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## COUNTRY REPORT 2008

### National Library of Luxembourg

**Name of Country:** Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

**Name of Library:** National Library of Luxembourg

**Name of Chief Executive:** Monique Kieffer

#### Funding

The budget has increased in 2007-2008.

#### Legislation

The law of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2004 gave a new legal framework to the National Library. The new law extends the legal deposit to digital publications and websites of the national domain. The application rules will be defined by a national regulation (Règlement grand-ducal).

#### Buildings

The new building for the National Library, decided in 2002, has been postponed by the Gouvernement. In 2007/2008 some departments and deposits of the National Library have been relocated to two new annexes.

#### Library cooperation

The National Library coordinates the network of Luxembourg libraries "bibnet.lu" ([www.bibnet.lu](http://www.bibnet.lu)) which links up to 34 members in 2007, among them the library of the University of Luxembourg. The National Library coordinates the Luxembourg national Consortium for digital publications ([www.portail.bnu](http://www.portail.bnu)). Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan facilities to various small libraries around the country, so as to enable them to increase their offer.

#### The digital library

The digital library has been work in progress since 2002 and gives online access to more than 200,000 digitised items ([www.luxemburgensia.bnfl.lu](http://www.luxemburgensia.bnfl.lu)). The main focus has been given to the BnL's newspaper collection. In 2007 two national newspapers have been digitised, as well as *La clef du cabinet des princes de l'Europe*. At the end of 2008, about 220.000 pages will be set online in an OCRised version.

The National Library is an active member of the European Digital Library project, of EDL-net and the Europeana project and has been a funding member of the "Réseau francophone des bibliothèques nationales numériques" in 2006.

## **Acquisitions**

Above all, a lavishly illustrated early 18th century manuscript copy of the Jesuit Alexandre Wilhelm's (1604-1684) *Luciliburgensia, sive, Luxemburgum Romanum : hoc est, Arduennae veteris situs, populi, loca prisca, ritus, sacra, lingua.*

## **Preservation and conservation**

Continuous efforts are made to improve preservation and conservation of the national heritage collections.

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