave your hotel 40 to 50 minutes before the starting time of the session.

You can reach the project office as well by tram (direction 'Knokke') from the railway station or from the city centre near the Kursaal. The price of the ticket is max. 3,- EUR. You should leave the tram at the first stop after the railway station at 'Weg naar Vismijn'. Then follow the 'Vismijnlaan', in the direction of 'Vismijn'. The walk should take approximately 15 minutes. You can also take a taxi near both tram stops. The cost is approximately 15 EUR.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please note that the average high and low temperatures in June in Oostende are +18°C and +13°C. Average number of rainy days in June is 9.

MEETING INFORMATION

Please take into account that we start the training/meeting at 9:00 AM every day and finish at 5:00 PM. On the first day, we shall start at 9:30 AM.

Coffee breaks are arranged at 10:30 AM & 3:00 PM. Lunch is at 12:30 pm.

Power sockets in Belgium are of Type E (www.iec.ch/worldplugs/typeE.htm), also compatible with Type C plugs. If necessary, bring your own adapter.

MAPS

