SeaDataCloud Training Workshops

Group 1: 19-21 June 2019
Group 2: 24-26 June 2019

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Online registration **by 15 May** https://forms.ifremer.fr/seadatanet/seadatacloud-second-training-workshop/

WORKSHOP VENUE

Thermae Palace Hotel

Koningin Astridlaan 7

B-8400 Oostende, Belgium

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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 15 min. 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 (ZYR). 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.

If you arrive by plane to Paris, note that you will travel from Paris Airport (http://www.paris-cdg.com) to Brussels Midi by the high speed train – Thalys (the train station, wherefrom this Thalys high-speed will leave, is located in Terminal 2 of the Charles de Gaulle airport).

ACCOMODATION

SeaDataCloud partners need to book their hotel personally. However, block bookings (at preferential rates) have been made at the following hotels:

- **Thermae Palace Hotel **** - block booking of 40 rooms**

  This hotel is where the training is organized

  Koningin Astridlaan 7, 8400 Oostende
  Tel: +32-(0)59-80 66 44
  Contact: http://www.thermaepalace.be/fr/contact
  Url:www.thermaepalace.be

  Room rates:
  88,62 Euro per night for a classic room & tax
  20,00 Euro supplement for breakfast buffet (optional)
  Possible to book this room for 2 people (double or twin bed) supplement: 20,00 Euro per night for breakfast (optional)

  Cancellation policy:
  Free cancellation up 15 days before arrival
  100 % cancellation cost as from 7 days before arrival

  Deadline reservation: 1 month before arrival date (equally: 18 May and 23 May 2019)
  Booking link https://forms.gle/V3m7c5zt7KsMEany7 (Reservation with credit card guarantee)

- **Leopold Hotel Oostende *** - block booking of 10 rooms**

  This hotel is at **10 min walk** from the venue (Hotel Thermae Palace).

  Van Iseghemlaan 110, 8400 Oostende
  Tel: +32-(0)59- 70 08 06
  Email: reception.ostend@leopoldhotels.com
  URL: www.leopoldhotelostend.com

  Room rates:
  74,12 Euro per night, room, tax, breakfast included – single room
  89,12 Euro per night, room, tax, breakfast included – double/twin room

  Cancellation policy:
  Cancellation free of charge until the day BEFORE arrival – 12 o'clock Belgian time
  In case of late cancellation: first night will be charged

  Deadline reservation: 17th May 2019
  Code to make reservation: SEADATACLOUD - Reservation with credit card guarantee

LOCALTRANSPORT/INFORMATION

The **Thermae Palace hotel** is accessible from the station by foot, tram or taxi.
- On foot it will take 25 minutes to walk from the train station to the Thermae Palace hotel
- BY TRAM:
  The tram stop is next to the train station. You take the tram in the direction of 'DE PANNE'
  Tram stop for the hotel: KONINGINNELAAN (2nd stop after the station)
  It is 5 min by tram from the station to this stop.
  Payment tram: on the tram – ask the driver or at the tram shop at the station.
  Ticket cost for 1 trip: 3,00 Euro
- BY TAXI:
  Taxis are at the Van Iseghemlaan, near the station. You cross the bridge and turn left. There you will see the taxi stop. It is +/- 15 EURO to the Thermae Palace hotel.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please note that the average temperature in Oostende in June is +16,2°C (61,16°F). The average high and low temperatures are in June +20,6°C (69,08°F) and +11,9°C (53,42°F). Average number of rainy days in June is 15.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Please take into account that **we start the training at 09:00h every day** and finish at 17:00h. We appreciate to be on time.
Coffee breaks are arranged at 10:30h and 15:00h. Lunch is foreseen between 12:30h and 13:30h.

Please, bring your **own (or institutional) laptop** for use during the training course. The organizers only have 5 extra computers in case of problems.

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

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Participants (SDC project partners) will have to pay the subscription fee of 120,- EUR in advance as it cannot be paid on the spot.
Payments should be made by bank transfer or by credit card payment **by the deadline of 11 June**. This fee will be used for local arrangements such as coffee, tea breaks and lunches.

Payment details:
> VLIZ/IODE projects-UNESCO
> Bank account: BE06 0014 4878 4522
> BIC Code: GEBABEBB
> Reference: full name of participant + SeaDataCloud
> Link for credit card payments: https://payments.iode.org/seadatacloud/

Every participant will receive a receipt on site. If you need this document or a pro-forma invoice in advance, please send an email to Sofie de Baenst (s.de-baenst@unesco.org) indicating:
- Your full name
- The full name of your institute
- The full address of your institute
- If needed: VAT information or other information requested by your institute

MAP OF THE AREA