

ESPON Seminar
Territory matters: Keeping Europe and its regions competitive
16 – 17 June 2016 in Amsterdam

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Meeting Venue:

Marine Etablissement Amsterdam
 Kattenburgerstraat 7
 1018 JA Amsterdam
 The Netherlands

How to get to Amsterdam:

From Schiphol International Airport: There are direct trains departing from the airport to Amsterdam Central Station. Travel time is between 14-18 minutes. The service is operational 24/7. During working days, trains depart every 5-10 minutes. During the night there is a train every hour. For more information on times and ticket prices, please visit: <http://www.ns.nl/en>

You can purchase your ticket from one of the ticket vending machines in the Arrivals Hall. The trains can be reached by taking the escalator downstairs.



How to get to the venue:

Organized transfers:

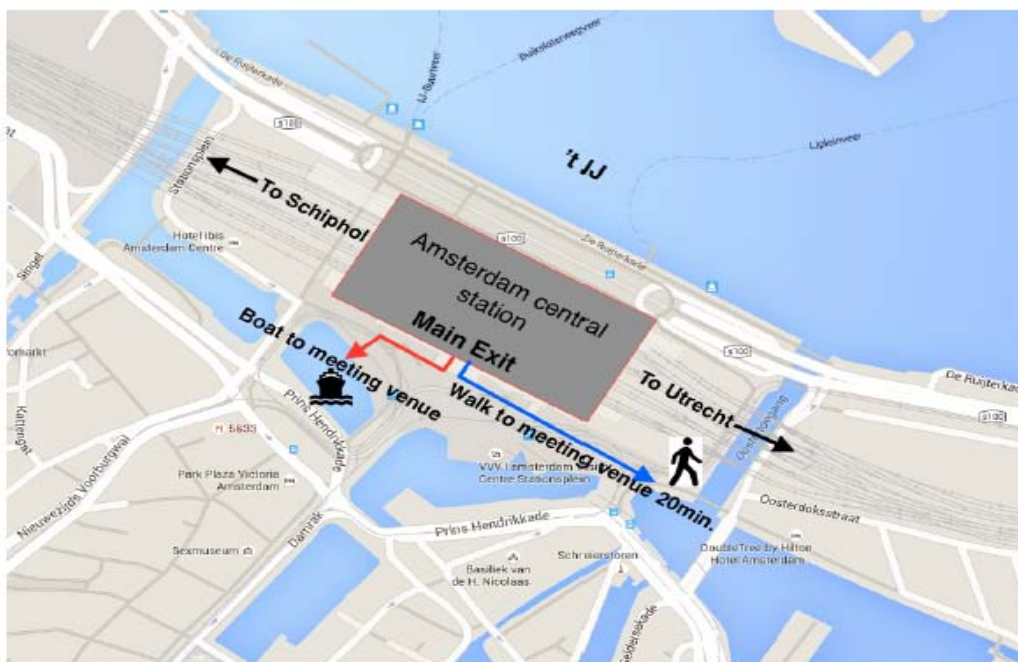
Boat transfers will run from Amsterdam Central Station to the seminar venue (Europe Building). The boats are located at the city centre side of the Amsterdam Central Station and there will be signs of EU2016. Your EUNL badge will qualify you for free travel on these EU2016 ferries. If you have not yet picked up your badge, you may use your confirmation of accreditation. Staff will be present at all embarkation points. Boats will depart from Amsterdam Central Station:

16 June 08:30 and 08:45

17 June 08:30 only

After the seminar boats can bring you back to the Central Station.

To and from the welcome drink on 15 June no boat transfers will be provided.



Public transport

To reach the Europe building from Amsterdam Central Station you are advised to take bus 22 or 48 (destination: "Indische Buurt") from the bus stop opposite the station slightly on the right hand side when exiting the building on the city centre side. For more information on public transportation in Amsterdam, including times and ticket prices, please visit: <http://en.gvb.nl/>

Taxi

Please note that taxi costs are not eligible for reimbursement by the ESPON Programme (for exceptions, please consult the travel rules).

TCA is Amsterdam's official taxi service. You may book a taxi in advance, go to a taxi rank or hail a taxi in the street.

TCA contact details: tel. +31 (0)20 777 7777, website: www.tcataxi.nl/en/home.html

By foot

To walk to the venue (around 20 minutes) from the Amsterdam Central Station you should follow these signs:



How to get to the hotel:

The hotels for which we have offered a negotiated rate are:

Hotel	Room type & prices indication	Address & website
Hotel ibis Amsterdam Centre Stopera	Standard room for 1 pers. 160€	Valkenburgerstraat 68 1011 LZ AMSTERDAM http://www.ibis.com/
Hotel ibis Amsterdam Centre	Standard room for 1 pers. 179€	Stationsplein 49 1012AB AMSTERDAM http://www.ibis.com/
Westcord Fashion Hotel Amsterdam	Standard room for 1 pers. 135€	Hendrikje Stoffelsstraat 1 1058 GC AMSTERDAM http://www.westcordhotels.com/

Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre Stopera is situated 500 meters from metro station 'Waterlooplein' (Square Waterloo). When you get out of the Metro station, you follow the main road in the direction of the church. Stay on the side of the road of the church. The hotel is on the left side.

To reach the venue, you continue along the same road until you get to a busy intersection, where you turn right. You will now see the EU presidency premises on your left.

Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Centre is situated next to the Central train Station.

Westcord Fashion Hotel is situated within walking distance of train/metro station Amsterdam Lelylaan (direction Rembrandt park). Please take care that there are direct trains from the airport to Amsterdam Lelylaan. You should not go to Amsterdam Central Station first.

To get to the venue, you can take a train/metro to Amsterdam Central train Station. From here transfers are organized.

How to get to the welcome drink:

The welcome drink will take place on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 17:00 at the venue of the seminar. **Please note that you can only access the venue till 18:00.**

The address is:

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There are no organized transfers. For instructions on how to get there by public transport or on foot, please see the above section 'how to get to the venue'.

How to get to the seminar dinner:

The seminar dinner on 16 June will be on the North side of Amsterdam direct at the river IJ in Restaurant De IJ-Kantine. The address is Mt. Ondinaweg 15-17,1033 RE Amsterdam.

Boats will depart from the seminar venue to the Amsterdam Central Station from 17:45. Another pleasant option is to take a walk back to the city centre.

You are welcome in the restaurant from 18:45. To reach the seminar venue you can take a free ferry **Number 906 to NDSM** from the backside of Amsterdam Central Station (see the map on next page). At **18:30, 18:45 and 19:15** ferries will go. The restaurant is direct at the ferry stop NDSM (the first and only stop). Every hour on .00 and .30 the ferry will go back to Amsterdam Central Station. The trip is around 15 minutes.



Catering at the Venue:

There will be a buffet lunch provided during the event as well as a seminar dinner free-of-charge.

Conference venue facilities and services:

IT services and Support:

Wireless Internet access (WiFi) will be available throughout the venue. Please see signs at the venue for the login information.

Interpretation:

Working language of the event is **English**. No interpretation will be provided.

For more information, you can contact us at info@espon.eu

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Amsterdam.