

Media Guide

Informal Meeting of Ministers for Culture 27 June 2005

Neumünster Abbey (Luxembourg)

A. Media programme

Monday, 27 June 2005

9.15 am - 11am Room Robert Krieps

European Forum for Architectural Politics Followed by a working session of Ministers

In the presence of the visual media (at the beginning of the forum)

11.15 am Family photo

In the presence of the visual media

11.30 am - 12.30 pm Room A 22

Second working session

Visual media: tour de table at the beginning of the working

session

1.00 pm Ministers' lunch

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm Room A 22

Third working session

4.00 pm Room A 11

Press conference

In the presence of Mr. François Biltgen, Ms Octavie Modert and Mr

Jan Figel

Languages: French / English In the presence of all the media

B. Neumünster Abbey

Located on the banks of the River Alzette, in the old suburb of Grund in the City of Luxembourg, Neumünster Abbey is on the itinerary of the Wenceslas Walk. Over the centuries it served as a prison, and during the Nazi occupation it was a transit point for the many Luxembourg citizens deported as forced labour. It ceased to be a place of detention in the mid-1980s. At a total cost of 39 million euros, renovation work has remained faithful to the spirit of the building.

It is be a place of multi-disciplinary artistic creation to the maxim "Identity and Multiculturalism". Covering an area of more than 12,000 m², the institution has the most modern infrastructure (conference hall with simultaneous translation facilities, theatre, exhibition spaces, media library, studios for resident artists and so on). It enables local and international cultural actors to exchange ideas, experiences and the fruits of their research.

1. The press centre

The press centre is located in the room A 13 of the Neumünster Abbey. It offers computers with free Internet access. Wireless lan is another service provided by the Luxembourg Presidency.

Opening hours of the press centre:

Monday 27 June 2005 : 8.30 am - 7.00 pm

2. Adress

Centre culturel de rencontre Abbaye de Neumünster 28, rue Münster L-2160 Luxembourg

3. Access to the Abbey

By car:

Some parking places are available in front of the Abbey. A big car parking is situated near the Abbey, on the Holy Ghost stage.

If you use this car parking, please take the elevator to the « Grund ». Go straightforward at the end of the tunnel. Pass the small bridge and take the first street at your left.

If you come to the Abbey by car via the Avenue de la gare : Turn over to the left to the Boulevard de la Pétrusse Turn to the right in the Rue de Prague Enter the Rue St. Ulric Pass the small bridge Take the street to your right

By the bus shuttle of the Presidency:

You can use for free the bus shuttle of the Presidency. It stops in the city centre of Luxembourg. You then have to take the elevator on the Holy-Ghost Stage to access to the « Ground ». The timetable of the bus shuttle service is available on the website of the Presidency.

By the bus of Luxembourg-city:

Take the bus «Grund » at the plateform 7 at the central station or at the plateform 7 of the Centre Hamilius. It leaves every 30 minutes (at '15 and at '45) at the central station. Get down at «Stadtgronn-Bréck ». Pass the small bridge and take the first street at your left.

4. <u>Accreditation</u>

Media accreditation is compulsory for ministerial meetings. Access to the Abbey will only be granted to media representatives who are duly accredited

Accreditation badges (yellow) must be collected personally at the accreditation desk at the first level of the Abbey and are not transferable.

The identification badge will only be issued on presentation of :

- -a valid passport or national identity card with a photograph,
- -a valid press card or an ORIGINAL letter from the newspaper's editorial office signed by the editorchief, stating the professional status of those persons who do not have a press card.

Accreditation badges must be worn visibly throughout the meeting.

Opening hours of the accreditation desk

Monday 27 June 2005 : 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

5. TV and radio

Broadcasting Center Europe (BCE) will provide support for sending your images.

Contact:

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Address:

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6. Photo service

The Presidency provides photo coverage. Photos can be downloaded from: http://www.eu2005.lu/en/actualites/photos/index.html

C. Services

1. Catering

The Abbey offers catering facilities.

Refreshments

Refreshments are continuously served in the media working room.

Lunch

Lunch will be served at the room A 21 at the second floor of the Abbey from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

D. General information

1. Safety

Ambulance Tel. : 112 Emergencies (Police) Tel. : 113

IT Helpdesk Tel.: (+352) 22 74 99 99

2. Telephone communications

Information

Online phone directory of Luxembourg http://www.editus.lu

National phone numbers Tel: (+352) 118 17

International phone numbers Tel: (+352) 118 16

International phone calls

In order to call Luxembourg from abroad, please dial +352 followed by the phone or fax number of your correspondent.

For a call from Luxembourg, please dial 00 followed by the country code and the phone number of your correspondent.

Austria	43
Belgium	32
Bulgaria	359
Croatia	357
Cyprus	385
Czech Republic	420
Denmark	45
Estonia	372
Finland	358
France	33
Germany	49
Greece	30
Hungary	36
Ireland	35
Italy	39
Latvia	371
Lithuania	370
Malta	356
Netherlands, the	31
Poland	48
Portugal	351
Romania	40
United Kingdom	44
Slovakia	421
Slovenia	386
Spain	34
Sweden	46
Turkey	90

4. Tourism and hotel reservation

Luxembourg National Tourist Office (NTO)

Tel: (+352) 48 11 99 E-mail: info@ont.lu http://www.ont.lu

Luxembourg City Tourist Office (LCTO)

Tel: (+352) 22 28 09

E-mail: touristinfo@luxembourg-city.lu

http://www.lcto.lu

5. Transport

Luxembourg national railways (CFL)

Tel: (+352) 49 90 49 90 (information and reservation)

Fax: (+352) 49 35 32 E-mail: info@cfl.lu http://www.cfl.lu

Airport – Luxembourg-Findel

Tel: (+352) 2456 50 50 (information)

http://www.luxair.lu

Municipal bus service

Tel: (+352) 47 96 29 75 http://www.autobus.lu

Breakdown service

Automobile Club du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg Tel (breakdown service): (+352) 26 000 Tel (other services): (+352) 45 00 45-1

Fax: (+352) 45 04 55 http://www.acl.lu

Taxis

Please ask the Presidency staff to call you a taxi.

6. Other useful contacts

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Information and Press Service of the Government

L-2450 Luxembourg Tel: (+352) 478-2181 Fax: (+352) 47 02 85 E-mail: info@sip.etat.lu

http://www.gouvernement.lu

Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Immigration

5, rue Notre-Dame L-2240 Luxembourg Tel: (+352) 478 24 49 Fax: (+352) 22 32 85

E-mail: officielle.boite@mae.etat.lu

http://www.mae.lu

F. Guided tours

Notice for the media wishing to realize a portrayal of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Television crews, cameramen, journalists and photographers, already accredited by the Press and Information Service of the Government, may contact the National Tourist Office (NTO) in order to obtain information for a portrayal of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg within the framework of the Luxembourg Presidency of the European Union.

Upon request, the NTO, in cooperation with the Luxembourg City Tourist Office and local tourist boards. will provide - free of charge - guided tours meeting with their specific needs. The departure point, time and duration of the guided tour will be determined according to the availability of the media representatives.

For technical reasons, contacting the press service of the NTO several days before arriving in Luxembourg is recommended. As far as possible, an escort may be provided at the last minute.

Furthermore, the NTO will provide the media with photos on CD representing sights of the Grand Duchy Luxembourg and Luxembourg City. Upon request, television crews will be able to obtain from the Betacam version of a film of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, free of copyright. Please note that a selection of press releases on recent news in the tourist department of the Grand Duchy is listed in the section "Presse professionnelle" of the Internet site www.visitluxembourg.lu (www.ont/presse.lu).

The NTO press service as well as its reception centre at the railway station (open seven days a week, tel: (352) 48 11 99, fax: (352) 42 82 82 30) and the "Luxembourg Presidency" desk at the airport (open seven days a week) are available to the media for all additional information.

NTO contact points:

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