

# 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.

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

# LUXEMBOURG, CANDIDATE TO UNESCO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2025-2029

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 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.