

## EU-HYBNET 5th Future Trends Workshop (#FTW2025): “Rising Foreign Influences”



**Maison des Associations  
Internationales (MAI)  
Rue de Washington 40,  
1050 Brussels, Belgium**



**09.00- 18.00 CET**

*The purpose of the Future Trends workshop is to support the practitioners' and stakeholders' everyday work by providing a future outlook for strategic planning and use of innovative solutions and to consider consequences of today's policy choices in long-term.*

The EU-HYBNET consortium will hold its Final Future Trends Workshop (#FTW2025), on the 13th February 2025, in Brussels, at the heart of the EU!

4 years into the EU-HYBNET project, this workshop builds on the project findings and provides a platform of interaction for various stakeholders to discuss hybrid threats in the EU's neighbourhood, implications for the future of EU security and innovations to counter them.

Since the landscape of hybrid threats is continuously evolving, foresight and creative thinking is central for understanding, detecting and responding to emerging threats. It focuses on a more anticipatory and prospective outlook, highlighting the weak signals and outliers of disruptive and paradigmatic change to the European security environment.

In recent years, the EU has seen its borders being regularly challenged as part of larger campaigns, including the use of hybrid threats. The weaponization of migrants, drug trafficking, flooding the market with fake goods are all examples of how actors can try and destabilize the EU and weaken it.

**Who?** EU-HYBNET Partners, stakeholders, EAB members, network members, and interested innovation providers, industry, SMEs and NGOS, according to registration check.

**When?** 13th February 2025, from 09.00 to 18.00 CET

**Where?** Maison des Associations Internationales (MAI), Rue de Washington, 40, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

**Registration:** Open online until 14th January 2025. <https://euhybnet.eu/events/>

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## Agenda

Time CET	Topic	Speaker
09.00-09.30	Registration	
<b>Plenary session</b>		
09.30-09.45	Welcome & Practical Information	<p><b>Dr. Julien Theron</b>, Researcher in Hybrid Threats, European Commission Joint Research Council</p> <p><b>Mr. Isto Mattila</b>, EU-HYBNET Coordinator, Laurea University of Applied Sciences</p>
09.45-10.00	Official Introductory Speeches	<b>Mrs. Salla Saastamoinen</b> , Deputy Director-General, DG EC JRC
10:00-10:30	Keynote Speeches	<b>Mr. Patric Padding ENLETS</b>
10:00-10:30	Audience Q&A	<b>Moderator: Dr. Julien Theron</b> , Researcher in Hybrid Threats, European Commission Joint Research Council
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 12:15	<p><b>Prospective on Hybrid Threats with the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)</b> Foresight definition and approaches ESPAS Horizon Scanning methodology Outcome for the Risk on the Horizon report Question and answers Risk analysis tools Interactive part</p>	<p><i>Panel speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maija KNUTTI</b>, EC DG JRC</li> <li>• <b>Tommi ASIKAINEN</b>, EC DG JRC</li> <li>• <b>Stefan MUENCH</b>, EC DG JRC</li> </ul>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch Break	
<b>Second Session</b>		
13:15-14:15	<p><b>Session #1: Cyber &amp; Future Technologies</b> Topic: TBC</p>	Chair: Evaldas BRUŽĖ, L3CE
14:15-15:15	<p><b>Session #2: Resilient Civilians, Local Level and National Administration</b> Topic:</p>	Chair: Gunhild HOOGENSEN GJØRV, UIT
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30-16:30	<p><b>Session #3: Information &amp; Strategic Communication</b> Topic:</p>	Chair: Rubén ARCOS MARTÍN, URJC
16:30-17:30	<p><b>Session #4: Wrap-up session - Future Trends of Hybrid Threats</b></p>	Chair: Maxime LEBRUN, Hybrid CoE

17:30-18:00

Ending keynote  
Closing Remarks

Nicolas BESSOT, EC DG HOME

Official of the HWP ERCHT, Polish  
presidency





## Break-out Sessions

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## Speaker Bios

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## Practical Information

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### VENUE

The “*Maison des Associations Internationales (M.A.I)*” will host the event. It is a unique meeting and networking place for international organisations in Brussels. EU-HYBNET’s FTW and AW will primarily take place in the “Brussels” Room, a fully equipped space with a capacity of 200 participants and with a state-of-the-art live streaming and videoconference equipment.



The venue is located in [Rue Washington 40, Ixelles, Brussels.](#)

### Arrival in Brussels

For those arriving from the **Brussels International Airport (Zaventem):**

- By Taxi or Uber/Bolt (approximately 40-60 euro, 30 mins)
- By bus number 12 (Airport Line) from the Airport to Schuman. From Schuman bus number 60 (direction Uccle Calevoet) and get off at the bus stop Washington (1 hour, 12 euro)

- By train from the Airport to Gare Centrale.

From Gare Centrale you have few options:

- Bus 38 (direction Héros) and get off at the bus stop Vleurgat (25 mins, 2.10 / 2.60 euro)
- Tram 93 (direction Legrande) and get off at the tram stop Vleurgat (25 mins, 2.10/2.60 euro)

For those arriving from **Charleroi Airport**:

- By Taxi/Uber/Bolt (80 – 100 euro, 1 hour)
- By Flibco to Gare du Midi (1 hour, 14 Euro)

For Those arriving from **Gare du Midi (Train Station)**:

- Bus 136 (direction Groot-Bijgaarden – Alsemberg) and get off at the bus stop Lepoutrelaan (20 mins, 2.10/2.60 euro)
- Tram 81 (direction Montgomery) and get off at the tram stop Trinité (20 mins, 2.10/2.60 euro)

Please note that for Trains you need to buy the proper ticket at the vendor machines in the station. For bus and trams, it is possible to pay directly with your credit card on the voiture.

For more information, please visit the official Brussels Transport website [STIB-MIVB - Brussels Intercommunal Transport Company](https://www.stib-mivb.be/en)


## **SOCIAL DINNER**

Following the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop, in the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2025, a social dinner will be arranged at a local venue. More information will be shared shortly.

## **HOTELS**



Hotels



€160  
Oct 21 - 23

## Adagio Access Brussels Europe Aparthotel

4.3 ★★★★★ (1,274) ⓘ

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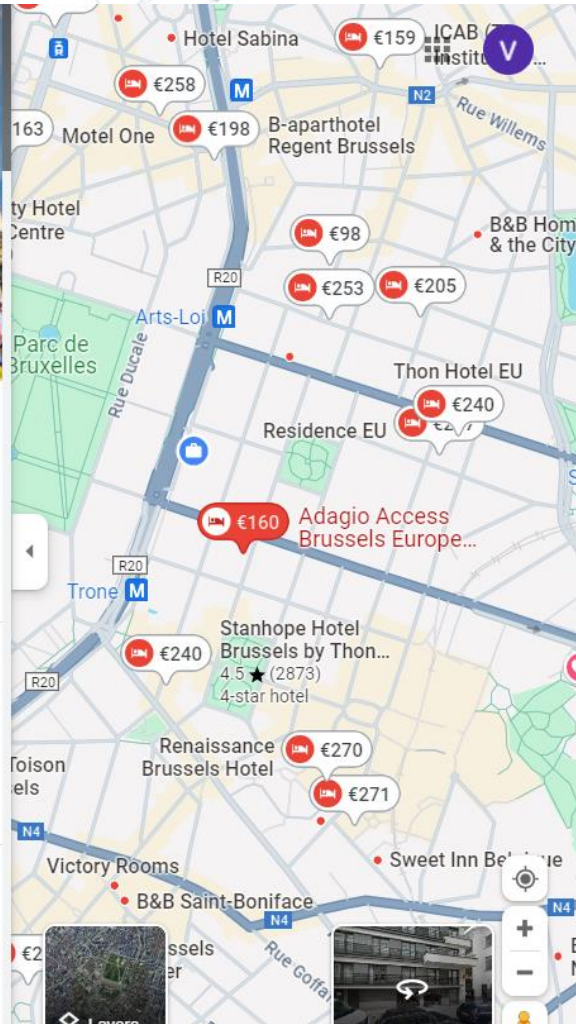
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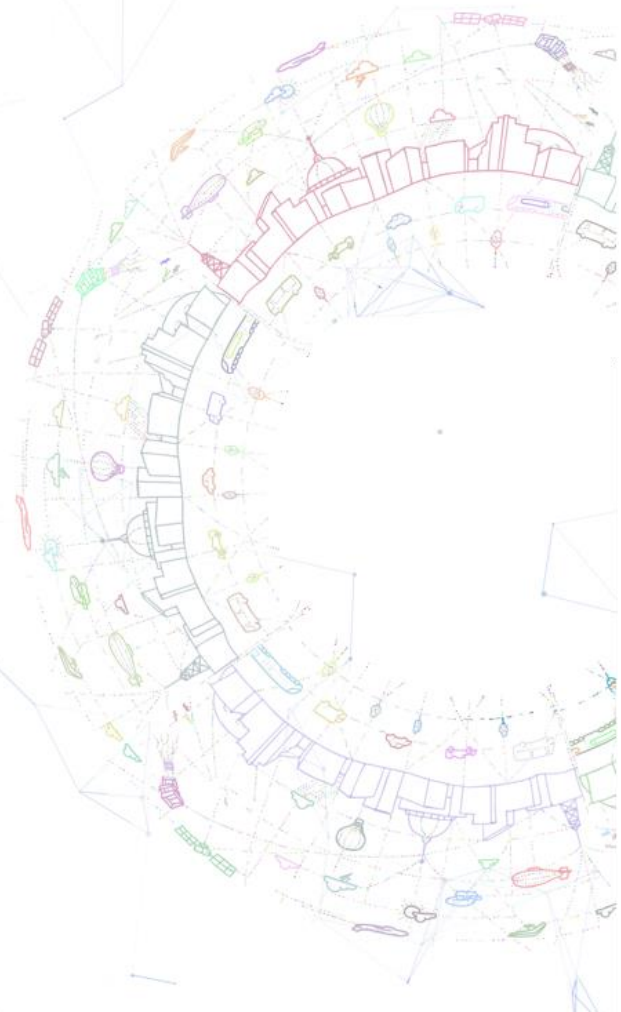
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Hotels

Hotel NH Brussels Carrefour de l'Europe

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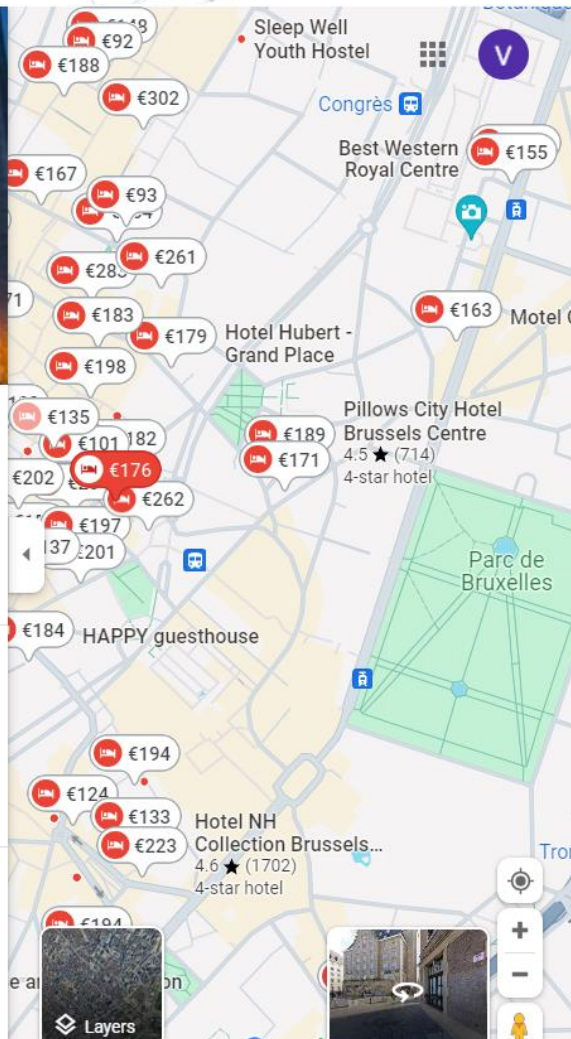
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### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Brussels, you can consult the Brussels Tourist information website:  
<https://www.visit.brussels/en/visitors>

For any questions around the event, you can contact Dr. Julien Theron ([julien.theron@ec.europa.eu](mailto:julien.theron@ec.europa.eu))





More info and updates on the EU-HYBNET project at:



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**“** *Annual Workshops will foster network activities, raise awareness of the project and bring together relevant practitioners and stakeholders who may join the EU-HYBNET network and its activities.*