

Press release

Strengthening research in Luxembourg

LIH, LIST and University of Luxembourg sign bilateral cooperation agreements

Esch-sur-Alzette, 26 November 2020 - The University of Luxembourg, the Luxembourg Institute of Health (LIH) and the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) announce the signing of mutual bilateral cooperation agreements between the University and LIH and between the University and LIST.

The agreements provide a framework for the ambition of a strategic cooperation between three of Luxembourg's leading research institutions.

The scope of the agreements covers cooperation in research through participation in joint research projects and programmes, the development of common research platforms and the creation of inter-institutional research groups. It also aims to reinforce collaboration through the co-affiliation of staff, for instance via Honorary, Affiliated or Joint Professorships. It will help enhance cooperation in teaching and doctoral education by facilitating the contribution of LIH and LIST researchers to the University's teaching programme at Bachelor and Master level and their access to the University's doctoral education. The agreements also encourage the joint use of existing infrastructure for the activities covered by the framework agreements.

The framework agreements were signed by Yves Elsen, chairman of the board of governors of the University of Luxembourg, Prof. Stéphane Pallage, rector of the University, Prof. Ulf Nehrbass, CEO of LIH and Dr. Thomas Kallstenius, CEO of LIST, in the presence of Claude Meisch, minister for Higher Education and Research.

"The University of Luxembourg, LIH and LIST have established a strong track record for joint and cooperative research activities, and they are pillars of 'Research Luxembourg'," declares Prof. Stéphane Pallage. "We are enthusiastic about enhancing the framework for future impactful research and education cooperation between our institutions, for the benefit of society."

"The framework builds on the deep trust and respect between the institutions, their leadership and researchers, which has been built in Research Luxembourg, in particular during the pandemic," continues Prof. Ulf Nehrbass. "It is this coordination and alignment which will assure international competitiveness for years to come."

"This agreement is a new element which will foster the speed and agility of Luxembourg's innovation eco-system, states Dr. Thomas Kallstenius. Teaming the complementarity of the roles with the partnership models of the University and our research organisation, is without any doubt a major asset to serve our partners and the society in the best possible way."

"These cooperation agreements will strengthen the whole scientific ecosystem in Luxembourg. By acting in a coordinated and complementary way, the research institutions will leverage their contribution to the big challenges of our time," underlines Claude Meisch.

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