

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,
Dear Ministers,
Your Excellencies,
Dear guests from Luxembourg and Poland,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends,

Let me welcome all of you very warmly in the
Luxembourg Embassy in Warsaw.

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In October 2010, I came to Warsaw as the new
Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
to the Republic of Poland.

Already during my first courtesy calls to Polish
politicians, high-level civil servants and business
people, I was struck by the fact that so many of
my interlocutors spontaneously associated my
country first and foremost with *Radio*
Luxembourg. Indeed, many representatives of
modern Poland's political, economic and cultural
elites regularly listened to the English-language
programs of *Radio Luxembourg* in their youth.

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Soon, one discovery led to another. Through
common friends, contact was established with
the University of Warsaw. The idea for an
exhibition to be shown on the premises of the
Luxembourg Embassy was born and made rapid
progress.

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Both our Heads of State HRH Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg and the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Bronisław Komorowski, have kindly accepted the honorific High Patronage of our exhibition.

The tremendous role *Radio Luxembourg* played for Polish youth culture under Communism is largely unknown in Luxembourg itself.

It is my sincere hope to change this with our exhibition, bringing our nations more closely together within Europe and the European Union, giving them the possibility to learn more about each other and to become better acquainted.

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The exhibition Remembering *Radio Luxembourg* will of course have a strong sentimental dimension for many people in Poland.

As a Luxembourger and as the diplomatic representative of my country in Poland, I derive great pride from Luxembourg's pioneering role in the field of electronic media long before the age of the Internet. My country certainly continues to have a fantastic vitality and dynamism in the media and communication fields, which are becoming ever more important for Luxembourg's economy.

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I would like to very warmly thank Prof. Anna Malewska-Szałygin of the University of Warsaw, together with her team, Mr. Marek and Maciej Mikulski and their team, as well as my own team from the Embassy of Luxembourg for installing this special exhibition dedicated to *Radio Luxembourg's* impact in the People's Republic of Poland.

So many hours have gone into this project, funded by public-private partnership, with the generous help of the Luxembourg Government and *RTL Group*, as well as with the support of a number of private sector partners from Luxembourg with commercial interests in Poland. I would of course also like to thank our media partners for their valuable help and support.

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Now, without further ado, I would like to thank all of you for honoring us with your presence and I turn to our Master of Ceremonies, the well-known music journalist Mrs. Maria Szablowska. Mrs. Szablowska has graciously accepted to moderate the program of our official exhibition opening.

I thank you for your kind attention.