

Exhibition

Pierre Werner (1913-2002) – A life dedicated to Luxembourg and Europe

As a long-standing senior civil servant, minister and Prime Minister from the end of the Second World War until the mid-1980s, Pierre Werner gave his country, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a voice that would be heard beyond its borders. He was closely involved in integration and policy-making efforts at the national, regional and European levels. He was an excellent listener and known for his skills of understanding and reconciling apparently incompatible positions. He was committed to defending the vital interests of Luxembourg and Europe over the long term. Pierre Werner is unanimously recognised as one of the main architects of Economic and Monetary Union: the 1970 Werner Report sketched out the fundamental features of what would later become the euro.

Based essentially on Pierre Werner's private collections and other relevant Luxembourg and European archives, the exhibition aims to paint a picture of Pierre Werner from various angles – his personality, his role as a father and family man, his social ties and intellectual interests –, while also outlining his thinking and his achievements as a politician and committed European.

Pierre Werner was the first Luxembourger to be elected as an honorary member of the Romanian Academy (in 1993), to be awarded a honorary doctorate from the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu and to be named as an honorary citizen of the city of Sibiu (in 1998).

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