



# EUGOS 2018

GHENT · BELGIUM  
EUROPEAN GREEN OFFICE SUMMIT 22/11 - 25/11

## What is the European Green Office Summit 2018?

The 5<sup>th</sup> European Green Office summit is an opportunity for representatives from Green Offices, Green Office initiatives, GO Alumni, and others involved in the GO Movement and sustainability in higher education to connect, learn together, and share ideas and inspiration. At the same time, it is an excellent opportunity to meet with enthusiastic young sustainable colleagues.

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### Your hosts: Green Office Gent

Green Office Gent was established in 2015 and consists by now out of 8 students and 2 staff members. We work year round on several sustainable projects to – one day – become a locally and globally sustainable institution in its operations, research & educational program.

Green Office Gent  
Green Hub, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 31-33,  
9000 Gent

### rootAbility

rootAbility is a social enterprise that promotes and supports student-led and staff-supported change for sustainability at higher education institutions. We promote and support the design and implementation of Green Offices in various organizational contexts and support the Green Office movement together with our international partner networks.

# Preliminary program

a detailed program will be available on the 4th of October

## Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

- 16:30 @ **Hostel De Draecke**  
Arrival & check-in at the hostel
- 17:00 @ **City center**  
City game (with tastes of Ghent!)
- 18:30 @ **Green Hub**  
Grand opening
- 19:00 Dinner
- 21:00 Green Office Fair

## Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 08:00 @ **Hostel De Draecke**  
Optional morning activity
- 08:30 Waking up + breakfast
- 09:30 On our way to the Thermanal
- 10:00 @ **Thermanal**  
Welcome & briefing
- 10:30 First round of workshops
- 12:00 Exchange of main insights and implications
- 12:30 Lunchbreak
- 13:30 Second round of workshops  
+ special track: cooking workshop
- 15:00 Break
- 16:00 Open space
- 17:30 Future perspectives of  
the Movement
- 18:00 Dinner
- 20:00 Not-a-boring-quiz-Quiz and  
board games

## Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

- 08:00 @ **Hostel De Draecke**  
Optional morning activity
- 08:30 Waking up + breakfast
- 09:30 On our way to Campus Coupure
- 10:00 @ **Campus Coupure**  
Welcome & briefing
- 10:30 First round of workshops
- 12:00 Exchange of main insights and  
implications
- 12:30 Lunchbreak
- 13:30 Second round of workshops
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 Exchange of main insights and  
implications
- 16:00 Open space
- 19:00 @ **A historical venue**  
Dinner
- @ **City center**  
21:00 An evening full of fun

## Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

- 08:30 @ **Hostel De Draecke**  
Waking up + breakfast
- 09:30 Closing ceremony
- @ **(TBA)**
- 10:00 Activity / early-bird departure
- @ **(TBA)**
- 12:00 Optional lunch

# Tracking down the tracks

During each session, we'll organize 4 parallel workshops, each with a different focus. Each time, you can choose which one is of most interest for you. An overview of the different workshops will be provided in October. If you are interested in presenting a workshop, don't hesitate to contact us!

## Open space

During the open space, anyone can bring up projects, topics or questions that have come up during the day. All participants are welcome to propose topics. The open space can also be used to organize a session with fellow country(wo)men, coordinators, or help us do the dishes ;)

## 1/ Masterclasses

During the masterclasses, several speakers will share their expertise on sustainability topics with you. We have some very interesting experts lined up for you, so make sure you keep an eye out for the announcement of the speakers for this track.

## 2/ Sustainability projects track

In this track, we will assemble speakers from GO's from all over Europe and let them introduce you how they handled a certain project. The purpose? Sharing knowledge about sustainable projects in order to help other GO's achieve these goals efficiently.

## 3/ Skill track

Being a Green Officer requires some specific skills. In this track, you'll get a tailor made crash course in time & project management, coaching or communication skills.

## 4/ rootAbility track

In this track, rootAbility leads workshops relating to the Green Office model, Green Impact program and intrapreneurship in general.

# Accommodation

## Hostel De Draecke

Sint-Widostraat 11, 9000 Gent

[www.ieuugdherbergen.be/en/ghent](http://www.ieuugdherbergen.be/en/ghent)

Participants at this year's Summit will be staying at Hostel De Draecke, right in the heart of the city. The hostel has received a Green Key, an international label that rewards the most sustainable lodging, attractions and conference rooms. Guests have 24h/24h access. Please note that towels are not provided. Check-in is from 3 pm. The hostel has WiFi and you can use your own laptop or the Internet kiosk at the hostel. Because this hostel is located in the city center, we will go to most of our destinations on foot, so you can enjoy beautiful Ghent.

### How to get to the hostel by public transport

#### By train

Ghent is well connected by train with Antwerp (45'-60', 3/h) and with Brussels (30'45', 4/h). From Brussels, all train stations (Noord, Centraal, Zuid/Midi) are directly connected, with Zuid/Midi being the closest one to Ghent. Just make sure to avoid the slow connection from Brussels to Ghent (L-trains or IC21/29). Coming from the Netherlands, you can take the fast Thalys (book as quick as possible) to Antwerp or Brussels or take the slower but cheaper 'Amsterdammer' (book more than one week in advance) that connects Amsterdam with Antwerp and Brussels, with a good link to Rotterdam and Den Haag in Breda.

All info you need on [www.nmbs.be](http://www.nmbs.be) (national) and [www.b-europe.com](http://www.b-europe.com) (international).

#### > *If you arrive at the main railway station Gent Sint-Pieters:*

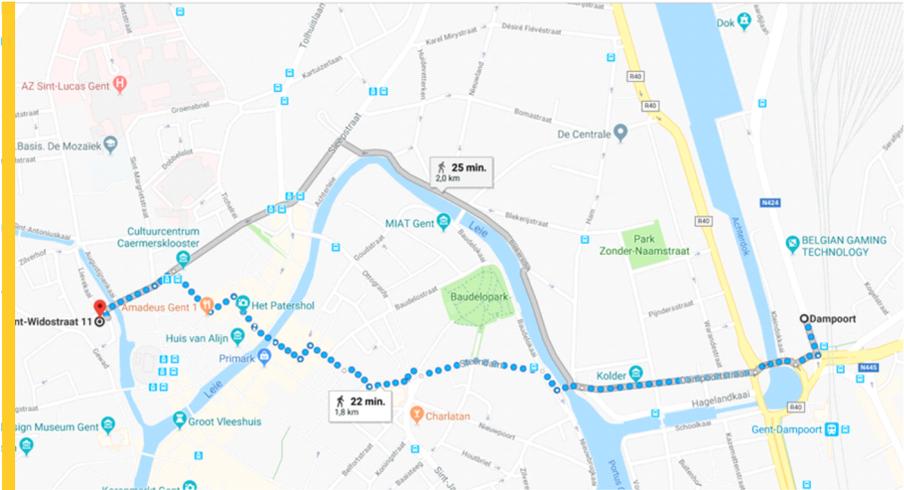
Take the high-frequency tram n° 1 towards the city center until stop 'Gent Gravensteen'. In the city centre, a single journey ticket for tram and/or bus is valid for 1 hour including any tram/bus changes without restriction. The price is € 3,00 and you validate the ticket in one of the yellow machines on board at the beginning of your trip (no checking out!). Buying a ticket with your phone is cheaper: send a text with 'DL' to 4411 and pay € 2,15 (including € 0,15 for your provider) or buy an M-ticket using the Ticket Touch app for € 1,80.

**TIP:** If you are in group, you can also buy a 'Lijnkaart' in a vending machine or at the De Lijn Shop. This card costs 16 euros for 10 rides. Don't forget to validate this ticket on board for each passenger that is going to make use of it.

The stop 'Gent Gravensteen' is next to the famous Castle of the Counts and 250m away from the hostel. Follow the Burgstraat and take the first street on your right (Gewad). The next street on your right is the Sint-Widostraat, where the hostel is located. This trip will take about 25 minutes in total.

#### > *If you arrive at railway station Gent Dampoort:*

It's a 20 minute walk to the hostel (see map on p. #5). If you prefer public transport, stay on the train until the train station Gent-Sint-Pieters.



*Walking route to the hostel*



*(FliX)bus direct connections to Ghent*

**By bus**

We have a good FlixBus-network, connecting us cheaply to 39 European cities (see above). The bus will drop you off at railway station Gent Dampoort, from where you can walk to the hostel (see walking route map).

**By plane (for those coming from afar)**

Contact us directly for help. The airport 'Brussels National' in Zaventem is connected directly by train. We will offset the CO<sub>2</sub> generated by all plane travel to and from the summit.

# Venues

## **Green Hub** (on Thursday) **Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 31-33,** **9000 Gent**

Since this summer, the Green Office has its own (shared) sustainability spot, the Green Hub. A place where sustainables meet, in the heart of our University and City.

## **Therminal** (on Friday) **Hoveniersberg 24, 9000 Gent**

The student organizations of Ghent University have their own hidden oasis, situated next to the water. The studenthouse is located in an old thermal power plant: coal was unloaded at the quay and processed into steam which was used to heat the university buildings. In 2006, the old building was converted into the studenthouse, but there are still some remains of the power plant that remind us of its old function. Look out for the Turbinezaal and the giant chimney! On Friday we will use several rooms in this building for our different workshops.

## **Campus Coupure** (on Saturday) **Coupure Links 653, 9000 Gent**

The location for Saturday will be the Campus of the bio-engineers. It's located on a 15-minute walking distance from the Hostel and it is one of the greenest city campuses we have.

# Catering

All meals throughout the Summit will be vegetarian and there will be vegan options available. Let us know if you are vegan or have other dietary requirements.

## **Hostel De Draecke (Breakfast)**

The Hostel will make sure that there is a range of vegan options during breakfast.

## **Wowfood (Friday diner)**

Wowfood is a cooking team decreasing food waste on a local level in a creative way. They have a network of suppliers and locations where they buy food that otherwise would go to waste. In case the food surplus cannot cover all their needs for ingredients, they look for local alternatives (farmers, local products) first, and otherwise buy organic products. For Wowfood, using food surplus is part of a larger picture of looking for positive, creative ways of making our world more sustainable. Their mission is to inform people, not only making them aware that there is a problem, but also providing solutions.

## **Snooze like the button (Saturday lunch)**

Healthy veggie and vegan food of the world with local ingredients, a creative sauce and wrapped up waste-free, that's how we like our food. With a food truck in summer and catering in winter time, Snooze like the buttons rolls out their concept of salads in a jar, delicious burrito's and incredible home made lemonades and cocktails, straight to our venue.



## Registration

Registration is open!

Please subscribe individually as soon as possible and before the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

[www.greenofficemovement.org/EUGOS2018](http://www.greenofficemovement.org/EUGOS2018)

Costless cancellation is possible until 19/10/2018.

## Contact

For all non-urgent questions before and during the summit:

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For all urgent questions before the summit, call:

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For all urgent questions during the summit, call:

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00 32 9 264 79 12 (David – GO Gent)

Anselm, Tim & Felix (rootAbility): will follow

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