

BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL HOUSING

A Trusted Local Partner for International Arrivals in Belgium

Partnership Introduction · 2025

Dirk Van Der Linden · Founder & Housing Coordinator

Brussels, Belgium · 25 Years of Residential Experience

WHO WE ARE

A Brussels Housing Facilitation Network

Brussels International Housing is not a traditional landlord or property agency. We are an experienced **local housing facilitation network**, built over more than 25 years of residential practice in Brussels and the wider Belgian capital region.

Our role is to serve as a **reliable local partner** for universities, international offices, exchange coordinators, and mobility professionals who support students and young professionals relocating to Belgium.

We understand that finding trustworthy accommodation from abroad is one of the most stressful challenges international arrivals face. Our mission is to simplify that process — with structured guidance, local knowledge, and human-centred support.



A well-appointed Brussels studio — comfort, structure, and light.

25+

Years of residential experience in Brussels

Local

Deep knowledge of Brussels neighbourhoods

International

Serving students from across the globe

Structured

Onboarding & support before and after arrival

"We believe every international student deserves a safe and structured start in Brussels."

— Dirk Van Der Linden, Founder

THE CHALLENGE

Every year, tens of thousands of international students, Erasmus participants, PhD researchers, interns, and young professionals relocate to Brussels. Many face the same difficult reality: finding reliable, verified accommodation from a distance — often in a language they do not speak, with limited local contacts and under the pressure of visa deadlines and enrolment timelines.

Housing Uncertainty

Many students begin their journey without confirmed accommodation, navigating unreliable listings, scam risks, and last-minute cancellations that destabilise their entire relocation process.

Distance & Distrust

Booking accommodation remotely requires a level of trust that is difficult to establish without local verification, clear communication, and a structured onboarding framework.

Timing & Visa Complexity

For students requiring Belgian visas, proof of accommodation is often a precondition. Without a trusted local contact, this creates a difficult administrative circularity that delays arrivals.

"Universities and partner institutions increasingly seek trusted local contacts

who can provide structured, verified accommodation pathways for their students."

Brussels International Housing — positioned to bridge this gap.

OUR APPROACH

Brussels International Housing operates as a **local facilitation and coordination platform** — not simply as a property provider. Our model is designed around the real needs of international arrivals and the institutions that support them.

01

Pre-Arrival Support

We engage with students and partners before arrival — answering questions about the rental landscape, and helping navigate administrative requirements. We offer flexible pre-arrival accommodation support to assist with documentation.



02

Local Coordination

Our deep knowledge of Brussels neighbourhoods allows us to match international arrivals with accommodation that suits their specific situation — proximity to university, budget parameters, duration of stay, and personal preferences.

03

Structured Onboarding

New arrivals are guided through the practical steps of settling in: municipality registration, transport access, neighbourhood orientation, and local contacts. We do not hand over keys and walk away.

Purpose-fitted studio accommodation.

04

Ongoing Communication

We maintain open communication throughout the tenancy, acting as a dependable local point of contact for students, their families, and the institutions that have referred them to us.

WHO WE SUPPORT

Our accommodation facilitation services are designed for a broad range of internationally mobile individuals arriving in Brussels for study, research, internships, or professional assignments.

Exchange & Erasmus Students

Students participating in European and international exchange programmes typically arrive for one or two semesters. They need dependable, well-located accommodation with clear rental terms and a welcoming

PhD Researchers

Doctoral candidates often relocate for multi-year programmes. They require stability, quieter environments suited to focused study, and reliable communication with their housing provider throughout their research period.

Interns & Trainees

Brussels is a major centre for international institutions, EU bodies, and multinational companies. Interns and trainees on short-to-medium term contracts benefit from flexible accommodation pathways and

Young Professionals

International professionals beginning careers in Brussels often lack local networks and references. We provide a credible entry point into the Brussels rental market with guidance throughout the transition.

International Trainees

Participants in structured international training programmes — whether academic, vocational, or institutional — require reliable housing that aligns with their programme timelines and compliance requirements.

BRUSSELS & STUDENT LIFE

Brussels is one of Europe's most international cities — home to the European Union institutions, NATO headquarters, and a dense ecosystem of universities, research centres, and international organisations. It attracts students and professionals from every corner of the world.



The Atomium — symbol of modern Brussels



Grand Place — heart of the city, UNESCO World Heritage

Multilingual City

Brussels is officially bilingual (French/Dutch) with a deeply international English-speaking community across all sectors.

University Ecosystem

Home to ULB, VUB, KUL Brussels, Solvay, and numerous specialised institutions attracting thousands of international

European Capital

As the de facto capital of the EU, Brussels offers unmatched access for students in law, policy, economics, and governance.

Mobility & Connectivity

An extensive metro, tram, and bus network — alongside cycling infrastructure and proximity to Brussels Midi — makes the city exceptionally connected.

Cultural Richness

A vibrant cultural scene, affordable living relative to other European capitals, and a welcoming atmosphere for international newcomers.

Safety & Structure

Well-regulated rental markets, clear tenancy frameworks, and accessible municipal services provide a stable environment for international arrivals.

ACCOMMODATION PHILOSOPHY



Private rooms & studios



Shared community spaces



Secure on-site facilities

Safety & Compliance

All properties under our coordination meet Belgian regulatory standards. Safety equipment, fire compliance, and proper tenancy

Flexibility Where It Matters

We understand that international mobility comes with scheduling complexity. Where possible, we work with partners and students to accommodate programme-aligned timelines and phased arrivals.

Cleanliness & Maintenance

We maintain high standards of cleanliness and responsiveness. International students arriving from abroad deserve

Human Understanding

We recognise that relocation is a human experience, not just a transaction. Our approach combines professionalism with genuine empathy for the challenges of arriving in a new country.

Structured Communication

Clear, multi-language communication before and after arrival. Students are never left without a contact. Partners are kept informed at

Long-Term Relationships

We aim to build enduring relationships with universities, agents, and coordinators — not one-off transactions. Trust is built over time, and we invest in it deliberately.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We welcome structured collaboration with institutions and professionals who share a commitment to quality support for internationally mobile students and young professionals. Our partnership model is designed to be straightforward, transparent, and mutually beneficial.

Universities & Higher Education Institutions

- Referral pathways for incoming international and exchange students
- Pre-arrival accommodation coordination aligned with enrolment timelines
- Dedicated contact point for international offices and mobility teams
- Reporting and communication frameworks tailored to institutional needs

Student Mobility & Exchange Coordinators

- Structured accommodation options for Erasmus and bilateral exchange students
- Flexible timelines that align with semester and programme schedules
- Clear documentation support for students requiring accommodation
- Ongoing local support throughout the student's stay

Education Agents & Relocation Partners

- Collaborative referral arrangements for clients relocating to Brussels
- Reliable local point of contact for complex or multi-stage relocations
- Pre-arrival support packages where applicable
- Professional communication and documentation for agent portfolios

Visa Consultants & Immigration Advisors

- Flexible pre-arrival accommodation support where applicable for visa applicants
- Professional documentation frameworks aligned with Belgian accreditation
- Direct communication with consultants to support client onboarding
- Consistent and dependable follow-through on accommodation coordination

LET'S BUILD SOMETHING TOGETHER

We believe that the quality of a student's first weeks in Brussels sets the tone for their entire experience in Belgium. Our ambition is to ensure that experience begins with clarity, confidence, and the reassurance of a trusted local partner.

Whether you represent a university international office, a student mobility programme, an education agency, or a relocation consultancy — we would welcome the opportunity to understand your needs and explore how Brussels International Housing can complement your work.

We are not looking for volume. We are looking for **the right partnerships** — built on shared values of trust, professionalism, and genuine care for the students and professionals we collectively serve.

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Local Expertise

Flexibility

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