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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The revised Government's pluriannual investment plan for public works adopted in 2010 includes the future BnL building. In March 2013, the law authorizing the construction is passed by absolute majority at the Parliament. Site preparation and clearance work began in March 2014.

NOTE OF THE REPORTING LIBRARY'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT, CITATION OF LEGISLATION WHICH SETS OUT THE LIBRARY'S MANDATE, AND ANY OTHER LEGISLATION WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTS THE LIBRARY'S OPERATIONS.

The roots of the National Library of Luxembourg go back to 1798, when the authorities of the French Republic created the "École centrale du Département des forêts". It included a Central Library entrusted with gathering the remains from the libraries of the former Jesuit College, from the estates of the Duchy of Luxembourg and from the libraries of religious institutions which were suppressed after the invasion by French Revolutionary troops in 1794/1795.

The remaining documents of that collection today represent the core of the old non-Luxembourg collection and of the "Réserve précieuse" of the National Library.

It was only in 1848 that the state of Luxembourg gave itself a heritage library by acquiring the library of the City of Luxembourg, the successor to the Central Library. Legal deposit only came into force in 1958.

A library with an encyclopedic vocation from its origins, the National Library is the main scientific and research library in the Grand Duchy. The National Library became the coordinator and service provider of Luxembourgish libraries. The present missions and organization of BnL are defined by the law of June 25th 2004 "portant réorganisation des instituts culturels de l'Etat".

It was the law of 24th June 2010 concerning public libraries that extended and specified the missions of the BnL as national computer and digital service provider to Luxembourg libraries as well as the coordinator of the bibnet.lu network and the Consortium Luxembourg. Furthermore, the law created a public library service within the National Library. In order to obtain Government funding, public libraries will have to join the national network bibnet.lu, which is coordinated by

BnL. The existing bookmobile service has also been integrated into the BnL and tours the country with two fully equipped buses.

In December 2013, the bibnet network counts 57 libraries that use a shared library system. Their catalogues have been added to the collective library catalog *catalog.bibnet.lu* and integrated into *www.a-z.lu*, a new one-stop search engine.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Collections (print monographs volumes)	2010	2011	2012	2013
Size of major collection				
Non-Luxembourgish	577 338	586209	593800	600961
Luxemburgensia	211 110	215226	226299	231654
Operating budget ¹	7 385 000 €	7 947190€	8858898€	8.764.546€
Subscribed users	12 356	12 311	12326	12580

Total collection (physical documents, 31 dec. 2013): about 1.5 million printed documents

Table 1. Key facts and figures

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

A new discovery tool

In May 2013, a one stop discovery tool, named *a-z.lu* allows users to search simultaneously in the network catalog *bibnet.lu* as well as in the *eluxemburgensia.lu*, *findit.lu* portals and in the database of the Centre national de Littérature. A mobile version is in preparation.

Access to international e-publications

Findit.lu is the largest digital library in Luxembourg entirely focused on digital content. It was launched by the National Library of Luxembourg in 2002. In 2006, the BnL took the initiative to create the Consortium Luxembourg with the University of Luxembourg and has since included three public research centers, CRP Henri Tudor, CRP Gabriel Lippmann and CRP Santé, in its "Consortium Luxembourg" structure. Consortial services are centralised at the National Library, whose IT services also manage all systems. *findit.lu* is a key player in developing the knowledge society, serving academia, research and the general public. A national access policy is in place, as well as sustained investment in content, interfaces and administrative tools.

The current offer of *findit.lu* consists of over 50 000 electronic journal titles, 80 000 science ebooks and several hundred specialized databases and reference platforms in English, French and German. In 2012, a special ebook search tool has been included to *findit.lu*.

Access to digitized content by BnL

The portal *eluxemburgensia*, driven by DigiTool, gives access to the OCRed digital collection (2.5 million articles in Luxembourgish, German and French). The METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard) and ALTO (analyzed layout and text object) technology allow DigiTool to perform a full-text search and to display results at article and page level, with the search term highlighted in the results. A new in-house developed viewer has become available in 2010, offering enhanced functions. The BnL made it available as open source (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/bnlviewer/>) and it has already been used by the National Library of Latvia.

In December 2013, the National Library uploaded a major Luxembourgish newspaper. The digitized titles range from the creation of the newspaper to present time with a moving wall of several years. An extensive copyright research has been done in order to locate, contact and get publication approval of every single contributor.

¹ Salaries included / IT equipment not included

At the end of December 2013, eluxemburgensia.lu counts 23 digitized periodicals and more than 2.5 million articles.

The content of eluxemburgensia.lu can also be accessed via the search engine www.a-z.lu.

As the BnL is a founding member of the *Réseau francophone numérique (rfn)*, a subset of its digitized titles in French language is available via the rfn website [<http://www.rfnum.org>].

The BnL is an active member of Europeana and has provided to date **63.450** objects to Europeana [<http://www.europeana.eu>]. The National library of Luxembourg was work package leader for the Europeana Licensing workgroup and developed along with its partners the new "Europeana Data Exchange Agreement" as well as the "Europeana Public Domain Charter" and the legal framework for "User generated Content".

The BnL works together with Europeana on the project: "Europeana Awareness" from 2012 to 2014 and will supervise the intellectual property section. This project includes "Europeana1914-1918", a digital World War One memorabilia collection for which the BnL held a public collecting and digitizing day in March 2012. More than **2.500** documents and items have then been digitized and published online.

The BnL is also a partner of the project "Europeana Regia". A virtual reconstruction of the manuscripts of the former abbey of Echternach is to be aimed. The fragments are currently scattered in three different places: Bibliothèque nationale de France, Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg, Stadtbibliothek Trier.

The BnL has also signed in April 2013 an *associated partnership agreement* and is an active participant to *Europeana newspapers*.

The BnL is an active member of the Member State Expert Group (MSEG).

Since 2009 the *bibnet.lu* union catalogue, which includes the BnL's collections, is searchable via the *Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue*, a metasearch interface developed by the University Library of Karlsruhe, which allows users to simultaneously search library and book trade catalogues worldwide.

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)

The National Library coordinates the network of Luxembourg libraries *bibnet.lu* [www.bibnet.lu] (57 members, including the library of the University of Luxembourg, 65 members in 2014). Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan services to various small libraries in the country, so as to allow them to increase their offer.

Since late 2008, a group (Group Europeana Luxembourg) of circa 30 representatives from various cultural heritage organizations holds meetings to exchange information about projects and best practices. It is managed by the National Library of Luxembourg. Working groups are formed ad hoc to move forwards in topics of common interest.

Furthermore, the BnL became a member of VIAF and launched the national ISSN agency in January 2014.

Varia

The BnL received in 2013 a substantial donation of Toyo Engineering Europe, a Japanese engineering company, which allowed the National Library to expand its Japanese book collection.

In 2013, the National Library of Luxembourg hosted several conferences, guided tours of the library, school presentations of its online services and collections as well as an "open day" event in October 2013.