

The LSC strengthens its training offer in English language

The Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg is characterised by its cosmopolitan and multilingual population.

Considering that 43% of Luxembourg's inhabitants are foreign nationals and that some additional 150.000 commuters cross the border on a daily basis, this is particularly true in the working environment.

According to a survey on the use of working languages in Luxembourg, for 55,8% of companies French is the main working language. Luxembourgish ranks second with 20,0%, followed by English with 17,7% and German with 4,9%. Thus, English is the primary means of communication, correspondence and

conversation in one out of five companies in Luxembourg. Another important outcome of the survey is that many companies regularly use one or more secondary working languages. Up to 70,6% of the 265 interviewed company managers added English as an additional language used in their companies.

By combining both figures, namely the 17,7% of the companies using English as a vehicular language and the 70,6% of the companies using English as an additional language, the global use of English as a working language in Luxembourg amounts to 88,3%.

Based on these facts and due to ever-growing requests from the local business community, the Luxembourg School for Commerce (LSC), the continuing vocational education and training department of the Chamber of

Commerce, has developed and expanded its training offer in the English language for the year 2013. In close collaboration with key partners from the political, economic and academic world, the LSC now offers a range of training programmes in the fields of law, economics, international management, as well as accounting and finance, targeting audiences that are either English native speakers or at least fluent in English.

The course instructors are mostly native speakers and experts in the subjects they teach. Furthermore, their thorough field experience gives the participants an introduction to, or a greater understanding of these different areas of knowledge and a proficiency of the technical vocabulary and terminology. Together with the German private university euFOM, the LSC offers bilingual German and English bachelor programmes

in "Banking and Finance", "Business Administration" or "International Management", as well as a master programme in "Business Administration". The unique feature of the programme is that on-campus courses qualify professionals for management positions without the need to put their careers on hold. Lectures are held in the evenings and on weekends in the student centre.

The team of the recently implemented training counselling office "Pôle Conseil en Formation" within the "Espace Entreprises" of the Chamber of Commerce, is available for all information, assistance and vocational guidance in the process of lifelong learning.

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