



# EURAXESS members in focus: LUXEMBOURG - heartland of Europe that embraces diversity

## Meet LUXEMBOURG – an Inspiring Place!

Strategically located in the heart of Europe, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a strategic smart business, **research and innovation location** with a national character of openness, dynamism, reliability. For centuries, the country has been at the heart of a multitude of cultural influences, partly because of its geography but also because of trade, industrialisation, and **immigration**. It has protected its woodlands, shaped its landscapes with winegrowing, farming, and architecture. It has cultivated linguistic diversity, cultural originality, and economic freedom. It was also considered for a long time that the prosperity of Luxembourg was due to the richness of its soil. Once one of the main steel plant sites of Europe, the country became a financial place over the years due to the steel crisis in the seventies, before morphing recently into a research and innovation hub. Today, Luxembourg is **one of the most attractive countries in the world for working and living**, and a genuine societal laboratory.\*



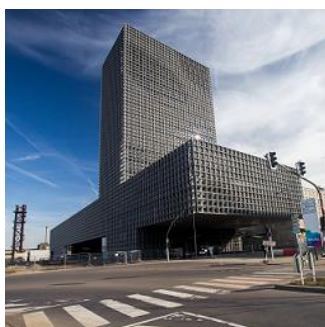
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Luxembourg is becoming an energetic international research center. A great part of this ambition is and will be realised in Belval.

## LUXEMBOURG Policy and Strategy

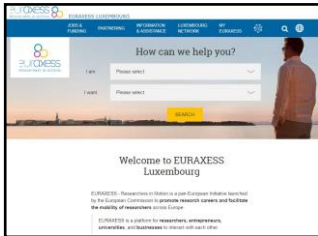
Luxembourg is a dynamic country, where research has become a central issue

**Public research in Luxembourg is young and dynamic with research policy contributing to the transition of the country towards a knowledge-based society.** The overarching rationale behind research policy is to strengthen innovation as a driver of sustainable socioeconomic development and to contribute to a further diversification of the economy by developing new and strengthening existing high added-value economic activities. In this sense, research and innovation policy has been one of the major priorities of the Government since 1999 with Government budget outlays rising from 28 million euros in 2000 to approximately 400 million euros in 2016. This **proactive and committed policy approach puts Luxembourg firmly on the map of European research.** This is illustrated among others with the position of the University of Luxembourg, while only created in 2003, ranging 11th in the latest “Times Higher Education” ranking of the 200 universities under 50 years.

### Public research is mostly performed at:

- the [University of Luxembourg](#);
- one of the 3 public research centres;
  - o [Luxembourg Institute of Technology \(LIST\)](#)
  - o [Luxembourg Institute of Health \(LIH\)](#)
  - o [Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research \(LISER\)](#)
- the [Max-Planck Institute Luxembourg](#) for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law.

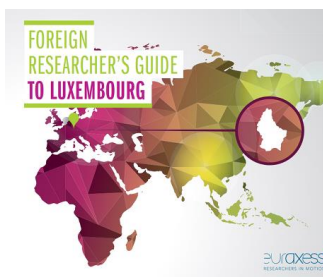




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\* Source: FNR. Luxembourg National Research Fund. Press Kit. September 2017.

\*\*Source: <http://www.luxembourg.public.lu>



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## Innovation

[Luxinnovation](#) is a key partner for companies looking to engage in innovative activities in Luxembourg or aiming to expand their business at the international level.

## Recruitment Opportunities

### Public Sector Recruitment Opportunities

Most researchers in Luxembourg are employed in public sector institutions, with University of Luxembourg being one of the most important employers of research staff. All positions open at the public sector institutions and the University of Luxembourg are published on [EURAXESS Luxembourg webpage](#).

### Private Sector Recruitment Opportunities

The financial sector is the main driving force behind the Grand Duchy's economy. The Grand Duchy's authorities have adopted a policy of diversification of the country's economic fabric by providing support for information and communication technologies (ICTs), logistics, bio- and eco-technologies, research, etc. as well as actively promoting the diversification of the financial marketplace.

Several instruments for investment aid to stimulate R&D activities within companies: grants, loans, venture capital, export credit lowest VAT rate in Europe.\*\*

## Funding Opportunities

**The Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR) is the main funder of research activities in Luxembourg.** The FNR invests public funds and private donations into research projects in various branches of science and the humanities, with an emphasis on selected core strategic areas. Furthermore, it supports and coordinates activities to strengthen the link between science and society and to raise awareness for research. The FNR also advises the Luxembourg government on research policy and strategy. The FNR has a broad range of international funding opportunities. Further details are available under the **"International Cooperation"** section of the [Luxembourg National Research Fund website](#).

## Important Information for Incoming Researchers

The [EURAXESS Luxembourg team](#) is at your full disposal. [EURAXESS Luxembourg](#) provides information and support to international researchers, all services are free of charge. We provide information about **entry conditions, visas** and residence permits, Luxembourg in general, the Luxembourgian research landscape, **job & funding offers**, partnering, events for researchers and much more!

Please read our [Foreign Researchers' guide to Luxembourg](#), a practical guide on living & working in Luxembourg.

### ENTRY CONDITIONS:

Please [check if you need a visa](#).

**For working and long-term stays**, a hosting agreement and a residence permit are required. See all [Luxembourgian embassies and representations](#) around the world.

**Fees are waived for researchers** from third countries travelling within the EU for the purpose of carrying out scientific research. For additional information on visa issues please visit the [Euraxess Luxembourg website](#).

**Felipe Linhares** is a Brazilian researcher who completed his PhD at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). He found a post-doc position at Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) on the EURAXESS Jobs portal. He now shares his time between LIST and Goodyear.

He was invited as speaker in the recently held event ATTRACTING TALENTED RESEARCHERS TO LUXEMBOURG, together with the European Commission representatives and local authorities

## Interview with Felipe Linhares, a Brazilian researcher who found a new research opportunity in Luxembourg on the EURAXESS Jobs portal



### How did you hear about Luxembourg and why did you decide to work in this country?

Although I had never visited Luxembourg before coming here to work, I had heard and read about it. So, when I arrived I already had some knowledge of some of the characteristics of the country, such as the multicultural aspect of the country, a place where foreigners are welcome, the uniqueness of being the only remaining Grand Duchy in the world, among other characteristics and curiosities.

So when I saw the open position on the EURAXESS portal with a description that matched perfectly with my profile, I did not have to think much to apply, and I was eventually offered the position.

### Name three characteristics about research work in Luxembourg or about Luxembourg in general.

For me some of the best aspects about Luxembourg are the high investments in research, the international environment at work, and the quality of life.

### What role did EURAXESS play in this whole process (in the process of your settlement in Luxembourg)? Describe your experience with EURAXESS Luxembourg.

EURAXESS had an important role since the beginning. First, I saw the advertisement for the position on the EURAXESS portal. And after the position was offered to me, EURAXESS in Luxembourg continued to assist me to settle down in the country, by looking for a place for me to live, and with bank procedures.

### A message to anyone who is considering looking for partners in research in Luxembourg or moving to Luxembourg for work?

Luxembourg is a small country, but it has many special and charming places to visit. And for being in the centre of Europe it is only a few hours away from many other countries. Secondly, Luxembourg is investing a lot in research, making the country a very interesting place to work in (as a researcher) and for creating new partnerships with institutes and universities from around the globe.



EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion is an initiative of the European Research Area (ERA) that addresses barriers to the mobility of researchers and seeks to enhance their career development.

This pan-European effort is currently supported by over 40 countries. In this edition, we zoom in on LUXEMBOURG.

Focuses on other EU countries are available [here](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess).