

FESTIVAL OF CONNECTING

Festival of Connecting: Registration NOW OPEN

We are pleased to invite you for a vibrant week of connecting workplace design communities in Leuven, Belgium, September 7-11. The Festival of Connecting gathers members of IWOT, EUWIN and the Global STSD Network for a unique get-together.

[Online registration is now open!](#)

Register to join us at the Festival of Connecting. Enjoy package deals and student discounts by registering now.

[To register online click here.](#)

[You are welcome to join in one or more sessions...](#)

Meet leaders in research and business, policy makers, and consultants. Develop knowledge. Transform skills. Create a new network. Be a part of it.

- RESEARCH ON PRACTICES (7-8 September) – Senior academics and junior researchers mix and mingle during the first two days of the Festival. We present an active podium for researchers of **teamworking**. Fresh research results are discussed in a debate characterized by constructive feedback and an amicable atmosphere.

Sponsored by the International Workshop of Teamworking ([IWOT](#))

- POLICY AND PRACTICES (9 September) – Policy makers, practitioners and researchers of **workplace innovation** gather to combine expertise, share knowledge and raise awareness. A number of high-level politicians and business people present Flemish, European and North-American best practices considering workplace innovation.

Sponsored by the European Workplace Innovation Network ([EUWIN](#)) and [Flanders Synergy](#)

- STS DESIGN (9-10-11 September) – Practitioners and researchers that study and use **socio-technical systems design** to realize workplace innovation come together from all over the world. The global socio-technical community will be in Leuven for two days of participative, energetic discussions to combine design principles and practice.

Sponsored by the Global Socio-Technical Systems Design Network ([Global STSD Network](#))

Visit our website at www.festivalofconnecting.be

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Practical information

Fees

IWOT (7-8 September)	€ 335
EUWIN (9 September)	Free of charge
Global STSD Network (9-11 September)	€ 600 (non-member), € 400 (members)
IWOT + Global STSD Network (7-11 September)	€ 800 (non-member), € 600 (members)
<i>Student</i>	<i>Reduction of € 110 for a single event Reduction of € 220 for package deal</i>

Please note: the fees include food and drinks provided during the conference, site visits and social activities (incl. gala dinner on Friday for the respective participants).

Venue

IWOT and the Global STSD Network take place at the Irish College, a peaceful 17th century building in the center of Leuven.

EUWIN takes place at the Brabantthal, a specialized conference center 20 minutes outside of Leuven. A bus service from the Irish College to the Brabantthal and back will be provided.

Accommodation

Special arrangements have been made with the Irish College and a wide arrangement of hotels in the Leuven city center. Upon registration, you will receive a link to our partner hotels.

Social activities

A wide range of social activities is prepared for participants of the Festival: a city tour, a gastronomic walk, blind beer tasting, a gala dinner, ...

Leuven

Leuven (Louvain in French, but do *not* mistakenly take the train to Louvain-La-Neuve!) is the capital of the province of Flemish Brabant in the Flemish Region, Belgium. Leuven is foremost an ancient capital, home to Flanders' oldest university.

Leuven lies about 20 km east of Brussels. The city center holds an amazing architectural collection of buildings, but is also home to Anheuser-Busch InBev and to the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. AB InBev is the world's largest brewing group and one of the five largest consumer-goods companies in the world. The KU Leuven is the largest and oldest university of the Low Countries and the oldest Catholic university still in existence. Leuven as a prominent brewing center and as a host to 35.000 university students gives the city a vibrant atmosphere with numerous restaurants, bars and student cafés, spread all over the town. ([source](#))