

Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends,

A very warm welcome to all of you at the Residence of the Luxembourg Ambassador in Warsaw. I thank you for joining us in our celebration of the Luxembourg National Day, which in Warsaw is traditionally not just an Embassy cocktail, but also a family celebration.

In Luxembourg, just as in Poland, the National Day is not only a moment for celebration, but also an excellent occasion for a reflection on the past and the future of the nation. At a crucial moment for the development of our continent, which is increasingly surrounded by a sea of troubles, I am convinced that we must move closer together as Europeans if we want to continue playing a role in the world.

I am happy to report that Luxembourg Prime Minister Mr. Xavier Bettel was in Warsaw on Monday this week for the Benelux-Visegrad meeting of heads of government. This is a very welcome development and I am optimistic that also our bilateral political relations will become more intense again. As you know, Luxembourg and Poland agree to disagree on a number of questions such as migration and rule of law.

We Luxembourgers very much realize that the relative weight of Poland in the European Union is objectively increasing. It is our ardent wish in Luxembourg to see Poland in a very central position at the heart of our European Union!

I am happy to report that our economic relations are continuing to develop very well. This is certainly due to the fact that both the Luxembourg and Polish economies are performing very well indeed.

The presence in Poland of Luxembourg companies is continuously increasing. Luxembourg remains amongst the biggest foreign investors in Poland. Poland is nowadays Luxembourg's eight biggest commercial partner. Last year, the government of Poland chose the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for its first Green obligation. There is a huge interest amongst Polish entrepreneurs for partnerships with Luxembourg in the fields of logistics, finance, space activities and environmental technologies.

I must not forget to thank all our Honorary Consuls, who are extremely helpful for the Embassy's activities.

Please let me also warmly thank the members of my small team here at the Embassy for their hard and excellent work, their commitment and their creativity.

Dear distinguished guests,

I am happy and proud that we are able to celebrate our Luxembourg National Day in Warsaw this year not only in the presence of the Luxembourg Reine du Vin Aline the First, but also with fine live Jazz from Luxembourg provided by the Reis-Demuth-Witgen Trio.

Our celebration of Luxembourg's National Day has been organized with the generous support of our partners and sponsors from the private sector. Thus, I would like to warmly thank our permanent partners for their generosity: Astra, Moventum, ArcelorMittal.

I would also like to warmly thank our sponsors: Domaines Vinsmoselle, Guardian, LOT Polish Airlines; Regent Warsaw Hotel as well as Yamaha.

Dear distinguished guests,

Let me warmly thank you for your friendship towards Luxembourg as well as towards my family and myself. I raise my glass and propose a toast to the auspicious development of Luxembourg-Poland relations!

Prost! Santé! Na zdrowie! Cheers!

Please enjoy your evening at the Luxembourg Embassy!

Thank you for your kind attention!