



Erasmus+



# The Eye of the Wood

## International youth exchange

During one week we will find ourselves in the middle of nature. Every day we will look at nature through a different lens. One day will be about animal spotting, another a competition day, a mystery day, a fantasy day... Everything is possible!

We make nature our territory and get inspiration from all angles. I might see inspiration for a poem, maybe you see the ideal terrain to play a big game. Do we approach nature like a fairytale forest or is it the perfect opportunity for a wildlife photo? Together with young people from different countries, we will discover all the corners of the forest and put on different glasses: the playful, the camera, the artistic and through different cultures. Every evening, we will sit around the campfire and discuss our discoveries and challenges.

This Erasmus+ project will be a collaboration between Belgium and two other organisations from different countries in Europe. The project will take place at Zilvermeer in Mol, where we will spend our nights in tents and immerse ourselves in nature. The intention is to take advantage of nature as much as possible. We try to discover her through games from different organisations.



**We don't stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing**

## Practical aspects



23/07/2023 - 30/07/2023



Zilvermeer, Mol, Belgium



We communicate in English



Youngsters born in 2006-2009

The activities that will take place during the youth exchange are planned in collaboration with all **three partner organisations**.

The **group leader team** consists of 7 persons from the 3 organisations.

## About the location

We will stay at Zilvermeer in Mol, a popular holiday site in the province of Antwerp in Belgium. We will be sleeping in tents at night, and exploring parts of the domain by day. At Zilvermeer, you can find quite a lot of nature close-by, as it is close to a lot of lakes of the Kempen-region. The location also has some recreational activities included like visiting the beach and the attractions around that, and other available sports on the domain.

**Address of the accommodation:** Zilvermeerlaan 2, 2400 Mol, Belgium

**Website for more information:** [zilvermeer.be](https://www.zilvermeer.be)

**Some pictures:** (more can be found on the website)



## Transport

**Arrival day: 23/07/2023 16:00**

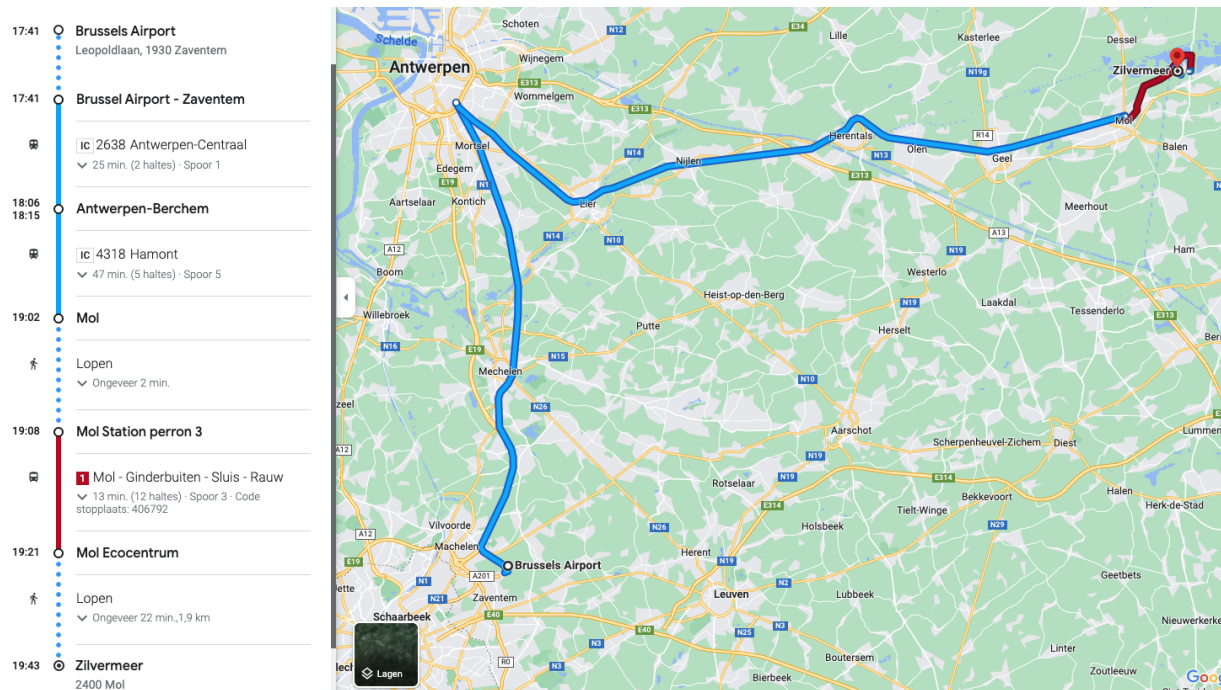
There are two airports in Belgium (Brussels-Zaventem and Brussels-Charleroi). Depending on which airline you take you will arrive either in Zaventem or Charleroi.

The Road to Zilvermeer is the same for both airports. If you arrive in Charleroi, you first have to take a shuttle bus to Brussels. The bus company is called Flibco. Since you are travelling in a group, it is suggested to make a reservation beforehand on the website <https://www.flibco.com/en>. The ticket that you buy online is valid for the whole day, not a specific bus. The buses between Charleroi Airport and Brussels-South station drive every 20 minutes.

When you arrive in Brussels, you first have to take a train to Mol. You will most likely have to transfer in Antwerp or Herentals. You can check the train schedule on [https://www.belgiantrain.be/en?gclid=CjwKCAjwov6hBhBsEiwAvrvN6Egut8ugHYnI10rJd9eK-ArqQjR5B60GUEZHge8igzzVYul09DxLnRoCvLUQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.belgiantrain.be/en?gclid=CjwKCAjwov6hBhBsEiwAvrvN6Egut8ugHYnI10rJd9eK-ArqQjR5B60GUEZHge8igzzVYul09DxLnRoCvLUQAvD_BwE). You can purchase train tickets at every station at a locket or a machine.

Upon arrival in Mol, you have to take a bus to Zilvermeer. A ticket for the bus can be bought online at <https://www.delijn.be/en/tickets/> (the cheapest option is to buy a group ticket for the participants). You can look up the exact route on google maps, it is quite accurate.

Please take the total travel time into account when booking your tickets.



### **Departure day: 30/07/2023**

You may leave the group after 11:00, depending on what time your flight back is.

The route back will probably be the same. You can use google maps to look up the details.

## What to bring

- Enough clothes for the whole project
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Personal bath- and sleep hygiene
- Suitable footwear for walking: walking sandals and/or sports shoes
- Flashlight
- Swimwear
- Sleeping bag, inflatable mattress and other things that you need to sleep in a tent
- Small backpack, for a day trip
- Personal items, inspirational material
- Material for the cultural night

**Bringing alcohol or drugs to the project is strictly forbidden.**

**We hope to see you there!**

**Sunny greetings from Belgium**



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