

LUXEMBOURG

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, known as Luxembourg, is a Western European state located between **Belgium**, **Germany**, and **France**. It has been a member state of the EU since 1 January 1958.

Its capital, **Luxembourg City**, which is also the largest city in the country, is one of the three official capitals of the European Union along with Brussels and Strasbourg.

The country's currency is the Euro (€).

The country of Luxembourg has a population of around **650 000 inhabitants**.

But it plays an important role in the EU since Luxembourg City is the seat of the European Court of Justice.

Official languages are Luxembourgish (a West German language that became official in 1984), French and German.

It is one of the smallest countries in Europe with a total area of only 2600 square kilometers.

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Luxembourg's largest cities beyond its capital are **Esch-Sur-Alzette** and **Dudellange**. It is worth mentioning the **country's largest river**, **the Moselle**, which is located on Luxembourg's border with Germany. Luxembourg is one of the top countries in **environmental protection**, ranking **4th out of 132 countries**.

The adjacent image depicts the Luxembourg countryside near the town of Alzet



Christmas in



Luxembourg City

Governance

The Governing Body of Luxembourg is a **parliamentary constitutional monarchy**. The leader of the state is the Grand Duke, but the real governance belongs to the Prime Minister. Every 5 years, parliamentary elections are held to elect 60 MPs. In today's data, Henry is the Grand Duke while the country's prime minister is Luc Frieden.

History

Prehistory of the name:

The region of Luxembourg was originally conquered by the Romans. On the site of today's capital, the Romans had built the fortress of Luciliburg, from which the name of today's state derives.

In 1867 it was declared a neutral state with the guarantee of the great powers, but remained under Dutch sovereignty until 1890.

In 1945 the country became a member of the United Nations and in 1949 it became a member of NATO.

Economy

Luxembourg has the **privilege of maintaining the highest income in the world**, one of the world's best vocational education systems, while having an extremely low unemployment rate.

National Library of Luxembourg



The European Court of Justice in Luxembourg



Traditional food:

- Gromperekichelcher: Luxembourg Fries



- Tête de Veau: The calf's head



- Flammkuchen: Pizza of Luxembourg

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