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# Mission

Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg (2021-2025) is geared towards a broad audience, with the aim of informing students, researchers, teachers and the general public about issues related to the European Union's history and current affairs, as well as reflecting on potential future challenges.

Europe Direct University of Luxembourg maximises the potential of its location at the heart of the Greater Region, in one of the EU's permanent capitals. It makes a major contribution to citizen education, especially among young people, raising awareness about the European Union's policies and helping develop teaching and research on European integration in Luxembourg.



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# Creation

Following its participation in the European Commission call for proposals in 2020, the University of Luxembourg was selected as a partner to run the Europe Direct at the University for the period 2021-2025. This new European competitive project will thus continue the work of Europe Direct Information Centre (EDIC) which ran from November 2019 to April 2021.

The Europe Direct network was set up in 2005 to contribute to the overall communication efforts and transparency of the European Commission and to bring citizens closer to the European Union by providing a general information service, with more than 500 contact points all over Europe.

The agreement for establishing Europe Direct University of Luxembourg (2021-2025) was

signed by **Prof. Dr Stéphane Pallage**, Rector of the University, and **Stephan Koppelberg**, Acting Head of the European Commission Representation in Luxembourg.

Based in the Luxembourg Learning Centre (LLC) on Belval Campus, Europe Direct University of Luxembourg is coordinated by the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH) – the University’s third interdisciplinary research centre, which focuses on high-quality research, analysis and public dissemination in the field of contemporary Luxembourgish and European history. Europe Direct University of Luxembourg is managed by **Dr Elena Danescu**, a Research Scientist at the C<sup>2</sup>DH.



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**Luxembourg Learning Centre web page:**  
<https://www.uni.lu/llc-en/>

The documentation and brochures on display are free of charge and can be taken during opening hours.

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Make an individual appointment for any advice or guidance. We are on hand to answer any questions in Luxembourgish, French, English and Dutch.



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# Events 2021 Highlights



Conference dedicated to the emergence of a new Luxembourgish diplomacy (30 June 2021)  
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**WEBINAIRE 6 MAI 2021 - 14:00 CET**  
**Luxembourg, la première capitale de l'Europe unie**

**Orateurs**

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Premier Ministre du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg,  
Président d'honneur de la Fondation du Mille Européen
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**Langues**  



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**Partageons nos idées pour l'Europe!**

**24 novembre 2021 | 16H-19H**  
Ateliers en ligne sur :  
 > **Emploi et formation à l'ère digitale - défis ou opportunités ?**  
 > **La mobilité verte**  
 > **Comment protéger et améliorer les droits sociaux des Européens**

**26 novembre 2021 | 18H30-20H30**  
Restitution en ligne :  
**Présentation de vos propositions débat avec des responsables du monde politique et associatif de la Grande Région**

**Inscriptions :** 

**Partners:** EUROPE DIRECT Luxembourg, EUROPE DIRECT Territoires Luxembourgeois, EUROPE DIRECT Université de Luxembourg, BertelsmannStiftung, #EURegion, #TheFutureIsYours

## Introductory Online Sessions on ECI 22nd May 2021



What defines a European Citizen?



Conference dedicated to the emergence of a new Luxembourgish diplomacy (30 June 2021)  
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# 6 May 2021 – First Robert Schuman Lecture: Luxembourg, the first capital of a united Europe

The European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), prefigured by Robert Schuman's declaration on 9 May 1950, came into existence on 18 April 1951, when the representatives of six founding states – Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands – concluded the Treaty of Paris for a 50-year period.



In July 1952, Luxembourg City was chosen as the provisional location of the ECSC. On 10 August 1952, the High Authority moved into the building that now houses the Spuerkeess bank. Later that year, on 10 December, the ECSC Court of Justice held its formal inaugural session at the Cercle Municipal, on the Place d'Armes. The judges' chambers were housed in the Villa Vauban. From 1952 to 1954, the Special Council of Ministers regularly met in the great chamber of Luxembourg City Hall. Luxembourg City therefore became one of the seats of the European Communities, alongside Strasbourg, Directorate-General for Parliamentary Research Services, the Archives of the European Parliament, the European Parliament Network of Political Houses and Foundations of Great Europeans, the Robert Schuman House in Scy-Chazelles and the Moselle département (France).

In the run-up to Europe Day, the Europe Direct Centre at the University of Luxembourg and its

partners organised the first Robert Schuman Lecture: “Luxembourg, the first capital of a united Europe”, in a bid to look back at the milestones in the history of the ECSC and examine Luxembourg's European destiny. The lecture was held on 6 May 2021, from 14.00 to 16.00 via Webex. The partners in Luxembourg were the Representation of the European Commission and the European Parliament Liaison Office in Luxembourg, the Fondation du Mérite Européen, the European Movement, the Robert Schuman Initiative for European Affairs (University of Luxembourg), the Robert Schuman House in Luxembourg (University/Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History), the European Museum Schengen and EDIC Schengen; and the partners in Europe were the Historical Archives of the European Union in Florence, Europeana Digital Library, the European Parliament which hosted the Common Assembly,



and Brussels from 1958 onwards following the creation of the European Economic Community and Euratom. The merger of the Community executive bodies in 1965 confirmed Luxembourg's role as Europe's legal and financial headquarters. It was only in 1992 that the Edinburgh European Council enshrined Luxembourg, Brussels and Strasbourg as “permanent capitals” of the European Union. The ECSC Treaty marked the start of Luxembourg's European vocation as a

founding state and leading player in the European integration process, and that of Luxembourg City as the “first capital of a united Europe”.



Link to the webinar recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Lmw-e8tpWA>



Opening address from **Prof. Dr Stéphane Pallage**,  
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# 22 May 2021 and 29 May 2021 – Introductory Online Sessions on the European Citizens' Initiative

On 22 May and 29 May, the European Citizen's Initiative, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, organised an introductory online session, in partnership with the University of Iasi (Romania), the University of Coimbra (Portugal), the University of Göttingen (Germany), the University of Vigo (Spain) and the Europe Direct Information Centre at the University of Luxembourg.

The meeting took place online on Zoom.

## Programme on 22 May 2021

### Welcome speech

- **Prof. Dr habil. Ana-Maria Bercu** – UAIC Local Coordinator Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania
- **Prof. Dr Dulce Lopes** – Leader of ECI: From A to Z, University of Coimbra, Portugal

### “Let's break the ice!” – networking with students, professors and tutors

- Let's play a game! “Who are we? Our Europe – an Identity” Chair of the session, **Dr Eduardo Figueiredo** – University of Coimbra, Portugal
- Networking session – “ECI: choice of the major subject and distribution of teams” – Chair of the session, **Prof. Dr Alexandra Aragão**, University of Coimbra, Portugal

## Programme on 29 May 2021

- Keynote speakers, **Dr Elena Danescu**, Research Scientist and Citizen Ambassador, University of Luxembourg
- Chair of the session, **Prof. Dr habil. Ana-Maria Bercu**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

- Keynote speaker, **Dr Hendrik Nahr** – European Citizens' Initiative Forum – “ECI Experiences: takeaways from the European Citizens' Initiative Forum”
- Chair of the session, **Dr Yilly Pacheco**, University of Göttingen, Germany
- Keynote speaker, **Prof. Dr Peter-Tobias Stoll**, University of Göttingen, Germany
- Chair of the session, **Prof. Dr habil. Mihaela Tofan**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania
- Keynote speaker, **Dr. Olga Kikou**, Head of Compassion in World Farming – EU
- Chair of the session, **Prof. Dr Aday Alemán**, University of Vigo, Spain
- Closing of introductory online courses on the ECI and next steps
- Chair of the session, **Prof. Dr Aday Alemán**, University of Vigo, Spain
- Meeting at Wonder.me



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**ECI** from  
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EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE  
A TOOL FOR ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Introductory Online Sessions on ECI  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021



What defines a European  
Citizen?



## **May 2021 – European Platform for Compassionate Leadership (EUPCL) Summit for Climate & Luxembourg Peace Prize – Transatlantic Dialogue**

The European Platform for Compassionate Leadership (EUPCL) Summit for Climate & Peace was hosted at the University of Luxembourg in May 2021. It was organised by the European Platform for Compassionate Leadership for Climate & Peace, initiated by individuals from the University of Luxembourg, Garrison Institute International and Miami University European Campus in Luxembourg. The Summit coincided with the Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD) and the award ceremony of the Luxembourg Peace Prize.

The event was held under the high patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Hereditary Grand Duke and the Hereditary Grand Duchess and in partnership with the Miami University Dolibois European Center (MUDEC), RSM Erasmus University, Garrison Institute, AmerikaHaus, Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Saarland (DAI), EUPCL, the European Commission Representation in Luxembourg, the Europe Direct Centre at the University of Luxembourg, the US Embassy Luxembourg, the Fonds Belval, the Schengen Peace Foundation, the World Peace Forum, the PeaceJam Foundation, the Youth Peace Forum, the World Peace Forum and May Peace Prevail On Earth International.



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*"Liber Memorialis" presentation  
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## **Programme on 26 May 2021**

### **"Peace Pole" Inauguration at Place de l'Université**

- **Opening address, Stéphane Pallage**, Rector, University of Luxembourg
- **Welcome remarks, Pim Knaff**, Alderman Cultural Affairs, Esch-sur-Alzette
- **WorldMusic interlude by ANASEA**
- **Introductory remarks, François Carbon**, TAD'20 Chair, Strategic Advisor for Cultural Affairs
- **"Peace Pole Story", Dagmar Berkenberg**, May Peace Prevail on Earth International
- **WorldMusic interlude by ANASEA**

### **"Liber Memorialis" presentation**

- **Welcome remarks, Stéphane Pallage**, Rector, University of Luxembourg
- **Introductory remarks, François Carbon**, TAD'20 Chair, Strategic Advisor for Cultural Affairs
- **WorldMusic interlude by ANASEA**
- **Book concept presentation, Ben Jurca**, Art Director Bas & Aer Design ... joining virtually
- **Editorial team remarks, Wim Coudenys**, Vice-

Dean for International Relations Faculty of Arts Antwerp Campus, University of Leuven, Belgium

- **Transatlantic Greetings I, Judy Rogers, Professor Emerita** Miami University, Oxford, Ohio & **Mike Coomes, Associate Professor Emeritus**, Bowling Green State University, Ohio ... joining virtually
- **Transatlantic Greetings II, Erna Hennicot-Schoepges**, Honorary Minister of Culture
- **WorldMusic interlude by ANASEA**

## **Programme on 28 May 2021**

### **Opening ceremony**

- **World Peace Flag Mandala, Dagmar Berkenberg**, May Peace Prevail on Earth International, e.V. Germany
- **Welcome message, Dominicus Rohde**, Schengen Peace Foundation, joining virtually from Argentina
- **Presentation - The Global Peace Index 2020/2021, Steve Killelea**, Executive Chairman and Founder of the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Australia
- **Music for Peace, ANASEA**

- **Award**
- **Welcome message**, Prof. **Dr Stéphane Pallage**, Rector of the University of Luxembourg & Anne Brasseur, Former President Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Peace Chair Sculpture Inauguration by Duvan @ LLC**
- **Music for Peace, ANASEA**
- **Award**
- **Barcelona Path for Peace, Felix Bentz**
- **ININ, Consciousness Institute, Anna Bacchia** - Video message from Lugano, Switzerland
- **Outstanding Inner Peace, Healing and Positive Energy Globally**
- **Closing of award ceremony: Music for Peace, Henschel Quartett**
- **Break-out rooms with laureates** - Sharing our Stories and Best Practices
- **Web dialogue - Compassionate Leadership for the Age of Interconnectednes**: “The Supply Chain of Gratitude” with **Kailash Satyarthi** (Nobel Peace Laureate) and **Paul Polman** (former CEO Unilever, Chair IMAGINE). More information: **Compassionate Leadership for the age of radical interconnectedness** <https://www.garrisoninstitute-int.org/compassionate-leadership-for-the-age-of-radical-interconnectedness/>
- **Dialogue with panel: “What does this mean for leadership leaders to be determined?”**
- **Break-out: What does this mean for youth?** HR leaders from business, gov’t and civil society to engage with youth.



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#### Peace Pole inauguration

##### Facebook Live Link 1:

<https://www.facebook.com/uni.lu/videos/324098735796137/>

##### Facebook Live Link 2:

<https://www.facebook.com/uni.lu/videos/4091128990925836/>

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#### The link to download the TAD’ Liber Memorialis ebook:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/4048e84b62.html>

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#### Inauguration of the Silla de la Paz by Duvan at the Luxembourg Learning Centre:

<https://www.facebook.com/uni.lu/videos/591651408475981/>

# 1 June 2021 – Participation of Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg in the *Fundamental Rights Dialogue with Věra Jourová and Marc Angel*

On 1 June 2021, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg was involved in a debate on the fundamental rights situation in Luxembourg and the European Union. What needs to change? In what areas do authorities need to step up their action?

Racism, hate speech, disinformation, discrimination, fair and equal access to education, jobs and healthcare and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people's human rights – nothing was off limits in this debate!

The live exchange of views was held with the European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency, **Věra Jourová**, and Member of the European Parliament **Marc Angel**.



Link to the platform of the Conference on the Future of Europe:

<https://futureu.europa.eu/fr/>

The views expressed during the dialogue were published on the platform of the Conference on the Future of Europe to help shape upcoming policies and action on fundamental rights.

Organised by the European Commission Representation in Luxembourg and the European Parliament Information Office in Luxembourg.

Conference on the Future of Europe

# Fundamental Rights Dialogue

01-06-2021 at 2.45 p.m.

with

**Věra Jourová**  
European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency

**Marc Angel**  
Member of the European Parliament

# 18 juin 2021 – Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg partenaire de l'Initiative citoyenne européenne : Pleins feux sur le Luxembourg

Le 18 juin 2021, la Commission européenne (CE) a invité à en apprendre davantage sur l'initiative citoyenne européenne (ICE), un instrument clé de la démocratie participative dans l'Union européenne (UE), et à découvrir les histoires inspirantes de citoyens luxembourgeois qui ont lancé des initiatives pour initier le changement dans la société.

De 12h30 à 14h30 les gens ont pu découvrir les possibilités uniques réservées par l'initiative citoyenne européenne aux citoyens de l'UE. Cet événement vous a permis de rencontrer des ONG, des citoyens, des représentants de la CE, des ambassadeurs de l'ICE et des organisateurs luxembourgeois qui partagent les mêmes idées que vous, et d'explorer les moyens d'influencer l'élaboration des politiques ensemble.

## PROGRAMME

L'événement a démarré par une table ronde au cours de laquelle les intervenants ont contextualisé et mis en évidence l'initiative citoyenne européenne d'alors, où divers outils participatifs ont été proposés à l'échelle locale, nationale et européenne. Un aperçu du processus a été dressé, y compris où et comment les organisateurs de l'initiative ont pu obtenir un soutien professionnel et de leurs pairs pour gérer avec succès leur initiative. Durant la seconde partie de l'événement, les organisateurs d'initiatives

et un expert du forum de l'ICE ont partagé leur expérience et vous ont donné des conseils sur la meilleure manière de lancer une ICE.

L'événement s'est clôturé en braquant les projecteurs sur les organisateurs luxembourgeois qui ont lancé des initiatives de démocratie participative dans votre domaine d'activité. Les gens ont pu rester en ligne jusqu'à la fin de l'événement pour découvrir les initiatives de votre pays et les histoires inspirantes de vos concitoyens acteurs du changement dans la société luxembourgeoise !

L'initiative citoyenne européenne permet à des citoyens originaires de différents pays de l'UE d'échanger des idées et de se rassembler autour d'une question qui leur tient à cœur dans le but d'influer sur l'élaboration des politiques en proposant aux décideurs de nouvelles perspectives et idées provenant des quatre coins de l'UE.



Lien vers le site de « l'Initiative citoyenne européenne: pleins feux sur le Luxembourg » : [https://commission.europa.eu/events/european-citizens-initiative-luxembourg-focus-2021-06-18\\_fr](https://commission.europa.eu/events/european-citizens-initiative-luxembourg-focus-2021-06-18_fr)





## 22 June 2021 – Webinar – *Luxembourg: From Steel to the Knowledge Economy and Beyond*

Despite its small size in terms of geography and population, Luxembourg has an open, dynamic, innovative economy that is one of the most successful at international level – in 2019 its GDP per capita was 261% the European average and its growth rate was the third highest of the EU's then 28 Member States – and also one of the least affected by the COVID-19 crisis. This can be explained by its sector-based structure, in which activities and services related to the financial centre, together with information and communication technologies, transport and non-market services, play a key role; by the existence of a highly qualified, multilingual, mobile (cross-border) workforce; and also by the proactive economic policy pursued by the country's authorities throughout its history. Looking back, we can see that Luxembourg has gone through several transitions and dealt with a number of serious crises. Following on from the predominantly rural economy of the 19th century, the first half of the 20th century was characterised by an industrial economy based on the iron and steel industry and the latter part of the century by a service-based economy centred around the financial centre, ultimately leading to the emergence of an information and knowledge economy which is gradually taking shape in the 21st century.

To reflect on the history of the Luxembourg economy and sketch out future scenarios, the Europe Direct Centre at the University of Luxembourg (ED-UNILU) and its partners, the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) and the Luxembourg national innovation agency Luxinnovation, organised the webinar “Luxembourg: from steel to the knowledge economy and beyond” on Tuesday 22 June 2021 from 14:00 to 15:30 via Webex (hybrid event).

**TUESDAY  
22 JUNE 2021  
14:00**  
Webinar on Webex

**Programme**

- 14:00 – Introductory remarks – Dr Elena Danescu, Coordinator of EDIC University of Luxembourg
- 14:10 – “Luxembourg: The path from the steel economy to the knowledge economy” - Dr Franz Clément, Researcher at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)
- 14:55 – “Looking always to the future” (Luxinnovation role in building an innovation-based economy in Luxembourg) – Audio-visual documentary
- 15:10 – Debate with the audience / Question and answer Session
- 15:30 – Close of the event

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### Presentation of the speakers:

**Franz Clément** graduated in political science from the Université catholique de Louvain and completed a postgraduate degree in sociology of work at Nancy 2 University. He holds a PhD in Sociology from the CNAM (Conservatoire national des arts et métiers) in Paris. He is a researcher in social sciences at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) in Esch-Belval. He has led various studies and authored publications on social dialogue in Luxembourg and the Greater Region and on cross-border workers in this area.

**WEBINAR 22 JUNE 2021 - 14:00 CET**

# Luxembourg: from steel to the knowledge economy and beyond

Languages 



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**Elena Danescu**, PhD, is a Research Scientist in the Contemporary History of Europe Department at the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH), University of Luxembourg. Her areas of expertise include the history of economic thought, contemporary history of Europe, oral history and democratic transitions in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. She has authored various academic publications in her specialist areas. Since April 2019 she has been the Coordinator of the Europe Direct Information Centre University of Luxembourg – Belval.



**Link to the webinar recording:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag-1D1pm3Mv0>

# 30 June 2021 – Webinar – *The emergence of the new Luxembourgish diplomacy – challenges, strategies, key figures*

**WEBINAIRE 30 JUIN 2021 - 14:00 CET**

**L'émergence de la nouvelle diplomatie luxembourgeoise - enjeux, stratégies, personnalités**

**Orateurs**

-  **> Corinne SCHROEDER**  
Conservatrice, Archives Nationales de Luxembourg
-  **> Georges SANTER**  
Ancien Ambassadeur du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg  
Secrétaire général du Ministère des Affaires étrangères (2002-2007)
-  **> Emmanuelle DE FOY**  
Première Conseillère  
Ambassade de Belgique à Luxembourg
-  **> Paul SCHMIT**  
Ambassadeur du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg  
Ambassade du Luxembourg à Varsovie (Pologne)
-  **> Elena DANESCU**  
Coordinatrice EDIC Université du Luxembourg

**Langues**  

**Q&R**    

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In the new landscape of international relations forged by the Second World War, Luxembourg confirmed its position as a leading player in multilateralism, a founder member of most of the major international institutions – the United Nations (1945), the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (1949) and the Council of Europe (1949) – and a founder member of the European integration process, starting with the European Coal and Steel Community (1951), whose first institutions were based in Luxembourg City. Luxembourg's membership of Atlantic and European alliances was accompanied by a new foreign policy pursued by celebrated Foreign Minister Joseph Bech (1887-1975). When the country was liberated at the end of World War Two, Bech placed particular emphasis on the institutional organisation of the Foreign Ministry, the professionalisation of national diplomacy and the formation of a highly competent

diplomatic corps to represent the country on the global stage, promote its values and defend its interests through bilateral and multilateral cooperation. For example, in 1947, following the negotiations led by Hugues Le Gallais (1896-1964), Luxembourg Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, and Pierre Werner (1913-2002), attaché in the Ministry of Finance, the Luxembourg Government secured a loan of \$12.7 million from the recently established International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to rebuild the country – a remarkable achievement at that time. To this day, Luxembourg's diplomacy – characterised by long-term strategies, an outstanding diplomatic corps and expertise in mediation – is still one of the country's major assets.

Keen to delve into the institutional history of the Foreign Ministry, as revealed by archives and



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key stakeholders, and to explore events and key figures that highlight Luxembourg’s unique role in international relations, as seen through the eyes of experts.

The Europe Direct Information Centre at the University of Luxembourg (EDIC) and its partners – the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Luxembourg National Archives and the Luxembourg Cercle Diplomatique – organised the webinar “The emergence of the new Luxembourgish diplomacy – challenges, strategies, key figures” on 30 June 2021 from 14:00 to 16:00 (via Webex).

## Programme

- **Introductory remarks** – **Dr Elena Danescu**, Coordinator of EDIC University of Luxembourg  
**“Collective biographical essay on the Luxembourg diplomatic corps (1945-1973)”** – **Dr Corinne Schroeder**, Luxembourg National Archives (ANLux)
- **“An outstanding Luxembourg diplomat”** – **Paul Schmit**, Ambassador, author of the book *Un diplomate luxembourgeois hors pair. L’ambassadeur Hugues Le Gallais dans la tourmente de la Seconde Guerre mondiale* (Luxembourg: Éditions Saint-Paul, 2019)

- **“Luxembourgish diplomacy in action – a historian’s viewpoint”**. In dialogue with the moderator, **Ambassador Georges Santer** sheds light on the development of the diplomatic service after 1973
- **Debate with the audience**
- **Closing address** – **Emmanuelle de Foy**, First Counsellor at the Belgian Embassy in Luxembourg, Co-president of the Cercle Diplomatique

## Presentation of the speakers

**Emmanuelle de Foy** studied public and international affairs and international and European law. She holds a Master’s degree in International Trade from the Cooremans Institute. After extensive experience in the private sector, **Emmanuelle de Foy** joined the Belgian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as Deputy Head of Mission. She went on to complete various missions for Belgian Embassies and worked in the Private Office of Deputy Prime Minister Joëlle Milquet (2012-2014). In 2014, **Emmanuelle de Foy** became Minister Counsellor at the Belgian Embassy in The Hague. Since 2018, she has been First Counsellor at the Belgian Embassy in Luxembourg.



*Emmanuelle de Foy, First Counsellor  
at the Belgian Embassy in Luxembourg,  
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She is also Co-president of the Luxembourg Cercle Diplomatique.

**Georges Santer** has held many senior diplomatic positions over the course of his long career, including Secretary-General in the Luxembourg Foreign Ministry from 2002 to 2007. He has served as Luxembourg's Ambassador to France, China, Austria and Germany. He has also held the role of Permanent Representative to the OSCE in Vienna and to the IAEA and the UNIDO at the United Nations in Vienna. Between 2007 and 2021, he served as Permanent Representative to the OECD and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO. In 2007, he was a member of the Board that coordinated the tenure of Luxembourg and the Greater Region as European Capital of Culture. From March 2019 to March 2020, he was President of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), an international organisation with 34 member countries. Since 2020, **Georges Santer** has been President of the Luxembourg Chamber Orchestra (OCL) and the Luxembourg City Film Festival.



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**Paul Schmit** studied law at the University of Strasbourg and political science at Paris 2 University. After his studies, he joined the Luxembourg civil service, firstly in the Ministry of Defence (1991-1992), then in the Foreign Ministry, where he has served since 1992. He has completed several foreign missions, including in Brussels (Permanent Representations to NATO and to the European Union), Washington and Lisbon. Since 2020 he has been Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Luxembourg to Poland. **Paul Schmit** is the author of the book *Un diplomate luxembourgeois hors pair. L'ambassadeur Hugues Le Gallais dans la tourmente de la Seconde Guerre mondiale*, which was published in 2019 by Editions Saint-Paul, Luxembourg.

**Corinne Schroeder** holds a Master's degree in History from the Université catholique de Louvain and a PhD in History, with a thesis entitled "The development of Luxembourg's foreign policy seen through the prism of the Foreign Ministry (1945-1973)". Since 2011, she has been a curator at the Luxembourg National Archives (ANLux). She has authored several research publications in her areas of expertise.



**Link to the webinar recording:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNnem-cG233c&feature=youtu.be>



Concluding remarks by **Emmanuelle De Foy** (Belgian Embassy), Co-President of the Luxembourg Cercle Diplomatique  
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**Ambassador Paul Schmit**  
 Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs  
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**Ambassador Georges Santer**  
 Secretary-General of the Luxembourg Ministry  
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*From left to right:*  
**Georges Santer, Emmanuelle de Foy,**  
**Elena Danescu, Paul Schmit**  
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## 20 octobre 2021 : Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg accueille Europe Direct Éislek à Belval

Le mercredi 20 octobre, Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg a eu le plaisir d'accueillir ses partenaires d'Europe Direct Éislek.

Lors de la rencontre, les équipes ont profité d'une visite guidée de la Cité des Sciences et du Haut Fourneau A avec **Madame Elisabetta Fogliano**, guide du Fonds Belval. La visite s'est poursuivie par un tour guidé du Luxembourg Learning Centre (LLC) de l'Université du Luxembourg, avec **Madame Tanja Dühr**.

La visite du LLC s'est terminée par un passage au point d'information Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg, qui sera bientôt réouvert au public, après la longue période de la pandémie.

Pour terminer la rencontre, une réunion de travail a permis aux deux centres Europe Direct d'identifier des synergies et d'évoquer des pistes de collaboration pour de prochains événements conjoints dans un contexte luxembourgeois et grand régional.



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## 18 November 2021 – Debate on *Solidarity in the EU Member States*

**SOLIDARITY  
IN THE EU MEMBER STATES**

Conference on the Future of Europe

Thursday  
**18 NOV. 2021**  
18.30 - 20.00

#StrongerTogetherEU

Luxembourg-Kirchberg  
**European School 1**

Simultaneous translation:

Speakers: Jean Asselborn, Katarina Barley, Isabel Wiseler-Lima, Guido Lessing

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For the Conference on the Future of Europe, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg organised a debate together with the Office of the European Parliament which took place Thursday 18 November, from 18.30 to 20.00, in Luxembourg-Kirchberg, at the European School I (23 Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, 1115 Luxembourg).

The debate, on the topic of “Solidarity in the EU Member States”, involved the following speakers: Foreign Minister **Jean Asselborn**, Vice-President of the European Parliament **Katarina Barley**, Luxembourgish Member of the European Parliament **Isabel Wiseler-Lima**, and **Guido Lessing**,

a Research Assistant at the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (University of Luxembourg). The event was highly participatory, with two-thirds of the debate being opened to questions and remarks from the public.

The event was held in Luxembourgish and German, with a simultaneous translation into German and English.



Link to the debate recording:  
<https://youtu.be/Y9KqLRMJZ8g>



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Contribution by **Guido Lessing**, Research Assistant at  
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# Du 24 au 26 Novembre 2021 – *FutureLabEU* – *Partageons nos idées pour l'Europe !*

L'atelier d'avenir transfrontalier « FutureLabEU Grande Région » invitait à développer des idées pour l'Europe de demain avec des jeunes de la Sarre, du Luxembourg et de la Lorraine !

## De quoi s'agit-il ?

Comment mettre en place une mobilité transfrontalière respectueuse de l'environnement dans la Grande Région et en Europe ? Comment la numérisation va-t-elle affecter nos emplois ? Et comment pouvons-nous façonner l'Europe ensemble, de manière sociale et équitable ?

Ces questions ont été discutées et débattues lors de l'atelier transfrontalier sur l'avenir « FutureLabEU » ! L'événement a eu lieu en ligne dans le cadre de la conférence sur l'avenir de l'Europe, les 24 et 26 novembre 2021.

Nous avons invité à développer des idées pour la Grande Région SaarLorLux et donner des solutions pour l'Europe numérique, durable et sociale de demain avec d'autres jeunes de la Sarre, de la Lorraine et du Luxembourg.

Avec le soutien d'experts du monde scientifique et politique, Ils ont pu échanger des idées sur l'un des deux sujets suivants :

1. Emploi et formation à l'ère digitale – quels défis ? Quelles opportunités ?
2. Comment protéger et améliorer les droits sociaux des Européens ?

## Quel est le déroulé de l'évènement ?

L'événement a lieu les 24 et 26 novembre 2021, sur deux après-midis, sous la forme d'un événement en ligne.

**FutureLabEU**  
Partageons nos idées pour l'Europe !

**24 novembre 2021 | 16H-19H**  
Ateliers en ligne sur :

- **Emploi et formation à l'ère digitale - défis ou opportunités ?**
- **La mobilité verte**
- **Comment protéger et améliorer les droits sociaux des Européens**

**26 novembre 2021 | 18H30-20H30**  
Restitution en ligne :  
**Présentation de vos propositions  
débat avec des responsables  
du monde politique et associatif  
de la Grande Région**

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Au cours de l'atelier sur l'avenir du mercredi 24 novembre, des idées créatives et des scénarios de projets concrets ont été développés sur l'un des trois sujets mentionnés ci-dessus. Des experts du monde universitaire qui accompagnaient et fournissaient des informations et des commentaires sur le thème de l'atelier. Chaque équipe était composée de participants de Lorraine, de Sarre et du Luxembourg.

Le vendredi 26 novembre, les idées ont été présentées et discutées avec des responsables politiques de la Grande Région, dont le maire **Uwe Conradt**, en tant que membre du Comité européen des régions.

**Uwe Conradt**, maire de Sarrebruck et membre du Comité européen des régions.

**Martine Reicherts**, ancienne membre de la Commission européenne, présidente du Mouvement européen Luxembourg.

Pendant les ateliers, la présentation des idées et la discussion ultérieure avec le plénum politique, l'interprétation a été assurée en allemand et en français. La connaissance du français était donc souhaitable, mais n'est pas une condition préalable à la participation.



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*Intervention de **Uwe Conradt**, maire de Saarbrücken et membre du Comité européen des régions © Université du Luxembourg*

L'atelier du futur a été organisé en coopération avec les centres EUROPE DIRECT de Saarbrücken, de l'Université du Luxembourg, de Lorraine Grand Est (Nancy) et les Territoires Lorrains (Colombey-les-Belles).

## Les orateurs et experts

**Olivier Brunet** a été inspecteur du travail à Brest de 1981 à 1989. Il a ensuite travaillé au Grand-Duché de Luxembourg en tant qu'expert national détaché auprès de la Commission européenne, afin de promouvoir la coopération entre les inspections du travail et de préparer la législation européenne en matière de santé et de sécurité au travail. Après avoir réussi un concours d'administrateur à la Commission européenne, il a poursuivi sa carrière dans cinq directions générales à Bruxelles : les affaires sociales (dialogue social européen), l'environnement (qualité de l'air), l'éducation (y compris une mission d'enseignement d'un an à l'université de Duke aux États-Unis), la politique régionale et enfin la recherche et l'innovation.

De 2012 à 2014, il a effectué un échange avec un fonctionnaire espagnol afin d'aider la région d'Aragon à structurer une stratégie régionale d'innovation. Il a terminé sa vie professionnelle à la tête d'une équipe constituée en Bretagne et dans les Pays de la Loire par l'Université Bretagne Loire pour aider au développement de

projets européens. Chargé de cours à l'université de Nantes depuis 2017. Retraité actif depuis 2020, chargé de mission Team Europe Direct, administrateur à la Maison de l'Europe de Nantes, vice-président du Mouvement européen en Loire Atlantique.



Intervention de **Franz Clément**, Docteur en sociologie, Chercheur au Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research Luxembourg (LISER) © Université du Luxembourg

**Franz Clément** a une formation de base en sciences politiques (Université catholique de Louvain) et est titulaire d'un diplôme d'études approfondies en sociologie du travail (Université Nancy 2). Il est également docteur en sociologie diplômé du CNAM (Conservatoire national des arts et métiers) à Paris. Il exerce son activité professionnelle de chercheur en sciences sociales à Esch-Belval au LISER (Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research). Il a conduit diverses recherches et réalisé des publications sur le dialogue social au Luxembourg et dans la Grande Région ainsi que sur les travailleurs frontaliers dans ce même espace.



**Lien vers l'enregistrement du débat du 26 novembre :**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RI-2BF8ofQw>

**Résultats des débats en français :** <https://www.uni.lu/en/news/futurelabeu-partageons-nos-idees-pour-leurope/>



Dans le cadre de la Conférence sur l'Avenir de l'Europe

Ateliers de débat : „FutureLabEU – Vos idées pour l'Europe!“

24 et 26 novembre 2021 (en ligne)

– PROPOSITIONS DES PARTICIPANTS –

**Atelier 1 : Travail, emploi et formation à l'ère digitale**

Le premier atelier sur la numérisation et le marché du travail a été dirigé par Dr Franz Clément, chercheur en sociologie au Luxembourg Institute of Socio Economic Research (LISER) à Esch-Belval. Après les présentations (modérateur et participants), Dr Franz Clément explique les objectifs du débat et explique le cadre général, ainsi que les défis et les écueils que l'Europe devra surmonter dans les années à venir, dans un contexte international. Il a d'abord été question de la situation générale dans la Grande Région. La principale conclusion a été le fait que la pandémie de COVID-19 a entraîné une accélération notable de la numérisation (au niveau de tous ses aspects), du Télétravail et de la situation actuelle du marché du travail, qui – dans des conditions normales - n'aurait peut-être pas connu ni cette dynamique, ni cette amplitude. Les débats ont permis à chaque participant d'exprimer ses idées, de les discuter et de les inclure dans les proposition émergées de la part du groupe tout entier.

Les idées proposées sont les suivantes:

**1. La question des stages et de la situation des apprentis**

Les stages et les postes d'apprentissage sont très importants pour la Grande Région. La pandémie du COVID-19 a fait ressortir plusieurs conclusions:

En raison de la pandémie COVID-19, de nombreux stages et apprentissages ont été annulés ou n'ont eu lieu que partiellement. Dans les mêmes circonstances, il était également plus difficile d'obtenir des stages qui ont lieu dans un autre pays. Il est très important que ceux-ci soient réintroduits. Lors des stages en ligne, il y a souvent eu un manque de contact humain et d'entraînement. Il conviendrait d'améliorer la conception des stages en ligne et de les rendre plus interactifs s'ils ont à nouveau lieu en ligne. En outre, **il serait souhaitable que les jeunes puissent bénéficier d'un plus grand nombre d'options de stages transfrontaliers. Par exemple, lors des débats a été proposé un programme de stages dans la Grande Région dans lequel les stagiaires et les apprentis pourraient effectuer des séjours en Allemagne, en France et au Luxembourg. Cela favoriserait également les échanges culturels et linguistiques entre les jeunes de la Grande Région.**



## 2 décembre 2021 - La Représentante de la Commission européenne au Luxembourg en visite à Belval



*Mme Anne Calteux, Représentante de la Commission européenne au Luxembourg en visite à L'Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg © Université du Luxembourg*

Le jeudi 2 décembre, Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg a eu l'honneur d'accueillir **Madame Anne Calteux**, Représentante de la Commission Européenne au Luxembourg, accompagnée par Monsieur Horst Heinzius, chef du secteur Communication au sein de la Représentation.

Le tour guidé du Luxembourg Learning Centre (LLC) de l'Université du Luxembourg - explications par **Monsieur Admir Skrijelj** (Librarian LLC) - a été suivi par une réunion de travail déroulée dans l'espace de l'Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg (ED), au cours de laquelle a été évoqué le bilan 2019-2020 et les projets préparés pour la période 2021-2025, en accord avec la stratégie de l'Université du Luxembourg et les priorités de sensibilisation des citoyens, notamment de la jeunesse, aux valeurs de l'Union européenne.



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## ***Winter Online Lecture Series on Europe (7, 13 & 14 December 2021)***



*The Winter Online Lecture Series on Europe* took place in December 2021 in connection with the courses “History of European integration (1919-1993)” and “Economic and social history of Europe after 1945” from the Master in European Contemporary History, and the course “Democratic transitions in Central and Eastern Europe” from the Bachelor in European Cultures, with the aim of giving students on these programmes, as well as the wider academic community at the University of Luxembourg, the opportunity to find out about the history and workings of the European institutions in Luxembourg from new and unconventional angles and to discuss some of the milestones in contemporary European history with people who were involved in or witnessed these events.

Each session (in French, with Q&A session in French and English) was streamed via Webex and included a presentation by a speaker followed by a discussion with the audience and the opportunity to ask questions.

### ***7 December 2021 - Luxembourg in Europe and in the world - a historical overview of the country's socio-economic development from the 19th to the 21st century***

Guest lecturer: **Dr Franz Clément**, Researcher at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER)

**Franz Clément** graduated in political science from the Université catholique de Louvain and completed a postgraduate degree in sociology



**Dr Franz Clément**, *Researcher at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) © University of Luxembourg*

of work at Nancy 2 University. He holds a PhD in Sociology from the CNAM (Conservatoire national des arts et métiers) in Paris. He is a researcher in social sciences at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER) in Esch-Belval. He has led various studies and authored publications on social dialogue in Luxembourg and the Greater Region and on cross-border workers in this area.

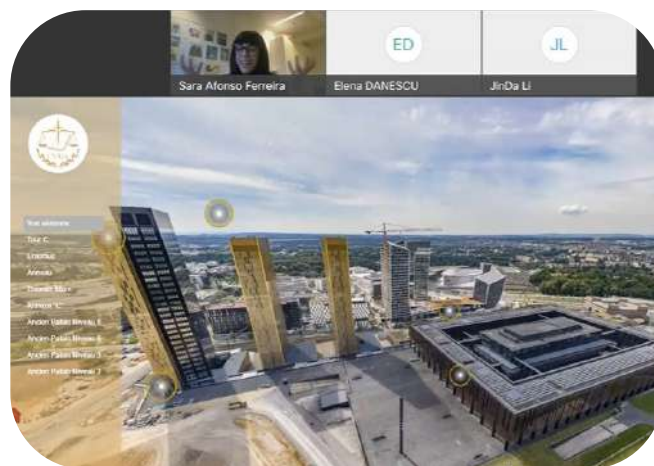
**13 December 2021 - Art in the construction of a European identity - a case study from the Court of Justice of the European Union**



**Dr Sara Afonso Ferreira**, *Art Historian at the CJEU © University of Luxembourg*

Guest lecturer: **Dr Sara Afonso Ferreira**, Art Historian at the CJEU

**Sara Afonso Ferreira** completed studies in the history of modern and contemporary art at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, where she also obtained a DEA postgraduate degree. She embarked on her doctoral research at NOVA University Lisbon, focusing on the Portuguese avant-garde in the early 20th century. She currently puts her expertise to use by working as a curator and literary editor in her specialist field.

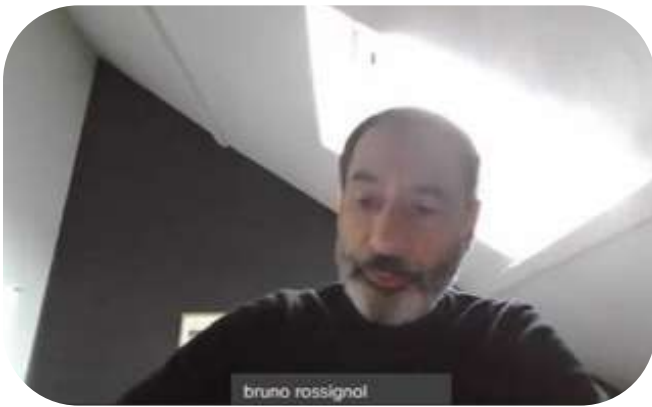


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**14 December 2021 - The European Investment Bank (EIB), an unknown player in the European integration process?**

Guest lecturer: **Bruno Rossignol**, Head of Programme for Climate and Heritage at the EIB Institute

**Bruno Rossignol** is a graduate of Sciences Po Paris and also holder of DEA postgraduate degree in Contemporary History from Sciences Po. He started his professional career as a journalist for Agence France Presse (1985-1995), serving as head of business and economics reporting in Washington DC, where he covered the IMF, the World Bank, the Federal Reserve and the US Treasury. Before joining the EIB Institute, he was Deputy Director of the EIB Communications Department (2010-2014). **Bruno Rossignol** is Head of Programme for Climate and Heritage and Head of Communications at the EIB Institute.



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**Dr Andrey Grachev**, Chairman of the Scientific Committee at the New Policy Forum  
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## **14 December 2021 – Eastern Europe 30 years after the fall of the Soviet Union: Hopes and disappointments of the democratic transition**

Guest lecturer: **Dr Andrey Grachev**, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the New Policy Forum

**Andrey Grachev** is a Russian historian, political analyst and journalist. He was Deputy Director of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from 1974 to 1987 and an adviser and spokesman for President Mikhail Gorbachev until Gorbachev’s resignation in December 1991. He has been a senior research fellow at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations within the Russian Academy of Sciences, at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), at the University

# 8 December 2021 – Webinar – *Brexit Reality Portraits*

Université du Luxembourg / ED Université du Luxembourg

**WEBINAR 8 DECEMBER 2021 - 17:30 CET**

## Brexit Reality Portraits

**Speakers (by alphabetical order)**

- > **Thomas CAUVIN**  
C2DH, President of the International Federation for Public History
- > **Elena DANESCU**  
Coordinator Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg
- > **Christophe HANSEN**  
Member of the European Parliament, EP rapporteur for the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)
- > **Catherine LEGLU**  
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- > **Martine REICHERTS**  
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International Officer, Young European Movement UK

Languages     

Q&R     

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In the British referendum on 23 June 2016, the majority of the electorate (51.89%) voted for the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union, or “Brexit”. Based on the referendum result, the UK – which signed the Treaty of Accession to the European Economic Community on 22 January 1972, under the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the EEC – left the EU, at the end of a procedure governed by article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

Initially scheduled for the end of March 2019, the withdrawal was postponed three times and only took effect on 31 January 2020, following a transitional period. The Withdrawal Agreement covers various issues including the protection of the rights of EU citizens in the UK and British

citizens living in EU countries, post-Brexit financial commitments, and border questions on the island of Ireland. An agreement on the future relationship between the EU and the United Kingdom was approved on 27 April 2021 by the European Parliament.

Brexit not only gave rise to political and institutional upheavals; it also had another long-term consequence, namely a polarisation and division of British society that goes beyond generational divisions, socio-professional contexts and political and ideological leanings. Whether for or against, the discussions about this divorce are as heated as ever and the arguments on both sides are becoming increasingly entrenched.

To discuss the international repercussions of Brexit over the long term and construct a new narrative of the event by adopting a bottom-up approach (via an original oral history project),

Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg and its partners, the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History, the Young European Movement UK, the European Movement Luxembourg, the European Parliament and the EPP Group in the European Parliament, organised the webinar “Brexit Reality Portraits” on 8 December 2021, on Webex.

## PROGRAMME

- **Introductory remarks** - **Dr Elena Danescu**, Coordinator of Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg
- **Opening comments** - **Prof. Catherine Léglu**, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at the University of Luxembourg
- **Capturing microhistory with oral sources** - **Prof. Thomas Cauvin**, C<sup>2</sup>DH, President of the International Federation for Public History
- **Presentation of the oral history project and screening of the clip “Brexit Reality Portraits”** - **Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbançon** - International Officer, Young European Movement UK
- **Brexit - current and future challenges** - **Christophe Hansen**, Member of the European Parliament, EP rapporteur for the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)
- **Debate between MEP Christophe Hansen and the audience**
- **Closing address** - **Martine Reicherts**, President of the European Movement Luxembourg



**Link to the webinar recording:**  
<https://youtu.be/CITQQvJXMXM>

## Speakers



**Thomas Cauvin**, Head of the Public History as the new Citizen Science of the Past (PHACS) project at the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH)  
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**Elena Danescu**, Research Scientist in the Contemporary History of Europe Department at the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH),  
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**Christophe Hansen**, Member of the National Committee of the CSV (Christian Social People's Party) and President of the CSV Committee of the North District  
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**Catherine Léglu**, mediaevalist specialising in Occitan and French literature and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at the University of Luxembourg  
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**Martine Reicherts**, member of the board of the Banque centrale du Luxembourg and President of the Luxembourg National Research Fund  
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**Alexiane Terrochaire-Barbançon** Brexit Reality Portraits' project manager and YEM UK's International Officer



# 10 December – Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg in *Taking Stock of European Memory Policies 2021*



The Jean Monnet House at the European Parliament organised the 4th edition of the annual conference Taking Stock of European Memory Policies on Friday 10 December from 9.30 am to 1pm.

Europe Direct University of Luxembourg was pleased to take part in this event.

The event was attended by representatives from the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of Europe with the aim of discussing the state of play of European memory policies in Europe, especially the main goals expected with the new European funding programme “Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values” (CERV) in supporting European remembrance and EU values.

Co-organised by the Jean Monnet House, the House of European History and the European

Observatory on Memory (EUROM), the meeting was open to all people interested in memory policies and remembrance projects.

The Istituto Spinelli also took part in the round table for the 80th anniversary of the Manifesto di Ventotene.

## Programme

- **Opening**
  - **Constanze Itzel**, Head of Unit, House of European History, European Parliament
  - **Jordi Guixé**, Director, EUROM
  - **Martí Grau**, Head of Service and Curator, Jean Monnet House, European Parliament
- **The new CERV programme: supporting European remembrance and EU values**



- **Gilles Pelayo**, Head of Unit, CERV programme, EACEA
- **Peter Fabian-Hajek**, Call Coordinator on Remembrance, CERV programme, EACEA
- Chair: **Jordi Guixé**, Director of the EUROM
- **Networking session for all attendees on the Thola platform**
- **Commemorating Europe: the 80th anniversary of the “Ventotene manifesto” and the 70th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris**
  - **Philippe Le Guen**, Deputy Coordinator, Jean Monnet House, EP
  - **Oriol López**, EUROM
  - **Mario Leone**, Director, Istituto di Studi Federalisti Altiero Spinelli
- **European memory initiatives and developments in 2021**
  - **Aurora Ailincai**, Executive Director, Observatory on History Teaching in Europe, Council of Europe
  - **Markus Prutsch**, Senior Researcher and Administrator, European Parliament
  - Introduced by: **Debora Righetti**, Lecturer, Jean Monnet House, EP
- **Conclusions** by **Martí Grau**, Head of Service and Curator, Jean Monnet House, European Parliament.



**Constanze Itzel**, Head of Unit, House of European History, European Parliament © House of the European History

## Speakers



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# Events 2022 Highlights

*Study Morning at the European School Kirchberg  
entitled "Luxembourg and Europe" (3 March 2022)  
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*Debate dedicated to the role of women in Luxembourg's  
European and international relations  
(8 March 2022) © University of Luxembourg*





*"The Schuman Declaration, 9 May 1950" - Multimedia exhibition organized in cooperation with the European Parliament Research Service (EPRS) at the University of Luxembourg (May-July 2022) and the Lycée Hubert Clément Esch (October 2022)  
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*2nd Robert Schuman Lecture at the University of Luxembourg (6 July 2022) © University of Luxembourg*

# 2022 Highlights

**SEMINAR**  
30 MAY 2022 (15.00-16.30)  
HYBRID EVENT, VILLA SALVIATI - ZOOM

**AEUI** ALICE DE GASPARI RESEARCH CENTRE

## SMALL STATES DIPLOMACY IN ACTION Luxembourg in the European Integration History

**Organizer:** Alice De Gaspari Research Centre for the History of European Integration  
**Date/Place:** MONDAY 30 MAY 2022 (15.00-16.30) - Sala degli Stamenti, Villa Salviati  
Please register in order to get a seat or the Zoom link

**Talks:** Elena Radice Danescu, University of Luxembourg/Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History  
**Discussion:** Giovanni Favre, European University of Rome  
**Chair:** Lisa Benvegnù, European University Institute

With a total area of 2,586 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 643,287 inhabitants (January 2022), with a peculiar geographical and historical situation – a multicultural and multilingual nation neighbored by France and Germany – the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is one of the smallest countries in Europe, and ranked 17th in size – but the 18th in terms of wealth (with a GDP of 114,370 € /capita) – among the 193 independent states around the world. For the country, adopting an international outlook both for reasons of security and to give itself access to larger markets, had always been a *visus qua mori*. After the Second World War, in line with its new strategic choice Luxembourg resolutely put out on the road to internationalism, multilateralism and European integration, being in 1951 one of the six founding members of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), and in 1952 – the workplace of the newly established European Community institutions. Since then, Luxembourg has played and continues to act as a mediator and a force for ideas in the EU, either as a member state, or through some of its leaders (including Joseph Bech, Pierre Werner, Gaston Thorn, Jacques Santer, Jean-Claude Juncker). Based on a wide range of sources from public and private archives, this presentation aims to illustrate how the Grand Duchy had become a master of small states diplomacy and a consensus builder in the European integration history, and to demonstrate that the influential nature of its leadership gave Luxembourg a role that far outweighed the country's socio-economic impact.





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## Débat avec Gilles Grin et Jacques Santer

### CONSTRUCTION EUROPÉENNE : LA RÉVOLUTION D'UN CONTINENT

Languages:  Q&R: 

10 NOVEMBRE 2022  
18h30 - 20h00 CET

Centre Culturel de Rencontres  
Abbaye de Neumünster  
salle José Ensch

**Oratrices et orateurs**

- > Dr Gilles GRIN  
Directeur de la Fondation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe
- > M. Jacques SANTER  
Ministère d'Etat honoraire
- > Prof. Catherine LEGLU  
Vice-Rectrice de l'Université du Luxembourg
- > Dr Elena DANESCU  
Coordinatrice Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg

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Youth Citizen's Dialogue at the University of Luxembourg with **Mrs Yuriko Backes**, Minister of Finance, and **Mr Paolo Gentiloni**, Commissioner for Economy (4 October 2022) © University of Luxembourg



'Time to talk - European Security' (30 November 2022) © University of Luxembourg

## 8 January 2022 – Article in Delano: *Europe between East and West: looking back, moving forward*



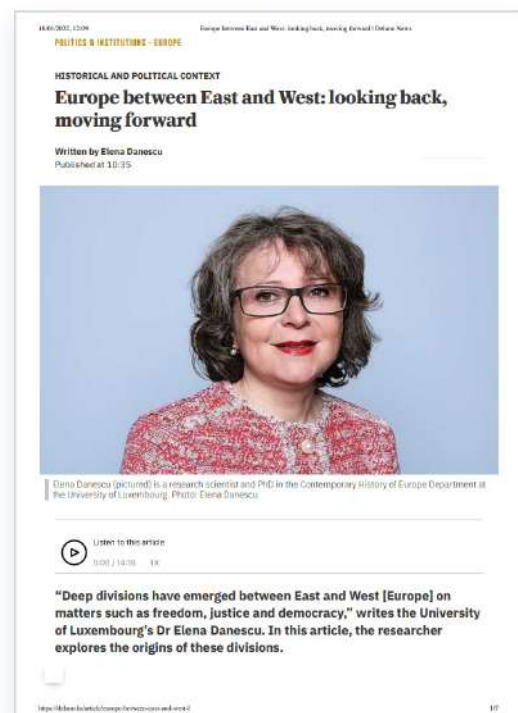
Dr Elena Danescu, coordinator of Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg, wrote an article that was published in *Delano* on 18 January 2022.

In the article, the researcher explores the origins of the divisions that “have emerged between East and West [Europe] on matters such as freedom, justice and democracy”.



Link to download the article:

<https://delano.lu/article/europe-between-east-and-west-l>



## 3 March 2022 – Study Morning – *Luxembourg and Europe – history, analysis and future prospects*



Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg and its partners – the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH), the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER), the European Movement Luxembourg and the European School of Luxembourg – organised a study morning entitled “Luxembourg and Europe – history, analysis and future prospects” on 3 March 2022, from 9.00 to 13.15, at the European School of Luxembourg (Kirchberg).

The aim of the study morning was to familiarise students in their final years at the European School (from a variety of specialisations – geography, history, political studies, etc.) with the issues related to Luxembourg’s role in the European integration process, especially given its status as a permanent capital of the European institutions, and to explore the current challenges facing Luxembourg in a European context.

### Programme

- **Opening session**
  - Speakers: **Martin Wedel** – Director of the European School of Luxembourg
  - **Dr Elena Danescu** – Coordinator of Europe Direct University of Luxembourg
  
- **First session: “Luxembourg in Europe and in the world – a historical overview of the country’s socio-economic development from the 19th to the 21st century”**
  - Speaker: **Dr Franz Clément** – Researcher at LISER
  
- **Second session: “The origins of Economic and Monetary Union – the role of Pierre Werner and Luxembourg in developing the euro”**
  - Speaker: **Dr Elena Danescu** - Research Scientist at the C<sup>2</sup>DH, Coordinator of Europe Direct University of Luxembourg
  
- **Third session: “Luxembourg and Europe – looking back, looking forward”**
  - Speaker: **Mrs Martine Reicherts**, President of the European Movement Luxembourg.
  
- **Closing session**



Opening - **Martin Wedel**, Director of the European School of Luxembourg © University of Luxembourg



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**Marco Alberici**, Deputy Director Secondary, Secondary, European School of Luxembourg © University of Luxembourg



First Session - **Dr Elena Danescu** © University of Luxembourg



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# 8 mars 2022 – Le rôle des femmes dans les relations européennes et internationales du Luxembourg

Université du Luxembourg / Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg

## WEBINAIRE 8 MARS 2022 - 14:00 CET

### Les femmes dans les relations européennes et internationales du Luxembourg

**Langues** 

**Q&R** 

**Oratrices**

> **Astrid LULLING**  
Ancienne Membre de la Chambre des députés du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg et du Parlement européen

> **Anne GOEDERT**  
Ambassadrice itinérante du Luxembourg pour les Droits humains du Luxembourg

> **Anne CALTEUX**  
Représentante de la Commission européenne au Luxembourg

**Salle Germain Dondelinger**  
Université du Luxembourg

Inscription sur **Eventbrite**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/les-femmes-dans-les-relations-europeennes-et-internationales-du-luxembourg-tickets-287375485817>

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> **Elena DANESCU**  
Coordinatrice Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg

> **Anne SCHMIT**  
Étudiante MAHEC, Université du Luxembourg



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À l'occasion de la Journée internationale des droits des femmes, Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg et ses partenaires – Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History/ Université du Luxembourg, le Ministère des Affaires étrangères et européennes du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, la Représentation de la Commission européenne au Luxembourg, le Bureau de liaison du Parlement européen au Luxembourg – ont organisé le webinaire « *Le rôle des femmes dans les relations européennes et internationales du Luxembourg* » qui a eu lieu le 8 Mars 2022, de 14h00 à 15h30.

## Programme

- **Ouverture de la manifestation** – Dr Elena Danescu, Coordinatrice de l'Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg et Prof. Catherine Léglu, Vice-Rectrice académique
- **Exposé de Mme Astrid Lulling**, ancienne Membre de la Chambre des députés du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg et du Parlement européen
- **Intervention de Mme Anne Goedert**, Ambassadrice itinérante du Luxembourg pour les Droits humains du Luxembourg
- **Session de questions-réponses et débats avec le public**
- **Lancement officiel du projet de recherche pluriannuel d'histoire orale** « Le rôle des femmes dans les relations européennes et internationales du Luxembourg »
- **Présentation des premiers résultats** par Mme Anne Schmit, étudiante MAHEC
- **Intervention conclusive** de Mme Anne Calteux, Représentante de la Commission européenne au Luxembourg
- **Fin de la manifestation**



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Remarques introductives par **Dr Elena Danescu** © Université du Luxembourg



Ouverture de la manifestation par **Prof. Dr Catherine Léglu** © Université du Luxembourg



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Exposé de **Mme Astrid Lulling**, entourée de **Mme Calteux** et **Mme Goedert** © Université du Luxembourg



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hK-p5Lf5f-bQ>



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## 30 mars 2022 – Séminaire du Réseau luxembourgeois des Centres d'information Europe Direct



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Le 30 mars 2022, l'équipe du centre Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg s'est rendue à la Représentation de la Commission Européenne au Luxembourg pour le séminaire du Réseau luxembourgeois des Centres d'information Europe Direct.

Ce fut l'occasion de retrouver les partenaires des centres Europe Direct Schengen, Europe Direct Éislek et les collègues de la Représentation de la Commission Européenne au Luxembourg, et de discuter des futurs projets et partenariats.

### Programme

- Arrivée des participants – Café
- Mot de Bienvenue / tour de table
- Présentation du plan d'action
  - Europe Direct Schengen
  - Europe Direct Éislek
  - Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg
- Q&A – échanges d'avis
- Solidarité avec l'Ukraine : ce que fait la Commission Européenne actuellement/ ce que font les centres Europe Direct au niveau local
- Journée de l'Europe
- Reporting/ AGM/ autres points
- Pause déjeuner conviviale



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Présentation du plan d'action d'Europe Direct Schengen par **Mme Martina Kneip**, Responsable Europe Direct Schengen © Représentation de la Commission européenne au Luxembourg



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**Dr Elena Danescu**, coordinatrice Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg  
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## 15 April 2022 – Workshop: *Building European Administrative Area. Key Features and Boundaries – Pierre Werner, a European Vocation*

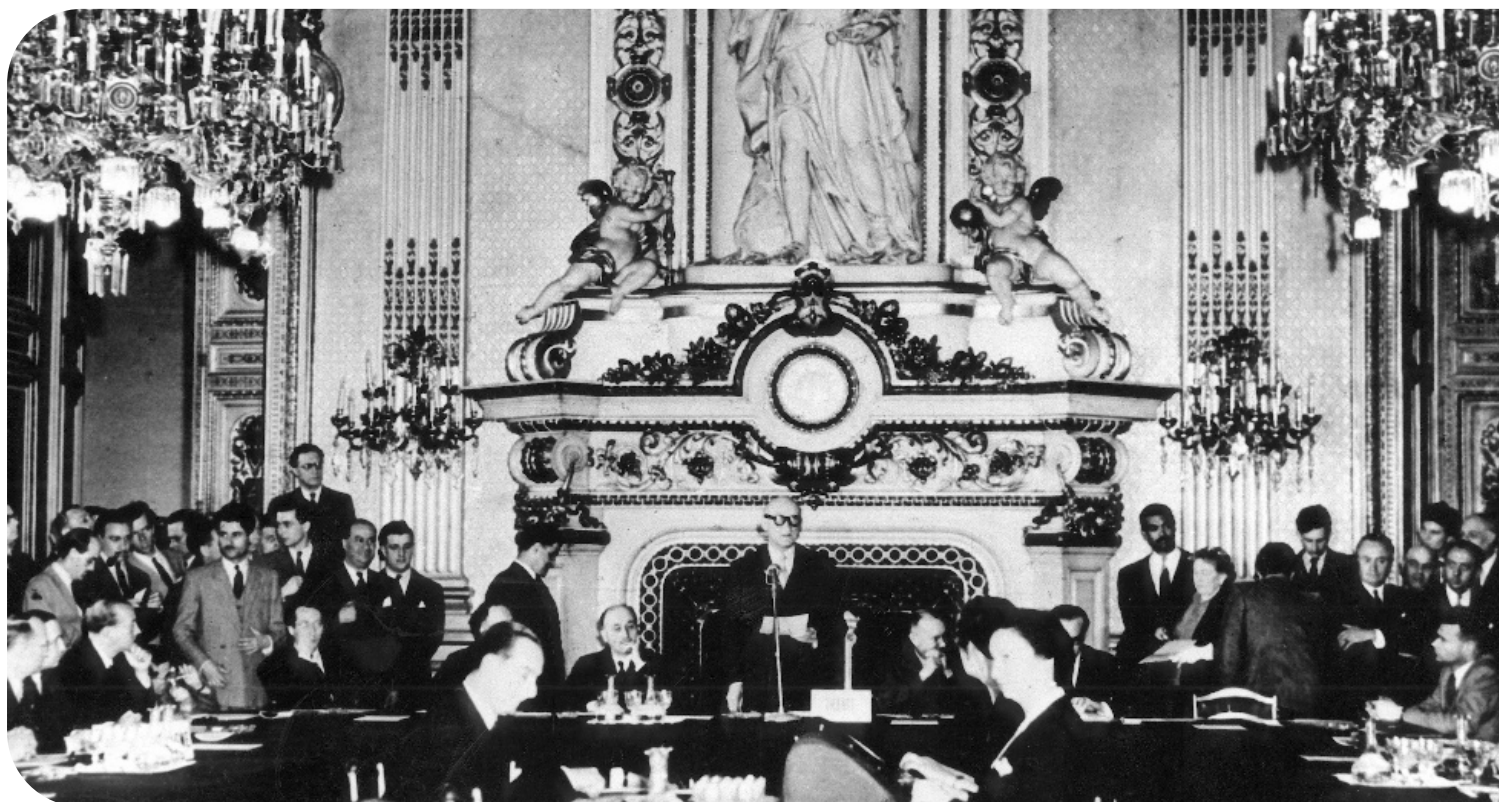
The workshop “Building European Administrative Area. Key Features and Boundaries” explored the vision of Pierre Werner (29 December 1913 – 24 June 2002) of a Europe that exceeds the boundaries of economic, historical and political arguments and takes on new dimensions through economic and monetary integration. Werner’s role in building a united Europe with a strong monetary union and identifying this as the long-term goal is remarkable. In this regard, the invited speaker, **Dr Elena Danescu** from the University of Luxembourg, gave a presentation about Pierre Werner’s contribution to economic and monetary integration in the EU.

The workshop, organised by the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Public Administration Integration and Resilience Studies, took place online via Teams on 15 April 2022 at 15:00.

The poster is a promotional graphic for a workshop. At the top, it features logos for the University of Iași, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, the European Union, and the Jean Monnet Chair. The main title is 'EU-PAIR EU Public Administration Integration and Resilience Studies'. Below this, it says 'WORKSHOP' and the workshop title: 'Building European Administrative Area. Key Features and Boundaries'. A central image shows Dr. Elena Danescu, a woman with glasses wearing a red patterned jacket. To her right, her name 'ELENA DĂNESCU' and title 'Research Scientist, University of Luxembourg' are listed. Below the image, there is a quote: 'Pierre Werner, an European Vocation'. The date and time are '15<sup>th</sup> of April 2022, 3.00 PM' and the location is 'on-line (Teams), FEAA, UAIC'. At the bottom, it says 'Follow us for more updates on the EU-PAIR site: <http://eu-pair.uaic.ro>'.



## 4 May 2022 to 4 June 2022 – Exhibition – *The Schuman Declaration, 9 May 1950*



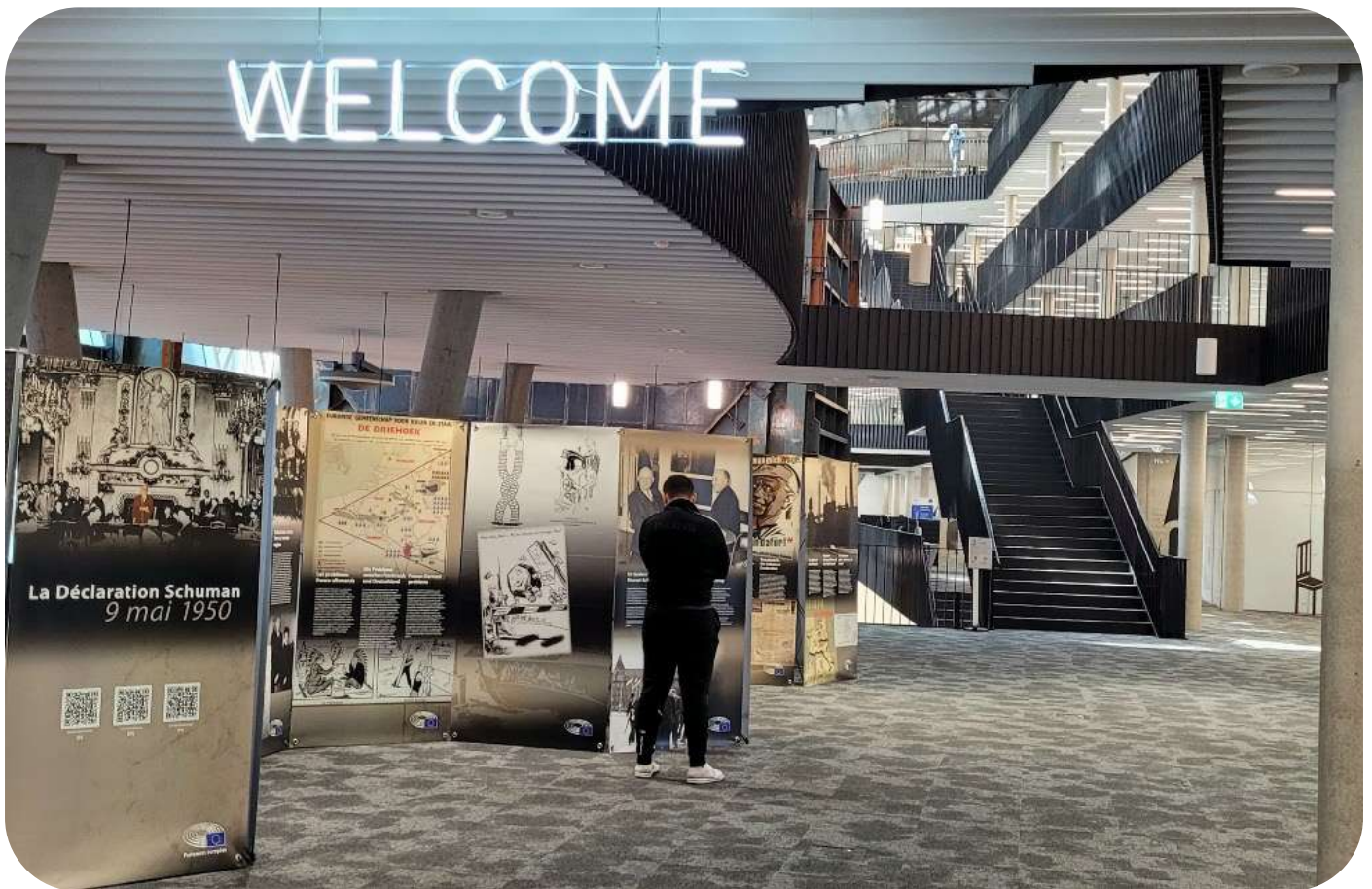
*Robert Schuman making his declaration in the Salon de l'Horloge in the French Foreign Ministry building at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris on 9 May 1950 © EuropeanUnion, 2020*

On 9 May 2020, Europe celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration.

With the European Union today facing major challenges, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg hosted an exhibition developed by the European Parliament to shine a light on this revolutionary initiative which, on 9 May 1950, served as a starting point for the European Community. We must not forget the immense effort that was needed, in the midst of the Cold War, to take the first steps in a process of integration that shaped the history of our continent.

The exhibition was on display in the Luxembourg Learning Centre (LLC) at the University of Luxembourg in Belval from 4 May to 4 June 2022.

The exhibition was published by the Archives Unit of the European Parliament and curated by the Directorate of Libraries and Knowledge Tools (Directorate General of Parliamentary Research Services).



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**Video: Exhibition for the 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration:**

[https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/clip-exhibition-for-the-70th-anniversary-of-the-schuman-declaration-version-with-english-subtitles\\_EP102159\\_EN\\_ST](https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/clip-exhibition-for-the-70th-anniversary-of-the-schuman-declaration-version-with-english-subtitles_EP102159_EN_ST)

**Europeana Exhibition: 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, 9 May 1950:**

<https://www.europeana.eu/en/exhibitions/70th-anniversary-of-the-schuman-declaration>

**Historical Archives website:**

<https://historicalarchives.europarl.europa.eu/fr/home.html>



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## 9 mai 2022 - *Journée de l'Europe* à Esch-sur-Alzette



Chaque année, la « Journée de l'Europe » rend hommage à la déclaration de Robert Schuman en 1950 en mettant en avant les valeurs européennes de paix, d'unité, de solidarité, de démocratie et de liberté. La symbolique est d'autant plus forte cette année suite à l'agression militaire non provoquée et injustifiée de la Russie contre l'Ukraine.

La « Journée de l'Europe » permet au grand public de découvrir comment l'Union européenne œuvre au quotidien. Plus de 90 stands ont été installés, tant sur la Place de la Résistance que dans la « Zone Jeunesse » dans la cour de l'école du Brill. Un programme culturel varié a été assuré tout au long de la journée.



*Journée de l'Europe à Esch-sur-Alzette,  
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L'ouverture de la zone jeunesse s'est tenue à 13h00 en présence de **M. Claude Meisch**, Ministre de l'Éducation nationale, de l'Enfance et de la Jeunesse, de **Mme Corinne Cahen**, Ministre de la Famille et de l'Intégration et de **Mme Tilly Metz**, Députée européenne.

La cérémonie officielle a eu lieu à 14 heures sur la scène principale en présence de **Son Altesse Royale le Grand-Duc Henri**.

Notre centre Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg était présent.

## **Programme Culturel**

### **Scène principale**

- Conférence sur l'Avenir de l'Europe
- Club Gaida (danses folkloriques bulgares)
- Danses populaires européennes
- Hellenic Dances Club
- Cérémonie officielle
- Belle Bandura (ensemble musical ukrainien)

- Polanie Folk Dance Ensemble (danses traditionnelles polonaises)
- Hip-hop
- DJ Don Simon
- Concert de clôture - CHAiLD (electro-pop)

### **Youth area**

- Sluxacik (danses traditionnelles slovaques)
- Danse orientale
- Ouverture officielle de la « Youth Area »
- Danse sur la thématique de l'Europe
- Hip-hop
- BigLongtheRoad (rap)
- Tatta Tom
- Alex Zimmer - MC Almer/Joe Beck - XNXR-CHY (rap)



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## 11 May 2022 – Conference and debate (hybrid): *European Citizens Initiative in motion*



*Dr Gisella Gori, acting Deputy Head of Office at the Council of Europe's Liaison Office to the European Union Institutions in Brussels © Council of Europe*

In connection with the European Year of Youth and the competitive project “European Citizens’ Initiative from A to Z: A Tool for Engagement and Active Citizenship” funded by the European Union (Erasmus Plus KA203 – Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education), a consortium of academic partners composed of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania), Georg-August University of Göttingen (Germany), the University of Vigo (Spain) and the University of Luxembourg (Europe Direct) organised the conference: “European Citizens’ Initiative in motion”.

The keynote speech was given by **Dr Gisella Gori**, acting Deputy Head of Office at the Council of Europe’s Liaison Office to the European Union Institutions in Brussels and was followed by a debate with the audience.

The event was attended by students and professors from the five above-mentioned countries and provided the necessary background for the development of constructive analysis and productive dialogue in the field of the European Citizens Initiative.

### **Biography of the keynote speaker**

**Dr Gisella Gori** has been working at the Council of Europe since 2002 and is currently acting Deputy



Head of Office a.i. at the Council of Europe's Liaison Office to the European Union Institutions in Brussels. At the Council of Europe, **Gisella** previously worked in the Children's Rights Division, on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, and in the European Social Charter and Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights Departments.

From 2010 to 2015, Gisella was a Senior Political Advisor in the Political, Development and Security Section of the Delegation of the European Union in Washington, DC. Before that she was Adjunct Professor and Visiting Scholar on International Law at George Washington University School of Law (Washington, DC). She taught European Union Law during the 2009-2010 spring semester and in 2013.

Before joining the European Institutions, **Gisella** was a lecturer in European Union Law and Constitutional Law (Attachée de Recherche et d'enseignement) at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques Robert Schuman, University of Strasbourg, France, from 1999 to 2002. Gisella Gori obtained a PhD in European Union Law from the European University Institute, EUI, Florence (Italy), in July 2000. She has published extensively on legal, EU and human rights issues. She is fluent in English, French and Italian.

### Information about the project

The "European Citizens' Initiative from A to Z" project aims to contribute to the development of EU-related hard and soft skills in higher education systems. The core purpose of the project is to experiment with new methods and tools for learning processes that are to be applied in a collaborative and practical way (learning by doing), in which students co-construct, create and launch their own citizens' initiatives.



**ECi** from  
A to Z

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE:  
A TOOL FOR ENGAGEMENT AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



Link to the web page of the "European Citizens' Initiative from A to Z" project:

<https://eci-az.eu/>

# 30 May 2022 – Research Seminar: Small-State Diplomacy in Action – Luxembourg in European Integration History

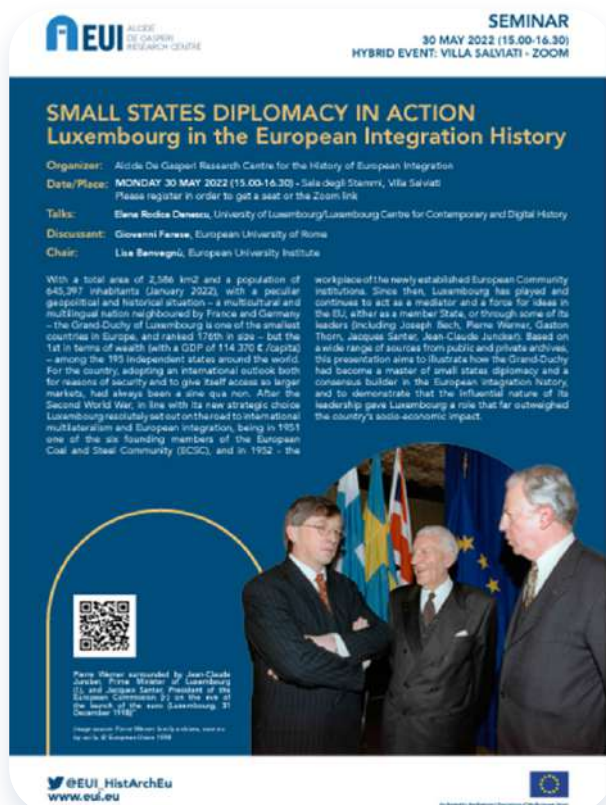


Photo representing Pierre Werner standing with **Jean-Claude Juncker**, Prime Minister of Luxembourg (left), and **Jacques Santer**, President of the European Commission (right), on the eve of the launch of the euro (Luxembourg, 31 December 1998)  
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In this hybrid Alcide De Gasperi interdisciplinary seminar, **Elena Rodica Danescu**, Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow at the EUI Florence (History Department), presented her research on small-state diplomacy and the role of Luxembourg in European integration. **Giovanni Farese** of the European University of Rome acted as discussant.

With a total area of 2,586 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 645,397 inhabitants (January 2022), and with a peculiar geopolitical and historical situation – a multicultural and multilingual nation neighbored by France and Germany –, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is one of the smallest countries in

Europe but is first in terms of wealth around the world. After the Second World War, in line with its new strategic vision, Luxembourg resolutely set out on the road to international multilateralism and European integration: in 1951 the country was one of the six founding members of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), and in 1952 it became the workplace of the newly established European Community institutions.

Based on a wide range of sources from public and private archives, this presentation aims to illustrate how Luxembourg became a master of small state diplomacy and a consensus builder in European integration history, and to demonstrate that the influential nature of its leadership gave Luxembourg a role that far outweighed the country's socio-economic impact.

## Organised by

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## Source:

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Link to the European University Institute website for the event:

<https://www.eui.eu/events?id=549813>



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## 16 and 17 June 2022: *Economic Ideas and Political Action in Shaping Economic and Monetary Union: Pierre Werner and Luxembourg*



*1970 – The Finance Ministers review the Werner Interim Report  
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The year 2022 marked the 20th anniversary of the introduction of euro banknotes and coins – the physical form of a currency that has become an important symbol of European identity. The single currency bears the hallmark of **Pierre Werner** (1913-2002), Finance Minister and Prime Minister of Luxembourg for many decades, whose 1970 Werner Report provided a detailed blueprint for Economic and Monetary Union.

To reflect on the origins of Economic and Monetary Union, the theoretical approach and political action of **Pierre Werner** and the role of Luxembourg in the establishment of the single European currency, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg, the University of Luxembourg and the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH) organised the conference “Economic Ideas

and Political Action in Shaping Economic and Monetary Union: **Pierre Werner** and Luxembourg” and the exhibition “**Pierre Werner** (1913-2002) – A life dedicated to Luxembourg and Europe”.

The conference was held under the high patronage of **Yuriko Backes**, Minister of Finance of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, who provided a video message for the plenary session.

ICESS 2022 was organised by the Bucharest University of Economic Studies and its partners including the Higher Education and Research in Management of European Universities (HERMES) Network, the Romanian Academy, Sapienza University of Rome, EM Strasbourg Business School, the Ministry of Finance of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg, the University of Luxembourg and the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History.



**Link to the full programme of ICESS 2022:**  
<https://icess.ase.ro/6th-icess/program/>

**Link to the video message from Minister Yuriko Backes:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmgKZ\\_sm0tM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmgKZ_sm0tM)

**Link to the 5th International Conference on Economics and Social Sciences (ICESS) at a glance:** <https://www.uni.lu/en/news/economic-ideas-and-political-action-in-shaping-economic-and-monetary-union-pierre-werner-and-luxembourg/>

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Presentation by **Dr Elena Danescu** at the opening session © Bucharest University of Economic Studies



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## 24 June 2022 – Exhibition dedicated to *Pierre Werner, the father of the euro*

On Friday 24 June 2022, to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of **Pierre Werner**, the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Luxembourg inaugurated a new exhibition dedicated to the “father of the euro”.

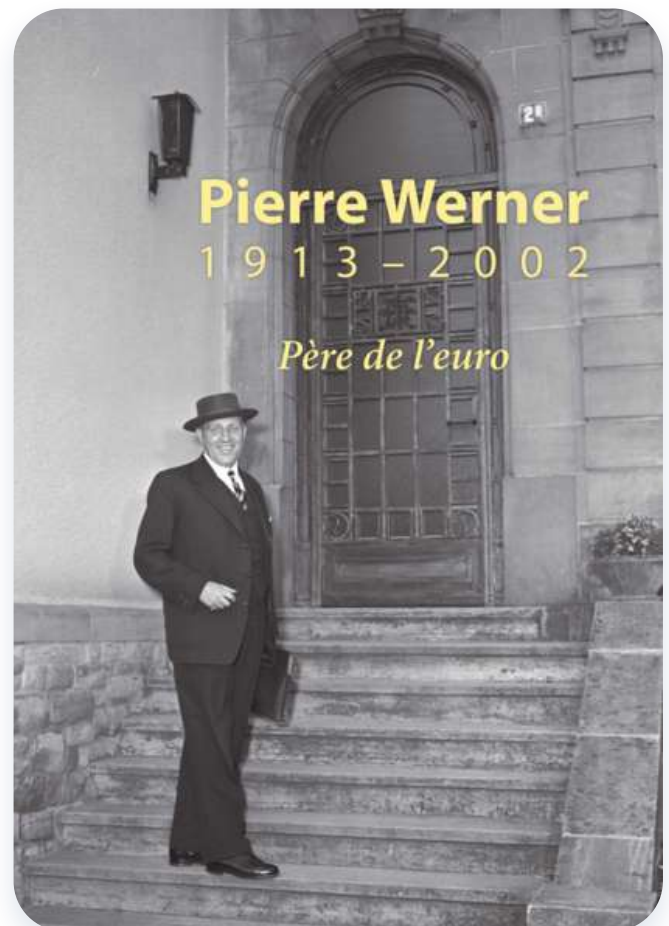
The exhibition, “**Pierre Werner: Père de l’euro**” (**Pierre Werner: Father of the euro**), pays homage to the Luxembourgish politician 20 years after his death. The content of the exhibition was prepared by **Pierre Werner’s** son, **Henri Werner**, and supported by the University of Luxembourg and Europe Direct University of Luxembourg.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by members of Pierre Werner’s family, various ambassadors accredited to Luxembourg and the Minister for Family, Integration and the Greater Region, **Corinne Cahen**, among other guests.



Link to the **Chronicle.lu** article about the exhibition:

<https://chronicle.lu/category/embassies-consulates/41530-czech-embassy-exhibition-commemorates-20th-anniversary-of-pierre-werners-death>



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# 30 mai 2022 au 1<sup>er</sup> juin 2022 : assemblée générale des Centres Europe Direct à Milan



Visite du Joint Research Centre d'Ispra © Université du Luxembourg

Le centre Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg était présent à l'assemblée générale des centres Europe Direct qui s'est tenue du 30 mai 2022 au 1er juin 2022 à Milan en Italie. Pour le centre, c'était l'occasion de retrouver ses actuels partenaires internationaux et d'en rencontrer de nouveaux.

## Programme

### Lundi 30 mai

- Visite du Joint Research Center (JRC) d'Ispra
- Présentation du Centre et de ses missions.
- Visite du European Crisis Management Laboratory (ECML)
- Visite du European Laboratory for Structural Assessment (ELSA)
- Enregistrement au Castello Sforzesco de Milan
- Réception et Networking au Castello Sforzesco
- Dîner de bienvenue au Castello Sforzesco

### Mardi 31 mai

- Mot de bienvenue
- Communication de crise au niveau local et régional : expériences, défis et solutions
- Discours inaugural
- Atelier « L'année européenne de la jeunesse : information et engagement avec les citoyens »
- Atelier « Le pacte vert pour l'Europe »
- Conférence sur l'avenir de l'Europe et au-delà
- Réception et exposition des stands des centres Europe Direct

### Mercredi 1er juin

- Mot de bienvenue
- La route vers les élections européennes 2024 et coopération avec les bureaux de Représentation du Parlement Européen (EPLOs)
- Atelier « Promouvoir un réseau régional de réseaux »
- Utilisation des réseaux sociaux en situation de crise
- Conclusion en plénière de l'ensemble des ateliers et bilan de l'assemblée



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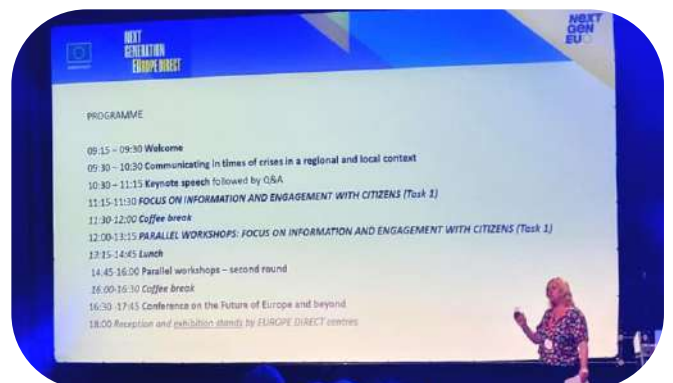
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## 7 June 2022: *Study Morning* of the Cercle Diplomatique Luxembourg at the University of Luxembourg



*Prof. Stéphane Pallage, Rector of the University © University of Luxembourg*

On Tuesday 7 June 2022, Europe Direct University of Luxembourg was pleased to welcome the Cercle Diplomatique Luxembourg to the University of Luxembourg. The Cercle Diplomatique was received by the Rector, **Prof. Stéphane Pallage**, and Vice-Rector, **Prof. Catherine Léglu**, who presented the values, missions and programmes offered by the University of Luxembourg. The visit then continued with a guided tour of the Luxembourg Learning Centre, the Cité des Sciences and the former blast furnaces on the Belval site.

### Programme

Arrival of participants at the Luxembourg Learning Centre (LLC) (conference room on the 2nd floor)

“The University of Luxembourg: present state and future prospects” – information session

Opening remarks: **Dr Elena Danescu**, Coordinator of Europe Direct Uni.lu

#### **1st part**

- Presentation: **Prof. Stéphane Pallage**, Rector of the University
- Presentation: **Prof. Catherine Léglu**, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs
- Q&A and exchange of opinions with participants

#### **2nd part**

- Presentation: **Séverine Iffland**, Partnership, Knowledge and Technology Transfer Office



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- Presentation: **Kerstin Führmeister**, Manager of the University Continuing Education Department at the University of Luxembourg Competence Centre
- Q&A and exchange of opinions with participants
- Guided visit of the Luxembourg Learning Centre led by **Julie Toussaint**
- Guided tour of the “Cité des Sciences” and the former blast furnace led by **Elisabete Nuno** (Fonds Belval)
- End of Study Morning



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## 5 July 2022 – Cross-border meeting in Saarbrücken with Europe Direct partners



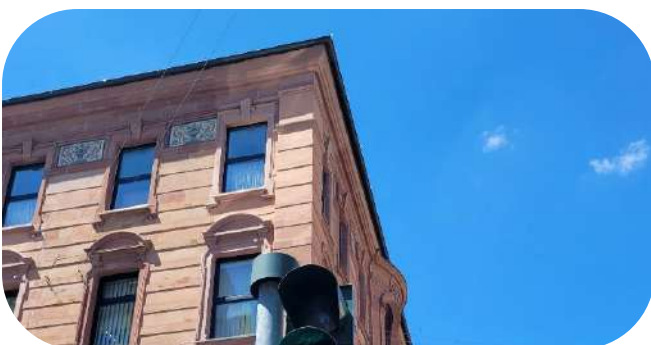
*Lunch with ED University of Luxembourg, ED Saarbrücken, ED Territoires Lorrains  
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On 5 July, Europe Direct University of Luxembourg visited its partners from Europe Direct Saarbrücken (Germany), Europe Direct Territoires Lorrains (France) and Europe Direct Lorraine Grand Est (France).

The meeting took place in Saarbrücken and was an opportunity to discuss future cross-border projects and collaborative events.



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# 6 juillet 2022 – 2nd Robert Schuman Lecture – Luxembourg – Capitale européenne à cœur ou à raison ?

## Orateurs

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## Partenaires



Légende : Allocution d'Émile Hamilius, Bourgmestre de la Ville de Luxembourg, lors de la séance d'installation de la Haute Autorité de la CECA à Luxembourg (10 août 1952) (© Théo Mey/Photothèque de la Ville de Luxembourg)

## Conférence 2022 Robert Schuman

# INVITATION



L'entrée en vigueur, le 23 juillet 1952, du traité de la Communauté Européenne du Charbon et de l'Acier et le choix de Luxembourg comme lieu de travail provisoire de la CECA marque le destin de la ville en tant que « première capitale de l'Europe unie ». L'Exécutif communautaire indépendant, la Haute Autorité présidée par Jean Monnet, ouvre officiellement ses travaux le 10 août 1952 à l'Hôtel de Ville – en présence du Bourgmestre Émile Hamilius – et installe ses services dans le bâtiment qui abrite aujourd'hui la *Spuerkeess*. La réunion solennelle de la Cour de Justice se tient le 10 décembre au Cercle Municipal, à la Place d'Armes, tandis que les bureaux des juges fonctionnent à la Villa Vauban. De 1952 à 1954, la grande salle de l'Hôtel de Ville accueille

régulièrement les réunions du Conseil spécial de ministres. Au fur et à mesure de la construction européenne et grâce aux efforts de la diplomatie luxembourgeoise, la ville de Luxembourg allait consolider son statut européen (toujours provisoire), aux côtés de Strasbourg (siège de l'Assemblée commune) et de Bruxelles, qui s'y rajoute en 1958, dans le sillage de la création de la Communauté économique européenne (CEE) et l'Euratom. Ce n'est que le Conseil européen d'Édimbourg (1992) qui consacre la tripolarité Luxembourg – Bruxelles – Strasbourg comme « capitales permanentes de l'Union ».

Pour retracer les moments forts du devenir européen de la capitale du Grand-Duché de



*Mme Colette Flesch et Dr Robert L. Philippart entourés par (de g. à dr.) M. Jean-Marie Majerus, Mme Sylvie Lucas, M. Henri Werner, M. Jacques Santer, Mme Martine Reicherts, Prof. Stéphane Pallage, Dr Elena Danescu*  
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Luxembourg, pour écouter les témoignages d'éminentes personnalités luxembourgeoises et européennes et pour débattre des perspectives d'avenir: L'Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg et ses partenaires, l'Université du Luxembourg, le Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH), la Ville du Luxembourg, le Ministère des Affaires étrangères et européennes, la Fondation du Mérite Européen, le Mouvement européen Luxembourg, la Représentation de la Commission européenne et le Bureau de liaison du Parlement européen au Luxembourg, ainsi que les centres Europe Direct de la Grande Région - ont convié à la **2e édition de la « Robert Schuman Lecture » intitulée :**



*De gauche à droite : Dr Elena Danescu, M. Jacques Santer, Mme Colette Flesch, Prof. Dr Stéphane Pallage, Mme Lydie Polfer*  
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## **Luxembourg - Capitale européenne à cœur ou à raison ?**

### **Sous le haut patronage de Madame Lydie Polfer Bourgmestre de la Ville de Luxembourg**

**Orateurs invités : Madame Colette Flesch & Dr Robert L. Philippart**

La manifestation a eu lieu le mercredi 6 juillet 2022, de 18h00 à 20h00 à l'Auditorium Cercle Cité (3, Rue Genistre, L-1623 Luxembourg).

## **Programme**

### **Ouverture**

- Mot de bienvenue : **Dr Elena Danescu**, Coordinatrice Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg et Prof. Dr Stéphane Pallage, Recteur de l'Université du Luxembourg
- Allocution d'ouverture : **Mme Lydie Polfer**, Bourgmestre de la Ville de Luxembourg
- Conférence - De l'installation précipitée à la lancinante question du siège... : **Mme Colette Flesch**, ancienne Bourgmestre de la Ville de Luxembourg, ancienne députée luxembourgeoise et européenne, ancienne Vice-Première Ministre et Ministre des Affaires étrangères

- Session de questions-réponses avec le public
- Capitale européenne, urbanisme et architecture : **Dr Robert L. Philippart**, docteur en histoire



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### Clôture

Conclusions : **M. Jacques Santer**, Ministre d'État honoraire, ancien Président de la Commission européenne, Président de la Fondation du Mérite Européen

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**Mme Lydie Polfer**, Bourgmestre de la Ville de Luxembourg et **M. Jacques Santer**, Président de la Fondation du Mérite Européen, avec **Prof. Dr Stéphane Pallage** et **Dr Elena Danescu**  
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**Lien de la conférence de Madame Colette Flesch** : <https://www.uni.lu/en/news/2nd-robert-schuman-lecture-luxembourg-capitale-europeenne-a-coeur-ou-a-raison/> De l'installation précipitée à la lancinante question du siège... – Conférence de Madame Colette

**Lien vers l'enregistrement de la conférence** : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLG-FOHBNiN4>



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***Madame Erna Hennicot-Schoppes**, ancienne Présidente de la Chambre des Députés en dialogue avec **Madame Melitta Schubert**, Ambassadrice d'Autriche au Luxembourg (centre) et **Monsieur Robert L. Philippart**, orateur de la soirée © Université du Luxembourg*



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**Partenaires**



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## 7 July 2022 – Conference: **LGBTIQ+ Activism in Europe**



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In cooperation with the European Commission in Luxembourg, the Ministry of Family Affairs and Europe Direct University of Luxembourg, a conference on LGBTIQ+ activism in Europe took place on 7 July 2022.

The conference started in the afternoon with three lectures. The second part in the evening featured a presentation of the “Amsterdam Rainbow Dress” art project and a short documentary film.

This was followed by a panel discussion with activists from Poland, Lithuania and Hungary about the situation of LGBTIQ+ people in their respective countries and their work on the ground.

### Programme

- Welcome address by Prof. Dr Stéphane Pallage, Rector of the University of Luxembourg
- “LGBTI? – Think about it!” Lecture by **Dr Erik Schneider** (Intersex & Transgender Luxembourg asbl)
- “22 – The Project” and LGBTIQ+ activism today – Interview with Fleur Pierets (Belgium)
- “The Situation of LGBTIQ+ in Poland” – Lecture by **Alicja Sienkiewicz** (Poland)
- Welcome address: **Anne Calteux** – Representative of the European Commission in Luxembourg and **Andy Maar** – Representative of Rosa Lëtzebuerg asbl
- Presentation of the Amsterdam Rainbow Dress + Q&A session
- Panel discussion | Moderation: **Annick Goerens**
  - **Alicja Sienkiewicz** (Poland)
  - **Johanna Majercsik** (Hungary)
  - **Monika Antanaityte** (Lithuania)
  - **Marc Angel**, MEP & Co-President of the LGBTI-Intergroup (Luxembourg)





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## 8 juillet 2022 – Visite de la délégation de la Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Fulda au centre Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg



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Le vendredi 8 juillet, une délégation composée de 11 personnes de la Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de Fulda et d'Europe Direct Fulda, s'est rendue au Centre Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg. Au cours de la matinée, la délégation a réalisé une visite de la Cité des Sciences et des Hauts Fourneaux accompagnée d'un guide du Fonds Belval, avant de poursuivre par une visite du Luxembourg Learning Centre.

La visite s'est terminée sur une présentation des missions et actions du Centre Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg.

La délégation a ensuite poursuivi son séjour luxembourgeois dans la ville d'Esch-sur-Alzette, par une rencontre avec **Monsieur Ralph Waltmans**, directeur des affaires culturelles, **Monsieur Christian Bettendorff**, chef du département de la promotion économique et du tourisme et **Monsieur Daniel Codello**, coordinateur de la politique transfrontalière, des jumelages, des affaires européennes et internationales de la ville d'Esch-sur- Alzette.

# 16 September 2022 – Europe Direct #uni\_lu at the University of Luxembourg Welcome Day



*Uni\_lu Welcome Day at the Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg  
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On Friday 16 September, Europe Direct University of Luxembourg was pleased to welcome all new uni\_lu students to Belval Campus.

All students were able to come and visit our Europe Direct information stand inside the Luxembourg Learning Centre.

European Union brochures and goodies were made available specially for the occasion.



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# 4 October 2022 – Citizen’s Dialogue with Yuriko Backes and Paolo Gentiloni: *What next for Europe’s youth? Current challenges and future prospects under debate*



**Citizen’s Dialogue with  
Yuriko Backes and Paolo Gentiloni**

*What next for Europe’s youth?  
Current challenges and future prospects  
under debate*

**4 OCTOBER 2022  
16:30- 17:45 CET**

University of Luxembourg  
Amphithéâtre TAVENAS  
102, Avenue Pasteur -  
Luxembourg (Limpertsberg)

Languages  

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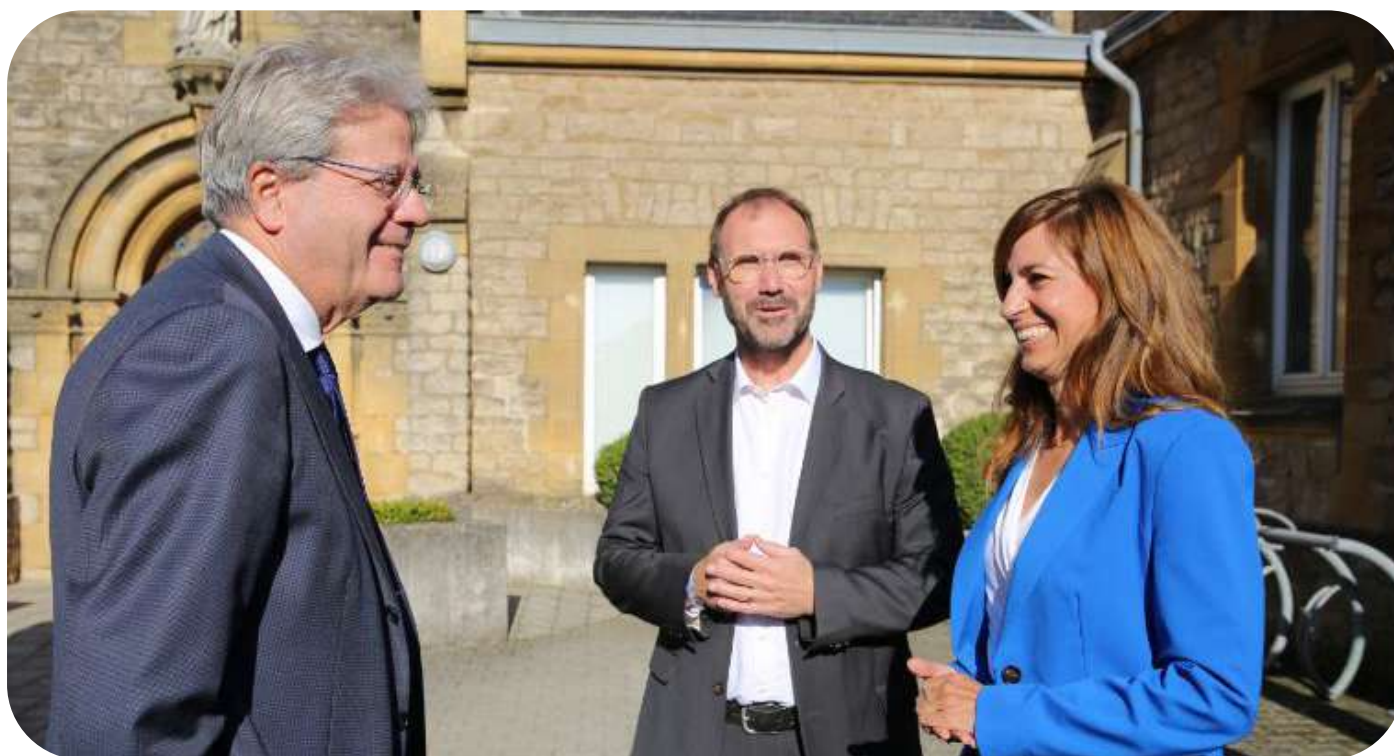
 **EUROPEAN  
YEAR OF  
YOUTH**

With the aim of shaping a stronger Europe in an increasingly globalised world, and thereby protecting its values and identity, the European Commission has worked hard to build an “economy at the service of people” that is more ambitious in terms of prosperity, justice and equity.

These efforts have a particular resonance owing to the unprecedented societal and transnational challenges that we are currently facing, characterised by both economic recovery efforts in the European Union before and after the COVID-19 pandemic (InvestEU, NGEU) and upheavals in international relations brought about by the Russian military aggression against Ukraine. To deal with these multiple issues, Europe must not only empower Member States, regions and local communities; above all it must encourage

citizens, especially younger generations, to be part of the solution. In this context, dialogue, debate and constructive exchanges are more vital than ever.

As part of their mission to share values and knowledge and encourage openness to new horizons, the University of Luxembourg, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg and the European Commission Representation in Luxembourg organised a debate with **Yuriko Backes**, Minister of Finance of Luxembourg, and **Paolo Gentiloni**, European Commissioner for Economy, on Tuesday 4 October 2022 from 4:30 to 5:45pm at the University of Luxembourg – Amphithéâtre Tavenas, 102, avenue Pasteur, Luxembourg (Limpertsberg).



*Prof. Jens Kreisel and Anne Calteux welcoming Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni to the Tavenas auditorium  
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## Programme

- Opening remarks: **Prof. Jens Kreisel**, Vice-Rector for Research at the University of Luxembourg, and **Anne Calteux**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Luxembourg
- 1st session: “What is the EU’s role in addressing long-term investment priorities?”
- Questions and answers: **Paolo Gentiloni**, European Commissioner for Economy. Moderation: **Anne Calteux**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Luxembourg
- 2nd session: “Living in the ‘global polycrisis’: what are the current economic challenges and the EU’s policy response?”
- Questions and answers: **Yuriko Backes**, Minister of Finance of Luxembourg, and **Paolo Gentiloni**, European Commissioner for Economy. Moderation: **Dr Elena Danescu**, University of Luxembourg
- Closing remarks
- End of the event
- Free time to talk with the European Commission’s InvestEU team.

## About the speakers

**Yuriko Backes** graduated from the College of Europe in Bruges. She began her professional career in 1994 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has held various positions, including at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the United Nations in New York, the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the Western European Union in Brussels, and the Luxembourg Embassy in Japan. In January 2022, **Yuriko Backes** joined the coalition government between the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers’ Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (déi gréng) as Minister of Finance.



**Link to Yuriko Backes’ web page:**

<https://gouvernement.lu/en/gouvernement/yuriko-backes/CV.html>



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**Press article**

<https://chronicle.lu/category/conferences-seminars/42665-uni-lu-to-host-eu-citizens-dialogue-with-finance-minister-backes-commissioner-gentiloni>

**Recording of the debate:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca-4Ra6sjVBk>

**Paolo Gentiloni** is a political science graduate from Sapienza University of Rome. He initially worked as a professional journalist, before serving as Minister of Communications from 2006 to 2008. From 2014 to 2016, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. In 2016, he became Prime Minister of Italy. Since 2019, **Paolo Gentiloni** has been European Commissioner for Economy.



**Link to information about Paolo Gentiloni:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/gentiloni\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/gentiloni_en)



*Opening remarks by Prof. Jens Kreisel, Vice-Rector for Research at the University of Luxembourg  
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*In the front row: Anne Calteux, Yuriko Backes, Paolo Gentiloni, Prof. Jens Kreisel and Dr Elena Danescu with the audience © University of Luxembourg*



## 20 October 2022 – *Voices from the War – Path to Peace? Ukrainian and international insights*

### Voices from the War - Path to Peace?

### Ukrainian and international insights

20 October 2022 – 18:00 - 20:00

Auditorium Cercle Cité



### Voices from the War - Path to Peace?

### Ukrainian and international insights

**Speakers:** Ambassador Hubert Wurth, Dr Suzana Anghel, Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki, Prof. Mykola Riabchuk, Kateryna Zakharchuk, Svitlana Mizhneri, Inna Ganschow, Iryna Kashtalian, Nina Janz, Machteld Venken.

The military offensive launched by the Russian Federation against Ukraine in the early hours of 24 February 2022 and the ensuing war on Ukrainian territory have resulted in immense human suffering, a humanitarian tragedy and

incalculable material damage. The violation of a country's territorial integrity and sovereignty – an act in clear breach of the United Nations Charter – has shattered the shared framework of values and principles fostered by multilateralism after the Second World War in the hope of achieving world peace, while leading to an unprecedented outpouring of solidarity for Ukraine and the plight of its people from Western democracies and European and international organisations, including NATO, the UN, the European Union and



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From left to right: **Prof. Andrzej Szeptycki**,  
**Ambassador Hubert Wurth**, **Philippe Schockweiler**,  
**Dr Suzana Anghel** (European Parliamentary  
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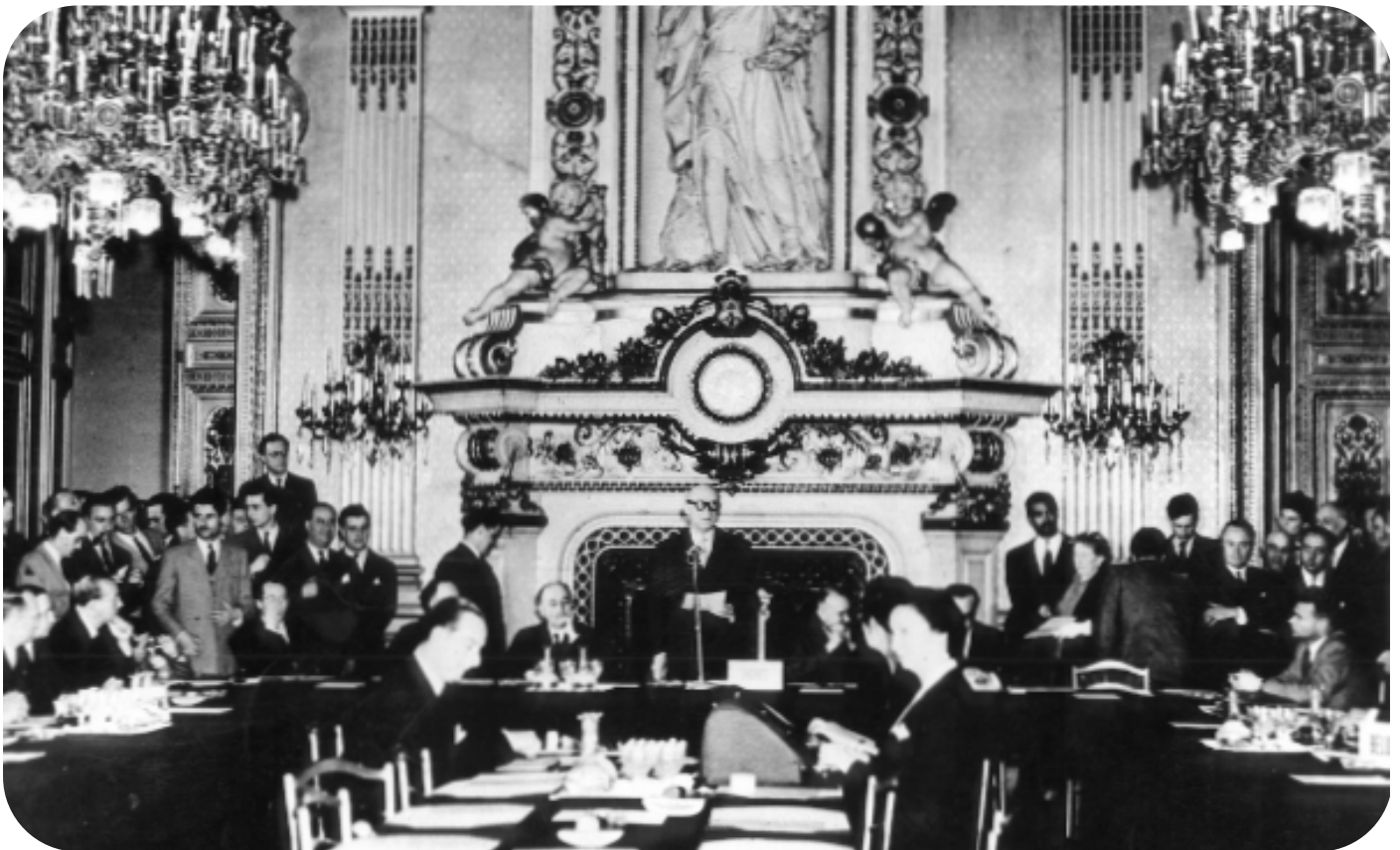
the Council of Europe, their Member States, and many private initiatives. As contemporary history is turned on its head, historians, driven by the duty of memory, are stepping up to explain the origins of the conflict, identify the various players, provide an objective analysis of the consequences, record the memories of eyewitnesses and victims – with oral history proving a precious tool –, preserve historical sources and, above all, reflect on the role that intellectual effort can play in paving the way for a return to peace in the new world order taking shape before our eyes.



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In this context, Europe Direct University of Luxembourg, in collaboration with Polska.lu, LUkraine and the C<sup>2</sup>DH, held a conference entitled “Voices from the War – Path to Peace? Ukrainian and international insights” on 20 October 2022 from 6 to 8pm in the auditorium of the Cercle Cité, in Luxembourg City.

## 25-29 October 2022 – Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg, partner of the event *European Youth: Values, Identity, Culture* (Lycée Hubert Clément, Esch-sur-Alzette)



*Robert Schuman making his declaration in the Salon de l'Horloge in the French Foreign Ministry building at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris on 9 May 1950 © European Union, 2020*

From 25 to 29 October 2022, the Lycée Hubert Clément in Esch-sur-Alzette and its partners, including Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg, organised an event entitled “European Youth: Values, Identity, Culture”, with the participation of students, teachers and trainers from 17 schools and colleges from around Luxembourg and Europe.

The idea was to encourage the students to engage with fundamental European values in a creative, artistic and multicultural manner. There were five workshops (poetry slam, graffiti, hip hop, dance and improv theatre), each focusing on one particular value. These collaborative activities

gave the students the opportunity to voice their ideas and visions in various artistic ways.

72 years after the Schuman Declaration – and in this “European Year of Youth” – it is more important than ever to explore the fundamental ideas and values of Europe, to emphasise the importance of Europe and to avoid an attitude that takes an intact European Union for granted.

To coincide with this event, Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg organised the exhibition “The Schuman Declaration, 9 May 1950” (published by the Archives Unit of the European Parliament and curated by the Directorate of



*Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg organised the exhibition "The Schuman Declaration, 9 May 1950" at the Lycée Hubert Clément in Esch-sur-Alzette © University of Luxembourg*

Libraries and Knowledge Tools (Directorate General of Parliamentary Research Services) at the Lycée Hubert Clément in Esch-sur-Alzette.

At the same time, Europe Direct provided the library at the Lycée Hubert Clément and all participants in the event with a comprehensive and multilingual collection of publications and resources about the past, present and future of the European Union, its principle and values, and the role of Luxembourg in the European integration process.

**Information about the project:**



**Video**

[https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/clip-exhibition-for-the-70th-anniversary-of-the-schuman-declaration-version-with-french-subtitles\\_EP102159\\_FR\\_ST%20](https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/clip-exhibition-for-the-70th-anniversary-of-the-schuman-declaration-version-with-french-subtitles_EP102159_FR_ST%20)

**Historical Archives website**

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/historicalarchives/en/home.html>



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# 29 octobre – 20 décembre 2022 : Exposition *Pierre Werner, architecte de l'euro* à l'Université de Sibiu (Romania)



1970 – Les ministres des Finances analysent le rapport intermédiaire Werner © Foto Ravagnan – Venezia.  
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L'Europe Direct de l'Université du Luxembourg en collaboration avec l'Université « Lucian Blaga » de Sibiu, la Faculté des Sciences économiques et « Casa Luxembourg » Sibiu, ont inauguré le 29 octobre 2022 l'exposition « Pierre Werner, architecte de l'euro ».

Basée principalement sur des photos et documents provenant des collections privées de Pierre Werner (29 décembre 1913 – 24 juin 2002), dont bons nombres inédits, ainsi que sur d'autres archives luxembourgeoises et européennes, l'exposition met en lumière la personnalité, l'œuvre européenne et l'héritage intellectuel de **Pierre Werner**, qui a profondément marqué l'architecture et le contenu de l'Union économique et monétaire et la monnaie unique européenne. Pierre Werner fut le premier Luxembourgeois élu Membre d'honneur de l'Académie Roumaine (1993). En 1998, il devint *Doctor Honoris Causa* de l'Université « Lucian Blaga » de Sibiu, ainsi que Citoyen d'honneur de la Ville de Sibiu.

L'exposition « Pierre Werner, architecte de l'euro » est en accès libre et pourra être visitée jusqu'au 22 décembre 2022.



Site internet et réseaux sociaux de l'Université de Sibiu : Sur le site de l'Université « Lucian Blaga » Sibiu :

<https://www.ulbsibiu.ro/news/expozitie-pierre-werner-la-facultatea-de-stiinte-economice/>

Sur le site de la Faculté des Sciences économiques :

<http://economice.ulbsibiu.ro/index.php/ro/despre/stiri-evenimente/item/581-expozitia-pierre-werner-1913-2002-o-viata-dedicata-luxemburgului-si-europei.html>

Sur les réseaux sociaux (Facebook, Instagram) :

[https://www.facebook.com/economice.ulbsibiu/?show\\_switched\\_toast=0&show\\_invite\\_to\\_follow=0&show\\_switched\\_tooltip=0&show\\_podcast\\_settings=0&show\\_community\\_review\\_changes=0&show\\_community\\_rollback=0&show\\_follower\\_visibility\\_disclosure=0](https://www.facebook.com/economice.ulbsibiu/?show_switched_toast=0&show_invite_to_follow=0&show_switched_tooltip=0&show_podcast_settings=0&show_community_review_changes=0&show_community_rollback=0&show_follower_visibility_disclosure=0)

Organisateurs : Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg (EDIC), Université du Luxembourg et *Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History* (C<sup>2</sup>DH)

Conception, textes et documentation :

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# 10 novembre 2022 – Débat avec Gilles Grin et Jacques Santer – *Construction européenne : la révolution d'un continent*

**Débat avec Gilles Grin et Jacques Santer**

**CONSTRUCTION EUROPÉENNE : LA RÉVOLUTION D'UN CONTINENT**

Langues

Q&R

**10 NOVEMBRE 2022**  
**18h30 - 20h00 CET**

Centre Culturel de Rencontres  
Abbaye de Neumünster  
salle José Ensch

**Oratrices et orateurs**

- > **Dr Gilles GRIN**  
Directeur de la Fondation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe
- > **M. Jacques SANTER**  
Ministre d'Etat honoraire
- > **Prof. Catherine LEGLU**  
Vice-Rectrice de l'Université du Luxembourg
- > **Dr Elena DANESCU**  
Coordinatrice Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg

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**Orateurs : Dr Gilles Grin, Monsieur Jacques Santer, Prof. Catherine Léglu, Dr Elena Danescu**

« L'Europe se fera dans les crises et sera la somme des solutions apportées à ces crises », notait Jean Monnet (1888-1979) dans ses mémoires (Jean Monnet : Mémoires. Paris : éd. Fayard, 1976, p. 488).

Cette phrase fut prémonitoire pour l'Europe, actuellement ébranlée par une situation géopolitique et économique inédite, qui met à l'épreuve la paix et les valeurs communes que le multilatéralisme avait engendrées après la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Sous nos yeux émerge un nouveau système de l'ordre mondial, dans lequel l'Union européenne et les démocraties occidentales occupent une place de choix. Dans ces profonds bouleversements, les historiens – animés à la fois par le devoir de mémoire

et par l'engagement citoyen – analysent les enseignements du passé pour mieux comprendre les défis actuels et pour débattre, avec un large public venu d'horizons différents, des perspectives d'avenir.

L'Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg, l'Institut Pierre Werner, la Fondation du Mérite européen et la Fondation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe ont eu le plaisir de vous convier à un débat avec **Monsieur Gilles Grin** (Fondation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe, Lausanne) et **Monsieur Jacques Santer**, ministre d'Etat honoraire, Premier Ministre du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg (1984-1995), Président de la Commission européenne (1995-1999), Président de la Fondation du Mérite Européen, qui a eu lieu le jeudi 10 novembre 2022, de 18h30 à 20h00 au Centre Culturel de Rencontres Abbaye de Neumünster, salle José Ensch.



De g. à dr. : **M. Etienne de Lhoneux**, **M. Jacques Santer**, **Mme Erna Hennicot-Schoepges**, **Prof. Catherine Léglu**, **Prof. Gilles Grin**, **Mme Marie-Anne Werner**, **M. Henri Werner**, **Mme Elisabeth Werner**, **Dr Elena Danescu**, **M. Olivier Frank** © Université du Luxembourg

## Programme

### Ouverture de la manifestation

- Allocution d'ouverture – **Prof. Catherine Léglu**, Vice-Rectrice académique de l'Université du Luxembourg
- Remarques introductives – **Dr Elena Danescu**, Coordinatrice de l'Europe Direct Université du Luxembourg

Présentation de l'ouvrage « Construction européenne : la révolution d'un continent », Prix du livre « Mieux comprendre l'Europe » 2022, auteur **Dr Gilles Grin**.

Débat avec le public avec la participation de **Dr Gilles Grin** et de **Monsieur Jacques Santer**, Modératrice **Elena Danescu**.

Remarques conclusives – **Monsieur Jacques Santer**.

Clôture de la manifestation.

## Sur l'ouvrage

Dans cet essai historique sur la construction européenne, l'auteur passe en revue deux siècles d'histoire du continent (1815 à 2021). Il analyse d'abord le creux atteint par l'Europe en 1945, pour évoquer ensuite la naissance, les développements et les limites de l'Europe communautaire, devenue Union européenne. La conclusion qui se dessine est que le processus de construction européenne initié au lendemain de la Seconde Guerre mondiale représente la révolution d'un continent qui a su rompre avec la fatalité historique des guerres intestines et incessantes du passé.

Cet ouvrage est une publication en accès ouvert, disponible :

- en version FR, sur : <https://jean-monnet.ch/publication/5397/>
- en version EN, sur : <https://jean-monnet.ch/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/22-04-european-integration-g--grin-cdd-n-24.pdf>



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(de g. à dr. **Dr Gilles Grin, M. Jacques Santer,**  
**Dr Elena Danescu**) © IPW



Exposé du **Dr Gilles Grin** © IPW

## Sur l'auteur

**Gilles Grin** est directeur de la Fondation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe à Lausanne depuis 2012. Il est par ailleurs enseignant à l'Université de Lausanne (Suisse), responsable d'un cours sur l'intégration européenne. Diplômé de l'Université de Lausanne, de l'Université Yale aux États-Unis et de la London School of Economics and Political Science, il est docteur en relations internationales de l'Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement à Genève. Il est l'auteur d'environ 70 publications consacrées largement aux questions européennes. Son dernier ouvrage, intitulé « Construction européenne : la révolution d'un continent », a reçu le Prix du livre « Mieux comprendre l'Europe » 2022.



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# 30 November 2022 – *Time to Talk European Security* – Lecture by Dutch security expert and professor Rob de Wijk

30 November 2022 - 18h30

Neumünster Abbey  
28, rue Münster L-2160 Luxembourg

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followed by Q&A

Event moderated by the Luxembourg Times Editor-in-chief,  
**Douwe Miedema.**

Presentation by founder of The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies  
and Professor of International Relations and Security at the  
Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University,  
**Prof. Rob De Wijk.**

Concluding remarks by Minister of Defence and Deputy Prime  
Minister **François Bausch.**

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**Speakers:** Douwe Miedema, Rob De Wijk, François Bausch

**Event date:** Wednesday 30 November 2022  
6.30 – 8.30 pm

**Place:** Salle José Ensch – Neumünster Abbey, 28,  
rue Münster, L-2160 Luxembourg

## About the main speaker

**Rob de Wijk** is the founder of the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS) and Professor of International Relations and Security at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs at Leiden University. He studied Contemporary History and International Relations at Groningen University and completed a PhD in the Political Science Department of Leiden University, with a thesis

on NATO's "Flexibility in Response" strategy. Prof. de Wijk started his career in 1977 as a freelance journalist and later became head of the Defence Concepts Department in the Dutch Ministry of Defence, Head of Security Studies at the Clingendael Institute, and Professor of International Relations at the Royal Netherlands Military Academy. He is the author of *De Slag om Europa* (the Battle for Europe) and *De Nieuwe Wereldorde* (The New World Order), which will appear in English translation soon.



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From right to left: **Douwe Miedma** (Luxembourg Times), **Prof. Rob De Wijk** (University of Leiden), **François Bausch** (Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence), **Cees Bansema** (Dutch Ambassador), **Shiwany Magermans** and **Yvonne Ruijters** (Dutch Embassy), **Prof. Catherine Léglu** (Academic Vice-Rector of the University of Luxembourg), contributors to Luxembourg Times, **François Klein** (University of Luxembourg)  
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Interview with Prof. De Wijk published by Luxembourg Times:

<https://www.luxtimes.lu/en/world/don-t-expect-the-war-in-ukraine-to-be-over-soon-637ca20dde135b92367d38e1>

Link to the recording of the lecture:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzQST-vyLhZs&t=4020s>

## 14 and 19-21 December – 2022 edition: *Winter Online Lecture Series (WOLS) on Europe*



The new edition of the Winter Online Lecture Series on Europe was organised by **Dr Elena Danescu** (Research Scientist at the C<sup>2</sup>DH) in connection with the courses “History of European integration (1919-1993)” (MAHEC-S1-M6i) and “Economic and social history of Europe after 1945: concepts, processes, actors” (MAHEC-S3-M5iii) from the Master in European Contemporary History, and the course “Democratic transitions in Central and Eastern Europe” (BCE-EU-301-04) from the Bachelor in European Cultures, with the aim of giving students on these programmes, as well as the wider academic community at the University of Luxembourg, the opportunity to find out about the history and workings of the European institutions in Luxembourg from new and unconventional angles and to discuss some of the milestones in contemporary European history with people who were involved in or witnessed these events.

Each session (in French, with a Q&A session in French and English) was streamed via Webex and included a presentation by a speaker followed by a discussion with the audience and the opportunity to ask questions. The lectures were run in conjunction with Europe Direct at the University of Luxembourg and were also open to the wider public.

### Programme

**14 December 2022 (11.30-13.00) – “Learning gender after the Cold War. Transnational circulations of feminist knowledge in post-socialist settings”**

**Guest lecturer: Dr Ioana Cîrstocea**

**Ioana Cîrstocea** is a sociologist, researcher at the CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific

Research) and member of the European Centre for Sociology and Political Science (CESSP, Paris). Her research focuses on topics such as the sociogenesis of gender expertise in Eastern Europe, the liberalisation of higher education in the former socialist states, the production of academic knowledge on (post-)socialism, the transnationalisation of feminist mobilisations, and the social production and situated uses of globalised and globalising gender-equality norms promoted by international organisations since the end of the Cold War. Her latest book is *Learning Gender after the Cold War. Contentious Feminisms*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

**19 December 2022 (9.45-11.15) – “Interdisciplinary challenges and innovative practices at the HAEU. An intellectual portrait of Alcide De Gasperi through new sources”**



Webinar with **Dr Jacopo Cellini** on “Interdisciplinary challenges and innovative practices at the HAEU. An intellectual portrait of Alcide De Gasperi through new sources” © University of Luxembourg

**Guest lecturer: Dr Jacopo Cellini**

**Jacopo Cellini** holds a PhD in Contemporary History (2015) from the Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa, Italy) and KU Leuven (Belgium). His research interests include the history of European integration and the impact of religion in post-WWII European societies, with a particular focus on the political culture of European Christian Democracy.

He is currently a Research Associate at the Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, where he is carrying out an interdisciplinary research project on the origins of the EU’s environmental policy, financed by the European Investment Bank.



**Recording:**

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**20 December 2022 (9.45-11.15) – “Worker poverty in the EU: trends and reactions”**

**Guest lecturer: Prof. Dr Luca Ratti**

**Luca Ratti** is an Associate Professor in European and Comparative Labour Law and Director of the Master in European Law (first year) at the University of Luxembourg. Since February 2020, he has been coordinating the Horizon 2020 project “WorkYP: Working, Yet Poor”, which focuses on in-work poverty and European social citizenship. Since May 2021, he has also been co-PI of the W@W interdisciplinary project on well-being at work, funded by the Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) at the University of Luxembourg.



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He currently holds a Jean Monnet Chair in European labour law to carry out research and teaching on the sustainability of the European Social Model.



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“Architectural heritage and art collections  
at the Court of Justice of the European  
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**Guest lecturer: Dr Sara Afonso Ferreira**

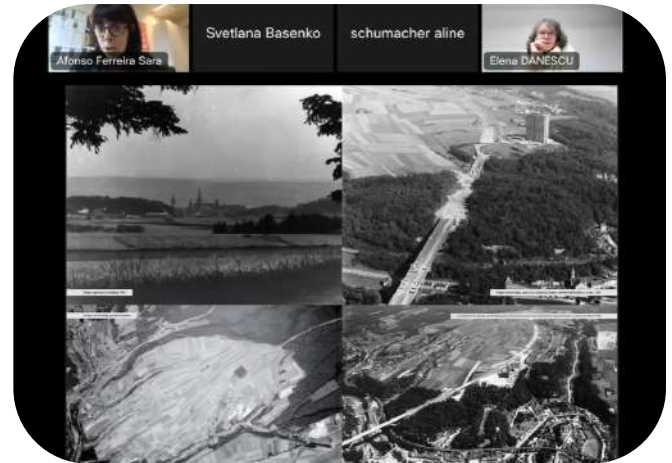
**Sara Afonso Ferreira** is an Art Historian in the Protocol and Visits Directorate of the Court of Justice of the EU. She studied history of modern and contemporary art at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and continued her research career at NOVA University Lisbon, where she completed a PhD on the Portuguese avant-garde in the early 20th century. Before joining the CJEU, she worked in the same field as a curator and literary editor.



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