



A U S T R A L I A A N D

Luxembourg

Key engagement

Australia and Luxembourg have a warm bilateral relationship and cooperate in multilateral organisations, including on climate change, human rights and disarmament.

Outlook

There is potential for greater trade and investment ties, including in high-tech sectors, such as ICT, biotechnology and space.

Bilateral relations

Reflecting common values between our two countries, Australia and Luxembourg work closely to promote global peace and security and respect for human rights through international organisations, including the United Nations.

We work together on many issues of common interest in the UN Human Rights Council and share a strong commitment to the abolition of the death penalty.

Foreign policy

Luxembourg is a strong supporter of multilateral organisations. It is one of six founding members of the EU, a signatory to the Brussels Treaty (providing for collective self-defence between its members), a NATO member and a founding member of the Council of Europe.

Luxembourg hosts several European institutions, including the Secretariat-General of the European Parliament, the European Court of Justice and the European Investment Bank. Luxembourg served alongside Australia as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council in 2013-14.

FAST FACTS



Luxembourg visitors to Australia (FY21-22) **110**



Australian resident returns from Luxembourg (FY21-22) **15**



Resident Australian population born in Luxembourg (2021 census) **300**



Australian residents of Luxembourg descent (2021 census) **329**



Luxembourg working holidaymakers (FY21-22) **<5**



Luxembourg students in Australia (FY21-22) **5**

High level engagement

2019	Then Luxembourg Deputy Prime Minister Schneider visited Australia for trade and investment meetings.
2019	Then Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP met with Luxembourg Prime Minister Bettel in Portsmouth for the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings.



Agreements with Luxembourg

Australia has several bilateral agreements with Luxembourg.

[Texts of bilateral agreements are available at the Australian Treaties Database.](#)

Public diplomacy

The Australian Embassy to Luxembourg, based in Brussels, works to promote a close and meaningful relationship with Luxembourg through in-person public diplomacy events and on social media. Together with the Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg, we work to promote bilateral trade and investment, and have hosted Australian wine tastings and public information seminars on investment opportunities.

We also work with government and business stakeholders, as well as the think tank community and NGOs, to run panel events and other activities.

The Embassy promotes Australian Indigenous culture in Luxembourg through supporting cultural events and art exhibitions.

Australian Embassy in Brussels

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Economic diplomacy

Luxembourg has a stable and open economy with one of the highest GDP per capita levels in the world (US\$115,874 in 2020).

Germany, France and Belgium, Luxembourg's nearest neighbours, account for over half of its two-way trade. Since 1921, Luxembourg has been in an economic union with Belgium – the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU).

[More economic and trade information.](#)

Australia continues to seek opportunities to promote Australian business and raise awareness of potential benefits of increased trade between Australia and Europe, including Luxembourg. This work has intensified followed the launch of Australia-EU trade agreement negotiations in June 2018.

[More information about the Australia-EU trade agreement.](#)

Business

Australia has a moderate trade and investment relationship with Luxembourg. Luxembourg ranks as Australia's seventh largest investor (stocks) at \$93 billion in 2021, with FDI (stocks) of \$10 billion in Australia. Australia is currently negotiating a bilateral tax treaty with Luxembourg which will further encourage economic integration through foreign investment and trade.

Two-way services trade in 2020 was \$137 million and two-way goods trade amounted to nearly \$48 million.

Luxembourg is a favourable market for Australian FDI based on its strong economic performance, dynamic services sector and business-friendly regulations. In 2018, Australia's Macquarie acquired ValueInvest, a specialised asset management firm.

The Australian Trade Commission ([Austrade](#)) Paris Office aims to attract foreign direct investment into Australia and promotes the Australian education sector. Austrade also focuses on identifying opportunities for Australian companies in high potential areas, such as the space sector.