

## CENL AGM – FAQ

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### ➤ Hotel information

The Ibis Hotel Grand Place is holding rooms at a discounted rate for CENL members. The hotel is holding extra rooms from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November for members who will need to travel earlier and quarantine until they have had a negative Covid test and for members who might not be able to travel on the afternoon of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Rooms are available on the following days:

Friday 26.11.21	Single Room	€ 114,24
	Double Room	€ 129,24
Saturday 27.11.21	Single Room	€ 114,24
	Double Room	€ 129,24
Sunday 28.11.21	Single Room	€ 89,24
	Double Room	€ 104,24
Monday 29.11.21	Single Room	€ 114,24
	Double Room	€ 129,24
Tuesday 30.11.21	Single Room	€ 114,24
	Double Room	€ 129,24

Please fill in the attached booking form and email it to the hotel via [H1046-RE@accor.com](mailto:H1046-RE@accor.com) or alternatively, you can call them on 0032 2541 89 12 quoting the booking reference '658122'.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Hotel rooms with a special rate at the Ibis hotel will be held **until 12 October 2021**.

### ➤ What are the travel rules to Belgium?

Non-essential travel to Belgium is prohibited for people who are not a national of the EU, nor of a country that is part of the Schengen Area, and who have their primary residence in a third country not listed in Annex I to Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912 of 30 June 2020 on the temporary restriction of non-essential travel to the EU and its possible lifting, except for fully vaccinated individuals with a recognised vaccination certificate as from 1 July 2021.

'Fully vaccinated' means vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and for which all doses of the vaccine provided for in the leaflet have been administered at least two weeks before travelling.

At the time of writing, Belgium accepts the following four vaccines for entry:

1. Moderna (mRNA-1273)
2. Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2)
3. Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)
4. Oxford/AstraZeneca (AZD1222)

A 'recognised vaccination certificate' means the EU Digital COVID Certificate or a certificate from a third country deemed equivalent by the European Commission on the basis of the implementing act or by Belgium on the basis of bilateral agreements.

Since 1 February 2021, Belgium is using a colour code. For countries within the European Union/European Economic Area, the colour codes are aligned with those of the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control \(ECDC\)](https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en). Third countries are considered to be red zones, with the

exception of the countries listed on the website: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en> for which the travel restrictions have temporarily been lifted.

The Belgian approach for people arriving in Belgium depends on whether they are returning from a red, orange or green zone. Depending on the country or region you are travelling from, different measures apply after your arrival in Belgium. All passengers must complete the Public Health [Passenger Locator Form](#) (PLF) in the 48 hours before their arrival in Belgium, even if they're vaccinated and provide a COVID certificate (vaccination certificate, recovery certificate or test certificate).

- Passengers travelling from a green or orange zone  
They do not need to get tested or quarantine.
- Passengers travelling from a red zone in the European Union  
If they have a vaccination or recovery certificate, they do not need to quarantine or get tested. If not, they must get tested and quarantine until getting a negative test result.
- Passengers travelling from a red zone outside the European Union  
If they are vaccinated, they must get tested and quarantine until getting a negative test result. If not vaccinated, they must quarantine for 10 days and get tested on day 1 or 7.

In addition to the colour coding system, there are also special measures relating to the territory of countries classified as very high risk, the so-called 'very high-risk countries'. In this case, visitors are not allowed to travel to Belgium.

➤ **I am visiting from a red zone outside the European Union, how can I get tested on arrival in Belgium?**

At the airport:

Arriving passengers will receive a text message on their mobile with a code to be tested based on the information you provided in your Passenger Locator Form before flying to Belgium.

The tests offered are RT-PCR tests.

If you are an arriving passenger with a 16 character test code (received via SMS) based on the information you entered on your Passenger Locator Form (é-PLF) you will pay € 40.44 for a standard PCR test if you have the code but are not affiliated with a Belgian health insurance.

You can pay with different payment methods, when registering online or on site. We advise you to pay in advance as much as possible to avoid queues. Online or on-site registration are available (online registration is strongly recommended)

For arriving passengers, results are available 24 to 48 hours after completion of the test.

All test results are sent to you by e-mail.

See more information here: <https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/the-impact-of-the-coronavirus/covid-19-test-centre-at-brussels-airport>

At Brussels-Midi or in town on arrival:

Arriving passengers will receive a text message on their mobile with a code to be tested based on the information you provided in your Passenger Locator Form before arriving to Belgium.

Paid PCR test cost € 41 with a result within 48 hours via SMS or coronalert app.

The Brussels Test Centers operate by appointment. There is a test centre in Brussels Midi station. You can book your appointment via this link:

<https://prod.chronorace.be/registration/Covid/MedicalForm.aspx?eventId=1192343050919590&lng=EN&hash=yU8QPOC4PrsJbVRnyMf-Sh8vQFw#/registration>

Please note that you must fill in your Passenger Locator Form first to receive a code to use when booking your test.

You can also go directly to the Helpdesk of one the following testing centres without an appointment: Albert, Molenbeek, or Pacheco. However, we highly recommend booking an appointment online in advance. Bring proof of identity and if possible, register on the Coronalert application to access your test result [here](#).

Albert Centre:

Address: Avenue Jupiter 201, 1190 Forest.

Opening hours: Monday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Nearest stop: Albert (STIB)

Molenbeek Centre:

Address: Quai de l'Industrie 31, 1080 Molenbeek-Saint-Jean.

Opening hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. / Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Nearest stop: Delacroix, Arts et Métier, Triangle (STIB)

Pacheco Centre:

Address: Boulevard Pacheco 42, 1000 Brussels.

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Nearest stops: Botanique (STIB/De Lijn), Brussels-Congress (SNCB)

More information on <https://brussels.testcovid.be/en/> and <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PL2zqwGoZU6PorntZXTFuxZ2Oiig-tUv/view>

➤ **I need to get tested to go back to my country. Where can I get tested?**

For passengers departing from the airport:

You can either book:

- Standard PCR test, € 55, results available within 24 hours
- Rapid PCR test, 120 €, if the test is carried out between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., you will have to wait 3 hours to get your result
- Antigenic test, € 55, results available in 50 minutes

More information via: <https://www.brusselsairport.be/en/passengers/the-impact-of-the-coronavirus/covid-19-test-centre-at-brussels-airport>

➤ **Will financial assistance be available for travel costs?**

As agreed at the CENL Annual Meeting 2006 in St Petersburg, financial assistance can be provided for a selection of CENL members to attend the annual general meeting. Because of the short window to book flights to Brussels, which might be more expensive by this point, the Executive Committee

has decided, exceptionally and for this year only, to extend the list of eligible members to ensure that more members are able to afford the travel costs to attend the AGM.

Members who pay a membership fee between €750-2000 will all be eligible for a travel bursary of up to a maximum of 1,000 euros in relation to actual travel and accommodation costs. The Executive Committee has also agreed to extend the claimable costs to Covid-19 testing costs.

If you are eligible for financial assistance, you will receive a personal email with the details on how to apply within the next 48h hours. If you haven't been contacted by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September and think that you are eligible, please contact us at [cenl@bl.uk](mailto:cenl@bl.uk).

➤ **Who can attend the AGM?**

CENL Directors are invited to attend the CENL AGM and can bring colleagues as observers, as well as translators. Please ensure to let us know who will be accompanying you when filling in the Survey Monkey [here](#).

➤ **What Covid-19 measures will you be following during the AGM?**

We will be following social distancing measures while indoor including in the rooms hosting the meetings. We will be asking everyone to wear a face covering while they are indoors.

Please don't come to the KBR if you feel unwell or anyone in your household is showing symptoms of COVID-19.

➤ **I already know that I will not be able to attend the AGM. Will I be able to join online and cast my vote?**

If you already know that you will not be attend physically the AGM in Brussels, please let us know via the quick Survey Monkey [here](#) as it's really important for us to know how many members will be attending the AGM.

The AGM will take place physically and members who cannot attend will not be able to join the meeting online. The minutes from the AGM will be made available to all CENL members by early December 2021.

Please note that as a CENL member, you are required to vote on a number of business matters. Should you be unable to join us in Brussels, you may nominate a representative from your own library to attend the AGM and vote on your behalf. Alternatively, you may nominate another CENL member to vote on your behalf. In both cases, you will need to fill in a proxy form to nominate your representative. The proxy form is available [here](#). Please return your proxy form to the CENL Secretariat by the 15<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

➤ **Where can I access the latest information about the AGM?**

The AGM page in the members' section of the CENL website will be updated regularly with the latest information. Please visit the page here: <https://www.cenl.org/agm/28th-30th-november-2021-brussels-belgium/>

Please visit note that you need to register on the CENL website to access the Members' section. Visit [www.cenl.org/sign-in-register](http://www.cenl.org/sign-in-register) to sign in or register.

➤ **Is the AGM fully accessible?**

The Royal National Library of Belgium is fully accessible to wheelchair users.

However, part of the Cultural programme on Sunday are not fully accessible.

If you have any accessibility needs, please contact the CENL Secretariat at [cenl@bl.uk](mailto:cenl@bl.uk)