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General Assembly 2025

*24-25 June 2025
Brussels
Programme*



Tuesday, 24th June

16:30 - 17:30	Guided tour in private house from a Belgian member in Brussels (address will follow)
17:30 - 18:00	Bus transfer
18:00 -19:00	Guided tour to Grand Bigard Castle Address: Isidoor van Beverenstraat 5, 1702 Dilbeek
19:00 - 20:00	Cocktail
20:00 - 22:00	Networking dinner
23:00 - 23:30	Bus transfer back to Brussels

Grand Bigard Castle

Just a short drive from Brussels, the enchanting Grand Bigard Castle offers a glimpse into Belgium's rich architectural and cultural heritage. Surrounded by a wide moat and centuries-old beech trees, this historic estate feels like stepping into a fairytale.

Visitors cross a five-arch bridge, flanked by 17th-century heraldic lions, to reach the 15th-century drawbridge and fortified gate.



Inside, the right wing holds a chapel untouched for over 300 years, while the left is crowned with a distinctive bulb-shaped roof. Beside the entrance stands the imposing 14th-century Donjon tower, its rooftop terrace offering sweeping views of the Atomium and the Brussels skyline.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Mr. Xavier Pelgrims**, the owner of Grand Bigard, for generously allowing us to host our dinner here and for kindly offering us a guided tour of his historic home.

Transport

This year, we have the opportunity to host our annual networking dinner in the outstanding Grand Bigard castle, which is in the outskirts of the city.

To go, we have hired a **bus** to take you after the first visit and depart directly to the castle at 17:30h.

- Meeting point to be confirmed

The bus will also go back to the city centre at 23:00h, leaving you at the same meeting point.

Otherwise, you can also go:

- by **train** to Grand Bigard stop with the SNCB - for the return, last service runs at 22:30h.
- by **car/taxi/Uber** (30 minutes away from Brussels).

Wednesday, 25th June

09:00 - 09:15

Registration at Veneto Region
Representation office
Av. de Tervueren 67, 1040 Etterbeek

09:15 - 11:00

General Assembly meeting

11:00 -11:30

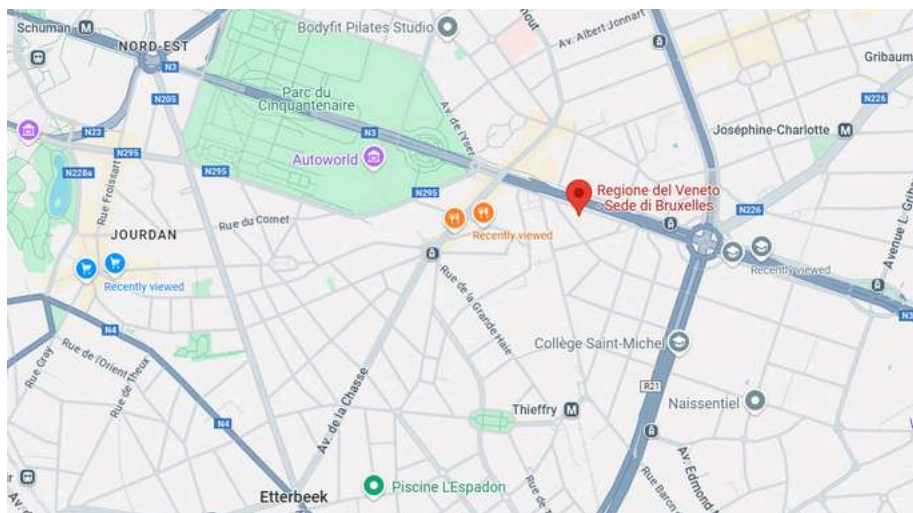
Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00

General Assembly meeting

13:00 - 14:00

Walking lunch



Veneto Region Representation

The Veneto Region Representation Office in Brussels has been a vital bridge between the Veneto territory and the European Union since 1997.

The office represents the Region's voice in Europe promoting its priorities, values, ambitions, and also initiatives. From advising the Regional Government and Council to facilitating involvement in key bodies like the Committee of the Regions, it ensures that Veneto has a seat at the European table.



Hotel suggestions

These are some hotels close to where our first visit and the General Assembly will take place:

- **Hotel Derby** (2 stars)

Av. de Tervueren 24, 1040 Etterbeek (1 min walk from Merode Station)

- **Holiday Inn Brussels Schuman by IHG** (3 stars)

Rue Breydel, 20, 1040 Etterbeek (15 min walk from Merode Station, 8 min by metro)

- **B-Aparthotel Montgomery** (4 stars)

Avenue de Tervueren 149, 1150 Woluwe-Saint-Pierre (7 min walk from Merode Station)

- **Best Western Plus Park Hotel Brussels** (4 stars)

Avenue de l'Yser 21, 1040 Etterbeek (3 min walk from Merode Station)

- **Eurostars Montgomery Hotel** (5 stars)

Avenue de Tervueren, 134, 1150 (7 min walk from Merode Station)