



FUNDING NETWORK MEETING 2024

14 November, Brussels, Belgium

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Eurodiaconia is a European network of 61 churches and Christian NGOs providing social and healthcare services and advocating social justice. On a daily basis, our members support people in poverty, homeless and unemployed people, asylum seekers and migrants, Roma people, and people with disabilities (dependent older people, people with physical or mental disability, etc.). They also advocate their fundamental rights at the European, national, and local levels.

Eurodiaconia members access EU funding to implement social innovation, expand or scale up the reach of their social and healthcare services, and respond to the emerging needs of vulnerable and marginalised communities and groups to uphold the European Pillar of Social Rights. Eurodiaconia members access funding such as ESF+, AMIF, ERDF, Erasmus, and European Solidarity Corps. Members demonstrate their transnational value-added through their rich and long experience in social economy and employment, integration and inclusion of migrants, work on Roma, and quality social services.

At the same time, members also utilise traditional and other forms of fundraising for sustainability and ensure that they are meaningful partners in social and community-building.

Eurodiaconia is organising the funding network meeting for its members to exchange best practices in fundraising and accessing European funding for social innovation as well as to explore ways to cooperate on more transnational initiatives as members of the network. With the upcoming processes related to the next Multiannual Financial Framework, it is likewise opportune for members to discuss their priorities for funding social inclusion, poverty alleviation, community-building and essential services in Europe.

Objectives

1. To deepen the understanding on EU funding programmes, especially the AMIF and ESF+
2. To facilitate mutual learning in fundraising and accessing grant opportunities for social innovation and social services
3. To foster collaboration among members in responding to EU calls for proposals

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Motel One Hotel

Most of our participants are staying at the Motel One Brussels. The address is **Rue Royale 120, 1000 Brussels, Belgium**

Motel One Brussels is centrally located in Brussels, a 10-minute walk from the Grand Place, Manneken Pis, the shopping area around Rue Neuve and Brussels Central Station.

The check-in is from **15:00** and the check-out until **12:00**.

Arriving by plane

How to reach the hotel from the Zaventem airport

It takes around 30 minutes to reach the motel from **Zaventem Brussels Airport**, depending on the transport you decide to take. We recommend taking the train with destination **Brussel-Zuid/Bruxelles Midi**.

How to reach the hotel from the Charleroi airport

The **Brussels South Charleroi Airport** is located 60 km away from Motel One. At the airport there are **FLIBCO** buses services to get to the centre of Brussels

Flibco bus

The buses go every 20 minutes and the ride takes approximately **1 hour and 20 minutes**. It is possible to buy tickets on their website for the price of **19.95 euros**.

Click [here](#) to reach the Flibco website.

The Flibco bus will leave you at Brussels South Train Station. From there you can take the train to **Landen**, stop at **Central Station Brussels** and have a **7-10 minute walk** to reach Motel One Brussels.

Click [here](#) to buy your tickets for the train online

Arriving by train

How to reach the hotel from the Brussels South Train Station

The motel is **13 minutes** from Brussels South Train Station, which offers international Thalys and Eurostar connections. You can take the train to **Landen**, stop at **Central Station Brussels** and have a **7-10 minute walk** to reach Motel One Brussels.

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VENUE



Eurodiaconia Offices, Rue Joseph II 166, 100 Brussels, Belgium

The Funding Network Meeting will be organised at Eurodiaconia's headquarters and we are very happy to have you all there.

How to reach the venue from Motel One Brussels

By bus (17 minutes)

You can take bus **number 63** with direction to Cimetière de Bruxelles and stop at Ambriorix station. It is then a 5-minute walk to reach the Eurodiaconia venue.

By metro (12 minutes)

You can take metro number 5 with direction to Herrmann Debroux/Stockel and stop at Schuman station. It is then a 2-minute walk to reach the Eurodiaconia venue.

MEALS

Eurodiaconia will provide morning coffee/tea and lunch during the funding network meeting at the venue.

MOVING AROUND THE CITY

Public transport

Although Motel One is located in the very centre of Brussels where most of the sightseeing can be made on foot, you might be needing some public transport to access parts of the city you want to visit.

Where to buy your ticket? You can purchase your ticket in the public transport or at major stops with contactless payment. You can pay for your trip using your contactless bank card (debit or credit), smartphone or smartwatch.

Every STIB bus, tram and metro station is equipped with a specific contactless payment device which supports any bank card with the contactless logo.

Click [here](#) to learn more about prices and packages.



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