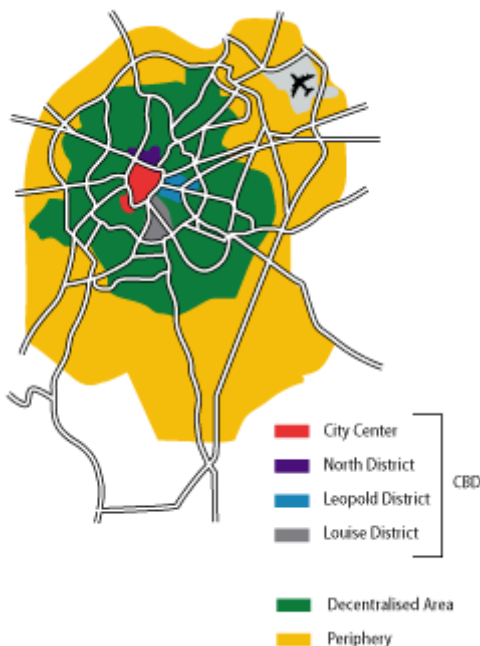


## Activity zones of Brussels

### » Five office zones

Like many other cities, Brussels has a primarily service driven economy. L'infrastructure de la ville s'y prête d'ailleurs bien vu le nombre important d'immeubles de bureaux qui ont été spécialement développés à l'attention des travailleurs à col blanc.

Brussels also is a centre of industry, as it has been for over a century. Manufacturing and production of goods are concentrated in specific areas and receive strong support from the Brussels Capital Region.



- The "**Pentagone**" is the name given to the **inner city of Brussels**. It is easily accessible by public transport and contains the major hotels and shopping districts. This is where the government, big businesses and the large financial institutions have their offices.
- The "**North District**" is a few minutes walk from the city centre. The area around Brussels' Nord station was targeted for development ten years ago and has become a prime location for headquarters of large multinational corporations, as well as Belgian companies.
- Brussels, **capital of l'Europe**, has expanded into the "**Quartier Léopold**". This is where EU institutions, as well as embassies and NGOs are housed.

- The "**Quartier Louise**", is considered the poshest shopping district in the capital, and houses some of the most prestigious businesses in Europe. This long beautiful avenue extends all the way to the Bois de Cambre and offers the most expensive residential neighborhood, upmarket department stores. Here you will also find law firms, PR companies, advertising agencies and other service-orientated companies.
- Other **decentralised areas** that suit a company headquarters or regional office, are spread out primarily along the Boulevard du Souverain, Chaussée de la Hulpe or Boulevard du Triomphe.



## » The industrial zones

Industrial companies and warehouses are largely situated in the urban industrial zones, made of the Erasme area (West of Brussels), the North Ring area and the Brussels harbour zone.

These areas are defined by the Regional Ground Plan ([www.pras.irisnet.be](http://www.pras.irisnet.be) - only French version)

In all these areas, the Brussels Regional Development Agency ([www.sdrb.irisnet.be](http://www.sdrb.irisnet.be)) develops and manages industrial buildings, available to companies, under certain conditions, at very competitive rates.