



**Plenary Meeting and Conferences of Committee 2**  
**“Social Policy & Public Health”**  
**‘s-Hertogenbosch, Noord-Brabant (NL)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

**MEETING VENUE**



At the invitation of the Province of Noord-Brabant (NL) the meeting will take place in the

Province Administration Building  
Brabantlaan 1  
NL-5216 TV 's-Hertogenbosch

**HOW TO GET TO 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH**

**AIRPORTS**

*Schiphol Airport* is one of the world's busiest and most user-friendly airports, with direct flights to 205 international destinations. More information: [www.schiphol.com](http://www.schiphol.com)

*Eindhoven Airport* is the regional airport located closely to 's-Hertogenbosch, with direct flights to 22 European destinations. The airport is easy accessible and you can park your car right in front of the terminal. More information: [www.eindhovenairport.com](http://www.eindhovenairport.com)



**TRAIN**

*'s-Hertogenbosch Central Station / Dutch Railways*

's-Hertogenbosch Central Station can be reached from Schiphol within 1.5 hours.  
's-Hertogenbosch Central Station can be reached from Eindhoven Airport within 45 min.

More information: [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl)

**FROM 'S-HERTOGENBOSCH CENTRAL STATION TO THE HOTEL OR HOUSE OF PROVINCE**

Public transport to the House of Province: Take a bus (buses with numbers 61, 159 or 160) or a taxi from the central station to the House of the Province.

**REGISTRATION FORM**



The registration form is attached hereto and is also available on the AER Internet. Please fill in one form per participant and return to the AER General Secretariat **before 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

(Hubert Santer, fax: (+33) 3 88 22 74 35; e-mail : [st.com21@aer.eu](mailto:st.com21@aer.eu)).

*You are kindly requested to respect the deadline in order to allow for the optimal organisation of this meeting.*

## ACCOMMODATION

A certain number of hotel rooms have been pre-reserved in two hotels in 's-Hertogenbosch. **Rooms can only be guaranteed until 1 August 2009.** After this date, rooms can be booked upon availability only.

Participants must make **their own** hotel reservations.



	<b>Golden Tulip Hotel Central</b> <i>(This will be the Conference Hotel)</i>	<b>Best Western Euro Hotel</b>
<b>Address</b>	Burgemeester Loeffplein 98 NL-5211 RX 'S-Hertogenbosch	Kerkstraat 56 5211 KH 's-Hertogenbosch
<b>Telephone</b>	+ 31 73- 692 69 26	+ 31 73- 613 77 77
<b>E-Mail</b>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@hotel-central.nl">info@hotel-central.nl</a> Web: <a href="http://www.hotel-central.nl">www.hotel-central.nl</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:eurohotel@xs4all.nl">eurohotel@xs4all.nl</a> Web: <a href="http://www.eurohotel-denbosch.nl">www.eurohotel-denbosch.nl</a>
<b>Prices</b>	<p><b>Single room:</b> € 109, excluding breakfast of € 15/person and local tax of € 1.85/person</p> <p><b>Double room:</b> € 117, excluding breakfast of € 15/person and local tax of € 1.85/person</p> <p>A block reservation for conference participants has been made. You may contact the hotel directly and mention the block <b>reservation number: 75473</b> <b>Please note that rooms will be guaranteed only until 1<sup>st</sup> August</b></p>	<p><b>Double room for single use:</b> € 95, including breakfast, excluding local tax of € 1.05/person</p> <p>A limited block reservation for conference participants has been made. You may contact the hotel directly and mention the block <b>reservation code: AER 2009</b> <b>Please note that rooms and prices can only be guaranteed until 1<sup>st</sup> August</b></p>

## TRANSFERS



Transport to and from the conference hotel to the conference venue, as well as transfer during the conference (meals, excursion programme) will be arranged.

## WORKING LANGUAGES



Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

## MEALS



Buffet lunch on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009.  
In the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009, the Province of Noord-Brabant invites all participants to an official dinner.  
Beverages will be served in the foyer during the conference.



## WORKING DOCUMENTS

Working documents will be available before the meeting on the AER website. Documents concerning the AER Committee 2 plenary meeting will only be accessible on the Intranet: AER members are invited to log-in on the homepage before going to the meeting page. In case you still have no user data, please ask for an access from the homepage under "My profile" (or under the following link: <http://www.aer.eu/home-en/menu-icomes/my-profile/user-account/login-logout.html>).

## FURTHER INFORMATION



For further information on local matters, feel free to contact Jolanda Schneider (Tel: +31 73-681 26 03; [Jschneider@brabant.nl](mailto:Jschneider@brabant.nl))

For further information on the meetings of AER-Committee 2, please contact the Committee Secretariat (Claudia Meschede, Tel: +333 88 22 74 35, [c.meschede@aer.eu](mailto:c.meschede@ aer.eu)).

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### General information on 's-Hertogenbosch

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's-Hertogenbosch is the capital of prosperous Noord-Brabant, the largest province of the Netherlands. 's-Hertogenbosch is a city where people feel at home. Whether you would like to wander through the beautiful city or want to visit an interesting museum, 's-Hertogenbosch has a lot to offer. More information on 's-Hertogenbosch and things to do: [www.vvvdendbosch.nl](http://www.vvvdendbosch.nl)

#### Banks

Most foreign currencies (cash or traveller cheques) can be exchanged at most hotel cashier desks and at any available bank. Most automatic teller machines (ATM) accept the major credit cards. Business hours differ between banks. Most banks are open from Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 16.00 hours. Banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

#### Credit Cards

Major Credit Cards (Visa, American Express, Eurocard/ Mastercard, Diners Club) are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

#### Currency

The local currency is the Euro (EUR/€).

#### Electricity

Dutch plugs have two round prongs and the standard voltage is 220 volts. Hotels may have a 110-volt outlet for shavers, but it is recommended to bring a power converter and an appropriate plug adapter.

#### Insurance

It is strongly recommended that participants take out adequate cover for health, travel and private liability insurance before they depart from their home countries. The organisers will not be responsible for personal injuries, loss, or damage to private property belongings to the participants and accompanying persons.

#### Restaurants

A tantalizing array of restaurants and cafés in 's-Hertogenbosch offers all manner of gastronomic delicacies, from all corners of the globe. Japanese, Indonesian and Thai food are especially good in the Netherlands. The Indonesian food - a feast of little spicy dishes served with rice - has become an institution. Classic French haute cuisine and good, solid traditional Dutch cooking are yours for the asking too. There are the famous 'brown cafés', with their plain wooden furniture, brown-painted walls and



welcoming hum of conversation. Then there are trendy designer cafés, and elegant, spacious 'grand cafés'; or eetcafés (literally 'eat-cafés'), good spots for a relaxed, inexpensive meal.

### **Shopping**

Most shops are open from Tuesday to Friday from 9.00 to 18.00 hours, Saturdays from 09.00 to 17.00 hours. Late night shopping (until 21.00 hours) is on Thursdays.

### **Smoking policy**

As of 1 July 2008 the Netherlands has a non-smoking policy in all public areas including hotels, bars and restaurants.

### **Taxes**

The prevailing rate of VAT in the Netherlands is 19% and is included in retail prices. Value Added Tax and service charges are included in your hotel bill, in shops, restaurants and taxi fares.

### **Taxis**

Taxis may be picked up at ranks, or ordered by calling one of the taxi call centres. Taxis in 's-Hertogenbosch are rarely hailed in the street. To order a taxi call:

Taxi Brouwers: 073 631 31 31

Taxi Centrale Vugt: 073 656 06 06

### **Time**

Netherlands follows Central European Time (CET ), which is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Central European Summertime (CEST) is in effect from end of March until end of October, which is 2 hours ahead of GMT.

### **Tipping**

Tipping for extra service is always appreciated but not necessary. It is customary to tip taxi drivers and waiters 5-10% in addition to the service charge. Many public restrooms have an attendant who is usually tipped € 0.50.

### **Tourist information**

More information on 's-Hertogenbosch and things to do: [www.vvdenbosch.nl](http://www.vvdenbosch.nl)

#### *Walking tours/boat trips*

The Binnendieze is a small canal system through the city that flows underneath the city centre. Many visitors find themselves pleasantly surprised by the exciting waterway, the unique stillness and the beautiful bridge archways. There are 5 different historical-cultural routes, including 3 boat trips and 2 walking tours/boat trips.

Ticketcounter 'Circle of Friends 's-Hertogenbosch'

Molenstraat 15a

Telephone +31 73-612 23 34

Web. [www.kringvrienden.nl](http://www.kringvrienden.nl)

### **Disclaimer**

All reasonable endeavours will be made to hold the programme and to present the printed programme as scheduled under circumstances which assure the comfort and safety of the participants. However, neither the Province Noord Brabant nor any of its branches, nor their officers, employees, representatives or agents, shall have any liability to any person as a result of any cancellation of the programme or any of the arrangements or plans connected therewith or any loss, injury, damage or inconvenience which may be suffered by any person while travelling to or from, or during such person's presence in the Netherlands in connection with the programme. Participants are advised to consider procuring their own insurance against any such occurrences.

