

Cooperation with world-leading US university

University of Luxembourg plans research centre for logistics in cooperation with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Luxembourg, 23 November 2015 – The University of Luxembourg is set to create a centre for research, teaching and knowledge transfer in logistics to support Luxembourg's development as a transport and logistics hub in Europe.

The University will enlist the assistance of the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), which is consistently ranked as one of the top ten universities in the world, for this project. The Luxembourg Ministry for Higher Education and Research will offer political and financial support. The government on 30 October charged the Minister for Higher Education and Research to finalise the agreement together with the University of Luxembourg, as well as pledging funding for the centre for a period of ten years.

Under the title "Luxembourg Centre for Logistics", the centre will be integrated into the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance. It will offer degree programmes and further education courses, as well as carry out research in close cooperation with industry. A special emphasis will be placed on the transfer of knowledge into practice in order to contribute to Luxembourg's economic development. The cooperation with MIT will give Luxembourg access to MIT's network of experts and industry contacts around the world.

"It is our goal to establish Luxembourg as a teaching, research and innovation leader in logistics and supply chain management," said University President Rainer Klump. The centre is aimed at becoming a point of contact for managers, policy-makers and researchers, who are involved in addressing the multiple challenges of logistics, from questions on international trade laws to the digital tracking of the movement of goods. "The University can build on its existing interdisciplinary expertise in law, finance, management, entrepreneurship and IT."

Stefan Braum, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, sees the project as an opportunity to further develop research and teaching at the University of Luxembourg, and to enrich the economic development of this sector with know-how and new competencies. "We look forward to working with MIT," commented Prof. Braum. "The logistics centre has a big potential to open up new paths in the development of the Faculty, which will certainly lead to innovative synergies within the University."

Mark Hansen, State Secretary for Higher Education and Research, highlighted that the cooperation "will contribute both to scientific excellence and the economic development of the logistics sector, one of Luxembourg's economic priority sectors," thereby strengthening the international visibility of the University.

“The cooperation with MIT will allow the University of Luxembourg to move up into the champions league of universities,” according to Mr Hansen.

The official signature of the cooperation agreement with MIT is planned for end of the year.

About the University of Luxembourg

The University of Luxembourg was founded in 2003 and is a multilingual, international research university with nearly 6300 students and members of staff from all over the world. The main focus areas for its research are computational sciences, European law, finance and educational sciences, together with interdisciplinary research at the "Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust" (SnT) and the "Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine" (LCSB).

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