1ˢᵗ UEMS Congress
Leuven, 2026

Dates:

Wednesday 27th May (set up and late afternoon start)

Thursday 28th, Friday 29th (full day meetings)

Saturday 30th May (half day meeting and breakdown)

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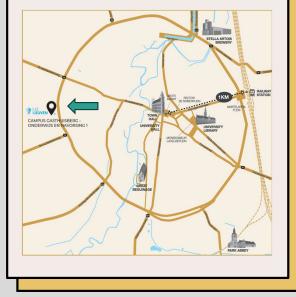
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- Leuven is a charming, historical town and has been a university city since 1425.
- Leuven is only a 15 minutes drive from Zaventem airport with regular trains to Leuven. Less than a 30 min train ride from Brussels.
- End of May, the weather should be very pleasant.

Center vs Campus

Hotels

Classification	# hotels	# rooms
****	5	441
***	8	387
**	3	37
*	3	169
none	4	111
	23	1.145

Hotels

Bedrooms secured in Leuven at the largest hotels to the maximum they were willing to block for us. Monitoring availability to increase blocks for participants as would be needed and where possible. Many people will book on own at smaller properties.

Financially liable only for the Novotel block, which is the HQ hotel; UEMS staff and Exec, sponsors and faculty.

Total bedrooms secured for participants (financial liability UEMS only for main hotel)	Star Rating	Bedroom cost (single use)	Total rooms blocked (peak nights 27-30)
Pentahotel	4	€ 187.00	25
Radisson Park Inn	3	€ 164.00	40
Ibis Leuven Centrum	2.5	€ 124.00	30
Ibis Budget	1	€ 110.00	30
Martin's Klooster Hotel	4	€ 229.00	40
Novotel Leuven Centrum (UEMS hotel)	4	€ 159.00	75
			240

Congress Dinner

Date: Friday 29th May – up to 400 people estimated

Courtyard reception (weather permitted), seated dinner

The restored buildings of the Grand Beguinage is a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2000.

Gasthuisberg

The congress takes place at the **grounds of the university hospital campus** Gasthuisberg.
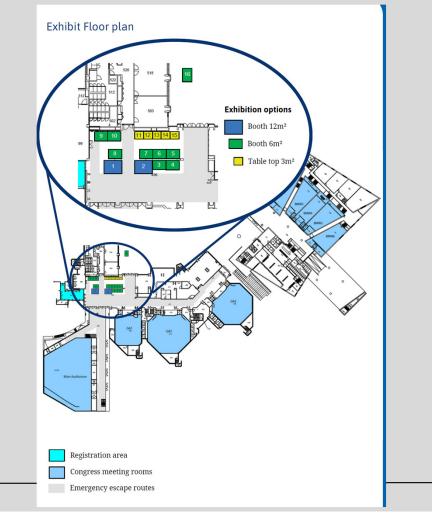
- a 15 minutes bus ride from Leuven city center
- public transport passes for participants (4 days for 20 EUR pp) to be included in the registration.

Meeting Spaces

4th floor
One main auditorium

Seating 826 persons

4th floor
3 medium auditoria

Seating 210, 474 and 392 persons

Next building
6 smaller auditoria

Seating between 105 and 252 persons each

4th floor

Registration Area, Exhibit and Breaks Area

5th floor

Further 40/50 persons classrooms and 6 small meeting rooms for sponsors

Meeting Area & Exhibit

Plan of Action

Fall 2024: First emailing promotions
Save the Date. Announce dates and location for the congress. Create excitement about the new congress, making clear meetings are combined etc.

Fall/ Winter 2024: Marketing
Create sponsorship brochure and identify potential sponsors/ exhibitors / contributors. Also design consistent and new congress re-usable branding.

Winter 2024/ 2025: Design of the programme
Creation of schedule at a glance, identifying tracks/topics and timeslots for satellite sessions. This is also critical for finalizing a sponsorship prospectus.

Spring 2025: Opening registrations/ fund raising
At this time we also need to increase promotions. Identify channels, e.g social media, liaised organisations to help, congress calendars etc.

End summer/ fall 2025: Operation decisions
Start creation exhibitor manual with guidelines and rules. Advertising specs. Identify branding, print work/ congress materials, congress app, logistics.

Fund raising efforts

Sponsorship Brochure ready and sent last week to all on mailing list; asking members to distribute. Templates of letters and other docs completed to use when approaching companies.

Substantial working document with almost 100 organisations so far that we can potentially target for support. Start approaching next week.

1st UEMS Congress 2026 - Financial support applications and status

Organisation (Highlighted in green were supporters of the Alliance 2025 Meeting as well)	Support confirmed in EURO	Grant	Sponsorship	Exhibit?	Amount requested (in currency)	Info sent but no discussion/replies	In discussion (pre-application)	Submitting paperwork	Application completed	Confirmed	EUROS confirmed (recalculated as applicable)	Contact Phase	Payment received	Declined	Comment	Website Information	Details of co...
Genmab	€ -														Gold Sponsor Alliance Mtg 15-20K	https://www.genmab.com/contact	Do not see th... Need to conf...
GSK	€ -														Silver Sponsor Alliance Mtg 10-15K	https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/responsibility/grants-and-donations/	https://www...
Janssen/Estrela/J&J	€ -															https://innovativemedicine.jnj.com/us/grants-and-giving/charitable-contributions	Janssen as Be... giving/charit...
Lilly	€ -														Silver Sponsor Alliance Mtg 10-15K	https://www.lilly.com/impact/grant-office	https://grantof... Not sure if anyt...
Merck/MSD	€ -														Bronze Sponsor Alliance Mtg 5-10K	https://www.msd.com/company-overview/sustainability/philanthropy/	MSD would b... Guidelines ar...
Novartis	€ -															https://www.novartis.com/uk-en/about/sponsorships	This is the por... will end up in... https://www... 8
Pfizer	€ -														Platinum Sponsor Alliance Mtg 20K	https://www.pfizer.com/about/programs-policies/grants	Seems we co... to investigate...
Roche/Genentech	€ -															https://www.myscience.ch/en/research/funding/funding_in_biotechnology_and_medecine/roche_foundation	https://www.ro... about different...
Sanofi	€ -															https://www.sanofi.us/en/our-company/social-impact/corporate-social-responsibility/contributions-and-giving	Check criteria...
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UCB	€ -															https://www.ucb.com/innovation/funding	Seems straigh...
Subtotal funds raised	**€ -**																
MedTech Companies																	
Philips																https://www.philips-foundation.com/a-w/social-impact-investment.html	It is not clear... seems focuse...
Siemens Healthineers																https://www.siemens-healthineers.com/en-us/about-us/siemens-healthcare-giving-in-the-usa	https://www...
Abbott																https://www.abbott.com/responsibility/abbott-fund.html	Not sure if foc...
Medline Industries																https://www.medline.eu/nl/	Do not see w...

Congress Website

The registration website, to include all relevant information, is 99% ready to go. Technicians are resolving some software issues (e.g. finance, order of listings) to ensure perfect workings before we open. Awaiting timeframe dfakto.