OLUXEMBOURG: THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR ICT INNOVATION

Luxembourg enables innovation in ICT: cloud computing, big data, social networks and media, online gaming, security and trust, green IT, e-payment, e-commerce, ultra-high connectivity are topics that rank high on the innovation agenda.

With its top technical infrastructure, legal framework and financial backing, Luxembourg has everything that it takes to support the development of new ICT technologies and innovative solutions.

World-famous companies, including Amazon, eBay, iTunes, Kabam, Nexon, PayPal, Rakuten, SES or Skype are based in Luxembourg. Moreover, Luxembourg is investing heavily in ICT research in order to build scientific excellence.

Luxembourg can make your idea grow!

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Why Luxembourg?

A culture of trust and security, first-class communication networks and data centers, flexibility and dynamism are just a few of the qualities which make the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg the ideal place for innovation in cloud computing, digital distribution, mobility, social networks and media, disruptive technologies, ...

What makes Luxembourg really stand apart in Europe is the fact that it manages to combine a unique series of assets:

- State-of-the-art ICT infrastructure
- Top legal, financial and technical skills
- Security and trust spirit
- Business-oriented regulatory framework
- Pro-active and business-supportive Government
- Political and social stability
- Multilinguism
- Excellent quality of life
- Central location in Europe

Guichet.lu – the Business Portal of Luxembourg

The Business Portal is the official website of the Luxembourg Government for businesses, employees and the self-employed. It also serves as a virtual, single point of contact which offers the possibility to complete administrative procedures and formalities online.

Luxembourg for Business – Proud to promote ICT

Luxembourg for Business functions as a so called 'network agency' and promotes trade and international business in the interest of the general Luxembourg economy.

The objective of the ICT division of Luxembourg for Business is to provide companies with a 'onestop-shop' for detailed information on business opportunities in Luxembourg and hands-on administrative guidance and contacts in the ICT, media, e-commerce and data management sectors. It gives company leaders easy access to key decision-makers in Luxembourg. You can ask for start-up assistance and help throughout the implementation process of your project from the same people who work on the legal framework and on the policy drafting.

It also aims at developing Luxembourg as an attractive environment perfectly fit to the needs of the digital economy. It triggered i.a. the Government's decision to provide the country with state-of-the-art technical infrastructure, datacenters and ultra-high-speed connectivity to all major European centres.

Luxinnovation Making Innovation Happen

Luxinnovation, the National Agency for Innovation and Research in Luxembourg, provides a wide range of integrated and personalised services that are based on a sectoral approach and offered free of charge to businesses of any size, innovative start-ups and public research organisations.

Luxinnovation acts as a facilitator for clients seeking national or European funding, planning to launch an innovative activity, looking for technological expertise or aiming to upgrade their innovation management activities. The Agency provides its customers with targeted information while respecting confidentiality. In keeping with its motto, Luxinnovation is dedicated to 'Making Innovation Happen'!

Luxinnovation is part of the European reference networks concerning RDI and is the National Contact Point for European Research and Development Programmes, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the intergovernmental initiative EUREKA.

Luxinnovation manages the Luxembourg Portal for Innovation and Research (www.innovation.public. lu) which provides a single and centralised access point to information concerning R&D and innovation in Luxembourg.

Luxembourg ICT Cluster Turning Innovation into Business

Luxinnovation manages the innovative clusters of the Luxembourg Cluster Initiative and encourages cooperation between the private and public sectors. The Luxembourg ICT Cluster brings together various actors in the field of ICT in Luxembourg with the aim of fostering new and sustainable business opportunities through collaborative research, development and innovation projects.

The cluster provides specific support activities and services to its members and offers a platform for networking, collaboration and exchange of experience. Dynamic Cluster Working Groups are active in the following priority areas:

- ICT for a healthy and ageing population
- e-invoicing & e-payment
- ICT for Green
- Location based Services

Regular meetings of these Working Groups allow participants to meet the right partners, to receive specialised value-added information and to reinforce their visibility.

The global mission of Technoport[®] is to help and support individuals to validate and/or bridge their ideas to success through three platforms:

O WE SUPPORT INNOVATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS

Technoport® bridging your ideas to success!

Technoport[®] ltd. has been set-up back in June 2012 as the result of the merge between the former Technoport®, a technology-oriented business incubator launched by the Public Research Center Henri Tudor back in 1998, and Ecostart I and II, business support infrastructures developed since 2004 by the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade.

- a. The Technology-oriented business incubator: this activity is the core business of Technoport[®]. The goal here is to promote and support the creation and development of innovative and technology-oriented companies in Luxembourg. Technoport[®] provides either individual entrepreneurs or foreign innovative businesses with access to resources that they typically lack in terms of business support services and infrastructure. The incubator hosts on average 25 companies and one-third of the companies that left the incubator have been acquired by foreign companies.
- b. The Coworking: the goal here is to offer to individuals, small teams and corporates the opportunity to access multidisciplinary communities of like-minded persons to co-design or co-develop their products or ideas. This is done through physical space but also through the organisation of events like Startupweekends, Apps Foundry Contests or other co-design events.
- c. The Fab Lab: this activity supports global creativity, knowledge sharing, innovation and local manufacturing by offering different kind of equipment (3D printers, laser cutter, milling machines...) and services (3D modeling and digital fabrication) to users in order to materialise almost all type of ideas. It is part of a global network and programme of digital fabrication laboratories initiated by the MIT.

Through these platforms Technoport[®] aims to achieve its goal to foster creativity and innovative activities in Luxembourg by combining tailormade services with networks and communities of doers, infrastructures and an adequate professional business environment.