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Multiplier Training

- GETTING INVOLVED IN LUXEMBOURG'S POLITICAL LIFE -

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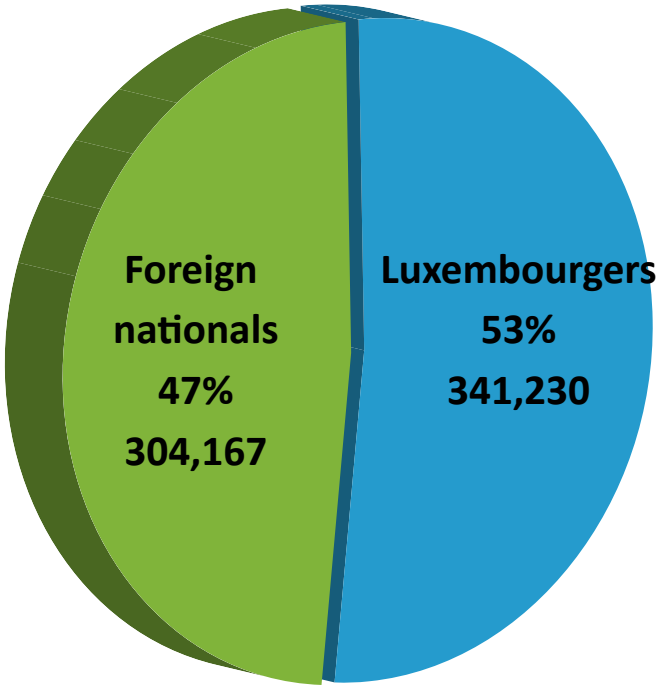
Total population



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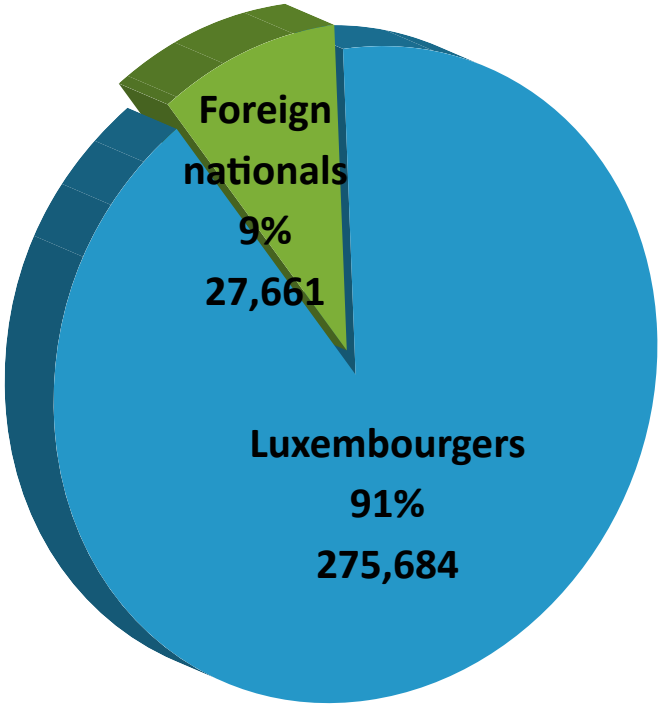
people is a foreign resident

Electoral population



1 in 10

voters is non-Luxemburgish

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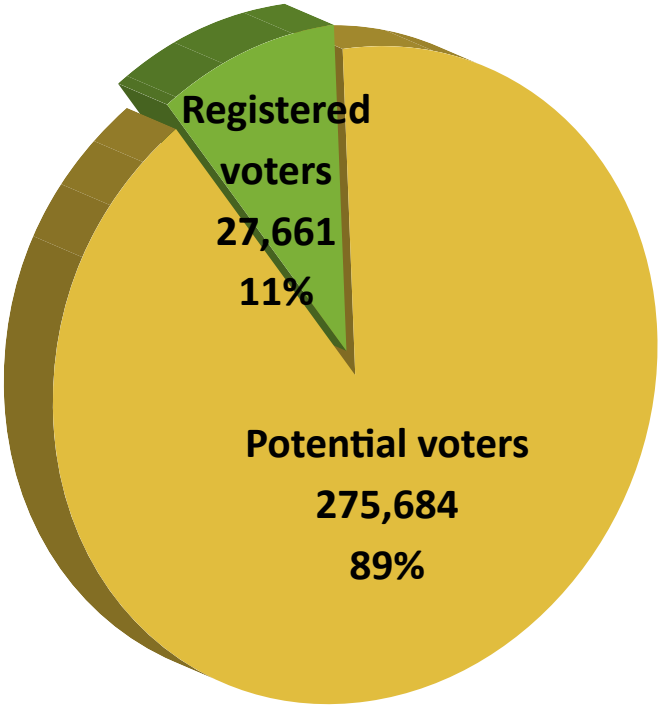
256,256 non-Luxembourgish residents aged 18 and over



1 in 10
is registered to vote

What is a multiplier?

- Reference person within a group, institution, community….
- Equipped with a specific expertise, a certain legitimacy
- Spread information through diverse activities likes information sessions, discussions etc…

Objectives:

- Communicate effectively with their audience
- Transmit information obtained during training among their target audience
- Aim to persuade the target audience to register in the electoral register

Multiplier training

- The training is aimed at anyone who wants to raise awareness about political participation among his environment

- Training aims to provide various skills, including:
  - Knowing the legal context and the legal requirements to register on the electoral list
  - Know the communal competences and identify those that are the most relevant for the target public
  - Communicate effectively to convince people to register on the electoral list

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Multiplier training

What is expected from you :

Complete the whole multiplier training

(2 sessions of 3 hours)

Engagement :

- Be proactive
- Be creative and inventive
- Be dynamic

Luxembourg's political system

Two decision making levels in Luxembourg

1) State

(Grand-Duke, government, Ministries, public administrations, etc.)

2) Municipalities (102)

Only decentralized institution

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Luxembourg's political system

3 election levels :

Legislative/national elections

60 deputies forming the national Parliament

→ Only Luxembourgish nationals allowed to vote

Municipal elections

1.120 local representatives

→ Luxembourgish nationals as well as non-Luxembourgish nationals registered on the electoral register

European elections

6 Luxembourgish deputies representing the Grand-Duchy at the European level

→ Luxembourgish nationals as well as residents from an EU member state registered on the electoral register

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Electoral system

Some general considerations

Mandatory Vote

For all registered voters on the electoral list
(Article 89 of the Electoral Law)

Some exceptions

- Voters who are 75 years of age or more
- Voters who live in a municipality other than the one they are called upon to vote

In case of incapacity

- Excuse to the state prosecutor specifying the reasons for non-participation and justifications have to be provided
- Before the elections, possibility of postal vote/ballot by mail

Postal vote/ballot by mail

Law of 8th March 2018 extends the right of postal vote :

- Postal vote open to everyone who has addressed the request before a certain date.
- Choice between voting in office or postal vote

Possibility to request online on MyGuichet.lu for postal vote by filling out a document. Document has to contain the electronic signature

Deadlines for postal vote

Request to be addressed to the town hall by mail or by post:

- At the earliest 12 weeks before and at the latest 25 days before election day, if the letter is send to a Luxemburgish address
- At the earliest 12 weeks before and at the latest 40 days before election day, if the letter has to be send abroad

The political system in the Luxembourg

10 political parties for national elections in 2018 :

- Alternativ Demokratesch Reformpartei – ADR
- Chrëschtlech-Sozial Vollekspartei – CSV
- Déi Gréng
- Déi Konservativ
- Déi Lénk
- Demokratesch Partei – DP
- Kommunistisch Partei (KPL)
- Lëtzebuerger Sozialistesch Aarbechterpartei - LSAP
- Partei fir integral Demokratie – PID
- Piraten

Some benchmarks on electoral system

Municipal elections

- 102 municipalities concerned by local elections
- Everyone has the right to vote.
  Luxembourgish nationals have the obligation to vote.
  Non-Luxembourgish residents can vote under certain circumstances.

To be a voter in the municipal elections

For all the residents

- Must be 18 years old the day of the election

Non-Luxembourgish residents

- Must reside in Luxemburg and have resided there at the time of application for entry on the electoral roll
  (Residency clause suppressed Mémorial A 394 from July 25, 2022)

- Must make a registration application for the electoral register at the municipality of residence or on MyGuichet.lu

To be a voter in the municipal elections

Steps for foreign residents

- The voter must go personally to the municipal administration to register on the electoral register with a valid identity document
- Complete a pre-printed form, a formal declaration stating his/her nationality, the address of residence and that he/she is not deprived of the right to vote in his/her country of origin
- Possibility to register online on electoral list by filling out an document on the website MyGuichet.lu. The document has to contain the electronic signature

    - Registration can be done throughout the year
    - Once registered on the list, the vote is mandatory
    - Possibility to be struck off the list on request
    - You are not deprived of the right to vote in your country of origin

To be a candidate in the municipal elections

For all the residents

- Must live at least 6 months in the municipality
- Must be 18 years of age on election day
- Foreign candidates, have access to the posts of mayor and alderman

A list of candidates cannot be composed of a majority of non-Luxembourgish candidates

To be a voter in the European elections

For all the residents

- Must be 18 years old the day of the election

Foreigners from an EU Member State

- Must reside in Luxemburg
- Must make a registration application for the electoral register at the municipality

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To be a voter in the European elections

Steps for foreigners from an EU Member State

- The voter must go personally to the municipal administration to register on the electoral register with a valid identity document
- Complete a pre-printed form, a formal declaration stating his/her nationality, the address of residence and that he/she is not deprived of the right to vote in his/her country of origin
- Possibility to register online on electoral list by filling out a document on the website MyGuichet.lu. The document has to contain the electronic signature.

    - Registration can be done throughout the year
    - Once registered on the list, the vote is mandatory
    - Possibility to be struck off the lists on request
    - Registering in Luxemburg for the European elections, deprives you of the right to vote in EU elections in your country of origin

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To be a candidate in the European elections

- 6 deputies have to be elected for Luxembourg.
- Political groups/parties have to compose a list of candidates.

To be eligible :

- Must be a Luxembourgish citizen or a foreign citizen from an EU member state
- Must be 18 years of age on election day

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The day of elections

5 days prior the elections, the municipal administration sends a convening letter to the voters.

The letter contains information on polling station's opening hours, the address of the polling office, instructions for the voter as well as the list of candidates.

The day of elections:

Polling stations opening hours : 8.00 to 14.00

Voters have to bring an identity document

1. Identity is verified
2. Voter receives ballot
3. Voter votes inside voting booth
4. Deposit of ballot

Municipal elections

Two types of voting system :

Majority and proportional voting

Majority voting

7 members	municipalities < 999 inhabitants
9 members	municipalities with 1.000 to 2.999 inhabitants

Proportional voting

11 members	municipalities with 3.000 to 5.999 inhabitants
13 members	municipalities with 6.000 to 9.999 inhabitants
15 members	municipalities with 10.000 to 14.999 inhabitants
17 members	municipalities with 15.000 to 19.999 inhabitants
19 members	municipalities with 20.000 inhabitants or more
27 members	municipal council of Luxembourg-City

Some points on the electoral system

Majority voting

- 48 municipalities use majority voting (< 3,000 inhabitants)
- Individual candidatures
- The voter has as many votes as there are counsellors to be elected to the municipal council

Example : **7 counsellors to be elected**

Delvaux	✗
Hoffmann	
Kayser	✗
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Michel	
Nelles	✗
Thiry	✗
Welter	
Bertrand	✗
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Peters	✗
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Some points on the electoral system

Proportional voting

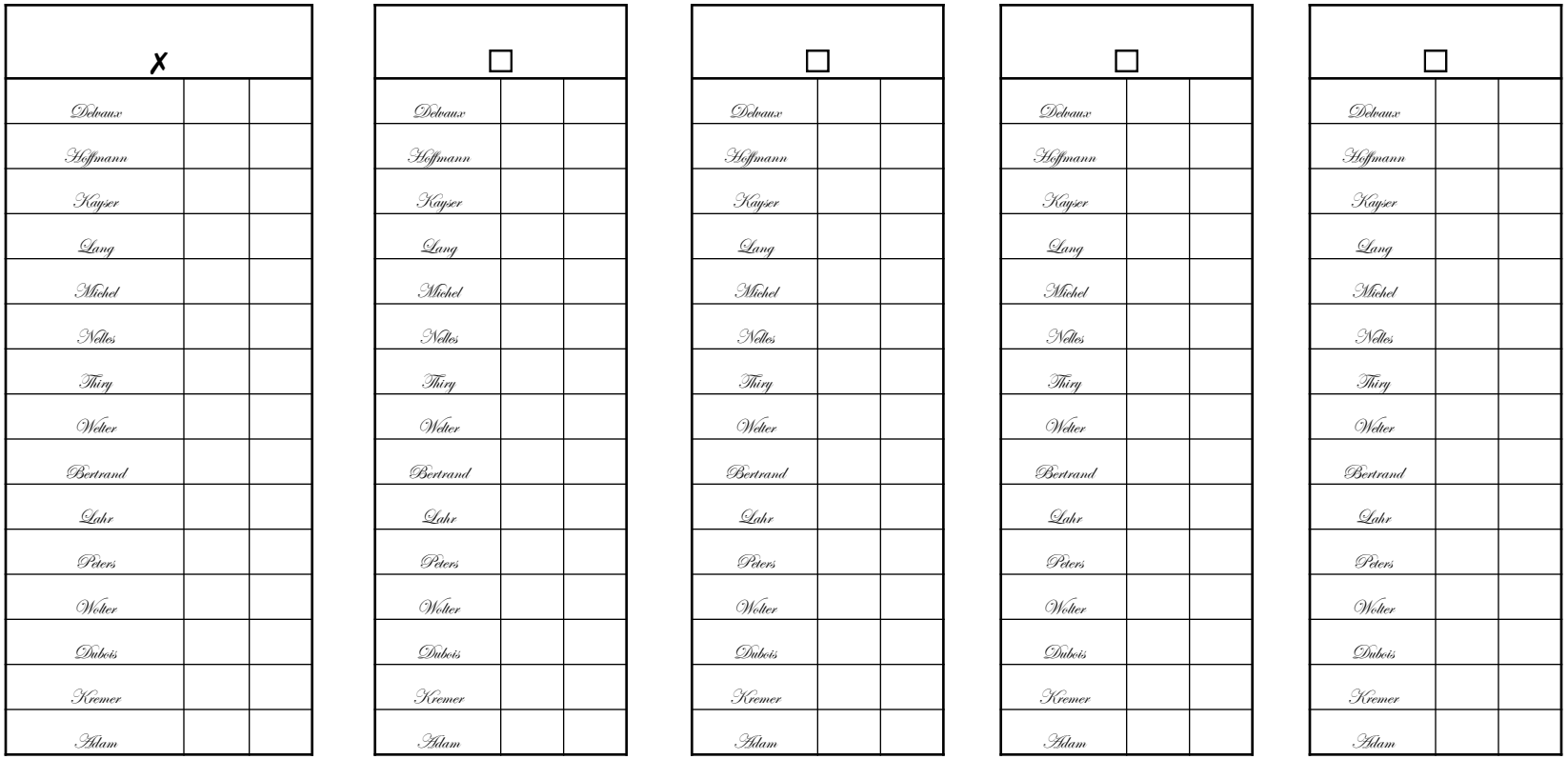
- 54 municipalities use proportional voting (> 3,000 inhabitants)
- List of political parties
- Special note: vote by multiple sections.

To vote, the elector has three possibilities:

  - Vote for a list
  - Vote intra-list (several candidates on the same list)
  - Vote inter-list (candidates on different lists)

Some points on the electoral system

Vote for a list of candidates



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Example : **15 counsellors to be elected**

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Some points on the electoral system

Vote for candidates on one list

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Some points on the electoral system

Vote for candidates on different lists

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Example : **15 counsellors to be elected**

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Some points on the electoral system

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Why should you vote?

There are no provinces and no departments in Luxembourg.

The municipality is the only decentralized authority.

The Constitution grants the municipalities local autonomy that is the power to manage themselves, through their own internal bodies.

- Public transports
- Culture and sports
- Waste management
- Crèches
- Housing
- Spatial urban planning and development
- Primary education
- Taxes et subsides
- Etc.

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Upcoming deadlines

Municipal elections: 11th June 2023 (all residents)

→Registration until 17 April 2023

European elections 2024 (citizens of the E.U.)

- Possibility to register now and throughout the year
- Two separated lists: the voter must register on each list if he wants to vote for municipal and European elections
- Registering on electoral list for municipal elections doesn't deprive you of the right to vote in your country of origin