C1 TRAINING IN MONS:

PRACTICALITIES

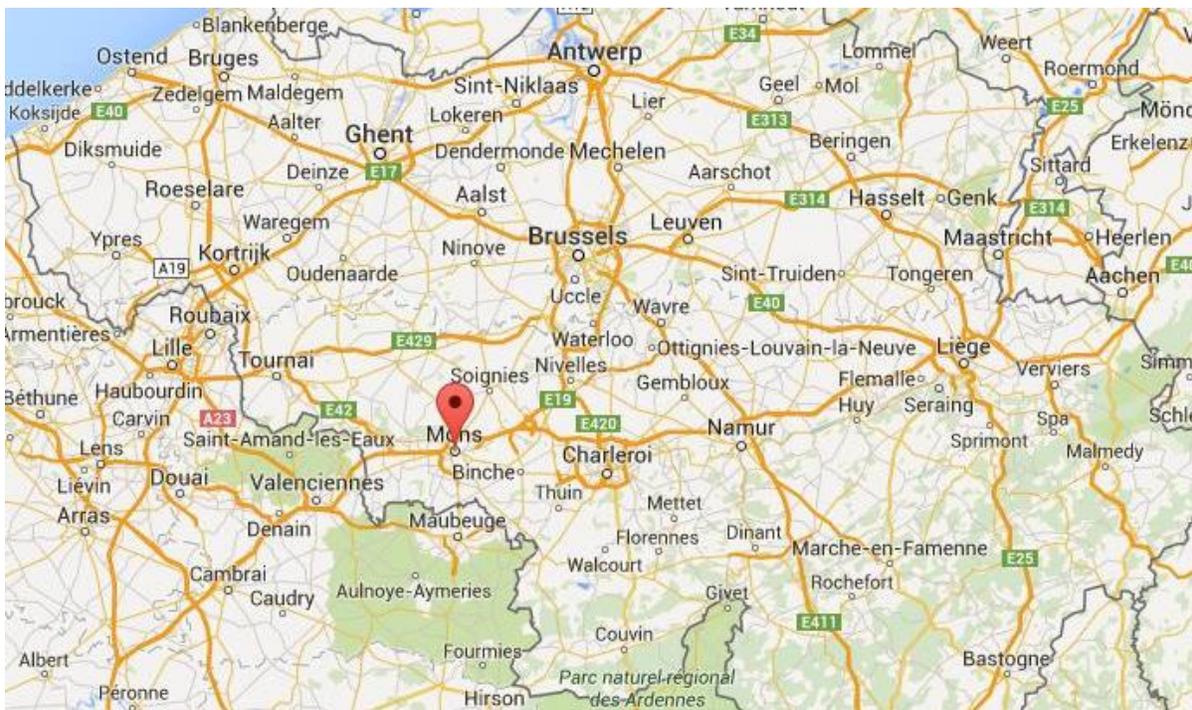|	
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

When:

Arrival on Sunday November 20th 2022

Training from Monday the 21st to Friday the 25th

Departure on Saturday the 26th

Where:

Mons, Belgium

The training will take place at **the SkyLab Factory**, Bd Sainctelette 39, 7000 Mons

2. GETTING TO MONS

Both Belgian airports are convenient for reaching the city: Brussels national airport and Brussels South – Charleroi

- From Brussels national airport, there is a station inside the airport with one direct train every hour to reach Mons. The price is 17-20€ and the journey lasts 1h10. The timetables are available: https://www.belgiantrain.be/en
- From Brussels South - Charleroi, you have 2 options:
  - to take the local airport bus (2 per hour) to the main Charleroi train station, called Charleroi South. From there, you would take a train to Mons train station (2 per hour). One ticket can be purchased for both the bus and the train, which costs around 11.50€. The journey lasts between 1h and 1h30. The schedules and connection can also be found here: https://www.belgiantrain.be/en. Please note that the local bus company is named TEC (red and yellow buses).
  - Flibco Shuttle bus (https://www.flibco.com/en/lines/shuttle-bus-mons-charleroi-airport) is available every 1h30 and brings you directly from the airport to the stop in Mons located at Avenue Léo Collard (at the round-about between the Imagix cinema and Lotto Mons Expo). The ticket online costs 9.9€ and the journey lasts between 40 – 50 min.

3. ACCOMMODATION

Mons is a small town with a rather large offer of hotels, but without decent, cheap solutions, except for the (good) local youth hotel situated right in the city centre.

Our two recommendations are:

- The best option is in the city centre, "Hotel Dream", but the prices vary hugely based on the frequency of offers. Previous partners really recommended this place.
- We would also recommend a newer one called "Congress Hotel Mons Van der Valk" which is close to the station and near the conference place

For other good options:

- The "Hotel St James" is outside of the central area, but a good choice nonetheless
- An aparthotel called Le Saint Georges, in the city centre
- The Mons Dragon house
- The Lido hotel

There are also a few decent possibilities if you choose to rent an apartment on Airbnb.

If you chose another hotel, we recommend you select it within the city centre as in the evening the public transport is not very reliable outside of the city.

In case of doubt, let us know before booking.

*We strongly recommend avoiding the Le Terminus hotel, as well as the Ibis hotel.

4. A BIT ABOUT MONS

Mons is a 95.220-inhabitant, university town and the capital of the province of Hainaut. In 2015, the city was the European Capital of Culture. The name of the city derives from Latin "Montes", meaning "Mount", from the geographical feature where it stands, although it is really just a hill. Mons was settled since the Neolithic period. During the Classical Antiquity, it was the heartland of the Nervian (Nervii in Latin) territory when Julius Caesar invaded Gaul. The Romans built a fort on the hill of Mons which they called "Castri locus". The city

itself was founded in the 7th century when a noble Frankish woman named Waltrude decided to dedicate her life to god there. Waltrude became a Saint after her death in 688 and the place became a pilgrimage destination.

The city centre is a typical medieval/renaissance city from Belgium filled with history as the city counts several items on the UNESCO list. Mons is without contest one of the most beautiful and pleasant cities in Belgium, thanks to its architectural homogeneity, its clean streets and its warm atmosphere.

Main sights:

- The Grand Place is the centre of the historic town and the stage for the annual mock-battle of the Lumeçon or Doudou.
- The City Hall, originally built near the current location of the Belfry, was moved on the Grand Place in the 13th century. The flamboyant gothic building we see today dates from the 15th century. In front of it stands a statue of a monkey, which is said to bring good fortune to those who pat his head.
- The Saint Waltrude Collegiate Church is paradoxically a good specimen of the Gothic architecture of Brabant.
- The neighbouring belfry, classified as a World Heritage Site, dates from the 17th century and is the only Baroque-style belfry in Belgium.
- The so-called Spanish House which dates from the 16th century.
- The Car d'Or
- Museum of Doudou
- Museum François Duesberg

5. CONTACTS

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