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7-8 July 2022

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE OECD GLOBAL FORUM ON PRODUCTIVITY

Challenges for productivity growth
in the post COVID-19 era



2022 Annual Conference of the OECD Global Forum on Productivity

The 2022 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity “Challenges for productivity growth in the post COVID-19 era” is a jointly organised event by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Commission.

The Conference will bring together high-level policy makers, top academics and representatives from the private sector. It will be a unique opportunity to discuss the various challenges of the post COVID-19 period, including the green transition, digitalisation, the reallocation of resources and the potential re-organisation of value chains. In this context, policy makers will play a key role to facilitate the associated restructuring of our economies and to ensure solid productivity growth.

The 2022 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity will take place on Thursday 7 July and Friday 8 July in Brussels, Belgium, at the Bozar Palace of Fine Arts. The Conference will be held in a hybrid format.



Venue

The 2022 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity will take place at the Bozar Palace of Fine Arts, located in Brussels, Belgium.

Bozar Palace of Fine Arts

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<https://www.bozar.be/en>

Participation and Registration

Registration

Participants are invited to register online through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/350pPM0>.

Registrations will be opening soon.

On-site Registration & Badging

Participants are invited to pick-up their badges at the on-site registration desk. In order to do so, they need to show a valid passport or national ID card. The registration desk will open at 9:30 am on July 7, 2022.

To ensure a smooth on-site registration, attendees are invited to bring at the registration desk the confirmation letter received upon online registration.

Due to security measures, they are advised to come early (at least 30 minutes in advance) to allow enough time to access the building before the Conference starts.

Remote Participation

If on-site attendance is not possible, the organising team will provide the opportunity to attend the event online.

Registered participants will receive a confirmation email upon completing the registration form. Access links to follow the event remotely will be sent to registrants 24h ahead of the scheduled start.

For canceling registration, participants are invited to contact the organising team by email at:

SCIC-CONF-REGISTRATION@ec.europa.eu.

Visas

The OECD and the European Commission will not sponsor or support visa applications, or any other administrative procedures associated with participants' travel to the event location. It is the participants' sole responsibility to ensure their compliance with visa conditions, sanitary measures, and any other restrictions in place.

Fees

No conference fees will be charged.

Meals

Coffee and lunch will be provided by the organisers.

Conference Documents

Conference documents are available in English on the GFP event website: oe.cd/GFP2022.

Transportation and accommodation

Transportation

Taxis can be easily found in the main avenues and hotels can provide specific services. It is recommended to agree to the fare with the driver before the travel. In the city center, the public transportation network (metro, tram and bus) is managed by the Brussels Intermunicipal Transport Company.

The network maps, schedules, frequencies, rates or route planners are available on the following website:

<https://www.stib-mivb.be/index.htm?!=fr>.

The map of the underground (subway) and train stations in Brussels is available here:

https://www.brussels.be/sites/default/files/bxl/Plan_Metro_Train.pdf.

Private transportation services are also available from the airport and hotels.

Access from the Airport

The Bozar Palace of Fine Arts is twelve kilometres away from the Brussels Airport (BRU) and sixty kilometres away from the Brussels South Charleroi Airport.

Specific transportation services, taxis and private transportation are available at the airport.

Access from the Train Station

The Bozar Palace of Fine Arts is 200 meters away from the Brussels Central Railway Station which has frequent and easy connection to Brussels-South Railway Station (Gare de Bruxelles Midi), the main hub station used by all mainline trains serving Brussels (including Eurostar to London, Thalys to Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne, intercity trains to Luxembourg).

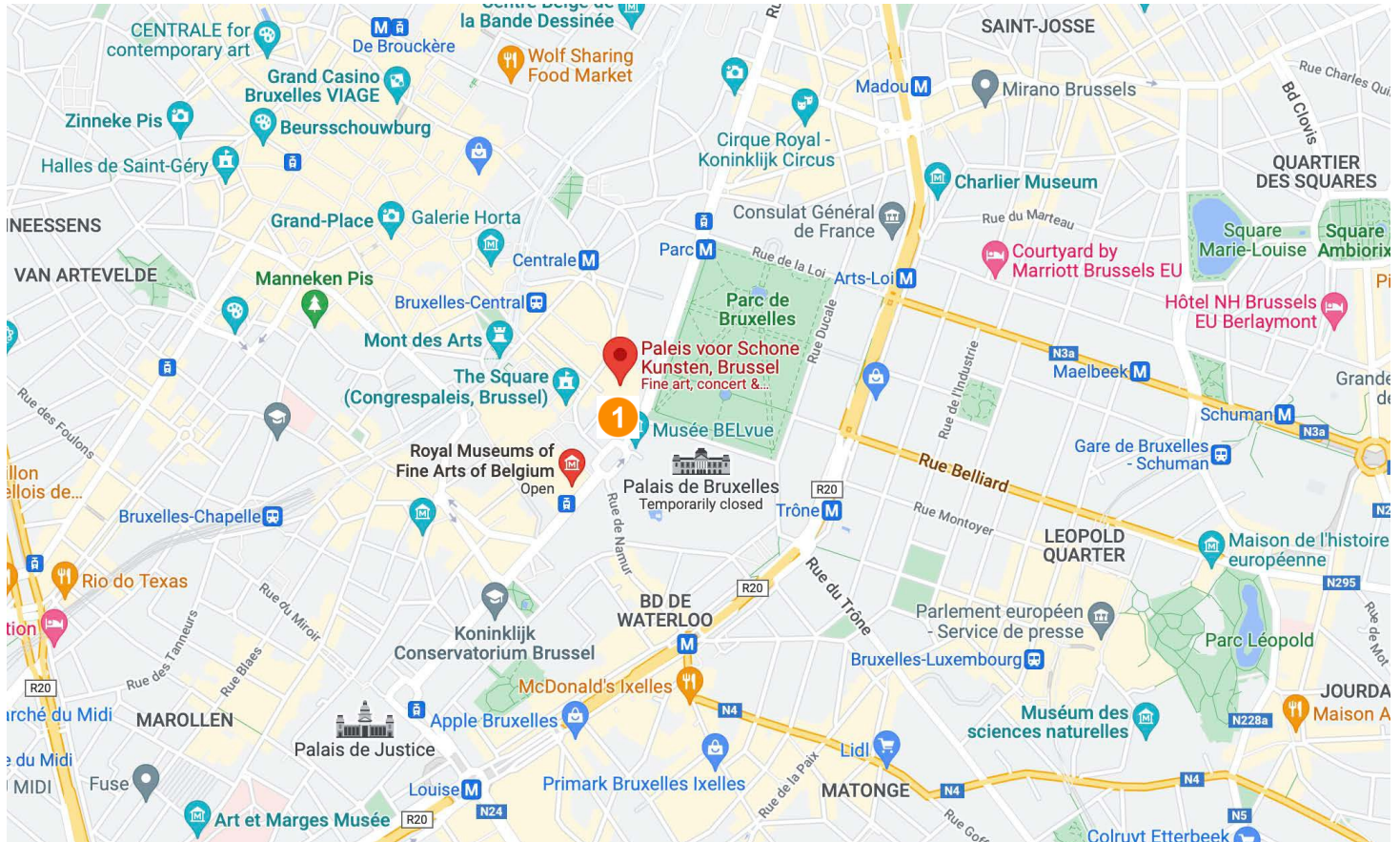
Specific transportation services (bus, taxis, and private transportation) are available at the station.

Accommodation

Participants are invited to consult <https://visit.brussels/en> where they can find accommodation suggestions and practical information about Brussels.



Venue's Location



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Interpretation, Photos & Video Recordings

All meetings will be conducted in English. No interpretation services will be provided. Pictures and videos will be taken during the event by the organisers, including a recording online. Participation in this conference will be considered acceptance of the use of these media during and after the event.

Speakers' Presentations & Event Website

After the event, all speakers' presentations will be posted on the Conference official webpage: oe.cd/gfp2022.

Practical information

Brussels

Brussels, city capital of Belgium is located in the valley of the Senne. Greater Brussels is the country's largest urban agglomeration. It consists of 19 communes, or municipalities, each with a large measure of administrative autonomy. The largest commune - which, like the greater metropolitan area, is named Brussels - contains the historic core of the city and the so-called "European Quarter," where the institutions of the European Union (EU) are located. As the seat of the EU, Brussels is known as the "capital of Europe," and its significance as a center of international governance and business makes Brussels a true global city.



Language

Belgium has three official languages: French, Dutch and German. In Brussels, the most common language is French. However, in recent years, Flemish is gaining importance. Most Belgians also speak or at least understand English. In hotels and restaurants, employees will normally speak English, especially in the more touristy areas.

Time

In Belgium the standard time is Central European Time (UTC+01:00). Belgium observes Summer Time (daylight saving time) from the last Sunday in March (02:00 CET) to the last Sunday in October (03:00 CEST). The transition dates are the same as for other European countries.

Phone

The country phone code to reach Belgium is +32. The international prefix for calling a number in Brussels is 00 + the digits of the phone number.

Electricity

Electricity in Brussels is 230 Volts and the frequency is 50 Hz. In Belgium the power plugs and sockets are of type E. Type E is of French origin. This socket also works with plug C and with plug F if it has an additional pinhole. Participants are advised to bring adapters with them, if needed.

COVID-19 related measures

All COVID-19 news & updated measures are available at the following website: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>. Please check the latest updates ahead of moving to Brussels and participating in the Conference.

Health Protocols at the Conference

The Health protocols of the Conference are following the Belgian national rules.

Currency

The euro is the official currency of Belgium. Banks, hotels, and airports provide change services.

Climate

Brussels experiences a mild oceanic climate typical of northern Europe, with cold winters and warm summers. It is cold in the city from approximately late October to early March, with average highs between 4°C (39°F) and 7°C (44.6°F). June, July and August are the hottest months in Brussels. The average high is 23°C (73.4°F) and the average low is 14°C (57°F).

Contacts

If you are a speaker and have questions about your participation or need information about the program, please contact Productivity@oecd.org.

Should you require any further information regarding registration, please contact the Conference registration team at: SCIC-CONF-REGISTRATION@ec.europa.eu.

More information about GFP previous events are available here: <https://www.oecd.org/global-forum-productivity/events/>.

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