

Luxembourg City Hall

and its history

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INTRODUCTION

Luxembourg City Hall houses the offices of the mayor and aldermen, as well as a number of function rooms, such as the chamber of the municipal council, the multimedia room and the wedding room. It also houses the Service du secrétariat général (General Secretariat), Service des archives (Archives Department) and Service Intégration et besoins spécifiques (Integration and Special Needs Department).

The **Bierger-Center** (Citizens' Service Centre) provides current and future residents of Luxembourg City with all they need to carry out all the necessary administrative formalities under one roof, and offers personalised services in a friendly setting.



THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The municipal council issues municipal regulations, governing all matters related to the interests of the City of Luxembourg and its residents. Meetings of the municipal council are chaired by the mayor and are held as often as required by the City's day-to-day operations, but at least once every three months. Sessions of the municipal council are open to the public (with a few exceptions) and anyone may attend as an observer. The number of members is based on the number of residents in the municipality. In Luxembourg City, this number is set at 27.



THE COLLEGE OF ALDERMEN

The college of aldermen is the executive body. It meets as often as required to resolve matters in a timely manner.

Members of the college of aldermen:

Lydie Polfer, Democratic Party (DP) – mayor

Remit: central administration, communication and public relations, cultural affairs, urban development, safety

Serge Wilmes, Christian Social People's Party (CSV) –

chief alderman

Remit: urban development, architecture, IT, trade and tourism

Simone Beissel, DP – alderwoman

Remit: infrastructure and new construction projects, sports and leisure

Patrick Goldschmidt, DP – alderman

Remit: city transport, environment, public spaces, festivals and markets, integration for people with special needs

Colette Mart, DP – alderwoman

Remit: education

Laurent Mosar, CSV – alderman

Remit: finance, municipal property and topography

Maurice Bauer, CSV – alderman

Remit: social action, social housing, integration, gender equality, senior services, youth

Office hours of the aldermen

Luxembourg City's aldermen are ready to answer any questions you have about current events or to discuss any other matters you wish to take up with them (except for municipal personnel matters).

The offices of the college of aldermen are open on Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:00, except during school holidays. Please report to the reception desk when you arrive at Luxembourg City Hall.

CITY COUNCILLOR



COLETTE
MART
(DP)



PATRICK
GOLDSCHMIDT
(DP)



SIMONE
BEISSEL
(DP)



LYDIE
POLFER
(DP)



SERGE
WILMES
(CSV)



LAURENT
MOSAR
(CSV)



MAURICE
BAUER
(CSV)



SYLVIA CAMARDA
(DP)



TANJA DE JAGER
(DP)



HÉLOÏSE BOCK
(DP)



JEFF WIRTZ
(DP)



CLAUDE RADOUX
(DP)



ISABEL
WISELER LIMA
(CSV)



ELISABETH
MARGUE
(CSV)



PAUL GALLES
(CSV)



CLAUDINE
KONSBRÜCK
(CSV)



FRANÇOIS
BENOY
(DÉI GRÉNG)



CARLO BACK
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LINDA GAASCH
(DÉI GRÉNG)



CHRISTA
BRÖMMEL
(DÉI GRÉNG)



CLAUDIE
REYLAND
(DÉI GRÉNG)



GUY FOETZ
(DÉI LÉNK)



DAVID WAGNER
(DÉI LÉNK)



ROY REDING
(ADR)



MARC ANGEL
(LSAP)



TOM KRIEPS
(LSAP)



CATHY FAYOT
(LSAP)

HISTORY OF PLACE GUILLAUME II

- Ca. 1225** The church and cloister of the Franciscan Order are built.
- 1795** The monastery is occupied by French revolutionaries.
- 10 October 1804** After the occupation of Luxembourg's old City Hall (which is now the north wing of the Grand-Ducal Palace), Napoleon gifts Luxembourg City with the former Franciscan monastery, located on what is now Place Guillaume II.
- 1844** A statue in honour of King and Grand Duke William II is erected.
- 1977** An underground car park is built. Since 2018 (?), extension work has been under way.
- 1980** Place Guillaume II is redeveloped as a pedestrian zone.



HISTORY OF LUXEMBOURG CITY HALL

- 12 February 1827** The city's Conseil de Régence (regent's council) launches an architectural design competition to build a city hall on the site of the former Franciscan monastery.
- 23 November 1827** Justin E. Rémont, an architect based in Liège, wins the competition and is asked to draw up the blueprints.
- 8 February 1830** The contract for the construction of the city hall, including masonry, roofing and all the main structural elements, is awarded to Nicolas Combé, a master mason in Luxembourg City, for a total of 45,640 florins.
- 15 July** The ground-breaking ceremony is held, attended by Ferdinand-Jacques Du Moulin, commander in chief of the fortress, and by Jean-Georges Willmar, governor of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.
- 1835** The main building structure and envelope are completed.
- 22 October 1838** The first session of the Conseil de Régence is held, chaired by François Scheffer, mayor of Luxembourg City.
- June 1841** William II, King of the Netherlands and Grand Duke of Luxembourg, visits the city hall.
- September 1842** The building's structure is strengthened with the installation of four additional columns in the entrance hall.
- 1844** Construction works are completed on the city hall, with a total cost of 250,000 francs.
- 1932** Two bronze lions by Luxembourg sculptor Auguste Trémont are installed.
- 1942** The vaulted cellar galleries, which had been used as a covered market, are converted into a library by the Nazi occupying force, before being restored to office space after the war.

LUXEMBOURG CITY MAYORS SINCE 1827

François SCHEFFER
1827 - 1843

Fernand PESCATORE
1843 - 1848

**Jean-Pierre David
HELDENSTEIN**
1849 - 1850

Gabriel Joseph DE MARIE
1850 - 1854

**Jean-Pierre David
HELDENSTEIN**
1855 - 1865

Théodore EBERHARD
1865 - 1869

Jean MERSCH-WITTENAUER
1869 - 1873

Charles Mathias SIMONIS
1873 - 1875

Joseph Emmanuel SERVAIS
1875 - 1890

**Dominique «Alexis»
BRASSEUR**
1891 - 1894

Emile MOUSEL
1894 - 1904

**Jean-Pierre Alphonse
MUNCHEN**
1904 - 1915

Léandre LACROIX
1915 - 1918

Jean-Pierre HOUSSE
1918 - 1921

Gaston DIDERICH
1921 - 1940

Richard HENGST
1942 - 1943
(during the German
occupation)

Gaston DIDERICH
1944 - 1946

Emile HAMILIUS
1946 - 1963

Paul WILWERTZ
1964 - 1969

Colette FLESCH
1970 - 1980

Camille POLFER
1980 - 1981

Lydie WURTH-POLFER
1982 - 1999

Paul HELMINGER
1999 - 2011

Xavier BETTEL
2011 - 2013

Lydie POLFER
2013 -



