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Preface



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The European Commission Representation in Luxembourg serves as the voice of the Commission on the ground, promoting dialogue between the EU and people living in the Grand Duchy. As a founding member of the EU and host to several European institutions, Luxembourg plays a key role in the European project. A Europe that cares and protects its citizens and the European way of life.

Our Representation is committed to ensuring that people, local authorities, schools, and civil society have access to clear and reliable information about the EU, its policies, and the opportunities it offers. In doing so, we contribute to a more inclusive, participatory, and transparent Europe.

To achieve this, we work closely with local partners and rely on a network of decentralised communication channels, including EUROPE DIRECT Centres, European Documentation Centres, the Team EUROPE DIRECT Network, the 'Back to School' initiative, and the newly created EU-Netzwerk vun lokal Gewielten.

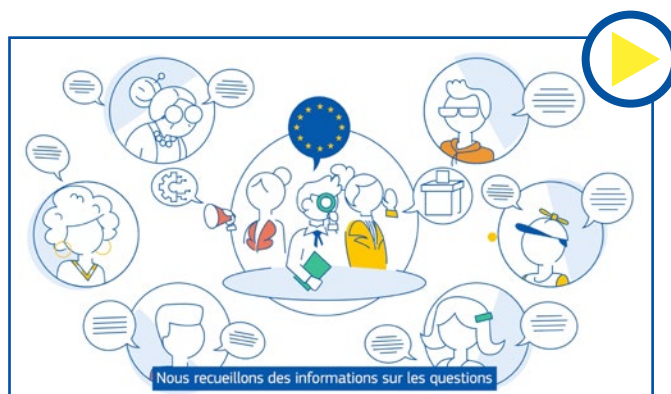
These efforts are supported by a range of EU funds as well as European networks and programmes, which connect people and organisations in Luxembourg with the EU.

This booklet provides clear and easy to understand information about those funds, networks and programmes. Each of them plays a unique role in bringing Europe closer to the public, helping to strengthen the link between the EU and communities across Luxembourg.

Europe is all this and much more.

Let's discover it together!

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Introduction

The European Union connects with its citizens through a strong network of local actors across Member States. These EU networks play a key role in making European policies, opportunities, and values accessible and relevant at local level.

Deeply rooted in their local communities, these networks understand local realities and communicate in a way that is eye-level, approachable, and personal. This proximity helps build trust, encourages dialogue, and brings Europe closer to citizens' everyday lives.

This brochure presents the main EU networks active in Luxembourg, highlighting how they inform, engage, and support citizens while strengthening the link between the European Union and local communities.



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CONTACT INFORMATION CENTERS AND LOCAL NETWORKS



EUROPE DIRECT Centres



Mission

Thanks to around 400 EUROPE DIRECT centres across the EU, you can access information or ask any questions you may have about EU policies or opportunities. These centres are here to inform, listen and engage with you about EU issues.



Actions

EUROPE DIRECT Centres are run by communication professionals who know how the EU works.

They:

- provide general information about EU policies and activities, legislation, programmes and people's rights;
- organise conferences, debates and events to raise awareness about the EU;
- work with local partners and multipliers such as local authorities, public bodies, schools and think tanks;
- provide local media and multipliers with content on EU matters and involve them in their public activities;
- team up and coordinate with other EU outreach centres.

In Luxembourg, there are three EUROPE DIRECT Centres, each covering a different region:



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European Documentation Centres



Mission

European Documentation Centres (EDC) is an information hub open to anyone who wishes to better understand the EU. EDCs promote education, research, and the sharing of official and reliable information about the EU. Located within universities, libraries, and civil society organisations, EDCs also serve as a bridge between academia and the public.



Actions

European documentation centers are run by communication professionals who know how the EU works.

They:

- facilitate access to European information by providing official documents, publications, and EU databases;
- support teaching and research on European issues by collaborating with students, researchers, and teachers;
- raise awareness of European issues through conferences, seminars, workshops, and other outreach activities;
- promote a better understanding of the European project by acting as a link between the EU institutions, academia, and the public.



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Mission

Team EUROPE DIRECT is a network of independent experts (academics, legal professionals, consultants, etc.) who are eager to share their knowledge about the EU with you.



Actions

Members of the Team EUROPE DIRECT Network can actively take part – as speakers or moderators – in conferences, seminars, debates, or any other Europe-related events across Luxembourg.

Their profiles and contact details are available on the European Commission's Representation website. The application process to join the **Team EUROPE DIRECT Network opens every May**.

Join this community of experts committed to Europe and take part in information and awareness-raising activities across the country!



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Mission

Europe is not built by institutions alone; it is built together with citizens, local communities, municipalities, and regions.

Locally-elected representatives, as trusted intermediaries on the ground, have a key role to play in bringing Europe to life in communities and neighbourhoods, making sure the EU reaches everyone wherever they live.



Activities

By supporting the mission of the EU-Netzwerk von lokal Gewielten, they:

- promote the sharing of information about the EU within their municipality;
- facilitate the organisation of events on EU issues (exhibitions, debates, meetings) in local libraries;
- strengthen the connection between the EU and the public by showcasing Europe at the local level.

Following the merger of the Committee of the Regions and the Building Europe with Local Councillors (BELC) Network, Luxembourg now counts 24 members of the Local EU Councillors (EULC) Network.

These councillors act as vital links between the EU and local communities, promoting dialogue and sharing EU-related information at the municipal level.



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Mission

The “Back to School” initiative offers staff members of the European institutions the opportunity to return to their former school – or visit a school of their choice – to meet with students and engage with them on the EU and topics of interest.

Through open and practical discussions, these visits allow:

- Sharing personal experiences within the European Union institutions;
- Presenting how the EU works in an accessible and engaging way;
- Engaging in dialogue with young people about Europe and the issues that matter to them.





EU PROGRAMMES AND EU FUNDS IN LUXEMBOURG

The EU's programmes and funds are key instruments to deliver on the EU's political priorities. In Luxembourg, they play a strategic role in supporting projects in areas such as research, training, mobility, security, cross-border cooperation, and social inclusion.

Between 2021 and 2027, over EUR 356 million in EU funding will be made available to Luxembourg through the EU budget, also known as the 'multiannual financial framework' and centrally managed EU programmes. The funding supports national priorities while contributing to shared European goals.

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Mission

The main objective of the ESF+ is to achieve high employment levels, ensure fair social protection, provide a skilled and resilient workforce prepared for the future world of work, and create inclusive and cohesive societies that aim to eradicate poverty. The ESF+ is aligned with the principles set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights.



Activities

The ESF+ in Luxembourg complements national policies that guarantee equal opportunities, access to the job market, fair and quality working conditions, social protection, and inclusion. It emphasises inclusive, quality education and training, lifelong learning, investment in children and young people, and access to basic services.

It targets individuals at risk of social exclusion, the long-term unemployed, young people, and people over 45 years old. It also focuses on those needing to develop their skills, as well as disadvantaged groups who face barriers to entering the job market.



Eligible beneficiaries

Beneficiaries include public institutions, non-governmental organisations, and private organisations focused on promoting employment, education, social inclusion, and skills development. The programme also supports the green and digital transitions and helps people in vulnerable situations, including those exposed to poverty or social exclusion.

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Mission

The ERDF programme “Investing in a smarter and greener Europe” supports projects by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation, regional ICT connectivity and the competitiveness of SMEs. It also promotes the shift to a more resilient and greener economy through the promotion of a clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investments and sustainable urban mobility.



Activities

The ERDF programme is divided into 2 priority axes and 1 special axis dedicated to the “Just Transition Fund”. Each axis corresponds to a strategic objective and includes several specific objectives.

Priority Axis 1 – Smarter Europe

- Developing and improving research and innovation capacities as well as the use of cutting-edge technologies;
- Harnessing the benefits of digitalization for the benefit of citizens, businesses, research organizations, and public authorities;
- Strengthening the sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including through productive investments.

Priority Axis 2 – Greener Europe

- Promoting energy efficiency measures and reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001.



Priority Axis 3 – Just Transition Fund – JTF

The JTF is a special fund enabling regions and people to address the social, economic, environmental, and employment consequences of the transition toward the Union's 2030 energy and climate targets and toward a climate-neutral Union economy by 2050, based on the Paris Agreement

- Investing in the deployment of technologies, as well as systems and infrastructure for affordable clean energy, including energy storage technologies, and in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- Investing in renewable energy in accordance with Directive (EU) 2018/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council, including the sustainability criteria set out therein, and investing in energy efficiency, including to reduce energy poverty;
- Investing in smart and sustainable local mobility, including the decarbonization of the local transport sector and its infrastructure.



Eligible beneficiaries

- Public authorities: state, municipalities, municipal associations, public institutions, public research centres;
- Public and mixed development companies;
- Public associations;
- Professional organisations and chambers;
- Technology clusters;
- Local authorities.

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Mission

The main objectives of AMIF are to strengthen and develop the Common European Asylum System, promote legal migration aligned with Member States' economic and social needs, support the integration and social inclusion of third-country nationals, counter irregular migration, enhance safe and dignified return and readmission, promote reintegration in third countries, and foster solidarity and fair responsibility-sharing among Member States - especially those most affected by migration and asylum challenges-through practical cooperation.



Activities

It aims to improve reception conditions, strengthen integration efforts, ensure quality procedures for handling immigration and asylum requests, and raise awareness in society. It also helps people access clear information and supports voluntary return and resettlement initiatives.



Eligible beneficiaries

Projects may be proposed by:

- Private non-profit organisations and bodies;
- Companies with a social impact;
- Ministries;
- Municipalities;
- Public institutions and professional chambers.

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Mission

The ISF programme in Luxembourg helps strengthen internal security by supporting better information sharing, crime prevention, and improved cooperation between national and European authorities.



Activities

It funds projects that boost security systems, protect victims and witnesses, and improve the readiness and resilience of public services to respond to security threats.



Eligible beneficiaries

Projects can be proposed by:

- Ministries;
- Public administrations.

Border Management and Visa Policy Instrument (BMVI)

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Mission

The BMVI programme in Luxembourg supports the protection of the EU's external borders while ensuring smooth travel within the EU's Schengen area¹.



Activities

It funds improvements in border controls, risk analysis, and large-scale information systems.
It also helps make visa services more efficient and secure, supporting cooperation between EU countries and modernising visa procedures.



Eligible beneficiaries

Projects can be proposed by national ministries and public administrations.

Interreg

Interreg refers to multiple EU funding programmes aimed at strengthening cooperation across borders and regions.

By bringing together organisations from across Europe and beyond, Interreg tackles shared challenges and creates lasting connections. From boosting economic growth and regional cohesion to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development, Interreg-funded projects aim at building a more united, resilient and prosperous Europe where every region thrives.

Luxembourg participates to the following programmes:

- Interreg Greater Region (cross-border cooperation)
- Interreg North-West Europe (transnational cooperation)
- Interreg Europe (interregional cooperation)
- ESPON (interregional cooperation)
- URBACT (interregional cooperation)

The programmes are co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Thematic priorities are individually chosen from a list of pre-defined priorities for cohesion funds.

In Luxembourg, responsibility for Interreg – formally designated as the European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programmes – lies with the Department for Spatial Planning within the Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning.

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Mission

The Interreg Greater Region programme's goal is to support and finance cross-border cooperation projects across the Greater Region to boost territorial cohesion, social and economic development, and reduce the negative effects of borders on daily life and public services.



Priorities

1. **A greener Greater Region** – promoting environmental protection, sustainable resource management and climate-friendly development.
2. **A more social Greater Region** – supporting social inclusion, health and social services, employment and quality of life.
3. **A Greater Region closer to its citizens** – improving accessibility, participation and cross-border cooperation (reserved for projects submitted in the 9 functional areas of the programme).
4. **Improved governance in cross-border cooperation** – strengthening institutional and administrative cooperation among local and regional authorities.

These priorities guide the programme's funding and project selection, with the overall goal of creating a **more integrated, sustainable, and cohesive cross-border landscape in the heart of Europe.**



DESCRIPTION	Programme scope	Fully: Luxembourg Partially: France, Germany and Belgium
	Types of eligible activities	Cross-border cooperation: joint strategies and action plans, pilot actions, capacity building, and awareness raising, citizen activities
	Thematic priorities	A greener, more social Greater Region, closer to its citizens, with improved cross-border cooperation governance
FUNDING	Funding rate	• up to 60% for regular projects (40% for partners with infrastructure) • up to 90% for small scale projects
	Eligible expenses	• Staff • Office and administrative costs • Travel and accommodation expenses • External expertise and services • Equipment, infrastructure, and works for pilot projects
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Application procedure	• Call for projects: two-step submission process and a simplified procedure for the 'closer to citizens' priority • One-step submission for small projects
	Upcoming calls for projects	https://interreg-gr.eu/financement/appels-a-projets/
	Average project duration	Around 3 years Up to 18 months for small projects
	Working languages	French and German
PARTNERSHIP	Eligible target groups	• Public authorities (local, regional, national), sectoral agencies • Interest groups • Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) • Higher education and research institutions, associations • Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) • Businesses
	Minimum number of partners	2 partners from 2 participating countries (a cross-border structure (e.g. EGTC) can act as sole lead partner)
	Projects	https://interreg-gr.eu/projets-2021-2027/

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Mission

Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) is a European Territorial Cooperation programme that funds projects to improve the economic, environmental, social, and territorial development – from Ireland to Switzerland – by fostering cooperation of the public and private sectors, research institutions, and civil society organisations.

The Interreg NWE Programme enables pilot actions and investments, knowledge-sharing, and institutional anchoring in domains that define the region nowadays, paving the way to a resilient and prosperous future.



Priorities

1. **Climate and environment**
 - Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience
 - Nature protection and biodiversity
2. **Energy transition**
 - Energy efficiency
 - Renewable energy
3. **Circular economy**
 - Circular and resource efficient economy
4. **Innovation and resilience**
 - Innovation capacities and uptake of advanced technologies
5. **Inclusive society**
 - Access to employment
 - Access to healthcare
 - Culture and sustainable tourism

DESCRIPTION	Programme scope	Fully: Belgium, Switzerland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands Partially: Germany, France
	Types of eligible activities	Transnational cooperation: joint strategies and action plans, pilot actions, capacity building, and awareness raising
	Thematic priorities	Climate and environment, energy transition, circular economy, innovation and resilience, inclusive society
FUNDING	Funding rate	Up to 60%
	Eligible expenses	• Staff • Office and administrative costs, • Travel and accommodation expenses • External expertise and services • Equipment • Infrastructure and works for pilot projects
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Application procedure	Call for projects: two-step submission process
	Upcoming calls for projects	https://www.nweurope.eu/calls-for-projects
	Average project duration	3-5 years
	Working languages	English
PARTNERSHIP	Eligible target groups	• Public authorities (local, regional, national) • Sectoral agencies • Interest groups • NGOs • Higher education and research institutions • Associations • SMEs • Businesses
	Minimum number of partners	3 partners from 3 participating countries
	Link	https://www.nweurope.eu/projects-themes

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Mission

Interreg Europe's goal is to improve the effectiveness of regional development policies across Europe by promoting cooperation, policy learning, sharing experience, and good practices among local, regional, and national authorities and stakeholders, ultimately delivering solutions that benefit all citizens.

The programme supports two complementary actions:

1. Interregional cooperation projects

These projects are carried out by partnerships of public authorities and other organisations that develop policies at local, regional, and national levels. Their purpose is to encourage the exchange of experiences and the transfer of good practices among regions, ultimately enabling the integration of innovative solutions.

2. Policy Learning Platform

This platform facilitates continuous or on-demand policy learning and capitalisation of good practices. It offers various theoretical and hands-on formats - such as webinars, a database of good practices, peer reviews, and much more. A dedicated helpdesk guides policymakers in choosing the most suitable format for their challenge.



Priorities

Topics covered:



A Europe closer to citizens



A more connected Europe



A more social Europe



A greener low carbon Europe



A smarter Europe



A better Interreg governance

DESCRIPTION	Programme scope	EU-27, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine
	Types of eligible activities	• Pan-European cooperation: sharing experiences and good practices to improve regional policies • Tailored advice from thematic experts on the Policy Learning Platform
	Thematic priorities	A smarter, greener, more connected, more social Europe that is closer to the public and has better regional governance
FUNDING	Funding rate	70-80% for multiannual projects 100% for the Policy Learning Platform (PLP)
	Eligible expenses	• Staff, • Office and administrative costs • Travel and accommodation expenses • External expertise • Equipment • Infrastructure and works for pilot projects • PLP: external expertise and services
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Application procedure	Call for projects: single-step submission PLP: applications can be submitted at any time
	Upcoming calls for projects	https://www.interregeurope.eu/next-call-for-projects
	Average project duration	Projects: 4 years PLP: up to 2 days
	Working languages	English
PARTNERSHIP	Eligible target groups	• Public authorities (local, regional, national) • Sectoral agencies • Interest groups • NGOs • Higher education • Research institutions • Associations
	Minimum number of partners	Project: 4 partners from 4 different countries PLP: 1 partner
	Projects	https://www.interregeurope.eu/search-approved-projects

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Mission

ESPON is an EU funded programme that bridges research with policies. It provides territorial analyses, data and maps to:

- support EU development policies - and particularly Cohesion Policy - with facts and evidence.
- help public authorities to benchmark their region or city, identify new challenges and potentials and shape successful development policies for the future.

ESPON delivers research results in different formats: study reports, policy papers, atlases, interactive maps and dashboards, open data sets, stories, seminars and policy events.



Priorities

All studies and events are clustered within Thematic Action Plans (TAPs):



DESCRIPTION	Programme scope	EU-27, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland
	Types of eligible activities	Pan-European cooperation: applied research projects (targeted analyses) carried out by a consortium of researchers
	Thematic priorities	All thematic priorities related to territorial development
FUNDING	Funding rate	100% for activities related to applied research (targeted analysis)
	Eligible expenses	• Staff, • Office and administrative costs • Travel and accommodation expenses • External expertise and services • Equipment
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Application procedure	Call for projects: single-step submission
	Upcoming calls for projects	https://www.espon.eu/engage
	Average project duration	Around 18 months
	Working languages	English
PARTNERSHIP	Eligible target groups	• Local, • Regional • National • Cross-border public authorities
	Minimum number of partners	Not applicable
	Link	https://www.espon.eu/projects

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Mission

URBACT is a European Territorial Cooperation programme that supports sustainable and integrated urban development across European cities by enabling city-to-city exchange, learning, and capacity building.



Priorities

1. **Transnational city networks:** Cities collaborate across Europe to share experiences and address common urban challenges.
2. **Capacity building:** cities involved in URBACT networks benefit from trainings and tools on integrated and participatory policymaking while cities outside URBACT can make use of guidance and tools available online, on the URBACT toolbox.
3. **Knowledge-sharing:** cities within or outside URBACT can benefit from activities and knowledge through public events like the URBACT City Festival, EU City Labs, thematic webinars, but also through articles, guides, case studies, good practices, available online, on URBACT's Knowledge Hub.

DESCRIPTION	Programme scope	EU-27, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine (urban municipalities only)
	Types of eligible activities	• Pan-European cooperation: transnational networks for action planning and sharing good practices • Capacity building • Knowledge hub (transfer and generation)
	Thematic priorities	All thematic priorities related to urban development: Governance, integrated approach (cross-sector cooperation), public participation
FUNDING	Funding rate	Determined for each call for projects (around 80%)
	Eligible expenses	• Staff • Office and administrative costs • Travel and accommodation expenses • External expertise • Equipment
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Application procedure	Call for projects: single-step submission
	Upcoming calls for projects	https://urbact.eu/get-involved
	Average project duration	Around 24-31 months
	Working languages	English
PARTNERSHIP	Eligible target groups	• Urban and other authorities (metropolitan, regional, national) • Sectoral agencies • Research institutes
	Minimum number of partners	Determined on a case-by-case basis' (approx. 8-10 for networks)
	Projects	https://urbact.eu/knowledge-hub

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Mission

LEADER is a European funding instrument that places local people at the heart of rural development. As such it is more than just a funding instrument: LEADER is an approach, supporting citizens, municipalities, associations and businesses who want to actively shape their region. By encouraging local initiative and participation, LEADER turns ideas into projects that strengthen rural communities in a sustainable way.

LEADER is implemented and funded by the EU (EAFRD – European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development), the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Viticulture, municipalities and private project promoters.



How does it work?

A bottom-up approach tailored to each region

The LEADER-approach is based on the bottom-up principle: Local Action Groups (LAGs), composed of regional stakeholders, define development strategies adapted to their territory. They identify priorities, select projects and mobilise local potential. Supported by dedicated LEADER offices, project promoters receive guidance from the initial concept through to its realisation. In Luxembourg, LEADER is currently implemented across five regions: Éislek in the north, Mëllerdall in the east, Miselerland along the Moselle river as well as Wëlle Westen and Zentrum Westen both in the western part of the country.

Tangible results for rural communities

LEADER supports a wide range of initiatives that improve quality of life in rural areas. It fosters innovation, encourages partnerships and strengthens economic, social and cultural



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development. The results are visible: vibrant villages, strong regional identities, new jobs and fresh opportunities for local populations.

A strong European network

Beyond the local level, LEADER is part of a European network of more than 2,000 regions. It promotes cooperation across borders and facilitates the exchange of ideas and good practices, allowing regions to learn from each other.

A proven success in Luxembourg

In Luxembourg, LEADER has been a key driver of rural development since 1991, supporting around 600 projects since then. Each project reflects a shared ambition: to build resilient, attractive and forward-looking regions by people, for people.



Eligible beneficiaries

Projects may be proposed by natural persons and non-profit organisations, municipalities, social offices, nature parks, companies and Local Action Groups (LAGs).

European Urban Initiative (EUI)

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Mission

The European Urban Initiative (EUI) supports cities of all sizes across the EU with innovative actions, capacity building, knowledge sharing, and policy development to foster sustainable urban development. Its mission is to strengthen integrated and participatory approaches, enhance the transferability and scaling of innovative solutions, and reinforce links with EU Cohesion Policy. It helps cities test new solutions to urban challenges and disseminates lessons learned to improve policy and practice across Europe.



Main Priorities / Thematic Focus

EUI's activities target major urban development priorities, including:

- Sustainable and integrated urban development, enhancing capacity and knowledge for local authorities.
- Testing and scaling innovative solutions through urban Innovative Actions (IA).
- Policy support aligned with Cohesion Policy, including smarter, greener, more connected, more social, and citizencentred urban development.
- Sector priorities include mobility, housing, energy, climate, public space, health, social inclusion, culture, digitalisation, innovation, education, governance, and disaster risk management.



DESCRIPTION	Scope	EU-wide support for cities of all sizes focusing on sustainable and innovative urban development.
	Types of Activities	• Funding innovative pilot projects, • Capacity-building (peer reviews, city-to-city exchanges), • Knowledge and policy development, • Communication & dissemination of urban best practices.
	Thematic priorities	Smart, green, connected, socially inclusive, and citizenoriented urban development, plus sector-specific themes (mobility, energy, climate, public space, governance, etc.).
FUNDING	Funding rate / Amount	Depending on the initiative / sub-programme
	Eligible expenses	Costs related to designing, testing, and implementing innovative urban solutions, including partnerships with public, private, academic, and non-profit actors.
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Application procedure	• Calls for proposals published online; • Applicants follow EUI-IA online guidance, webinars, FAQs, and call documentation; • Submission through official EUI portals.
	Upcoming calls	https://www.urban-initiative.eu/
	Project duration	Depending on the type of project - 6-48 months
	Working language	English
PARTNERSHIP	Target groups	• For Innovative Actions: primarily urban authorities (cities (>25.000 inhabitants), or groups totaling 25,000+). • For capacity building: urban authorities of all sizes • Urban policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders in sustainable urban development.
	Number of partners	Depending on the type of call, from 2 (exchange between cities) up to 10
	Link	https://www.urban-initiative.eu

Digital Europe Programme – National Contact Points (NCPs)

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Mission

The Digital Europe Programme (DEP) is an EU funding programme designed to accelerate the digital transformation of Europe's economy, public services and society.

It bridges the gap between digital technology research and market deployment by provides strategic funding for digital technologies and infrastructure in five key areas: (1) supercomputing, (2) artificial intelligence, data and cloud, (3) cybersecurity, (4) advanced digital skills and (5) the widespread use of digital technologies across the economy and society, including through Digital Innovation Hubs.

The Digital Europe Programme is implemented through multi-annual work programmes. The work programmes can be consulted on the European Commission website. Open calls for projects can be consulted on the European Commission's Funding & Tenders online portal.

National contact points offer tailored guidance to organisations wishing to engage with DEP opportunities.



Who can apply?

DIGITAL is open to legal entities established in EU Member States and associated countries. Eligible participants include:

- Companies of all sizes, with a particular focus on SMEs;
- Public administrations and government agencies;
- Research organisations and universities;
- Consortia of public and private organisations.

Most DIGITAL actions require a consortium of participants from multiple eligible countries. Some calls, particularly those related to EDIHs, are open to national or regional consortia. Eligibility conditions vary by call and are detailed in the relevant work.

DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME





ADDITIONAL NETWORKS

European Climate Pact Ambassadors



Contact point

As the European Climate Pact Ambassador role is renewed on a yearly basis, the group of active Ambassadors may evolve over time. Organisations interested in connecting, collaborating, or learning more about current Ambassadors and activities are invited to contact the Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg:

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Mission

The European Climate Pact is an initiative of the European Commission that brings together people, communities, and organisations committed to climate action across Europe. It promotes citizen engagement, sustainability, and collaboration, complementing broader EU climate objectives through local action and cross-sector cooperation.



Priorities

European Climate Pact Ambassadors are individuals dedicated to promoting sustainability, climate awareness, and civic engagement within their communities and professional networks. Acting in a personal or professional capacity - and not as representatives of EU institutions - Ambassadors help connect stakeholders, encourage participation, and foster cooperation across Europe.

As part of a wider European ecosystem of initiatives and networks, the Ambassadors can contribute to building partnerships between civil society organisations, local authorities, youth initiatives, educational institutions, and sustainability-focused projects.



Role and Responsibilities

European Climate Pact Ambassadors are expected to:

- lead by example through practical and sustainable climate actions;
- inspire and mobilise citizens, organisations, and local communities to engage in climate initiatives;
- facilitate partnerships and collaboration opportunities across European networks and stakeholders;
- share knowledge and good practices related to sustainability, citizen engagement, and EU climate priorities.

European Climate Pact Ambassadors serve on a voluntary basis and do not represent the European Commission in an official capacity.



How does it work?

- The appointment is typically for one year and is renewable.
- A commitment to have at least three climate action initiatives, such as workshops, campaigns, or outreach targeting under-engaged audiences.
- Onboarding and participation involves:
 - completing an e-learning course within three weeks;
 - attending at least two Pact secretariat-led and two country coordinator events;
 - submitting regular reports and maintain contact with Pact coordinators.
- Community engagement requires active involvement in online Pact forums and promoting Pact campaigns through social media networks.



Who can become a Pact Ambassador?

Eligible individuals include:

- Leaders of NGOs or associations;
- Community or cultural leaders;
- Mayors, policymakers, or elected officials;
- Representatives of educational, research, or cultural institutions;
- Influencers or opinion leaders active in sustainability and social inclusion efforts.

Applicants must reside in an EU country and show a strong commitment to inclusion, climate equity, and community outreach

Find out how to [Become a Pact Ambassador](#) across Europe and share knowledge about EU climate policies.

Mission Soil Ambassadors



Contact point

For organisations or stakeholders wishing to get in contact with Luxembourg's Mission Soil Ambassadors and explore potential collaboration opportunities, please contact the Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg:

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Mission

Mission Soil Ambassadors are passionate advocates who raise awareness about soil health and sustainability. Selected for their expertise in fields such as sustainable agriculture, biodiversity, and environmental communication, they promote soil protection at all levels – from local to European.



Priorities

They support the EU Mission Soil. EU Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe' (Mission Soil) is an EU initiative that aims to:

- protect and restore soil health across Europe by 2030;
- establish 100 living labs and lighthouses to co-create, test, and showcase solutions for sustainable land management;
- ensure that at least 75% of Europe's soils are healthy to sustain food, people, nature, and the climate by 2030 by fostering collaboration, engaging communities, and encouraging actions to protect and restore soils.

Through education and outreach, they help connect stakeholders and build a more resilient future for Europe's soils.

The network aims to include one Ambassador from each EU country and each Horizon Europe associated country.

Check the profiles and learn more about the [Mission Soil Platform](#).

Young Energy Ambassadors

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Mission

The Young Energy Ambassadors programme, initiated by the European Commission in 2023, is designed to actively involve young people in shaping Europe's clean energy future. The programme supports the EU's broader sustainable energy objectives by strengthening youth participation in policy discussions, fostering innovation in the energy transition, and recognising the contributions of young people to building a climate-neutral Europe.



Priorities

The programme focuses on:

- **Strengthening youth participation** in European policy-making processes related to sustainable and clean energy;
- **Increasing awareness and engagement** of young people in the energy transition and its societal impact;
- **Empowering young energy leaders** by supporting their involvement in dialogue, learning, and exchange with policy and industry stakeholders;
- **Recognising and valuing contributions** made by young people to clean energy innovation, advocacy, and community action across Europe.



EU SUPPORT NETWORKS

GUIDANCE, HELP AND MEDIATION FOR CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES



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Mission

ENTERPRISE EUROPE NETWORK (EEN) is the largest European business support network of the European Commission and is represented in every region of the EU and active in more than 60 countries worldwide.

In Luxembourg, the network is operated by a national consortium bringing together the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts, and Luxinnovation. Together, the 3 partner organisations have combined their strengths and EU expertise to support national SMEs and startups in their cross-border, European and international development.

Enterprise Europe Network-Luxembourg can help you to:

- Grow your business in Europe and internationally, by making full use of the Single Market.
- Bridge EU institutions and the business community by channeling feedback on Single Market barriers.
- Find business, technology or R&D partners beyond borders.
- Accelerate your innovation, through strategic guidance and tailored support tools.
- Access European funding, digitalisation and sustainability support schemes.
- Strengthen your company's resilience and competitiveness in the face of economic challenges and turmoils.

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Mission

The European Consumer Centre Luxembourg (ECC Luxembourg) provides free information and assistance to consumers living in Luxembourg regarding their rights under European consumer law.

The Centre offers practical advice on a wide range of topics, including online shopping, travel, delivery issues, refunds, warranty claims, and passenger rights. In addition to providing information, ECC Luxembourg assists consumers in resolving cross-border disputes with traders based in other European Union countries, as well as in Iceland and Norway. Its aim is to facilitate amicable solutions between consumers and businesses.

As a member of the European Consumer Centres Network (ECC-Net), which comprises 29 centres (in the EU, Iceland, and Norway), ECC Luxembourg works closely with its partners to handle cross-border cases efficiently. The network also cooperates with the International Consumer Centre in the United Kingdom.

ECC Luxembourg is financially supported by the European Commission, the Luxembourg Government and the Union Luxembourgeoise des Consommateurs (ULC). All services provided by ECC Luxembourg are free of charge.



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Mission

The SOLVIT Network helps individuals and businesses enforce their EU rights linked to living, working or operating in another EU country.

SOLVIT is a free service provided by national administrations that helps individuals and businesses resolve cross-border issues caused by public authorities' incorrect application of EU law in another EU country.

Typical cases involve the recognition of professional qualifications, social security rights, or residence permits.

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Mission

FIN-NET helps consumers settle complaints in financial services out of court.

'The FIN-NET Network aims to (i) promote cooperation between national financial services ombudsmen; and (ii) offer consumers easy access to out-of-court dispute resolution mechanisms for cross-border disputes in financial services (banking, insurance, or investment services) offered in other European Economic Area (EEA) countries.

In Luxembourg, the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF) handles the complaints related to banking and investment services. The *Association des Compagnies d'Assurances et de Réassurances (ACA)* is the competent authority for handling complaints related to insurance.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT, CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY OF WORKERS AND STUDENTS



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Mission

Anefore is the national agency responsible for the Erasmus+ programme in education, training, youth and sport (including the European Language Label, Eurodesk, Youthpass) and the European Solidarity Corps.

Over 5 000 individuals (pupils, learners, students, adult learners, young people and professionals working in education, training, youth and sport) in Luxembourg participate in Erasmus+ activities each year.

In addition, Anefore acts as the national Europass and Euroguidance Centre, the national eTwinning Support Organisation, and the National Unit for the Eurydice and Youth Wiki networks.

Euroguidance promotes European mobility by providing guidance counsellors, teachers, and learners with information on education and training opportunities across Europe. It also supports lifelong learning and encourages the development of career guidance systems.

Oversight of Euroguidance is divided as follows:
Anefore is responsible for administrative and financial coordination while the Coordination Service of the Maison de l'orientation is responsible for coordinating and implementing all Euroguidance activities.

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Mission

The EURAXESS network launched by the European Commission supports the career development and mobility of early-career researchers in various ways. These include o.a. free access through country-specific websites to information related to living and working in EURAXESS countries, online career development resources and a job database with thousands of research(-related) positions across Europe and beyond. EURAXESS trainings and info sessions highlight career trajectories of researchers within and beyond academia, tools for skills assessment and development, mentoring programme opportunities etc. complete the portfolio. They are promoted through the network's social media channels. All EURAXESS offers are free of charge and some of them specifically address the personnel at research performing organisations supporting the career development of early-career researchers.

EURAXESS Luxembourg acts as the coordinating body of the EURAXESS network for Luxembourg.

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Mission

EURES Luxembourg, coordinated by ADEM, is a team of advisors who provide information and support to job seekers and employers regarding professional mobility within the 31 countries of the EURES network. They offer guidance on cross-border employment, working conditions, social and tax legislation, and assist with recruitment and mobility across Europe.

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Mission

Eurodesk is a European network that provides information on and promotes youth mobility, co-funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ programme. Present in 36 countries, it provides young people with reliable and personalized information on a wide range of international opportunities (volunteering, exchanges, internships, studies) and helps them turn their plans into reality.

It also supports youth professionals by strengthening their ability to guide and assist young people. In Luxembourg, the network is coordinated by the SNJ (National Youth Service), offering a European portal with all opportunities, practical tools, and activities to facilitate young people's access to mobility opportunities.



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📘 Enic-Naric Networks



Mission

The NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre) provides official information and advice on the recognition of foreign diplomas and qualifications. It helps ensure transparency in education and supports academic mobility.

In Luxembourg, the academic recognition takes the form of entry in the register of former higher education qualifications. This legally binding decision confers the right to publicly use a foreign academic title and indicates the corresponding level of the Luxembourg Qualifications Framework.

European Youth Card Luxembourg

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Mission

Our mission is to empower young people to become more socially, culturally, and economically mobile through the European Youth Card, while also supporting the development of stronger youth policies.

The card provides young people under the age of 31 with access to thousands of discounts in areas such as travel, culture, sports, and education across 40 countries, regardless of their background.

Beyond discounts, it also offers opportunities such as internships, training programs, and access to valuable information to help young people grow and succeed.

Youth hostels are part of a dynamic international network that is deeply rooted in local communities and plays an important role in both tourism and society. They provide affordable and accessible accommodation for a wide range of guests, including families, school groups, and hikers, with no age restrictions. In addition to lodging, they offer various services and actively contribute to education and youth development.

ADVICE AND SUPPORT ON SPECIFIC EU FUNDS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES



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Mission

Creative Europe is the EU's flagship programme providing specific support to the cultural, creative and audiovisual sectors. It seeks to safeguard, develop and promote European cultural and linguistic diversity and heritage and increase the competitiveness and economic potential of the cultural and creative sectors, in particular the audiovisual sector. It does this by providing various funding opportunities aimed at co-creation, skills development, network and platform building, knowledge sharing, mobility, distribution and promotion of content.

The programme is divided into two main strands:

CULTURE Strand supports projects seeking to strengthen the sector's capacity to operate transnationally by co-creating, establishing networks, platforms for emerging artists and supporting culture and creative professionals as well as promoting their work. It also aims to create and engage audiences, focusing on inclusion and diversity, and encourages innovative business models that respond to the sector's evolving needs, including its digital transition and environmental sustainability.



MEDIA strand of the Creative Europe Programme supports the European film and audiovisual industries, which are undergoing significant digital transformation. It covers a wide range of sectors, including theatrical feature films, high-quality series, documentaries, video games and immersive content.

MEDIA provides financial support, fosters skills development and training for audiovisual professionals, and intervenes at all stages of the value chain — from development and production to distribution and promotion, including access to international markets.

MEDIA Desks act as national contact points, offering guidance to professionals, supporting project applications, and facilitating networking and collaboration opportunities across Europe.

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Mission

EMN supports evidence-based policymaking by providing up-to-date, objective, and comparable information on migration and asylum across EMN Member Countries (EU Member States except Denmark) and EMN Observer Countries.

The Luxembourg contact point conducts national studies and contributes to EU-wide research. Since 2009, the coordination of the EMN Luxembourg has been assigned by the Luxembourgish government to the University of Luxembourg.

The General Department of Immigration, the Ministry of Home Affairs acts as the Steering Board Member of EMN Luxembourg.

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)



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Mission

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme is an EU funding scheme centrally managed in Brussels that supports the development of open, rights-based, democratic, equal, and inclusive societies grounded in the rule of law. In Luxembourg, the national contact point promotes the programme and actively supports applicants throughout the application process. CERV offers a broad spectrum of funding opportunities across four thematic areas.

- EU Values – democracy, transparency, good governance, and respect for the rule of law.
- Equality, Rights and Gender Equality.
- Citizens' Engagement and Participation.
- Daphne – prevention of violence, including gender-based violence and violence against children.

CERV mainly targets civil society organisations and associations. Its calls are also open to a broad range of other applicants, including state administrations, local and regional authorities, schools, universities, research centres, and other public bodies.

Horizon Europe – National Contact Point

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Mission

Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the EU's flagship programme for supporting research and innovation, going all the way from fundamental concept to market uptake. Covering the 2021-2027 period, it has a total budget of €95.5 billion.

Luxinnovation offers bespoke support to researchers, university, companies and public bodies wishing to participate in Horizon Europe calls. It organises information events and workshops. It assists with understanding the requirements of calls and award criteria, partner search and grant procedures.

Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund is one of the world's largest EU funding programmes supporting the deployment and scaleup of innovative netzero and lowcarbon technologies. It is financed through revenues from the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) and aims to help bring breakthrough solutions to the market that can decarbonise European industry, strengthen competitiveness, and accelerate the EU's path to climate neutrality.

Luxinnovation offers support to companies interested in the programme. It organises information events and feedback sessions, assists in understanding the requirements and awards criteria, and can provides feedback on the draft proposal.

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Mission

FRANET is the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)'s multidisciplinary research network. It collects and analyses information on a wide range of fundamental rights issues, including equality, non-discrimination, migration, access to justice and the rule of law.

FRANET is composed of national contractors in each EU Member State, as well as in candidate countries such as Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia. These contractors provide data and research upon request to support FRA's comparative studies, reports and opinions.

In Luxembourg, the University of Luxembourg has been the contractor for FRANET since 2018. The team brings together a multidisciplinary group of researchers with expertise in law, social sciences and human rights. It contributes national data, legal analysis and thematic research to FRA, ensuring that developments in Luxembourg are reflected in EU-wide fundamental rights monitoring.

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