



Advanced Workplaces for Advanced Businesses

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 9th of September 2015

Location: [Brabantthal](#), Leuven, Belgium

To stay ahead of the competitors it is not enough nowadays to invest in the newest technologies. Companies which want to win the global race also need to find the right connection to non-technological aspects of running a business. Firm's structure, HR management, internal decision-making, relationships with clients & suppliers or work environment – all those elements count for gaining and keeping the market advantage.

On 9th of September 400 business practitioners will gather to share their experience and get equipped with practical tools to support the uptake of non-technological innovations. This Leuven EUWIN Conference will also be a chance to meet possible future business partners.

The conference is not only for sharing, but you can encounter real advanced workplaces. We have a limited number places available for participants to make a visit to local advanced manufacturing companies implementing workplace innovation practices. Please look at [Festival of Connecting](#) page for more details.

The conference is jointly organised by the European Commission's [EUWIN](#) project, [KU Leuven](#) and [Flanders Synergy](#) and is a part of [Festival of Connecting](#).

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8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION & COFFEE
9:00-9:45	Welcome Mieke Van Gramberen, Flanders Synergy Rik Torfs, Rector of KU Leuven Louis Tobback, Mayor of Leuven
09:45-10:05	Opening speech Elżbieta Bieńkowska, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (tbc)
10:05-10:15	Workplace innovation in European companies Stavroula Demetriades, Eurofound



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10:15-11:00	Key notes Geert Van Hootehem & Steven Dhondt: <i>Total Workplace Innovation: the paradigm that is changing the workplace</i> Jody Hoffer Gittell: <i>Relational Coordination - connecting the social and the technical for workplace innovation</i>						Sociotechnical system design Introductory course PART A
11:00-11:30	CONNECTING COFFEE						
11:30-13:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS						
	Sociotechnical systems in education						
	IT systems & workplace innovation						
	Time & place independent teamworking						
	Talent pooling & co-sourcing						
	Workplace innovation in a workerless office						
13:00-14:00	CONNECTING LUNCH						
14:00-15:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS						Site visits (IMEC, Materialise)
	Trade unions & workplace innovation	Leadership & workplace innovation	Socio-technical redesign in manufacturing organizations	Making teams work	Workplace innovation in healthcare	How to organise desire to work	
15:30-16:30	Strategic partners - who are the key stakeholders & how to keep them on your side? John Heap, President of European Association for National Productivity Centers Laurent Zibell, Policy Advisor, IndustriAll Gijs van Houten, EUROFOUND Didier Thomas/ Sabrina Boudailler, ARACT Franche-Comté Marc Amblard, CEO of EFQM						Sociotechnical system design Introductory course PART B
16:30-17:00	Closing remarks Caroline Copers, President of the Social and Economic Council of Flanders						
17:00-18:00	RECEPTION WITH GROOVE GUERILLA BY LKMTIV						



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How to get to the EUWIN-event?

Venue: [Brabanthal](#), Researchpark Haasrode, Brabantlaan 1, 3001 LEUVEN (Belgium)

Getting to Leuven from Brussels Airport (BRU – Zaventem)

- **By train** (<http://www.belgianrail.be/nl>): The airport has its own train station (Brussels National Airport), with direct trains to Leuven. The station is underneath the airport and is accessed via lifts and escalators in the arrivals hall. You can check the timetables and book tickets for the train on website of the national railway company of Belgium.
- **By taxi**: Leuven is located approximately 20 minutes' drive from the Belgian National Airport Zaventem (Brussels Airport - BRU). A taxi ride from the airport to the Irish College or the Brabanthal costs approximately 50 EUR,-.

Getting to the Brabanthal

- **By train** (<http://www.belgianrail.be/nl>): Leuven is easy to reach by train from all Belgian and European cities. The station is very close to the town centre. Leuven is a 20-minute train ride from Brussels, 50 minutes from Antwerp, 30 minutes from Liège and 1.5 hours from the Belgian coast. Please check the timetables on the website of NMBS (Flemish public train transport:) between the train station closest to your place of departure and 'Leuven'. There will be a bus between the train station and the Brabanthal for the participants of EUWIN (see below).
- **By car**: The Brabanthal is located only 1 km from the highway E40 (exit number 23a Haasrode-Heverlee). There are sufficient parking spots (1000+) for all the participants. The address is Researchpark Haasrode, Brabantlaan 1, 3001 Leuven.
- **By bus provided by EUWIN** (follow banner Festival of Connecting)
 - Train station → Brabanthal: departs at train station at 8.30 am
 - Brabanthal → train station: departs at Brabanthal at 18.30 pm
- **Public bus-transport** (<https://www.delijn.be/en>): Line 4 and Line 360 ride every 15 minutes. Please check the timetables on the website of De Lijn (Flemish public transport) between the stops 'Station Leuven' and 'Halte Haasrode Brabanthal (306110)'.

