

LuXembourg. 10 Years. 10 Letters. - English

L as in Lëtzebuergesch

This word means “**Luxembourgish**”, referring to our own **language**, which is surprising to many, given our small size. Some **400,000 people** around the world speak **Luxembourgish**. With its rich oral tradition, this language is now making its mark in written form through our digital communications. In addition to Luxembourgish, our **official languages** are **French** and **German**: we are **multilingual**, as is our literature.

U as in Unique

Did you know that Luxembourg is the **only Grand Duchy in the world?**

We are a **parliamentary democracy** in the form of a **constitutional monarchy**, as represented by the Grand Duke. Another distinctive feature is that since **1919**, **voting** has been **universal** and **compulsory** for both **women** and **men**, reflecting a long-standing commitment to **equality in political rights**.

X as in X-tra

Free **public transport**, free **education**, free **music lessons**, **marriage** for all... Luxembourg places **extra emphasis** on the **human element** in its vision of society. Luxembourg, which is consistently at the top of the **happiness** and **quality of life** indexes, offers **fertile ground** for anyone who wants to **spread** their **ideas** and... **ideals!**

E as in European

Located in the **heart of Europe**, Luxembourg has Europe in its heart. As a **founding member** of the **EU** and the **seat** of many **European institutions**, it is in Luxembourg that **people feel most European***. It is also the country where the **Schengen Agreement** was signed, establishing the space in Europe where citizens can move freely.

*according to the Eurobarometer survey

M as in Multicultural

Diversity is our credo: nearly half of our **population** of only **680,000 people** is made up of **180 nationalities**. In addition, more than **230,000 professionals** from France, Belgium and Germany **cross** our **borders** every day, nearly doubling our workforce and further enriching our **cultural** and **linguistic landscape**.

B as in Beautiful

Short distances, big impressions! Spread across **5 highly diverse regions**, Luxembourg is home to numerous **UNESCO World Heritage sites** and over **70 castles** in just **2,586 km²**. With **one third** of its **territory** covered by **green forests**, its natural beauty can be explored via **countless footpaths**, **cycle paths** and **mountain bike trails**.

O as in Open Innovation

As a facilitator of international exchanges, Luxembourg is an **open-air laboratory** where **students, researchers, entrepreneurs** and **start-ups** interact within a **human-sized ecosystem**.

Not only a **pioneer** in the **space** and **telecommunications sectors**, Luxembourg is also an **industrial player**, delivering technologies used in **iconic skyscrapers** and major **infrastructures worldwide**.

U as in Unexpected

Did you know that Luxembourg has won both the **Tour de France** and the **Eurovision Song Contest** 5 times? It is also a land of **outstanding wines** and **crémants** from the **Moselle Valley**, regularly **awarded internationally** for their finesse and freshness. Other **surprising facts**: Luxembourg is the birthplace of **Hugo Gernsback**, considered the father of **science fiction**, of **Edward Steichen**, a major figure in modern **photography**, as well as **René Arend**, the inventor of **chicken nuggets**!

R as in Revelations

Vicky Krieps, a multi-award-winning actress, **Francesco Tristano**, a pianist and composer recognised on the international stage for his innovative electro-baroque approach, as well as **Laurent Witz**, Academy Award winner for the animated short film "Monsieur Hublot", and **Su-Mei Tse**, recipient of the Golden Lion at the Venice Biennale, are all illustrations of Luxembourg's artistic scene. The vitality of our **creative ecosystem** is nurtured by a **strong cultural policy** and driven by a **growing community of talent**.

G as in Grow better

Clean technologies, information technologies, health technologies - these are all **priority sectors** that stimulate **balanced growth**, promote **innovation** and strengthen the **energy transition** while respecting our country's **natural resources**. For a **world** that is not only **innovative** and **inclusive**, but also **resilient** for **future generations**.