

- 9.00 am Registration & coffee/tea offered by the Committee of the Regions
- 9.30 am Welcome  
**Prof. dr. Jan Melissen** (University of Antwerp & Clingendael Institute)
- 9.35 am Opening speech 'Sub-state diplomacy today'  
**Luc Van den Brande** (President of the EU-Committee of the Regions)

9.45 am **PANEL 1A**

**Towards a third wave in sub-state diplomacy?**  
**Results of the study by the Flemish Centre for International Policy**

Chair: **Prof. dr. Jan Melissen** (University of Antwerp & Clingendael Institute)

- A presentation by **Prof. dr. David Crieckemans & Manuel Duran** (University of Antwerp & Flemish Centre for International Policy)
- A reaction from an academic perspective:  
**Prof. dr. Stéphane Paquin** (Université de Sherbrooke, Québec)  
**Prof. dr. Robert Kaiser** (University of München, Bavaria)

10.45 am Coffee/tea offered by the Committee of the Regions

11.15 am **PANEL 1B**

**Bench-marks and lessons for other regions with legislative powers**

Chair: **Prof. dr. Noé Cornago** (University of the Basque Country)

- A response by **Donald Henderson** (EU Director and Head of Brussels Office, Scottish Government)
- A response by **Philippe Suinen** (Directeur Général Wallonie-Bruxelles International)
- A response by **Josep Manuel Barberà i Úbeda** (Director Patronat Catalunya Mon)
- A response by **Prof. dr. Luk Van Langenhove** (Director United Nations University - UNU-CRIS, Bruges)

Extensive debate with the broader public.

12.30 pm Lunch offered by the Government of Catalunya

2.00 pm **PANEL 2**

**Strategic choices as regards the content of sub-state foreign policy**

Chair: **Prof. dr. Stéphane Paquin** (Université de Sherbrooke, Québec)

- **Débora Miralles Solé** (Foreign Policy Coordinator, Government of Catalunya)  
The geopolitical choices and external policies of Catalunya
  - **Hadewich De Keulenaer** (Head of Unit EU/Multilateral Affairs, Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs)  
The Flemish experience in multilateral policy
  - **Prof. dr. Noé Cornago** (University of the Basque Country)  
Foreign Development Policy of Regions: best practices and lessons learnt
  - **Eric Theroux** (Director General Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of International Relations of Québec)
- Reaction from an academic perspective: **Prof. dr. Klaus-Jürgen Nagel** (University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

3.30 pm Coffee/tea offered by the Committee of the Regions

4.00 pm **PANEL 3**

**Public diplomacy coming of age? Exploring the international and domestic dimensions.**

Chair: **Prof. dr. Robert Kaiser** (University of München, Bavaria)

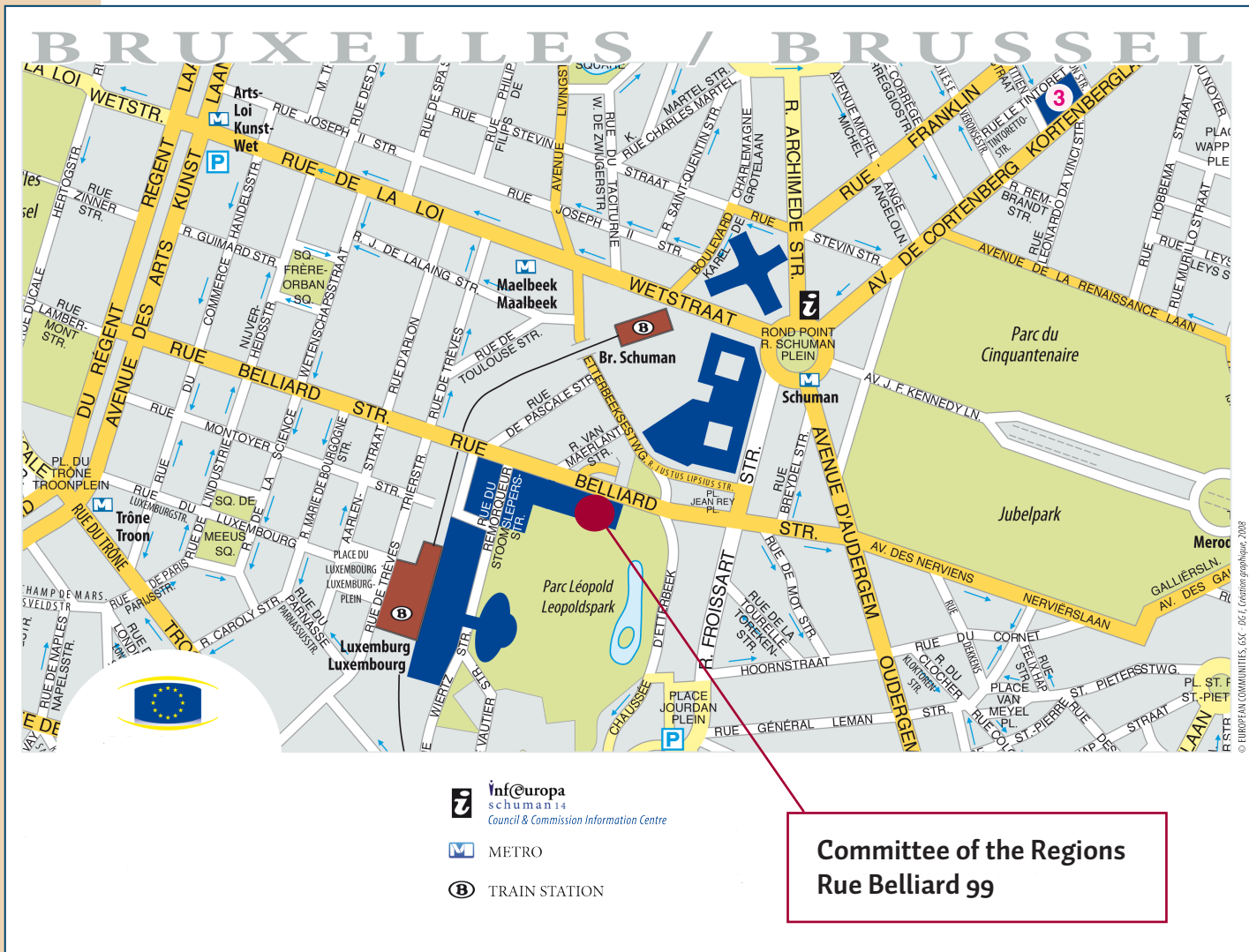
- **Ellen Huijgh** (Clingendael Institute)  
Public diplomacy of federated entities: the Québec-model and experience
- **Representative** of the 'Service Culturel Wallonie-Bruxelles'  
The international cultural policy of Wallonie-Bruxelles International
- **Ignasi Doñate** (Director-General of International Projection of Catalan Organisations)

Reaction from an academic perspective: **Prof. dr. Jan Melissen** (University of Antwerp & Clingendael Institute)

Reaction from a policy-oriented perspective: **Koen Verlaeckt** (Secretary-General Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs)

5.20 pm Closing speech by **Christos Sirros** (Delegate General of Québec in Brussels)

5.30 pm Closing reception offered by the Délégation Générale du Québec à Bruxelles



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