



**CEO Meeting 2025  
Lille, France  
30 September to 02 October**



Welcome to Lille!

We are delighted to welcome you to the CEO Meeting 2025 in the vibrant city of Lille. Over the coming days, you'll have the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions, explore the city's rich cultural heritage, and enjoy moments of connection with other CEOs. We hope this guide helps you navigate your stay smoothly and make the most of everything Lille has to offer.

## **Programme**

### Tuesday 30 September

- ✓ 13:00 Check-in and registration at the hostel
- ✓ 14.00 to 17.30 Meeting sessions at the hostel
- ✓ 18.30 Cocktail reception and entertainment at the hostel

### Wednesday 01 October

- ✓ 09.00 - 17.30 Meeting sessions
- ✓ 12.45 Lunch at the hostel
- ✓ 18.30 Walking tour through Lille from the hostel to the restaurant
- ✓ 19.00 Dinner in a typical restaurant in Lille, sponsored by *Backyou*

### Thursday 02 October

- ✓ 09.00 - 12.30 Meeting sessions
- ✓ 12.30 Lunch at the hostel or packed lunch or Departure

### **Dress code**

The cocktail on Tuesday is not a black-tie event, but there may be some officials from the city of Lille. The restaurant on Wednesday night is a traditional, informal venue, known in the north of France as an 'Estaminet'.

The temperature in Lille should be around 20 degrees celsius, weather could be wet and there will be cobble stones on the walking tour so please wear appropriate shoes.

For the meeting, as usual, a professional, smart casual attire is appreciated.

## **Directions to the hostel**

[HI Lille - Stéphane Hessel](#)

235 Boulevard Paul Painlevé, 59000 Lille, France

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### **BY TRAIN**

Trains to Lille from *Paris CDG* airport or *Paris Nord* train station take approximately 1 hour, are frequent and prices vary on the type of ticket. Book your ticket here: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/app/en-en/home/search/od>

### **GETTING TO THE HOSTEL**

#### By Public transport

From *Lille Europe* or *Lille Flanders*, you can take Metro Line 2 direction 'Lomme St. Philibert' and stop at *Porte de Valenciennes* station and walk 5 minutes to the hostel.



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### By Taxi

Official taxis are available outside the train stations at the taxi rank. It should be approximately, 11 min drive/ 3.3km to the hostel.

### Walking

From *Lille Europe* or *Lille Flanders*, it is a 26 min walk / 2km to the hostel.

## **Safety and security guidance in France**

To ensure a smooth and productive visit, please stay informed of local conditions and follow official guidance throughout your stay. <https://www.masecurite.interieur.gouv.fr/en>

You must be able to prove your identity with a photo ID, so carry a passport or ID card at all times in France.

### Industrial action

Strikes and industrial action can occur across France, occasionally affecting transport services and road access. Delegates are advised to stay informed via media, transport providers, and follow instructions from French authorities.

### Demonstrations

Public demonstrations may take place with little notice, especially in urban areas. While generally peaceful, delegates should remain vigilant, avoid large gatherings, and follow guidance from local police and officials.

### Terrorism

France maintains a high level of security due to the ongoing threat of terrorism. Attacks may target public spaces, including areas frequented by visitors, so please stay alert and report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

### Crime

Thieves and pickpockets operate on public transport and can work in gangs; one distracts you while the other one goes into your bag. To keep belongings safe always an eye on your bags, use internal pockets and carry a cross body rather than on a shoulder.

## **What to do in Lille**

Lille is a lively city in northern France, known for its unique blend of French and Flemish influences. With its beautiful architecture, rich cultural heritage, and vibrant food scene, it offers a warm and engaging atmosphere for all who visit. [Lille Tourisme – Lille Tourist Office](#)

**La Grand Place** (Place du Général de Gaulle) Lille's central square is full of historic Flemish buildings and lively cafés. It's the city's main gathering spot and a great place to soak up the local atmosphere.



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At its heart stands [La Vieille Bourse](#), a stunning 17th-century stock exchange whose courtyard now hosts book markets and chess games.

[Citadelle de Lille](#) Built in the 17th century by Vauban, this star-shaped fortress is a masterpiece of military architecture. It's surrounded by a peaceful park, perfect for walking or relaxing outdoors.

[Palais des Beaux-Arts](#) Home to masterpieces by Rubens, Goya, and Rodin, this museum ranks among the largest in France. Its grand 19th-century architecture adds to the experience of exploring centuries of European art.

## **Other practical information**

### Adaptors

In France, the standard plug types are Type C (two-pin) and Type E (two-pin with grounding pin), with a voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz. Remember to bring your own adaptors if you need them.



### Wordly translation

If you wish to use our translation tool you can either read or listen to the simultaneous translation. You will need your own smart device (laptop, tablet or phone) and headphones.

### Currency

France uses EUROS, most places will be cashless and contactless payments are widely available.

If you need to contact us please do so at [events@hihsotels.com](mailto:events@hihsotels.com).

**We look forward to seeing you in Lille!**