



2018 Country Report for Luxembourg

Key points for EASPD members

I. Employment and Labour Market Policy

- Public finances are sound and the labour market continues to exhibit strong job creation and low unemployment rates.
- The unemployment rate continues to go down. Employment growth has increased in 2017, with both cross-border and resident workers helping fuel this growth.
- **The employment rate of older workers remains a key challenge despite targeted activation policies.**
- The female employment rate increased steadily over the last decade.

II. Education Policy

- The impact of the students' socioeconomic background on their performance is one of the strongest in the EU, pointing to high educational inequality.
- The basic skills outcomes of 15-year-olds are significantly below the EU average.
- New policy initiatives have been introduced to close the achievement gap between pupils from different backgrounds. Their effectiveness remains to be seen.
- Luxembourg's early school leaving rate is significantly below the EU average, although national surveys indicate a steady increase.

III. Social Policy

- **Luxembourg shows very good social outcomes.**
- The REVIS reform aims at reducing the high inactivity traps generated by the current minimum income scheme, to address the problem of housing cost overburden for beneficiaries and the insufficient income for one parent households.

IV. Anything else?

- Income inequality and the weakening impact of social transfers on poverty merit attention.
- Poverty and social exclusion risks are increasing but they are still among the lowest in the EU.
- The overall gender employment gap is just above the EU average and is declining.



Additional Information

- European Commission: 2018 Country Report for [Luxembourg](#)
- EASPD [Activities on the European Semester](#)

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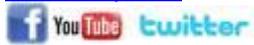
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