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# LUXEMBOURG: *THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE*



One of Luxembourg's key characteristics is its geographical location. It sits in the heart of Western Europe between France, Belgium and Germany, in close proximity to a number of large cities. Indeed, London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Zurich and Berlin are all a short plane, train or car ride away.



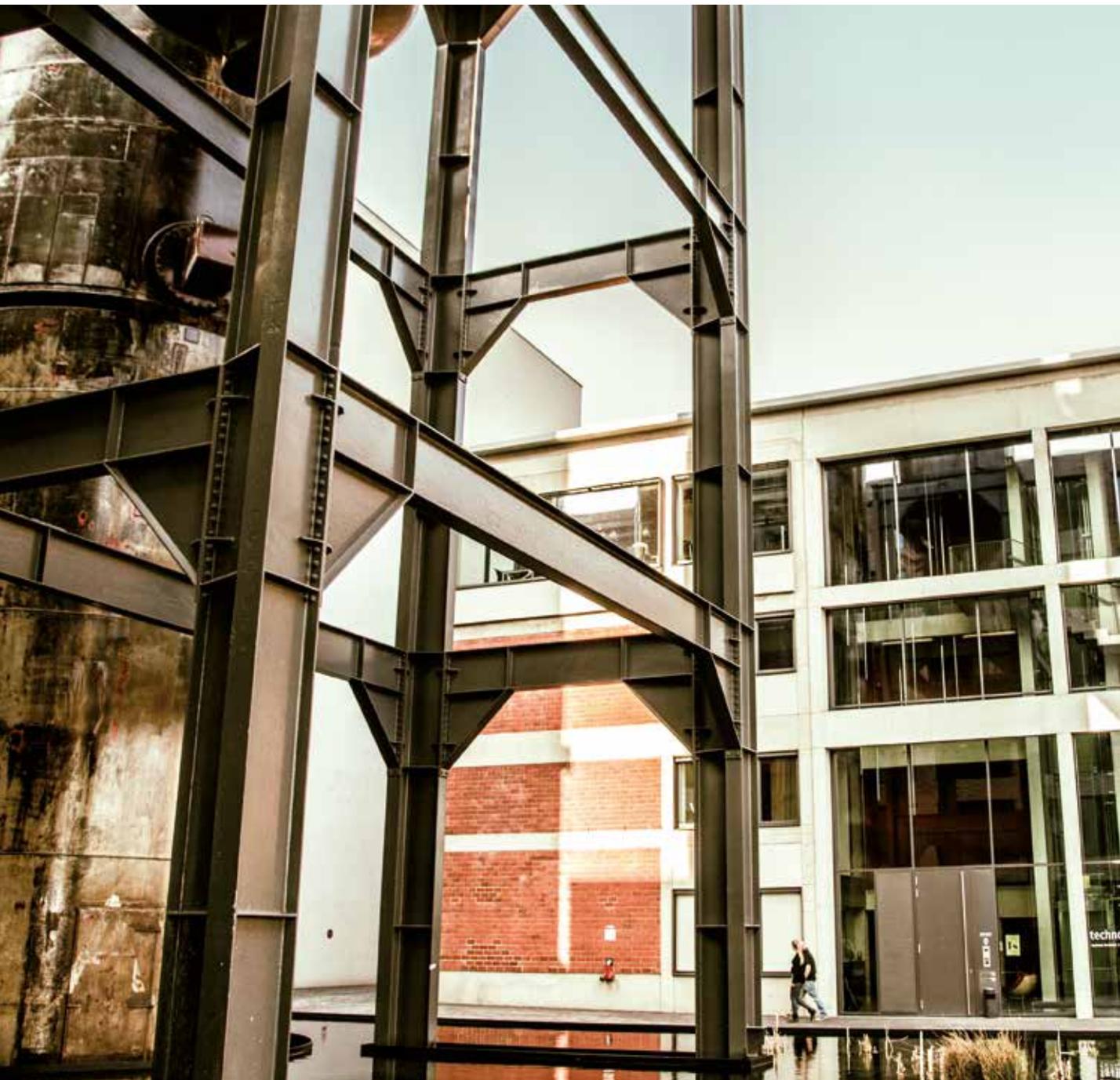
Findel, Luxembourg's airport, is 15 minutes from Luxembourg City centre, making it possible to reach over 75 destinations quickly. Several daily flights connect Luxembourg to London, Frankfurt and Paris, providing speedy and easy connections to Europe's most important financial centres.

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 an EU capital, where over a dozen important European institutions are based. These include 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, and the European Free Trade Association Court.

*Over 3.5 million passengers a year pass through Luxembourg airport.*

# A FAVORABLE *SOCIO-ECONOMIC* *CONTEXT*



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

### A home to more than 170 nationalities

The diverse origins of Luxembourg's population make the country remarkably unique.

Almost 48% of Luxembourg's residents are of foreign origin, accounting for 281,500 people out of a total population of 590,700 (STATEC, 1 January 2017). In the capital, the percentage of foreigners reaches nearly 70%.

The largest foreign communities in Luxembourg are:

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| Portuguese | 96,800 |
| French     | 44,300 |
| Italian    | 21,300 |
| Belgian    | 20,000 |
| German     | 13,100 |

There are few intercultural tensions in Luxembourg despite this high percentage of foreign residents. One of the essential characteristics of Luxembourg's cultural integration model.

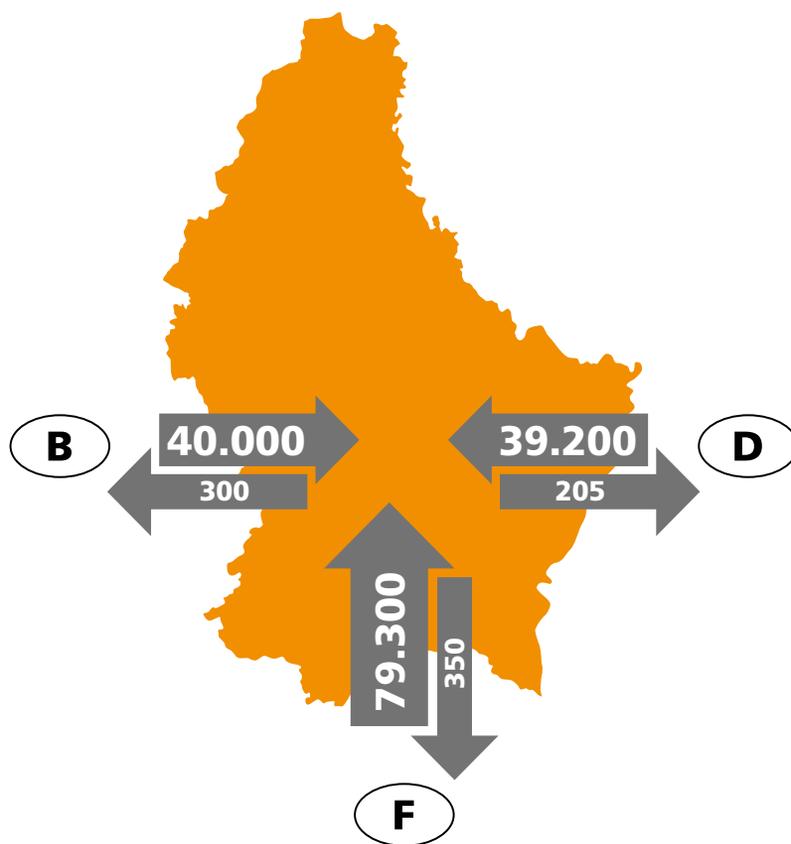


*House of Startups – Luxembourg-Gare*

*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 70% of domestic employment, is the result of immigration (foreign residents), bolstered by a high percentage of cross-border workers (45%), who commute to Luxembourg each day from their country of residence (2016 STATEC figures).



*Daily flows of cross-border workers  
(Source: Statistiques en Bref,  
Greater Region, December 2016)*

The Luxembourg economy, similar to those of other small countries, is very much outward-looking. The *Open Market Index 2017*, published by the ICC (International Chamber of Commerce), ranks Luxembourg 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 with which products and services can be imported and exported.

Luxembourg exports over 2/3 of its goods and services output. A sound framework of policy incentives also attracts a great deal of foreign investment. Indeed, 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 7% of GDP and 9% of domestic employment.

The Luxembourg economy is dominated by the service sector, with it accounting for 87% of GDP, 85% of exports and 80% of jobs. This has largely been driven by the continued growth of the financial sector. The Grand Duchy has 139 banks (source: CSSF), is the second largest global investment fund centre behind the USA, and is a leading provider of private banking services. This makes Luxembourg the 14<sup>th</sup> largest international financial centre (source: Global Financial Centres Index, September 2017) Luxembourg continues to diversify its financial sector by developing expertise in new areas such as microfinance, Islamic finance, philanthropy and socially responsible investment.

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, service providers....) employs 12,500 people in 720 companies (source: STATEC). It is also a highly innovative sector, developing new high value added solutions such as urban logistics and green logistics. The economy has also diversified into media and information and communication technology (e.g. SES, RTL Group, Microsoft, Siemens, Skype, iTunes, 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).

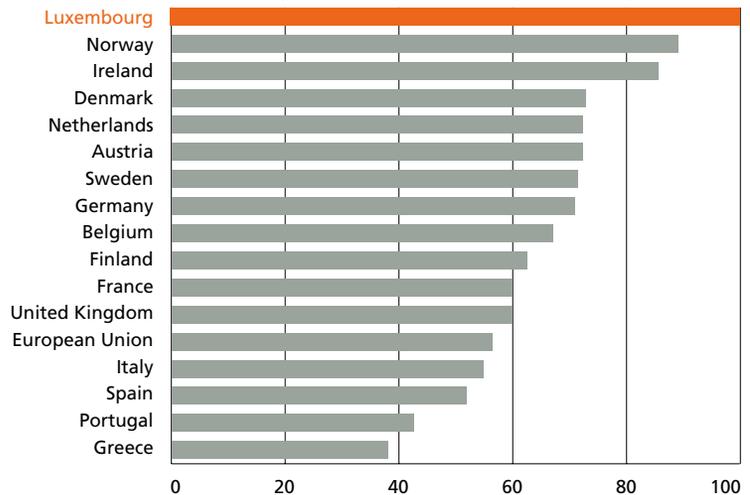
### One of the highest standards of living in the world

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.

*Gross national income per capita in purchasing power parity terms, 2016*

*(Luxembourg = base 100)*

*(Source: AMECO macroeconomic database, European Commission)*



Furthermore, the quality of life in Luxembourg is among the most highly rated, not only in Europe, but in all developed countries as well. The *Quality of Living Survey 2017*, conducted by Mercer Consulting, ranked Luxembourg City 21<sup>st</sup> 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-Clausesen*



*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.

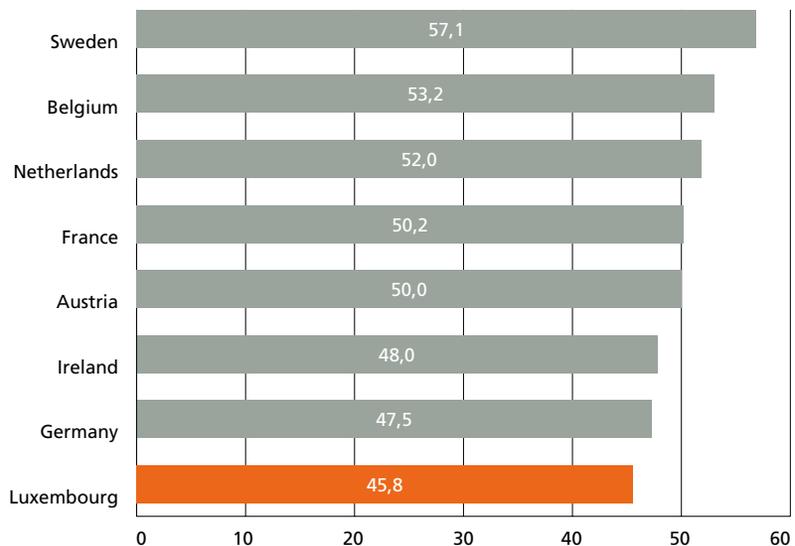
The national political system has demonstrated great stability. Politics in Luxembourg are traditionally dominated by four major parties: the Christian Social People's Party (CSV), the Democratic Party (DP), and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP), and more recently the Green Party (Déi gréng). The 2013-2018 coalition government was formed by ministers from three different parties: DP, LSAP and the Greens.

Internationally, Luxembourg continues to play an important role, particularly in the European project. Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg from 1995 to 2013, presided the Eurogroup from 2005 to 2013, and in November 2014, he became the third Luxembourgish president of the European Commission. Two other former 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 *Fonds pour l'Emploi* ('Employment Fund') 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% 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 36%.

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



*Maximum rate of income tax on individuals (2017)*

*(Source: European Commission)*

**Business taxation:** The standard rate of corporate taxation has decreased from 29.22% to 26.01% 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 *Fonds pour l'Emploi*, in addition to the municipal business tax set by each local authority.

*With 139 banking institutions (pictured here: the Bank of Luxembourg), Luxembourg ranks 14<sup>th</sup> 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 also apply of 14% (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, catering 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](http://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  
Email : [douanes@do.etat.lu](mailto:douanes@do.etat.lu)  
[www.do.etat.lu](http://www.do.etat.lu)

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

1-3 avenue Guillaume  
L-2010 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 247 80 800  
Email: [info@aed.public.lu](mailto:info@aed.public.lu)  
[www.aed.public.lu](http://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](http://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

[bierger-center@vdl.lu](mailto:bierger-center@vdl.lu)



*Bierger-Center, Luxembourg City*

### Entry and residence requirements in Luxembourg

Entry and residence procedures vary depending on the country of origin of the individual wishing 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 a *'fiche d'hébergement'* (accommodation form) 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 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  
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](http://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](http://www.athome.lu), [www.immotop.lu](http://www.immotop.lu), [www.habiter.lu](http://www.habiter.lu), [www.immostar.lu](http://www.immostar.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 Housing section on the Citizens tab of the virtual guide published by the Luxembourg authorities [www.guichet.public.lu](http://www.guichet.public.lu).

### Relocation agencies

Relocation agencies offer personalised advice and assistance to expatriates moving to a new country. They have multilingual teams who provide foreigners with 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:

#### **1st Address Relocation**

135 avenue du X septembre  
L-2551 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 621 320 645  
Email: [info@1staddress.lu](mailto:info@1staddress.lu)  
[www.1staddress.lu](http://www.1staddress.lu)

#### **AB-LUX Relocation Services Luxembourg**

17, rue Saint Ulrich  
L-2651 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 26 18 76 46  
Email: [info@ab-lux.com](mailto:info@ab-lux.com)  
[www.ab-lux.com](http://www.ab-lux.com)

#### **European Relocation Services**

87, rue de Luxembourg  
L-8077 Bertrange  
Tel: (+352) 26 64 99 22  
Email: [info@erslux.lu](mailto:info@erslux.lu)  
[www.erslux.lu](http://www.erslux.lu)

#### **Management Mobility Consulting**

31, rue d'Oradour  
L-2266 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 28 77 28 70  
Email: [info@relocation-luxembourg.com](mailto:info@relocation-luxembourg.com)  
[www.relocation-luxembourg.com](http://www.relocation-luxembourg.com)

#### **Santa Fe Relocation Services**

17, rue Louis Ackermann  
L-1899 Kockelscheur  
Tel: (+352) 48 44 22  
Email: [luxembourg@santaferelo.com](mailto:luxembourg@santaferelo.com)  
[www.santaferelo.com](http://www.santaferelo.com)

#### **Team Relocations**

32, rue Jos Kieffer  
L-4176 Esch-sur-Alzette  
Tel: (+352) 44 22 52  
Email: [lu@teamrelocations.com](mailto:lu@teamrelocations.com)  
[www.teamrelocations.com](http://www.teamrelocations.com)

## Registering a vehicle

Anyone wishing to bring his or her car along when moving to Luxembourg must register it with the '*Société Nationale de Circulation Automobile*' (Luxembourg Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency, 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 (<https://guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/transports-mobilite/> or visit the SNCA website, [www.snca.lu](http://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](http://www.snca.lu));
- a '*Droit de Chancellerie*' (registration fee) stamp with a value of 50 euros (on sale at the SNCA offices or the *Administration de l'Enregistrement et des Domaines*);
- an invoice (as proof of ownership);
- a valid insurance certificate (proof of civil liability insurance), issued by an insurance company licensed 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)**

11, route de Luxembourg  
L-5230 Sandweiler  
Tel: +352 26 62 64 00 (registration information)  
Email: [info@snca.lu](mailto:info@snca.lu)  
[www.snca.lu](http://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 Wört* publishes employment advertisements every Saturday. You can also view advertisements online on a number of websites, including jobs.lu, jobfinder.lu, monster.lu and paperjam.jobs, 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 financial backgrounds.

## Find out more

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

10, rue Bender  
L-1229 Luxembourg  
Contact number for job seekers: 247 88888  
Email: [info@adem.etat.lu](mailto:info@adem.etat.lu)  
[www.adem.public.lu](http://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 start-ups and acquisitions, and collaboration at regional, national and international levels with other organisations pursuing similar objectives.

### **House of Entrepreneurship, one-stop-shop**

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*

**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

**House of Startups**

The House of Startups, instigated by the Chamber of Commerce and opened in early 2018, can accommodate between 150 and 200 innovative startups in its 6,000m<sup>2</sup> premises. The new startup support facility is also home to the following five entities:

- The Luxembourg-City Incubator – 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.
- nyuko a.s.b.l., which provides project owners with acceleration and mentoring services.
- 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: accelerator for innovative startups with high international growth potential.
- International Climate Finance Accelerator Luxembourg (ICFA): joint initiative created by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, and nine private partners.

**Investing in Luxembourg**

With regards to foreign investors looking to explore the possibilities that Luxembourg has to offer, 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. This is an initiative of the Ministry of the Economy, the Chamber of Commerce and the Luxinnovation agency.



*Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg-Kirchberg*

### Vote in Luxembourg elections

Regardless of their nationality, foreigners can participate in municipal elections (to vote for municipal 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. 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. For example, to participate in the European election at the end of May 2019, one must register by February 2019. You must register to vote in your commune of residence (but 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 be automatically transferred to the electoral roll of your new commune. Since voting is compulsory in Luxembourg, you will be required to vote for all elections after having registered, however it is possible to be excused from voting if necessary.

### 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 ones nationality of origin, provided that the law in the country of origin permits.

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);
- complete 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/](http://www.guichet.public.lu/en/citoyens/citoyennete/)

#### Nationality information line

8002 1000 (free-phone)  
from Luxembourg  
(+352) 247 88 588  
from abroad

Email:  
[nationalite@mj.public.lu](mailto:nationalite@mj.public.lu)

# EDUCATION AND TRAINING *IN LUXEMBOURG*



*St George's International School, Luxembourg-Hamm*



In addition to the importance given to language instruction in its education system, and the existence of numerous international schools, Luxembourg is used 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 24).

### 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 1st September in the year of enrolment. 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<sup>st</sup> 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-Belair) has been offering classes in English to pupils in basic education. ([www.lml.lu/int-english-classes-primary](http://www.lml.lu/int-english-classes-primary)).

Alternatives to state education are offered by some private establishments (see list on page 26). Parents can enrol their child by paying tuition fees.

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



## Secondary education

Secondary education is divided into two categories:

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

Public secondary schools

- English programmes are offered in two of the Luxembourg's *lycées* (secondary education establishments), namely the *Lycée Michel Lucius* in Limpertsberg and *L'Athénée de Luxembourg* in Merl.
- The international school of Differdange and Esch-sur-Alzette, offer French, German and English language courses.
- The start of the academic year 2018-2019 will mark the launch of European classes at three *lycées* - Lënster *lycée* in Junglinster, Edward Steichen *lycée* in Clervaux and Mondorf-les-Bains *lycée* -,
- A further four *lycées* offer training in specific fields, such as the Alexis-Heck technical hospitality *lycée*, the technical agricultural *lycée*, the technical *lycée* for education and social professions and the technical *lycée* for healthcare professions.

In addition to classical and general secondary education, there is also basic vocational training designed to give young people a general, theoretical and practical grounding that will enable them to obtain a qualification recognised by an official diploma or certificate.

Around 120 vocational training courses focusing on the professional sphere are available at intermediate and higher levels at both public and private *lycées*.

*Classical lycée - Echternach*



Luxembourg also has a significant number of private international *lycées* or schools offering alternative education. We recommend visiting the individual schools websites to find out more about their educational philosophies, academic programmes, methods of enrolment, and tuition fees (see list on p.26).

Cross-border, international and private schools:  
Key: PRE = Pre-School, PRI = Primary, SEC= Secondary

#### École Européenne (PRE, PRI, SEC)

23, bd. Konrad Adenauer  
L-1115 Luxembourg  
www.euroschool.lu

#### International School of Luxembourg (PRE, PRI, SEC)

36, bd. Pierre Dupong  
L-1430 Luxembourg  
www.islux.lu

#### École et Lycée Français de Luxembourg, Vauban (PRE, PRI, SEC)

1-3, rue Albert Einstein  
L-1488 Luxembourg  
www.vauban.lu

#### Schengen-Lyzeum Perl (SEC)

Auf dem Sabel 2  
66706 Perl  
Allemagne  
www.schengenlyzeum.eu

#### St George's International School (PRE, PRI, SEC)

11, rue des Peupliers  
L-2328 Luxembourg  
www.st-georges.lu

#### École privée Notre-Dame Sainte Sophie (PRE, PRI, SEC)

4, rue Marguerite de Busbach  
L-1014 Luxembourg  
www.saintesophie.lu

#### Waldorfschoul Lëtzebuerg (PRE, PRI, SEC)

45, rue de l'Avenir  
L-1147 Luxembourg  
www.waldorf.lu

#### École privée Grandjean (SEC)

7 rue Adolphe Fischer  
L-1520 Luxembourg  
www.epg.lu

#### École privée Fieldgen (SEC)

21 rue d'Anvers  
L-1130 Luxembourg  
www.epf.lu

#### École Maria Montessori (PRE, PRI)

192, rue des Romains  
L-8041 Strassen  
www.ecole-montessori.lu

#### École Charlemagne (PRE, PRI)

28, route de Diekirch  
L-7220 Helmsange  
www.ecole-charlemagne.org

#### Over the Rainbow (PRE, PRI, SEC)

7, Val Sainte Croix  
L-1371 Luxembourg  
www.overtherainbow.lu

#### École Maternelle les Poussins (PRE)

12 and 29, Boulevard Baden Powell  
L-1211 Luxembourg  
www.poussins.lu

#### École Maternelle Mini Collège (PRE)

75 rue des Maraîchers  
L-2124 Luxembourg  
www.poussins.lu

#### Scuola Materna italiana (PRE)

19 boulevard de la Pétrusse  
L-2320 Luxembourg  
www.scumatit.lu

#### Lycée Technique Privé Emile Metz (SEC)

50, rue de Beggen  
L-1220 Luxembourg  
www.ltpem.lu

#### École Privée Sainte-Anne (SEC)

108, Grand-rue  
L-9051 Ettelbruck  
www.sainte-anne.lu

#### École Privée Marie-Consolatrice (SEC)

101 rue de Luxembourg  
L-4221 Esch-sur-Alzette  
www.epmc.lu

#### Find out more

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

29, rue Aldringen  
L-2926 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 247 85 100  
Email: info@men.lu  
www.men.lu



*The European School Luxembourg*



*University of Luxembourg,  
Esch-sur-Alzette*

## Higher Education

### University of Luxembourg:

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

- Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication: This international and multidisciplinary faculty currently offers 5 undergraduate, 11 graduate and 2 lifelong learning courses. Its research covers information technology, engineering, mathematics, life sciences, physics and material studies.
- Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance: This faculty offers 11 graduate, 3 undergraduate and 3 lifelong learning programmes, as well as two doctoral schools. Its academic programmes are mainly bilingual (French/English), although a number of master's programmes are taught entirely in English. The faculty includes three research units: the Research Unit in Law (RUL), the Luxembourg School of Finance (LSF) and the Centre for Research in Economics and Management (CREA), which incorporates the Luxembourg Centre for Logistics and Supply Chain Management (LCL).
- Faculty of Literature and Human Sciences, Arts and Educational Sciences: This faculty offers 4 undergraduate and 15 graduate programmes, and a doctoral school. It offers a wide range of expertise in fields from human sciences and linguistics, to cognitive, social, and educational sciences.

The University of Luxembourg is multilingual and among the most international universities in Europe. Nationals from 115 countries attend the university, and its academic staff hails from 20 countries. The University of Luxembourg has forged partnerships with 78 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 stream 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](http://www.uni.lu)



### Other higher education

Luxembourg currently offers 24 courses leading towards a *brevet de technicien supérieur* BTS ('advanced technician's certificate') 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 website of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research ([http://www.mesr.public.lu/enssup/Accreditations/170911\\_ formations-superieures-accreditees-final.pdf](http://www.mesr.public.lu/enssup/Accreditations/170911_ formations-superieures-accreditees-final.pdf)).

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), 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](http://www.lunex-university.net)).
- The Luxembourg School of Business ([www.luxsb.lu](http://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](http://www.isec.lu)) offers accredited bachelor's and master's-type courses for professionals.
- The Sacred Heart University ([www.shu.lu](http://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: [http://www.mesr.public.lu/enssup/Accreditations/170911\\_ formations-superieures-accreditees-final.pdf](http://www.mesr.public.lu/enssup/Accreditations/170911_ formations-superieures-accreditees-final.pdf).

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

- Since the start of the academic year 2013, Echternach classical *lycée* has been offering a 2-year preparatory course for those looking to go on to study at a French *grande école de commerce*.
- Miami University has opened a campus in Luxembourg where it offers university level courses ([www.units.miamioh.edu/luxembourg/](http://www.units.miamioh.edu/luxembourg/)) aimed at American students.

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**

##### **Centre de Documentation et d'Information sur l'Enseignement Supérieur (Luxembourg centre for documentation and information on higher education, CEDIES)**

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

##### **Luxembourg Ministry of Higher Education and Research**

[www.mesr.public.lu](http://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 continuous 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 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](http://www.lifelong-learning.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

### The *Institut Supérieur de l'Economie* (ISEC)

The Chamber of Commerce and the The Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts created the *Institut Supérieur de l'Economie* (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 development (learning)  
(+352) 42 3939 210  
formprof@cc.lu  
www.winwin.lu

**House of Training**

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

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

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

**Luxembourg Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts**

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

**Luxembourg Chamber of Employees**

Luxembourg Lifelong Learning Center  
13, rue de Bragance  
L-1255 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 2749 4600  
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 (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 various selection of languages.

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

21, boulevard de la Foire  
L-1528 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 26 44 30 1  
info@inll.lu  
www.inll.lu

# 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 under *Assurance Maladie* (state health insurance). Patients are free to choose their own provider and they have direct access to specialist consultants.

### A high concentration of quality medical infrastructure

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 (INCCI), and the *Centre François Baclesse* (the national centre of radiotherapy);
- the *Rehanzenter* national centre for functional re-education and rehabilitation;
- 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 *maison médicale* (walk-in clinic), 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

4, rue Ernest Barblé  
L-1210 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 44 11 11  
[www.chl.lu](http://www.chl.lu)

#### Hôpital Kirchberg

9 rue Edward Steichen  
L-2540 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 24 68 1  
[www.hkb.lu](http://www.hkb.lu)

#### Centre Hospitalier Emile Mayrisch

Rue Emile Mayrisch  
L-4240 Esch-sur-Alzette  
Tel: (+ 352) 57 11 - 1  
[www.chem.lu](http://www.chem.lu)

#### Centre Hospitalier du Nord

120, avenue Salentyng  
L-9080 Ettelbruck  
Tel: (+352) 81 66 1  
[www.chdn.lu](http://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 *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 *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 *Caisse Nationale de Santé*.

It is not necessary to put a postage stamp on letters sent to the *Caisse Nationale de Santé* in Luxembourg.

Medication costs: After presenting your prescription and medical card at the pharmacy, you will only have to pay the percentage of the cost not covered by the health insurance fund. 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:  
<http://med.lod.lu/>

## Find out more

### Full list of social security institutions

[www.secu.lu](http://www.secu.lu)

### Centre Commun de la Sécurité Sociale (social security office) Affiliation Department

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

### Caisse Nationale de Santé (CNS)

125, route d'Esch  
L-2980 Luxembourg  
Opening hours: 8am - 4pm, Monday to Friday  
Tel: 27 57-1  
Email: [cns@secu.lu](mailto:cns@secu.lu)  
[www.cns.lu](http://www.cns.lu)

### List of on-duty pharmacies

[www.pharmacie.lu](http://www.pharmacie.lu)

## Maternity, paternity 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 *Caisse Nationale de Santé* (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 in vigour 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 *Chèque-Service Accueil* (CSA) system. This entitles parents to enjoy reduced rates on educational and childcare facilities. The value of the CSA and the amount that the 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, child minders, kindergartens, parental assistance, or *maisons relais* (structures where parents can leave their children before and after school). Childcare providers are subject to authorisation by the Luxembourg Ministry of the Family with assessments made on staff integrity, qualifications, and infrastructure. Parents need to register directly with the establishments themselves.

Since 2013, Luxembourg has had a legal framework in place for families wishing to use **au pair services**. The *Service National de la Jeunesse* ('National Youth Service') 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](http://www.accueil-aupair.lu).

*The Rehacenter (Luxembourg-Kirchberg)  
is an establishment dedicated to functional  
re-education*



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

For further information on parental leave and/or the various welfare benefits available to help families (childbirth allowance, allowance for the child's future, special additional allowance, back-to-school allowance, etc.) please contact:

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

**Information on *Chèque-Service Accueil (CSA)*  
CSA helpdesk:**

8002 1112

**List of childcare providers:**

[www.accueilenfant.lu](http://www.accueilenfant.lu)

**Find out more about paediatric services in Luxembourg:**

[www.pediatrie.lu](http://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

**For a list of locations where you can pick up a guide:**

[www.quoise9.lu/en/the-guides/](http://www.quoise9.lu/en/the-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 have a positive influence on tourism, culture, and leisure in this country, resulting in a rich, varied choice of activities for every taste.



### Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City is the country's political and cultural centre. As the end of 2017 it had 116,300 inhabitants, 69% of whom were 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 city's and country's top tourist attraction are the 23-kilometres of military tunnels ("casemates") dug into capital's bedrock.

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

- The *National Museum of History and Art (MNHA)* features archaeological and artistic collections, and also works of decorative and popular art;
- The *National Museum of Natural History ("natur musée")* helps visitors understand science and natural history in a local context;
- The *Lëtzebuerg City Museum* presents the history of the City of Luxembourg through explanation of objects as well as topographical reconstructions and interactive media;
- The *Casino Luxembourg-Forum* gallery hosts a variety of contemporary art.
- The *Mudam - Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean* houses contemporary art in a building designed by the Chinese-American architect Ming Pei;
- The *Musée Dräi Eechelen (M3E)* showcases the history of the Fortress of Luxembourg and the country itself;
- The *Villa Vauban - Art Museum of the City of Luxembourg* is a fine art museum that houses collections of historic and contemporary art.

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

- The 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 on the Kirchberg open their doors and art collections to the public
- *Nuit des Musées* (October): all museums are open free of charge into the night. There are also original programmes of events and artistic creations.

#### **Find out more**

##### **Luxembourg for Tourism**

Tel: +352 42 82 82 1

Email: [info@visitluxembourg.com](mailto:info@visitluxembourg.com)

Website: [www.visitluxembourg.com](http://www.visitluxembourg.com)

##### **Luxembourg City Tourist Office**

30, place Guillaume II

L-1648 Luxembourg

Tel: (+352) 22 28 09

Email: [touristinfo@lcto.lu](mailto:touristinfo@lcto.lu)

[www.luxembourg-city.com](http://www.luxembourg-city.com)



*Mudam - Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean*

## Main museums in the City of Luxembourg

### National Museum of History and Art (MNHA)

Marché-aux-Poissons  
L-2345 Luxembourg  
[www.mnha.lu](http://www.mnha.lu)

### National Museum of Natural History («natur musée»)

25, rue Münster  
L-2160 Luxembourg  
[www.mnhn.lu](http://www.mnhn.lu)

### Lëtzebuerg City Museum

14, rue St-Esprit  
L-2090 Luxembourg  
[www.citymuseum.lu](http://www.citymuseum.lu)

### Casino Luxembourg - Forum d'art contemporain

41, rue Notre-Dame  
L-2013 Luxembourg  
[www.casino-luxembourg.lu](http://www.casino-luxembourg.lu)

### Mudam Musée d'Art Moderne - Grand-Duc Jean

3, Park Dräi Eechelen  
L-1499 Luxembourg-Kirchberg  
[www.mudam.lu](http://www.mudam.lu)

### Musée Dräi Eechelen (M3E)

5, Park Dräi Eechelen  
L-1499 Luxembourg-Kirchberg  
[www.m3e.public.lu](http://www.m3e.public.lu)

### Villa Vauban – Art Museum of the City of Luxembourg

18, avenue Émile Reuter  
L-2090 Luxembourg  
[www.villavauban.lu](http://www.villavauban.lu)

### Find all museums in Luxembourg at

[www.visitluxembourg.com](http://www.visitluxembourg.com)



*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. The Luxembourg scene features a mixture of Germanic and Latin artistic influences, including regular productions in English. There are many international co-productions and collaborations with actors and directors of various nationalities. This cultural melting pot contributes to the scene constantly reinventing itself, not least as a considerable amount of the theatrical output is contemporary.

Luxembourg has a varied, world-class **music scene**. The Philharmonie concert hall attracts leading classical musicians, not least thanks to its internationally acclaimed acoustics. Situated on the Kirchberg plateau, this 1,500-capacity concert hall was designed by Christian de Portzamparc. It also hosts other types of music including jazz, rock and world music. The Rockhal is a 6,500-capacity concert hall located in Belval dedicated to contemporary music, including pop, rock, jazz, electro and hip-hop. Composed of three entirely modular concert halls, the Rockhal also offers a resource centre for musicians with a media library, rehearsal rooms and a recording studio. Several smaller venues in the City and beyond cater to music of all tastes.

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. There are 35 production companies in Luxembourg, 5 animation studios, 2 production studios and 15 post-production companies. The sector employs around 700 people. The success of Luxembourg production has gone global. For example, in 2014, *Mr Hublot* by Laurent Witz won the Oscar for the best animated short film.

Luxembourg has 14 cinemas, totalling 34 screens between them. Viewers can choose between traditional movie theatres and two 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 original language culture in the cinema reflects the prevailing multilingualism in Luxembourg.

The *Cinémathèque de Luxembourg* was founded in 1988 and is one of the largest film archives in Europe, where over 14,000 copies of films of all genres are stored. It holds the complete filmographies of the grandfathers of cinema, including Orson Welles, Jean Renoir, and Alfred Hitchcock. It also houses rare films, of which only one or two copies remain, as well as specialised collections from specific eras and genres.

## Key cultural sites in Luxembourg

## Theatre

**Grand Théâtre de la Ville de Luxembourg**

1, Rond-point Schuman  
L-2525 Luxembourg

**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 du 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  
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**Cinémathèque de la ville de Luxembourg**

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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

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116, route de Luxembourg  
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*Grand Théâtre de la Ville de Luxembourg*

### Charming tourism in Luxembourg

Despite its limited 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, plus is 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 to be found here make it a particularly charming region.

**Mondorf-les-Bains** features Luxembourg's thermal spa, where mineral salts feed into a number of 36°C thermal pools. Its wellness centre features various saunas, hammams, jacuzzis and other 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 rivers. The 112km-long Mullerthal Trail hiking route has been recognised as one of the 'Leading Quality Trails - Best of Europe'.

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

Meanwhile, **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 history tourism. The Belval area, currently undergoing urban renewal, is home to a preserved old steel blast furnace that can be explored. The region also boasts various attractions suitable for families, including the *Parc Merveilleux*, the steam-powered Train 1900, and a Mines Museum that includes 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. 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 stretches across roughly 40km, from Schengen to Wasserbillig. Visitors can take the *Route des Vins* (wine route) along the breathtaking Moselle river valley, and thus can 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, garden, and public parkland.



*Vineyards on the banks of the Moselle river*



*Region of the Müllerthal, Luxembourg's little Switzerland*

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**Lakes and rivers**

Luxembourg's lakes are also year-round leisure centres. Everything from swimming, water sports, fishing and pedalos, are just some of the activities offered around the lakes and pools of the Upper-Sûre, Echternach, Remerschen, and Weiswampach.

The Moselle river also features several river cruise options.

**Architecture**

Luxembourg's architecture makes it a veritable open-air art gallery. It is place where the biggest names in international architecture and a vibrant, creative national scene display their work. Fourteen contemporary architecture tourist routes cross the country, featuring around 300 projects by different architectural firms ([www.architectour.lu](http://www.architectour.lu)).



*Youth hostel, Schengen-Remerschen*





*Nordic Walking in the  
Müllerthal region*

## Sports

Luxembourg loves sport, and there are clubs for nearly every discipline. Soccer, cycling and basketball are the main national sports, but there are hundreds of others: from rugby to squash, handball to ice hockey, American football to badminton, and more.

Extreme sports on offer in Luxembourg include flying, micro lighting, 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 rowing, 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.

With 23 particularly well signposted dedicated cycle tracks, the country is the perfect playground for both amateur and professional cyclists. There is currently more than 600km of usable track, with plans to expand this to more than 900km. Meanwhile, mountain-biking enthusiasts enjoy 700km of way-marked tracks.

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

### Find out more

**The Luxembourg sport portal:**  
[www.sport.public.lu](http://www.sport.public.lu)

**Luxembourg City's sports service website:**  
[www.vdl.lu/visiter/loisirs-et-sports](http://www.vdl.lu/visiter/loisirs-et-sports)

## Food & Cuisine in Luxembourg

Luxembourg cuisine reflects both French and German influences, combining, as Luxembourgers say, 'French quality with German quantity'. Beyond this though, Luxembourg's restaurants take their 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 2018 edition)

#### Clairefontaine

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#### Toit pour toi

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[www.hotel-leplacedarmes.com](http://www.hotel-leplacedarmes.com)

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[www.guilloucampagne.lu](http://www.guilloucampagne.lu)

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[www.mls.lu](http://www.mls.lu)

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### Find out more

More than 1,000 restaurant addresses are available on the site [www.explorator.lu](http://www.explorator.lu)



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

## Associations offering services for expatriates

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

### Association des Flamands du Luxembourg

[www.vlaamseclub.lu](http://www.vlaamseclub.lu)

### Nederlands Vereniging Luxemburg

[www.nvl.lu](http://www.nvl.lu)

### Union Royale Belge Luxembourg

[www.urb-bkv.lu](http://www.urb-bkv.lu)

### Deutscher Verein au Luxembourg

[www.deutscher-verein-luxembourg.eu/](http://www.deutscher-verein-luxembourg.eu/)

### British Ladies Club

[www.blc.lu](http://www.blc.lu)

### Irish Club of Luxembourg

[www.irishclub.lu](http://www.irishclub.lu)

### American Women's Club of Luxembourg

[www.awcluxembourg.com](http://www.awcluxembourg.com)

### Japanese Ladies' Association of Luxembourg

[www.jlaluxembourg.org](http://www.jlaluxembourg.org)

### Nordic Women's Club

[www.nwc.lu](http://www.nwc.lu)

### The Network, Connecting Women in Luxembourg

[www.thenetwork.lu](http://www.thenetwork.lu)

### Luxembourg Accueil

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[www.luxembourgaccueil.com](http://www.luxembourgaccueil.com)

## Find out more

### A practical guide to living in Luxembourg:

[www.justarrived.lu](http://www.justarrived.lu)

### The Just Arrived Ambassadors club

For expatriates to share their experiences and help new arrivals:  
[www.jaacclub.org](http://www.jaacclub.org)

### The Luxembourg page of the website devoted to expatriation:

[www.expats.com/fr/destination/europe/luxembourg/](http://www.expats.com/fr/destination/europe/luxembourg/)

### A site offering a comprehensive list of excursions and activities in Luxembourg:

[www.supermiro.com](http://www.supermiro.com)



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

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*Given the limited size of the country, a number of foreign embassies accredited in Luxembourg are located outside the country, particularly in Belgium.*

## Luxembourg at a glance

### 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 (114,300 inhabitants), Esch-sur-Alzette (34,400 inhabitants), Differdange (25,400 inhabitants) Dudelange (20,500 inhabitants) (2018, source: STATEC) |

### Territory

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Area               | 2.586 km <sup>2</sup>  |
| Built-up area      | 9.8% (2016, 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 or <i>Eisléck</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](http://www.statistiques.public.lu)

#### Directory of Luxembourg public websites:

[www.etat.lu](http://www.etat.lu)

#### Government news portal:

[www.gouvernement.lu](http://www.gouvernement.lu)

### Population

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Total population | 602,005 (2018 figures, source: STATEC)                          |
|                  | Consisting of:  |
|                  | • Luxembourgers: 309,200 (52.34%)                               |
|                  | • Foreigners: 281,500 (47.66%)                                  |
|                  | o Portuguese: 96,800 (16.4%)                                    |
|                  | o French: 44,300 (7.5%)   |
|                  | o Italian: 21,300 (3.6%)  |
|                  | o Belgian: 20,000 (3.4%)  |
|                  | o German: 13,100 (2.2%)   |
| Densité          | 228.4 inhabitants / km <sup>2</sup> (2017, source: STATEC)      |
| Life expectancy  | 79.9 years (males); 84.4 years (females) (2018, source: STATEC) |

### Economy and employment

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Currency                           | Euro   |
| Gross domestic product (GDP)       | 53,005 million euros (2016, source STATEC)   |
| GDP per capita                     | 92,900 euros (2017, source: STATEC)  |
| Domestic employment                | 418,400 persons (2017, source: STATEC)   |
| Cross-border workers in Luxembourg | 189,900 (2017, source: STATEC)   |
| Unemployment rate                  | 5.8% (November 2017)   |
| Number of banks                    | 139 (31 December 2017, source: CSSF)   |
| Number of companies                | 35,900 (2014, source: STATEC), including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• services (31,420)</li> <li>• Construction (3,523)</li> <li>• Manufacturing (957)</li> </ul> |

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