



# SURVIVAL GUIDE

2022-2023

## RESUME

This survival guide will provide you a lot of information that will be useful in the new adventure you have decided to lead here in Louvain-la-Neuve.

Welcome in Belgium and we hope you'll enjoy your stay here!

## ESN

Louvain-la-Neuve

# Who are we ?



## Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

The Erasmus Student Network is the biggest student organization in Europe. ESN is currently present in almost 500 Higher Education Institutions in 41 countries, with more than 14.000 active members offering services to over 190.000 students on a volunteer basis each year. ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing the student exchange from different levels.

In practice, ESN sections are there to welcome international students, help them if needed and facilitate their social and practical integration in their new environment by organizing activities and creating opportunities for cultural exchange, while contributing to the improvement and accessibility of student mobility in general.

## ESN Louvain-la-Neuve

ESN Louvain-la-Neuve is one of the 18 ESN sections in Belgium. It was founded back in 2005 and has grown and evolved a lot since then. Our Team currently counts around 10 motivated members ready to welcome you and help you anytime.



Concretely, during all the year we will provide you a lot of services and we will organize many events and trips just for you!

## Where to find us ?

To get in touch with us :

✉ Email address: [esn.lln@gmail.com](mailto:esn.lln@gmail.com)

💻 Website: <https://www.esnlln.org/>

💻 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/esn.lln>

💻 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/esn.lln/>

To visit us at the office :

⊕ Place des Doyens 1, office b.225

Don't hesitate to check the explanation of Concetta on our Instagram 😊



⇒ <https://www.instagram.com/p/CVNMPoFDBRQ/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D&fbclid=IwAR3YY67SkE6Ern4hxZAI6XZy3BOrZZkm5s-Ne7eYMuJSx2qjPWshqCeMnbo>

# Presentation of our board members

## **Martina Fanti** (president)



I'm Martina, I'm the current President of ESN Louvain-la-Neuve. I'm from Italy but I was born in Belgium. I'm 22 and I am starting my Master in Criminology.

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[president@esnln.org](mailto:president@esnln.org)

## **Rayan Bouhlal** (vice-president)

Hi everyone! I introduce myself: my name is Rayan, I'm 26 years old and I'm from Brussels.

I study Law in a Master degree in "civil and criminal justice" and I draft my thesis in Social

health Law. I'm also the actual Vice president of ESN Louvain-la-neuve section and I was a

member of the Team Events last year.

I'm an openminded and also a people person, I love to meet people from all over the world to

discover their culture and exchange. About my hobby, I like doing sport (mainly fitness),

listening to music (Latin and Hip-Hop), dancing and talking about politics, philosophy and



sociology.

It's a great pleasure for me to be able to help all international students in their Erasmus/International program, so don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions!

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**Anne-Charlotte Calozet** (communication manager)



Hello everyone! My name is Anne-Charlotte and I'm 24 years old. I'm currently studying multilingual communication in English and in Dutch. I have a bachelor's degree in Italians and English. I also spent a year abroad in the USA after high school. I like traveling, discovering new cultures and meeting new people. I also loooooove playing tennis! If you want to play one day in Louvain-la-Neuve, don't hesitate to contact me! What do I like to do in my spare time in Louvain-la-Neuve? get a coffee or a drink with friends, go for a walk or shopping. Don't hesitate if you have any questions or if you just want to talk! See you soon 😊

You can contact me on :

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## **Amélie Sturbois** (local representative)

Hello ! I'm super excited to be the local representative this year. I was already part of ESN last year as a member of the team trips and I'm delighted to be able to repeat the experience with ESN.

I'm in my second year of a master's degree in History (and more precisely in Roman Antiquity), so don't hesitate to come to me for any historical anecdotes about the city or the University! Don't worry, I'm not JUST a bookworm, I also like to go out and meet new people, so if you're in the mood to go out for a drink or a bite to eat, I'm free 😊



You're welcome to contact me for any question :

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## **Francesco Pedaci** (treasurer)

Hi everyone! I'm Francesco and I'm from Italy, where I study Diplomatic and International Sciences. I am currently undertaking an Erasmus+ programme at UCLouvain, thus I can provide you with all the information you need to make the most out of the experience!

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*I hope that these brief descriptions have allowed you to know a little more about the board members of ESN Louvain-la-Neuve. We are all very much looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you !'*

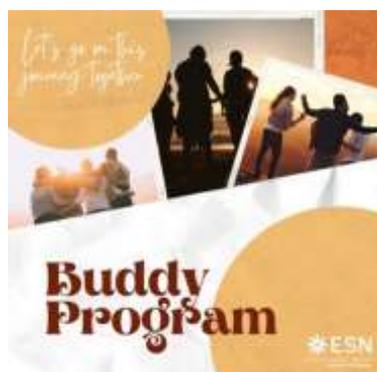
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<sup>1</sup> We are in the middle of recruiting for our different teams, that's why we have only introduced you to the board members. BUT don't worry, they will arrive more motivated than ever to give you a crazy semester.

# Presentation of the teams and their activities

## Team communication

This team gathers the members who manage all the social networks of ESN LLN. It is thanks to them that you are kept informed of everything that happens in the association and that they make all these beautiful designs.



If you haven't already done so, come and join us soon:

- 📄 Website: <https://www.esnlln.org/>
- 📄 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/esn.lln>
- 📄 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/esn.lln/>
- 📄 Official WhatsApp group :  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KTx6CF2lU446aozQ49miC5>

## Team events

This team organize different events for you during the whole year, these events aim to make you meet new people, to discover Belgian culture and most of all, to have fun!

Some of these events have become iconic, such as the belgian dinner, which brings together all erasmus students for a dinner of only Belgian specialities cooked by ESN LLN members, or our famous game night.

### Belgian dinner 2022 :



### Game night 2022 :



⇒ They are preparing a crazy programme for the welcome week (5-11<sup>th</sup> February) and the rest of the year, so stay tuned!



## Team language

Our team language organizes weekly French classes appropriate for beginners, you are welcome to join for free!

Here is the link if you want to register in advance :

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPSWKG8j3ofyS5polCG-UTcWVZVTIGvy4pC3cgOvsvXgM-PA/viewform>



No reservations needed, but if there are too many people, those who have made a reservation will be given priority !

## Team trips

The team organizes trips for you to discover our Belgian country in a fun and friendly way. They choose a destination among the different cities in Belgium and they organize everything for you in advance, you just need to enjoy !

Here are the first trip organised during this semester<sup>2</sup>, more information will be available over the months on our social networks so keep your eyes open 😊

🚗 February 11<sup>th</sup> : **Bruxelles**

Bruxelles 2022 :



Aachen 2022 :



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<sup>2</sup> Subject to change

# ESN card

## What is it ?

The ESNcard is the membership card of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN). It gives you access to all the services offered by ESN and all our partners (local or international). The aim of the ESNcard - or ESN membership - is to support international students and trainees and give them access to affordable opportunities during their period abroad.

With the ESNcard, you will enjoy plenty of discounts - housing, sport, food, bars, etc.- all over Europe. You will also have the opportunity to participate in hundreds of events with your ESN section and other sections around your destination country, and even beyond, for the period of your membership<sup>3</sup>.

## How it works?



### GET YOUR ESNcard

at our  
office.



### REGISTER

at [ESNcard.org](https://www.esncard.org)



### READY TO ROCK!

check discounts  
[here](#).

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<sup>3</sup> For more information about our partners you can check our social media.

# Weshre

WeShre is a mobile app that connects users in real life by allowing them to participate in small private parties, experiences and sports gatherings organised by other users and to organise and propose their own private events. The idea is to have a platform to find events between private individuals and easily meet new people. You just arrived in a new city or university and want to meet new people, you want to share moments and your passion with others or you just need a tool to ease the organisation of your events, WeShre is all of this in one.

ESN Louvain-la-Neuve will use this application and it would allow us to organize our events and propose them to you but also offer you a tool to organize your own events and propose them to any other students. WeShre want to create a community where Erasmus students can find all the events of their ESN entities and of all other ESN sections in the country but also all private events organized by other Erasmus or local students.

WeShre introduces a social network with real social connection and a new way to experience your social life. Meeting new friends has never been so easy. The interest of all social platforms is to keep their users engaged for as much time as possible which is a major factor in the decline of social life. The point of WeShre is not to be on the app but to share real moments among users. WeShre offers users real social experiences via their own events but also provides them with all the necessary tools to organise and participate in an event.

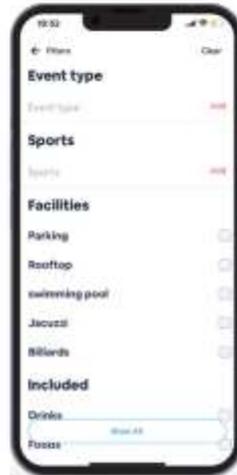


# | HOMEPAGE



## 1. EVENTS

On the homepage, you can find all the events on the app. The events are classified into different categories: Nearby; Discover; Going on; ESN Group; Your Group; Favorites



## 2. FILTERS

You can specify your research with the filters. Choose the type of event, the time, the sport you want to play, the spoken languages, facilities, what's included, etc...



## 3. MAP

You can also make your search via the map. The precise address won't be disclosed until you've been accepted by the organiser.



SEE YOU ON THE APP



# Buddy system

You are an exchange student and you'll soon arrive in Louvain-la-Neuve? Do you know that you can have a godfather/godmother #buddy?

A buddy, it's someone who will :

- Answer your questions and welcome you when you arrive
- Show you the city and the university
- Help you with administrative tasks (such as finding an accommodation)
- Make you discover the student's life in Louvain-la-Neuve

In short, your buddy will support you in your first steps in our amazing city. If you are interested, fill in the form to be matched with a buddy.

Here is the link if you want to register: <https://buddysystem.eu/en/>



# How to reach Louvain-la-Neuve from the airport ?

## From Brussels Airport :

Go to the train station situated under the airport (simply follow the arrows and take the elevator to -1 floor).

Buy a train ticket to Louvain-la-Neuve at the ticket office or at the vending machine. Be careful; if you want to visit Brussels before going to Louvain-la-Neuve, you need to buy two different tickets: one from Brussels National Airport to one of the Brussels train station and another one from Brussels to Louvain-la-Neuve. If you plan to go directly to Louvain-la-Neuve, you only need one ticket.

Once you have your ticket, you can take the first train to one of the Brussels train station or Leuven. Then, you need to take a connection to Ottignies and finally take the train to Louvain-la-Neuve.

## From Charleroi Airport :

Go to the bus stop (turn left after getting out of the airport), buy a bus ticket to Charleroi-Sud train station.

Buy a train ticket to Louvain-la-Neuve at the ticket office or at the vending machine. Once you have your ticket, you can take the first train to Ottignies and then take the train to Louvain-la-Neuve.

⇒ Be careful !

When you take your ticket, you need to take one to Louvain-la-Neuve not Louvain, it's not the same city.



# What you need to know about public transportation

 Bus and subway :

All you need to know is on the TEC website (<https://www.letec.be>)

 Train :

All you need to know is on the SNCB website (<https://www.belgiantrain.be>)

# Where to park in Louvain-la-Neuve

## In front of your accommodation:

Some accommodation offer a parking space included in the price. To find out, just look at the advertisement or ask your landlords directly about the parking facilities around your accommodation.

## With the UCLouvain sticker:

When you enroll at the University, you receive a sticker that allows you to use some of UCLouvain parking lots.

## At the paid parking lots:

In the center of the city, you can also find paid parking lots from the city or the University. If you want to subscribe to these parking lots go to UCLouvain website.

- ⇒ If you want to know where you can find these different kinds of parking space: <https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/access-louvain-la-neuve.html#parking>



## You don't have accommodation yet?

### What do you need to know before?

First of all, it's important for you to make the difference between Louvain-la-Neuve and Louvain (Leuven in Dutch). These are two different cities and the UCLouvain campus is located in Louvain-la-Neuve.

UCLouvain is present on different campuses in Belgium depending on the faculty in which you register.

- **Louvain-la-Neuve:** EPL, AGRO, LOCI, SC, DRT, FIAL, PSP, TECO, ESPO, LSM and FSM.
- **Bruxelles-Woluwe:** MEDE, FASB and FSP.
- **FUCAM-Mons:** LSM and ESPO.
- **Bruxelles- Saint-Gilles:** LOCI.
- **Tournai:** LOCI.
- **Charleroi:** Bachelor of Computer Science and Master of Management Science.

Louvain-la-Neuve is divided in different districts ( <https://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/logement/plan-des-quartiers.html> ):

- **The city center:**  
It consists of the two main squares (Grand Place and Place de l'Université) and surroundings. What is great about the city center is its proximity with the bars and the nightlife; the downside though, is the noise that can be caused by parties.
- **Hocaille:**  
It consists of the area between and surrounding the Saint-François church and the sport center. It is a bit more quiet than the city center,

but it can take up to fifteen minutes' walk to reach Grand Place. There are some nearby places to eat and a small shop in this district.

- **Bruyères:**

This district covers the southwestern area of LLN. In the upper parts of Bruyères, the majority of the inhabitants are families. The risk of being awoken in the middle of the night is thus smaller there.

- **Biéreau:**

This district holds the science auditoriums and the main party places in the city (next to Place des Sciences). This area can thus get quite loud almost on a daily basis during weekdays.

- **Lauzelle:**

This district is located in the northern part of LLN and is almost exclusively residential. It is relatively quiet compared to the other parts of the city.

## But, how to find accommodation?

There are 3 different ways:

- **UCLogement** (Rue de la gare, 6):  
<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/accomodation/about.html>
- **Housing agencies** (best if you are staying the whole year):  
<https://immo.vlan.be/en/directory/agency/1348/louvain-la-neuve>
- **Facebook groups** like “Recherche kot/appartement/colocation à Louvain-la-Neuve”, “Louvain la Neuve recherche kot appartement colocation”, “Louvain la Neuve A LOUER” or “Colocations LLN Louvain la Neuve - kot commu”.

# Phone operators

## Base:

Store Address: Rue Charlemagne 16, Local 133, 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve. Open from Monday to Saturday, from 10 AM to 7 PM.

 <https://www.base.be/en/private.html>

<b>15 € / month</b>	<b>5 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone  <b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)  <b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone <b>Free Data Day, mobile internet is free the first day of each month</b>
<b>20 € / month</b>	<b>10 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone  <b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)  <b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone <b>Free Data Day, mobile internet is free the first day of each month</b>
<b>30 € / month</b>	<b>22 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone  <b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)  <b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone <b>Free Data Day, mobile internet is free the first day of each month</b>
<b>35 € / month</b>	<b>70 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone

	<p><b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)</p> <p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>Free Data Day</b>, mobile internet is free the first day of each month</p>
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## Proximus:

Store address : Rue Charlemagne 31, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve . Open from Monday to Saturday, from 10 AM to 7 PM.

 [https://www.proximus.be/en/id\\_catr\\_m/personal/mobile.html](https://www.proximus.be/en/id_catr_m/personal/mobile.html)

<p><b>15,99 € /month</b></p>	<p><b>2 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>120 minutes</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone) <b>except for communications from Belgium to abroad</b></p> <p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone <b>except for communications from Belgium to abroad</b></p> <p><b>Unlimited surfing</b> on your <b>favorite app</b> (Choose a favorite app from Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Facebook and Messenger. WhatsApp is enabled by default)</p>
<p><b>26,99 € / month</b></p> <p>(deal: 19,99 € / month for 6 months)</p> <p><b>/\ Promotional discount only available online AND for new mobile subscriptions /\</b></p>	<p><b>10 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone) <b>except for communications from Belgium to abroad</b></p>

	<p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone <b>except for communications from Belgium to abroad</b></p> <p><b>Unlimited surfing</b> on your <b>favorite app</b> (Choose a favorite app from Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Facebook and Messenger. WhatsApp is enabled by default)</p>
<p><b>42,99 € / month</b> (deal: 29,99 € / month for 6 months)</p> <p><b>!\ Promotional discount only available online AND for new mobile subscriptions /\</b></p>	<p><b>50 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone) <b>except for communications from Belgium to abroad</b></p> <p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone <b>except for communications from Belgium to abroad</b></p>

## Orange:

Store address : Place de l'Accueil 10, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve. Open from Monday to Saturday, from 10 AM to 8 PM.

 <https://eshop.orange.be/fr/mobile/abonnements-gsm>

<p><b>11 € / month</b></p>	<p><b>2 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>150 minutes</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)</p> <p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone</p>
<p><b>21 € / month</b> (deal: 16 €/month for the duration of your contract)</p> <p><b>!\ SPECIAL EDITION: Promotional discount only</b></p>	<p><b>11 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)</p>

<p><b>available online AND for new mobile subscriptions !\</b></p>	<p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone</p>
<p><b>32 € / month</b></p>	<p><b>17 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone</p> <p><b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)</p> <p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone</p>
<p><b>43 € / month</b> (deal: 33 €/month for the duration of your contract)</p> <p><b>!\ SPECIAL EDITION: Promotional discount only available online AND for new mobile subscriptions !\</b></p>	<p><b>70 GB</b> data usage in Belgium and the EU-zone (beyond 40 GB you continue to surf at the price of 0,002178 €/MB in the EU-zone)</p> <p><b>Unlimited calls</b> to all numbers in Belgium (also valid in the EU zone)</p> <p><b>Unlimited texting</b> in Belgium and the EU-zone</p>



## Life in Louvain-la-Neuve

Now that you have settled in, time to learn more about your university and your new city!

### History of the city

#### From a quarrel

Louvain-la-Neuve is a student city located 30 km southeast of Brussels in the province of Walloon Brabant, in the French-speaking part of Belgium. The city was built to house the *Université Catholique de Louvain*, following linguistic quarrels that took place in Belgium during the 1960s. Dutch-speakers couldn't stand the privilege given to the French-Speaking academic staff and the perceived disdain by the local French-Speaking community anymore. Tensions rose and students went down to the street demonstrating under the slogan "*Walen buiten*" ("Walloons out"). They were demanding the division of the French-speaking part and the Dutch-speaking part of the university.

In June 1968, the dispute was resolved by turning the Dutch-language section of the university into the independent *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*, which remained in Leuven. The French-speaking university, called *Université Catholique de Louvain*, was moved to a greenfield campus called Louvain-la-Neuve ("New Leuven").



## **Louvain-la-Neuve's early days**

The university authorities agreed to build their new city on the territory of Ottignies in the French-speaking part of the province of Brabant. At that time, there were only a few farms and houses gathered in the hamlet of La Baraque. Most of the site was covered by beetroot fields and swamps. The construction started on 20 January 1969 and the first inhabitants arrived in 1972.

The town was created with the sole purpose of hosting the *Université Catholique de Louvain*. A particularity of this city is that the center is built on a gigantic concrete slab, with all motorised traffic travelling underground, which allows most of the ground level of the city centre to be pedestrian.

## **Growth of the city**

Louvain-la-Neuve is now a thriving, growing city. Construction work is constant. Over the last 15 years, a cinema, a show, a congress hall (Aula Magna), a shopping centre (L'Esplanade) and a shopping street (rue Charlemagne) have been built. A new residential neighbourhood have also been erected in the city centre lately (Courbevoie).

## Culture and arts

Louvain-la-Neuve has also become a considerable cultural centre.

The city has two main theatres: Théâtre du blocry and Atelier/Théâtre Jean Vilar.

→ <https://www.out.be/fr/lieux/378/theatre-blocry/list/>

→ <https://levilar.be/>

LLN also host one of the biggest show hall in Wallonia: Aula Magna, in which congresses, fairs, theatre shows and other events regularly take place.

→ <http://aulamagna.be/>

The city has two museums: Musée Hergé and Musée de Louvain-la-Neuve (Musée L). The former is dedicated to the creator of the famous Belgian comics hero Tintin, the second, hosts different exhibitions as well as historical and art objects.

→ <https://www.museeherge.com/en>

→ <https://museel.be/en>

## Events/Party



LLN is also known for the “24h vélo” (24h bicycle), an event that takes place once a year in October and that attracts a high number of visitors (mainly students) from several cities or even countries around the world. There is a bike race, but also many concerts in the different squares of the city.

Another great event in Louvain-la-Neuve is the *Welcome Spring Festival*. It is generally held in March or April. During the afternoon and evening, concerts take place on the main squares of the city. Playful activities are also set up for the younger ones.



### How to daily party in Louvain-la-Neuve



What do you know about parties in Belgium and in LLN? You probably don't realize what is waiting for you here!

The main associations that organize parties in LLN are the student circles or regionals. Every evening of the week, at least one circle/regional organizes a party.

If you are planning to party in these places, we advise you to bring old pieces of clothing to use only for these occasions (trousers, a hoodie and rain boots or shoes that you will never use again). This is not a joke! Beer is quite cheap in this kind of parties (around 1.5€ for 25cl.).

## The key place to know

### **Blocry**

It's the sport centre of LLN. Thanks to the sport card, students can have access to a very wide range of sport courses for only 50€ per year. If you are interested in this opportunity, you can simply ask about it when registering at the University or go to the sport service website (<https://uclouvain.be/en/study/sport>). Note that the price of the sport card is 50€/year regardless of the length of your stay, and will thus not be reduced if you are only staying one semester.

### **Galilée and Sablon**

UCLouvain have two restaurants in self-service where you can find a variety of dishes at a democratic price (3.60 euros with your student card). The menu is published every week on their Facebook page (Restaurants Universitaires UCLouvain) or on the website (<https://uclouvain.be/en/discover/resto-u>).

### **La Casa**

Legendary parties, unbelievable stories, drunk people and good music. This is how we can sum up La Casa. This famous party place is located next to Place des Sciences and is known as the place to go on Thursday night during the first weeks of the semester. It is very popular among students and it has its own (quite particular) charm. You are wearing your boots, hoodie and old jeans? You are ready for one of the nights of your life!

### **L'Esplanade**

The best place to go shopping in LLN is l'Esplanade (shopping centre). It has a fair number of clothing shops and some others where you can find furniture. You can also find a number of shops in Rue Charlemagne.

## **For groceries**

Delhaize L'Esplanade: This is the biggest grocery store in LLN. It is located on -1 floor of Esplanade (shopping center). You will normally find everything you need for cooking.

Proxy Delhaize: This smaller Delhaize is located on Grand Rue next to Place de l'Université.

Louis Delhaize Hocaille: This store is located in the district of Hocaille. The prices are higher, but it is open every single day of the week and you should find what you need for a meal. It is situated near the swimming pool (in rue du Lac).

Proxy Delhaize Place des Wallons : This store is located : Place de Wallons 26a. Prices are higher, but you will find what you need for a meal. It is opened from Sunday till Thursday 8AM – 8PM and Fridays 8AM-9PM.

Spar: This store is located in rue Charlemagne (next to Grand Place) and offers a comprehensive selection of products at a reasonable price. It is also open every day except on Saturdays.

Aldi: Aldi isn't located right in the centre but to get some low-price items it's the right sport to go to.

Près de chez soi: This is a corner store located at Place de l'Equerre in the Bruyères neighbourhood. The goods are usually more expensive there than in bigger stores, but it is open almost every day and it closes later than larger stores.

## **The laundry**

- Les Ateliers du Linge: rue Rabelais, 11-13
- Sec Shop (also for dry cleaning): rue des Wallons, 11
- Lavoir de l'Ondine: place des Ondines, 12

## Bank

- BNP Paribas Fortis: Place de l'Université, 6
- ING: Rue des Wallons, 2
- Belfius: Place de l'Université, 34

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