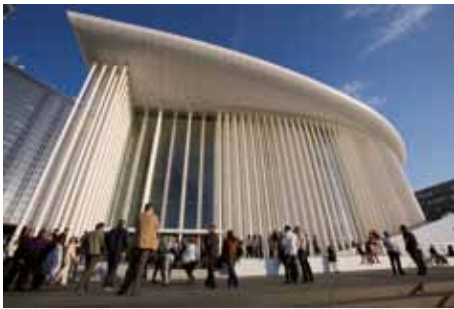


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# LUXEMBOURG: *THE CROSSROADS OF EUROPE*



One of Luxembourg's main advantages 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, Zürich and Berlin are all just one hour away by plane.



Luxembourg's Findel airport is located 15 minutes from Luxembourg City center, making it possible to quickly reach over 60 destinations in Europe and North Africa. Several daily flights connect Luxembourg to London, Frankfurt and Paris, providing a quick and easy connection to Europe's most important financial centers.

The country has excellent road and rail infrastructure. The railway network is efficient and extremely well-connected to the large European hubs, making traveling 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 several high-ranking European institutions are based. These include European Court of Auditors, European Investment Bank (EIB), European Investment Fund (EIF), the Secretariat-General of the European Parliament and various departments of the European Commission, European Court of Justice, and European General Court, as well as the European Office of Statistics (Eurostat) and Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. Finally, Luxembourg also hosts the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union and the European Free Trade Association Court.

*Inaugurated in 2008, the new terminal of the Luxembourg airport has a capacity of 3 million passengers thanks to its 26 check-in desks, 18 doors and 5 boarding bridges.*



# A FAVORABLE *SOCIO-ECONOMIC* *CONTEXT*



As a constitutional monarchy with a particularly open economy, Luxembourg combines social and political stability with a relatively low rate of unemployment, multicultural workforce and strong government initiatives to diversify activities. This is demonstrated in the government's active support of research projects and its investment incentive policies.



### A home to 170 nationalities

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

Almost 46% of Luxembourg residents are of foreign origin, accounting for 258,700 people out of a total population of 563,000 (STATEC, estimate on 1 January 2015). In the capital, the percentage of foreigners reaches nearly 69%.

The most highly represented foreign communities in Luxembourg are:

_ Portuguese	(92,100 people)
_ French	(39,400)
_ Italian	(19,500)
_ Belgian	(18,800)
_ German	(12,800)

One of the essential characteristics of Luxembourg's integration model is that there are virtually no intercultural tensions despite the high percentage of foreign residents.



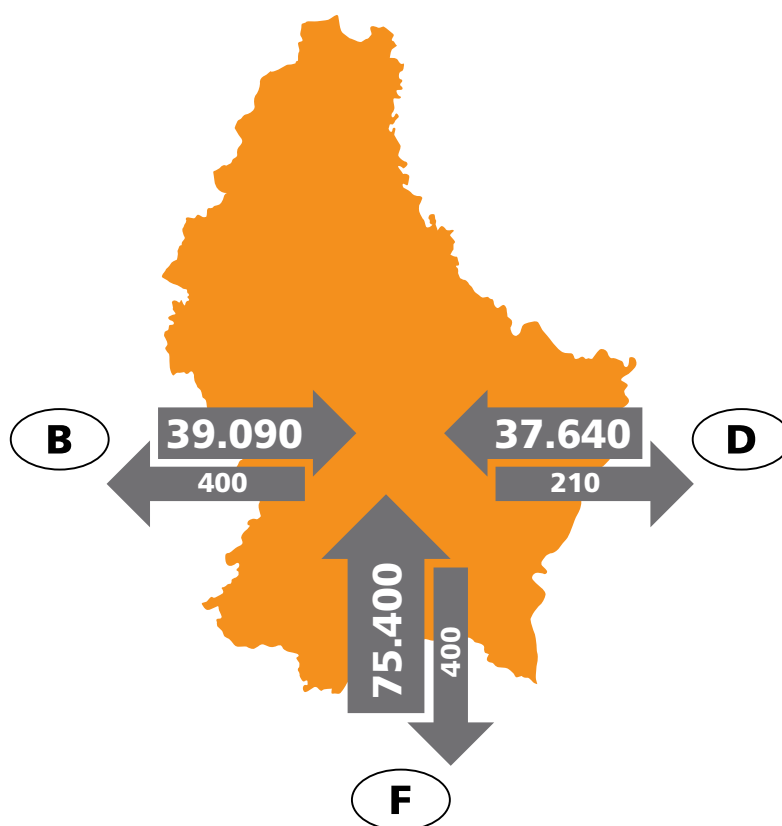
*Luxembourg Center for Systems Biomedecine - Esch-sur-Alzette*

*The technoport situated in Esch-sur-Alzette is comprised of an incubator for technological start-up, a space dedicated to co-working and a laboratory for manufacturing prototypes.*



*Daily flows of the cross-border workers**(Source: Report on the Economic and Social Situation of the Greater Region 2013/14)***A country widely open to the world**

The unique demography of Luxembourg, together with its geographical location, exerts considerable influence on the employment market. The foreign workforce, which accounts for 71% of domestic employment in Luxembourg, is partly the result of immigration (foreign residents), bolstered by a high percentage of “border workers” (42%), who commute to Luxembourg each day from their country of residence.



The Luxembourg economy, similar to those of other small countries, is very much outward-looking. The *KOF Index of Globalization 2015*, published by ETH Zurich, ranks Luxembourg as third in the “economic globalization” category, behind Singapore (first) and Ireland (second). The ranking takes into account the international trade and commerce in these countries, as well as existence of any trade barriers.

Luxembourg exports more than 80% of its production of goods and services. A sound framework of policy incentives also attracts a great deal of foreign investment. Indeed, large industrial and commercial groups have relocated their production and distribution centers to Luxembourg.



### **An efficient and diversified production apparatus**

The country has a strong industrial tradition, evident from the presence of large international offices on its soil. Luxembourg hosts a diverse range of industries, including those of steel and metal processing, chemicals, materials and plastics, electricity, and electronics. Altogether, they account for roughly 7% of the GDP and 9% of domestic employment.

Structurally, the Luxembourg economy is dominated by the services sector (accounting for 82% of the GDP, 80% of exports and 79% of the jobs). The services sector dominates the Luxembourg economy, accounting for 82% of GDP, 80% of exports, and 79% of jobs. This trend derived from the remarkable growth of the financial market towards the late twentieth century, and it continues to play a significant role today. Indeed, with its 143 banking institutions, Luxembourg is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest international financial market and has the second largest number of investment funds in the world behind the US. Luxembourg is additionally the largest provider of private banking services in the Eurozone. In order to adapt with evolving demands, Luxembourg continues to diversify its financial sector by developing micro and Islamic finance, in addition to philanthropic and socially responsible investment.

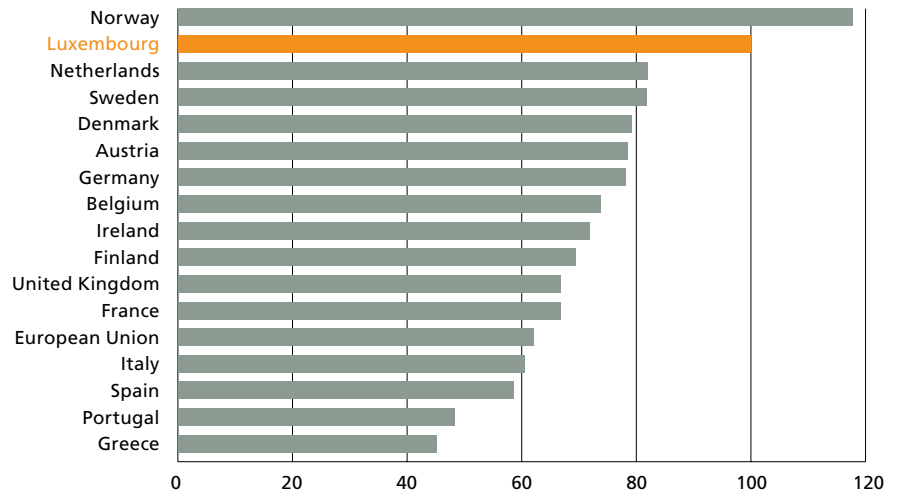
Aware of the risks associated with an excessively monolithic economic structure, Luxembourg public authorities have adopted a multi-specialization strategy, which has brought about the rapid expansion of some sectors of the tertiary economy. For example, the transportation logistics sector, a sector composed of 13,000 employees across 780 companies, is partnering at large with city transportation logistics to spearhead new innovations in optimizing the transportation of goods and people around urban areas using green and other highly added-value technologies. Information Technology (IT), communications sectors (e.g. SES, RTL Group, Microsoft, Siemens, Skype, iTunes, Amazon), and the media, in addition to new health technologies and green engineering are other venues of diversification for the Luxembourg economy. To support this effort, Luxembourg is investing heavily in research and development and in the promotion of innovation, as illustrated by the recent expansions of the University of Luxembourg and other public research centers such as the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology, Luxembourg Institute of Health, and Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research.

Gross national income per capita based on  
purchasing power parity in 2014

(Luxembourg = base 100)  
(Source: AMECO)

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

Although prices are fairly similar to those in neighboring countries (France, Belgium, Germany), income per capita is much higher in Luxembourg. Consequently, purchasing power parity in Luxembourg 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 as well. The *Quality of Living Survey 2015*, conducted by Mercer Consulting, ranked Luxembourg City 19<sup>th</sup> out of 230 cities worldwide. The international *Global Liveable Cities Index (GLCI) 2014*, a study based on economic, environmental and aesthetic criteria, ranked Luxembourg the sixth nicest place (out of 64) to live and work.

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





*European Convention Center,  
Luxembourg-Kirchberg*

### **Social and political stability**

The near absence of strikes in Luxembourg is thanks to an effective system of mediation between management representatives, workers' unions and the government, known as "Tripartite". Tripartite meetings involve representatives from each of the above three groups, where participants, in cases of disputes or economic problems of a cyclical or structural nature, attempt to reach an agreement on all matters concerning employment relations and social guarantees.

Nationally, the political system has demonstrated great stability. Politics in Luxembourg are traditionally dominated by three major parties: the Christian Social People's Party (CSV), the Democratic Party (DP), and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP). Following early legislative elections held in October 2013, the current coalition government was formed by ministers from three different parties: DP, LSAP and Déi gréng (The Green Party).

Internationally, Luxembourg continues to play an important role in the European construct. Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg from 1995 to 2013, presided the Eurogroup from 2005 to 2013. In November 2014, he became the third Luxembourg president of the European Commission. Two other former prime ministers - Gaston Thorn (1981-1985) and Jacques Santer (1995-1999) - have also presided the European Commission before him.





### Advantageous tax system

Luxembourg's tax system is particularly advantageous; income tax rates are among the lowest in Europe. The income tax system is based on 19 progressive brackets, with a maximum marginal tax rate of 40%.

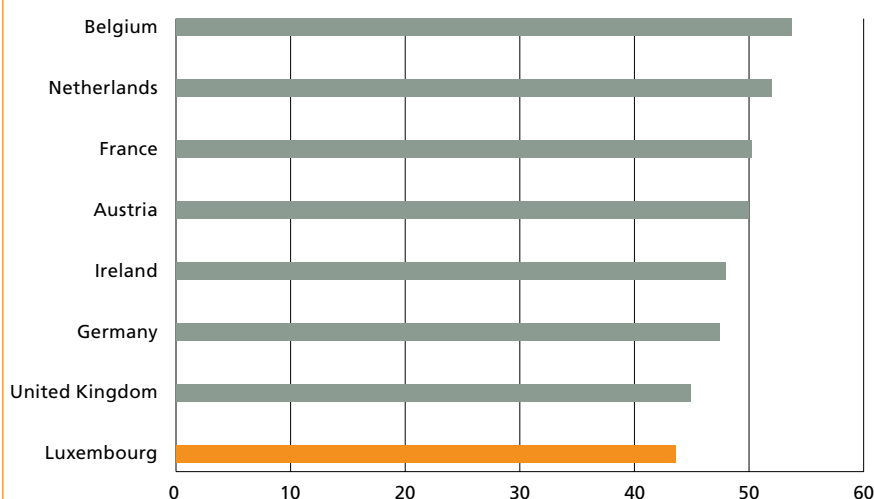
With a maximum corporate tax rate of 29.22%, the Luxembourg fiscal environment is also comparatively appealing to companies. The rate applicable to companies with a taxable revenue not exceeding 15,000 euros is 20%, which then increases to 21% for revenues beyond 15,000 euros. Additionally, a 7% solidarity tax - is levied to support the national employment fund, as well as a municipal business tax, which is individually determined by each commune (6.75% in Luxembourg City). Companies can also take advantage of numerous tax reductions, such as when they would like to finance a new investment. A short-term reduction in the corporate tax has also been recently announced by the government, lending resident companies an additional advantage and also encouraging foreign companies to set up new subsidiaries and branches in Luxembourg.

On 1 July 2005, a withholding tax was introduced on savings for foreign residents. On 1 January 2008 it increased to 20%, where it currently remains.

Another withholding tax of 10% may apply to some transferable bond savings that are paid to Luxembourg residents through a Luxembourg-based paying agent (a.k.a. an economic operator who pays immediate interest to beneficiaries).

*Maximum rate of income tax on individuals (2014)*

*(Source: European Commission)*



*With 143 banking institutions (pictured here: the Bank of Luxembourg), Luxembourg ranks number 8 in the most important international financial centers.*



Since 1 January 2015, the minimum rate of VAT has been 17%, the lowest in the EU (compared to 18% in Malta, and 19% in Cyprus and Germany). With smaller excise duties in Luxembourg, prices at the pump are consistently lower than in neighboring countries.

#### **Tax information:**

##### **Administration des Contributions Directes (Luxembourg direct tax authority)**

45, boulevard Roosevelt  
L-2982 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 40 800-1  
Fax: (+352) 40 800-2022  
[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  
BP 1605, L-1016 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 28 18 28 18  
Fax: (+352) 28 18 92 00  
[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 BP 31  
Tel: (+352) 44 905-1  
Fax: (+352) 45 42 98  
Email: [info@aed.public.lu](mailto:info@aed.public.lu)  
[www.aed.public.lu](http://www.aed.public.lu)



# MOVING TO LUXEMBOURG



*Natural swimming pool / Planet +*



Luxembourg is a small country where it is easy to contact the authorities. Procedures are straightforward, particularly when it comes to obtaining administrative documents. In a bid to further simplify administrative procedures, 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 his or her nationality, who establishes their habitual residence in Luxembourg, must declare his or her arrival at the population registry of the local authority in his or her 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

Fax: (+352) 2627 0999

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



### 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 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. Special provisions apply to Croatian citizens, who must have a work permit for their first year of work in Luxembourg, pursuant to the transitional provisions set out in the Accession Treaty.

***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. If an individual plans to stay for longer than three months, then the individual 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, worker, freelancer, sportsperson, student, pupil, intern, volunteer, young *Au Pair*, researcher, family member, or for 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, with the exception of Croatian citizens (see previous paragraph).

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 (border workers) or 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 *Agence pour le Développement de l'Emploi (ADEM)* (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) 478 4040  
Fax: (+352) 22 16 08  
[www.gouvernement.lu/maee](http://www.gouvernement.lu/maee)



## Finding accommodation

The Luxembourg housing market is quite stretched due to an ever-increasing need for housing and a rate of construction that is failing to satisfy demand. We therefore recommend that you start thinking about housing well in advance of your relocation to Luxembourg. There are several sources of information to help you.

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

To help you find 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 Accommodation 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 personalized 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, to make settling and integration in Luxembourg easier.



*Grünewald district, Luxembourg - Kirchberg*



*Lorang Jacques - Bureau d'Architecte*

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) 26 43 23 53 23  
Fax: (+352) 26 43 26 36  
Email: [info@1staddress.lu](mailto:info@1staddress.lu)  
[www.1staddress.lu](http://www.1staddress.lu)

**Elite Relocation Services**

88 rue de Luxembourg  
L-8140 Bridel  
Tel: (+352) 24 83 69 21  
Fax: (+352) 24 83 69 22  
Email: [info@eliterelocation.lu](mailto:info@eliterelocation.lu)  
[www.eliterelocation.lu](http://www.eliterelocation.lu)

**Integreat S.A.**

19 avenue du Bois  
L-1251 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 26 44 16 73  
Fax: (+352) 26 44 19 73  
Email: [relocationspecialists@integreat.lu](mailto:relocationspecialists@integreat.lu)  
[www.integreat.lu](http://www.integreat.lu)

**AB-LUX Relocation Services Luxembourg**

17, rue Saint Ulrich  
L-2651 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 26 18 76 46  
Fax: (+352) 27 47 81 81  
Email: [info@ab-lux.com](mailto:info@ab-lux.com)  
[www.ab-lux.com](http://www.ab-lux.com)

**European Relocation Services**

87, rte. de Luxembourg  
L-8077 Bertrange  
Tel: (+352) 26 64 99 22  
Fax: (+352) 26 10 88 22  
Email: [info@erslux.lu](mailto:info@erslux.lu)  
[www.erslux.lu](http://www.erslux.lu)

**Santa Fe Relocation Services**

Allée de la Poudrerie  
L-1899 Kockelscheur  
Tel: (+352) 48 44 22  
Fax: (+352) 40 29 79  
Email: [luxembourg@santaferelo.com](mailto:luxembourg@santaferelo.com)  
[www.santaferelo.com](http://www.santaferelo.com)

## Registering your vehicle

Any person who wishes 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 until that established by the Luxembourg law.

Before the administrative registration file is created, a registration number must be requested (for further details, see 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 true copy of certain documents will be accepted.

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

11, route de Luxembourg  
BP: 23  
L-5201 Sandweiler  
Tel: +352 35 72 14 –234 (registrations information)  
Fax: +352 35 72 14 - 210  
Email: [info@snca.lu](mailto:info@snca.lu)

### **Find out more**

**You can find other useful addresses at**  
[www.snca.lu](http://www.snca.lu)



## Finding a job

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

The newspaper *Luxemburger Wort* publishes employment adverts every Saturday. You can view adverts online on a number of websites, including jobs.lu, jobsearch.lu, monster.lu and paperjamjob.lu, as well as the employment page of the website yellow.lu and on the moovijob.com website, which is dedicated to jobs in the Greater Region. Moovijob also holds a recruitment fair in March of every year.

## Find out more

### ADEM Agence pour le Développement de l'emploi

10, rue Bender  
L-1229 Luxembourg  
Contact for job seekers: 247 88888  
Fax: +352 40 61 41  
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 organizations pursuing similar objectives.

## Espace Entreprises: the one-stop-shop for entrepreneurs

To provide its clients with improved services, the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce has set up a unique one-stop-shop, called Espace Entreprises. This is a friendly place where people can access all the information, advice, and services they need for starting or expanding a commercial, professional or industrial activity.

## Personalized advice and support for entrepreneurs:

Espace Entreprises offers free tailored advice and assistance, covering the main economic, legal, fiscal, social, and administrative aspects of small and medium sized enterprises at any and all stages of creation, acquisition, expansion, transfers or sales of a business.



*Espace Entreprises,  
Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce,  
Luxembourg-Kirchberg*

**Find out more****Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce  
Espace Entreprises**

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi  
L-2981 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 42 39 39 – 330  
Email: [entreprises@cc.lu](mailto:entreprises@cc.lu)  
[www.cc.lu](http://www.cc.lu)

One of Espace Entreprises' additionally key missions is to simplify administrative procedures for entrepreneurs, from the time their file is created, to the end of the trading permit application procedure. Its services are based on a number of tools and initiatives implemented by the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce and its affiliates, including security, support, securing investment, and company exchange.

**Administrative services:**

Espace Entreprises further provides a whole range of administrative services, particularly for exports. This includes the issuing of ATA Carnets, which covers international customs and temporary export-import documents; certificates of origin, which guarantee the origin of exported products; and Luxtrust certificates for the completion of online procedures (e.g. electronic signatures).

**Regular events:**

Finally, Espace Entreprises also hosts events for entrepreneurs. These include Entrepreneur's day where attendees can schedule individual interviews in advance with advisors and key players in entrepreneurship; and Journées Création, Développement et Reprise d'Entreprises (Business Start-up, Growth and Acquisition Days), a forum with thematic conferences for SMEs.



Since 2007, Espace Entreprises holds ISO 9001:2008 certificate, for the quality of its services and advice to companies.

### **Vote in Luxembourg elections**

Regardless of your nationality, you will have the opportunity to participate in municipal elections (to vote for municipal councilors), provided that you have been a resident of Luxembourg for at least five years. EU nationals also have the option to participate in European elections (elections of Luxembourg Euro-MP). To do so, you will need to register on the electoral roll at least 86 days prior to the election. For example, to participate in the municipal election on 8 October 2017, you must register by July 2017. You must register to vote in your commune of residence. 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.

When changing addresses 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.

### **Becoming a national of Luxembourg**

On 1 January 2009, a law came into effect allowing the accumulation of Luxembourg citizenship with one or more other nationalities. Therefore, it is possible to acquire Luxembourg citizenship without having to renounce your nationality of origin, provided that the law in the country of origin likewise permits it.

To obtain Luxembourg citizenship through naturalization, you must:

- be an adult (18 years of age) at the time of application;
- have resided in Luxembourg for at least seven consecutive years with a residence permit;
- know at least one of the official languages of the country and pass a luxembourgish exam (excluding individuals who have spent seven or more years in the Luxembourg state education system or persons who have resided in Luxembourg since 1984 without interruption). The level of luxembourgish to be attained is B1 for comprehension and A2 for expression (in accordance with the Common European Reference Framework for Languages);
- complete civic education courses; and
- have never received a custodial sentence of one or more years.

### **Find out more**

**Nationality info line:**  
8002 1000 (free-phone)



# EDUCATION AND TRAINING *IN LUXEMBOURG*



*More than 5000 pupils attend the Luxembourg European schools (pictured here: Luxembourg II-Bertrange)*

In addition to the importance given to languages instruction in the education system, and the existence of numerous international schools on its territory, Luxembourg presents the peculiarity of successfully integrating foreign pupils and being very open to the teaching possibilities offered by nearby countries.



In Luxembourg, compulsory schooling starts with two years' pre-school education, followed by six years in primary school, and three years of secondary school (see diagram on page 24).

### Basic education (pre-school and primary)

*D'Spillschoul* (pre-school) is where the first two years of compulsory education, known as *Cycle 1*, take place. It is attended by children aged four to six years. The language of pre-school education is Luxembourgish. To enroll a child in a pre-school class, they must be four years old by 1 September in the year of enrollment. Enrollment must be completed in your commune of residence.

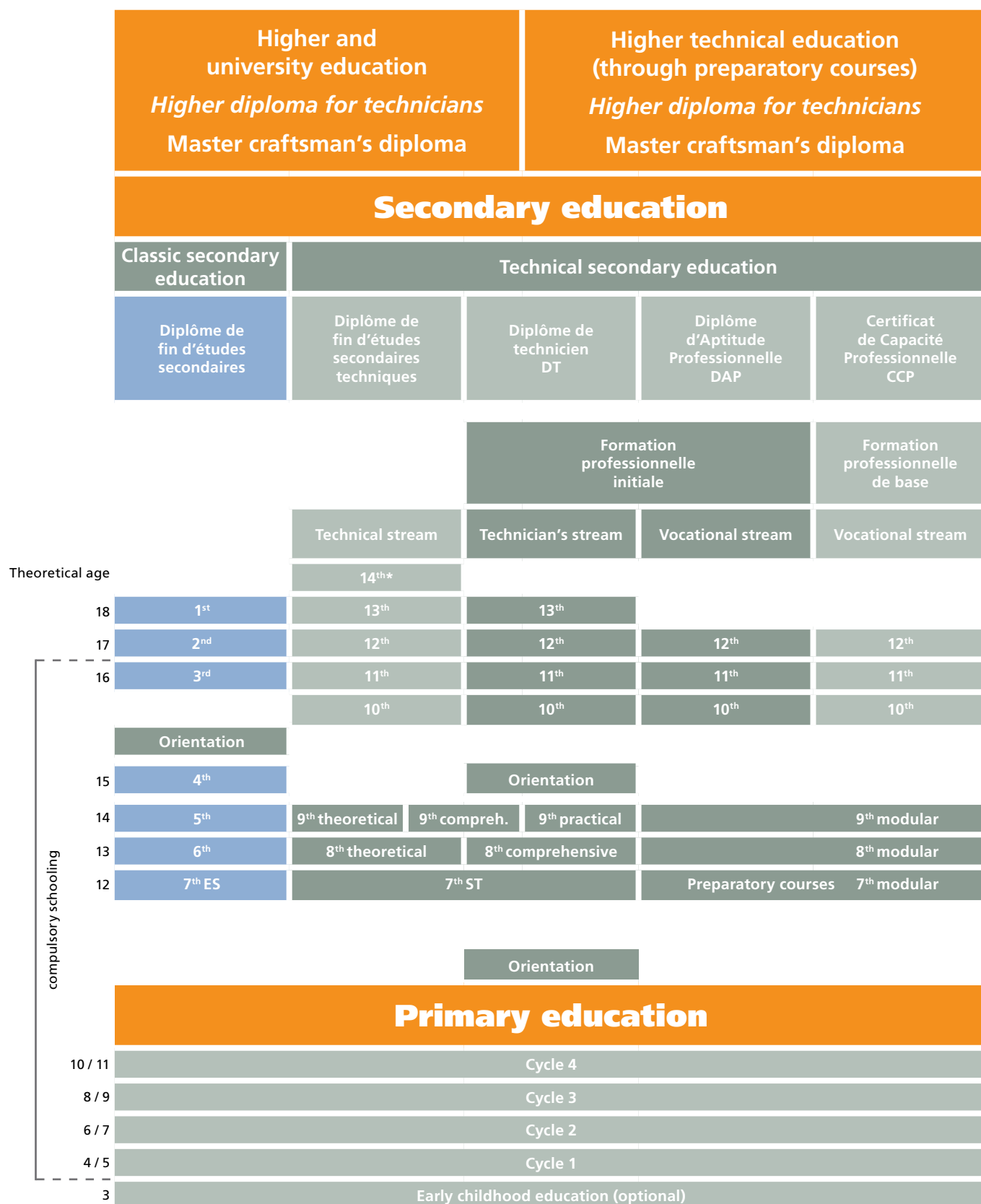
All communes offer early education groups for children from the time they are three years old onwards. These optional opportunities form an integral part of *Cycle 1*, and emphasize a play-learning approach that is suited to the age and needs of each child.

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

Alternatives to state education are offered by some private establishments (see list on page 26). Parents can enroll 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 enrollment certificate to demonstrate that they are fulfilling their obligation to educate their child

## Luxembourg schooling system



\* + 14<sup>th</sup> for qualifications for careers in the social services

(Source : Luxembourg Ministry of Education, Children and Youth)



## Secondary education

Secondary education is divided into two categories:

- So-called “classic” secondary education involves seven years of studies and leads to a *diplôme de fin d'études secondaires* (secondary education diploma), which prepares students primarily for university studies.
- Technical Secondary Education (EST) is composed of different types of training that last between 6 and 8 years, depending on the chosen career path.

English programs are offered in two of the Luxembourg's *lycées* (secondary education establishments): *Lycée Michel Lucius* in Limpertsberg and *L'Athénée de Luxembourg* in Merl. The academic year 2016-2017 will mark the arrival of a third option at the European school in Differdange, which will offer French-speaking and English-speaking branches, for both primary and secondary students.

In addition to the state education system, Luxembourg has a significant number of private international schools or schools offering alternative education. We recommend visiting the individual school websites to find out more about their education philosophies, academic programs, methods of enrollment, and tuition fees.



**Cross-border, international and private schools:**

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

**Ecole Européenne (PRE, PRI, SEC)**

23, bd. Konrad Adenauer  
L-1115 Luxembourg  
[www.euroschool.lu](http://www.euroschool.lu)

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

36, bd. Pierre Dupong  
L-1430 Luxembourg  
[www.islux.lu](http://www.islux.lu)

**Lycée Français de Luxembourg, Vauban (SEC)**

1, av. Joseph Sax  
L-2515 Luxembourg  
[www.vauban.lu](http://www.vauban.lu)

**Schengen-Lyzeum Perl(SEC)**

Auf dem Sabel 2  
66706 Perl  
Allemagne  
[www.schengenlyzeum.eu](http://www.schengenlyzeum.eu)

**St George International School (PRE, PRI, SEC)**

11, rue des Peupliers  
L-2328 Luxembourg  
[www.st-georges.lu](http://www.st-georges.lu)

**Ecole Française de Luxembourg, EFL (PRE, PRI)**

188, av. de la Faïencerie  
L-1511 Luxembourg  
[www.empf.lu](http://www.empf.lu)

**Ecole privée Notre-Dame Sainte Sophie (PRE, PRI, SEC)**

4, rue Marguerite de Busbach  
L-1014 Luxembourg  
[www.epnd.web.myschool.lu](http://www.epnd.web.myschool.lu)

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

45, rue de l'Avenir  
L-1147 Luxembourg  
[www.waldorf.lu](http://www.waldorf.lu)

**Ecole privée Grandjean (SEC)**

7 rue Adolphe Fischer  
L-1520 Luxembourg  
[www.epg.lu](http://www.epg.lu)

**Ecole Maria Montessori (PRE, PRI)**

192, rue des Romains  
L-8041 Strassen  
[www.emm.lu](http://www.emm.lu)

**Ecole Charlemagne (PRE, PRI)**

Route de Diekirch  
L-7220 Walferdange  
[www.ecole-charlemagne.org](http://www.ecole-charlemagne.org)

**Over the Rainbow (PRE, PRI)**

7, Val Sainte Croix  
L-1371 Luxembourg  
[www.overtherainbow.lu](http://www.overtherainbow.lu)

**Ecole Maternelle Mini Collège (PRE)**

75 rue des Maraîchers  
L-2124 Luxembourg

**Ecole Maternelle les Poussins (PRE)**

29, Boulevard Baden Powell  
L-1211 Luxembourg  
[www.poussins.lu](http://www.poussins.lu)

**Scuola Materna italiana (PRE)**

19 boulevard de la Pétrusse  
L-2320 Luxembourg  
[www.scumatit.lu](http://www.scumatit.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](mailto:info@men.lu)  
[www.men.lu](http://www.men.lu)



## Higher Education

### University of Luxembourg:

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

- Faculty of Science, Technology and Communication: This international and multidisciplinary faculty currently offers 4 undergraduate and 10 graduate programs. Its research covers information technology, engineering, mathematics, life sciences, physics and material studies.
- Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance: This faculty offers eight graduate and three undergraduate programs, as well as three further education courses and two doctoral schools. Its academic programs are mainly bilingual (French/English), although a number of master's programs are taught entirely in English. The faculty includes three research units: the Research Unit in Law (RUL), Centre for Research in Economics and Management (CREA) and Luxembourg School of Finance (LSF).
- Faculty of Literature and Human Sciences, Arts and Educational Sciences: This faculty offers 4 undergraduate and 14 graduate programs and a doctoral school. It offers a wide range of expertise in fields from human sciences and linguistics, to cognitive, social, and educational sciences. Other disciplines include European governance, town planning, social studies, and Luxembourgish studies.

The University of Luxembourg is multilingual and among the most international universities in Europe. Nationals from about 100 countries attend the university, and its staff hails from 50 different countries. The University of Luxembourg has forged partnerships with 60 universities worldwide; and each bachelor student must spend at least one semester abroad. The university also offers several cross-border or tri-national bachelors' and masters' courses.

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

In 2015, the University of Luxembourg moved to a new, purpose-built and developed campus in Esch-Belval in order to acquire new infrastructure for expansion and offer a high quality of life to its students and staff.

### Find out more

#### University of Luxembourg

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





*Maison du savoir (House of Knowledge),  
University of Luxembourg,  
Esch-sur-Alzette*

## Other higher education

Ten technical secondary schools provide training for the Brevet de Technicien Supérieur (Advanced Technician Certificate, BTS – [www.bts.lu](http://www.bts.lu)):

- **Lycée Technique des Arts et Métiers (LTAM), Luxembourg,:**  
Animation Design, Pre-Press Operator, Film and Broadcasting, IT, Technical Engineering and Automation Engineering
- **Lycée Josy Bartel (LJBM), Mamer:**  
Site Supervisor and Construction and Infrastructure
- **Lycée Technique d'Esch (LTE):**  
Telecommunication Networks
- **Lycée Technique Ecole de Commerce et de Gestion (LTECG), Luxembourg:**  
Sales and Marketing Manager, Accounts and Tax Manager and Management Assistant
- **Lycée Technique pour Professions de Santé (LTPS), Luxembourg:**  
Surgical Nursing, Medical Imaging Nursing, Anaesthetics and Intensive Care Nursing, Paediatrics Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, General Care Nursing, and Midwifery
- **Lycée du Nord (LNW) ,**  
Wood Technology
- **Lycée Technique Ettelbruck (LTett),**  
Sustainable Development
- **Lycée Technique du Centre (LTC),**  
Analytical Chemistry
- **Lycée Classique de Diekirch (LCD),**  
Applied Writing
- **Lycée Technique de Bonnevoie (LTB),**  
Metalwork

Several private higher education institutions also offer various undergraduate and graduate programs:

- Sacred Heart University ([www.shu.lu](http://www.shu.lu)) offers MBA and Graduate Professional Certificate programs; and
- Wiltz Campus of Applied Science allows students to complete accredited programs of two foreign institutes in Luxembourg: BBI-Lux (School for International Hospitality and Tourism Business) and UBI-Lux (United Business Institutes).

Luxembourg also offers other higher education opportunities:

- Since September 2013, the *Lycée Classique d'Echternach* has offered preparatory classes for France's most prestigious business schools. This is a two-year course
- Miami University established a campus in Luxembourg, where it offers university-level studies ([www.units.miamioh.edu/luxembourg/](http://www.units.miamioh.edu/luxembourg/)) for 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 learn and develop new skills have access to a range of educational resources that form part of an ambitious lifelong learning policy. A number of centers provide extensive resources, including the University of Luxembourg; various professional chambers such as the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Trade, and Chamber of Employment; and public research centers such as Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), Luxembourg Institute of Health (LIH), and Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER). There is also a wide variety of private training programs. On the whole, over 6,000 types of vocational training are available in Luxembourg.

Before starting your search, you should decide what kind of training you are seeking: Will it lead to a certificate or a diploma? Will it be full-time or does it need to be compatible with working hours? Should it be imparted as seminars or classes?

**To find the most suitable option for your needs or career plans, the best resource is the portal developed by the**

**Luxembourg National Institute for Continuing Professional Development (INFPC).**

[www.lifelong-learning.lu](http://www.lifelong-learning.lu)

LSC, the body of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce responsible for professional training, offers training to meet the multiple needs of companies. Specifically, it covers accounting and finance, marketing, management, and human resource development, as well as law and taxation. Under the name LSC Entrepreneurship, LSC offers training on starting and managing a company, among other things. This training aims to foster entrepreneurial spirit and prepare professionals in different sectors of commerce. LSC Entrepreneurship's training enables candidates to familiarize themselves with management concepts while refining their business administration and development skills.

Each year, over 6,000 people participate in the various training courses offered by LSC.

LSC's 2015 flagship event was the launch of the House of Training. This shared entity was created by the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce and Luxembourg Association of Banks and Bankers (ABBL) with the objective of becoming leading CPD-partners (Continuing Professional Development) in the Luxembourg economy. This partnership between the training entities of the aforementioned prominent professional organizations marks a major turning point in CPD.



*Training center of the Chamber of Commerce, Luxembourg-Kirchberg*



**Find out more**
**Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce  
Luxembourg School for Commerce**

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi

L-2981 Luxembourg

Tel: Initial professional development (learning) (+352) 42 3939 210

Tel: Continuing professional development (+352) 42 3939 220

Tel: Higher education (+352) 42 3939 230

Email: [info@lsc.lu](mailto:info@lsc.lu)

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

**Luxembourg Chamber of Trades**

2, Circuit de la Foire Internationale

L-1347 Luxembourg

Tel: (+352) 42 67 67 – 1

Email: [contact@cdm.lu](mailto:contact@cdm.lu)

[www.cdm.lu/formation-continue](http://www.cdm.lu/formation-continue)

**Luxembourg Chamber of Employees  
Luxembourg Lifelong Learning Center**

13, rue de Bragance

L-1255 Luxembourg

Tel: (+352) 2749 4600

Email: [formation@csl.lu](mailto:formation@csl.lu)

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

**Luxembourg Bankers Training Institute (IFBL)**

7, rue Alcide de Gasperi

L-2981 Luxembourg

Tel: (+352) 46 50 16 1

Email: [customer@ifbl.lu](mailto:customer@ifbl.lu)

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

**House of Training**

[www.house-of-training.lu](http://www.house-of-training.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)**

14 rue Léon Hengen

L-1745 Luxembourg

Tel: (+352) 26 44 30 1

Email: [info@inll.lu](mailto:info@inll.lu)

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

# HEALTH, MATERNITY AND *EARLY CHILDHOOD*



*Pediatric clinic of the Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg (CHL), 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 have direct access to specialist consultants.



### A high concentration of quality medical infrastructure

Luxembourg hosts:

- 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 center for functional re-education and rehabilitation;
- a psychiatric rehabilitation center;
- a palliative care center; and
- a thermal cure center in Mondorf les Bains.

Emergency hospital care is spread across three regions so that at any one time, one hospital in the central, southern, or northern regions will be on duty. The pediatric clinic at CHL in Luxembourg City also provides emergency hospital care for children nationwide.

General practitioners and specialist doctors provide first-line medicine nationwide.

To ensure the 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 Luxembourg, there are several university hospitals.

### Emergency Services Telephone Number

Call **112** to reach the emergencies services in cases such as rescuing injured and sick persons, fires, floods, poisoning, pollution, etc.

The number is free to call and accessible 24/7.



**Find out more****Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg**

4, rue 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, av. Salentiny  
L-9080 Ettelbruck  
Tel: (+352) 81 66 1  
[www.chdn.lu](http://www.chdn.lu)

**Reimbursement of medical and dental care**

In Luxembourg, all employees are automatically covered by one of the country's health insurance funds. As such, you may consult a specialist doctor or dentist directly without visiting a general practitioner beforehand.

Up to 88% of the official price of doctors' fees charged are covered by health insurance (increased to 100% for in-patient hospital treatment).

For dental fees exceeding an annual amount of 60 euros, which is fully covered by health insurance, 88% of the official price of the dental services classified as dental care is covered.

All doctors in Luxembourg operate under the national healthcare scheme and must charge the government-regulated fees to patients holding a European health insurance card or an equivalent certificate of insurance.

Patients typically pay medical fees up front and then request reimbursement at one of the workers' health insurance centers upon presentation of the paid doctor's bill or an equivalent proof, such as a bank statement. Reimbursement claims must be addressed to the *Service Virements of the Caisse Nationale de Santé* (CNS).

All documents must bear the 13-digit registration number of the person who received the care. Your first claim for reimbursement must be accompanied by printed bank account details (RIB).

It is not necessary stamp mailings sent to the *Caisse Nationale de Santé* in Luxembourg, as postage is pre-paid.

A reimbursement of 0, 40, 80, or 100% will be made for prescribed and dispensed drugs, depending on their category.

#### **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  
Tel: (+352) 40 141 – 1  
Fax: (+352) 40 44 81  
[www.ccss.lu](http://www.ccss.lu)

##### **Caisse Nationale de santé (CNS)**

125, route d'Esch  
L-2980 Luxembourg  
Opening hours: 8am - 4pm  
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, parental leave and childcare options**

Maternity allowance is paid during the legal period of maternity leave, i.e. for eight weeks before childbirth eight weeks following childbirth. Post-natal leave may be extended up to 12 weeks in the event of premature or multiple births and for mothers breastfeeding their infant.

Maternity allowance corresponds to the gross taxable pay that the mother would have earned if she had continued to work. It is handled by the *Caisse Nationale de Santé*. The maternity-leave period is considered equivalent to an actual period of employment; as a result, the mother still accumulates annual leave.

If both parents work in Luxembourg, they will each be entitled to parental leave for the same child. One of the parents must take their leave immediately following the end of maternity leave. The other parental-leave period may be taken by the other parent at any time until the child reaches the age of five. The maximum length of parental leave is six months full-time or 12 months part-time. In order to be entitled to parental leave, the individual must have been working in Luxembourg for at least 12 months prior to the birth of the child.

Each family residing in Luxembourg with children under 13 years of age is entitled to benefits from the Chèque Service Accueil (CSA) system, which was established by the state in 2009 to fund childcare fees or musical or sporting activities for children, according to a scale that takes into account the income and birth order of the child.

Different providers offer different types of childcare: crèches, child minders, nurseries, parental assistance, or *maisons relais* (structures where parents can leave their children before and after school). Different childcare providers are subject to authorization by the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance based on staff integrity, qualification, and infrastructure. With a few exceptions, it is possible to register directly with the establishments themselves.

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



**Find out more**

**Caisse Nationale des Prestations Familiales**  
(Luxembourg national family benefits office, CNPF)  
**Offices:**

34, av. de la Porte Neuve  
L-2227 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 47 71 53 1  
Parental leave FAX: +352 47.71.53-348  
[www.cnpf.lu](http://www.cnpf.lu)

**List of childcare providers:**  
[www.accueilenfant.lu](http://www.accueilenfant.lu)

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

8002 1112  
ou 8002 1113

**Find out everything about pediatric services in Luxembourg:**  
[www.pediatrie.lu](http://www.pediatrie.lu)

**Éditions {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

**Order the guides on:**  
<http://quoide9.lu/en/the-guides/>





# LIFESTYLE *IN LUXEMBOURG*



*Philharmonie, Luxembourg-Kirchberg*

Luxembourg's rich history, location at the heart of Europe, and wealth of financial assets lend a positive influence on tourism, culture, and leisure. In fact, Luxembourg has such a wealth and variety of cultural activities that you can go out every day of the year.



### Luxembourg City

Luxembourg City is the country's political and cultural center. As of 2015, it has 111,300 inhabitants, 69% of whom are 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 *ville haute* (upper city), a real cosmopolitan hub perched on a rocky plateau. The old town and its fortifications have been classified as a UNESCO worldwide heritage since 1994. The top attraction of both the city and the country at-large is the 23-kilometer stretch of casemates dug into the rock.

There are many museums in Luxembourg, which house a wide variety of collections and temporary exhibitions:

- The *Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art* houses archaeological and artistic collections, in addition to collections of decorative and popular art.
- The *Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle* teaches visitors about natural science and history.
- The *Musée d'Histoire de la Ville de Luxembourg* presents the history of the city through original objects and topographical reconstructions, with 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* showcases the history of the Fortress of Luxembourg and the country itself.
- The *Villa Vauban* houses collections of ancient art, ranging from 17<sup>th</sup>-century Dutch paintings to those of 19<sup>th</sup>-century France.
- The *Am Tunnel* art gallery, which is situated in a building belonging to *Banque et Caisse d'Épargne de l'Etat*, houses a photography collection by the famous Luxembourg photographer Edward Steichen.



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

- Invitation aux Musées (Spring): an open-door weekend offering free access to all museums
- Journée Internationale des Musées (May)
- Private Art Kirchberg (September): every two years, financial institutions open their doors and art collections to the public
- Nuit des Musées (October): all museums present original programs, calling on artists to stage previously unseen shows or creations

#### **Find out more**

##### **Office National du Tourisme (Luxembourg national tourist office)**

Tel: +352 42 82 82 10

Fax: +352 42 82 82 38

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

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

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

30, place Guillaume II

L-1648 Luxembourg

Tel: (+352) 22 28 09

Fax: (+352) 46 70 70

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

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

Opening hours:

From Monday to Saturday: 9am - 6pm (7pm from 1 April to 30 September)

Sundays and public holidays: 10am - 6pm (except 1 January, 1 November, and 25 and 26 December)



*Musée d'art moderne Grand Duc Jean*

## Addresses of the main museums in the City of Luxembourg

### Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art

Marché-aux-Poissons  
L-2345 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 47 93 30 214  
Email: [musee@mnha.etat.lu](mailto:musee@mnha.etat.lu)  
[www.mnha.lu](http://www.mnha.lu)

### Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle

25, rue Münster  
L-2160 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 46 22 33-1  
Email: [questions@mnhn.lu](mailto:questions@mnhn.lu)  
[www.mnhn.lu](http://www.mnhn.lu)

### Musée d'Histoire de la Ville de Luxembourg

14, rue St-Esprit  
L-2090 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 47 96 45 00  
Email: [musee@musee-hist.lu](mailto:musee@musee-hist.lu)  
[www.musee-hist.lu](http://www.musee-hist.lu)

### Casino Luxembourg - Forum d'art contemporain

41, rue Notre-Dame  
L-2013 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 22 50 45  
Email: [info@casino-luxembourg.lu](mailto:info@casino-luxembourg.lu)  
[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  
Tel: (+352) 45 37 85-1  
Email: [info@mudam.lu](mailto:info@mudam.lu)  
[www.mudam.lu](http://www.mudam.lu)

### Musée Dräi Eechelen

5, Park Dräi Eechelen  
L-1499 Luxembourg-Kirchberg  
Tel: (+352) 26 43 35  
Email: [info@m3e.etat.lu](mailto:info@m3e.etat.lu)  
[www.m3e.lu](http://www.m3e.lu)

### Villa Vauban – Musée d'Art de la Ville de Luxembourg

18, avenue Émile Reuter  
L-2090 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 4796 4900  
[www.villavauban.lu](http://www.villavauban.lu)

### Am Tunnel

16, rue Sainte Zithe  
L-2763 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 40 15 24 50

### Find all museums in Luxembourg on

[www.visitluxembourg.com](http://www.visitluxembourg.com) in the *What to do / art and culture / museums* section



*Villa Vauban, musée d'Art de la Ville de Luxembourg*



## Theatre, music and cinema

In general, **theatre production** in Luxembourg involves a wide variety of genres, shows, and languages. The Luxembourg scene, which lies at the crossroads of Germanic and Latin cultural regions, combines a number of foreign artistic influences. The international co-productions and collaborations between comedians of various nationalities and between Luxembourg directors and foreign scenographers attest to the country's pioneering perspective. This cultural melting pot contributes to the scene's continuing development, and an important part of theatre production is dedicated to contemporary creation. The autumn Luxembourg Festival stages exceptional productions in the venues of Luxembourg City Theatre and The Luxembourg Philharmonie

The Philharmonie opened its doors to the Luxembourg **music scene** in 2005. Situated on the Kirchberg plateau, this 1500-person concert hall was designed by Christian de Portzamparc to host classical and contemporary music concerts, as well as jazz, singing, and world music. Rockhal, also inaugurated 2005, is a 6500-seat concert hall located in Belval, which is dedicated to contemporary music, including pop, rock, jazz, electro and hip-hop. Composed of two entirely modular concert halls, the Rockhal offers a resource center for musicians with a media library, rehearsal rooms and a recording studio.

Luxembourg boasts its very own **film and TV production industry**, which has experienced strong growth in recent years. Each year, dozens of projects featuring films, film shorts, 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 600 people. The success of Luxembourg production also has reached far beyond the country's borders; indeed in 2014, *Mr Hublot* by Laurent Witz won the Oscar for the best animated short film.

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

In contrast to countries like France and Germany where most movies are dubbed, 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 plurilingualism 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 specialized 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

Tel: (+352) 47 96 39 00  
Email: lestheatres@vdl.lu  
www.theatres.lu

#### Théâtre du Centaure

Am Dierfgen  
4, Grand-Rue  
L-1660 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 22 28 28  
Email: centaure@pt.lu  
www.theatrecentaure.lu

#### Théâtre National du Luxembourg

194, route de Longwy  
L-1940 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 26 44 12 70  
Email: info@tnl.lu  
www.tnl.lu

#### Théâtre Ouvert du Luxembourg (TOL)

143, route de Thionville  
L-2611 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 49 31 66  
Email: info@tol.lu  
www.tol.lu

#### Théâtre de la Ville d'Esch

122, rue de l'Alzette  
L-4010 Esch-sur-Alzette  
Tel: (+352) 73 83 501  
www.esch.lu/culture/theatre

### Music

#### Philharmonie Luxembourg

1, place de l'Europe  
L-1499 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 26 02 27 1  
Email: info@philharmonie.lu  
www.philharmonie.lu

#### ROCKHAL - Public Concert Hall

5 avenue du Rock'n Roll  
L-4361 Esch-sur-Alzette  
Tel: (+352) 24 55 51  
Box office: (+352) 24 55 55 55  
Email: info@rockhal.lu  
www.rockhal.lu

#### Den Atelier

54 rue de Hollerich  
L-1013 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 495 485 1  
Email: info@atelier.lu  
www.atelier.lu

#### Conservatoire de Musique de la Ville de Luxembourg

33 rue Charles Martel  
L-2134 Luxembourg  
Tel: (+352) 47 96-55 55  
Fax: (+352) 44 96 86  
Email: conservatoire@vdl.lu  
www.conservatoire.lu

### Cinema and audio-visual

#### Cinémaèque Municipale de Luxembourg

17, place du Théâtre  
L-2613 Luxembourg  
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Email: cinemaetheque@vdl.lu  
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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. The Moselle Valley lies in the east of Luxembourg and the Moselle River provides a natural border with Germany. With traditional villages and sun-drenched hillside vineyards, the Moselle Valley makes for a beautiful drive. In Mondorf-les-Bains, one can also find Luxembourg's unique thermal spa, where mineral salts feed into several other thermal baths and dozens of saunas.

Mullerthal is a green gem in the north-east of the country, which has been nicknamed "Little Switzerland" by locals. It is a natural, rocky region, with unusual rock formations and cascades, The Mullerthal Trail that runs through it was designated under "Leading Quality Trails - Best of Europe" by Germany's *Deutsches Wanderinstitut*.

Pocketed with lakes, the Luxembourg Ardennes to the north is a mountainous area where one can find natural parks and historical castles.

The south of the country, on the other hand, is a hub for industrial tourism. The Belval area, currently undergoing urban renewal, is home to an old steel blast furnace. The region is also a popular spot for family tourism, thanks to the Parc Merveilleux, Train 1900, and underground galleries of the former iron mines.

## Castles

The castles and the vestiges of the Fortress of Luxembourg are among the country's top tourist sites. Of the 109 castles identified in the Middle Ages, 76 are still visible today. The most impressive castles - thanks to their size or degree of restoration - are Vianden, Beaufort, Bourscheid, Clervaux (home to the prestigious photographic exhibition "The Family of Man" by Edward Steichen), and Larochette. The most interesting ruins can be found at Dudelange, Esch-sur-Sûre, Hesperange, Koerich, Pettingen/Mersch and Useldange.



*Park of the castle of Ansembourg*

## Vineyards

The vineyards of the Moselle valley, which stretch 1,237 hectares, are among the most northern wine-growing regions in Europe. The region, which is sheltered from the wind, enjoys quite a mild climate. It stretches across some forty kilometers, from Schengen to Wasserbillig. Visitors taking the *Route des Vins* (wine route) along the breath-taking Moselle valley can imbue themselves in a wine-growing tradition that dates back more than 2000 years! The route follows the river's path through small villages, whose countless wine cellars are renowned for their sparkling white wines.

## Forests, natural parks and gardens

Luxembourg is sometimes referred to as the *cœur vert* (green heart) of Europe. It is an incredible haven for nature, and criss-crossed with cycling routes and hiking trails. The Ardennes region has two natural parks, Haute-Sûre and Our.

Additionally, a quarter of the capital city area is composed of green spaces, gardens, and public parks.

## Lakes and rivers

Luxembourg's lakes are favored destinations for leisure activity, which welcome visitors all year round. Swimming, water sports, fishing and pedalos are just some of the activities offered around Lake Haute-Sûre, Lake Echternach, Remerschen bathing ponds, and Weiswampach lakes.

The Moselle River also offers a great number of possibilities for river cruises.



*Vineyards on the banks of the Moselle River*



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



## Architecture

The biggest names in international architecture and a dedicated and creative national scene make Luxembourg a veritable open air art gallery. Fourteen contemporary architecture routes lace the country, displaying 294 projects by various architectural firms ([www.architectour.lu](http://www.architectour.lu)).

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*Youth hostel,  
Schengen-Remerschen*





*Nordic Walking in the  
Müllerthal region*



## Sport

One can find a multitude of sports activities in Luxembourg, be they outdoors or inside one of the many sports facilities. It is rare to find sports that are not practiced in Luxembourg. 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 lend themselves to canoeing or kayaking. Some water sports centers offer water skiing lessons, as well as wakeboarding for beginners. You can even go scuba-diving in Lake Haute Sûre! Fishing enthusiasts will find plenty of lakes and stretches of river that are dedicated to line fishing. In addition, Luxembourg has 38 swimming pools, most of which are open year-round.

The country has no fewer than six golf courses, some of which have courses for amateurs and rental equipment.

Luxembourg City itself offers a year-round sports and fitness programme, called Sports Pour Tous, comprising 160 classes for young people, adults and senior citizens.

### 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/sportspourtous.html](http://www.vdl.lu/sportspourtous.html)

## Food & Cuisine in Luxembourg

Luxembourg cuisine reflects both French and German influences, combining, as Luxembourgers say, "French quality with German quantity". Accordingly, Luxembourg restaurants take their culinary inspiration from both Europe and the rest of the world.

In terms of both country size and population, Luxembourg is home to the highest concentration of restaurants in the world with Michelin stars or high *Gault et Millau* endowments.

## Luxembourg restaurants with a Michelin star (source: Michelin 2015)

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### Find out more

**More than 1000 restaurant  
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on the site**  
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*Panorama of Luxembourg City from the bar of the hotel Sofitel Grand-Ducal*



## List of associations offering services for expatriates

A number of expatriate associations offer social and cultural activities for their members. Below is a non-exhaustive list of expatriate associations in Luxembourg:

### Association des Flamands du Luxembourg

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

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*The old town of Luxembourg and the European district of Kirchberg*



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*Given the limited size of the country, a number of foreign embassies accredited in Luxembourg are located outside the country, namely 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
Capital	Luxembourg City
Number of communes	105
Most highly-populated communes	Luxembourg (111,300 inhabitants), Esch-sur-Alzette (33,300 inhabitants), Differdange ( 24,300 inhabitants) (2015, source: STATEC)

### Territory

Area	2,586 km <sup>2</sup>
Built-up area	9.7%
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)

### Population

Total population	563,000 (2015 figures, source: STATEC)
	Consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luxembourgers: 304,300 (54.05%)</li> <li>• Foreigners: 258,700 (45.95%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Portuguese: 92,100 (16.3%)</li> <li>o French: 39,400 (7.0%)</li> <li>o Italian: 19,500 (3.5%)</li> <li>o Belgian: 18,800 (3.3%)</li> <li>o German: 12,800 (2.3%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Density	217.7 inhabitants / km <sup>2</sup> (2015, source: STATEC)
Life expectancy	79.5 years (males); 84.3 years (females) (2010/2012, source: STATEC)

### Economy and employment

Monetary unit	Euro
Gross domestic product (GDP)	45,288 millions d'euros (2013, source STATEC)
GDP per capita	257 (base 100 = EU, 2013, source: Eurostat)
Domestic employment	385,500 persons (2013, source: STATEC)
Cross-border workers working in Luxembourg	163,400 (2013, source: STATEC)
Unemployment rate	6.9% (March 2015)
Number of banks	143 (Avril 2015, source: CSSF)
Number of companies	30,476 (2014, source: STATEC). Top three business sectors of these companies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• services (18,115 companies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- specialist scientific and technical activities (5,781 companies)</li> <li>- accommodation and catering (2,730 companies)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• trade (7,529 companies)</li> <li>• construction (3,522 companies)</li> </ul>

### Find out more

#### Luxembourg statistics portal:

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#### Dedicated portal for investors:

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#### Directory of Luxembourg public websites:

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