



HEMICYCLE VISITS

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I PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The European Parliament is easily accessible by bus, metro and train. We strongly recommend using public transport, given the limited number of parking spaces in the area.



Brussels - Luxembourg station

Brussels-Luxembourg station is located beneath the Esplanade and offers direct connections to the Brussels-North, Brussels-Central and Brussels-South railway stations.
www.belgianrail.be/en



Bus stop Luxembourg

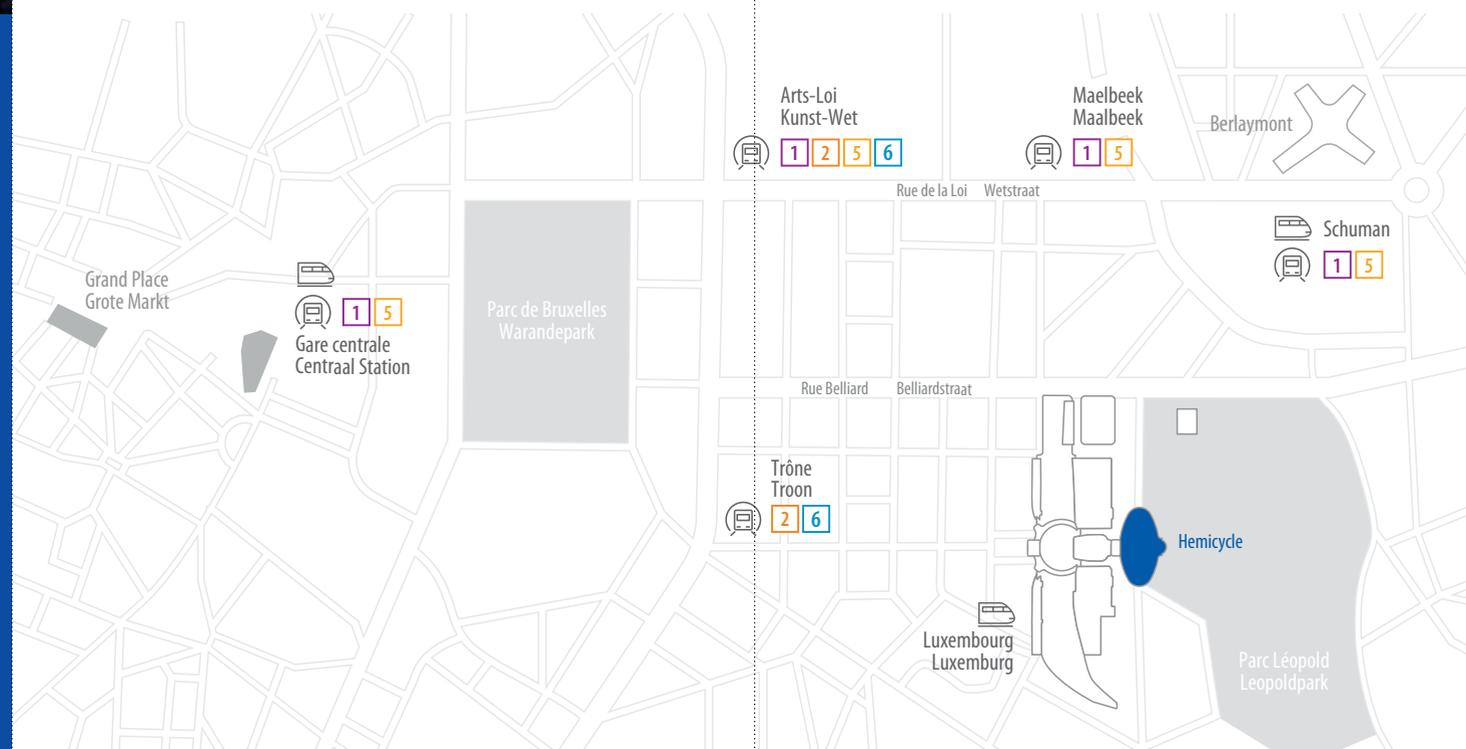
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Closest metro stations

Maelbeek 1 5

Trône 2 6



Walking

It takes about 30 minutes to walk to the European Parliament from the city centre.



Cycling

Villo! is Brussels' public bike hire scheme, which allows you to pick up a bicycle at one docking station and drop it off at another. There are three docking stations near the European Parliament.



Car

Parking is available free of charge and must be booked online in advance of a visit. The car park is only open on working days.

COME AND
BE PART OF IT

BRUSSELS

The Hemicycle is the heart of the European Parliament in Brussels and is the setting for the most important debates and votes that drive the European project. The chamber allows all Members of the European Parliament to meet for plenary sessions where they make your voice heard in the European Union.

A visit to the Hemicycle is a perfect way to understand the important work of the European Parliament and to experience at first hand the home of the world's largest transnational parliament. Come and learn how the Members of the European Parliament represent you.

You are welcome to take advantage of our photo opportunities, information brochures and even a postcard, all for free!

More information about visiting the European Parliament can be found online:

www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting



INDIVIDUAL VISITORS

As individuals, families and small groups, you are more than welcome to visit the Hemicycle and to explore it at your own pace.

You can choose between:

- a visit **with a multimedia guide**
Visit the Hemicycle at your own pace with a personal multimedia guide. A visit takes you to the public gallery of the Hemicycle, explaining the work of the European Parliament and how the European Parliament represents you.
- a visit **with a briefing on parliamentary life by a staff member**
Take advantage of a more personalised visit with a Hemicycle briefing on the work of the European Parliament. One of our speakers will lead an interactive discussion in English or French and will answer all your questions.
- a visit **during a plenary session** (please check dates on the website)
Take the chance to sit in on European Parliament debates and votes watch from the public gallery during a plenary session in Brussels.

0-99 years max 10 people 60 mins EU languages
Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Opening times

No advance booking is required for individual visitors, but make sure to have an ID document with you.

Normal schedule (September - June):

Visits: Mon. - Thu. 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00
Fri. 09:00, 10:00, 11:00 | Sat. - Sun. Closed

Briefings: Mon. 11:00 & 15:00

Summer schedule (July - August):

Visits: Mon. - Thu. 09:00 - 16:00
Fri. 09:00 - 12:00 | Sat. - Sun. Closed

Briefings: Mon. - Thu. 11:00 & 15:00 | Fri. 11:00

More info: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/>

Availability: Monday to Friday

Min advance booking: no

GROUP VISITS

Groups can visit the Hemicycle's public gallery and experience at first hand the European Parliament's plenary chamber.

A group visit includes:

- a wide-ranging interactive presentation by engaging speakers on what the European Parliament does for citizens, which can be tailored to groups' specific interests;
- the chance to see the Hemicycle up close in the public gallery;
- the chance to observe debates and votes from the public gallery during plenary sessions, subject to availability of places.

0-99 years 10-100 people 90-180 mins EU languages



To book a group visit to the Hemicycle of the European Parliament, please go to the website at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/>

Availability: Monday to Friday

Min advance booking: 8 weeks

EUROPEAN YOUTH SEMINARS

European Youth Seminars bring together young people from all over Europe to present, discuss and vote on ideas relating to topical issues.

A number of groups from different countries take part, using a common language spoken by all participants. Policy idea labs provide a forum for participants to listen to and engage with other young people during this one-day event. European Youth Seminars end with a final vote on the best idea, which is then discussed with Members of the European Parliament.

16-30 years 20-40 per group 1 day DE-EN-FR

More info: vissem@ep.europa.eu



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ART COLLECTION

The European Parliament's art collection is a symbol of the diverse cultural heritage that ties Europe together. It was started in 1980 on the initiative of the first directly elected President of the European Parliament, Simone Veil.

The collection includes 387 pieces of modern art, acquired with a focus on promoting young, promising artists at the beginning of their careers.

During your visit, you will have the chance to see our 'United in Diversity' exhibition inside the Hemicycle visiting area, which comprises artwork from all European Union Member States. You can go round the exhibition as part of any visit to the Hemicycle.