



47th EPRA Meeting, 23-25 May 2018, Luxembourg

Programme

Wednesday, 23 May 2018	
18:30	Welcome Reception at the National Museum of History and Art (MNHA)
Thursday, 24 May 2018	
08:00	Registration and coffee at the Hemicycle Amphitheater, ECCL
09:00 – 17:00	EPRA Meeting at the Hemicycle Amphitheater, ECCL
19:00	Transfer to dinner at the Abbey of Neumünster Cultural Exchange Center
Friday, 25 May 2018	
09:00 – 13:00	EPRA Meeting at the Hemicycle Amphitheater, ECCL
15:00 – 17:00	Visit of SES in Betzdorf or guided walking tour of the Old Town of Luxembourg (both free of charge)
Saturday, 26 May 2018 (optional programme)	
09:30 – 12:00	Visit to the former Belval industrial site in Esch-sur-Alzette (free of charge)

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EPRA Meeting venue

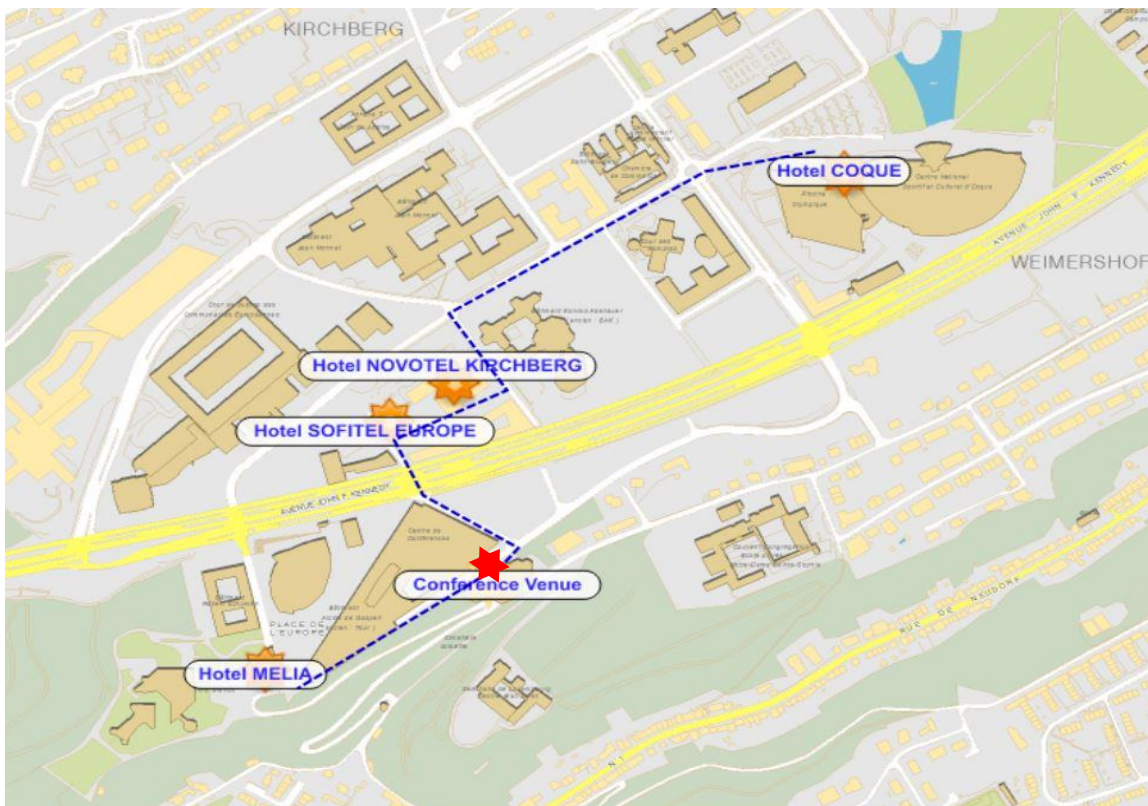
The venue for the conference is the *Hémicycle* within the European Convention Center. The entrance is located at 1, rue du Fort Thüngen in Luxembourg's European district on the Kirchberg Plateau.

The main sessions will take place in the *Amphithéâtre*, which hosted the first members directly elected to the European Parliament in 1979 for four meetings from June 1980 to February 1981. The building is called *Kleng Kueb* (little raven) by those old enough to remember as reminiscence to the original and much bigger project which was supposed to take the shape of a raven, but in the end never made it to construction.

A lunch buffet will be served on Thursday and Friday in the *Hémicycle Bar* which offers an outstanding panoramic view over the city of Luxembourg and its historic fortifications.

We kindly ask delegates presenting a food inconvenience or an allergy to let us know their particular needs by 2 May 2018.

WiFi will be provided throughout the conference.



Map: Walk from Coque, Novotel, Sofitel and Melia hotels to conference venue

Getting around

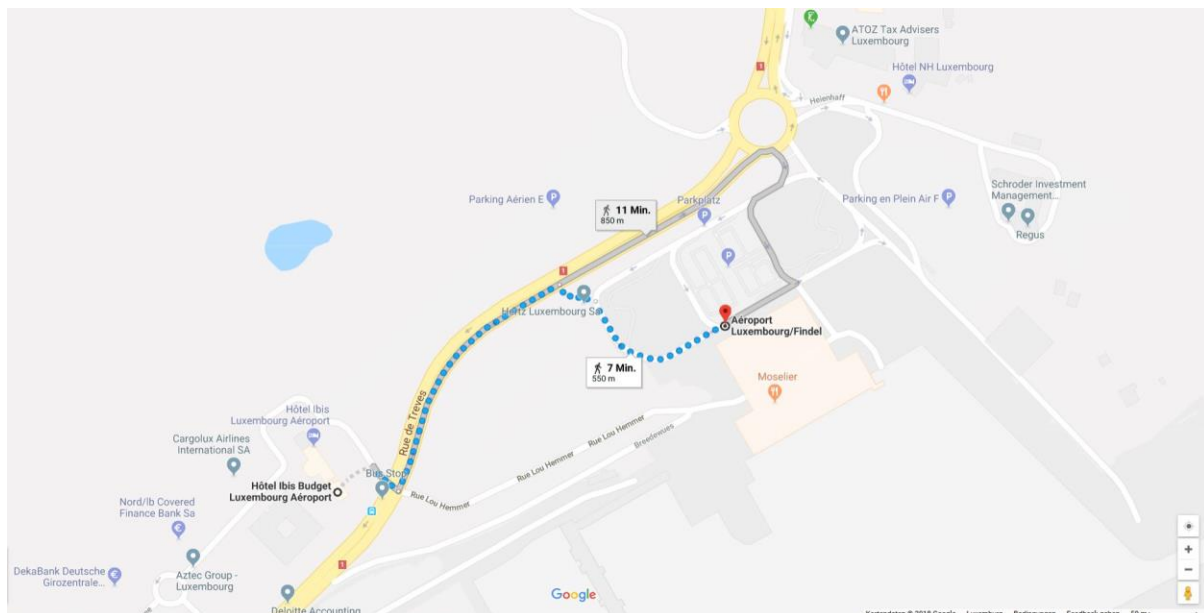
We will provide a shuttle service for all the events with the exception of getting to the Welcome Reception (a bus will take you back to your hotels *after* the reception, see details below).

If you rely on public transport, a EUR 2 single ticket (*billet de courte durée*) allows you to move around the country by bus and/or train for 2 hours.

Taxi fares from the airport to the MNHA museum will come at some EUR 20, while getting from the Kirchberg Plateau to the Welcome Reception will bear costs of some EUR 12.

You will find the best prices and reservation system at www.webtaxi.lu.

The IBIS hotels are within walking distance to the airport. Upon request, a free shuttle to the airport is available every half hour from 4:00 to 23:00.



Map: Walk from the *Aérogare* (airport arrival and departure hall) to both IBIS hotels (600 m); the stop *Aéroport* of bus line 16 going to Kirchberg and the city is just outside the *Aérogare* – Quai 1

Information

For information about Luxembourg-City, you can visit the [website](#) of the Luxembourg City Tourist Office. For LCTO contact information, please click [here](#).

Hotel accommodation

Please book your hotel room under the following link:

<https://conventions.lcto.lu/en/47e-reunion-de-l-epra>

In order to make your hotel reservation, you will need the following access code: **ALIA2018** and a valid VISA or MASTERCARD as guarantee. (You can pay with a different credit card at the end of your stay.)

Deadline for hotel bookings is 23 April 2018

In case of any further questions you may send an e-mail to convention.bureau@lcto.lu or to info@alia.etat.lu.

Participation fee

Two delegates of each EPRA member organization are welcome to the conference free of charge. Additional delegates will be charged EUR 200 each, to be paid by 2 May 2018 at the latest.

If your delegation includes more than two members, please fill out the separate Participation Fee Form.

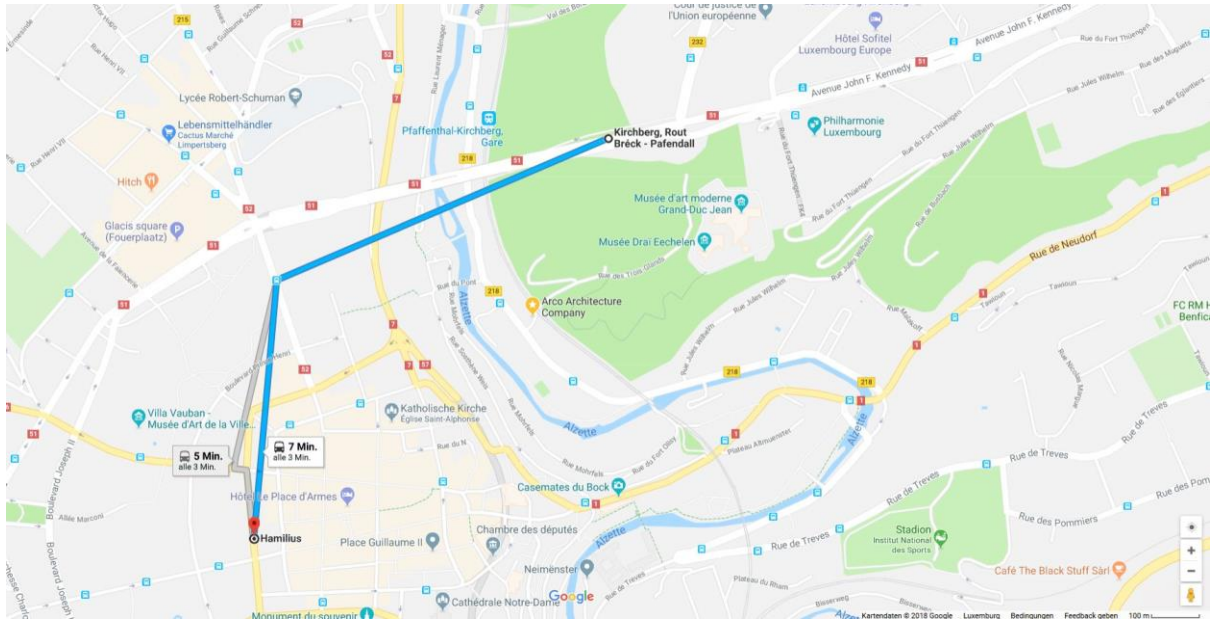
Social events

- **Welcome Reception at the “*Musée national d’histoire et d’art*” (23 May 2018)**

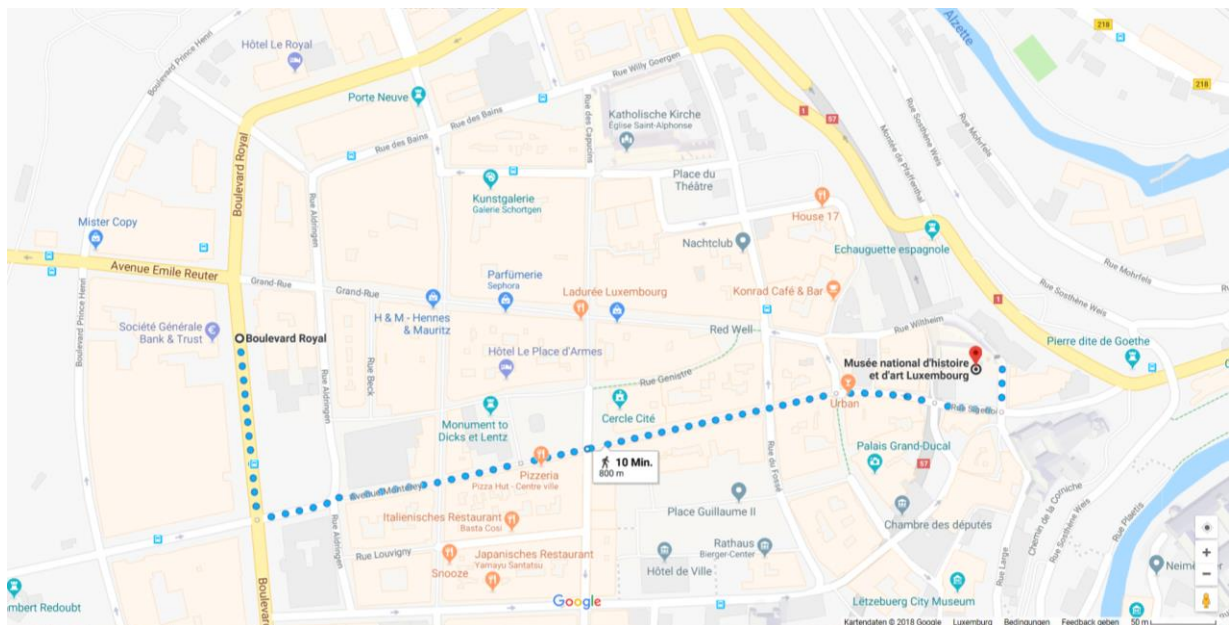
The Welcome Reception on 23 May 2018 will start at 18:30 and will end at 21:30. It will take place at the *Musée national d’histoire et d’art* (National Museum of History and Art), the largest museum in Luxembourg, located at the *Marché-aux-Poissons* (Fish Market) in the *Vieille Ville* (Old Town).

Delegates staying at one of the hotels at the airport can take the bus in front of the *Aérogare* (line 16, direction: *Hesper/Cité um Schlass*) all the way to the stop at *Hamilius* respectively *Royal* (both situated on Boulevard Royal) and walk to the museum. Those staying on the Kirchberg Plateau can take the tram (or walk) to the stop *Rout Bréck* and change to any bus line (with the exception of line 282 towards *Steinsel*) going to *Gare centrale* (Central Station) – and get off at Boulevard Royal. Those at Hotel Simoncini are within walking distance of the museum.

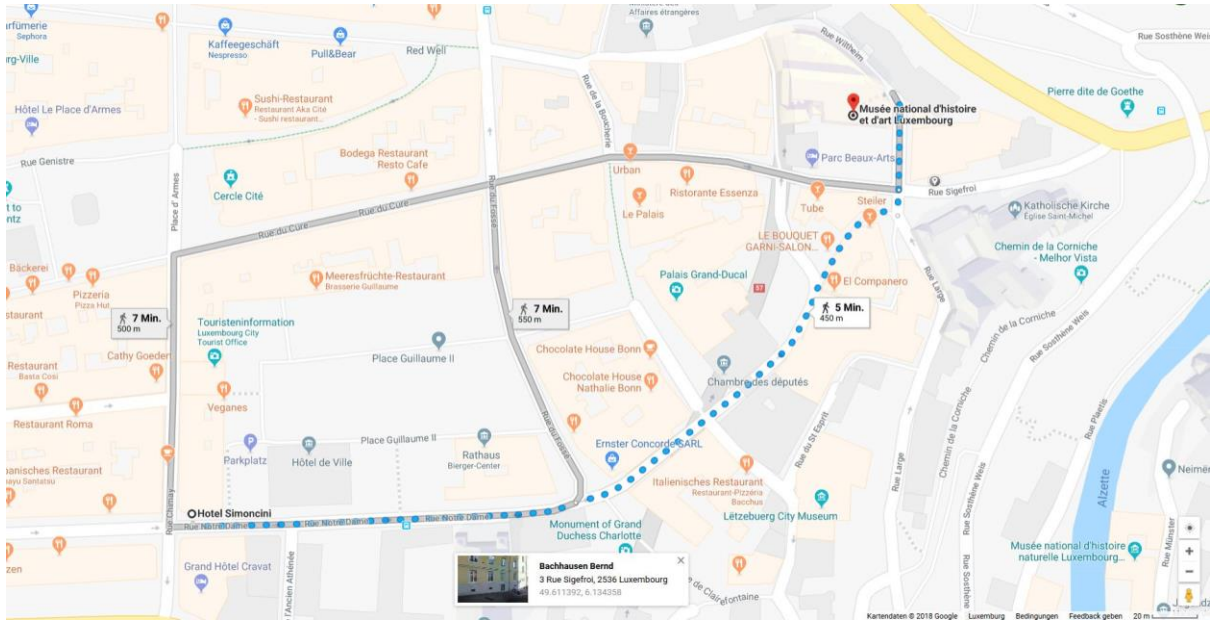
At 21:30 a bus will pick up delegates who wish to return to their hotels on the Kirchberg Plateau and at the airport.



Map: Bus trip from *Rout Bréck* stop on Kirchberg Plateau to Boulevard Royal (either *Royal* or *Hamilius* stop, depending on the bus line)



Map: Walk from the bus stops at Boulevard Royal (*Hamilius* or *Royal*) to the Welcome Reception



Map: Walk from Hotel Simoncini to the Welcome Reception



Entrance of the National Museum of History and Art



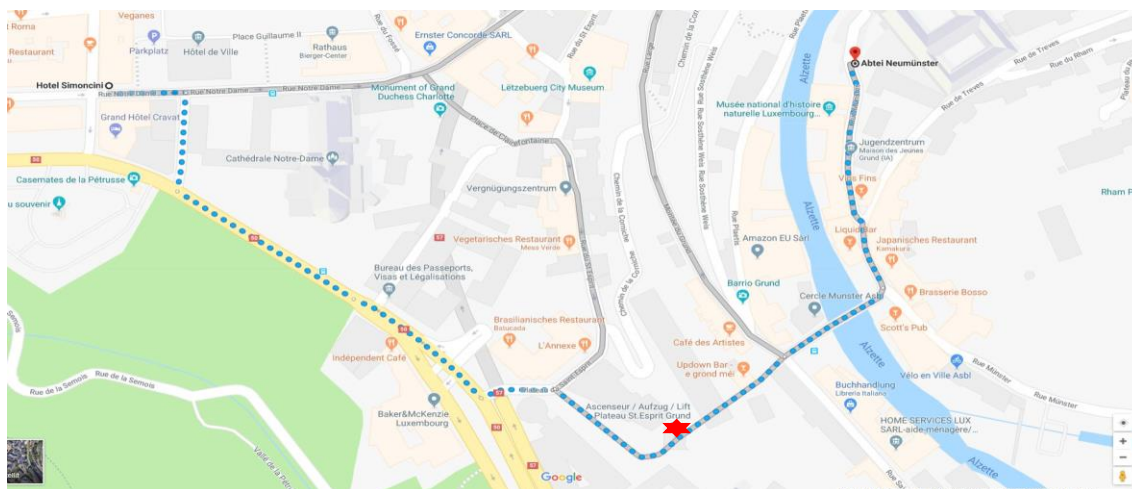
Reception hall at the National Museum of History and Art

- **Dinner at the *Centre culturel de rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster* (24 May 2018)**

The venue for the Dinner on 24 May is the Marcel Jullian Agora at the Centre culturel de rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster (Neumünster Abbey). Drinks will be served starting at 19:30. A bus will pick up delegates staying in a hotel on the Kirchberg Plateau and at the airport at 19:00; Neumünster Abbey is within walking distance to the Simoncini hotel (use the elevator at the *Cité judiciaire*/Judicial City) to get to Grund.

A bus will take delegates back to their hotel. Taxis are also available.

For those who want to paint the town red, Grund counts many pubs with an international flair. You can also walk to the neighbouring quarter Clausen. Located on the site of the former *Mousel* brewery, the *Rives de Clausen* is renowned for its bars and restaurants and is one of the trendiest areas of Luxembourg-City's nightlife.



Map: Walk from Hotel Simoncini to the Dinner (red star shows location of elevator to Grund)



The Marcel Jullian Agora at Neumünster Abbey

- **Friday afternoon visits (25 May 2018, 15:00 – 17:00)**

There are 2 options for delegates taking part in the afternoon activities of 25 May.

1/ Visit to SES

SES is a communications satellite owner and operator located in the village of Betzdorf, some 25 km to the east of Luxembourg-City. The company was founded in 1985 as “Société européenne des satellites”. It renamed itself SES Global in 2001, reverting to SES in 2006.

SES operates more than 50 active and occasional use geostationary communications satellites providing broadcast TV, radio channels and satellite communication services to businesses and government agencies. Through the wholly owned subsidiary O3b Networks, SES also operates 9 active and 3 backup medium Earth orbit satellites providing satellite Internet services and mobile backhaul services to remote and isolated areas. As of June 2017, SES satellites carried 7,741 TV channels, including 2,587 high definition channels.

On 31 January 2018, GovSat-1 was successfully launched into space from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida. GovSat is a joint venture between the Government of Luxembourg and SES.

Important: The number of visitors to SES headquarters is limited to 50 delegates. Please let us know by 2 May 2018 if you are interested to go to Betzdorf – first come, first served.



SES headquarters in Betzdorf

2/ Guided tour of Luxembourg's Old Town (UNESCO World Heritage)

Because of its strategic position between the Kingdom of France and the Holy Roman Empire, the fortress of Luxembourg, known as the Gibraltar of the North, became one of the most important fortified sites in Europe between the 16th century and 1867, the date of its demolition.

The military and civil edifices, built in a striking natural environment, define the architectural framework of the old city, which achieved its recognition through its registration on the Unesco World Heritage list in 1994. The casemates, the path of the ramparts (*Corniche*), the *Musée national Dräi Eechelen* (Three Acorns Museum of the fortress and national identity), the military structures conserved in the public parks and paths, the thematic itineraries, including the essential Wenceslas tour, are all part of this historical heritage of humanity.

You will also discover a host of specific attractions: Place d'Armes, Place de la Constitution, Government District, Monument of the Millenium, Grand Ducal Palace (outside), Place Guillaume II...



Part of the Old Town with buildings of the European District on the Kirchberg Plateau in the background

- **Saturday morning excursion to the Esch/Belval industrial site (26 May 2018, 9:30 – 12:00)**

This guided tour combines the discovery of the blast furnace with a visit of the City of Science.

The industrial wasteland at Belval is the former site of Arbed, Luxembourg's steel group which was founded in 1911 and is known since 2006, following several mergers, as ArcelorMittal. Having been the main driving force behind regional development for almost a century, the steel industry went through a prolonged recession in the 1980s-90s. Belval was no exception: the last of the blast furnaces was shut down in 1997. On the upside, an area of 120 hectares in the western part of the site became available for redevelopment.

Since 4 July 2014, the blast furnace “A” dating back to 1965 is open to the public. Once you get to the 40 m high viewing platform (180 steps, no elevator) you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the new urban districts of Belval (including the University of Luxembourg campus) and its surroundings.

The tour includes a presentation of the development of Belval and the *Cité des sciences* (City of Science), a group of public infrastructures mainly in the field of science, research and innovation.



Blast furnace in Belval



The City of Science with the House of Knowledge in the foreground and the blast furnace in the background

Travel documents and visa requirements

Luxembourg is part of the Schengen Area; citizens from Schengen Member States can enter Luxembourg by presenting a valid passport or identity card. Citizens of the following States are required to obtain a visa to enter Luxembourg:

Country	Visa	Diplomatic consular missions responsible for issuing visas for Luxembourg
Albania	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of France Rruga Skënderbej 14 1000 Tirana Albania
Armenia	Schengen visa	Embassy of Germany 29, Charents Street 0025 Yerevan Armenia
Azerbaijan	Schengen visa	Embassy of France 7, rue Rassul Rza 1000 Baku Azerbaijan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Netherlands Grbavička 4 71000 Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Nederland Aminta III (Leninova) 69/71 Skopje 1000 Republic of Macedonia
Georgia	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Nederland 34 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue 0179 Tbilisi Georgia

Kosovo* <i>This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.</i>	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Switzerland Regional Consular Center Western Balkans Adrian Krasniqi 11 10060 Pristina Kosovo
Montenegro	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Slovenia Atinska 41 81000 Podgorica Montenegro
Moldova	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Hungary Bld. Stefan cel Mare, 131,2004, Chisinau Moldova
Serbia	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Belgium Krunska 18 11000 Belgrade Serbia
Turkey	Schengen visa	Embassy of Luxembourg Reşit Galip caddesi no: 70/2 GOP 06700 Ankara Turkey
Ukraine	Schengen visa required if the traveler does not have a biometric passport	Embassy of Belgium Artem Business Centre Rue Hlybochitska 4 04050 Kyiv Ukraine
*Applications are submitted to an external service provider in accordance with under Article 43 of the Visa Code.		

We are looking forward to seeing you in Luxembourg!

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