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ABOUT THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

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AT A GLANCE
CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

METRIC SYSTEM: 1 M = 100 CM

DECIMAL SYSTEM: 1 KG = 1,000 G

FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE EU

LUXEMBOURG, ONE OF THE THREE ‘CAPITALS’ OF THE EU, WITH BRUSSELS AND STRASBOURG

YEAR OF ITS INDEPENDENCE: 1839

LUXEMBOURG, THE CAPITAL

TIME ZONE: GMT/UTC +1

INTERNET: .LU

BORDERS

LUXEMBOURG — BELGIUM, 148 km

LUXEMBOURG — GERMANY, 135 km

LUXEMBOURG — FRANCE, 73 km

NATIONAL FLAG

VOLTAGE: 220-240 V 50 HZ

CURRENCY: 1 EUR = 100 CENTS

COUNTRY CODE: +352

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HISTORY
The small fort Lucilinburhuc is acquired by Count Siegfried (963)

These princes of Luxembourg wore the crown of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (1308-1437)

Emperor Charles IV elevates the County of Luxembourg to the rank of a duchy (1354)

The Duchy of Luxembourg is annexed to France as Département des Forêts (1795)

Congress of Vienna
Creation of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which is assigned to the King of the Netherlands, William I (1815), in personal union

First steelworks in the south of the country (1870)

Since the accession to the throne of Grand Duke Adolf in 1890, Luxembourg has had its own dynasty, the Nassau-Weilbourg

18TH TO 20TH CENTURY

1 The Duchy of Luxembourg is annexed to France as Département des Forêts (1795)

2 Treaty of London
   - The Grand Duchy acquires its current geographical form (1839)
   - Status of a neutral state and dismantling of the Luxembourg fortress (1867)

3 Constitution
   Fundamental rights for citizens (1848)

4 First steelworks in the south of the country (1870)

5 Since the accession to the throne of Grand Duke Adolf in 1890, Luxembourg has had its own dynasty, the Nassau-Weilbourg

6 1815 to Belgium: Arlon, Marche, Orchimont, Saint-Hubert, Virton
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   1659 to France: Metz
   1659 to France: Thionville
   1815 to Prussia: Bitburg, Schleiden, St. Vith

7 20TH CENTURY AND THE WORLD WARS

1 HRH Grand Duchess Marie-Adélaïde, Head of State from 1912 to 1919

2 Neutral Luxembourg is invaded by the German army (1914)

3 HRH Grand Duchess Charlotte, Head of State from 1919 to 1964

4 Neutral Luxembourg is invaded by the German army (1940)

5 Luxembourg City is liberated by the American army (10.9.1944)

6 HRH Grand Duke Jean, Head of State from 1964 to 2000

7 HRH Grand Duke Henri, Head of State since 2000

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CULTURE
FESTIVALS AND TRADITIONS

- CANDLEMAS
  February 2
- ÉIMAISCHEN
  Easter Monday
- PRETZEL SUNDAY
  Third Sunday of Lent
- HÄMMELSMARSCH
  Before funfairs
- SCHUEBERFOUER
  August and September
- ECHTERNACH HOPPING
  Procession (UNESCO)
  Whit Tuesday
- CARNIVAL
  From February 2 until Ash Wednesday

CULTURE

- MUDAM LUXEMBOURG -
  Musée d'Art Moderne
  Grand-Duc Jean
- EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE
  IN 1995, 2007 AND 2022
- ROCKHAL
- NATIONAL MUSEUM
  OF HISTORY AND ART
- PHILHARMONIE
  LUXEMBOURG
- OLD TOWN AND
  FORTRESS OF LUXEMBOURG
  (UNESCO)
- GRAND THEATRE OF THE
  CITY OF LUXEMBOURG
- OPEN-AIR FESTIVALS
  AND CONCERTS
- WINE ROUTE
- PHOTO EXHIBITION
  THE FAMILY OF MAN (UNESCO)
  AT CLERVAUX CASTLE

NATIONAL SYMBOLS

- NATIONAL FLAG
- HRH GRAND DUKE HENRI
- NATIONAL HOLIDAY
  JUNE 23
- • Torchlight procession
  • Fireworks
  • Military parade
- DE RENERT
- ANTHEM OF THE
  GRAND DUCAL HOUSE
  DE WILHELMUS
- NATIONAL MOTTO
  "We want to remain what we are"
- STATE COATS OF ARMS
- GÈLLE FRA
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
  ONS HEEMECHT

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POPULATION AND LANGUAGES
QUALITY OF LIFE
POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS
INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL AND COMPULSORY SUFFRAGE IN 1919

COALITION
DP – DEMOCRATIC PARTY / LSAP – LUXEMBOURG SOCIALIST WORKERS’ PARTY / DÉI GRÉNG – GREEN PARTY

TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS/DEPUTIES: 60

12 CANTONS
102 MUNICIPALITIES

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LUXEMBOURG IN THE WORLD
ECONOMY
**LABOUR MARKET**

- **Incoming Commuters**: 192,000
- **Employees**: 422,000
- **Employment Rate**: 71.5% (20-64 years old)
- **Unemployment Rate**: 5.0%
- **Foreigners Employed on the Domestic Labour Market**: 73%

**ECONOMY AND KEY SECTORS**

- **Maritime Sector**
- **Industry**
- **Finance**
- **Tourism**
- **Logistics**
- **Automotive Components Sector**
- **Craft Industry**
- **Agriculture**

- **GDP Per Capita**: 96,700 €
IMPORT AND EXPORT
INNOVATION
AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

SES

SES is a global leader of satellite operators

LUXEMBOURG SPACE AGENCY

SpaceResources.lu

FINANCE

INVESTMENT FUND CENTRE

Largest in Europe
Second largest worldwide

LUXEMBOURG GREEN EXCHANGE/GREEN BONDS

1st stock exchange in the world that is exclusively devoted to green finance

AAA CREDIT RATING

TECHNOLOGY

CLEANTECH

131 companies in this sector. Branches: personalised medicine, bioinformatics, telemedicine, biological bank IBBL, molecular diagnosis

HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

Research and projects in the field of autonomous driving

AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

FINTECH

TECHNOLOGY

BIOTECH

DIGITAL SOCIETY

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Creation of a joint laboratory for research into artificial intelligence in Luxembourg – a first in Europe

FIRST DATA EMBASSY IN THE WORLD

TELECOMMUNICATION

- Households with Internet access 93 %
- Computers 95,4 %
- Mobile phones 92,4 %

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

VIRTUAL REALITY

STRATEGY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF 5G

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