

LUXEMBOURG AND UNESCO

- Founding member
- **National Commission** created in 1949
- **16 primary and secondary schools** in the Luxembourg UNESCO Associated Schools Network
- **UNESCO Chair in Human Rights** at the University of Luxembourg

Luxembourg's inscriptions in UNESCO programmes:

- **Luxembourg, old quarters and fortifications.** (cover picture)
World Heritage Site (1994);
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- **« Minett UNESCO Biosphere ».** ②
UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves (2020);
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- The **Family of Man.** ③
Documentary Heritage:
Memory of the World (2003);
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- The **Hopping Procession of Echternach.** ④
Intangible Cultural Heritage (2010);
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- **« Natur- & Geopark Mëllerdall »** (2022), ⑤
UNESCO Global Geopark;
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Multinational nominations, representing all regions of the world, in the **intangible cultural heritage**:

- **The musical art of hunting horn players,**
« Haupeschräuler » (2020), with Belgium, France and Italy.
- The **traditional irrigation of meadows,**
« Fléizen » (2023), with, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland.
- The Art of **Midwifery**, knowledge, skills and practices
« Hiewanskonscht » (2023), with Colombia, Cyprus, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Slovenia, and Togo.
- The **transhumance**, the seasonal droving of livestock
« Wanderschäiferei » (2023), with Albania, Andorra, Austria, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Romania and Spain.
- The **art of dry stone construction,** knowledge and techniques
« Dréchemauerbauen » (2024), with Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.

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Luxembourg's candidacy is supported by the Kingdom of Belgium and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Member States of the BENELUX Union

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Twenty years after having been elected to UNESCO's Executive Board for the first time, **Luxembourg remains committed to furthering EDUCATION, CULTURE, COMMUNICATION and SCIENCE in the interest of peace and development**, and is therefore presenting its candidature for a second mandate on the Executive Board.

GLOBAL PRIORITIES

in line with those of UNESCO, with a focus on strengthening **intersectorality**

- The protection of **human rights**
- **Gender equality**
- **Africa**
- **Small Island Developing States**
- **Youth.**

Luxembourg, a

RELIABLE AND COMMITTED PARTNER

- A strong supporter of **multilateralism**, based on human rights and respect.
- A **multicultural, multilingual** nation **open to the world**.
- A **committed partner for developing countries and the 2030 Agenda**.
- A champion of **environmental protection and biodiversity**, actively engaged in the **fight against the climate crisis**.

THEMATIC PRIORITIES

to strengthen the role of UNESCO in a challenging geopolitical and environmental context.

• Education

as a fundamental human right. Education must be of **high quality, inclusive** and **accessible to all**. Luxembourg's development cooperation, which amounts to 1% of our GNI, has defined education as a priority area. **Education in crisis or conflict situations must be guaranteed for every child and every young person.**

• Culture

Diversity of cultural expressions is an integral part of Luxembourg's identity, a **crossroads of cultures**. Luxembourg considers the **protection of cultural heritage** to be a key element of sustainable development, and **creativity** as a source of **social harmony** and **well-being**. As a member of the **Francophonie**, observer State of the **Community of Portuguese Language Countries** and **German-speaking** country, Luxembourg is a **fervent supporter of multilingualism**. Luxembourg's society is a living example of **interculturality**, where the exchange of ideas and experiences leads to mutual enrichment. Culture as a vector of peace: Luxembourg is committed to the **protection of cultural heritage in situations of conflict and crisis**.

• Information and Communication

Luxembourg has supported UNESCO's **International Programme for the Development of Communication** for many years and was elected to its Intergovernmental Council for 2023-2027. Luxembourg is committed to the **safety of journalists and media professionals** - with a focus on **women**, who are particularly vulnerable - as well as to the **fight against dis- and misinformation**, an essential prerequisite for a healthy Democracy.

• Science

Universal access to science is a prerequisite for the scientific advances that humanity so urgently needs. It is crucial to take into account the voices of **women, LGBTI+ people and all those in vulnerable situations**. The **climate** crisis, which particularly affects Small Island Developing States, must be tackled on the basis of facts and science. Luxembourg highlights the role of **biospheres** in the fight to protect the environment and biodiversity.

UNESCO cannot avoid in-depth reflection on **social transformations**. Luxembourg contributes to this effort through its **commitment to MOST** and active contributions to the work of the Intergovernmental **Bioethics** Committee.