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Dear employees of the University of Luxembourg, dear students,

Welcome to a new and unique working environment in Luxembourg; the City of Science in Esch-sur-Alzette, the new home of the University of Luxembourg and the national research centres! The place to which you will travel every day from now on, or where you might even chose to live, is not only a working place but a new urban area that combines research, higher education and entrepreneurship with living, shopping and leisure. As you will discover the site of the City of Science and the new district "Universitéit", you will find out that there is a lot to see and to do.

Browse through the shops at the Belval Plaza shopping mall, go for a run in the local park, taste a variety of international food in the large array of restaurants, go for a rock concert or chill in one of the cafés. And why not hop on a train to the city centre to discover more shopping facilities, go for a swim, hike through the nature reserve "Ellergronn" or go for a play in the central theatre after work?

Through this leaflet, we will share our favourite places and things to do with you but also give you some practical information that you might need while being in Esch. Whether you are a commuter or a new resident, we are ready to assist you in finding useful addresses, cultural activities and more, and to help you feel at home in our city.

Vera Spautz
Mayor

The city of Esch at a glance

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for more city and practical information!



Esch-sur-Alzette is traditionally **an industrial city** that, thanks to the rise of the steel industry, contributed largely to the country's wealth from the beginning of the 20th century onwards. However, further to the steel crisis at the end of the century, the region was declining. The governmental decision to balance regional development in Luxembourg led to an elaborate decentralisation and **economic diversification** policy that proved to be very favourable for the South of Luxembourg. In 2002, the Luxembourg government decided to transfer **the national research centres** as well as the University of Luxembourg to Esch. The idea of the City of Science was born.

Since the first stones were laid, many changes have happened in Esch-sur-Alzette. Over the last 5 years, the population has grown of 12%. This naturally impacts the local retail sector, increasing the demand for shopping possibilities. The commercial offer has indeed been constantly increasing and today, Esch counts more than **1,000 businesses** of which many are shops, restaurants and bars.

Even though the former "**steel metropolis**" is densely populated and on the verge of becoming a national research and university hub, Esch-sur-Alzette has a high amount of **green areas** (one third of the total surface) that offer many opportunities for sports and leisure activities. Its nature reserve "Ellergonn"

holds a surprising ecological treasure of rare species of birds, butterflies, dragonflies, flowers and more. But also the industrial and architectural heritages, as well as the **gastronomic diversity** are worth spending a visit. With more than **120 resident nationalities**, it is indeed no surprise that international cuisine has become a staple in Esch-sur-Alzette.

On the **cultural level**, the city disposes of a theatre and a music conservatory as well as of two concert halls, art galleries and three cinemas. Sporty people among you can join one of the numerous associations in close to 30 sports categories, try one of the local fitness clubs or train for the traditional run "Escher Kulturlaf".

Esch is a **smart city** that is eager to provide its citizens with the best possible living conditions, be it in terms of civil and social services, public transport facilities or health care. Esch has a very dense public transportation network and is well connected to Luxembourg-City as well as to the neighbouring towns in the Southern region and bordering French cities. 230 doctors and two hospitals are at your service, while children are taken care of by 13 "Maisons Relais" and some 20 day nurseries. The provision of **educational infrastructures** is an important issue for local politicians. Altogether, the city counts 11 primary schools and 5 secondary schools.



Relaxation, sports and leisure

ESCHER SCHWEMM - LES BAINS DU PARC

A variety of leisure, wellness and relaxation installations are at your disposal; 3 indoor and 1 outdoor pools, a large slide, a sauna, a solarium and a restaurant.

A HUGE PLAYGROUND FOR HIKERS & MOUNTAIN BIKERS

In the woods and former open cast mines around Esch, discover the unique topography, which has been shaped by men for more than a century through the extraction of iron ore.

NUMEROUS SPORTS CLUBS

More than 75 clubs covering a huge variety of sports are based in Esch. Do not miss a unique opportunity to meet new people and integrate the city life. Escher Sporthotline +352 26 54 34 34

GASTRONOMY, NIGHTLIFE AND BARS

Being a multicultural city, Esch counts more than 120 bars and restaurants - styles and cuisines from all over the world can be found at walking distance.

A MULTITUDE OF SHOPPING POSSIBILITIES

Esch is a centre of attraction for shopping fans, with the country's longest shopping mile, 2 shopping malls and many supermarkets.

RECREATIONAL AREA "GAALGEBIERG"

Accessible via the footbridge near the main station, the Municipal Park "Gaalgebierg" is a place for relaxation for young and old alike, where one can find the serenity of preserved nature at only a few footsteps from the bustling city. It is a unique combination of flower gardens, forest trails and small, isolated paths.



ESCHER DÉIREPARK - PARC ANIMALIER

A little further, next to the camping, an exceptional animal park allows inhabitants and visitors to discover or rediscover indigenous animals in a natural and comfortable environment since 1962. You can visit anytime for free and it will be worth your while, especially with children.

Tourism

ESCH CITY TOURIST OFFICE

The Esch City Tourist Office provides its clients with information and brochures on accommodation, restaurants, tourist sites and attractions, cultural programmes (concerts, theatre, ...) for the entire Grand-Duchy, but, mainly for the "steel metropolis" and the Southern region.

RÉSERVE NATURELLE ELLERGRONN & MUSEUM OF THE "COCKERILL" MINE

Near the nature reserve, the "Ellergronn" visitor centre on the site of the former "Cockerill" mine offers the possibility to discover a unique natural landscape and the industrial past of the region.

The museum of the "Cockerill" mine displays mining tools, including drills, ranging from hand tools dating back to the mine's beginnings to the modern compressed air drill of the 1960's. A great number of archive photographs give evidence of the miners' hard work.

MUSÉE NATIONAL DE LA RÉSISTANCE

Through a series of photographs, objects and art works, the museum retraces Luxembourg's history between 1940 and 1945, from the Nazi oppression through the population's reactions and up to its liberation. A 2nd section covers the Nazi repression and the concentration camp system, as well as the fate of Luxembourg's Jews.

A temporary exhibition space allows for the presentation of topics regarding the 1933/1940-1945 era, as well as current issues related to the resistance to human rights violations or to citizenship education.



ARCHITECTURAL WALK & REMEMBRANCE PATH

The Architectural Walk allows the visitor to discover the city's architectural heritage, which has been largely maintained. The Remembrance Path provides explanations about precise locations (remembrance sites, museums, monuments) or street and square names in relation with World War II and the suffering of the people in Esch. Brochures are available at the City Tourist Office.

"CITÉ DES SCIENCES" EXHIBITION & BLAST FURNACES MUSEUM

Located in the former "Massenoire" building, the exhibition "Belval & More" presents the City of Science project, providing a historical and urban overview of the development in the southern region of Luxembourg. You can discover the equipment required to produce cast iron and climb the 180 steps to the 40m viewing platform at the furnace top. From there, you can enjoy a breath taking view of the new urban districts of the Belval site, Esch and its surroundings.

Culture

BIBLIOTHÈQUE MUNICIPALE

The City library has a collection of more than 60,000 items (books & multimedia) in a welcoming setting: classics, documentaries, albums, fiction, tales, and comic books in German, French, English, Portuguese, Italian and Luxembourgish.

THÉÂTRE MUNICIPAL

The recently renovated theatre offers a varied and high-quality cultural programming: theatre performances in various languages, dance, opera, concerts, variety shows and more.

CONSERVATOIRE DE MUSIQUE

The Music Conservatory has a large offer of music, dance and dramatic art courses, ranging from beginner to advanced levels, and stages concerts by renowned ensembles.



KULTURFABRIK

The “Kulturfabrik” is an exceptional cultural centre located in a former slaughterhouse. On 4,500 sqm it has 2 stages, a brasserie, a cinema, an exhibition gallery and several rehearsal rooms. www.kulturfabrik.lu



2 PUBLIC ART GALLERIES

- Galerie d'Art Théâtre Municipal
- Galerie Pavillon du Centenaire (Nonnewisen)

3 CINEMAS

- Utopolis Belval : 7 screens, including the largest one of the country, oversized seats and a varied programming for everyone.
- Ciné Ariston : 1 screen, which has retained the appeal of historical movie theatres.
- Ciné Kinosch : small movie theatre at the “Kulturfabrik”.

ROCKHAL

The biggest concert venue in Luxembourg stages more than 200 concerts each year, presenting a mixture of new rising bands and international stars. www.rockhal.lu

Main Events

MARCH

- Carnival



APRIL

- Easter Fair

JUNE

- Sport, Spill a Spaas
- Fête de la musique (music festival) & National Day (21-23 June)
- St John's Day (Portuguese National Day celebration)



JULY

- Street sale "Journée française" (14th July)
- Gaymat
- Luxembourg Beach Open
- Mandela Day



AUGUST

- Gala Tour de France

SEPTEMBER

- Escher Kulturlaf (10 miles, 10 km & 5 km races)
- Kulturfestival

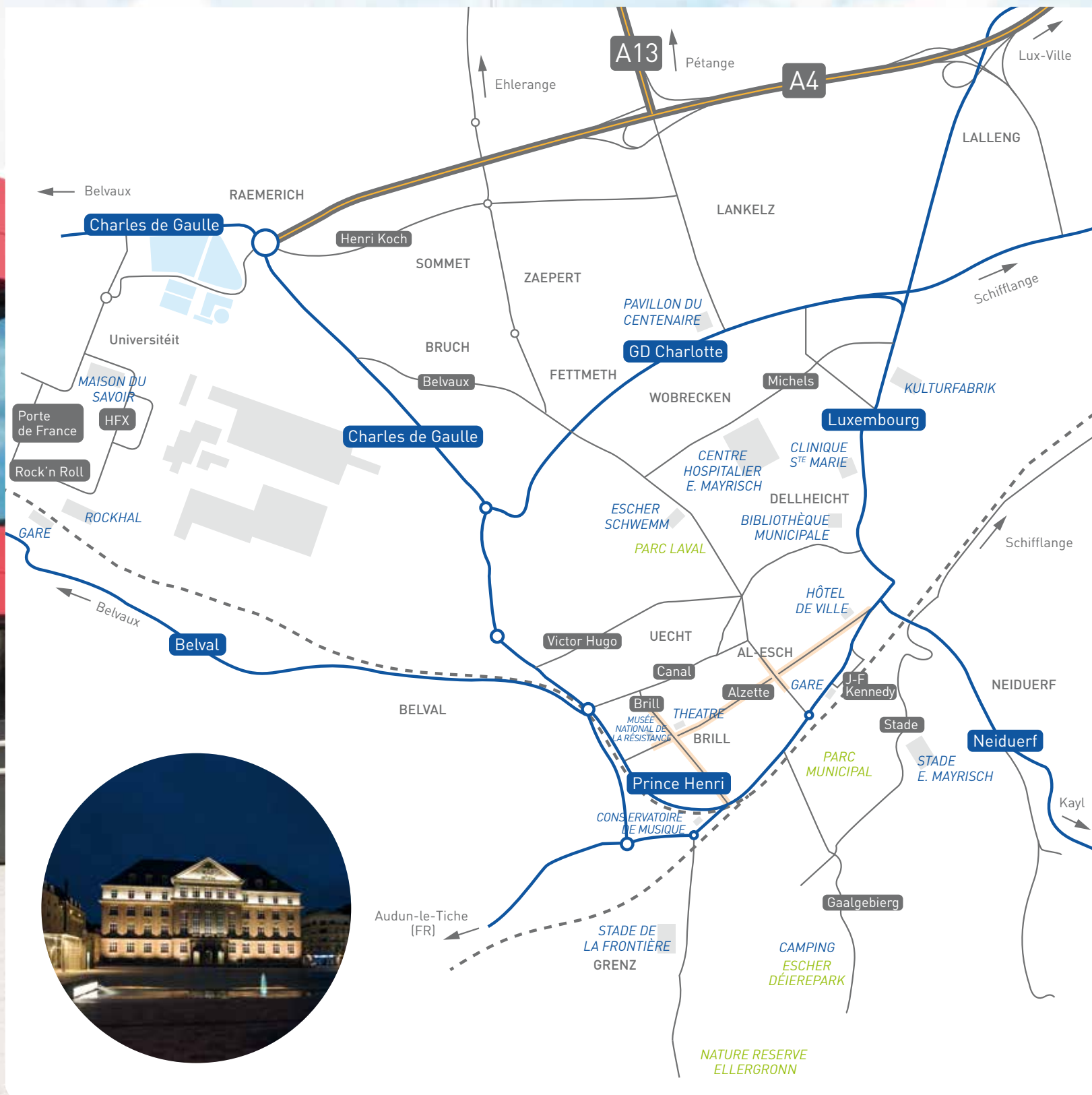
MAY

- Night of Culture
- Night of Sports
- Arrival of the cycle race "Flèche du Sud"
- Pentecost Fair



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

- Saint Nicholas Parade
- Christmas market



Useful information



EMERGENCIES (24/24, 7/7)

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POLICE GRAND-DUCALE

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104, bvd J.F. Kennedy
L-4171 Esch-sur-Alzette
www.police.lu

CENTRE HOSPITALIER EMILE MAYRISCH (CHEM)

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Rue Emile Mayrisch
L-4240 Esch-sur-Alzette
www.chem.lu

CLINIQUE STE MARIE

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7-11, rue Würth-Paquet
L- 4350 Esch-sur-Alzette

MAISON MÉDICALE (HEALTH CENTRE)

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70, rue Emile Mayrisch
L-4240 Esch-sur-Alzette

HÔTEL DE VILLE (CITY HALL)

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Place de l'Hôtel de Ville
L-4138 Esch-sur-Alzette
www.esch.lu

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