



Workshop on legal aspects of geographic data and spatial data infrastructures Friday 19 March 2010 – ICRI, K.U.Leuven

The Spatialist project and the Interdisciplinary Centre for Law and ICT would like to invite you to their workshop on legal aspects of geographic data and spatial data infrastructures, taking place in Leuven, Belgium on 19 March 2010, from 9.30 to 17.00.

As you are well aware, legal issues are often mentioned as an important barrier for the availability of geographic data and the development of SDI. Yet, they have not received as much attention as many of the other aspects involved. This workshop intends to bring together the members of the GI&SDI community whose work or activities are aimed to progress the research, policy and practice with regard to the legal aspects of geographic data and SDI, either as a lawyer or as a researcher or professional in other fields closely related with law or policy. The goal of the workshop is to get an overview of existing research, to consolidate possible synergies and to develop a common research agenda for the future.

The workshop will be divided into four blocks, each with a particular theme. The four themes that will be addressed are privacy and security, intellectual property rights, public-private sector relationships and competition, and the future of legal SDI-research and practice. For each theme, presentations are given by an expert in the legal domain and an expert in geographic data or SDI issues. These presentations are followed by a discussion, in which you are all invited to participate.

You can find more information on the workshop, the location and possible accommodation on the next pages.

We hope to welcome you in Leuven!

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1. Date and time

The workshop will take place on Friday, 19 March 2009 from 9:30 to 17:00.

2. Preliminary agenda

9:00 – 9:30	Coffee
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome and introduction
9:45 – 11:15	Privacy and security
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:45	Intellectual property rights
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:15	Competition and public-private sector relationships
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee
15:30 – 17:00	The future of research and practice on legal aspects of geographic data and SDI
17:00	Wrap-up and close of the meeting

3. Registration

You can register by sending an e-mail to katleen.janssen@law.kuleuven.be by **1 March 2010**. There is no registration fee.

4. Location

The location is the Interdisciplinary Centre for Law and ICT (ICRI) of the Department of Law of the K.U.Leuven.

Address:

Interdisciplinary Centre for Law and ICT (ICRI) - K.U.Leuven
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5. How to get to Leuven and ICRI?

If you arrive by plane at Brussels National Airport

The Brussels National Airport is located about 20 km from Leuven, a distance covered by train in 15 minutes. There are two direct trains an hour from the airport to the train station of Leuven. The price of a single ticket is below 5 EUR. From the train station in Leuven, you can walk to ICRI, take a taxi or a bus. For directions from the train station to ICRI, see below.

For more information on the train time tables, see www.nmbs.be.

If you prefer taking a taxi to Leuven, the price is around 55 euro.

If you arrive by plane at Brussels Charleroi Airport

First option: A public bus (Line A) links all day long the Brussels South Charleroi Airport to the Charleroi-SUD Trainstation. Then you can take the train to Leuven. If you want to combine these two services when you arrive in the airport, you can buy a “bulk” ticket at the Airport Disket desk in the Charleroi Airport.

Second option: More than 20 times per day in both directions, a transfer service by coach is scheduled between Brussels South Charleroi and Brussels Midi Railway station. From Brussels Midi you can take the train to Leuven (see below, if you arrive by train).

For directions from the train station to ICRI, see below.

If you arrive by train in Brussels Midi (Brussel Zuid), Brussels Central, or Brussels Nord Railway Station.

From each of these Brussels Railway Stations, there is a train to Leuven between 2 and 6 times an hour. The journey takes around 30 minutes. For directions from the Leuven train station to ICRI, see below.

For more information on the train time tables, see www.nmbs.be.

ATTENTION: When taking the train, be sure that it stops at Leuven (Louvain) and NOT Louvain-la-Neuve, which is another city in Wallonia.

From the Leuven train station to ICRI

It's a 15-20 min walk from the train station to ICRI. When you exit the station from the central hall, cross the square and follow the main street in front of you (Bondgenotenlaan) for about 1km to the end. Enter the Grote Markt, the car-free square on your right. On one side of this square is a church (Sint-Michielskerk) and on the other side is the historic City Hall. Go left just behind the city hall into Naamsestraat.

Follow this street for about 100m and take the 2nd street on the left, the Lakenweversstraat. This takes you to the Hogeschoolplein. To go to ICRI, enter the courtyard of the historical building Paus Adriaan VI-college across the square. At the end of the courtyard, there is a flight of stairs, flanked with two large lion statues. Right in front of this staircase, go to the right and enter the

white door. Walk through the hallway (past two more double doors) to the elevator and staircase which bring you to the fourth floor and the ICRI offices.

Alternatively, at the bus terminal next to the station you can take bus nr. 1, in the direction of Heverlee Boskant, or bus nr. 2, in the direction of Heverlee Campus. You can purchase your ticket aboard. Get off (by ringing the bell) when you pass the city hall, at the first stop in the Naamsestraat (the trip takes about 5 min). Take the Lakenweversstraat to the left and follow the directions given above.

If you arrive by car

At our official address, Sint-Michielsstraat 6, very limited parking space is available; therefore it is advisable to drive to Ladeuzeplein (The square in front of the City Library), where underground parking is available. From the Ladeuzeplein, walk down to Bondgenotenlaan and follow the directions explained above.

6. Accommodation

There are several hotels in Leuven, within a 5 to 20 minutes walking distance:

Theater Hotel Leuven

Bondgenotenlaan 20, 3000 LEUVEN
tel. +32 (0) 16 22 28 19
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e-mail: reservations@theaterhotel.be
website: <http://www.theaterhotel.be/>

Hotel Holiday Inn Garden Court

Alfons Smetsplein 7, 3000 LEUVEN
tel. +32 (0) 16 31 76 00
fax +32 (0) 16 31 76 01
e-mail: higcleuven@alliance-hospitality.com
website: <http://www.6c.com/leuvenbelgium>

Hotel Ibis Leuven Centrum

Brusselsestraat 52 - 3000 LEUVEN
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website: <http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1457-ibis-leuven-centrum/index.shtml>

Novotel Leuven Centrum

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website: <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3153-novotel-leuven-centrum/index.shtml>

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e-mail: info@bchotel.be

website: <http://www.bchotel.be/>

Hotel New Damshire (<http://www.hotelnewdamshire.be/>)

Hotel De Biestpoort, website: <http://www.hotelbiestpoort.be/>

Hotel Industrie (<http://www.industriehotel.be/>)

Hotel Mille Colannes (<http://millecolonnes.telenet.be/>)

Hotel La Royale (<http://www.laroyale.be/>)

Bed & Breakfast "De Werf" (<http://www.dewerf-leuven.be/>)

Jeff's Guesthouse (<http://www.jeffsguesthouse.be/>)

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