

FAQs and Useful Links

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements and payment.

For a list of nearby recommended hotels, see this web page: <u>https://eu.eventscloud.com/website/3712/accommodation/</u>

Conference Venue

TechNet International 2021 will be held at **THE SQUARE Convention Centre** in the heart of Brussels:

Glass Entrance, Mont des Arts Mont des Arts/Kunstberg B-1000 Brussels Tel.: +32 2 515 13 14 E-mail: info@square-brussels.com

<u>Website</u>

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COVID-19-related information

Providing a safer environment for our event participants is a top priority. Achieving this is a shared responsibility. By attending our 2021 TechNet International Conference, you agree to abide by and engage in conduct that is beneficial to health and safety while attending the event. This includes, but is not limited to, complying with local regulations, wearing a mask at all times at the venue, engaging in appropriate physical distancing, and not attending the event if you are ill or have been recently exposed to COVID-19. The venue will be equipped with all the necessary tools to make sure this event is not only enjoyable, but also complies with all the latest COVID-19 rules.

Some of the measures in place:

- Obligatory wearing of face-masks for all participants throughout the conference centre
- Widespread availability of hand sanitizer dispensers
- Distanced seating of 1.5 meters in all conference rooms
- Enforcement of social distancing throughout the conference center
- More frequent cleaning and disinfection throughout the conference center
- One-way flow systems and corridors in the exhibition area and conference center
- Plexiglass shields in registration areas
- Each attendee to complete a wellness check survey each morning, before entering the event
- Temperature checks
- Random COVID-19 testing of event attendees

These will be adjusted as necessary as the situation evolves with the health and safety of our participants remaining a top priority.

Here you can consult all the latest COVID-19 measures in Brussels: <u>https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/faq/</u>

Currency

The currency in Belgium is the Euro (EUR). Currency converter: <u>https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/</u>

Directions/Transport

Getting to The Square will be easy. SQUARE is just across from the Brussels Central railway station.

National trains: Get off at Bruxelles-Central / Brussel-Central and follow the exit signs to 'Mont des Arts - SQUARE'.

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International trains (Eurostar, Thalys) arrive into Bruxelles-Midi / Brussel-Zuid. From there, it's a simple two-minute train journey to Brussels Central station. Just take any train heading north (free of charge: your ticket to Brussels includes commuting from and to any train station in Brussels), get off at the first stop (Bruxelles-Central / Brussel-Central) and follow exit signs to 'Mont des Arts - SQUARE'.

You can buy train tickets using the blue ticket machines at the airport or here: <u>https://www.belgiantrain.be/en</u>. You can also download SNCB app on your smartphone and purchase them there.

FROM THE AIRPORT:

After landing at Brussels International Airport (Zaventem), make your way from the main arrival hall to level -1. Take a direct train to the city centre. After 17 minutes, get off at the Brussels Central station, and follow the exit signs to 'Mont des Arts / Kunstberg - SQUARE'.

There are also multiple taxis/cars available both from the airport and around Brussels:

-Driver4You: <u>https://www.driver4you.be/</u>

-TaxiBrussels: <u>https://taxi-brussels.com</u>

-Airport-Driver: <u>https://airport-driver.be/</u>

There are other alternatives such as Uber and Heetch that will allow you to move around Brussels using an app on your smartphone.

For an eco-friendlier travel you can <u>hire electric cars</u> which is also available in Zaventem. In Brussels, you can also use one of the many electric scooters available. Simply choose the one you like (Lime, Dott, Bird), download their app to see where one is located, pay and you are ready to go.

Luckily, Brussels is a very well-connected city and you can get anywhere rather quickly. Here is a very handy <u>Brussels journey planner</u> that will show you what public transport to take to your destination. Metro lines 1 and 5 are the most convenient for getting to the venue.

Dress Code

For the conference, the dress code is business attire or dress military uniform for active-duty military.

More on Brussels

-Brussels City Guide: <u>https://www.introducingbrussels.com/</u>

-Brussels public transport STIB: <u>https://www.stib-mivb.be/?l=en</u>

Photography/Videography/Audio Recording Policy

Attendees understand that AFCEA Europe may conduct interviews and may take photographs and/or videotape in any part of the TechNet International conference, exhibit area and during its social events. These photographs, videos, and recordings are for the use by event management in publications or other media material produced for the purposes of conference promotion, including but not limited to: brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, social media, television and websites. Attendee and exhibitor registration grants event management permission and consent for use of any photography and video unless a request is sent in writing to europe@afcea.org asking not to be depicted.

Registration

Registration for TechNet International will open on <u>2 August 2021</u>.

This will be a <u>hybrid</u> event. In-person attendees will be the majority and virtual participation for attendees will be possible.

Registration for TechNet International is restricted to NATO and EU Member states, and members of Partnership for Peace (PfP). If you are a speaker, a consultant, a sponsor, an exhibitor, a student or from Press, please <u>contact us</u> in due time to register for this event.

Registration fees & conditions

- In-Person participation: Fees include access to the conference sessions, exhibition, coffee breaks and lunches.
- Virtual participation: Fees include access to the on-line live stream of the sessions. It will also be possible to view the sessions 6 weeks after the event.

IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

Industry:

AFCEA Member: 775 EUR/person

Non-Member: 890 EUR/person

Active Military/Government/NATO-EU institutions:

AFCEA Member: 85 EUR/person

Non-Member: 100 EUR/person

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

Industry:

AFCEA Member: 385 EUR/person

Non-Member: 450 EUR/person

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AFCEA Member: 85 EUR/person

Non-Member: 100 EUR/person

AFCEA's Membership Benefits

Become a member of AFCEA and receive discounts on participation in AFCEA events, get involved with the chapter closest to you, gain access to leaders and reach decision makers in our international network of individual and corporate members and much more. <u>Contact us</u> for an application and full details on membership.

Special needs

If you have any special needs, disabilities, and/or dietary restrictions that we may address to make your participation in our event more enjoyable, please do let us know.

Time zone

Belgium is in CET (Central European Time) time zone (UTC +2).

Venue Parking

There are 660 parking spaces right underneath SQUARE at the feepaying car park named Parking Albertine / Albertina - SQUARE, level -2 (maximum height: 195 cm). You can get in via Place de la Justice - Gerechtsplein, 16 at 1000 Brussels.

Parking prices, availability and schedule: <u>https://www.interparking.be/en/find-parking/Albertine-Square/</u>