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15th D27 Conference
September 22-24,
2023

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May 2023

Welcome to Luxembourg

Dear Zontians,
Dear Delegates,
Dear Guests

The Board of District 27 and the Zonta Clubs of Area 01 are delighted to welcome you to our district conference in Luxembourg, the Main city of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, from September 22 to 24, 2023.

Luxembourg is the European Metropole (Lëtzebuerg (Luxemburgish), Luxembourg (French), Luxemburg (Deutsch) situated in the heart of our District 27.

We are very delighted that International Director 2022-2024 Anne-Marie French Cudjoe will attend our District Conference as International Representative.

So, take the chance to deepen your relationship with your Fellow Zontians and to make new friends across countries in Luxembourg, France, Germany north, Ukraine, southern Belgium, Flanders and Germany east.

The subject of this year's conference is

Zonta and its "Public Health Approach" in the widest sense.

We will unite and show the work of the District on the different fields of activity of Zonta. Together we will address and debate at the conference the need for a large membership, the need not only to recruit but also retain Zontians in their clubs, the nurturing and networking of Awardees, the need to have a clear, simple and understandable approach to our Advocacy expectations. The Youngsters will embrace the new challenges of the Digitalization but also the Biases that still show in many ways when it comes to dealing with women today.

This will link to the last CSW 67 where it was pointed out again and again that even in the Digital World it is women who are lagging behind.

Consequently, the task for Zonta is not becoming less. Let us continue and let it happen: Great Girls meet great women!

We wish you fantastic experiences and hope you'll find inspiration and fulfilment during these three days.

Yours sincerely

For the board of District 27
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D27 Conference venue

Abbaye de Neumünster, 28 Rue Münster, 2160 Luxembourg

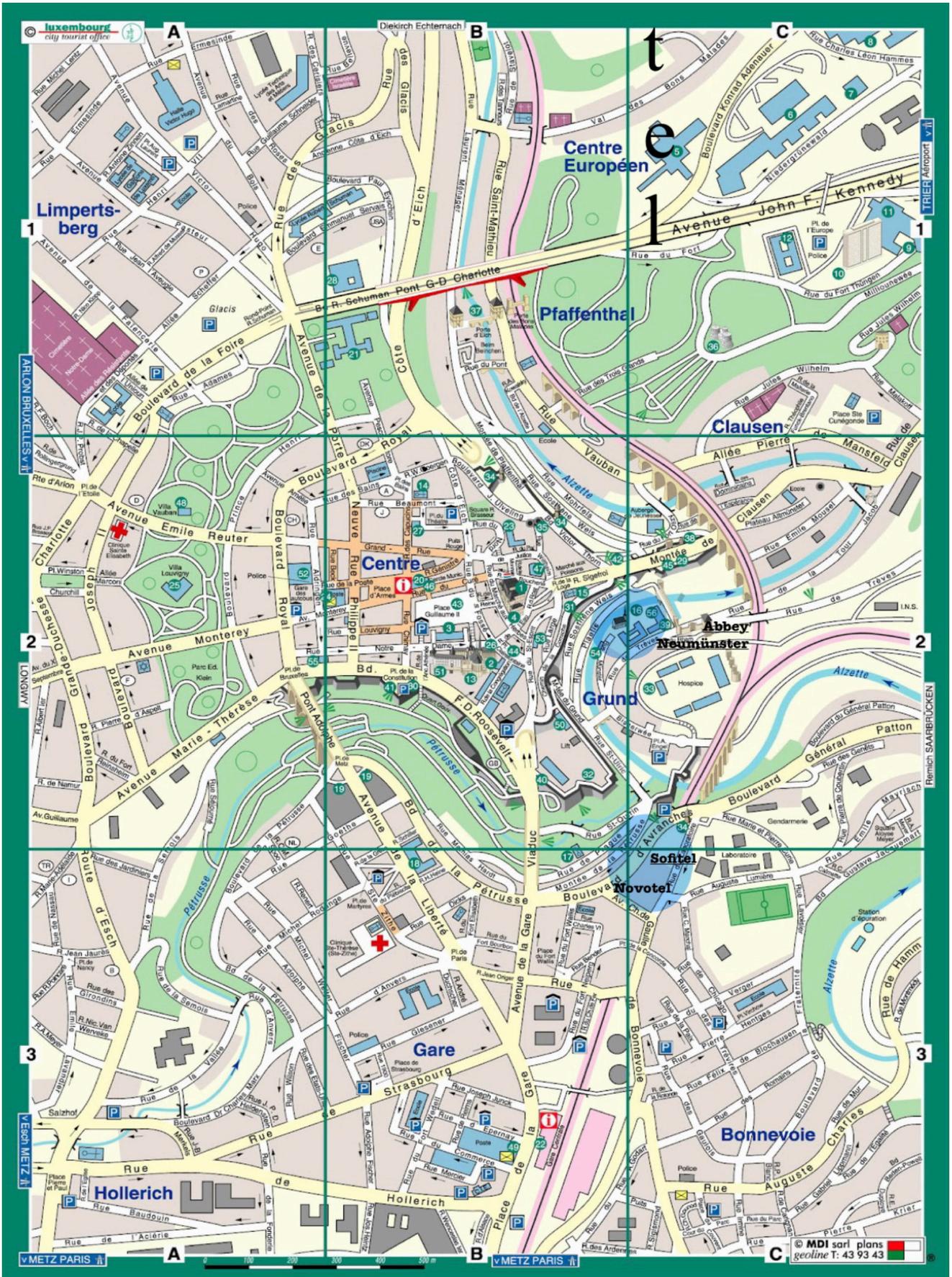


The Abbaye de Neumünster in the Grund has changed identities many times over the years – from monastery, hospital and prison to cultural centre – with the latest revamp seeing it renamed Neimënster. The Neumünster Abbey Cultural Exchange Center (Neimënster), inaugurated in May 2004 after ten years of restoration work, is located in the heart of the old quarters, on an itinerary which is classified Unesco world heritage. Located in a spectacular setting, this group of buildings, which have come through four centuries of turbulent history, is now dedicated to cultural projects and is at the same time a marvelous site for grand events.

Conference logo

Created by artist Sophie Medawar, member of ZC Luxembourg Multiculturel,
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Program of the District 27 Conference

Venue: CCRN Abbaye de Neumünster, 28 rue Münster, Luxembourg

Friday, 22 September

- 12:00 - 15:00 Registration and Credentials
- 13:00 - 14:00 Workshop I : Membership: challenges and opportunities
- 13:00 - 14:00 Workshop II : How to keep new members
- 14:00 - 15:00 Workshop III: Zonta and the Power of Advocacy:
A beginner's guide to make an impact.
- 14:00 - 15:00 Workshop IV: Zonta awardees connected ZAC
- 15:00 - 15.30 Coffee break
- 15:30 Arrival Zonta on Tour
- 16:15 - 18:00 Opening Ceremony
In the presence of H.R.H. the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg
- 18:00 - 19:00 Vin d'honneur
- 19:30 *Dinner in town : Chiche (optional)*

Saturday, 23 September

- 08:30 - 09:30 Registration and Credentials
- 08:30 - 09:00 Market Place
- 09:00 1st Business Session
- 10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break & Market Place
- 10:45 - 12:00 1st Business Session continues
- 12:00 - 12:30 Elections
Market Place
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch at the Abbaye & Great Girls Meet Great Women
- 14:00 - 15:45 2nd Business Session & panel AD's
- 15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break & Market Place
- 16:00 - 16:45 The mental health crisis of our youngsters through a social media lens
- 18:00 *buses leave from Hotel for Gala Dinner (optional)*

Sunday, 24 September

- 09:00 Memorial Service
- 09:30 - 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:00 - 10:45 Award Ceremony YWPA, JMK, STEM
- 10:45 - 11:00 Presentation of next DC
- 11:00 - 11:20 Climate change
- 11:20 - 12:00 Closing words by International Representative & Governor
- 12:30 *Lunch at Novotel (optional)*



Thematic Workshops

HOW GENDER BIASES AFFECT YOUR LIFE

A program for Alumnae & Golden Z members

open to all Zontians, in presence or hybrid form

Saturday, 23 September

CCRN Abbey Neumunster

10:00 - 11:00	Registration	
11:00 - 12:15	Gender Biases in Artificial Intelligence Workshop	Bâtiment Bruch
12:30 - 14:30	Business lunch with Zontians: Great Girls meet Great Women	Brasserie Abtei. Abbey
14:30 - 16:00	Gender Biases in Healthcare Workshop	Bâtiment Bruch
16:00 - 16:45	For all conference attendees: The mental health crisis of our youngsters through a social media lens	Salle Ensch
18:00	<i>Gala Dinner M.S.Princesse Marie Astrid (Optional)</i>	

Sunday, 24 September

CCRN Abbey Neumunster

10:00 - 10:45	Award Ceremony YWPA, JMK, STEM	Salle Ensch
10:45 - 11:00	Presentation of next DC	Salle Ensch
11:00 - 11:20	Climate change by Jessie Thill	Salle Ensch
11:20 - 12:00	Closing words by International Representative & Governor	Salle Ensch
12:30	<i>Lunch at Novotel (optional)</i>	

Gender Biases in Artificial Intelligence by Dr Amal Tawakuli (hybrid)

We must address discrimination and bias in Artificial Intelligence (AI). During the public trials of ChatGPT, it was highlighted that the language model generates sexist responses. This issue, however, is not new to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Several AI models and networks have exhibited sexism and other discriminatory traits in their output affecting the lives of millions of people. The urgency of addressing gender bias in AI, however, is becoming more evident and pressing with the widespread adoption of AI solutions across different aspects of our lives. In this talk, we will discuss sexism in AI with real-world examples. We will highlight the causes of the problem, including the root cause. We will then present solutions and conclude with a road map towards fair AI.



Gender Biases in Healthcare by Dr. Maya Dusenbery and Prof. Marie Friedel (hybrid)

Gender biases in healthcare refer to unequal treatment or differential care for men and women. These biases can manifest in various ways, including in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of medical conditions and the research conducted on healthcare. For example, when doctors do not take a woman's symptoms seriously, she may not receive a correct diagnosis for many years. A 2019 analysis in Denmark found that in 72% of cases, women waited longer on average for a diagnosis than men. The idea that heart attacks mainly occur in males — and a lack of awareness about how they affect females — contributes to the higher rates of females dying from heart attacks. This talk will discuss how these biases may affect our daily lives.

The Mental Health crisis of our youngsters through a social media lens by Associate Professor Catherine Van de Heyning

Growing research finds that the more time spent on social media, the more likely a person will experience mental health symptoms like anxiety, isolation, and hopelessness. In addition, the mental health of young people has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Prevalence of symptoms of anxiety and depression has risen dramatically among young people and remains higher than pre-crisis levels even with the partial re-opening of the economy, and compared to other age groups, even as economies partially re-open. With adequate support and timely intervention, young people experiencing mental distress may be able to bounce back as we recover from the COVID-19 crisis. This will require a scaling up of existing mental health support in education systems, workplaces and health systems, and comprehensive policies to support young people to remain in education, or to find and keep a job.

Sightseeing Program

Visiting Luxembourg is a must: it is the only Grand Duchy in the world!

You can experience so much here, in a country where distances are short and impressions great. Luxembourg may be small but it is in the heart of Europe and has deep historical roots. It is constantly evolving and reinventing itself. Visit historic sites, enjoy incredible unspoilt natural landscapes, fairy-tale castles, and meet people who will give you a warm welcome.

Schengen



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Friday 10:00 - 15:00

travel by bus with guide EN&FR

70€ p.p. / max. 20 pers.

Please register at Novotel before departure

desk open 8:30 - 9:30

Meeting point: Novotel, 9:45

Symbol of a borderless Europe

Schengen, which lies on the banks of the Moselle River, is undoubtedly the village best known for its European status due to the Schengen Agreement and the Schengen Implementation Convention, which were signed in 1985 and in 1990 on the passenger boat M.S. Princesse Marie-Astrid. The winegrowing village was chosen due to its common border of France, Germany and the economic union Benelux (the first five signatories of the agreement).

Today, the Schengen area allows more than 400 million Europeans to travel freely between member countries without going through border controls.

www.visitschengen.lu/en

Domaine Claude Bentz, Remich

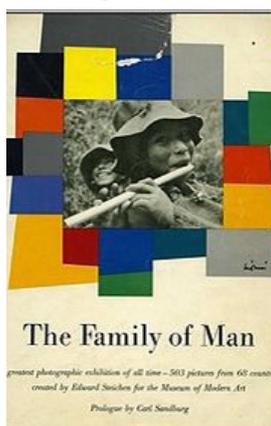
The visit is followed by a wine tasting & snack stopover at the Domaine Claude Bentz in Remich. The Domaine stands out for the quality of its products and its traditional know-how. www.bentz.lu



Clervaux Castle and Family of Man



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Saturday, 9:30 - 16:00

by bus with guide & YOUR smartphone EN&FR
80€ p.p. / max. 30 pers.

Please don't forget to bring your mobile phone! www.visit-clervaux.lu

Meeting point: Novotel, 9:15

Clervaux Castle is perched on the slopes of a rocky promontory above the city. Its origins date back to the 12th century, but it was built in successive stages. After its entire destruction on December 17th 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge in the Second World War, the government of Luxembourg acquired the castle and restored it completely.

Since the 1970s, the castle has been home to various institutions:

The Museum of the Battle of the Bulge opened its doors in 1974, the west wing of the castle houses the Museum of models of the Castles and Palaces of Luxembourg, and in the east wing you can visit the world-famous photo exhibition "The Family of Man", UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After this visit, a nice lunch awaits you at Hotel Koener in Clervaux. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish meat, fish or vegetarian food. Heading back to Luxemburg, you will pass by several castles such as Vianden. The castle was built between the 11th and 14th century on the foundations of a Roman castle and a Carolingian refuge and for a long time belonged to the Grand Ducal family, before passing into state ownership in 1977. Since then it has been restored to all its former glory. Today, Vianden castle is one of Europe's leading historical monuments.

SES, Betzdorf



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Friday 11:45 - 14:30

travel by bus / guide at SES in EN

35€ p.p. / max 15 pers.

Please show up at Novotel before departure

desk open 8:30-9:30

Don't forget do bring your mobile phone!

Meeting point: Novotel, 11:30

Based in Betzdorf, a small village near Luxembourg, and founded in 1985 as Société Européenne des Satellites, SES is a Luxembourg satellite telecommunications network provider supplying video and data connectivity worldwide to broadcasters, content and internet service providers, mobile and fixed network operators, governments and institutions.

SES is one of the world's leading satellite owners and operators with over 70 satellites in two different orbits, geostationary orbit (GEO) and medium earth orbit (MEO). These include the well-known European Astra TV satellites.

The visit will take one hour and a half with comments in English. They include the history of the company, the social and humanitarian impact and the promotion of women participation within the company. A snack will be offered on site.

Belval – City of Sciences & blast furnaces



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Saturday 10:00 - 16:00

By tram & train (free of charge), guided visit EN&FR / lunch: individual choice among numerous venues on site / wear walking shoes

20€ p.p. / max. 25 pers.

Meeting point: Novotel 9:45

These towers symbolise the cultural richness of the Terres Rouges and are witnesses of an era that transformed the country and played a major role in its economic emergence and the lives of its inhabitants. This site is the pinnacle of the region's identity and fascinating history. The closure of the country's last remaining blast furnace in 1997 marked the end of an era. It was time to turn the page: this transition made room for new technology in the future. The fact that Belval is such a growing and flourishing place today is largely due to its magnificent past. Discover this piece of history with projections and a visit to the various sites.

Explore the impressive interior of Blast Furnace A while learning about the steel industry in Luxembourg and the Greater Region. Discover the functioning of the blast furnace and the steel production process, as well as the significance of the sector for the national economy. You will also be able to climb up to the viewing platform and enjoy the spectacular view over the Belval urban quarter and its surroundings. The individual faculties and research centres of the University of Luxembourg have their premises on parts of the former industrial site, which are being retained and uniquely integrated into the new concept.

www.visitluxembourg.com/fr/attraction/hauts-fourneaux-belval



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Friday 13:00 - 15:00

On foot, with guide EN&FR

10€ p.p. / max. 20 pers.

Departure at Abbaye de Neumünster, 12:45

Please register there before leaving

City Promenade

The City Promenade is the perfect way to get the most out of your stay in Luxembourg City. Accompanied by a guide, you will discover the former fortress city's top attractions and hidden gems!

This 2-hour walking tour will make you discover, among many others, the prestigious Grand Ducal Palace, the Corniche also known as the "most beautiful balcony in Europe" as well as the Bock promontory, the cradle of Luxembourg City. Luxembourg Ville : Office du Tourisme (LCTO) - Visitez Luxembourg Ville (luxembourg-city.com)

The life and legends of women in Luxembourg



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This lively and graphic tour recounts the fascinating history of the outstanding women of Luxembourg, from the Middle Ages to the present. Their life stories, together with a variety of topics covering daily life and the fields where they exercised particular influence e.g. the struggle for civil rights and political freedom, their commitment in the areas of employment and education, cultural life and sport are all vividly portrayed.

Sunday 10:00 - 12:00

Guided tour on foot / EN&FR

10€ p. p. / max. 20 pers.

Meeting point: Novotel, 9:45

to Luxembourg!

Social program

Gala Dinner M.S. Princesse Marie-Astrid

Saturday 18:00 - 24:00 / by bus & boat / dinner cruise / live music / 4-hour navigation /125€ p.p.

Dress code: casual chic

Meeting point: Novotel 17:45

After a hard day's work, it is time to get together and celebrate! A guided bus trip will take us to Grevenmacher, where we will get on board for a dinner cruise along the lovely Moselle valley.

You might remember that an important chapter of European history as written here. It was indeed on the 2nd MS Princesse Marie Astrid that the famous Schengen agreements were signed in 1985 and 1990.

While enjoying the excellent cuisine, we will watch vineyards, picturesque villages, gentle hills and forests slowly drifting by, to the sounds of live music.

Dinner: buffet of starters, main dish served at table (meat, fish or vegetarian to be indicated upon registration), buffet desserts – drinks: ½ bottle of wine (red, white or rosé), water, coffee or tea included

www.entente-moselle.lu/fr/bateau-princesse-marie-astrid/presentation



Photo reçue de
M.S. P M-A



Dine around Luxembourg at a Zontian's private home

Thursday 19:30 - 23:00 / Cost: 25€ contribution to Zonta Foundation for Women

Allow us to captivate your senses and provide an intimate, inviting ambiance that surpasses the offerings of any conventional restaurant. We cordially invite you to participate in our extraordinary "Dine Around Luxembourg" Experience, where we open the doors of Zontian homes in and around Luxembourg City.

We sincerely hope that you will join us for this unique experience. It promises to be an evening filled with culinary delights, engaging conversations, and treasured memories in an intimate and warm atmosphere.

Should you have any questions, want to register, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Nadine by email: nadine.dubois@education.lu

Please note that we only have a limited number of guests we can accommodate. We will admit guests on a first-come, first-served basis.



Restaurant Chiche, 20 Avenue Pasteur, Luxembourg

Friday 19:30 - 23:00 / 60€ p.p. all included

Chiche! was born when a group of friends decided to create a social restaurant with the objective to foster social inclusion by empowering women and men from Luxembourg and abroad through work. So, it hires people of all origins who have a hard time finding a job but who generally have fabulous skills.

"Chiche" has a triple meaning: pois chiche is the French word for chick-pea, one of the cornerstones of Mediterranean cuisine and the main ingredient of the falafel, the restaurant's signature dish.

It is also - phonetically - the Arabic word for skewer (brochette).

Finally "chiche" is a French expression for "taking up a challenge" and creating a social impact, so Chiche! means sustainable and economically viable restauration with only non-professionals from 16 different countries - quite a challenge indeed!



Accommodation

Hôtel Novotel Luxembourg Centre

35, rue du Laboratoire, 1911 Luxembourg,
 téléphone: +352 248781
 Breakfast included / King size bed+ double sofa bed
 Parking available, not included
 Public parking, entrance rue du Laboratoire,
Booking: www.all.accor.com
Promo code: EVEBB



Date	Single	Double
21 sept	205€	225€
22 sept	135€	155€
23 sept	135€	155€

Sofitel Luxembourg Le Grand Ducal

40, Bd d'Avranches, 1160 Luxembourg,
 téléphone: +352 248771
 Breakfast included / King size bed - **no** twin beds
 Parking available, not included
 Public parking, entrance rue du Laboratoire,
Booking: www.all.accor.com
Promo code: EVEBB



Date	Single	Double
21 sept	260€	280€
22 sept	160	180€
23 sept	160€	180€

How to register:

Go on www.all.accor.com
 Choose your hotel & dates
 Click on 'special rates/ tarif
 spéciaux/ promocode' and
 enter EVEBB



D27 Conference registration rates

Delegates	Early bird	Before 15 August	€ 230
		Late	€ 260
Non-delegates	Early bird	Before 15 August	€ 75
		Late	€ 95
ZAC awardees - Golden Z's	Early bird	Before 15 August	€ 50
		Late	€ 60
Guests & accompanying person			€ 0

For delegates & ZAC awardees - Golden Z's

Friday, 22 September 12:30 - 14:30	Business lunch with Great Girls meet Great Women	Before 15 August	€ 30
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Social Program

Thursday, 21 September 19:30	Dine around	€ 25
Friday, 22 September 19:30	Restaurant Chiche	€ 60
Saturday, 23 September 18:00	Gala Dinner - M.S. Princesse Marie-Astrid	€ 125
Sunday, 24 September 13:00	Buffet at Novotel	€ 35

Sightseeing Program

Friday, 22 September 10:00 - 15:00	Schengen - Domaine C Bentz	€ 70
Friday, 22 September 11:45 - 14:00	SES Betzdorf	€ 35
Friday, 22 September 13:00 - 15:00	City promenade	€ 10
Saturday, 23 September 09:30 - 16:00	Clervaux Castle, Family of Man	€ 80
Saturday, 23 September 10:00 - 16:00	Belval - City of Science	€ 20
Sunday 24 September 10:00 - 12:00	The life and legends of women in Luxemburg	€ 10

Conference handbook: printed	€ 5
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GETTING AROUND

Findel Airport to hotels

You can either take a taxi or go by bus.

Taxis in Luxembourg are quite expensive. The ride from the airport to the hotels will be about €31, but you can get a rebate of 10 % with Web Taxi using code ZONTA23 (book taxi at www.webtaxi.lu) - You can pay cash or by debit/credit card.

Public transport in Luxembourg is free of charge.

Buses 29 and 223 will take you to your hotels on Boulevard d'Avranches and rue du Laboratoire.

Bus 29 to Hesperange – Cité um Schlass
Leaves from platform 3 and runs every 10 minutes
Ride to hotels takes 16 minutes minimum depending on traffic

You need to get off at **Verlorenkost – Al Molkerei**
Sofitel Grand-Ducal is virtually opposite the bus-stop

Bus 223 to Bonnevoie – Lycée Bouneweg PE
Leaves from platform 3 and runs every half hour
Ride to destination takes 15 minutes minimum depending on traffic
You need to get off at **Verlorenkost – Al Molkerei**
Novotel is round the corner from Sofitel Grand-Ducal on rue du Laboratoire

Hotels to Findel Airport by bus

Bus 29 to Senningerberg – Charlys Gare
Leaves from platform 1 Verlorenkost Al Molkerei
It runs every half hour on a Sunday.
Ride to the airport takes 16 minutes minimum depending on traffic
Arrives at platform 4

Bus 223 to Junglinster
Leaves from platform 1 Verlorenkost Al Molkerei and runs every half hour
Ride to the airport takes 16 minutes minimum depending on traffic
Arrives at platform 4

Gare Centrale to hotels

You can take either a bus or a taxi to your hotel or you walk.

Bus 29 to Senningerberg – Charlys Gare
Leaves from platform 1 at Gare Centrale and runs every ten minutes.

It will take less than two minutes on bus 29 to get to your destination.

You need to get off at Verlorenkost – Al Molkerei, which is very close to the hotels.

Taxis to the hotels will be about €10.
Walking will take you about 15 minutes.

Hotels to Gare Centrale

You can take either a bus or a taxi to the station, or you can walk.

Bus 29 to Hesperange – Cité um Schlass
Leaves from Verlorenkost – Al Molkerei, platform 4
On Sundays bus 29 runs every half hour.
Ride to the station takes 6 minutes depending on traffic

Taxis to the station will be about €10.
Walking will take you at least 15 minutes.

Hotels to Neumünster Abbey

You can either walk or take a taxi to the venue located in the Grund. Public transport is not an option here.

There are two routes you can take:

You take the stairs on Boulevard d'Avranches into the Grund. They are located about 200m from Sofitel Grand-Ducal, when you cross the road and then keep right.

You go down to Montée de la Pétrusse, you follow this road until you get to rue St Ulric, then you turn right into rue Münster. After the bridge you turn left and keep left for about 5 minutes until you reach the Abbey at 28 rue Münster.

This route will take at least 13 minutes.



OR

You walk down Boulevard d'Avranches towards the city centre. You turn right onto Boulevard Roosevelt, you cross the bridge and enjoy the view. Once you are across the valley, you turn right into Cité Judiciaire, you cross the courtyard and you take the lift to the Grund (Ascenseur Plateau du St Esprit).

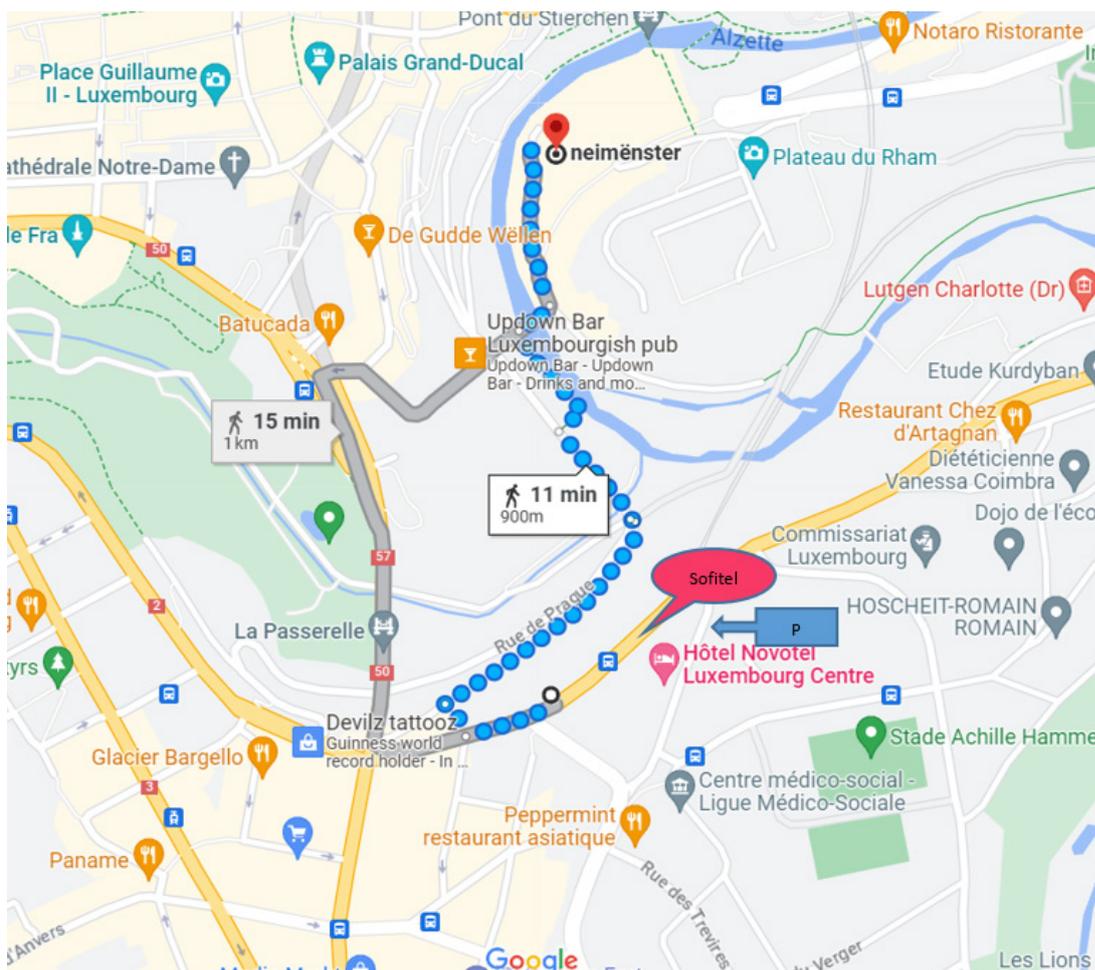
Then you walk straight into rue Münster, and after the bridge you turn left and keep left for about 5 minutes until you reach the Abbey at 28 rue Münster.

This route will take at least 20 minutes.

Going by taxi will set you back about €10.

We strongly recommend you download our national mobility app - mobiliteit.lu - and check for updates.

Walk to the venue of the conference (2 possibilities)





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We would like to express our gratitude for their valuable support in the organization of the District Conference to:

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