

**Programme of the  
State Visit of Their Majesties the King and the Queen of the Belgians  
to the Federal Republic of Germany**



**5 - 7 December 2023**

**Tuesday 5 December 2023**

Brussels

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

07:00-07:30

**Check-in for the press delegation at Melsbroek Airport**

07:30-07:45

**Check-in for the academic and business delegations at Melsbroek Airport**

07:45-08:15

**Check-in for the official delegation at Melsbroek Airport (including luggage of the Ministers)**

08:45

**Arrival of the Ministers at Melsbroek Airport**

09:20

**Arrival of TTMM the King and the Queen at Melsbroek Airport**

09:20

**Official departure ceremony**

09:30

**Departure of TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers, the official, the academic, the business and the press delegations with the governmental aircraft (Airbus A330CEO) from Melsbroek Airport to Berlin Brandenburg Airport**

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Berlin

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**Delegation**

11:15

**Arrival of TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers, the official, the academic, the business and the press delegations at Berlin Brandenburg Airport, Military Section**

Welcome by State Secretary Dr. Dörte Dinger, Head of the Office of the Federal President, Mr. Volker Timmermann, German Deputy Chief of Protocol and HE Geert Muylle, Ambassador of Belgium in Germany

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits and HE Philippe Henry  
Venue: Berlin Brandenburg Airport, Military Section, Willy-Brandt-Straße 8, 12529 Schönefeld

11:30-12:15

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers and a restricted official delegation from Berlin Brandenburg Airport to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

11:45-12:30

Motorcade transfer of the Royal luggage from Berlin Brandenburg Airport to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with the Royal luggage truck

11:45-12:30

Transfer of the official, the academic and the business delegations from Berlin Brandenburg Airport to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

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**Delegation**

12:15

**Check-in of TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers and a restricted official delegation**

Welcome by Mrs. Karina Ansos, General Manager Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Venue: Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin, Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin

Participants: 2+15 guests

12:00-13:00

Transfer of the luggage of the delegation members from Berlin Brandenburg Airport to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin and Motel One with the BFTA luggage truck

12:30

**Arrival of the official, the academic and the business delegations and check-in if rooms are available (check-in time: 15:00)**

Venue: Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin, Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin

12:30-14:00

**Lunch buffet for the participants**

Venue: Bel Etage, Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin, Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin

Participants: Delegation members upon prior registration

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12:45-16:30

**High-level academic meeting: How can we strengthen the academic and R&I collaboration between Belgium and Germany?**

12:45 Networking lunch

13:30 Welcome and introductions

13:40 Presentation and objectives

13:45 Presentation of the rectors' conferences and the university and science and research systems

14:30 How can we strengthen the academic and R&I collaboration between Belgium and Germany?

- **Panel 1:** European University Alliances
- **Panel 2:** Strategic cooperation with the Global South
- **Panel 3:** Knowledge security: how to ensure secure and sustainable collaboration

16:00 Conclusion

16:10 Networking coffee

16:30 End

Lead: WBC and VLUHR

Venue: TBC Akademie Foyer, Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Participants: Academic delegation

13:05-13:15

Motorcade transfer for the Ministers and a restricted official delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Schloss Bellevue

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**Delegation**

13:20-13:30

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Schloss Bellevue

13:30-13:50

**Welcome Ceremony by HE Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mrs. Elke Büdenbender, First Lady**

13:30 Welcome by President Steinmeier and the First Lady

Inspection of the troops by President Steinmeier and HM the King

Short encounter with German school children for Their Majesties

Presentation of the German and Belgian delegations

13:45 Signing of the Visitors' Book for Their Majesties (Hall)/Refreshments for the Ministers in the Voltaire Room

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits and HE Philippe Henry

Venue: Schloss Bellevue, Spreeweg 1, 10557 Berlin

Participants: 2+15

13:50-14:20

**Tête-à-tête meeting of TTMM the King and the Queen with President Steinmeier and the First Lady with exchange of gifts and decoration 'Grand Cordon Order of Leopold'**

Venue: Presidential office at Schloss Bellevue

Participants: 2+2

Working language: English

14:00-14:20

Transfer for the business delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to BDI with bus BELGIUM 1

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14:20-14:50

**Extended meeting between the German delegation & the Belgian delegation**

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits and HE Philippe Henry  
Venue: Langhanssaal at Schloss Bellevue  
Participants: 1+6+2

14:20-14:50

**Separate meeting for HM the Queen and the First Lady**

Venue: Salon Luise  
Participants: 1+1

14:30-16:30

**CEO Networking Event and Roundtable by FEB and Federation of German Industries (BDI)**

14:30 Welcome by Ms. Tanja Gönner, CEO BDI, Mr. René Branders, President FEB & Chris Hoornaert, Director Bilateral Affairs Neighbouring Countries  
14:45 Setting the scene: Strengthening EU's position in global competition  
15:10 Roundtable discussions  
- **Topic 1:** Strengthening strategic sovereignty in a geopolitically changing world  
- **Topic 2:** Fostering innovation & cooperation in Europe to make the transformation a success  
16:00 Conclusions by Mr. Alexis Hallemands, President of the German-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce  
16:10 Networking coffee  
  
Lead: FEB  
Venue: BDI, Breite Straße 29, 10178 Berlin  
Participants: 20 DE CEO + 30 BE CEO (upon registration)

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14:55-15:00

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and a restricted official delegation from Schloss Bellevue to Brandenburger Tor

15:00-15:15

**Walk through the Brandenburger Tor with photo opportunity in presence of HE Kai Wegner, Governing Mayor of Berlin**

Welcome by HE Kai Wegner, Governing Mayor of Berlin

Venue: Brandenburger Tor, Platz des 18 März (west side of the Tor)

Participants: Their Majesties

15:15-15:25

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and a restricted official delegation from Brandenburger Tor to Rotes Rathaus

15:25-15:55

**Courtesy meeting of TTMM the King and the Queen and HE Kai Wegner, Governing Mayor of Berlin**

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Rudi Vervoort

Venue: Arbeitszimmer, Rotes Rathaus, Rathausstraße 15, 10178 Berlin

Participants: 2+3

15:00-15:10

Transfer for HE Hadja Lahib, HE Rudi Vervoort and a restricted official delegation to Rotes Rathaus

Transfer for HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits, HE Philippe Henry and a restricted official delegation to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin



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15:55-16:00

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen, HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort and a restricted official delegation from Rotes Rathaus to Neue Wache

16:00-16:15

**Wreath Laying Ceremony at Neue Wache**

Welcome by General Carsten Breuer, Chief of Defense and Dr. Sonja Fischer, Chief of Protocol at the Department of Defense

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits and HE Philippe Henry

Venue: Neue Wache, Unter den Linden 4, 10117 Berlin

Participants: 2+15

16:15-16:20

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers and a restricted official delegation from Neue Wache to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

15:40-15:50

Transfer for HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits, HE Philippe Henry and a restricted official delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Neue Wache

16:30-16:40

Transfer for the business delegation from BDI to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with bus BELGIUM 1

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16:30

**Check-in of the press delegation at Motel One**

Address: Leipziger Straße 132, 10117 Berlin

17:15-18:00

**Meeting between HE Anna Lührmann, Minister of State for Europe and Climate, and HE Hadja Lahbib**

Lead: Embassy

Venue: TBC Federal Foreign Office, Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin

Participants: 1+4

19:10-19:20

Transfer for the Ministers and invited guests from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Schloss Bellevue

19:20-19:30

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Schloss Bellevue

19:25-19:30

Transfer on foot for the official, the business and the academic delegations from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Axica Kongress Zentrum

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19:30-22:30

**State banquet hosted by HE Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany**

19:20 Arrival of the Ministers and the Belgian guests, aperitif is served in Langhanssaal

19:30 Arrival of Their Majesties, welcome by President Steinmeier and the First Lady

19:32 Aperitif and TBC encounter with TBC former Presidents in President's office

Receiving line in Salon Luise

Toast by President Steinmeier and toast by HM the King in Banqueting Hall

Start of State Banquet

Coffee and liqueurs for Their Majesties while the delegation moves to the vehicles

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Pierre-Yves Jeholet, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits and HE Philippe Henry

Venue: Schloss Bellevue, Spreeweg 1, 10557 Berlin

Participants: 2+20 Belgian guests

Dress code: Black tie/long dress

22:30-22:35

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers and a restricted official delegation from Schloss Bellevue to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

19:30-22:00

**Belfius Networking event**

19:30 Registration and welcome drink

20:00 Presentations by Mr. Marc Raisière, CEO, Mr. Dirk Gyselinck, Executive Director Wealth, Enterprises and Public and Mr. Mario De Vry, Head of Corporate Banking and Wealth Management

20:30 Walking dinner and networking

Lead: Belfius

Venue: Axica Kongress Zentrum, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin

Participants: Delegation upon registration

22:00-22:05

Transfer on foot for the official, the business and the academic delegations from Axica Kongress Zentrum to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

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07:30-08:45

**BNP Paribas Fortis Breakfast Meeting: Addressing Transformational Change. Germany's New Normal.**

7:30 Registration and breakfast buffet

7:50 Welcome by Mr. Michael Anseeuw, CEO BNP Paribas Fortis

7:55 Opening words by TBC HE Hadja Lahbib

8:00 Discussion on the state of Germany's economy and its challenges and opportunities by Mr. William De Vijlder, Group Chief Economist BNP Paribas, and Mr. Lutz Diederichs, CEO BNP Paribas Germany.

8:30 Q&A

8:40 Concluding remarks by Mr. Michael Anseeuw

8:45 End

Attending Ministers: TBC HE Hadja Lahbib

Lead: BNP Paribas Fortis

Venue: Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin, Palaissaal I

Participants: Delegation upon registration

07:30-08:15

Transfer for the academic delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to WISTA Convention Center with bus ACA1

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**Delegation**

08:45-09:00

**Encounter with Belgian CEOs and their German Counterparts**

Welcome by Mrs. Pascale Delcomminette, CEO AWEX, Mrs. Isabelle Grippa, CEO hub.brussels, and Mrs. Michèle Surinx, Director Strategy & External Relations FIT

Lead: FIT in collaboration with AWEX and hub.brussels

Venue: Konferenzraum I, Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Participants: Restricted official delegation and 3 selected CEOs

08:00-08:45

**Meeting between HE Annalena Baerbock, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, and HE Hadja Lahbib**

Lead: Embassy

Venue: Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Participants: 1+4

08:45-13:00

**High Level Economic Forum: Belgium and Germany, Partners in Sustainable Energy and Decarbonization**

08:15 Registration

08:45 Belgian business delegation moves from Breakfast Meeting to High Level Economic Forum

09:05 Opening session with TTMM the King and the Queen

09:30 Closure of Opening Session

09:50 Break-out to different rooms for 3 thematic tracks

- **Session 1:** Offshore Wind & Hydrogen (Flanders)
- **Session 2:** Decarbonization of the Industry (Wallonia)
- **Session 3:** Sustainable Battery Recycling (Brussels)

12:00 Networking lunch

13:00 End

Lead: FIT in collaboration with AWEX and hub.brussels

Venue: Palaissaal II, Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Participants: Official & business delegation upon registration

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08:45-13:00

**Academic/R&I Conference and Panel Discussion:  
From Cross border Collaborations to Infinity and  
Beyond**

08:15 Registration

08:30 Opening of Conference

08:35 Presentation of the German Space Policy: challenges  
and opportunities

08:55 Intervention of ESA Director General

09:05 Intervention by Belgian and German ESA-Astronauts  
Dr. Raphaël Liégeois and Dr. Ir. Matthias Maurer

09:15 Presentation of thematic sessions

09:20 Session 1: Space and planetary research/extra solar  
planets and atmospheres

09:50 Rectors and speakers at WISTA transfer to DLR  
Break for participants of Conference

09:50 Session 2: Gravitational Waves

10:20 Session 3: Academic Research and New Space: the  
place of academia

10:50 Session 4: Earth Observation through Satellites and its  
Applications – Keynote (part 1)

11:00 Coffee break / Arrival of the Belgian Ministers

11:10 Session 4: Earth Observation through Satellites and its  
Applications – Academic point of view (part 2)

11:35 Conclusion Session 4 from industrial point of view and  
opportunities of collaborations between Belgium and  
Germany with speeches by Airbus SA, OHB Systems,  
DELTA TEC SA and Redwire Space

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**Delegation**

09:05-09:30

**Opening Session High Level Economic Forum: Belgium and Germany, Partners in Sustainable Energy and Decarbonization**

Welcome and moderation by Mrs. Tanja Gönner, Director General Federation of German Industries

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch, HE Hilde Crevits and HE Philippe Henry

Lead: FIT in collaboration with AWEX and hub.brussels

Venue: Palaissaal II Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

Participants: Official and business delegations upon prior registration

09:35-10:15

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and a restricted official delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to DLR

11:48 Conclusions Conference by Rectors Anne-Sophie Nyssen, Université de Liège, and Rik Van de Walle, Ghent University

12:00 Networking event and walking lunch

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Oliver Paasch  
Lead: WBI/WBCampus in collaboration with Université de Liège

Venue: Bunsensaal, WISTA Convention Center, Rudower Chaussee 17, 12489 Berlin

Participants: Delegation upon registration

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**Delegation**

10:15-10:40

**Visit to the Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (German Aerospace Center)**

10:15 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Anke Kaysser-Pyzalla

10:20 Presentation of DLR by Prof. Dr. Anke Kaysser-Pyzalla

10:25 Presentation of research topics by Director Heinz Wilhelm Hübers

10:32 Exposé by Dr. Emmanuel Jehin and Prof. Dr. Heike Rauer on research in the field of exoplanets

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Oliver Paasch

Lead: WBI/WBCampus in collaboration with Université de Liège

Venue: Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt, Rutherfordstraße 2, 12489 Berlin

Participants: Restricted official and academic delegation

10:40-11:00

**Visit of the School Lab with Belgian and German High School Students**

10:41 Welcome by TBC

- Remote sensing experiment
- Astrobiology experiment
- Meteorite experiment

10:57 DLR offers a gift to Their Majesties

10:58 Group photo with Their Majesties and students

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Oliver Paasch

Lead: WBI/WBCampus

Venue: School Lab at Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt, Rutherfordstraße 2, 12489 Berlin

Participants: Their Majesties and the Ministers only

11:00-11:03

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and a restricted official delegation from DLR to WISTA Convention Center



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**Delegation**

11:03-11:35

**Roundtables on 'Inspiration in Space' for Their Majesties with University Students**

11:03 Welcome by ESA-astronauts Dr. Raphaël Liégeois and Dr. Ir. Matthias Maurer, Prof. Dr. Annick Castiaux, Rector Université de Namur, Prof. Dr. Rik Van de Walle, Rector Ghent University, Prof. Dr. Michael Lauster, RWTH/Fraunhofer Aviation and Space, and Prof. Dr. Stefan Marschall, HHU Düsseldorf

11:10 Start of both roundtables on 'Inspiration in Space'

11:33 End of the roundtables. Their Majesties proceed to the Bunsensaal

Lead: WBI/WBCampus in collaboration with Université de Liège

Venue: Pasteur and Curie Kabinett, WISTA Convention Center, Rudower Chaussee 17, 12489 Berlin

Participants: Their Majesties and selected rectors

11:35-12:00

**Conclusions of the Conference: From Cross Border Collaborations to Infinity and Beyond**

11:35 Conclusion Session 4 from industrial point of view and opportunities of collaborations between Belgium and Germany with speeches by Airbus SA, OHB Systems, DELTATEC SA & Redwire Space

11:48 Conclusions Conference by Rectors Anne-Sophie Nyssen, Université de Liège, and Rik Van de Walle, Ghent University

12:00 TTMM and Ministers proceed to vehicles

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Oliver Paasch

Lead: WBI/WBCampus in collaboration with Université de Liège

Venue: Bunsensaal, WISTA Convention Center, Rudower Chaussee 17, 12489 Berlin

Participants: Official, business and academic delegations (upon invitation)

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Berlin

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**Delegation**

11:45-14:00

**Berlin and Brussels, closer than ever (even while you are asleep)**

11:45 Welcome of Mayor Wegner and HE Rudi Vervoort by Patrick Bontinck, CEO of visit.brussels, TBC Visit Berlin + representatives of ÖBB and Eurosleepers

11:50 Speech of Mayor Wegner and HE Rudi Vervoort on the importance of the relations between Berlin & Brussels

11:55 Explanations about the new night train links and event

12:05 Installation in the black box - Audio comments followed by informal discussions

12:25 Group photo

12:30 Departure of Mayor Wegner and HE Rudi Vervoort

Attending Minister: HE Rudi Vervoort

Lead: visit.brussels

Venue: Rotes Rathaus, Rathausstraße 15, 10178 Berlin

Participants: Upon invitation

12:05-12:45

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and the Ministers from WISTA Convention Center to Headquarters 50Hertz

12:15-12:25

Transfer for selected CEOs from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Headquarters 50Hertz with minivan Royal Palace 1

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Berlin

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**Delegation**

12:45-14:20

**Energy Lunch at Headquarters 50Hertz in the presence of President Steinmeier**

12:45 Welcome by President Steinmeier, First Lady, Mr. Stefan Kapferer, CEO 50Hertz & Catherine Vandenborre, CEO Elia Group  
12:50 Aperitif and group picture  
13:00 Start of Energy lunch  
14:15 Explanation at the Princess Elisabeth Island maquette on the ground floor

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Philippe Henry  
Lead: Embassy  
Venue: Headquarters 50Hertz, Heidestraße 2, 10557 Berlin  
Participants: 1+TBC

12:45-14:20

**Lunch at Headquarters 50Hertz in the presence of the First Lady**

12:45 Welcome by President Steinmeier, First Lady, Mr. Stefan Kapferer, CEO 50Hertz & Catherine Vandenborre, CEO Elia Group  
12:50 Visit to control room guided by TBC  
13:00 Start of lunch  
14:15 Explanation at the Princess Elisabeth Island maquette on the ground floor

Attending Ministers: HE Oliver Paasch  
Lead: Embassy  
Venue: Headquarters 50Hertz, Heidestraße 2, 10557 Berlin  
Participants: 1+10

12:45-13:20

Transfer for the official delegation from WISTA Convention Center to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with minivan Del3 and Del4

13:00-13:45

Transfer of the academic delegation from WISTA Convention Center to Heilig Geist Kapelle with bus ACA 1

13:45-13:55

Transfer of a restricted business delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Campus Charité Mitte with minivan Del3 and AWEX

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14:00-16:30

**European Universities as accelerators for a sustainable future**

14:00 Welcome

14:15 Case studies from 6 alliances, presenting sustainability initiatives in education, research, societal outreach and governance

15:10 Panel discussion

15:55 Closing word

Lead: VLUHR/WBC in collaboration with KULeuven/UCLouvain

Venue: Heilig Geist Kapelle, Spandauer Straße 1, 10178 Berlin

Participants: Academic delegation upon registration

14:00-16:55

**Through the Looking-glass: (understanding) the Many Uses of AI in Medicine**

13:45 Registration

14:00 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Christopher Baum, Chief Translational Research Officer/Chair BIH Board of Directors and Prof. Dr. Petra Ritter, Director International Affairs Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin & remarks by TBC Mrs. Pascale Delcomminette, CEO AWEX

14:15 Trusted AI labs (TRAIL) and MedReSyst: approaches to strategic innovation in AI for medicine

14:30 How is AI used in medical technology today?

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14:25-14:50

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and the Ministers from Headquarters 50Hertz to Tunnel 50Hertz

15:20 Break

15:30 The Future Use of Artificial Intelligence – a General Perspective, by TBC HE Philippe Henry

15:35 What will be the use of AI in medicine tomorrow?

16:15 Networking reception

Attending Ministers: TBC HE Philippe Henry

Lead: AWEX

Venue: Auditorium, Campus Charité Mitte, Charité CrossOver, Virchowweg 6, 10117 Berlin

Participants: Academic delegation upon invitation

14:15-14:25

Transfer of the business delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action with bus BELGIUM 1

14:20-14:30

Transfer for selected CEOs from Headquarters 50Hertz to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with ROYAL PALACE 1

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**Delegation**

TBC14:30-16:30

**Visit Deutsche Energie-Agentur**

TBC Scenario

Lead: FIT

Venue: TBC

Participants: Business delegation upon registration

14:50-15:15

**Visit Tunnel 50Hertz**

14:45 Welcome by Dr. Frank Golletz, CTO of 50Hertz

14:50 Their Majesties are guided to the tunnel by Mr. Stefan Kapferer, CEO 50Hertz and Mrs. Catherine Vandendorre, CEO a.i. Elia Group

14:55 Explanation and photo opportunity for Their Majesties in the tunnel

Ministers receive explanations by Dr. Frank Golletz in TBC area before tunnel

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch

Lead: Embassy

Venue: 50Hertz tunnel, Eldenaer Straße 65, 10247 Berlin

Participants: 2+TBC

15:15-15:30

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen and the Ministers from Tunnel 50Hertz to S27

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15:30-16:30

**Visit S27 – Kunst und Bildung**

15:30 Welcome by HE Kai Wegner, Governing Mayor of Berlin, Mrs. Barbara Meyer, General and Artistic Director S27 and Mr. Thomas Bold, Business Director S27

15:35 Presentation of S27 by Mrs. Meyer and Roundtable for Their Majesties and the Ministers

15:55 Cooking workshop for HM the King, HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Rudi Vervoort  
LUZI workshop for HM the Queen, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

16:07 Arrivo workshop for Their Majesties and the Ministers

16:20 Wrap up with youngsters

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Lead: General Representation of Flanders and Embassy

Venue: S27 – Kunst und Bildung, Schlesische Straße 27B, 10997 Berlin

Participants: 2+Restricted official delegation

16:30-16:45

Transfer of the academic delegation from Heilig Geist Kapelle to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with bus ACA1

16:30-16:40

Transfer of the business delegation from Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with bus BELGIUM 1

16:35-17:00

Motorcade transfer for HM the King from S27 to Bundeskanzleramt

16:35-16:55

Motorcade transfer for HM the Queen and the Ministers from S27 to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

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17:00-17:30

**Courtesy meeting of HM the King with  
HE Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of Germany**

Lead: Embassy

Venue: Bundeskanzleramt, Willy-Brandt-Straße  
1, 10557 Berlin

Participants: 1+1/7+7

17:35-17:40

Motorcade transfer for HM the King from  
Bundeskanzleramt to Hotel Adlon  
Kempinski Berlin

18:25-18:55

Motorcade transfer for TTMM from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Funkhaus Berlin

16:40-16:50

Transfer of a restricted business delegation from  
Campus Charité Mitte to Hotel Adlon Kempinski  
Berlin with minivan Del3 and AWEX

17:30-18:15

Bus transfer for the official, the academic, the  
business and the press delegations from Hotel Adlon  
Kempinski Berlin to Funkhaus Berlin with minivan  
Del3 and bus CONCERT 1 and CONCERT 2

18:10-18:50

Transfer for the Ministers and a restricted official  
delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to  
Funkhaus Berlin



**Wednesday 6 December 2023**

Berlin

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

18:55-21:30

**Belgian Official Concert performed by Mr. Samuel Hasselhorn and Mrs. Sophie Junker in honour of HE Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany and the First Lady followed by a reception**

18:15 Registration of the Belgian delegation members

18:55 Arrival TTMM the King and the Queen at Funkhaus Berlin

19:00 Arrival HE Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mrs. Elke Büdenbender, the First Lady

19:02 Official photo at staircase

19:05 VVIPs enter theatre and go to their seats

19:06 National anthems play

19:12 HE Hadja Lahbib gives speech and introduces the musicians

19:20 Concert starts

20:00 Concert ends

20:05 Encounter with musicians for Their Majesties, President Steinmeier and the First Lady

20:10 Start of the reception

20:15 VVIPs join reception

21:15 Farewell of President Steinmeier and the First Lady

21:20 Their Majesties take photo with Embassy staff

21:25 Departure of Their Majesties

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Lead: Embassy

Venue: Funkhaus Berlin, Nalepastraße 18, 12459 Berlin

Participants: The entire Belgian delegation

Dress code: Black tie/long dress

21:25-21:55

[Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen from Funkhaus Berlin to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin](#)

**Wednesday 6 December 2023**

Berlin

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

21:30-22:15

Transfer for the official, the academic, the business and the press delegations from Funkhaus Berlin to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin with minivan Del3 and bus CONCERT 1 and CONCERT 2

**Thursday 7 December 2023**

Berlin/Dresden

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

06:45-07:00

Drop off of the luggage of the press delegation in luggage room at reception of Motel One

07:00-07:15

Transfer of the luggage of the press delegation from Motel One to Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

07:00-07:40

Drop off of the luggage of all passengers of the governmental aircraft Dresden-Melsbroek on the ground floor in Winter Garden at Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin

07:30-10:00

Transfer for a restricted business and the academic delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to X-FAB with minibus ACA 2 and ACA 3

07:30-10:15

Transfer for the business delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Energy Saxony with bus BELGIUM 1 and minivan AWEX

Thursday 7 December 2023

Dresden

His Majesty the King

Her Majesty the Queen

Delegation

08:30-10:20

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to VIP Lounge Dresden Airport

10:30-10:35

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen from VIP Lounge Dresden Airport to X-FAB

08:30-10:25

Motorcade transfer for the Ministers and a restricted official delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to X-FAB

09:00-11:30

Transfer for selected official delegation from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Blockhaus with minibus BELGIUM 4

10:30-13:30

**Meeting with the cluster Energy Saxony: Towards a Decarbonized and Circular Industry**

10:30 Welcoming words

10:35 TRACK A: Towards a decarbonized and circular industry (AWEX)

10:40 TBC Decarbonization Strategy in Wallonia by Mrs. Pascale Delcomminette, CEO AWEX-WBI

10:50 Presentations

11:25 Break/Track B joins Track A

11:30 Presentation of Fraunhofer Campus by Dr. Mareike Partsch, Dept. Head Fraunhofer IKTS New battery types

Lead: AWEX in collaboration with hub.brussels

Venue: Fraunhofer Institute, Winterbergstraße 28, 01277 Dresden

Participants: Business and academic delegation upon invitation

**Thursday 7 December 2023**

Dresden

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

10:35-11:35

**Visit X-FAB Dresden – Belgian-German cooperation in semiconductors in the presence of President Steinmeier, the First Lady, HE Michael Kretschmer, Minister-President of Saxony and his spouse, Mrs. Annett Hofmann**

10:35 Welcome by President Steinmeier and the First Lady, MP Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann and Mr. Rudi De Winter, CEO X-FAB

10:40 Intro at reception area

10:45 Tour through the cleanroom facilities for Their Majesties and the Ministers

11:10 Speeches at Colloquium by Prof.Dr. Harald Schenk, Fraunhofer, Mr. Jo De Boeck, CSO and Executive VP IMEC and MP Kretschmer and TBC HE Hilde Crevits

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Lead: FIT/Embassy

Venue: X-Fab Dresden, Grenzstraße 28, 01109 Dresden

Participants: 2+ 4

11:35-12:00

[Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen from X-FAB to Blockhaus](#)

12:00-13:30

**Lunch at Blockhaus hosted by Minister President Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann in the presence of President Steinmeier and the First Lady**

12:00 Aperitif with intro by Rudolf Fischer, Director Archiv der Avantgarden and signing of the Golden Book of Saxony

12:15 Toast by MP Kretschmer and HM the King and start of lunch

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Venue: Blockhaus, Neustädter Markt 19, 01097 Dresden

Participants: 2+37

10:15-12:30

**X-FAB Dresden – Belgian-German cooperation in semiconductors**

10:15 Arrival of restricted business and academic delegation

10:30 Intro Session on X-FAB by Mr. Michael Woittenek, GM X-FAB Dresden

11:10 Speeches at Colloquium by Prof.Dr. Harald Schenk, Fraunhofer, and Mr. Jo De Boeck, CSO and Executive VP IMEC and MP Kretschmer and TBC HE Hilde Crevits

11:45 Networking drink

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Lead: FIT/Embassy

Venue: X-Fab Dresden, Grenzstraße 28, 01109 Dresden

Participants: Official, business & academic delegation (upon invitation)

12:00-12:45

[Motorcade transfer of the Royal luggage and luggage of the delegation members from Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin to Berlin Brandenburg Airport with the Royal luggage van and BFTA luggage truck](#)

Thursday 7 December 2023

Dresden

His Majesty the King

Her Majesty the Queen

Delegation

13:30-14:00

Walk/transfer by tram and photo opportunities for TTMM the King and the Queen, President Steinmeier, the First Lady, MP Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann and the Ministers on Augustus Bridge

13:35-14:15

Transfer business delegation from Energy Saxony to JT Energy with minibus BELGIUM 3 & bus BELGIUM 1

13:45-14:00

Transfer for academic delegation from Blockhaus to TU Dresden with minibus ACA 3

14:00-14:15

Transfer for academic delegation from Restaurant Alte Meister to TUD Campus with minibus ACA 2

14:00-14:50

**Guided visit to Gemäldegalerie (Old Masters Picture Gallery) in the presence of President Steinmeier, the First Lady, Minister-President Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann**

14:00 Welcome by Prof. Dr. Marion Ackermann, General Director SKD and Dr. Uta Neidhardt, Curator of Dutch and Flemish Paintings of the Old Masters Picture Gallery SKD

14:02 Intro at start of Old Masters Picture Gallery by Dr. Marion Ackermann

14:07 Guided tour Italian artwork

14:20 Guided tour Dutch and Flemish artwork

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Lead: General Representation of Flanders/Embassy

Venue: Gemäldegalerie, Theaterplatz 1, 01067 Dresden

Participants: 2+restricted official delegation

14:15-15:00

**Separate guided visit to Gemäldegalerie (Old Masters Picture Gallery)**

Lead: General Representation of Flanders/Embassy

Venue: Gemäldegalerie, Theaterplatz 1, 01067 Dresden

Participants: Official, business and academic delegation (upon registration)

Thursday 7 December 2023

Dresden

His Majesty the King

Her Majesty the Queen

Delegation

14:15-16:15

**TU Dresden: Education & Research in European University Alliances**

14:15 Welcome and tour of laboratory

14:55 Transfer to meeting room

15:00 Welcome by TBC TUD Rector and introductions

15:10 Short presentations on best practices by different universities/alliances

15:40 Open conversation by all participants

16:10 Closing remarks by Rector VUB

Lead: VLUHR in collaboration with VUB

Venue: Technical University Dresden, Barkhausenbau, Room BAR 172, Helmholtzstraße 18, 01062 Dresden

Participants: Academic delegation upon registration

14:15-16:00

**Visit JT Energy**

14:15 Welcome and company presentations by JT Energy, Novum, Tricera and remarks by CEO AWEX, Mrs. Pascale Delcomminette

14:45 JT Energy factory visit

15:40 Networking drink

Lead: AWEX

Venue: JT Energy, Buchenstraße 1, 09627 Bobritzsch-Hilbersdorf

Participants: Restricted business delegation upon invitation

**Thursday 7 December 2023**

Dresden

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

14:50-15:05

Walk for TTMM the King and the Queen, President Steinmeier, the First Lady, MP Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann and the Ministers from Gemäldegalerie to Hilton Hotel

15:05-15:40

**Private time**

Venue: Hilton Hotel, An der Frauenkirche 5, Dresden, 01067

15:40-15:45

Transfer on foot for TTMM the King and the Queen, President Steinmeier, the First Lady, MP Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann and the Ministers from Hilton Hotel to Frauenkirche

14:30-15:30

Technical flight governmental aircraft (Airbus A330 CEO) from Berlin Brandenburg Airport to Dresden Airport

15:00-15:15

Transfer on foot for a selected official and business delegation from Gemäldegalerie to Christmas Market

15:15-16:15

**Visit to Christmas Market**

Address: Neumarkt, 01067 Dresden

Participants: Open to all participants (free visit)



**Thursday 7 December 2023**

Dresden

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

15:45-16:30

**Visit of the Frauenkirche and the Christmas Market in the presence of President Steinmeier, the First Lady, Minister-President Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann**

15:45 Welcome at Frauenkirche and guided tour by Mrs. Maria Noth, Managing Director Frauenkirche Dresden Foundation, and Pastor Markus Engelhardt

16:00 Visit to Christmas Market

16:30 Farewell TTMM the King and Queen with President Steinmeier, the First Lady, MP Kretschmer and Mrs. Hofmann in front of Frauenkirche

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Address: Neumarkt, 01067 Dresden

Participants: 2+ restricted official delegation

16:00-16:45

Transfer for the business delegation from JT Energy to Dresden Airport with minibus BELGIUM 3 and bus BELGIUM 1 and minivan AWEX

16:20-16:40

Transfer for the academic delegation from TUD Campus to Dresden Airport with minibus ACA 2 and ACA 3

16:30-17:00

Transfer of the official delegation from Hilton Hotel to Dresden Airport with minivan Del3 and Del4 and minibus BELGIUM 4

**Thursday 7 December 2023**

Dresden

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

16:35-16:40

Transfer on foot for TTMM the King and the Queen and the Ministers from Frauenkirche to Hilton Hotel

16:40-17:10

**Private time**

Venue: Hilton Hotel, An der Frauenkirche 5, Dresden, 01067

17:10-17:40

**Informal Press Moment for the Belgian Press**

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Venue: Rossini Room, Hilton Hotel, An der Frauenkirche 5, Dresden, 01067

Participants: 2+4 and press

17:40-18:00

Motorcade transfer for TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers and the press delegation from Hilton Hotel to Dresden Airport

17:00

**Check in at Dresden Airport for the passengers of the governmental flight**

**Thursday 7 December 2023**

Dresden

**His Majesty the King**

**Her Majesty the Queen**

**Delegation**

18:30

**Departure of TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers, the official, the academic, the business and the press delegations with the governmental aircraft (Airbus A330CEO) from Dresden Airport to Melsbroek Airport**

Farewell by HE Ambassador Muylle, Mr. Volker Timmermann, German Deputy Chief of Protocol

Attending Ministers: HE Hadja Lahbib, HE Rudi Vervoort, HE Oliver Paasch and HE Hilde Crevits

Venue: Dresden Airport, Wilhelmine-Reichard-Ring, 01109 Dresden

20:20

**Arrival of TTMM the King and the Queen, the Ministers, the official, the academic, the business and the press delegations at Melsbroek Airport**