

FINAL CONFERENCE · BRUSSELS · NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome to Brussels.

Everything partners need for the closing chapter of two EU-funded projects, **STREAM IT** and **STEAMbrace**.

TUESDAY · 17 NOV 2026

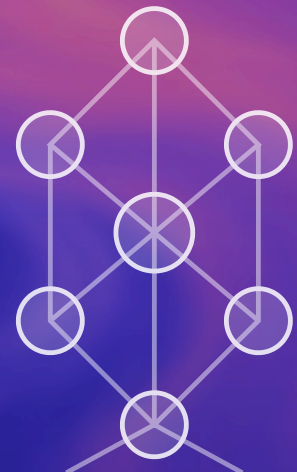
Final Project Event



09:00–16:00, followed by a networking reception



Maison des Associations Internationales · Ixelles



BIENVENUE · WELKOM · WELCOME

Dear partners, welcome to the **capital of Europe**

It is our pleasure to host you in Brussels for the closing chapter of **STREAM IT** and **STEAMbrace**. After years of shared work on STEAM education, this day is a moment to present what we built together and to meet the people who will carry it forward.

This pack gathers everything you need: the programme and venue, how to reach Brussels from both airports, how to buy tickets and get around the city, hotels that fit a project budget, and a few ideas for enjoying the city in November. If anything is unclear, just get in touch — we are happy to help.

— The ReadLab Brussels team

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03 — THE PROGRAMME

The Final Project Event

ONE DAY

17

November
Tuesday

Final Project Event

09:00–16:00

Final conference — STREAM IT & STEAMbrace results

16:00–17:00

Networking reception

VENUE

Maison des Associations**Internationales (M.A.I.)**

Rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles

[Open in Google Maps](#) →

GETTING THERE

Metro **2** or **6** to **Louise**, then tram **8** or **93** along Avenue Louise to **Bailli** and ~5 min on foot.

ARRIVING ON THE DAY

The M.A.I. is in Ixelles, south of the centre. From the airports, follow pages 04–05 to Brussels-Central or Midi, then metro **2** or **6** to **Louise** and tram **8** or **93** to **Bailli**. Hotels within walking distance are listed on page 07.

04 — GETTING HERE

Brussels Airport **BRU**

Also called Zaventem, the main airport is about 12 km north-east of the centre — the quickest way in, with a station under the terminal and a direct bus to the European Quarter.

Train · SNCB/NMBS

FASTEST**FROM**

Airport station, level -1
(under the terminal)

TIME

~17 min to Central; also
North & Midi. Some trains
stop at Brussels-
Luxembourg

PRICE

≈ €11–12 one way, airport
supplement included

TICKETS

SNCB app, machines at
level -1 and in the
baggage hall, or the ticket
office

Airport Line bus 12 / 21 · STIB/MIVB

EU QUARTER**FROM**

Airport bus station, in
front of the terminal

ROUTE

Via NATO & Schuman to
the EU Quarter; runs as
line 21 evenings &
weekends

PRICE

€7.90 contactless or
MOBIB, €8.40 paper
"Airport2City" ticket

TICKETS

Tap your bank card or
phone on the validator
when boarding, or use the
GO machine

Taxi & ride-hailing

DOOR TO DOOR**FROM**

Official taxi rank outside
Arrivals; ride-hailing at
the signed pick-up zone

TIME

~25–40 min depending on
traffic (rush hours are
slow)

PRICE

≈ €45–60 to Ixelles or the
EU Quarter

PAY

Cards widely accepted;
apps such as Uber or Bolt
also operate

TRAIN TICKET TIPS

Buy before boarding: tickets bought on the train cost extra. The airport supplement is already in a standard ticket, but must be added to rail passes. Your train ticket does not cover the metro — tap in again at your connecting station.

ONWARD TO THE VENUE

M.A.I. (Ixelles) — train to Brussels-Central or Midi, metro 2/6 to Louise, then tram 8 or 93 to Bailli and ~5 min on foot.

Prices are indicative (autumn 2026) and change regularly — check brusselsairport.be, belgiantrain.be and stib-mivb.be before you travel.

05 — GETTING HERE

Charleroi Airport **CRL**

Brussels South Charleroi is served mainly by low-cost airlines and lies about 55 km south of Brussels. Allow at least 1–1.5 hours to reach the city centre — flights can be cheaper, but add the transfer to your budget.

Flibco shuttle bus

RECOMMENDED**ROUTE**

Direct, non-stop to
Brussels-Midi station

TIME

~55–60 min; departures
roughly every 20–30 min

PRICE

From ≈ €15–20 one way
online; more on the day

TICKETS

flibco.com or the Flibco
app; also at the airport
desk

TEC bus + train

FLEXIBLE**ROUTE**

TEC bus A to Charleroi-
Central station, then
SNCB train to Brussels

TIME

~20 min bus + ~50–60
min train

PRICE

≈ €16 with a combined
bus + train ticket

TICKETS

Combined ticket at airport
machines; train part also
in the SNCB app

Taxi

LATE ARRIVALS**FROM**

Taxi rank outside Arrivals

TIME

~50–70 min to central
Brussels

PRICE

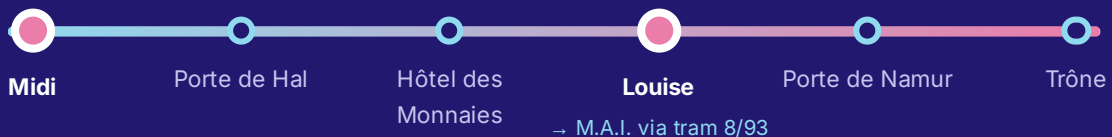
≈ €100–130 — worth
sharing

TIP

Confirm the fare before
you set off

FROM BRUSSELS-MIDI TO THE VENUE

Metro line 2 or 6



By rail

International high-speed trains (Eurostar, TGV, ICE and others) arrive at **Brussels-Midi** — follow the metro signs and use the line above.

06 — IN THE CITY

Getting around & tickets

Metro, tram and bus are run by **STIB/MIVB**; trains within the city by **SNCB/NMBS**. The network runs from about 05:30 to midnight, and one ticket covers any transfers within 60 minutes.

1 · Tap & go

EASIEST

Tap a contactless bank card, phone or watch on the validator every time you board — including each change. ≈ €2.40 per journey, with a daily cap so you never pay more than a day ticket.

2 · STIB-MIVB app

Buy digital single, 10-journey and day tickets on your phone, and plan routes with live departures. Validate the ticket in the app before boarding.

3 · Machines & counters

GO vending machines in metro stations and at main stops (card or coins), **KIOSK** and **BOOTIK** sales points, and some newsagents. Paper tickets cost a little more.

4 · Brupass

One ticket valid on STIB, SNCB, De Lijn and TEC within Brussels — handy if you mix metro and train (e.g. to Brussels-Luxembourg). Available in the STIB app and at machines.

GOLDEN RULES

- a** Always validate — inspectors fine passengers without a valid ticket.
- b** Use the same card or phone for every tap, and one card per person.
- c** SNCB train tickets are separate — buy them in the SNCB app or at station machines.

USEFUL APPS

STIB-MIVB	metro, tram, bus, tickets
SNCB	trains & airport tickets
Flibco	Charleroi shuttle
Uber · Bolt	ride-hailing
Villo! · Lime · Dott	shared bikes & scooters

VENUE	NEAREST STOP	LINES
M.A.I. Rue Washington 40	Bailli	Tram 8, 93 (from metro Louise, lines 2 & 6)

Fares are indicative for 2026; check stib-mivb.be for current prices. Central Brussels is compact — Grand-Place to the European Parliament is about a 25-minute walk.

07 — ACCOMMODATION

Where to stay

HOTEL & ADDRESS	ACCESS TO THE VENUE	PER NIGHT*
A · WALK TO THE VENUE — CHÂTELAIN & LOUISE		Ixelles
ibis Brussels Centre Châtelain Chaussée de Vleurgat 191, 1050	~5 min walk to M.A.I. · tram to Louise	€90–130
B&B HOTEL Brussels Centre Louise Rue Paul Spaak 15, 1000	~10 min walk to M.A.I. · trams 8/93 on Avenue Louise	€75–110
Hotel Agenda Louise Rue de Florence 6, 1000	~10 min walk to M.A.I. · close to trams 8/93	€95–135
B · UPPER TOWN — PORTE DE NAMUR		Metro 2/6
Latroupe Le Berger Rue du Berger 24, 1050	~5 min to metro Porte de Namur · 1 stop to Louise, then tram 8/93	€90–130
Hotel Chambord Rue de Namur 82, 1000	Metro Porte de Namur · 1 stop to Louise, then tram 8/93	€105–145
C · EUROPEAN QUARTER & CENTRE		Metro 2/6
Leopold Hotel Brussels EU Rue du Luxembourg 35, 1050	Next to the European Parliament · metro Trône, 2 stops to Louise	€120–170
Motel One Brussels Rue Royale 120, 1000	Metro Botanique: 5 stops to Louise, then tram 8/93	€100–140
D · BUDGET-FRIENDLY OPTIONS		Hotel / hostel
Jam Hotel Brussels Chaussée de Charleroi 132, 1060	~15 min walk to M.A.I. · trams on Chaussée de Charleroi	€70–110
MEININGER Brussels City Center Quai du Hainaut 33, 1080	Metro Comte de Flandre (1/5), change at Arts-Loi	€55–95

Book early — mid-November is busy EU-meeting season.

Stay flexible — pick free-cancellation rates.

City tax — added per room and night.

*Indicative midweek rate for a standard single/double room in November, before city tax; not a quote. Walking times approximate. Short-term apartments are also plentiful in Ixelles and Saint-Gilles.

08 — THE CITY

Brussels at a glance

Capital of Belgium and home to the main EU institutions and NATO's headquarters, Brussels is a compact, deeply international city where French and Dutch share every street sign — and English is widely spoken.

1.2M+

residents in the Brussels-Capital Region

19

municipalities — Ixelles is one of them

2

official languages: French & Dutch

1998

Grand-Place listed as UNESCO World Heritage

FUN FACTS TO IMPRESS YOUR PARTNERS

01**Manneken Pis has a wardrobe**

The little bronze statue owns more than 1,000 costumes, gifted from around the world and shown at the GardeRobe MannekenPis museum nearby.

02**Birthplace of Art Nouveau**

Victor Horta's Hôtel Tassel (1893) is often called the first Art Nouveau building. His house, now the Horta Museum, is a short walk from the Day 1 venue.

03**Comic-strip capital**

Tintin and the Smurfs were born in Belgium, and more than 50 giant comic murals decorate Brussels' walls along the Comic Book Route.

04**Fries are Belgian**

Twice-fried and served in a paper cone with a sauce. Maison Antoine on Place Jourdan, near the European Parliament, is a local institution.

05**An atom, magnified**

The Atomium, built for the 1958 World's Fair, represents an iron crystal enlarged 165 billion times — and you can go inside its spheres.

06**Beer as world heritage**

Belgian beer culture is on UNESCO's intangible heritage list. Brussels' own style is lambic, spontaneously fermented in the Senne valley.

09 — EXPLORE

Places to visit in November

Short, often grey days make November ideal for museums, arcades and cafés.

CITY CENTRE

Grand-Place & Galeries Royales

Gilded guildhalls, then the glass-roofed Galeries Royales Saint-Hubert (1847), among Europe's oldest shopping arcades.

EU QUARTER

Parliamentarium & European History

The Parliament's visitor centre and the House of European History — both free, in the European Quarter.

SAINT-GILLES & IXELLES

Horta Museum & Châtelain

Horta's Art Nouveau home (book a slot online), then Place du Châtelain's Wednesday afternoon market.

CITY CENTRE

Mont des Arts & Magritte Museum

City views from the gardens, then the Royal Museums of Fine Arts and the world's largest Magritte collection.

CITY CENTRE

Sablon

Antique dealers, a Gothic church and some of Belgium's finest chocolatiers around one sloping square.

IXELLES

Flagey & the Ixelles Ponds

The Art Deco Flagey building (concerts, cinema), lively bars and tree-lined ponds — perfect for an evening out.

EU QUARTER

Parc du Cinquantaire

A monumental arch for Belgium's 50th anniversary, with Autoworld and the Art & History Museum alongside.

METRO 6 · ~30 MIN

Atomium & Heysel

Worth the ride for the view from the top sphere; pair it with the ADAM design museum next door.

Most Brussels museums close on Mondays. Check opening hours and book popular sites ahead.

10 — WHILE YOU'RE HERE

What's on around your visit

17 Nov – 13 Dec	Coudenberg Sound Box Fest Music and sound in the underground remains of the former Coudenberg Palace, beneath Place Royale.
20 – 22 Nov	Interclassics Brussels Classic and collectors' cars across several halls of Brussels Expo (Heysel, metro 6) — for anyone staying the weekend.
From 27 Nov	Winter Wonders · Plaisirs d'Hiver Brussels' famous Christmas market opens on 27 November (until 3 January 2027): 200+ chalets, a Ferris wheel, an ice rink and a sound-and-light show on the Grand-Place. Set-up and lights appear around the centre in the days before.
All month	Concerts & stage Bozar, Flagey, La Monnaie opera and the Ancienne Belgique run full autumn programmes — check their websites for evenings around 17 November.

A TASTE OF BRUSSELS

November is comfort-food season — and Brussels does it well.

Moules-frites

Mussels are in season — steamed in white wine or beer, with a side of fries.

Carbonnade & stoemp

Beef slow-cooked in beer, and mashed potato with vegetables — pure November.

Shrimp croquettes

Crisp croquettes filled with tiny North Sea grey shrimp — a classic starter.

Two kinds of waffle

Light, rectangular Brussels waffles or dense, caramelised Liège ones.

Pralines

The filled chocolate praline was invented in Brussels, in the Galeries Royales, in 1912.

Lambic & gueuze

Brussels' own sour beers — visit Cantillon, a working brewery-museum in Anderlecht.

Good to know: lunch is typically 12:00–14:00 and dinner from about 19:00. For group dinners, book ahead — ask us for suggestions near the venue.

Event dates as announced at the time of writing; check visit.brussels for the latest agenda.

11 — GOOD TO KNOW

Practical information

Weather & clothing

Expect ~4–10 °C, drizzle and early sunsets (~16:45). Bring layers, a waterproof jacket, an umbrella and comfortable shoes for cobbles.

Money & tipping

Euro (€). Cards and contactless are accepted almost everywhere. Service is included; rounding up or ~5–10% for good service is appreciated.

Power & water

230 V, 50 Hz, type E/C sockets — bring an adaptor if needed. Tap water is safe to drink.

Phone & data

EU visitors roam at home rates. Belgian numbers start with +32. Venue Wi-Fi details will be shared on site.

Opening hours

Shops usually open about 10:00–18:30, Monday to Saturday; many close on Sundays. Supermarkets and night shops open longer.

Stay safe

Brussels is generally safe. Watch for pickpockets around Midi and Nord stations, the Grand-Place and busy metro trains.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

112

Any emergency,
EU-wide

101

Police

1733

On-call doctor,
evenings & weekends

Pharmacies display a green cross; the on-duty pharmacy is posted on each door.

COMING BY CAR?

Brussels is a Low Emission Zone: foreign vehicles must be registered online before entering. Parking near the venue is limited and paid — public transport is strongly recommended.

ENGLISH	FRANÇAIS	NEDERLANDS
Hello	Bonjour	Goeiedag / Hallo
Thank you	Merci	Dank u (wel)
Please	S'il vous plaît	Alstublieft
Excuse me	Excusez-moi	Pardon
Do you speak English?	Parlez-vous anglais ?	Spreekt u Engels?
The bill, please	L'addition, s'il vous plaît	De rekening, alstublieft
Cheers!	Santé !	Schol!
Goodbye	Au revoir	Tot ziens

À BIENTÔT · TOT BINNENKORT

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HOST ORGANISATION

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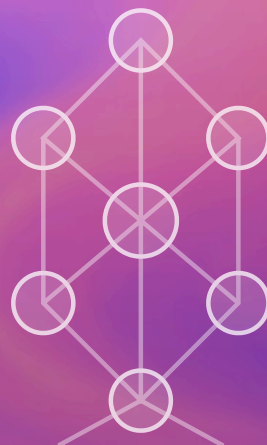
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