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One of Luxembourg's key characteristics is its geographical location: located in the heart of Western Europe between France, Belgium and Germany, Luxembourg is in close proximity to a number of large cities. London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Zurich and Berlin are all less than two hours away by plane.

Findel, Luxembourg's airport, is 15 minutes from Luxembourg City centre, making it possible to reach over 75 destinations quickly. Several daily flights connect Luxembourg to London, Frankfurt and Paris, providing quick and easy connections to Europe's most important financial centres.

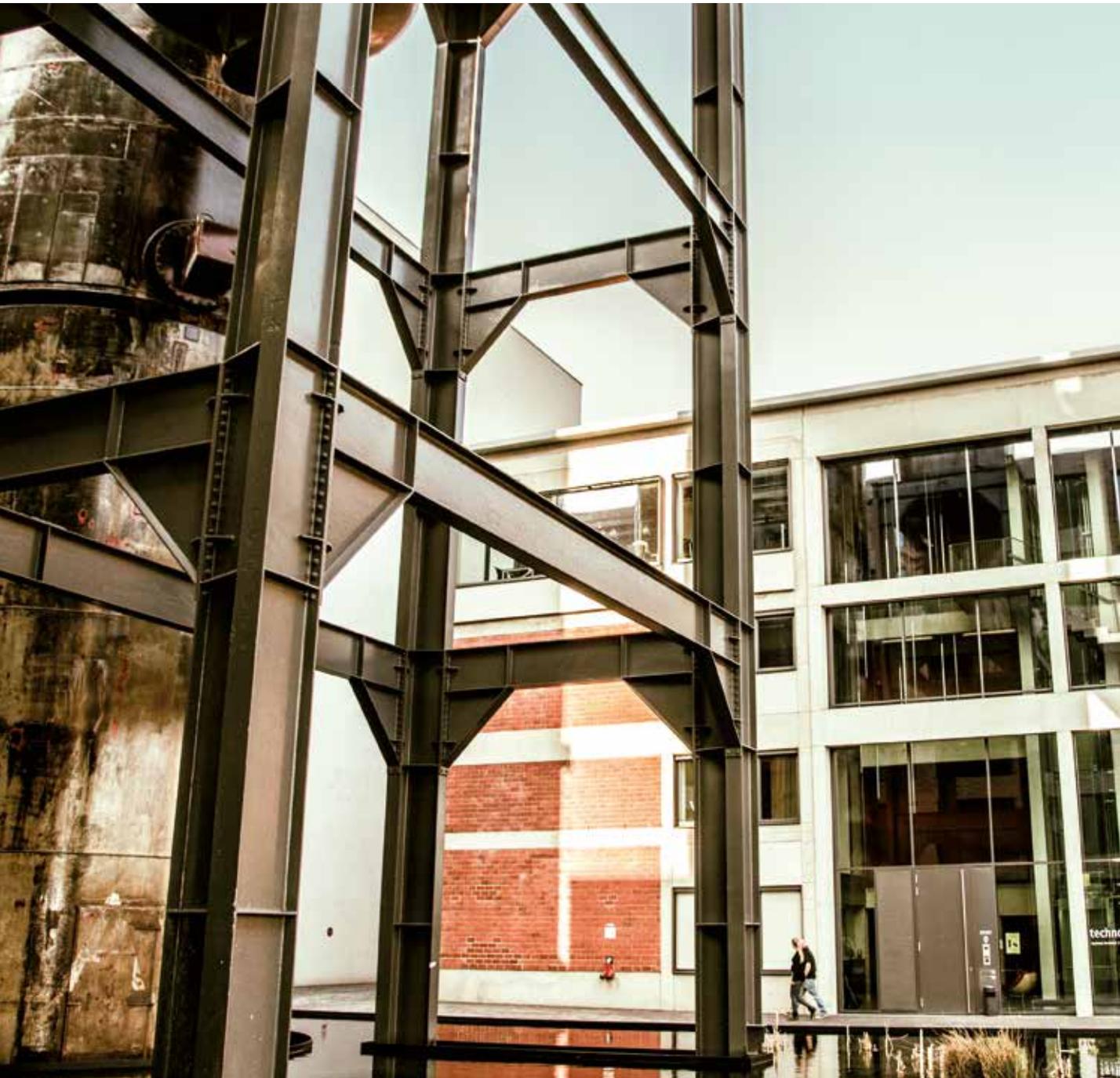
The country has excellent road and rail infrastructure. The railway network is efficient and extremely well-connected to major European hubs, making travelling to Paris, Frankfurt or Brussels simple. Paris is only two hours and ten minutes from Luxembourg on the East European High-Speed line.

Luxembourg is one of the capitals of the European Union. Over a dozen important institutions are based here, including the European Court of Auditors, the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Investment Fund (EIF), the Secretariat-General of the European Parliament, various departments of the European Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union, Eurostat (the EU's statistical office), the Publications Office of the European Union, the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association Court, the European Public Prosecutor's Office, and the EuroHPC.



Nearly 4.5 million travellers pass through Luxembourg's airport each year.

A FAVOURABLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT



As a democratic constitutional monarchy with a particularly open economy, Luxembourg combines social and political stability with relatively low unemployment, a multicultural workforce, and a government committed to diversifying the economy. The state actively supports research and has numerous policies designed to encourage investors and entrepreneurs.

Home to more than 170 nationalities

The diverse origins of Luxembourg's inhabitants is one of the remarkable characteristics of the country.

Almost 48% of Luxembourg's residents are of foreign origin, accounting for 296,465 people out of a total population of 626,108 (STATEC, 31 December 2019). In the capital, the percentage of foreigners is nearly 70%.

The largest foreign communities in Luxembourg are:

Portuguese	95,057
French	47,805
Italian	22,996
Belgian	19,823
German	12,849

Despite the high percentage of foreign residents, intercultural tensions are virtually non-existent in Luxembourg. This is one of the essential characteristics of Luxembourg's cultural integration model.

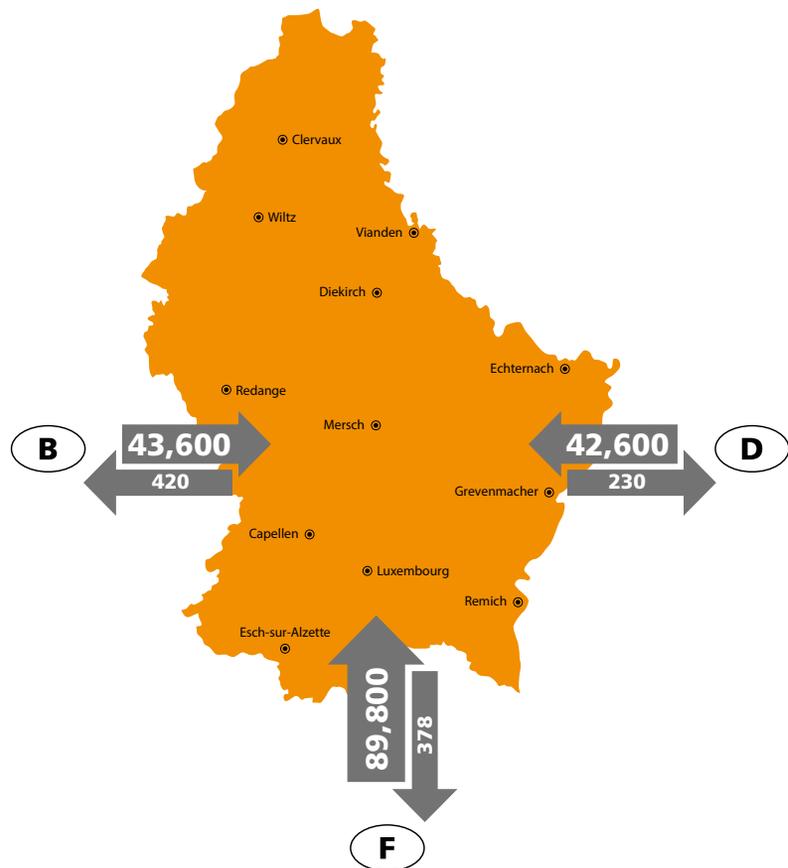


House of Startups - Luxembourg-Gare

The Technoport in Esch-sur-Alzette features a tech-startup incubator, co-working spaces and a laboratory for manufacturing prototypes.

A country open wide to the world

The unique demography of Luxembourg, together with its geographical location, affects the employment market. The foreign workforce, which accounts for 73.5% of domestic employment, is the result of immigration (foreign residents), and a high percentage of cross-border workers (46%), who commute to Luxembourg each day from their country of residence (STATEC).



*Flow of cross-border workers
(Source: Statistiques en bref,
Greater Region, 2018)*

The Luxembourg economy, similar to those of other small countries throughout the world, is very much outward-looking. *The Open Markets Index 2017*, published by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), ranks Luxembourg 3rd out of the 75 countries listed, behind Singapore and Hong Kong, with all three countries obtaining an 'excellent' rating. The ranking takes into account openness to international trade, foreign trade policies, the level of foreign investment, and the ease of carrying out import-export procedures.

Luxembourg exports 61% of its goods and services output. A sound framework of policy incentives also attracts a great deal of foreign investment: large industrial and commercial groups base their production and distribution centres in Luxembourg.



*ArcelorMittal plant,
Esch-sur-Alzette*

An efficient and diversified manufacturing ecosystem

The country has a strong manufacturing tradition, evident from the presence of several headquarters of major international groups. Luxembourg hosts a diverse range of industries, including steel and metal processing, chemicals, materials and plastics, electricity, electronics and more. Altogether, they account for roughly 6.5% of the GDP and 8.1% of domestic employment.

The Luxembourg economy is dominated by the service sector, with it accounting for 87.3% of GDP, 85% of exports and 80.5% of jobs. This has largely been driven by the continued growth of the financial sector. The Grand Duchy has 126 banks (source: CSSF, April 2020), is the 18th largest international financial centre (source: Global Financial Centres Index, September 2019), is second largest global investment fund centre behind the USA and is a leading provider of private banking services. Luxembourg is also a global leader in sustainable investment funds and home to the world's first platform dedicated to green securities. Luxembourg continues to diversify its financial sector by developing expertise in new areas such as Islamic finance, microfinance, philanthropy, socially responsible investments and Green Bonds.

Aware of the risks associated with an insufficiently diversified economy, Luxembourg's public authorities have adopted a multi-specialisation strategy. This has brought about the rapid expansion of some sectors of the tertiary economy. For example, the logistics sector (featuring cargo handlers and transporters, logistics service providers, etc.) employs 12,500 people in 720 companies (source: STATEC). It is also a highly innovative sector, developing urban logistics, green logistics, as well as high value-added solutions. The economy has also diversified into media and information and communication technology (SES, RTL Group, Microsoft, Siemens, Skype, Amazon), new health technologies (storage and analysis of biomedical samples, personalised medicine...), and green technology (construction, renewable energy, waste management, electro-mobility). To support this effort, Luxembourg is investing heavily in research and development and the promotion of innovation, as illustrated by the recent expansion of the University of Luxembourg and the public research centres (Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology, Luxembourg Institute of Health, and Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research).

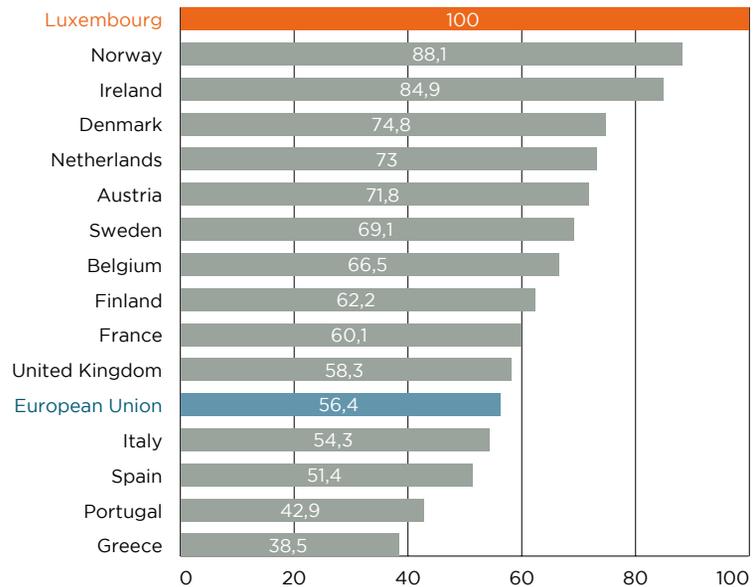
Gross national income per capita in purchasing power parity terms, 2019

(Luxembourg = base 100)

(Source: AMECO macroeconomic database, European Commission)

One of the highest standards of living in the world

Although prices are fairly similar to those in the neighbouring countries (France, Belgium, Germany), income per capita is much higher in Luxembourg. Consequently, purchasing power is among the highest in the world.



Furthermore, the quality of life in Luxembourg is among the most highly rated, not only in Europe, but in all developed countries. The *Quality of Living Survey 2019*, conducted by Mercer Consulting, ranked Luxembourg City 18th out of 231 cities worldwide.

The same study also highlighted the particularly low crime rate in Luxembourg City, which classifies it as one of the safest cities in the world.



Amazon European Headquarters, Luxembourg-Clausen



Luxembourg-City park



1535° creative hub, Differdange



*European Convention
Center, Luxembourg-
Kirchberg*

Social and political stability

The near-total absence of strikes in Luxembourg is due to an effective system of mediation between management representatives, trade unions and the government, known as the *Tripartite*. Tripartite meetings involve representatives from each of the three groups, where participants, during disputes or economic problems of a cyclical or structural nature, attempt to reach an agreement on all matters concerning employment relations and the social safety-net.

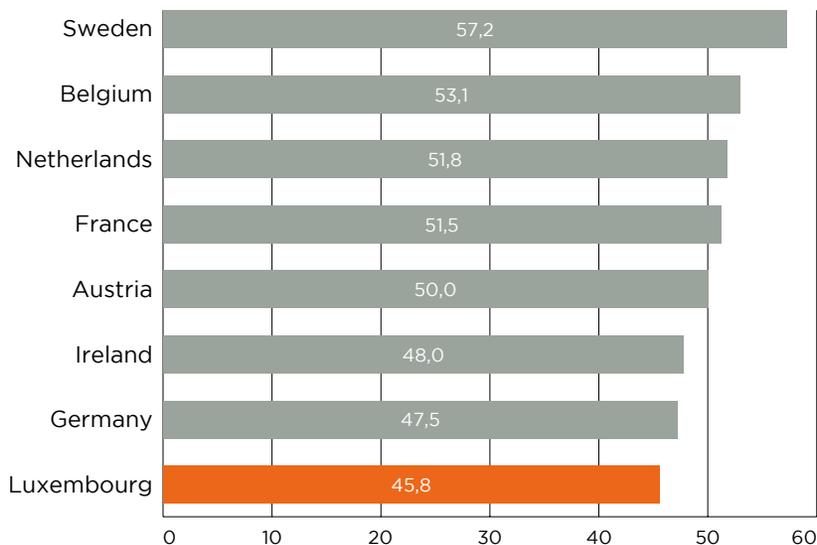
The national political system has demonstrated great stability. Politics in Luxembourg are traditionally dominated by four major parties: the Christian Social People's Party (CSV), the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP), and the Green Party (*Déi gréng*). The October 2018 elections constituted a government formed by ministers from three different parties: DP, LSAP and the Greens.

On an international level, Luxembourg has always played and continues to play an important role in the European project. Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg from 1995 to 2013, presided over the Eurogroup from 2005 to 2013, and the European Commission from 2014 to 2019. Two other former Luxembourg prime ministers, Gaston Thorn (1981-1985) and Jacques Santer (1995-1999), preceded him in this role.

A tax system designed to achieve three objectives: equity, sustainability and competitiveness

Personal taxation: Personal income tax rates are among the lowest in Europe, particularly where couples are concerned. The income tax system is based on 23 progressive brackets, with a maximum marginal tax rate of 42% since 1 January 2017 (45.78% following the integration of the employment fund (*Fonds pour l'Emploi*) solidarity tax, which stands at 9% over a certain income threshold). The tax burden in Luxembourg varies depending on a household's income and size. For example, according to an example modelled by the OECD, a married couple with two children and two salaries (of 100% and 67% of the average salary, respectively) will pay a total of 26.3% in tax and social security contributions. Indeed this figure is now lower following a recent tax reform. This compares favourably to the European Union average of 35.2%.

Property tax is also among the lowest in Europe. According to the European Commission, recurrent taxes on property assets amounted to 0.1% of the GDP in Luxembourg in 2014, as opposed to 1.4% across the eurozone as a whole.



Maximum rate of income tax on individuals (2019)

(Source: European Commission)

Business taxation: The standard rate of corporate taxation decreased from 29.22% to 26.01% at the beginning of 2018 as a result of a tax reform. This rate is a combination of several elements, including a corporate income tax (IRC), and a solidarity tax feeding into the employment fund, in addition to the communal business tax set by each local authority.

With 126 banking institutions (pictured here: the Bank of Luxembourg), Luxembourg ranks 18th among the most important international financial centres.



VAT

Since 1 January 2015, the standard VAT rate has been 17% - the lowest in the EU (compared to 18% in Malta and 19% in Cyprus, Romania and Germany). Intermediate rates of 14% also apply (notably on custodian and securities management fees), a reduced rate of 8% (on certain energy supplies in particular) and a so-called 'super-reduced' rate of 3% (on most food products, food services, books and medicines, among other things). Furthermore, a 'housing' VAT rate of 3% is applied when purchasing a main residence or having renovation work carried out.

Excise and similar duties are also generally more favourable than in other countries.

Tax information

Administration des Contributions Directes (Luxembourg Direct Tax Authority)

45, boulevard Roosevelt
L-2982 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 40 800-1
www.impotsdirects.public.lu

Administration des Douanes et Accises (Luxembourg Customs and Excise Authority)

22, rue de Bitbourg
L-1273 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 28 18 28 18
E-mail: douanes@do.etat.lu
www.douanes.public.lu

Administration de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines (Luxembourg Registry Department)

1-3 avenue Guillaume
L-2010 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 247 80 800
E-mail: info@aed.public.lu
www.aed.public.lu

MOVING TO LUXEMBOURG



Panoramic lift, Luxembourg-Pfaffenthal

Luxembourg being a small country means it is easy to contact the authorities. Procedures are straightforward, particularly when it comes to obtaining administrative documents. In a bid to further simplify matters, Luxembourg has created a virtual one-stop-shop (www.guichet.lu) where you can consult a wide array of information and carry out essential formalities.

Declaring your arrival

Any person, regardless of nationality, who establishes their main residence in Luxembourg, must declare his or her arrival at the population registry of the local authority in their place of residence.

For Luxembourg City

Bierger-Center (Citizen drop-in centre)

Open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 5pm

44 place Guillaume II / 2, rue Notre-Dame

L-2090 Luxembourg

Tel.: (+352) 4796 2200

E-mail: bierger-center@vdl.lu



Bierger-Center, Luxembourg City

Useful tip:

Following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Brexit), British nationals are invited to consult the evolution of the situation with respect to the conditions of their entry and residence in Luxembourg here:

<https://guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/immigration/plus-3-mois/ressortissant-britannique>

Entry and residence requirements in Luxembourg Entry and residence procedures vary depending on the country of origin of the individual wanting to move to Luxembourg.

Nationals of EU member states or affiliated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) benefit from drastically simplified provisions with regard to residence, based on the principle of free movement, which entitles them to work and live in their country of choice in the EU. For stays of up to three months, there are no formalities to complete; all that is needed is a valid identity document (passport or identity card). For longer stays, individuals will need to apply for a registration certificate from the local authority in their place of residence, within three months of their arrival.

Third-country nationals are subject to stricter provisions. For stays of up to three months, third-country nationals who are subject to visa requirements must have a visa and, following their entry, either declare their arrival to the local authority in the commune where they intend to stay, or fill out an accommodation form (*fiche d'hébergement*) if they are staying at a hotel, guesthouse, etc. If an individual plans to stay for longer than three months, then they must submit a residence permit application to the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. The residence permit application can be made as an employee, a self-employed person, a sports person, a student, a pupil, an intern, a volunteer, an au pair, a researcher, a family member, or for other private reasons.



Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs - Immigration Department, Luxembourg-Merl

Obtaining a work permit

EU nationals do not need a work permit.

For **third-country nationals**, residence permits for employees are generally valid as a work permit. However, there are several exceptions to this rule, particularly for third-country nationals who already have a residence permit in another EU member state and wish to work in Luxembourg as cross-border workers. There is also a restriction on third-country nationals who wish to carry out a salaried activity during a stay of less than three months. Such individuals must obtain a work permit and request information from the Immigration Department of the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

Employers wishing to hire a third-country national must also follow a special procedure. They must first declare the position vacant to the Luxembourg Employment Development Agency (ADEM). If ADEM does not offer a suitable domestic candidate for the position within three weeks, then the employer may request a certificate from the director of ADEM entitling them to hire a person of their choice, including a third-country national.

Find out more

Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Immigration Department

26, route d'Arlon
L-2017 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 247 84 040
E-mail: immigration.public@mae.etat.lu
www.gouvernement.lu/maee

Administrative Guide to the State of Luxembourg

www.guichet.public.lu

Finding accommodation

The Luxembourg housing market is quite stretched due to increasing demand for housing and the rate of home building is failing to keep pace. Therefore, we recommend that people start thinking about housing well in advance of their relocation to Luxembourg. There are several sources of information to help.

The Luxembourg housing observatory portal (www.observatoire.liser.lu) provides information on property prices according to location, for both renting and acquisition. In fact, buying a property could be a smart decision in a market where there is rapid return on investment.

To help you find a property, there are many websites (www.athome.lu, www.immotop.lu, www.habiter.lu, www.immostar.lu, bingo.lu, etc.), estate agencies, and relocation agencies. Relocation agencies can also assist you with administrative procedures.

For comprehensive information on renting and acquisition in Luxembourg, please refer to the virtual guide on the www.guichet.public.lu website, published by the Luxembourg authorities, in the Citizens section under Housing.

Relocation agencies

Relocation agencies offer personalised advice and assistance to help expatriates. They have multilingual teams who provide logistical assistance and support in completing formalities, thus making settling down and integration in Luxembourg easier.



Grünwald district, Luxembourg - Kirchberg



The following is a non-exhaustive list of relocation agencies in Luxembourg for both individuals and companies:

AB-LUX Relocation Services Luxembourg

17, rue Saint Ulric
L-2651 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 18 76 46
E-mail: info@ab-lux.com
www.ab-lux.com

European Relocation Services

87, rue de Luxembourg
L-8077 Bertrange
Tel.: (+352) 26 64 99 22
E-mail: info@erslux.lu
www.erslux.lu

Lux Relo

Luxembourg Silversquare
21, rue Glesener
L-1631 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 691 455 025
E-mail: info@luxrel.lu
www.luxrelo.lu

Management Mobility Consulting

31, rue d'Oradour
L-2266 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 28 77 28 70
E-mail: info@relocation-luxembourg.com
www.relocation-luxembourg.com

Santa Fe Relocation Services

3, rue Luxite
L-1899 Kockelscheur
Tel.: (+352) 48 44 22
E-mail: luxembourg@santaferelo.com
www.santaferelo.com

Team Relocations

32, rue Jos Kieffer
L-4176 Esch-sur-Alzette
Tel.: (+352) 44 22 52
E-mail: lu@teamrelocations.com
www.teamrelocations.com

Registering a vehicle

Anyone wanting to import his or her car when moving to Luxembourg must register it with the Luxembourg Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency (*Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile*, SNCA) as soon as possible, and no later than six months after the arrival date declared to the commune.

When an application is submitted in Luxembourg to change the registration of a vehicle registered in another EEA member state, the roadworthiness certificate of the vehicle that had been issued by the relevant authorities in that other state will remain valid for a period that does not exceed the maximum set by Luxembourg law.

Before the administrative registration file is created, a registration number must be requested (www.guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/transports-mobilite/transports-individuels/achat-importation-vehicule-etranger/vehicule-demenagement-transfrontalier or visit the SNCA website, www.snca.lu).

The following is the complete list of documents to be submitted for the registration of a second-hand vehicle from an EU member state:

- a vehicle transaction request (downloadable form available on www.snca.lu),
- a '*Droit de Chancellerie*' registration stamp (for purchase at the SNCA offices or the Registration Duties, Estates and VAT Authority),
- an invoice (as proof of ownership) or a bill of sale signed by seller and buyer (downloadable form available on www.acl.lu/en-us/tests-conseils/conseils/voitures/contrat-de-vente),
- a valid insurance certificate (proof of civil liability insurance), issued by an insurance company licenced in Luxembourg,
- a customs document (as proof of customs clearance),
- a registration document from outside Luxembourg.

As a rule, original copies of all the above-mentioned documents must be submitted. However, a certified copy of certain documents will be accepted.

The application should be filed with the '*Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile*' (SNCA)

Tel.: +352 26 62 64 00 (registration information)

E mail: info@snca.lu

www.snca.lu

Finding a job

The Luxembourg employment market is characterised by its international and multicultural nature, which provides opportunities for everyone.

The newspaper Luxemburger Wort publishes employment advertisements every Saturday. You can also view advertisements online on a number of websites, including jobs.lu, jobstreet.lu, siliconluxembourg.lu/jobs, jobfinder.lu, monster.lu and jobs.paperjam.lu, as well as on the moovijob.com website, which is dedicated to jobs in the Greater Region.

Moovijob also organises various events every year, including the following:

- The Moovijob Tour (March) – an employment, training and careers fair,
- Unicarreers.lu (September) – a recruitment fair for young graduates,
- Plug and Work (November) – a networking and recruitment evening for those from IT and Finance.

Find out more

Agence pour le Développement de l'emploi (ADEM) (Development and Employment Agency)

Contact number for job seekers: 247 88888

E-mail: info@adem.etat.lu

www.adem.public.lu

Starting a business

One of the essential missions of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce is to foster entrepreneurship. It has thus deployed a variety of resources, including awareness campaigns (events, publications, media appearances, etc.), active support of business startups and acquisitions, and collaboration at regional, national and international levels with other organisations pursuing similar objectives.

House of Entrepreneurship

To provide its clients with improved services, the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce has set up a physical one-stop-shop, called the House of Entrepreneurship. This serves as a platform that unites all of the stakeholders involved in the value chain when it comes to setting up a business in Luxembourg, and is therefore in a position to offer a very extensive range of services that include the following:

- Implementing business creation/takeover plans,
- Managing business growth,
- Exporting,
- Supporting digital transition,
- Creating a network of social and professional contacts.



*House of Entrepreneurship,
Luxembourg-Kirchberg*

House of Startups

The House of Startups, an initiative of the Chamber of Commerce, can accommodate between 150 and 200 innovative startups in its more than 4,000m² premises. This startup support facility is also home to the following entities:

- The Luxembourg-City Incubator (LCI) – an initiative instigated by the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Luxembourg - provides support for startups in sectors such as the creative industries and social entrepreneurship, as well as opportunities for women. The incubator supports startups by hosting, offering advice, and providing training in the early stages.
- The Luxembourg House of Financial Technology (LHoFT) offers hosting and support services for companies in the FinTech sector. It also organises various initiatives designed to raise awareness of the use of new technologies within Luxembourg's financial sector.
- Hub@Luxembourg is an accelerator for innovative startups with high international growth potential.
- The International Climate Finance Accelerator Luxembourg (ICFA) is a joint initiative created by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, and nine private partners. This is a two-year acceleration programme for managers of climate funds in the startup phase.

Investing in Luxembourg

With regards to foreign investors looking to explore the possibilities that Luxembourg has to offer, on the initiative of the Ministry of the Economy, the Chamber of Commerce and Luxinnovation, the House of Entrepreneurship provides a facility known as the Investor Care Platform. It welcomes and supports businesses during their visits to Luxembourg and via tailored programmes it introduces them to the specific features and business potential of both the country and its economy.

Find out more

Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi
L-2981 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 42 39 39-1
chamcom@cc.lu
www.cc.lu

House of Entrepreneurship

14, rue Erasme
L-1468 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 42 39 39-330
info@houseofentrepreneurship.lu
www.houseofentrepreneurship.lu

House of Startups

9, rue du Laboratoire
L-1911 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 28 81 00 01
info@host.lu
www.host.lu



Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Vote in Luxembourg elections

Regardless of their nationality, foreigners can participate in communal elections (to vote for communal councillors), provided that they have been a resident of Luxembourg for at least five years. The final year of residence before the application is made must be complete, that is, uninterrupted. EU citizens can also participate in European elections for Luxembourg MEPs.

To do so, it is necessary to register on the electoral roll at least 86 days prior to the election. You must register to vote in your commune of residence (but it can also be carried out online). Registering on the electoral roll in Luxembourg does not mean that you will lose your right to vote in local elections in your country of origin. However, it is not possible to vote in the European elections in more than one EU country.

After changing address within Luxembourg, you will automatically be transferred to the electoral roll of your new commune. Since voting is compulsory in Luxembourg, you will be required to vote after having registered, unless you have been removed from the electoral registers.

Becoming a Luxembourg national

The legislation regarding Luxembourgish nationality allows for citizenship to be combined with one or more other nationalities. Therefore, it is possible to acquire Luxembourg citizenship without having to renounce one's nationality of origin, provided that the law in the country of origin permits it.

To obtain Luxembourg citizenship through naturalisation, you must:

- be an adult (18 years of age) at the time of the application.
- have resided in Luxembourg habitually and legally for at least 5 years. The last year of residence immediately preceding the application for naturalisation must have been uninterrupted.
- know Luxembourgish and be able to provide evidence of having passed a Luxembourgish language proficiency test. The level of Luxembourgish to be attained is B1 for oral comprehension and A2 for oral expression (in accordance with the Common European Reference Framework for Languages).
- have completed the *Vivre ensemble au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg* course or pass the exam on the subjects taught in the course, including: the fundamental rights of citizens, state and local institutions, and the history of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and European integration.
- have never had a criminal conviction or been imprisoned for a period of twelve months or more, or received a suspended prison sentence of twenty-four months or more.

Find out more

All information relating to Luxembourgish nationality and the acquisition thereof can be found at the following address:

www.guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/citoyennete

Nationality information line

From Luxembourg
8002 1000 (free-phone)

From abroad
(+352) 247 88 588

E-mail:
nationalite@mj.public.lu

EDUCATION AND TRAINING



St George's International School, Luxembourg-Hamm

In addition to the importance given to language instruction in its education system and numerous international schools, Luxembourg is accustomed to successfully integrating foreign pupils, and being very open to the educational opportunities in nearby countries.



In Luxembourg, compulsory schooling starts with two years of pre-school education, followed by six years in primary, and three years of secondary school (see diagram on page 26).

Basic education (pre-school and primary)

Pre-school (*d'Spillschoul*) is where the first two years of compulsory education, known as *Cycle 1*, takes place. It is for children aged four to six years. The language of pre-school education is Luxembourgish. To enrol a child in a pre-school class, they must be four years old by 1 September. Enrolment must be completed in the commune of residence.

All communes offer early education for children from the time they are three years old onwards. These optional opportunities form an integral part of *Cycle 1* and emphasise a play-learning approach that is suited to the age and needs of each child.

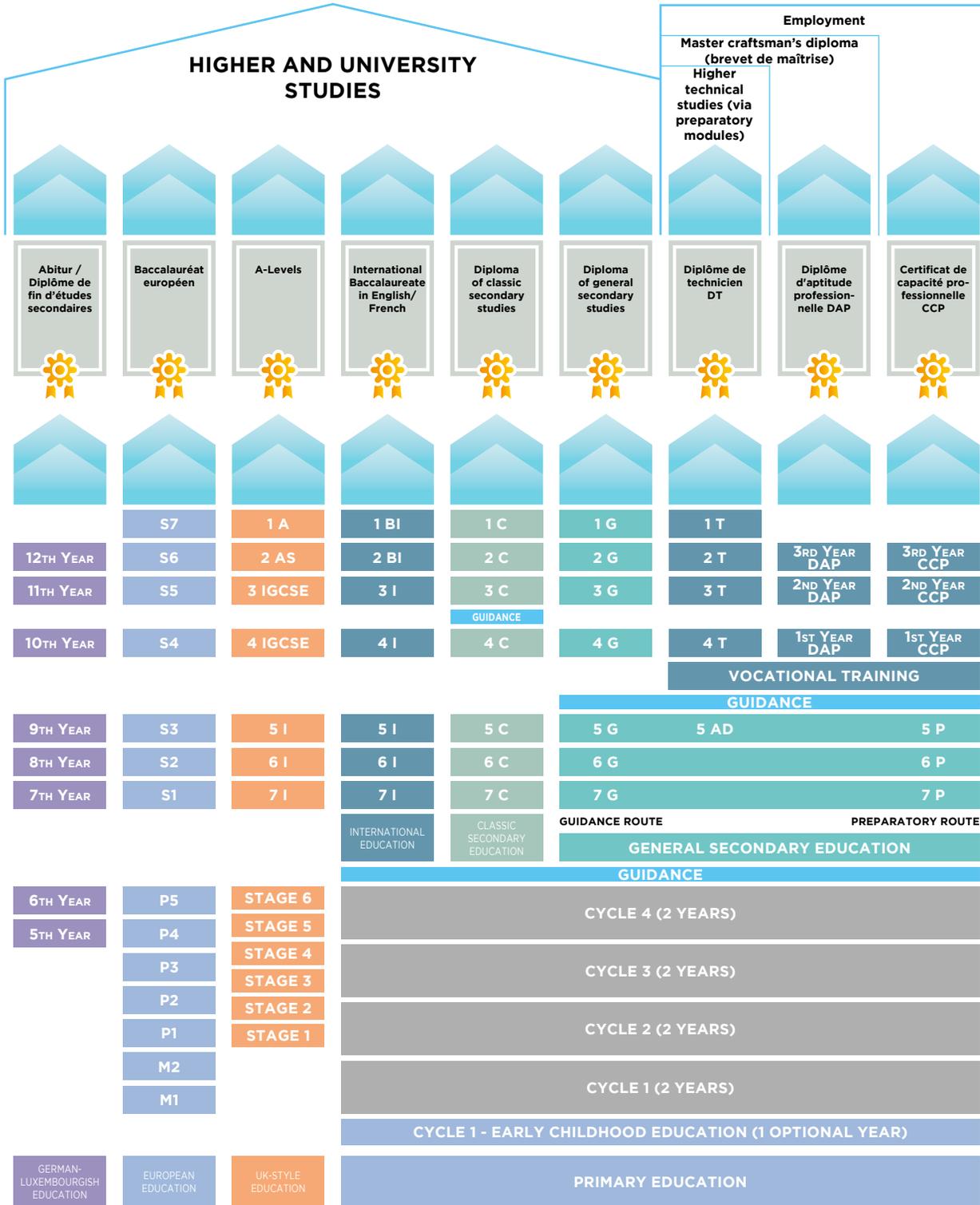
All children who are 6 years old by 1 September of the year in question must start basic education. Students are introduced to German from the first year through reading and writing in this language. French is introduced the following year, but German remains the primary language of instruction.

Since the start of the academic year 2017-2018, Lycée Michel Lucius (Luxembourg-Limpertsberg) has been offering classes in English to pupils in basic education. (www.lml.lu/int-english-classes-primary).

Alternatives to state education are offered by some private establishments (see list on page 28). Parents can enrol their child by paying tuition fees.

When enrolling their child in a private establishment, parents must inform the municipal council (*collège échevinal*) in their commune of residence and provide an enrolment certificate to demonstrate that they are fulfilling their obligation to educate their child.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG



GENERAL OVERVIEW

Useful tip

Several establishments offer international scholarships (in French, German, or English).

Find out more

<https://men.public.lu/fr/grands-dossiers/systeme-educatif/offre-internationale.html>

Secondary education

Since 2017, Luxembourg's secondary schools enjoy a certain degree of autonomy and are encouraged to adopt their own pedagogical profile through specific options, innovative projects or specialisations. They can thus develop into real skill centres. There are therefore 'future hub' high schools focused on learning technology and science, entrepreneurial schools, as well as secondary schools committed to sustainable development.

In addition to those general considerations, secondary education is divided into two categories:

- classical secondary education (ESC) involves seven years of studies and leads to a standard secondary education diploma (*diplôme de fin d'études secondaires*), which prepares students primarily for university studies.
- general secondary education (ESG), composed of different types of training that last between 6 and 8 years, depending on the chosen career path.

Vocational training

Vocational training offers around 120 professional training courses. These training courses lead to three types of diplomas: the professional competence certificate (*certificat de capacité professionnelle*, CCP), the professional aptitude diploma (*diplôme d'aptitude professionnelle*, DAP), and the technician diploma (*diplôme de technician*, DT), which gives access to higher technical studies after completing specific preparatory modules.

Classical high school - Echternach



Luxembourg has a significant number of private schools offering international or alternative education programmes. We recommend visiting the websites of the individual schools to find out more about their educational projects, academic programmes, methods of enrolment, and tuition fees.

École Européenne
(PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.euroschool.lu

International School of
Luxembourg (PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.islux.lu

*École et Lycée Français
de Luxembourg, Vauban*
(PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.vauban.lu

Schengen-Lyzeum Perl (SEC)
www.schengenlyzeum.eu

St George's International School
(PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.st-georges.lu

*École privée Notre-Dame Sainte
Sophie* (PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.saintesophie.lu

Waldorfschoul Lëtzebuerg
(PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.waldorf.lu

École privée Grandjean (SEC)
www.epg.lu

École privée Fieldgen (SEC)
www.epf.lu

École Maria Montessori
(PRE, PRI)
www.ecole-montessori.lu

École Montessori Schule
(PRE, PRI)
www.ems.lu

École Charlemagne (PRE, PRI)
www.ecole-charlemagne.org

Over the rainbow (PRE, PRI, SEC)
www.overtherainbow.lu

École Maternelle les Poussins
(PRE)
www.poussins.lu/ecoles

*Scuola materna Cattolica
Internazionale* (PRE)
www.scmi.info

*Lycée Technique Privé Emile
Metz* (SEC)
www.ltpem.lu

École Privée Sainte-Anne (SEC)
www.sainte-anne.lu

École Privée Marie-Consolatrice
(SEC)
www.epmc.lu

Find out more

**Luxembourg Ministry
of National Education,
Childhood and Youth**

Tel.: (+352) 247 85 100

E-mail: info@men.lu

www.men.lu

**Info on education in
Luxembourg:**
www.mengschoul.lu

Key: PRE = Pre-school, PRI = Primary, SEC= Secondary



The European School Luxembourg



*University of Luxembourg,
Esch-sur-Alzette*

Higher Education

University of Luxembourg

The University of Luxembourg (www.uni.lu) was founded in 2003. It is composed of three faculties:

- Faculty of Science, Technology and Medicine. Its research covers mathematics, physics, engineering, computer science, life sciences and medicine.
- Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance. Its academic programmes are organised mainly around three departments: law, finance, economics and management (which is connected to the Luxembourg Centre for Logistics and Supply Chain Management, LCL). The classes are bilingual (French/English), although a number of master's programmes are taught entirely in English.
- Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences. This faculty consists of five departments: geography and spatial planning; behavioural and cognitive sciences; education and social work; humanities; social sciences.

The University of Luxembourg is multilingual and one of the most international universities in Europe. Nationals from 125 countries attend the university, and its academic staff hails from 20 countries. The University of Luxembourg has forged partnerships with numerous universities worldwide, and each bachelor student must spend at least one semester abroad. The university also offers several cross-border or tri-national bachelor's and master's courses.

The Chamber of Commerce is a development partner of the University of Luxembourg. It has invested in the creation of a 'Business Education' option in the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance.

Find out more

University of Luxembourg Chancellor's office and administrative offices

2, avenue de l'Université
L-4365 Esch-sur-Alzette
Tel.: (+352) 46 66 44 4020
www.uni.lu



Other higher education

Luxembourg currently offers 25 courses awarding an **advanced technician's certificate** (*brevet de technicien supérieur*, BTS) that can be accessed at foundation level of higher education in the fields of business, health, industry, applied arts, arts & crafts and services. A full list of the BTS training programmes currently accredited can be found on the www.bts.lu website.

A number of private higher education institutions accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research offer **bachelor's and master's degrees**, including the following:

- The Campus of Applied Science in Wiltz allows students in Luxembourg to take courses accredited by two foreign institutions, namely the BBI-Luxembourg (Brussels Business Institute, www.bbi-edu.eu), which offers courses in international hospitality and tourism management (accredited bachelor's and master's), and the UBI-Luxembourg (United Business Institutes) in business studies (accredited bachelor's).
- The LUNEX University of Health, Exercise and Sports, based in Differdange, offers a series of accredited bachelor's and master's degrees focusing on sport, prevention and physiotherapy (www.lunex-university.net).
- The Luxembourg School of Business (www.luxsb.lu) offers a part-time MBA (Master of Business Administration) accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research.
- The ISEC (*Institut Supérieur de l'Economie*, www.isec.lu) offers accredited bachelor's and master's-type courses for professionals.
- The Sacred Heart University (www.shu.lu) offers a recognised MBA (Master of Business Administration) and a series of courses leading to the awarding of a Graduate Professional Certificate.

The current list of institutions and higher education courses accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research can be found at the following address: www.mesr.public.lu/en/ssup/Accreditations.

There are various other higher education alternatives available in Luxembourg, including the following:

- Echternach classical high school offers a 2-year preparatory course for those looking to go on to study at one of the top French business schools.
- Miami University has opened a campus in Luxembourg where it offers university level courses for American students (www.units.miamioh.edu/luxembourg/).

Finally, several internationally renowned universities offer a number of university courses in close proximity to Luxembourg: *Université Libre de Bruxelles* and *Université Catholique de Louvain* (Belgium), *Université Robert Schuman* in Strasbourg, *Université Henri Poincaré* in Nancy (France), and *University of Trier* and *Heidelberg University* (Germany).

Find out more

Luxembourg centre for documentation and information on higher education

(Centre de Documentation et d'Information sur l'Enseignement Supérieur, CEDIES)

18, montée de la Pétrusse
L-2327 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 247 88 650
www.cedies.public.lu

Luxembourg Ministry of Higher Education and Research

www.mesr.public.lu

Lifelong learning

In Luxembourg, individuals wishing to develop new skills have access to an extensive range of lifelong learning courses that form part of an ambitious continuing education policy. A number of centres provide a wide variety of solutions, including the University of Luxembourg; various professional chambers such as the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts, and the Chamber of Employees; and there are also many private training programmes. On the whole, over 9,000 types of vocational training are available in Luxembourg.

Find out more

Luxembourg National Institute for Continuing Professional Development

www.lifelong-learning.lu

House of Training

Tel.: (+352) 46 50 16-1
customer@houseoftraining.lu
www.houseoftraining.lu

**Institut Supérieur
de l'Économie (ISEC)**

Tel.: (+352) 42 39 39 230
info@isec.lu
www.isec.lu

House of Training

The House of Training is the hub for lifelong learning courses provided by the Chamber of Commerce and the Luxembourg Bankers' Association (ABBL). It trains thousands of people in a very wide variety of fields.

The House of Training offers courses in 4 main fields:

- training for company directors and entrepreneurs
- training in support activities
- sector-specific training
- training related to personal development

Institut Supérieur de l'Économie (ISEC)

The Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts created the *Institut Supérieur de l'Économie* (ISEC) with a view to completing the training ecosystem and boosting in particular Luxembourg's tertiary training offering. This ensures a high level of employee expertise, reflecting companies' needs as they work to improve their competitiveness. The ISEC offers bachelor's and master's-type higher education courses aimed at working individuals seeking to make progress in their careers. Classes are held in the evenings and at weekends.



Training centre of the Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Find out more**Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce**

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi
L-2981 Luxembourg
Initial professional training (apprenticeship)
Tel.: (+352) 42 3939 210
E-mail: formprof@cc.lu
www.winwin.lu

Luxembourg Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts

2, Circuit de la Foire Internationale
L-1347 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 42 67 67-1
E-mail: contact@cdm.lu
www.cdm.lu/formation-continue

Luxembourg Chamber of Employees

Luxembourg Lifelong Learning Center
2-4, rue Pierre Hentges
L-1726 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 2749 4600
E-mail: formation@LLLC.lu
www.LLLC.lu

Language learning

Since multilingualism is one of Luxembourg's notable features, the country offers individuals numerous possibilities to improve their language skills at any level. The Luxembourg National Institute of Languages (*Institut National des Langues*, INL) offers evening classes in eight languages, including the country's three official languages (French, German and Luxembourgish), as well as English, Chinese, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

In addition to the INL, several private schools also provide a number of classes covering an increasingly varied selection of languages.

Find out more**Luxembourg National Institute of Languages (INL)**

Tel.: (+352) 26 44 30 1
E-mail: info@inll.lu
www.inll.lu/en

HEALTH, PARENTING, *EARLY CHILDHOOD*



Paediatric clinic of the Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg, Luxembourg- Belair

Based on the values of solidarity, universal accessibility and equal opportunity, the entire population is covered by the Luxembourg healthcare system's state health insurance (assurance maladie). Patients are free to choose their own provider and they have direct access to specialist consultants.

A high concentration of quality medical infrastructures

Luxembourg has:

- four hospitals, each with a maternity wing;
- two internationally renowned specialist institutions, including the Luxembourg National Institute of Heart Surgery and Interventional Cardiology (*l'Institut national de chirurgie cardiaque et de cardiologie interventionnelle*, INCCI), and the national centre for radiotherapy (*Centre François Baclesse*);
- the national centre for functional rehabilitation (*Rehazenter*);
- a psychiatric rehabilitation centre;
- a palliative care centre;
- a thermal cure centre in Mondorf-les-Bains.

Emergency hospital care is structured in a way that at any given time, one hospital in each of the central, southern and northern regions will be on duty. The paediatric clinic at CHL in Luxembourg City also provides emergency hospital care for children nationwide.

To ensure continuity of general medical care, each of the aforementioned regions has a walk-in clinic (*maison médicale*), where a general practitioner is available at night, weekends and public holidays.

In the regions immediately bordering the Grand Duchy, there are several university hospitals.

Luxembourg's hospitals

Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg

Tel.: (+352) 44 11 11
www.chl.lu

Fondation Hôpitaux Robert Schuman

Tel.: (+352) 24 68 1
www.hopitauxschuman.lu

Centre Hospitalier Emile Mayrisch

Tel.: (+ 352) 57 11-1
www.chem.lu

Centre Hospitalier du Nord

Tel.W: (+352) 81 66 1
www.chdn.lu



Reimbursement of medical and dental care

Any individual who is in paid employment (as an employee or a temporary worker) or self-employed in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg must be registered with, and thus insured by, the Joint Social Security Centre (*Centre Commun de la Sécurité Sociale, CCSS*).

In the case of salaried employees, the employer is responsible for taking the necessary steps to register the employee with the CCSS. Self-employed individuals must take the necessary measures themselves to register.

In the case of medical care that is covered by the National Health Fund (*Caisse Nationale de Santé, CNS*) or a fund for public-sector employees, the insured party must, in principle, pay the fees and submit a claim for reimbursement to the relevant fund. The initial claim for reimbursement submitted to a health insurance fund must be accompanied by a document issued by a bank featuring the patient's account details.

The following documents are required to submit a reimbursement claim:

- the original medical bill,
- proof of payment; the following are considered valid:
 - the stamp and signature of the doctor/supplier
 - the stamp and signature of the financial institute
 - a bank debit note (in the case of an online payment, for example),
- the patient's 13-digit health-card registration number.

Doctors' fees may be reimbursed in part or in full, depending on the nature of the treatment provided. Certain medical or paramedical procedures are not covered by the National Health Fund (CNS).

It is not necessary to put a postage stamp on letters sent to the National Health Fund (CNS) in Luxembourg.

Medication costs: After presenting your prescription and medical card at the pharmacy, only the percentage of the cost not covered by the health insurance fund must be paid. Depending on the type of treatment, the fund will either cover none of the cost, 40%, 80%, or the full cost.

Useful tip:

Translation of medical terms

Since Luxembourg is such a multicultural and multilingual country, the government has set up a website for translating medical terms into 5 languages (Luxembourgish, French, English, German and Portuguese). This helps facilitate communication between patients and those involved in the medical sector:
med.lod.lu.

Find out more

Full list of social security institutions

www.secu.lu

Joint Social Security Centre (CCSS) Affiliation Department

125, route d'Esch
L-2975 Luxembourg
Opening hours: 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday
Tel.: (+352) 40 141-1
www.ccss.lu

National Health Fund (CNS)

125, route d'Esch
L-2980 Luxembourg
Opening hours: 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday
Tel.: 27 57-1
E-mail: cns@secu.lu
www.cns.lu

List of on-duty pharmacies

www.pharmacie.lu

Parenting and early childhood

Maternity allowance is paid during the legal period of maternity leave, i.e. for eight weeks before childbirth and twelve weeks following childbirth.

Maternity allowance corresponds to the gross taxable salary that the mother would have earned if she had continued to work. It is handled by the National Health Fund (CNS). The maternity leave period is considered equivalent to an actual period of employment; as a result, the mother still accumulates annual leave with her employer.

The **parental leave system** was reformed in 2016 to make it easier for parents to strike a balance between their working and family lives. Any parent covered by Luxembourg's social security system and meeting the necessary criteria is entitled to parental leave. They have a degree of choice about how this leave can be taken, depending on the number of hours stated on their employment contract valid at the time they submit their request to their employer. One parent must take their leave immediately after the maternity (or adoption) leave period. The other parent may take their leave at the same time as their partner or at a later date, but this leave must begin before the child reaches 6 years of age. This period is extended to 12 years of age in the case of adoption.

Each family residing in Luxembourg with children under 12 years of age or in early education is entitled to benefit from the Childcare Service Voucher Scheme (*Chèque-Service Accueil*, CSA). This entitles parents to enjoy reduced rates on educational and childcare facilities. The value of the CSA and the amount that parents are required to contribute financially are calculated on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration income, the number of children for which the household is receiving family benefits, and the number of hours for which the child is in childcare.

Different providers offer different types of **childcare**: crèches, day-care centres, nurseries, child minders, or structures where parents can leave their children before and after school (*maisons relais*). Childcare providers are subject to authorisation by the Luxembourg Ministry of Family Affairs with assessments made on staff integrity, qualifications, and infrastructure. Unless otherwise specified, parents register directly with the establishments themselves.

Luxembourg has a legal framework in place for families wanting to use **au pair services**. The National Youth Service (*Service National de la Jeunesse*, SNJ) has also collected various information and accounts of personal experience into a practical guide explaining the system and how to work with it. The brochure can be downloaded or ordered at www.accueil-aupair.lu.



The Rehazenter (Luxembourg-Kirchberg) is an establishment dedicated to functional rehabilitation

Find out more**Children's Future Fund
(Caisse pour l'Avenir
des Enfants)**

Further information on parental leave and the various welfare benefits available to help families (childbirth allowance, allowance for the child's future, special additional allowance, back-to-school allowance, etc.)

34, av. de la Porte Neuve
L-2227 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 47 71 53 1
www.cae.public.lu

**Information on the Childcare Service Voucher Scheme (CSA)
CSA helpdesk:**

8002 1112

Information on childcare providers:

guichet.public.lu/en →Citizens →Family →Parents →Child care

Find out more about paediatric services in Luxembourg:

www.pediatrie.lu

Editions {9} publish two free guides, which are available in French and English:

- Being pregnant and giving birth in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg
- My first years with baby in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

Locations where you can pick up a guide:

www.quoise9.lu/les-guides/



LIFESTYLE IN LUXEMBOURG



Philharmonie, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Luxembourg has a rich history, is located at the heart of Europe and has a strong economy. All these factors, as well as the free public transport system, have a positive influence on tourism, culture, and leisure in this country. The rich, varied choice of activities makes it possible to go out every day of the year.



Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City is the country's political and cultural centre. At the end of 2019, it had 122,300 inhabitants, 70% foreigners. In the capital, there is a breathtaking juxtaposition between the old town, which is scattered with ancient fortifications, narrow winding streets, and picturesque houses, and the upper city, a cosmopolitan hub perched on a rocky plateau. The old town and its fortifications have been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994. The 23 kilometres of historic military casemate tunnels carved into the capital's bedrock are the city's and country's top tourist attraction.

There are many museums in Luxembourg City featuring a wide variety of permanent collections and temporary exhibitions:



1 Villa Vauban - Art Museum of the City of Luxembourg (fine art museum)
www.villavauban.lu

2 Casino Luxembourg - Forum d'art contemporain (contemporary art gallery)
www.casino-luxembourg.lu

3 National Museum of History and Art (MNHA) (archaeological and artistic collections)
www.mnha.lu

4 Lëtzebuerg City Museum (history of the City of Luxembourg)
www.citymuseum.lu

5 National Museum of Natural History (science and natural history)
www.mnhn.lu

6 Musée Dräi Eechelen (M3E) (History of the country and Fortress of Luxembourg)
www.m3e.public.lu

7 Mudam - Contemporary Art Museum of Luxembourg
www.mudam.lu

Find out more

Association for the friends of museums:
www.amisdesmusees.lu

Museums throughout the country:
www.visitluxembourg.com →What To do →Art and culture

Several major annual events showcase the permanent collections and temporary exhibitions of museums and cultural institutions:

- Luxembourg Museum Days (May): a weekend of free access to all museums,
- Private Art Kirchberg (September): every two years (in years ending in even numbers) businesses and institutions located in Kirchberg open their doors and art collections to the public,
- *Nuit des Musées* (October): all museums are open free of charge into the night, and offer unique artistic and creative events and performances.

Find out more

Luxembourg for Tourism

Tel.: +352 42 82 82 1

E-mail: info@visitluxembourg.com

www.visitluxembourg.com

Luxembourg City Tourist Office

30, place Guillaume II

L-1648 Luxembourg

Tel.: (+352) 22 28 09

E-mail: touristinfo@lcto.lu

www.luxembourg-city.com

Mudam - Contemporary Art Museum of Luxembourg, designed by the Chinese-American architect leoh Ming Pei



Villa Vauban, Art Museum of the City of Luxembourg



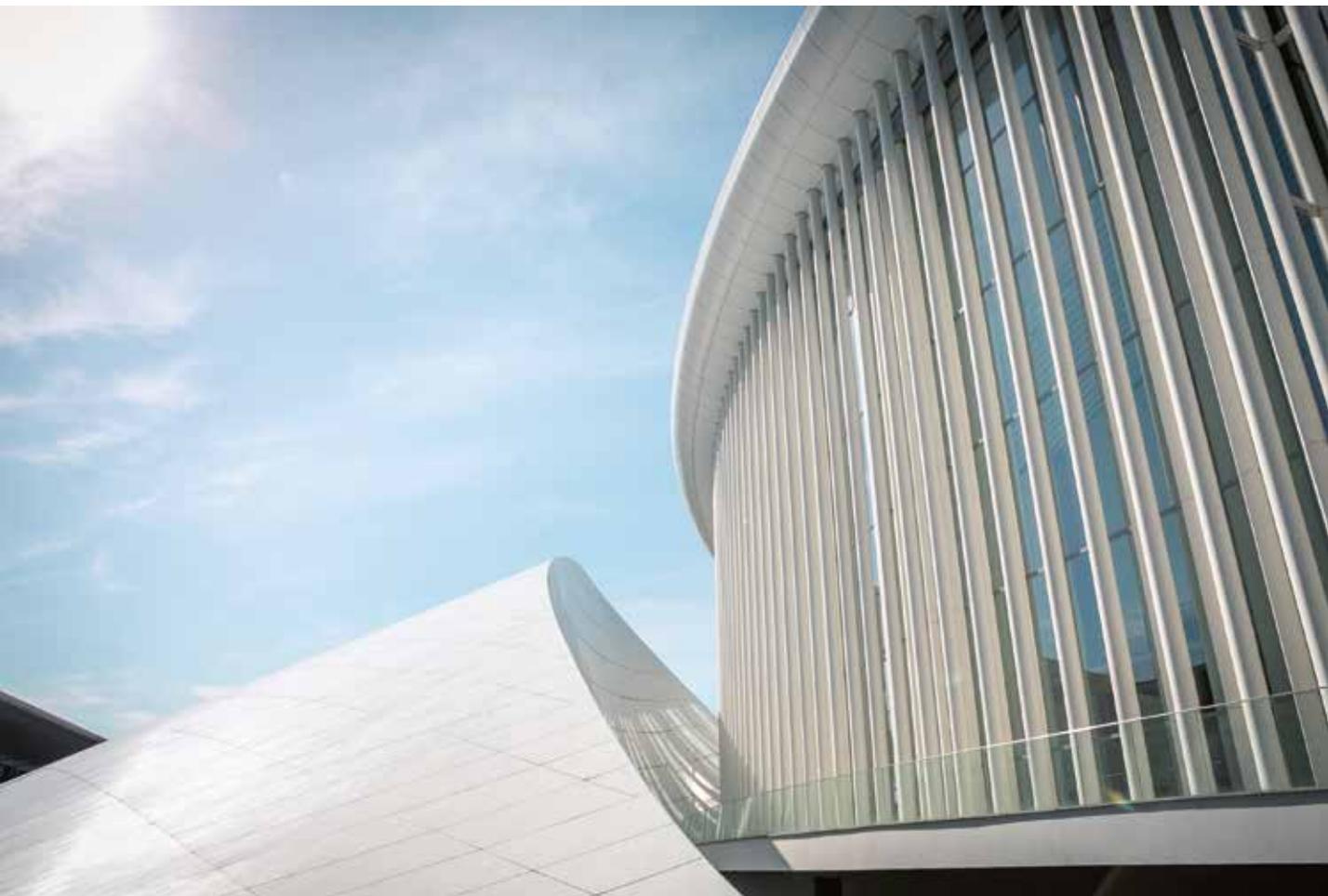
Theatre, music and cinema

Theatres in Luxembourg showcase a wide variety of genres, performances, and languages. Located at a Germanic and Latin cultural crossroads, the Luxembourg scene features a mixture of multiple artistic influences. There are many international and local co-productions and collaborations with actors and directors of various nationalities. This cultural melting pot contributes to the scene constantly reinventing itself, not least because a considerable amount of the theatrical output is contemporary.

Luxembourg has a world-class **music scene**. The Philharmonie concert hall situated on the Kirchberg plateau was designed by Christian de Portzamparc and can seat 1,500. It hosts classic and contemporary music concerts as well as other types of music including jazz, rock and world music. Rockhal is a 6,500-capacity concert hall located in Belval and dedicated to contemporary music, including pop, rock, jazz, electro and hip-hop. Composed of three entirely modular concert halls, Rockhal also offers a resource centre for musicians with a media library, rehearsal rooms and a recording studio.

Several smaller venues in Luxembourg City and beyond cater to music of all tastes.

*Philharmonie,
Luxembourg-Kirchberg*



Luxembourg boasts its own mature **film and TV production** industry. Each year, dozens of projects (feature films, short films, and documentaries) are produced or co-produced in Luxembourg. Production companies, animation studios, production studios and post-production companies all together form a sector that employs around 1,200 people. Luxembourg production is known on a global scale.

Luxembourg has 14 cinemas, totalling 34 screens between them. Viewers can choose between traditional movie theatres and two large-scale cinema complexes located in Luxembourg-Kirchberg and Esch-Belval.

In contrast to countries like France and Germany where most movies are dubbed, almost all films in Luxembourg are shown in their original language with subtitles (with the exception of children's films). This maintaining of original languages in cinema reflects the prevailing multilingualism culture in Luxembourg.

Founded in 1988, the Luxembourg *Cinémathèque* is also one of the largest film archives in Europe, where over 14,000 copies of films of all genres are stored, including rare films, of which only one or two copies remain, as well as specialised collections from specific eras and genres.



City Open Air Cinema, Luxembourg City

Key cultural sites in Luxembourg

Theatre

Grand Théâtre de la Ville de Luxembourg

1, Rond-point Schuman
L-2525 Luxembourg
www.theatres.lu

Théâtre des Capucins

9, place du Théâtre
L-2613 Luxembourg
www.theatres.lu

Théâtre du Centaure

Am Dierfgen
4, Grand-Rue
L-1660 Luxembourg
www.theatrecentaure.lu

Théâtre National du Luxembourg

194, route de Longwy
L-1940 Luxembourg
www.tnl.lu

Théâtre Ouvert Luxembourg (TOL)

143, route de Thionville
L-2611 Luxembourg
www.tol.lu

Théâtre de la Ville d'Esch

122, rue de l'Alzette
L-4010 Esch-sur-Alzette
www.theatre.esch.lu

Music

Philharmonie Luxembourg

1, place de l'Europe
L-1499 Luxembourg
www.philharmonie.lu

ROCKHAL - Public Concert Hall

5, avenue du Rock'n Roll
L-4361 Esch-sur-Alzette
www.rockhal.lu

Den Atelier

54, rue de Hollerich
L-1013 Luxembourg
www.atelier.lu

Conservatoire de Musique de la Ville de Luxembourg

33, rue Charles Martel
L-2134 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 47 96-55 55
www.conservatoire.lu

Books and media

Bibliothèque Nationale du Luxembourg

37D, avenue John F. Kennedy
L-1855 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 26 55 9-100
www.bnl.public.lu

Cinema and audio-visual

Cinémathèque de la Ville de Luxembourg

17, place du Théâtre
L-2613 Luxembourg
www.vdl.lu/visiter/art-et-culture/cinema

Centre National de l'Audiovisuel

1, rue du Centenaire
L-3475 Dudelange
www.cna.public.lu

Cultural centres

Neimënster

28, rue Münster
L-2160 Luxembourg
www.neimenster.lu

Rotondes

Rue de la Rotonde
L-2448 Luxembourg
www.rotondes.lu

Kulturfabrik

116, route de Luxembourg
L-4221 Esch sur Alzette
www.kulturfabrik.lu



Bibliothèque Nationale, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Charming tourism in Luxembourg

Despite its small size, Luxembourg is home to a wide variety of landscapes and tourist attractions.

Luxembourg's capital has plenty of surprises and a vast array of historic, cultural and natural attractions, including the UNESCO World Heritage Site fortress and old town, as well as the architecture and contemporary art of the Kirchberg Plateau. This European capital is cultured and cosmopolitan, as well as being built on a human scale, making it an eminently liveable place.

The Moselle river valley lies to the east and provides a natural border with Germany. The traditional villages and sun-drenched hillside vineyards make it a particularly charming region.

Mondorf-les-Bains features Luxembourg's thermal spa fed by spring waters rich in mineral salts that fill a number of 36°C thermal pools. Its wellness centre features various saunas, hammams, jacuzzis and treatments.

The Mullerthal is a green gem in the north-east of the country. Nicknamed 'Little Switzerland', this national nature park is a region with impressive rock formations and lively streams skirted by the 112km-long Mullerthal Trail hiking route that has been labelled one of the 'Leading Quality Trails - Best of Europe'.

The Oesling (*Éisleck*) , or the Luxembourg Ardennes, to the north, is a mountainous area where one can find lakes, natural parks and historic castles.

The Gutland region to the west of the capital features the Valley of the Seven Castles and is perfect for those who enjoy exploring picturesque villages.

The south of the country, on the other hand, is a hub for industrial tourism. Belval is home to a preserved old steel blast furnace that can be explored. The region also boasts various attractions suitable for families, including an animal and adventure park for children (*Parc Merveilleux*), a tourist steam-powered train (*Train 1900*), and the National Mining Museum (*Musée National des Mines de Fer*) that offers guided tours of the underground galleries of the old iron ore mines.



Ansembourg
Castle park

Castles

Castles and the vestiges of the fortress of Luxembourg are among the country's top tourist attractions. Of the 109 castles recorded as being built here during the Middle Ages, over 70 are still visible. The most impressive castles - thanks to their size or degree of restoration - are Vianden, Beaufort, Bourscheid, Clervaux and Larochette. Incidentally, Clervaux castle is home to the prestigious photographic exhibition, 'The Family of Man', by Edward Steichen, a collection listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. The most interesting ruins can be found at Dudelange, Esch-sur-Sûre, Hesperange, Koerich, Pettingen/Mersch and Useldange.

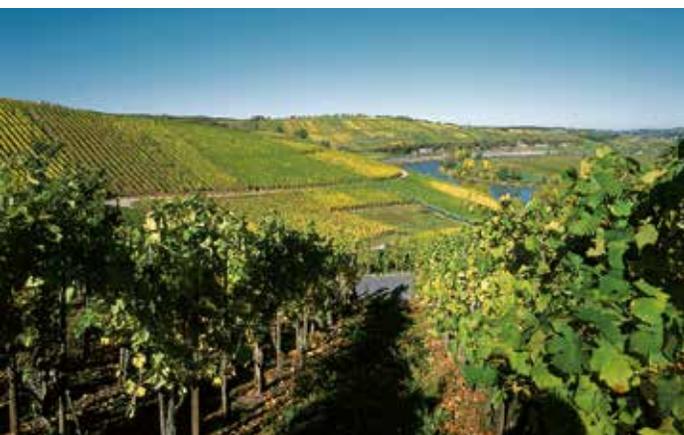
Vineyards

The vineyards of the Moselle valley, which stretch over 1,237 hectares, are among the most northerly in Europe. The region, which is sheltered from the wind, enjoys a relatively mild climate. It extends across roughly 40km, from Schengen to Wasserbillig. Visitors can take the wine route (*Route des Vins*) along the breathtaking Moselle river valley, and explore a wine-growing tradition that dates back more than 2,000 years. The route passes through various small villages, whose numerous wine cellars are particularly renowned for their high quality white, rosé and sparkling wines.

Forests, natural parks and gardens

Luxembourg is sometimes referred to as the green heart of Europe. It is a rich haven for nature and is criss-crossed with cycling routes and hiking trails. The Luxembourg Ardennes region has two natural parks: the Upper-Sûre and the Our.

Additionally, a quarter of the capital city is green space, gardens, and public parkland.



Vineyards on the banks of the Moselle river



The Mullerthal region, Luxembourg's Little Switzerland

Find out more**Luxembourg for Tourism**

Tel.: (+352) 42 82 82-1
info@visitluxembourg.com
www.visitluxembourg.com

Lakes and rivers

Luxembourg's lakes are also year-round leisure centres. Swimming, water sports, fishing and pedal boats are just some of the activities offered at the lakes and ponds in Upper-Sûre, Echternach, Weiswampach and Remerschen, respectively.

The Moselle river also features several river cruise options.

Architecture

Luxembourg's architecture makes it a veritable open-air art gallery. The biggest names in international architecture can be found alongside a vibrant, creative national scene. Fourteen contemporary architecture tourist routes criss-cross the country, featuring around 300 projects by different architectural firms. Learn more on the www.architectour.lu website.



Youth hostel, Schengen-Remerschen



Nordic Walking in the Mullerthal region

Sports

Luxembourg loves sport and provides spaces for nearly every discipline, whether open air or in clubs or sport centres.

Extreme sports on offer in Luxembourg include flying, microlighting, paragliding, parachuting, go-karting, hot-air ballooning, and rock climbing. More traditional winter sports include ice-skating and cross-country skiing in the Ardennes region. In summer, water sports are popular. Several rivers are ideal for canoeing or kayaking. Some water sports centres offer water-skiing and wakeboarding. You can even go scuba-diving in the Upper Sûre lake. Angling enthusiasts will find plenty of lakes and stretches of river dedicated to line fishing. In addition, Luxembourg has nearly 40 swimming pools, most of which are open year-round.

The country has no less than six golf courses, some of which provide rental material.

With 23 particularly well signposted dedicated cycle paths on former railroad tracks or relatively calm secondary roads, the country is the perfect playground for both amateur and professional cyclists. There are currently more than 600km of paths, with plans to expand this to more than 900km. Meanwhile, mountain-biking enthusiasts enjoy 700km of waymarked paths.

Luxembourg City itself offers year-round sports and fitness through its *Sports pour tous* programme, comprising 160 classes for all ages.

Find out more

The Luxembourg sport portal:

www.sport.public.lu

Luxembourg City's sports service website:

www.vdl.lu/en/visiting/sport-and-leisure

Food & Cuisine in Luxembourg

Luxembourg cuisine reflects both French and German influences, combining, as Luxembourgers say, 'French quality with German quantity'. Beyond this, Luxembourg's restaurants derive culinary inspiration from Europe and the rest of the world.

Taking both its size and population into account, Luxembourg is home to the highest relative concentration of good quality restaurants in the world, as seen by the number of establishments with Michelin stars or a high ranking in the *Gault et Millau* guide.

Luxembourg restaurants with a Michelin star (source: Michelin Guide 2020 edition)

Clairefontaine

9, place Clairefontaine
L-1341 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 46 22 11
www.restaurantclairefontaine.lu

Léa Linster

17, route de Luxembourg
L-5752 Frisange
Tel.: (+352) 23 66 84 11
www.lealinster.lu

La Cristallerie

18, place d'Armes
L-1136 Luxembourg
Tel.: (+352) 27 47 37
www.la-cristallerie.com/en

Ma langue sourit

1, rue de Remich
L-5331 Moutfort
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www.guilloucampagne.lu

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View of Luxembourg City from the Sofitel Grand-Ducal hotel bar

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A number of associations offer social and cultural activities for expatriates and Luxembourgers (non-exhaustive list):

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www.vlaamseclub.lu

Dutch Association of Luxembourg

www.nvl.lu

Union Royale Belge Luxembourg

www.urb-bkv.eu

German Association of Luxembourg

www.deutscher-verein-luxemburg.eu

British Ladies Club

www.blc.lu

Irish Club of Luxembourg

www.irishclub.lu

American Women's Club of Luxembourg

www.awcluxembourg.com

Japanese Ladies' Association of Luxembourg

www.jlaluxembourg.org

Nordic Women's Club

www.nwc.lu

The Network, Connecting Women in Luxembourg

www.thenetwork.lu

Luxembourg Accueil Information

www.luxembourgaccueil.com/en

Find out more

A practical guide to living in Luxembourg

www.justarrived.lu

The Just Arrived Ambassadors club

For expatriates to share their experiences and help new arrivals:
www.jaaclub.org

Website dedicated to expatriation

www.expats.com/en/destination/europe/luxembourg

Sites listing excursions and activities in Luxembourg

Recreational
www.supermiro.lu/en
Professional
www.helloboss.lu/en



The old town of Luxembourg, with the European district of Kirchberg in the background

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Luxembourg at a glance

(Source: STATEC and CSSF)

Political overview of Luxembourg

Official name	Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg
Official languages	Luxembourgish, French and German
Government	Constitutional monarchy under a parliamentary democracy
Head of State	Henri, Grand Duke of Luxembourg
Head of Government	Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister, Minister of State
Capital	Luxembourg City
Number of communes	102
Most highly populated communes	Luxembourg (122,273 inhabitants), Esch-sur-Alzette (36,218 inhabitants), Differdange (27,409 inhabitants) Dudelange (21,291 inhabitants)

Territory

Area	2.586 km ²
Built-up area	9,8% (2019, STATEC)
Maximum dimensions	82 km (51 mi) N-S and a width of 57 km (35 mi) E-W
Maximum altitude	560m (Wilwerdange)
Minimum altitude	130m (Wasserbillig)
Natural areas	In the north, the Oesling (<i>Éisleck</i>) (accounting for 32% of Luxembourg territory). In the South, Gutland (accounting for 68% of Luxembourg territory)

Find out more

For Luxembourg-related statistics:

www.statistiques.public.lu/en

Directory of Luxembourg public websites:

www.etat.lu

Government news portal:

www.gouvernement.lu/en

Population

Total population	626,108
	Consisting of:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luxembourgers: 329.643 (52,6%) • Foreigners: 296.465 (47,4%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Portuguese: 95.057 (15,2%) o French: 47.805 (7,6%) o Italian: 22.996 (3,7%) o Belgian: 19.823 (3,2%) o German: 12.849 (2%)
Density	242.1 inhabitants / km ²
Life expectancy	80 years (males) 84.5 years (females)

Economy and employment

Currency	Euro
Gross domestic product (GDP)	EUR 63,516.3 million
GDP per capita	EUR 102,200
Domestic employment	442,772 persons
Cross-border workers in Luxembourg	184,600
Unemployment rate	6.9% (April 2020)
Number of banks	126
Number of companies	38,684 including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services (33,879) • Construction (3,879) • Manufacturing (957)

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