



**Programme of the Belgian Economic Mission to the Commonwealth of Australia  
presided over by  
HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium, Representative of His Majesty the King**

**HE HADJA LAHBIB, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions**

**HE RUDI VERVOORT, Minister-President of the Brussels-Capital Region**

**HE WILLY BORSUS, Vice-President of the Walloon Government and Minister of Economy, Foreign Trade, Research and Innovation, New Technologies, Agriculture, and Urban and Spatial planning**

**HE MATTHIAS DIEPENDAELE, Minister for Finance, Budget, Housing and Immovable Heritage of the Government of Flanders**

**THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023**

Brussels - Dubai

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

14:45

**Check-in at Brussels National Airport (BRU) Row 1**

13:00

15:20

**Departure of flight EK 184 from Brussels National Airport (BRU) to Dubai International Airport (DXB)**

15:20

Participants: 82 delegation members on flight

23:55

**Arrival of flight EK 184 at Dubai International Airport (DXB)**

23:55

**FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023**

Dubai - Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| 02:05       | <p align="center"><b>Departure of flight EK 414 from Dubai International Airport (DXB) to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD)</b></p> <p>Participants: 83 delegation members on flight</p>  |  | 02:05       |
| 22:05       | <p align="center"><b>Arrival of flight EK 414 at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) at Gate 57</b></p> <p>Welcome by HE Michel Goffin, Ambassador of Belgium in Australia</p>  |  | 22:05       |
| 22:30-22:45 | <p align="center">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid<br/>from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (Parking Dock 6)<br/>to the Government House Sydney (Gate 1)</p>   |  |             |
| 22:45       | <p align="center"><b>Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid</b></p> <p>Welcome by Colonel Michael Miller, Official Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales</p> <p>Venue: Government House Sydney<br/>Address: Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000</p> | <p align="center">Transfer of a restricted official delegation<br/>from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport<br/>to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (George Street)<br/>with vehicle O1</p>  | 22:45-23:15 |
|             |  | <p align="center">Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation<br/>from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport<br/>to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) with<br/>buses D1 and D2</p>  | 23:05-23:40 |
|             |  | <p align="center"><b>Check-in of the business, official and press delegation</b></p> <p>Participants: 61 delegation members on flight check in<br/>Venue: Foyer of level three of the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Address: 199 George Street, The Rocks NSW 2000</p> | 23:40       |

**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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|             |  | <b>Breakfast at Mode Restaurant on the ground level</b> | 07:00-11:00 |
|             | <b>No activities</b>   |   |             |
| 22:05       | <p><b>Arrival of flight EK 414 at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) with HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Willy Borsus</b></p> <p>Welcome by HE Michel Goffin, Ambassador of Belgium in Australia</p> |   |             |
| 22:30-22:45 | <p>Transfer of HE Lahbib and HE Borsus and staff from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (Parking Dock 6) to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (George Street)</p>                                     |   |             |
| 22:45       | <p><b>Check-in of HE Hadja Lahbib and HE Willy Borsus</b></p> <p>Venue: Lobby on the ground level of the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Address: 199 George Street, The Rocks NSW 2000</p>      |   |             |

The secretariat of the mission is located in Room Loft 1 on level three at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney and will be operational from 19 to 24 October 2023.

## SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

Sydney

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |   | Business delegation   |             |
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| 07:50                             | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check-in of HE Rudi Vervoort</b></p> <p>Venue: Lobby on the ground level of the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Address: 199 George Street, The Rocks NSW 2000</p>  |   |             |
| 16:00-16:30                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Private call with Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales</b></p> <p>Venue: Drawing Room of the Government House Sydney<br/>Address: Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000</p>  | <p><b>Pick up of the individual files</b></p> <p>Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Flanders Investment &amp; Trade<br/>Venue: Grand Ballroom foyer on the lobby level of the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Participants: business delegation members</p> | 16:00-17:15 |
| 17:15-17:25                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House Sydney to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney</a></p>  |   |             |
| 17:30-19:00                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Information session for the Belgian delegation followed by a welcome networking drink</b></p> <p>17:30 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by Uday Rao, General Manager of the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>17:30 Welcome words by HE Michel Goffin, Ambassador of Belgium in Australia<br/>17:40 Information about the business programme and business tips by Vincent Swinnen, Trade &amp; Investment Commissioner at AWEX and hub.brussels and Luca Bottallo, Director Trade &amp; Investment at FIT<br/>18:00 Welcome networking drink</p> <p>Lead: Embassy of Belgium<br/>Venue: Grand Ballroom on the lobby level at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Participants: all delegation members<br/>Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort and HE Borsus</p> |   | 17:00-19:00 |
| 19:00-19:10                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Government House Sydney</a></p>  |   |             |
| 23:15                             | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check-in of HE Mathias Diependaele</b></p> <p>Venue: Lobby on the ground level of the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Address: 199 George Street, The Rocks NSW 2000</p>  |   |             |

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| <p>08:25-08:40</p> <p>08:30-08:45</p> | <p align="center">Transfer of the Ministers<br/>from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (George Street)<br/>to the Admiralty House</p> <p align="center">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid<br/>from the Government House Sydney to the Admiralty House</p> | <p align="center"><b>B2B meetings</b></p> <p>Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and FIT<br/>Venue: at the premises of the Australian companies</p> <p align="center"><b>Seminar on Solvay Home and Personal Care Products</b></p> <p>07:30 Opening address by Isabelle Grippa<br/>07:40 Presentation on upcoming trends of home and personal care products<br/>08:30 Networking breakfast</p> <p>Lead: Solvay and hub.brussels<br/>Venue: Studio 1 on level two at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney<br/>Participants: 40 guests (10 BE + 30 AUS) upon registration</p> | <p align="center">All day</p> <p align="center">07:30-09:00</p> |
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**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

08:45- 09:30

**Courtesy Call with His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia**

08:40 Arrival of the Ministers and welcome by the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley. Transfer to the drawing room  
 08:45 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by the Governor-General and Mrs Hurley  
 08:46 Transfer to the garden via the drawing room  
 08:47 Photo opportunity in front of the Sydney Opera House  
 08:52 Transfer of HRH Princess Astrid into the Study for signing of the Golden book  
 08:55 Transfer of HRH Princess Astrid into the Reception room  
 09:00 Start of the Courtesy Call  
 09:25 Transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers to the pontoon

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Venue: Admiralty House  
 Address: 109 Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli NSW 2061  
 Participants: Restricted official delegation  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

Transfer of the officials and invited business delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to Metro Station Barangaroo with vehicles O1 and O2 (George Street) and bus Barangaroo (Harrington Street)

09:00-09:15

09:30-09:45

Transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Admiralty House to the Metro Station Barangaroo via water taxi

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

09:45-11:00

**Visit of Barangaroo Metro Station,  
a BESIX WATPAC project**

09:15 Arrival of the business and press delegation  
 09:45 Arrival and welcome by Pierre Sironval, CEO of BESIX Group and Mark Baker, CEO of BESIX Watpac  
 09:47 Transfer to the entrance of the Metro Station  
 09:50 Smoking ceremony at the entrance on ground level  
 09:53 Transfer to the concourse via escalator  
 09:55 Welcome to country by traditional owner  
 10:00 Welcome words by Pierre Sironval and Mark Baker  
 10:05 Speech by HE Rudi Vervoort on urbanization and transport  
 10:10 Speech by Marc Baker on partnership benefits  
 10:15 Overview and highlights of the project by Luke Hunter, Project Director at Besix Watpac  
 10:25 Site Tour with Luke Hunter on the platform  
 10:37 Photo opportunity at the end of the platform

Lead: BESIX Watpac and hub.brussels  
 Venue: Barangaroo Metro Station  
 Address: 25 Hickson Road, Barangaroo NSW 2000  
 Participants: 90 guests (BE 60 + AUS 30) upon invitation  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

11:00-11:10

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid  
from Metro Station Barangaroo to Government House Sydney

11:00-11:05

Transfer of the Ministers from Metro Station Barangaroo to  
the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

Transfer of the invited business delegation from Metro Station  
Barangaroo to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney  
(Harrington Street) with bus Barangaroo

11:10-11:25



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Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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|  | - | <p>Transfer of the invited official and business delegation from Metro Station Barangaroo to Baker &amp; McKenzie on foot</p> <p>Transfer of the invited business delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) to Baker &amp; McKenzie with bus Sustainable Infrastructure</p> <p align="center"><b>Sustainable Infrastructure:<br/>Navigating emerging trends in ESG and Sustainability</b></p> <p>11:30 Arrival of the participants and transfer to the 46<sup>th</sup> floor for registrations</p> <p>12:05 Opening address by Mark Baker, CEO of BESIX Watpac<br/>Video on BESIX Watpac Sustainability<br/>Emerging trends in ESG regulation and how the industry can prepare and respond by Michael Kunstler Partner at Baker McKenzie</p> <p>12:10 Panel discussion with<br/>Ainsley Simpson, CEO Infrastructure Sustainability Council<br/>Joanne Haggerty, Director Sustainability, Sydney Metro<br/>Matt Gorski, Sustainability Manager BESIX Watpac<br/>Sebastian Moreno-Vacca – Architect Principal A2M, Christopher Curtain, Senior Managing Director Asia OMERS Infrastructure and David Featherson - Executive Director, Environment and Sustainability (TfNSW)</p> <p>13:15 Networking lunch</p> <p>Lead: BESIX and hub.brussels<br/>Venue: Baker &amp; McKenzie, 46th floor of Tower One of the International Towers Sydney<br/>Address: 100 Barangaroo Avenue, Barangaroo NSW 2000 Sydney<br/>Participants: 114 guests (BE 64 + AUS 50) upon registration</p> | <p>11:10-11:15</p> <p>11:15-11:30</p> <p>11:30-14:15</p> |
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Sydney

| <p align="center"><b>HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers</b></p> |   | <p align="center"><b>Business delegation</b></p>  |                                   |
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|  |   | <p align="center">Bus transfer for the invited Belgian business delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) to the Parliament of NSW with bus FEB</p> | <p align="center">11:30-11:45</p> |
| <p align="center">11:50-12:05</p>                              | <p align="center">Transfer of the Ministers from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Parliament of NSW</p>   |   |                                   |
| <p align="center">12:10-12:20</p>                              | <p align="center">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from Government House Sydney to the Parliament of NSW</p>   |   |                                   |
| <p align="center">12:20-14:00</p>                              | <p align="center"><b>Power Lunch</b></p> <p>12:05 Arrival of the Ministers and welcome<br/>                     12:20 Arrival and welcome by Pieter Timmermans, CEO of the Federation of Belgian Enterprises and Jason Collins, CEO of the European Australian Business Council and the Hon Greg Piper MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly<br/>                     12:25 Opening by Jason Collins<br/>                     12:30 Words of welcome by the Hon Greg Piper MP<br/>                     13:05 Speech by Pieter Timmermans<br/>                     13:10 Business testimonials by Simon Hickey, CEO of Western Sydney International Airport and Bran Black, CEO of Business Council of Australia<br/>                     13:45 Speech by HE Hadja Lahbib<br/>                     13:50 Bestowing of a decoration by HRH Princess Astrid upon Jason Collins, CEO of the European Australian Business Council<br/>                     13:55 Closings words by Jason Collins</p> <p>Lead: Federation of Enterprises in Belgium (FEB) and European Australian Business Council (EABC)<br/>                     Venue: Members Dining Room on the 7th floor of The Parliament<br/>                     Address: 6 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000<br/>                     Participants: 55 guests (BE 35 + AUS 20) upon invitation<br/>                     Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort and HE Borsus</p> |   | <p align="center">12:00-14:00</p> |

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| 14:05-14:30 | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and HE Lahbib from the Parliament of NSW to Port Botany | Bus Transfer of the invited business delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) to Port Botany with bus Port Botany                 | 13:00-13:30     |
| 14:05-14:20 | Transfer of HE Vervoort and HE Borsus from the Parliament of NSW to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney | Bus transfer for the invited Belgian business delegation from the Parliament of NSW to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) with bus FEB      | TBC 14:15-14:30 |
|             |   | Transfer of the invited business delegation from Baker & McKenzie to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) with bus Sustainable Infrastructure | 14:15-14:30     |

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

14:30-15:15

**Demonstration of a Belgian smart logistics digital platform**

14:30 Arrival and welcome by Marika Calfas, CEO NSW Ports and Geert De Wilde, CEO NXT Port International  
 14:34 Transfer to the Boardroom on the ground floor of the NSW Ports office  
 14:37 Opening words by Andrew Lincoln, CFO NSW Ports  
 14:39 Speech by HE Mathias Diependaele  
 14:44 Speech by Marika Calfas  
 14:49 Speech by Geert De Wilde  
 14:54 Transfer to the operational room on the second floor  
 14:58 Live demonstration of NxtPort International platform  
 15:07 Photo opportunity on the balcony of the second floor

Lead: NxtPort together with Flanders Investment & Trade  
 Venue: Ground and second floor of the Brotherson House  
 Address: Gate B103, Penrhyn Road, Port Botany NSW 2036  
 Participants: 45 guests (BE 25 – AUS 20) upon invitation  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib and HE Diependaele

14:45-15:15

Transfer of HE Vervoort and HE Borsus from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Solvay Hydrogen Peroxide Plant

Bus transfer for the invited Belgian business delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) to the Solvay Hydrogen Peroxide Plant with bus SOLVAY

14:35-15:15

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |  | Business delegation   |             |
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| 15:15 -15:45                      | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from Port Botany to the Government House Sydney                      | <p align="center"><b>Visit of the Solvay Hydrogen Peroxide Plant</b></p> <p>15:00 Arrival and welcome by John Raven, Country Manager GBU Peroxides – Banksmeadow Plant<br/>                     15:05 Welcome by Siriporn Wuthilaohaphan, Asia Pacific Regional Director for GBU Peroxides<br/>                     15:10 “Solvay to unlock value by restructuring Group”: building the foundation for the future” by André Nothomb, Executive Vice-President and Head of Government Affairs Asia Pacific<br/>                     15:30 Unveiling of plaque “160 Years of Solvay” by HE Rudi Vervoort<br/>                     15:35 Transfer of the official delegation to the factory for a visit<br/>                     15:55 Closing remarks by HE Rudi Vervoort<br/>                     16:05 Departure of the official delegation<br/>                     16:05 Factory Visit followed by drinks for the business delegation</p> <p>Lead: Solvay and hub.brussels<br/>                     Venue: Solvay Interlox Pty Ltd<br/>                     Address: 20-22 McPherson Street, Banksmeadow NSW 2019<br/>                     Participants: 60 guests (BE 40 + AUS 20) upon invitation<br/>                     Attending Ministers: HE Vervoort and HE Borsus</p> | 15:15-16:45 |
| 15:15 -15:45                      | Transfer of the Ministers from Port Botany to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney                                    | Transfer of the invited business delegation from Port Botany House to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) with bus Port Botany  | 15:30-16:00 |
| 16:45-17:15                       | Transfer of HE Vervoort and HE Borsus from the Solvay Hydrogen Peroxide Plant to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney | Bus transfer for the invited Belgian business delegation from the Solvay Hydrogen Peroxide Plant to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney with bus SOLVAY   | 16:45-17:30 |

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

17:45-18:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House Sydney to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

18:00-18:45

**Signing Ceremony**

Lead: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency  
 Venue: Gallery room on level two at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney  
 Participants: Signees and their guests upon invitation  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

17:30-18:45

18:55-19:00

Transfer on foot of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA)

Transfer on foot of the delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA)

18:25-18:30

19:00-20:30

**Belgian Official Reception in the presence of  
 Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Wilson**

18:30 Arrival of the Belgian and Australian guests  
 19:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers  
 19:02 Welcome to country  
 19:07 Welcome words by HE Michel Goffin, Ambassador of Belgium in Australia  
 19:15 Speech by HRH Princess Astrid, Representative of His Majesty the King

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Venue: Foundation Hall at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA)  
 Address: 140 George Street, The Rocks NSW 2000  
 Participants: 550 guests upon invitation (all delegation members and their invited guests)

18:30-21:30

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

20:30-20:45

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) to the Government House Sydney

21:30-21:35

Transfer on foot of Ministers from the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

Transfer on foot of the delegation from the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

21:30-21:35

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

**B2B meetings**

Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and FIT  
Venue: at the premises of the Australian companies

All day

**Market Access Seminar**

07:30-09:30

07:30 Registration of participants and welcome word by Isabelle Grippa  
07:35 Opening word by Arnol Jorge, CEO Export Council of Australia  
07:40 “The forgotten obligation to appoint a Data Protection Representative: the missing piece of your GDPR compliance puzzle” by Jane Murphy, Founder EDPO  
07:50 “New era of public financing: How can your business benefit from the EU funds?” by Antonia Loncar, Senior Comms & Project Manager Antonia Loncar  
07:55 “Are there specific requirements for an Australian company to access EU funds?” by Olivier Dugardyn, Partner Dugardyn & Partners  
08:00 Speech by Koen Van Loo, CEO, SFPIM  
08:05 Speech by Mrs Michela Ritondo, International Tax Expert, Federal Public Service Finance  
08:15 “Data-Driven Market Access: Seizing Opportunities in Belgium and Beyond”, Mr Alain Wahba, CEO, Kapitool SA  
08:25 “Doing business in Brussels : some tax and legal tips”, Mr Guillaume Blauwart, Country Executive Belgium, Alterdomus  
08:35 Closing word by Chrysoline Monnier, Area Manager APAC, hub.brussels  
09:37 Q&A followed by networking  
  
Lead: hub.brussels  
Venue: Residential Suite on level two at the Four Seasons Hotel  
Participants: 55 guests (BE 5 + AUS 50) upon registration



**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

08:20-08:40

Transfer of the Ministers  
from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney  
to Transdev Light Rail Depot (main gate)

08:30-08:45

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid  
from the Government House to Transdev Light Rail Depot  
(main gate)

08:45-09:45

**Visit of Transurb’s simulation room at Sydney Light Rail**

08:45 Arrival and welcome by Duncan Edghill, CEO of Altrac and  
Gauthier Van Damme, CEO of Transurb Simulation  
08:55 Transfer to the meeting room on the first floor  
09:00 Welcome address by Duncan Edghill  
09:05 Presentation on Transurb Simulation by Gauthier Vandamme  
09:15 Snack Stories on the Transdev Sydney “our simulator  
experience” by the project manager, a trainer and a driver  
09:30 Closing remarks by HE Willy Borsus  
09:35 Demo of the tram simulator

Lead: AWEX and Transurb  
Venue: Simulator Room on the first level of Transdev Light Rail  
Depot  
Address: 66A Ascot Street, Randwick, NSW 2031, Sydney  
Participants: 32 guests (BE 22 + AUS 10) upon invitation  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib and HE Borsus

09:45-10:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers  
from Transdev Light Rail Depot to Flying Bark Productions

Transfer of the invited business delegation  
from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to Flying Bark Productions  
with bus Flying Bark

09:00-09:25

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

10:00-11:00

**Visit of the Flying Bark Productions Headquarters**

- 10:00 Arrival and welcome by TBC Hon. Minister Anoulack Chanthivong, Minister for Industry, TBC Hon. John Graham, Minister for the Arts, Hans Bourlon, Owner and CEO of Studio 100 and Barbara Stephen, CEO of Flying Bark Productions
- 10:02 Transfer to the Reception area on the ground floor
- 10:05 Acknowledgment of Country "Gadigal Land" by TBC Hon. John Graham, Minister for the Arts
- 10:08 Speech by HE Mathias Diependaele
- 10:11 Speech by Hans Bourlon
- 10:13 Speech by Barbara Stephen
- 10:19 Transfer of 24 guests into the Flying Bark Productions Screening Room
- 10:20 Screening of Marvel production (3 minutes) and TBC "making of" animatic presentation (2 minutes)
- 10:30 HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers move via elevator to level three to meet with the artists
- 10:40 Meeting with the artist who has created the cartoon of HRH Princess Astrid and presenting of gift
- 10:50 Transfer to the Reception area on the ground floor
- 10:55 Photo opportunity in front of the media wall (3 pictures)

Lead: Flying Bark Productions  
Venue: Flying Bark Productions Headquarters  
Address: 23 Doody Street, Alexandria NSW 2015  
Participants: 58 guests (BE 38 + AUS 20) upon invitation  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

Transfer of the invited Belgian business delegation from Transdev Light Rail Depot to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney with vehicle AWEX

09:50-10:10

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |   | Business delegation  |             |
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| 11:00-11:15                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from Flying Bark Productions to the Government House  |  |             |
| 11:00-11:15                       | Transfer of the Ministers from Flying Bark Productions to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney   |  |             |
|                                   |   | Transfer of the invited business delegation from Flying Bark Productions to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney with bus Flying Bark | 11:05-11:30 |
| 12:15-12:30                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House Sydney to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney   |  |             |
| 12:30-13:50                       | <p><b>Investment lunch</b></p> <p>12:30 Arrival and welcome by HE Willy Borsus and Pascale Delcomminette</p> <p>12:32 Welcome words by HE Michel Goffin, Ambassador of Belgium in Australia</p> <p>12:35 Opening speech by HE Hadja Lahbib</p> <p>12:55 Testimonial by Chris Behrenbruch, CEO and Managing Director of Telix Pharmaceuticals</p> <p>13:10 Testimonial by Jan Jansen, CTO Cochlear</p> <p>13:40 Concluding remarks by HE Willy Borsus</p> <p>Lead: AWEX</p> <p>Venue: Residential Suite on level two of the Four Seasons Hotel</p> <p>Participants: 56 guests upon invitation</p> <p>Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele</p> |  |             |
| 13:55-14:05                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to Sydney Opera House  |  |             |

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

14:05-15:10

**VIP tour of the Sydney Opera House**

14:05 Arrival and welcome by Louise Herron, CEO Sydney Opera House  
 14:07 Photo opportunity (3 pictures)  
 14:15 Transfer to the Southern Foyer  
 14:20 Introduction to the history and architecture of the building  
 14:30 Transfer to the Concert Hall Auditorium via lift and stairs  
 14:32 Visit of the Concert Hall Auditorium  
 14:42 Transfer to the Main Broadcast Studio  
 14:45 Photo opportunity on top of the stairs.  
 14:50 Introduction to the Main Broadcast Studio and EVS technology  
 by Shane Johnson, Head of Recording & Broadcast and Nicolas Bourdon, Chief Marketing Officer EVS

Lead: Agoria, Sports & Entertainment Technology Club and EVS  
 Venue: Sydney Opera House  
 Address Mrs Macquaries Road, Sydney NSW 2000  
 Participants: 50 guests (BE 40 + AUS 10) upon invitation

**Seminar: “Artificial intelligence in formal education and lifelong learning: towards a strong partnership between Belgium and Australia ” – PART 1**

14:00-16:15

14:00 Setting the scene: welcome and introduction  
 14:10 Artificial Intelligence in Lifelong Learning  
 14:25 Artificial Intelligence in formal education  
 14:40 Research challenge for learning analytics  
 14:55 Open for business: assets of the edtech sector in BE & AU  
 15:05 AI to address challenges in competency-based education  
 15:20 Too digital, too fast? Call for more attention to digital inclusion  
 15:30 Business Education in Times of AI: The Productivity Divide  
 15:45 Panel discussion on future challenges and opportunities

Lead: VLUHR, edtech/station and d-teach  
 Venue: Studio on level two at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney  
 Participants: 125 guests (BE 75 + AUS 50) upon registration

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

15:10-15:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Sydney Opera House to the office of the Premier

15:15-15:45

**Courtesy call with The Hon Chris Minns, Premier of New South Wales**

15:15 Arrival and welcome by Monique Davis, Protocol Officer  
 15:17 Transfer to the 20th floor  
 15:19 Welcome by The Hon Chris Minns, Premier of New South Wales  
 15:35 End of meeting and transfer to the photo opp corner  
 15:38 Photo opportunity

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Venue: Boardroom on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of the Office of the Premier  
 Address: Martins Place 52, Sydney NSW 2000  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

Bus Transfer of the invited Belgian business delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) to NEP Andrew's Production Hub with bus NEP

15:15-15:45

**Sports, News & Entertainment Broadcast Technology Belgian Footprint in Australia - PART 1: Visit of NEP Headquarters**

16:00-17:00

Welcome words by Soames Treffry, CEO NEP Australia and Marc Segar, CTO NEP Australia  
 Visit  
 Photo opportunity

Lead: Agoria, Sports & Entertainment Technology Club and EVS  
 Venue: NEP Andrew's Production Hub  
 Address: Level 3, 8 Central Avenue, Eveleigh NSW 2015  
 Participants: 25 guests (BE 25) upon invitation  
 Attending Ministers: HE Borsus

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

15:45-16:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Office of the Premier to Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

16:15-16:45

**Closing session and networking reception of the seminar - PART 2**  
**“Artificial intelligence in formal education and lifelong learning: Towards a strong partnership between Belgium and Australia”**

16:15-18:00

16:15 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by TBC  
 16:20 Short presentation of the key findings on the basis of the mind map produced by Jelle Demanet, XR-Valley by Koen Verlaeckt  
 16:25 Photo opportunity  
 16:35 Start of the networking reception

Lead: VLUHR, edtech/station and d-teach  
 Venue: Studio on level two at the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney  
 Participants: 135 guests (BE 85 + AUS 50) upon registration  
 Attending Ministers: HE Diependaele

16:45-17:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Four Seasons Hotel to the Lowy Institute

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) to the Lowy Institute with buses LOWY 1 and LOWY 2 (24-seaters)

16:20-16:40

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

17:00-17:45

**Implementing the UNGPs with a special focus on human rights due diligence**

16:40-17:45

16:40 Arrival of the participants and registration  
16:45 Arrival of HE Hadja Lahbib  
17:00 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers. Welcome by Michael Fullilove, Executive Director of the Lowy Institute and Herve Lemahieu Director of Research Lowy Institute  
17:05 Welcome words by Michael Fullilove  
17:07 Speech by HE Hadja Lahbib  
17:12 Introductory remarks by Hervé Lemahieu  
17:15 Panel Discussion with HE Hadja Lahbib, James Cockayne, Anti-Slavery Commissioner for New South Wales and Justine Nolan, Director of the Australian Human Rights Institute at the University of New South Wales  
17:40 Wrap-up of the main takeaways and goodbye words by Hervé Lemahieu

Lead: FPS Foreign Affairs  
Venue: Event Hall on the ground level at the Lowy Institute  
Address: 31 Bligh Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
Participants: 72 guests (BE 42 + AUS 30) upon registration  
Attending Minister: HE Lahbib

Bus Transfer of the invited Belgian business delegation from NEP Andrew's Production Hub to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Harrington Street) with bus NEP

17:00-17:35

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Government House Sydney with buses D2, D3 and D4 (24-seater)

17:35-18:00

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Lowy Institute to the Government House Sydney with bus D1 (24-seater)

17:45-18:00

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| <p>17:50-17:55</p> | <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Lowy Institute to the Government House Sydney</p>   | <p>Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Lowy Institute to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney with bus LOWY 2 (24-seater)</p>                       | <p>17:45-18:00</p> |
| <p>18:15-20:00</p> | <p align="center"><b>Reception hosted by<br/>Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales</b></p> <p>18:00 Arrival of the invited guests and the Ministers<br/>                 Welcome of the Ministers by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales<br/>                 Transfer of the Ministers to the Drawing Room<br/>                 18:15 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and welcome by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales<br/>                 18:17 Signing of the Golden Book and photo opportunity in front of the stairs<br/>                 18:25 Transfer of HRH Princess Astrid to the drawing room for a short courtesy call with the Ministers<br/>                 18:30 Transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers to the reception<br/>                 18:35 Words of welcome by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales<br/>                 18:40 Short address by HRH Princess Astrid</p> <p>Venue: Government House Sydney<br/>                 Address: Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000<br/>                 Participants: 180 guests (90 BE + 90 AUS)<br/>                 Dress code: Lounge suit/ Day dress</p> |  | <p>18:00-20:00</p> |
| <p>20:00-20:15</p> | <p>Transfer of the Ministers from the Government House Sydney to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney</p>  | <p>Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the Government House Sydney to the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney with buses D1, D2, D3 and D4 (24-seater)</p> | <p>20:10-20:25</p> |



**WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023**

Sydney

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |  | Business delegation  |             |
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| 07:30-08:00                       | Transfer of the luggage and the passports of the Ministers from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the Government House Sydney with the LUGGAGE TRUCK                      | <b>B2B meetings</b>  | All day     |
|                                   |  | Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and FIT<br>Venue: at the premises of the Australian companies   |             |
|                                   |  | Bus transfer of the business and official delegation of FLIGHT 1 from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport with vehicles O1 and O2 (George Street) and bus D1 (Harrington Street) | 08:15-09:00 |
|                                   |  | Transfer of the luggage and passports of the VIPs from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport with the LUGGAGE TRUCK  | 08:15-09:00 |
| 08:30-08:45                       | Transfer of the Ministers from the Four Seasons Hotel Sydney to the ANZAC Memorial   |  |             |
| 08:30-09:00                       | Transfer of the luggage and the passports of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Government House Sydney to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport with the LUGGAGE TRUCK |  |             |

## WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

Sydney

### HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

### Business delegation

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| 08:35-08:50 | <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House to the ANZAC Memorial (East Gate)</p>  |       |
| 08:50-09:20 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WWI Commemorative event in the presence of Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales</b></p> <p>Arrival and welcome by TBC Hon. Sec. or a trustee of the Board<br/>         Transfer to the stairs and walk up to the Hall of Memory<br/>         Issuing of the golden stars to the delegation<br/>         Last post followed by a minute of silence<br/>         Casting of the stars into the well of contemplation<br/>         Wreath laying ceremony</p> <p>Lead: Embassy of Belgium<br/>         Venue: Hall of Memory at the Anzac memorial at Hyde Park<br/>         Address: 126 Elizabeth St, Sydney NSW 2000<br/>         Participants: restricted official delegation</p> |       |
| 09:20-09:50 | <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from ANZAC Memorial to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport</p>  |       |
| 10:00       | <p><b>Check-in at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) for passengers of FLIGHT 1</b></p>   | 09:00 |
| 11:00       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLIGHT 1: Departure of flight QF 437 from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL)</b></p> <p>Participants: 92 delegation members on flight</p>  | 11:00 |

## WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

| WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023         |  |                     |
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| Melbourne                         |  |                     |
| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |  | Business delegation |
| 12:35                             | <b>FLIGHT 1: Arrival of flight QF 437 at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL)</b>   | 12:35               |
|                                   | Welcome by Squadron Leader Leonie Auld, Representative of the Governor of Victoria and Gönül Serbest, Commissioner for Europe Global Victoria    |                     |
| 12:50-13:30                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport to the Government House Victoria                                    |                     |
| 12:55-13:30                       | Transfer of the Ministers from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto  |                     |
|                                   |  | 13:15-14:00         |
|                                   |  | 13:25-14:10         |
| 13:30                             | <b>Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid</b>  |                     |
|                                   | Welcome by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria and Jonathan Burke, Official Secretary of the Governor |                     |
|                                   | Venue: Government House Victoria<br>Address: Government House Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004  |                     |
| 13:30                             | <b>Check-in of the Ministers</b>   |                     |
|                                   | Venue: InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto<br>Address: 495 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000  |                     |
|                                   |  | 13:15-14:00         |
|                                   |  | 13:25-14:10         |
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|                                   |  | 13:25-14:10         |

**WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers****Business delegation**

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| <p>14:30-15:00</p> <p>15:15-15:25</p> <p>15:15-15:30</p> | <p><b>Private call with Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria</b></p> <p>Venue: The Morning Room of the Government House Victoria<br/>Address: Government House Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004</p> <p>Transfer of the Ministers from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (Convention Centre Place)</p> <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House Victoria to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (Convention Centre Place)</p> | <p><b>Arrival and check-in at the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto</b></p> <p>Venue: InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto<br/>Address: 453 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000<br/>Participants: 76 delegation members on flight check in</p> <p><b>Check-in at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) for passengers of FLIGHT 2</b></p> <p>Transfer on foot/by tram of the business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (2 Clarendon Street)</p> | <p>14:00</p> <p>14:00</p> <p>14:45-15 :00</p> |
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The secretariat of the mission is located in the TBC Thomas Fallon Boardroom on the lower lobby level at the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto and will be operational from 25 (from 14:30 onwards) to 27 October 2023.

## WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| 15:30-16:45 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Belgian expertise and capabilities in green hydrogen – All-Energy Australia</b></p> <p>15:30 Arrival and welcome by Joy Donné, CEO of FIT; Brian Thomas, Managing Director at Reed Exhibitions Australia and Adwin Martens, Founder WaterstoNet</p> <p>15:33 Transfer to the Auditorium via door 10 hosting the session dedicated to green hydrogen in Belgium</p> <p>15:42 Speech by HE Mathias Diependaele</p> <p>15:50 Speech by Adwin Martens on “Flanders-Belgium as an innovation and import hub for green molecules in Europe”</p> <p>15:55 Departure of the official delegation and transfer to the Exhibition via door 6</p> <p>16:00 Visit of the booth showcasing the Belgian renewable energy capabilities and encounter with 6 exhibiting companies and visit of the booth on waste management</p> <p>Lead: FIT<br/>Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre<br/>Address: 1 Normandy Road, South Wharf VIC 3006<br/>Participants: 230 guests (BE 30 + AUS 200) upon registration<br/>Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele</p> | ALL DAY     |
| 16:45-17:00 | <p style="text-align: center;">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (2 Clarendon Street) to the Government House Victoria</p>  | 16:00       |
| 16:45-16:55 | <p>Transfer of the Ministers from the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (2 Clarendon Street) to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto</p>  | 17:30-17:45 |
|             | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FLIGHT 2: Departure of flight QF 463 from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (SYD) to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL)</b></p> <p>Participants: 34 delegation members on flight</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Transfer of the invited delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Government House Victoria with vehicle O1 (Collins Street) and buses D1, D2, D3 and D4 (Flinders Lane)</p>   |             |

## WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

Melbourne

### HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

### Business delegation

#### FLIGHT 2: Arrival of flight QF 463 at Melbourne Airport

17:35

17:40-17:55

Transfer of the Ministers  
from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto  
to the Government House Victoria

18:00-18:15

**Courtesy Call with Her Excellency Professor the  
Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria**

Venue: Governors Hall at Government House Victoria  
Address: Government House Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort and HE Borsus

18:30-19:45

**Reception hosted by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria  
with a “Belgium Downunder Piano Recital”**

17:45-19:45

17:45 Arrival of the invited guests  
18:05 Everyone seated in the Ballroom  
18:15 Arrival of the Governor of Victoria and HRH Princess Astrid  
18:16 Announcement by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria  
18:20 Short address by HRH Princess Astrid of Belgium  
18:25 Concert by Roland and Florian Peelman  
18:45 Bestowing of a decoration by HRH Princess Astrid upon Roland Peelman, Pianist and Music Director

Venue: Ballroom at Government House Victoria  
Address: Government House Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004  
Participants: 250 guests (185 BE + 65 AUS) upon invitation  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele  
Dress code: Lounge suit and cocktail dress

## WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

Melbourne

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |  | Business delegation   |                                 |
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| 19:45- 21:45                      | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dinner hosted by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria</b></p> <p>19:45 Pre-drinks at the Governor’s Drawing Room<br/>           20:00 Start of dinner with short speech by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria<br/>           21:15 Tea and Coffee in the Billiard Room</p> <p>Venue: Governor’s Dining Room Government House Victoria<br/>           Address: Government House Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004<br/>           Participants: 2+ 20 guests upon invitation</p> | <p>Bus transfer of the business and official delegation of FLIGHT 2 from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto with bus D1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Arrival and check-in at the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto</b></p> <p>Venue: InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto<br/>           Address: 453 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000<br/>           Participants: 33 delegation members on flight check in</p> | <p>18:20-19:00</p> <p>19:00</p> |
| 21:45-22:00                       | <p style="text-align: center;">Transfer of the Ministers from the Government House Victoria to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto</p>   | <p>Bus transfer of the invited delegation from the Government House Victoria to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto with vehicle O1 (Collins Street) and buses D1, D2, D3 and D4 (Flinders Lane)</p>  | <p>19:45-20:00</p>              |

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

**B2B meetings**

All day

Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and FIT  
Venue: at the premises of the Australian companies

Transfer of the invited official and business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre with vehicles O1 and O2 (Collins Street) and bus TELIX (Flinders Lane)

08:30-09:00

08:35-08:50

Transfer of the Ministers from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Shrine of Remembrance

08:55-09:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House to the Shrine of Remembrance

09:00-09:20

**WWI Commemorative event**

Arrival and welcome by Captain Stephen Bowater, Chair of the Shrine of Remembrance Trustee and Dean Lee, CEO of the Shrine of Remembrance

Transfer to the forecourt and walk up the stairs

Photo opportunity on the stairs

Entry into the Sanctuary

Welcome by Dean Lee, CEO of the Shrine of Remembrance

Wreath laying

Last Post followed by National Anthems

Signing of the Golden book

Venue: Shrine of Remembrance

Address: Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne VIC 3001

Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele



**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

09:20-09:40

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Shrine of Remembrance to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (Flemington Road for basement parking)

09:40-10:35

**Unlocking the Potential of Precision Oncology through Nuclear Medicine - The Belgian-Australian connection – PART 1**

09:40 Arrival of and welcome by Professor Maxine Morand, Chair of Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Karen Fox, acting CEO at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Chris Behrenbruch, CEO Telix Pharmaceuticals  
 09:42 Transfer to level 5 for a tour of the cancer imaging facilities: radiology, nuclear medicine, positron emission tomography and bone marrow biopsy services (max 20 guests)  
 10:00 Transfer to Theatre B on level 7  
 10:05 Acknowledgement of country and introduction by Karen Fox  
 10:07 Opening of the seminar by TBC  
 10:12 Presentation on the Belgian nuclear medicine ecosystem by Zena Wimana, Director of Radiopharmacy Hôpital Universitaire de Bruxelles  
 10:22 Keynote by Chris Behrenbruch: "When an Australian biotech entrepreneur met a Belgian radiochemist: From radio pharma start-up to global leader"  
 10:32 Closing remarks by HE Willy Borsus

Lead: AWEX and Telix Pharmaceuticals  
 Venue: Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre  
 Address: 305 Grattan Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
 Participants: 150 guests (BE 50 + AUS 100) upon registration  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort and HE Borsus

09:30-10:35

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

**The Blue Acceleration at the North Sea: Belgian expertise and collaborative prowess as a motor to upcoming industries at sea – PART 1**

09:30-11:30

09:30 Blue economy: the seas as the next frontier by Ghent University  
 10:15 MariFish: Sustainable seafood incubator as a corner stone for new, local production systems by European Food Centre  
 10:40 Marine nature-based solutions for climate adaptive coastal protection by DEME  
 11:00 Tackling blue challenges at a global level with Blue Economy CRC

Lead: Ghent University

Venue: Stock & Trade Room on the lower ground floor at the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto

Participants: 80 guests upon registration

Transfer of the registered business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to Melbourne Town Hall by tram

10:00-10:30

10:35-10:50

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to the Town Hall

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

10:50-11:50

**Seminar: Towards safer, connected and resilient smart cities – PART 1**

10:30-11:50

10:50 Arrival and welcome by Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne and Nicolas Keutgen, Chief Innovation Officer Schröder  
10:52 Photo opportunity on the steps of the Town Hall  
10:55 Transfer to the Swanston Hall via an entrance left of the stairs  
11:00 Welcome address by-Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne  
11:10 Keynote 'Implementation of Smart City policies with the objective to reach UN SDGs' by Nicolas Keutgen  
11:20 Keynote 'Shining a light on smart cities and resilience' by Toby Kent, PwC Partner, Energy Transition and Sustainability  
11:30 Closing remarks by HE Willy Borsus  
11:40 Photo opportunity while signing of the Golden Book

Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Schröder  
Venue: Swanston Hall on the ground level at Melbourne Town Hall  
Address: 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Participants: 150 guests (BE 50 + AUS 100) upon registration  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort and HE Borsus

**Unlocking the Potential of Precision Oncology through Nuclear  
Medicine - The Belgian-Australian connection – PART 2**

10:50-13:30

10:50 Panel 'Innovation in Nuclear Medicine: How nuclear research is finding improved methods to detect, diagnose and monitor the progression of disease and develop therapies'  
12:00 Networking lunch on the 13th floor

Lead: AWEX and Telix Pharmaceuticals  
Venue: Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre  
Address: 305 Grattan Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Participants: 130 guests (BE 30 + AUS 100) upon registration

11:50-12:00

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers  
from Melbourne Town Hall  
to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

12:00-13:30

**The Blue Acceleration at the North Sea: Belgian expertise and collaborative prowess as a motor to upcoming industries at sea – PART 2**

12:00 Arrival at the hotel and welcome by Sandra Smith, General Manager of the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto  
Transfer to the Wheat & Wool Room  
12:05 Arrival and welcome by Professor Rik Van de Walle, Rector  
12:15 Welcome address by Rik Van de Walle and TBC Greg Johannes, Chair Blue Economy CRC  
12:25 Joint testimonial by DEME and TBC the European Food Center  
12:50 Q&A and closing words by HE Mathias Diependaele

Lead: Ghent University  
Venue: Wheat & Wool Room on the lower ground floor  
Participants: 80 guests upon registration  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

**Seminar: Towards safer, connected and resilient smart cities – PART 2**

12:00-14:00

12:00 Presentation 'The latest Smart and Sustainable Cities trends' by Prof. Nathalie Crutzen, Smart City Institute, HEC Liège, University of Liege  
12:30 Case study 'From street level up – concrete examples of Smart City Implementations' by TBC Ian Dryden, Principal Industrial Design, City of Melbourne  
12:40 Case Study: "Bois de la Cambre, Brussels" a Schröder Project by Nicolas Keutgen  
12:50 Panel discussion "Towards safer, connected and resilient smart cities"  
13:20 Closing remarks by Nicolas Keutgen  
13:25 Networking Ecosystem Matchmaking Event

Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and Schröder  
Venue: Swanston Hall on the ground level at Melbourne Town Hall  
Address: 90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Participants: 130 guests (BE 30 + AUS 100) upon registration

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

13:30-13:45

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Alfred

Bus transfer of the business delegation from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to the InterContinental Melbourne (Flinders Lane) with bus TELIX

13:30-14:00

Transfer of the business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto (Flinders Lane) to the Alfred Centre with bus ALFRED

13:45-14:15

13:45-14:15

**Visit of the Alfred Medical Center to highlight the potential of data and innovation to improve the care for patients” – PART 1**

13:45-14:15

13:45 Arrival and welcome by Susan Elliot AM, Vice Chancellor Monash University, Professor Andrew Way, CEO Alfred Health and Luc Luwel, Managing Director VOKA

13:48 Acknowledgment of country Professor Andrew Way

13:50 Prof Susan Elliot introduces Alfred/Monash and the MS Base Registry Program

13:52 Prof Butzkueven and Prof Peeters explain how the collaboration supported the care of MS patients during the Covid pandemic

13:57 Prof Bart De Moor briefly introduces technical support (Icometrics, spin-off of KUL) and Athumi and its functions

13:59 Julie Dobson, MS patient, briefly talks about her experience

14:02 Astrid Edwards, MS patient, briefly talks about her experience

14:05 Closing words by TBC, Minister of Health of Victoria

14:10 Photo opp

Lead: Voka Health Community

Venue: Innovation and Education Hub of The Alfred

Address:-55 Commercial Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004

Participants: 35 guests (BE 20 + AUS 15) upon invitation

Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023**

Melbourne

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |   | Business delegation   |               |
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|                                   |   | <p>Transfer of the registered business delegation from Melbourne Town Hall to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to by tram</p>  | 14:00-14:30   |
|                                   |   | <p><b>Visit of the Alfred Medical Center to highlight the potential of data and innovation to improve the care for patients” – PART 2</b></p> <p>14:30 Welcoming of the participants by Luc Luwel , Managing Director VOKA Alliance<br/>           14:35 Opening words by HE Diependaele<br/>           14:35 Global multicenter data sharing in Multiple Sclerosis<br/>           15:10 Securing data exchange and promoting innovation in healthcare<br/>           15:30 Panel Discussion with Q&amp;A<br/>           16:10 Networking Reception</p> <p>Lead: Voka Health Community<br/>           Venue: Lecture Theatre at The Alfred Centre<br/>           Address: 75 Commercial Rd, Melbourne VIC 3004<br/>           Participants: 60 guests (BE 30 + AUS 30) upon registration<br/>           Attending Ministers: HE Diependaele</p> | 14:15-17:00   |
| 14:15-14:25                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Alfred Centre to the Government House Victoria |   |               |
| 14:15-14:30                       | Transfer of the Ministers from the Alfred Centre to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto     |   |               |
|                                   |   | <p>Bus transfer of the invited business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto (Flinders Lane) to Marvel Stadium with bus MARVEL</p>   | 15:10 - 15:40 |

## THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2023

Melbourne

### HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers

### Business delegation

15:20-15:35

Transfer of the Ministers  
from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto  
to the Marvel stadium (Media Entrance Aisle 13)

15:25-15:45

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid  
from the Government House Victoria to the Marvel stadium  
(Media Entrance Aisle 13)

Transfer of the business delegation from the Alfred Centre to  
the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto (Flinders Lane) with  
bus ALFRED

15:45 - 16:15

15:45-16:45

### Belgium & Australia: SportsTech match

15:45-16:45

15:45 Arrival under the stadium (Media Entrance Aisle 13) and transfer to the AFL auditorium on the first level.  
15:47 Welcome by TBC HE Steve Dimopoulos MP, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events and Creative Industries and Nicolas Bourdon, President Agoria STC  
15:49 Greetings by Kieren Perken, CEO of the Australian Sport Commission, Andrew Dillon, CEO of the Australian Football League and Nick Hockley, CEO of Cricket Australia, followed by a photo opportunity  
15:55 Speech by HE HE Diependaele  
16:00 Speech by TBC HE Steve Dimopoulos MP, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events and Creative Industries  
16:05 Brief presentation of the Belgian Sports Technology delegation coordinated by Diego Algaba, Agoria S&ET Club Manager  
16:12 Demonstration by CEO of Belgian company RefAssist of the digital platform utilised by AFL and Cricket Australia  
16:16 Transfer to Marvel Stadium pitch  
16:22 Demonstration of AFL and cricket performed by young players followed by a photo opportunity

Lead: FIT  
Venue: Australian Football League (AFL) House, Marvel Stadium  
Address: 140 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands Melbourne VIC 3008  
Participants: 60 guests (BE 30 + 30 AUS) upon registration  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

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Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| <p>16:45-17:00</p> | <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from AFL House, Marvel Stadium to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto</p>  | <p>Bus transfer of the invited business delegation from the Marvel Stadium to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto (Flinders Lane) with bus MARVEL</p> | <p>16:45 - 17:15</p> |
| <p>17:00-18:00</p> | <p><b>Signing Ceremony followed by a reception</b></p> <p>Lead: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency<br/>                 Venue: Laneway 1 and 2 on the lower ground floor at the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto<br/>                 Participants: Signees and their guests upon invitation<br/>                 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele</p> |   | <p>16:45-18:00</p>   |
| <p>18:00-18:10</p> | <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Government House Victoria</p>  |   |                      |



## FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

Melbourne

| HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers |  | Business delegation  |                                    |
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| 07:40-08:00                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House Victoria to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto  | <b>B2B meetings</b><br>Lead: AWEX, hub.brussels and FIT<br>Venue: at the premises of the Australian companies  | All day                            |
| 08:00-08:50                       | <b>Success Stories Breakfast</b><br><br>08:00 Arrival and welcome by Pieter Timmermans, CEO of FEB<br>08:06 Words of welcome by Pieter Timmermans<br>08:10 Testimonial by each invited Belgian business leader<br>08:45 Conclusions by Pieter Timmermans and group picture<br><br>Lead: FEB<br>Venue: Laneway 1 and 2 on the lower ground floor at the InterContinental<br>Participants: 30 guests (BE 22 + AUS 8) upon invitation<br>Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele |  | 07:45-09:00                        |
| 08:50-09:10                       | Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Sofitel Melbourne  | Transfer on foot of the business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Investment Centre Victoria for the seminar “Victoria – Belgium”<br><br>Transfer of the official delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Sofitel Melbourne with vehicles O1 and O2 | 08:45 - 09:15<br><br>09:00 - 09:15 |

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**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

09:10-09:45

**Courtesy call with Mr Tim Pallas, Treasurer of Victoria, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Trade and Investment**

09:10 Arrival and welcome by Gönül Serbest, Commissioner for Europe Global Victoria  
 09:12 Transfer to the 46<sup>th</sup> floor of Investment Centre Victoria  
 09:13 Welcome by Mr Tim Pallas  
 09:15 Photo opportunity  
 09:20 Start of meeting

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Venue: Boardroom on the 46<sup>th</sup> floor at Investment Centre Victoria  
 Address: 55 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele

09:45-10:45

**Seminar ‘Victoria-Belgium: Gateways to New Business Opportunities’**

09:45 Transfer to Sir Redmond Barry Room  
 09:46 Introduction by Gönül Serbest, Commissioner for Europe Global Victoria  
 09:50 Welcome speech by Mr Tim Pallas Treasurer, Minister for Industrial Relations, Minister for Trade and Investment  
 10:05 Speech by HE Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions  
 10:20 Speech by HE Gabriele Visentin, European Union Ambassador to Australia  
 10:30 Wrap-up and closing remarks Mr Jason Collins, CEO European Australian Business Council

Lead: Embassy of Belgium  
 Venue: Sir Redmond Barry Room on the 46<sup>th</sup> floor of Investment Centre Victoria  
 Address: 55 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
 Participants: 80 guests upon registration  
 Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort, HE Borsus and TBC HE Diependaele

Bus transfer of the business delegation invited to the UCB activity from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Sofitel Melbourne

09:15-11:00

10:15-10:30

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Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

10:45-11:00

Transfer on foot of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from the Investment Centre Victoria to the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

11:00-12:00

**Together for severe childhood epilepsy: from fundamental research to solutions for patients.  
A bridge between Australia and Belgium**

11:00 Arrival and welcome by Xavier Hormaechea, Managing Director of UCB BE and Selina Clifford, Head of UCB AUS and Michelle Ananda-Rajah, MP

11:05 Welcome words by Selina Clifford and acknowledgement of country by TBC

11:07 Words by Xavier Hormaechea and TBC minister

11:18 Presentation on the role of genomics in the diagnosis and management of rare diseases, including rare genetic epilepsies by Professor Kathryn North and by Laureate Professor Ingrid Scheffer

11:32 Reading of children’s letters by Lachlan Gillespie, Ambassador for Epilepsy Action Australia

11:50 Unveiling of plaque

11:55 Closing words by HE Willy Borsus

Lead: UCB

Venue: The Latrobe Ballroom on the first level of the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins

Address: 25 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Participants: 120 guests (BE 50 + AUS 70) upon invitation

Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib and HE Borsus

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Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| <p>12:00-12:15</p> | <p>Transfer on foot of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers from the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins to Investment Centre Victoria</p>   | <p>Transfer on foot of the business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Investment Centre Victoria for the activity “strength through diversity”</p> | <p>11:30 - 11:55</p> |
| <p>12:15-13:00</p> | <p align="center"><b>“Strength through diversity – Female business leaders going global”</b></p> <p>11:45 Registration of the participants<br/>         12:10 Screening of a City Marketing film<br/>         12:16 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and official delegation and welcome by TBC<br/>         12:17 Welcome word and acknowledgment of country by Gönül Serbest, Commissioner for Europe Global Victoria<br/>         12:22 Joint keynote speech by HE Rudi Vervoort and Isabelle Grippa, CEO, hub.brussels<br/>         12:27 Panel discussion on female entrepreneurship and diversity<br/>         13:00 Departure of HRH Princess Astrid and official delegation<br/>         13:05 Closing word by Gönül Serbest<br/>         13:10 Networking lunch with screening of artistic examples Brussels and Victoria</p> <p>Lead: hub.brussels<br/>         Venue: Investment Centre Victoria<br/>         Address: 55 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000<br/>         Participants: 50 guests (BE 20 + 30 AUS) upon registration<br/>         Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Vervoort and HE Borsus</p> |   | <p>11:45-14:00</p>   |
| <p>13:00-13:15</p> | <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers from the Sofitel Melbourne to Melbourne Connect</p>   |   |                      |

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**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

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| <p>13:15-14:45</p> | <p align="center"><b>The Academia-Industry Nexus: stimulating research and innovation to address grand challenges – PART 1</b></p> <p>12:45 Registration of guests<br/>         13:15 Arrival of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers and welcome by TBC Jane Hansen AO, Chancellor of the University of Melbourne and Professor Duncan Maskell, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne and Luc Sels, Rector KU Leuven<br/>         13:20 Photo opportunity<br/>         13:25 Welcoming remarks and introduction to research and innovation at University of Melbourne and the partnership with KU Leuven by Professor Duncan Maskell<br/>         13:35 Word by HE Diependaele<br/>         14:00 Testimonial on example of validated Academia-Industry research by Professor Sharon Lewin, Director, The Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity<br/>         14:05 Testimonial on example of validated Academia-Industry research at KU Leuven by Monica Russell, Medical Account Manager ANZ<br/>         14:20 The crucial role of State Government in facilitating the Academia – Industry Nexus by TBC Minister of Victoria<br/>         14:25 End of lunch and closing words by Luc Sels, Rector KU Leuven<br/>         14:30 Visit of the poster session by student-researchers in Joint Global PhD</p> <p>Lead: KU Leuven and the University of Melbourne<br/>         Venue: Western Gallery on the ground floor of Melbourne Connect<br/>         Address: 114 Grattan Street, Carlton VIC 3053<br/>         Participants: 80 guests upon invitation<br/>         Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib, HE Borsus and HE Diependaele</p> | <p>12:45-14:30</p>  |
| <p>14:45-14:55</p> | <p align="center">Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Melbourne Connect to Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital</p>  | <p>14:15 - 14:45</p> <p align="center">Transfer of the business delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to Melbourne Connect (Flinders Lane) with bus NEXUS</p> <p>14:45-TBC</p> <p align="center"><b>The Academia-Industry Nexus: stimulating research and innovation to address grand challenges – PART 2</b></p> <p>Lead: KU Leuven<br/>         Venue: Melbourne Connect<br/>         Address: 114 Grattan Street, Carlton VIC 3053<br/>         Participants: 100 guests upon registration</p> |

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Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

15:00-16:00

**Visit of the Melbourne University's Otolaryngology  
Department at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital**

- 15:00 Arrival and welcome by Dr Sherene Devanesen Board Chair,  
Brendon Gardner, CEO and Prof. Stephen O'Leary, Chair of the  
Department of Otolaryngology
- 15:02 Transfer to the mural and welcome by little patient girl
- 15:05 Presentation on the history of the hospital through the display  
mural by Brendon Gardner
- 15:12 Transfer to Training Laboratory on level 5 with the blue lifts
- 15:15 Welcome by Prof. Jean- Marc Gerard, Head of the Otology  
Unit and tour of the Training Laboratory
- 15:25 Transfer to the Auditorium with photo opportunity
- 15:29 Acknowledgment of country by Brendon Gardner, Moderator
- 15:30 Welcome speech by Prof. Stephen O'Leary
- 15:35 Belgium's connections with Australia in the hearing  
research field by Prof Jean-Marc Gerard
- 15:40 History of the Cochlear implant by Prof Robert Briggs,  
Head of the Cochlear implant Clinic at the Royal  
Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital
- 15:45 Interests of research collaboration between the Giga  
institute and Melbourne University by Prof. Brigitte  
Malgrange and/or Prof. Philippe Lefevre, Giga Institute Liège
- 15:50 Bestowing of a decoration by HRH Princess Astrid upon Prof.  
Jean- Marc Gerard, Head of the Otology Unit
- 15:57 Closing word by HE Willy Borsus

Lead: AWEX and Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital  
Venue: Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital  
Address: 32 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne  
Participants: 80 guests (BE 30 + AUS 50) upon invitation  
Attending Ministers: HE Lahbib and HE Borsus

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Melbourne

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

16:00-16:30

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid and the Ministers from the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto

17:00-18:00

**Informal Press Moment**

Lead: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency  
Venue: Laneway 1 on the lower ground floor at the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto  
Participants: Belgian journalists

18:00-18:15

Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to the Government House Victoria

Transfer of the business delegation from Melbourne Connect to the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto (Flinders Lane) with bus NEXUS

17:00 - 17:30

Transfer of the luggage and the passports of the Ministers from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto (Colins Street) to Government House Victoria with the LUGGAGE TRUCK

18:45 - 19:15

Bus transfer of the business and official delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport with bus D1

18:45-19:30

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**Business delegation**

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| <p>20:35-20:45</p> <p>20:45-21:15</p> <p>20:45-21:15</p> <p>21:15</p> <p>22:15</p> | <p><b>Farewell by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner, Governor of Victoria with signing of the Golden Book and Gift Exchange</b></p> <p>Venue: The Governor’s Hall at the Government House Victoria<br/>Address: Government House Drive, Melbourne VIC 3004</p> <p>Transfer of HE Vervoort, HE Willy Borsus and HE Mathias Diependale from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport T2</p> <p>Motorcade transfer of HRH Princess Astrid from the Government House Victoria to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport T2</p> <p><b>Check-in at Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL)</b></p> <p><b>Departure of flight EK 407 from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (MEL) to Dubai International Airport (DXB)</b></p> <p>Participants: 87 delegation members on flight</p> | <p>Bus transfer of the business, official and press delegation from the InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport with bus D2</p> <p>Transfer of the luggage and the passports of HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers from Government House Victoria to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport with the LUGGAGE TRUCK</p> | <p>19:00-19:45</p> <p>19:45 - 20:15</p> <p>19:30 and 19:45</p> <p>22:15</p> |
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**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023**

Dubai - Brussels

**HRH Princess Astrid and Ministers**

**Business delegation**

05:15

**Arrival of flight EK 407 at Dubai International Airport (DXB)**

05:15

08:20

**Departure of flight EK 183 from Dubai International Airport (DXB) to Brussels National Airport (BRU)**

08:20

Participants: 84 delegation members on flight

13:20

**Arrival of flight EK 183 at Brussels National Airport (BRU)**

13:20