

# Practical Information Note

ESPON seminar in Mons (June 2024)

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## Overview of the programme

04 June 2024	18:30 -22:00*	Welcome reception for the participants of the ESPON Seminar	<b>Van der Valk Hotel,</b> <u>Avenue Mélina Mercouri 7,</u> <u>7000 Mons</u> <a href="#">Van der Valk Hotel Mons Congres &amp; Spa - Best price guarantee</a>
05 June 2024	9:00-17:00*	ESPON Seminar	<b>Wallonia Conference Center Mons (WCCM),</b> <u>Avenue Melina Mercouri 9,</u> <u>7000 Mons</u> <a href="#">Meeting, Conference and Events - Mons Belgium   WCCM</a>
	18:30 – 19:00*	Bus transport to diner location	<b>Departure from the WCCM</b> <u>Avenue Melina Mercouri 9,</u> <u>7000 Mons</u>
	19:00 – 22:30*	Walking Dinner	<b>Grand Hornu,</b> 82, Rue Sainte-Louise, 7301 Hornu <a href="#">Le Grand-Hornu   MACS (mac-s.be)</a>
	22:30 – 23:00*	Bus transport back to the hotel (WCCM)	
06 June 2024	9:00 – 14:00*	ESPON Seminar	

# Venue of the seminar

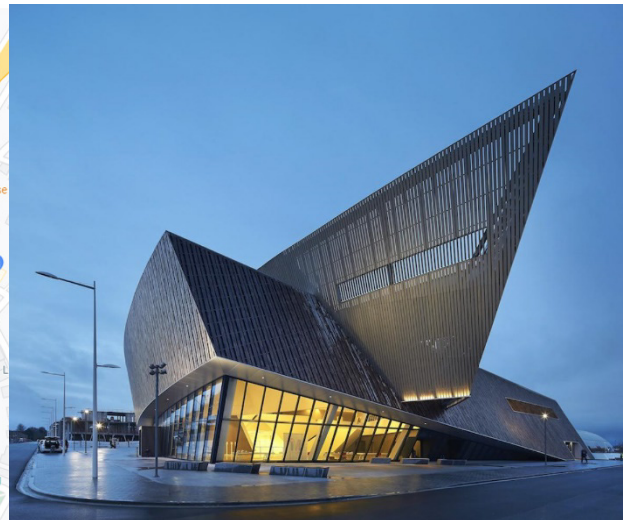
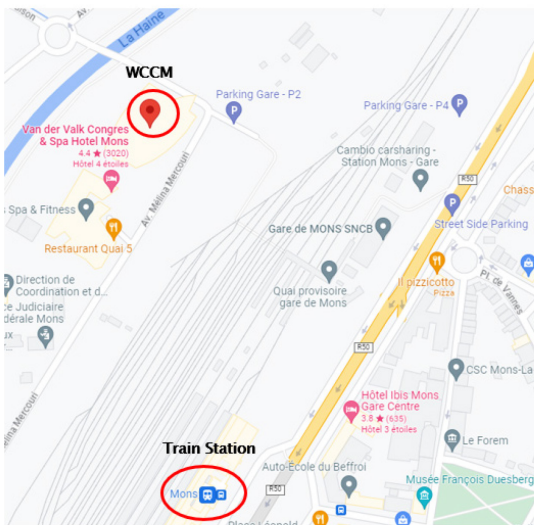
Location: **Wallonia Conference Center Mons (WCCM)**

Avenue Melina Mercouri 9, 7000 Mons, Belgium

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Located behind the railway station, the Wallonia Conference Center Mons was built as part of "Mons 2015, European Capital of Culture". The building, whose shape is reminiscent of the city's emblematic dragon, was designed by world-renowned American architect Daniel Libeskind.



## How to get there

The train is the most efficient way to go to Mons. To check schedules and buy tickets, please use the following link: <https://www.belgiantrain.be/en>.

**From Brussels International Airport (Zaventem)**, there are two trains per hour with. The journey takes about 1:20. The standard ticket price is €21.20 euro per trip.

**From Brussels city centre (main railway stations: Brussels North, Brussels Central, Brussels South (Midi) and Brussels Schuman and Brussels Luxembourg)**, there are 2 trains per hour. The journey takes about 1:00. The standard ticket price is €17.60 euro per trip.

**From Brussels South Charleroi Airport**, there is a shuttle bus from the airport to Charleroi Central Station twice times per hour. From Charleroi Central Station, there are two trains per hour to Mons. The whole journey takes about 1:10.

To check schedules, please use the following links:

For the bus: “Ligne A1” ([TEC \(letec.be\)](http://TEC.letec.be)) . Please note that the bus 68 also go to Charleroi central station but takes longer (about 30 min and 17 stops).

You can buy combined tickets [bus + train] maximum 31 days in advance using the following link: [By train + bus shuttle: Charleroi Airport Ticket | SNCB \(belgiantrain.be\)](#). The standard ticket price is: €13.90 per trip.

# Accommodation

Location: **Van der Valk Hotel Mons Congres** (next to the venue).



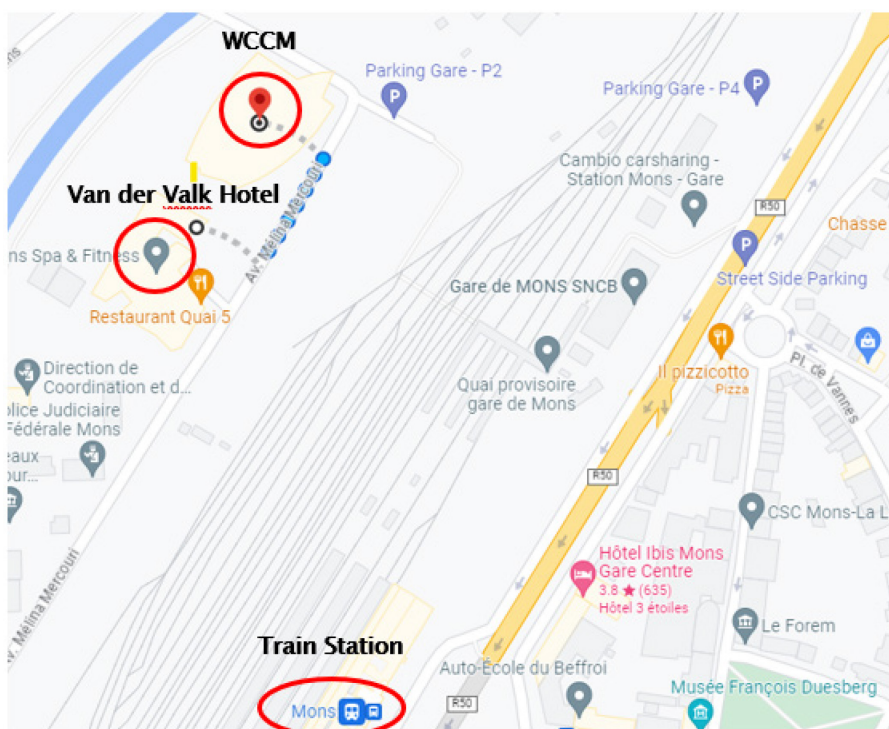
## **Information:**

If you wish to reserve a room, please contact the reception by e-mail or telephone:  
info@hotelmoms.eu or +32 65 39 02 07 and mention the code **GF10895**.

**Rooms are limited and can be booked on a first come first serve basis until 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024, and a few rooms until 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024.**

**Pricing: 153€ / night, includes the tourist tax and breakfast.**

[Chambres à Mons | Congres Hotel Van der Valk Mons \(hotelmoms.eu\)](https://www.hotelmoms.eu)



Location: **Ibis Mons Centre Gare** (11 minutes' walk to the venue).



**Information:**

If you wish to reserve a room, please contact the reception by e-mail or telephone:

[ibismons@monshotels.be](mailto:ibismons@monshotels.be) or [+32 65 84 74 40](tel:+3265847440) and mention the code **WALLONIA**.

Rooms are limited and can be booked on a first come first serve basis until 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2024.

**Pricing: 118€ / night, includes the tourist tax and breakfast.**

[Hôtel pas cher Mons Centre - ibis - Proche Gare - ALL \(accor.com\)](#)



Location: **Martin's Dream** (20 minutes' walk to the venue).



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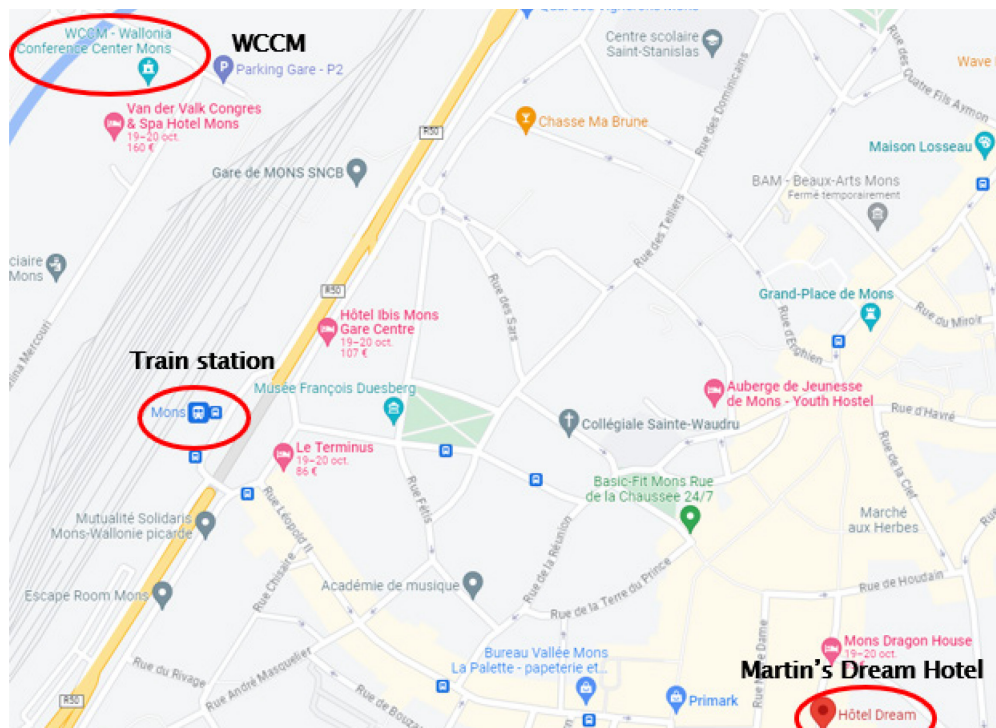
If you wish to reserve a room, please book the room via the following [link](#) and use the code **EPSONWEEK**.

Rooms are limited and can be booked on a first come first serve basis until 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024.

**Pricing:**

- Single room 142,18€ / night includes the tourist tax and breakfast.
- Double room 162,18€ / night, includes the tourist tax and breakfast.

[Sérénité et originalité | Martin's Dream | Mons \(martinshotels.com\)](#)





## Location of the various sites



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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. WCCM                  | 4. Ibis Hotel           |
| 2. Hotel Van der Valk    | 5. Martin's Dream Hotel |
| 3. Train Station of Mons | 6. Grand Hornu          |