

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COME AND BE PART OF IT

Welcome to the European Parliament, the heart of democracy in the European Union (EU), which represents 500 million people. The European Parliament's official seat is in Strasbourg, France, but much of its work is conducted in Brussels. There's plenty

to see and explore here, from visits of the Hemicycle to a cutting-edge visitors centre that is one of Brussels' top attractions. It's all designed to showcase the European Parliament, how it works and what it does for EU citizens. Being aware of Europe's broader past is also

essential for understanding the EU of today, and the House of European History offers a unique insight into Europe's shared history. All the activities are completely free of charge, and most are available in each of the EU's 24 official languages.



EP SPOTTER

EP Spotter is a brand new application to help you explore and discover the European Parliament campus. From architectural details to political background, EP Spotter uses the GPS/geolocation in your smartphone to guide you around the outside of the European Parliament and tell you a little more about the European Parliament, its buildings, the personalities they are named after and the history of the area.

If you want to discover what there is to spot, download EP Spotter from the Apple App Store or Google Play! (Currently only available in English.)

1 STATION EUROPE WELCOME CENTRE

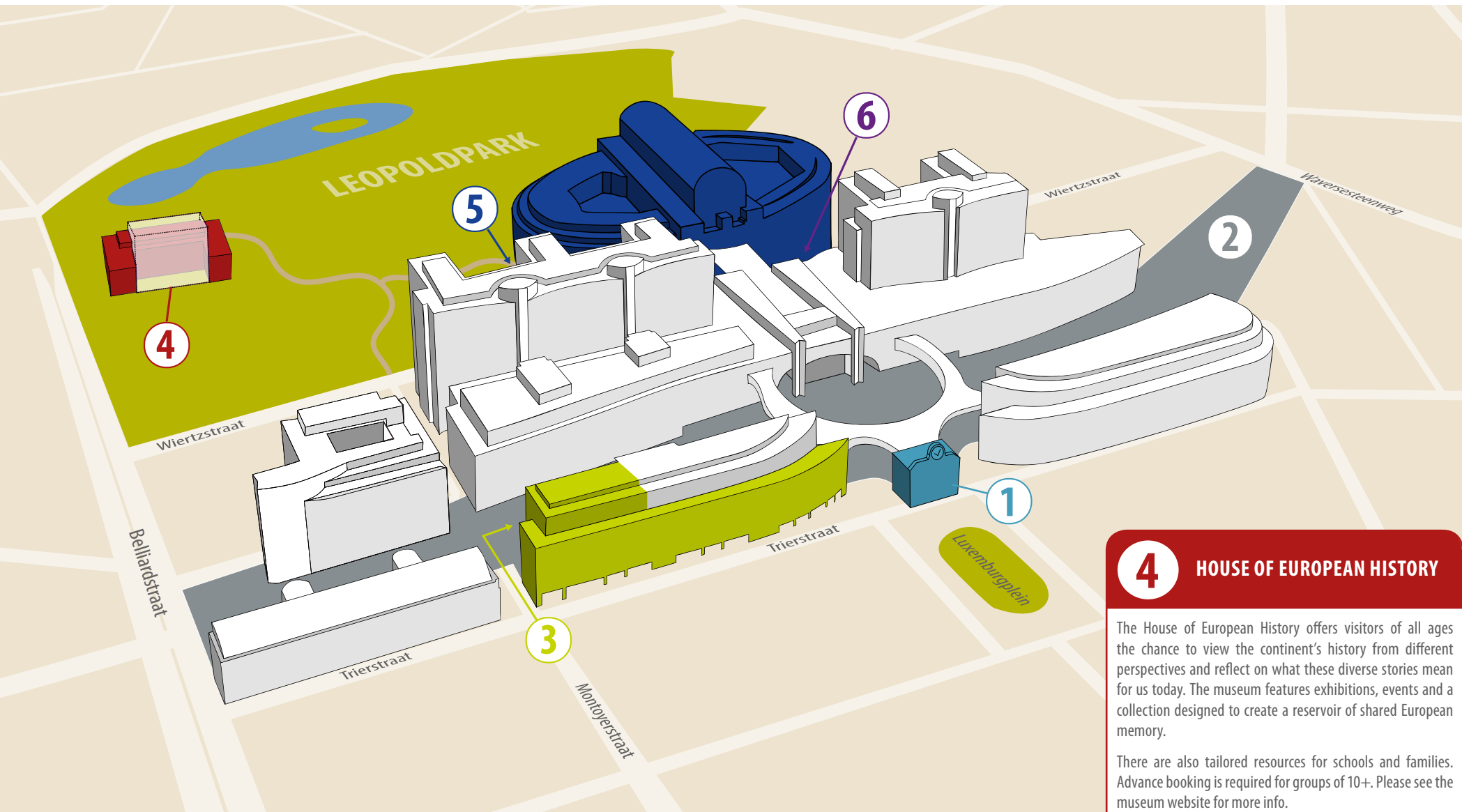
Station Europe is the perfect place to start your visit to the European Parliament in Brussels. Located in the original ticket office of the Brussels-Luxembourg train station, Station Europe can guide you through all there is to discover on the campus and in Brussels itself.

Friendly staff are on hand to point you in the right direction or you can discover the European Parliament for yourself: explore the campus with an augmented reality model, dive into the past with touchscreen tables, or see the campus grow through peephole dioramas.



Opening times

Monday - Friday	09:00 - 18:00
Saturday - Sunday	10:00 - 18:00



2 ESPLANADE SOLIDARNOŚĆ 1980

Honouring the values and achievements of the Solidarity trade union founded by Polish workers in 1980, the Esplanade Solidarność 1980, with the Agora Simone Veil at its centre, defines the European Parliament campus and connects its buildings to Place du Luxembourg, Brussels-Luxembourg train station and Parc Léopold.

The Esplanade hosts more than 40 public events every year, run by the European institutions and other organisations.

3 PARLAMENTARIUM

Experience the European Parliament as never before at the groundbreaking Parliamentarium, located in the Willy Brandt building.

Through dynamic, interactive multimedia displays and with the help of a personal media guide, adults and children alike can discover what European democracy is all about in exciting and refreshing new ways. Get to the heart of the action at the European Parliament in a stunning 360° cinema, and see how its Members represent you. Then take a virtual trip through Europe using our interactive map to see the impact the EU has had in each of the Member States, or sit back in a comfortable armchair while people from around Europe share their stories of how the EU affects them.

A visit to the Parliamentarium usually takes around 90 minutes, with shorter one-hour tours for families and school groups – just ask for the Luna game or the Intergalactic Talent Show. The facilities, including a café and gift shop, are fully accessible to those with special needs.

Monday	13:00 - 18:00
Tuesday - Friday	09:00 - 18:00
Saturday - Sunday	10:00 - 18:00

Last entry 30 minutes before closing.

4 HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

The House of European History offers visitors of all ages the chance to view the continent's history from different perspectives and reflect on what these diverse stories mean for us today. The museum features exhibitions, events and a collection designed to create a reservoir of shared European memory.

There are also tailored resources for schools and families. Advance booking is required for groups of 10+. Please see the museum website for more info.

Museum facilities include a café, gift shop and cloakroom. These, as well as the materials, have been designed to make them fully accessible to those with special needs.



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5 HEMICYCLE VISITS

Going on a visit of the Hemicycle is a great way to get to grips with the basics of the European Parliament. You'll have the opportunity to soak up the parliamentary atmosphere and get a glimpse of the European Parliament's vast art collection, and if you visit during a plenary sitting you may even be able to watch one of the major debates or votes.

Individual visitors can discover the European Parliament with the help of a multilingual media guide. The visit takes 30 minutes and no advance booking is required.

Monday - Thursday	09:00 - 16:00
Friday	09:00 - 12:00
Saturday - Sunday	closed

Additional visits are offered in July and August.

Our staff members are also available to respond to individual visitors' questions and give a more personalised briefing. Briefings take place on Mondays at 11:00 and 15:00 and are held in English or French (other languages may be offered if available). In July and August, additional slots are available. Please consult our website.

Groups are equally welcome and can find out about the European Parliament with the help of one of our engaging speakers. Visits may even include a discussion with a Member of the European Parliament. Advanced booking is required, please see our website for more info and opening times.



6 PROTOCOL ENTRANCE

Located in the Paul-Henri Spaak building, which houses the Hemicycle, the Protocol Entrance is where the European Parliament welcomes VIPs such as presidents, prime ministers and even famous actors. Luminaries and dignitaries regularly visit the European Parliament, and this entrance gives visitors a chance to catch a glimpse of them on their way to or from discussions on the issues of the day. The location of this entrance, 60 at rue Wiertz, is the official address of the European Parliament, which is why your GPS probably directed you here!

GETTING THERE

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

Closest metro stations

	MAELBEEK	M 1 5
	TRÔNE	M 2 6

Buses stopping at the European Parliament



Trains to Brussels-Luxembourg station

Brussels-Luxembourg station is located beneath the Esplanade.



Walking

It takes about 20 minutes to walk to the European Parliament from the city centre.

Cycling

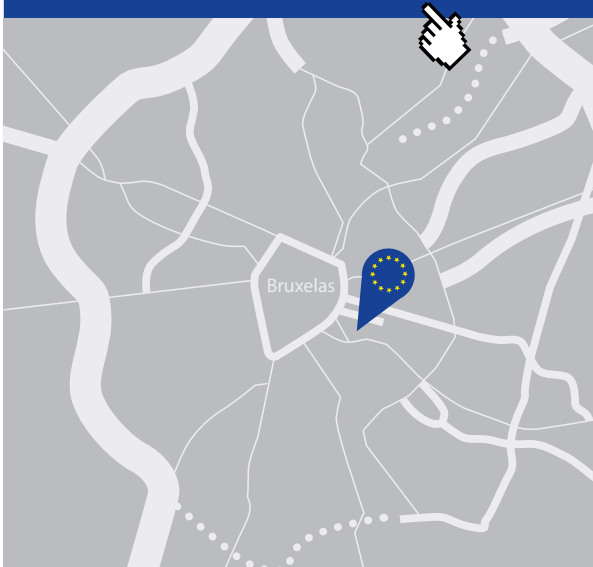
Villo! is Brussels' public bike hire scheme, which allows you to pick up a bicycle at one docking station and drop it off at another. There are three docking stations near the European Parliament.



Your European Parliament pocket guide



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WHO ARE THEY?

As you make your way around the European Parliament buildings, you may notice that they are named after prominent figures from European politics and history. These individuals have all made a significant contribution to building the European Union as we know it today:



KONRAD ADENAUER



Konrad Adenauer, the first Chancellor of Germany after the Second World War, made reconciliation between France and Germany possible, paving the way for broader European integration. Adenauer is considered to be one of the founding fathers of the EU.

JÓZSEF ANTALL



József Antall was the first democratically elected Prime Minister of Hungary after the fall of Communism. He guided Hungary towards the European Union and argued for a united Europe.

PAUL-HENRI SPAAK



As Foreign Minister and Prime Minister of Belgium, Paul-Henri Spaak was instrumental in founding the Benelux union and in drafting the Rome treaties, which laid down the initial provisions establishing the EU. His vision of European cooperation made him one of the greatest contributors to the early stages of the EU, and he is regarded as one of its founding fathers.

WILLY BRANDT



Willy Brandt was the fourth Chancellor of Germany. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in improving relations with East Germany, Poland and the Soviet Union. Brandt was a Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1982.

ALTIERO SPINELLI



Italian politician Altiero Spinelli is also considered a founding father of the EU, and was an important source of inspiration for its strengthening in the 1980s and 1990s. He served as a Member of the European Commission for 6 years, starting in 1970, and as a Member of the European Parliament for 10 years, from 1976.

SIMONE VEIL



Simone Veil is a French politician who made major contributions to women's rights and equality. In 1979, she was the first elected President of the European Parliament following the first direct elections across the European Community.

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