

The province of Luxembourg

The province of Luxembourg, also called Belgian Luxembourg, is the southernmost province of Belgium. It borders on the country of Luxembourg to the east, France to the south and southwest, and the Belgian provinces of Namur to the northwest and Liège to the northeast. Its capital is Arlon, in the south-east of the province.

It has an area of 4,443 km² (1,715 sq mi), making it the largest Belgian province. With around 285,000 residents, it is also the least populated province, making it a relatively sparsely settled part of an otherwise very densely populated country. About eighty percent of the province is part of the densely wooded Ardennes region.



The economy of the province of Luxembourg is developing around six sectors of activity:

Agri-food

In the province of Luxembourg, traditionally an agricultural area, the agri-food industry is particularly dynamic, both as to the diversity and as to the quality of the products marketed. The main products include meat (beef, chicken and processed meat), dairy products, beer, water, chocolate, cookies, fish and various other, sometimes very original, products.



Wood

The province of Luxembourg is covered with 230,000 ha (568,342 a) of forest, accounting for 42 % of the total forested surface area in Wallonia. It is therefore not surprising that the wood industry is very important. Although the entire industry is represented, the primary timber processing sector is most developed: the three largest sawmills of Belgium are situated in the region. In order to optimally accommodate the enterprises of this sector, IDELUX, the economic development agency, has developed the business park of Burtonville (Vielsalm) and the Pôle Ardenne Bois (Gouvy), a 100 ha (247 a) bimodal park (rail – road) situated in the heart of the Ardenne-Eifel forest. Various well-known companies are established in the province of Luxembourg: the Fruytier, IBV and Pauls sawmills, the Buro Ardenne pulp mill, the Spanolux MDF board and laminated parquet plant, Scidus-Groupe Mobic,...



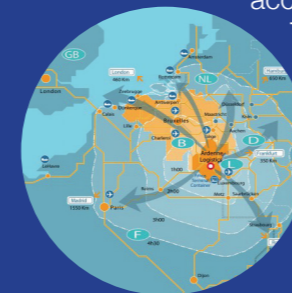
Space

The companies specialized in space technology (Vitrociset, SES through Redu Space Services...) are all located in the Galaxia business park: a 20 ha (49 a) estate, ideally located at Libin, near the European Space Agency (ESA) Centre of Redu along the E411 motorway. Galaxia offers both startups and well-established companies an exclusive infrastructure and a wide range of services. Thanks to its proximity to the ESA, an optical fiber connection with the Redu site, the presence of innovating companies in the business park and the creation of the Galileo ILS center, the only one of its kind in the world, Galaxia is a remarkable asset of the new European aerospace pole: the Redu-Transinne pole.



Logistics

The province of Luxembourg is strategically situated for easy access to the Western European markets. Therefore, IDELUX has strengthened the logistics-related function of the region by installing specialized infrastructure. The Ardenne Logistics business park is situated in the heart of the main commodity flows. Ideally located in the south of Belgium, at the intersection of the E411 and E25 motorways, this 85 ha (210 a) bimodal estate is a 100% logistic platform offering an exceptional potential.



Life sciences

The Novalis Science Park (10 ha - 25 a, Marche-en-Famenne) and its business centre (6000 m² - 1,196 sq yd) host activities in the field of biotechnology, life sciences, information and communication technology as well as environment- and energy-related technology. This business park can rely on renowned technological partners (Liège University, CER Groupe, etc.) and is a member of the science parks network (SPoW and IASP). The companies already established there include RevaTis, BiopTis, Artialis, WiseTree and AppTree.



Tourism

The province of Luxembourg is traditionally a holiday region popular with not only Flemish, but also foreign tourists (from the Netherlands, etc.). It is therefore not surprising that the province of Luxembourg has the highest number of overnight stays per year in Wallonia (2,417,871 in 2017).



Key figures




Density : 160/sq mi
Superficie : 1,715 sq mi
5 administrative districts
44 municipalities
5 police districts
1 emergency rescue zone

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