



# ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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## URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MOBILITY



## LIVING CONDITIONS



LISER is a Luxembourgish public research institute, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. LISER's research focuses mainly on the fields of social and economic policies, including their spatial dimension.

Through its empirical and theoretical work, the institute's mission is to provide the scientific community and society with clear, relevant and solid answers. The objective is to develop a sharp understanding of socio-economic mechanisms and their spatio-temporal dimensions in order to contribute to the development of better policies and to lay the foundations for a future strategic vision for our society. LISER is composed of three research departments: Labour Market, Living Conditions, Urban Development and Mobility.



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*"Particular thanks go to the members of the administrative board, the interim collective leadership and all personnel for their contribution to the smooth functioning of LISER all year long"*

## A Word from the Chair

**2016 marked the arrival of the new Chief Executive Officer, Professor Aline Muller of the University of Liège, on 1 September.**

During the first eight months of 2017, the functioning of LISER was ensured by a close collaboration of the administrative board and an interim collective leadership of LISER. This approach was based on a relationship of mutual trust and required a high level of commitment from the members of the administrative board, which met at least twice per month. There were numerous exchanges between the administrative board and the interim collective leadership, which proved to be a fruitful collaboration. LISER's activities continued without interruption and several research projects were submitted to the National Research Fund (FNR). Requests for scientific leave to the United States and United Kingdom were approved and new researchers were hired. Recruitment of joint-professors with the University of Luxembourg also continued.

As soon as she arrived, the new CEO set her vision for LISER in motion by proposing a new organigram centred on the three research departments along with the administration, as well as a team dedicated exclusively to surveys as a support to research activities. As for the administrative board, it welcomed a new member to replace Aline Muller. The government nomi-

nated Aline Schiltz, a young Luxembourg researcher specialising in the study of migration, in particular between Luxembourg and Portugal.

At the end of 2016, LISER developed a plan of exchanges and consultations for the coming months to assist in the preparation for the negotiations for the next multi-annual plan (2018-2021) with the Minister for Higher Education and Research. According to the law, the board has requested the Collaborative Council, an internal body made up of representatives from research and other personnel, to propose a consultative opinion on the implementation of the multi-annual research programme of 2014-2017.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the administrative board for their commitment, the members of the interim collective leadership for their professionalism and all LISER personnel for their cooperation. It is thanks to you that LISER was able to enjoy a successful 2016!







*"A research institute is first and foremost made up of men and women dedicated to research. Our mission at LISER is to make certain that the scientific work carried out by these men and women is seen and heard as well as used in the service of society."*

## A Word from the CEO

**Today Luxembourg constitutes an international and multicultural society where socio-economic and intercultural parameters interact on a daily basis.**

However, we cannot ignore the major challenges to our society's coherence represented by the diverging views currently being debated around our country. LISER needs to be ready to respond to these questions and integrate itself into our society in order to share the results of its research work, as well as its analyses, recommendations & innovative solutions. LISER has a responsibility to confront all the challenges that our society faces. Moreover, as a research institute, we must provide our society with the complete picture and not just focus on one particular angle. With regards to the question of minimum income benefits (see page 18), for example, it is essential to be able to talk about their advantages without masking or denying their weaknesses and challenges. We must deal with the facts as they are.

This report aims to increase understanding of who we are and what we do. In 2016 LISER was, once again at the forefront of the development of a multitude of research projects that respond to the challenges our society is facing today, as well as an epicentre with the organisation of more than one hundred events, seminars and conferences.

Since my arrival a number of important projects have been started, all continuously aiming at making the most efficient possible use of our resources. LISER continues to modernise its management tools and has launched the vast task of renovating its data base infrastructure in order to improve its quality, reliability and compliance. These tasks may seem incidental, but they are actually essential. It is difficult to ask a researcher to invest time and commitment if the necessary framework allowing his or her idea to flourish is not present.

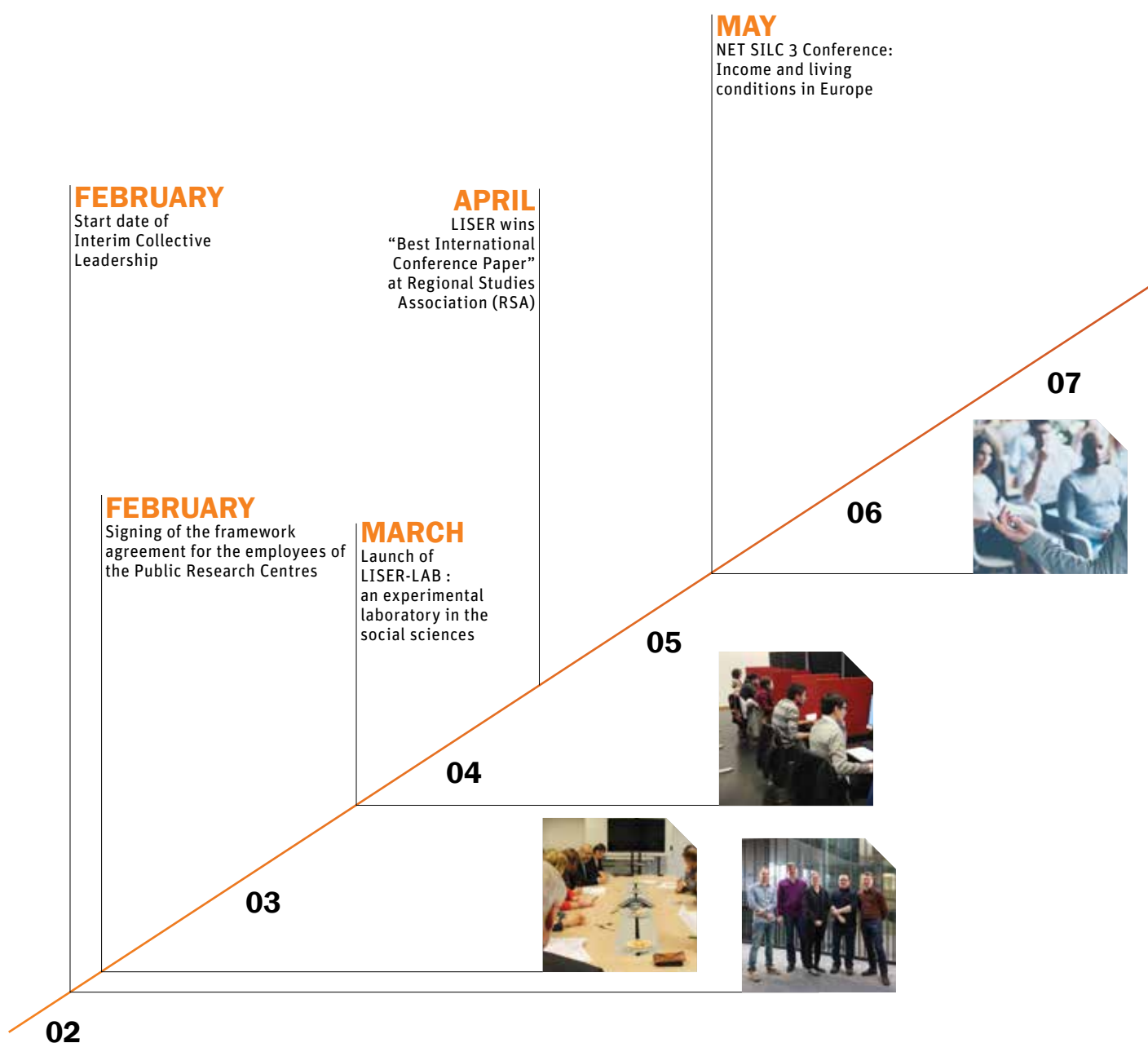
I am personally committed to ensuring that LISER meets its challenges and becomes an essential part of society. A research institute is first and foremost made up of men and women dedicated to research. Our mission at LISER is to make certain that the scientific work carried out by these men and women is seen and heard as well as used in the service of society. I am fortunate to have the inspiring mission to guide LISER towards its objectives and privileged to have a fantastic team around me. I cannot help but be enthusiastic about the future.



# ONE YEAR AT LISER

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### SEPTEMBER

Prof. Aline Muller joins LISER as the new CEO



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### SEPTEMBER

Participation in World Heart Day



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### OCTOBER

Participation in the FNR Pairing Scheme "politics meets research"

LISER is a core group member of World Bank's Commission on Global Poverty chaired by the late Professor Sir Tony Atkinson



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### OCTOBER

Signing of a collaboration agreement for the training of doctoral students between the University of Luxembourg and the four research institutes



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### DECEMBER

LISER provides figures for campaign 'Viva forLife' (Belgium), which raises funds to help children in poverty

### DECEMBER

Participation at "Researchers' Days"

### NOVEMBER

Project InGRID 'Autumn School' LISER organises a workshop for researchers and PhD candidates

### NOVEMBER

Announcement of a public private partnership with Beta Tracker S.A.



# KEY FIGURES 2016

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*seminars & trainings  
organised*

2 300+

*participants at LISER seminars  
& trainings*

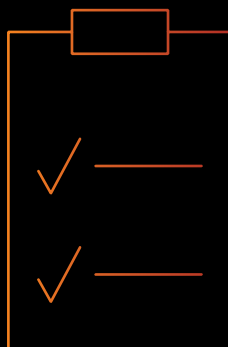
65%

*speakers from  
International Institutions*



8 100

*households contacted by LISER  
survey field-workers*



6 400

*Luxembourg companies  
surveyed via the web*

54%

*of visitors to LISER's  
website originate  
from outside  
Luxembourg*



1 000+

*social media followers*





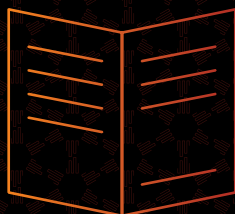
## VISITING SCHOLARS



## PUBLICATIONS

**10 000+**  
consultations of online publications

**1 128**  
number of pages in  
peer-reviewed journals



**61%**  
reports for international  
organisations

**53**  
articles published in  
peer-reviewed journals

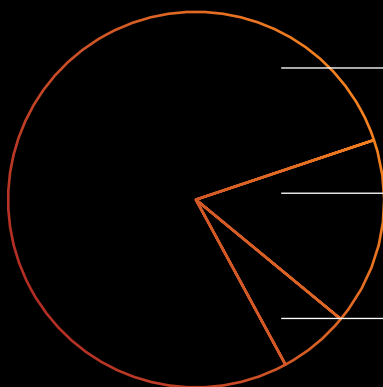


# PEOPLE AT LISER



**128**  
employees

**68**  
researchers



78 %  
have a doctoral degree

16 %  
are PhD candidates

6 %  
have a masters degree



**58 %**  
of LISER workforce are women



**42 %**  
of LISER workforce are men





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*countries represented*

ARGENTINA	LUXEMBOURG
BANGLADESH	NETHERLANDS
BELGIUM	PERU
BULGARIA	POLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC	PORTUGAL
ECUADOR	ROMANIA
FRANCE	SERBIA
GERMANY	SPAIN
GREECE	SWITZERLAND
IRELAND	TAIWAN
ITALY	TUNISIA
KYRGYZSTAN	UNITED STATES
LITHUANIA	VIETNAM

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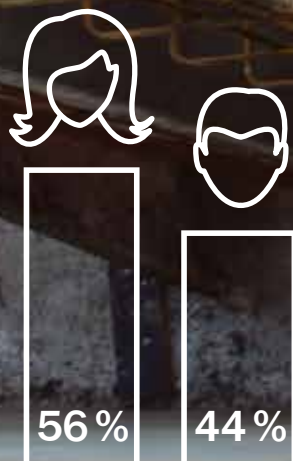
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Luxembourgish nationality*



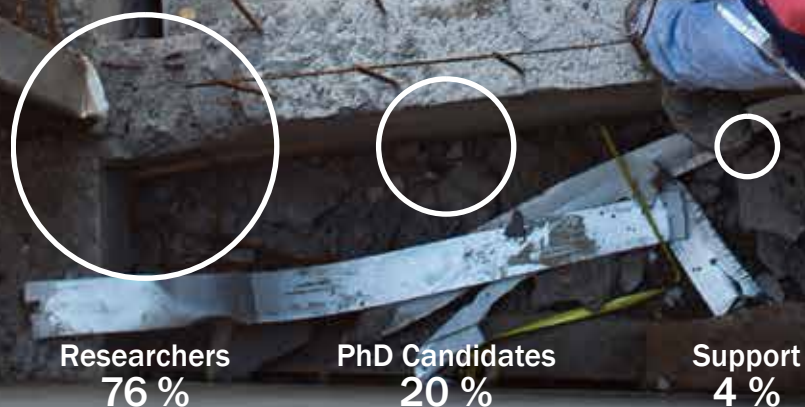
# LABOUR MARKET

PHOTO Belval, commune of Sanem / Patrick Galbats

## GENDER DISTRIBUTION



## STAFF DISTRIBUTION







*“Thanks to its dynamism and diversity, the labour market in Luxembourg offers our department the possibility to produce both sound advice to policy makers and original academic research.”*

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (ACTING): DR BERTRAND VERHEYDEN**

### **Research areas**

- / Career paths and the role of skills on employability
- / Combating unemployment and labour market participation of target groups such as mothers, young people and older workers
- / Dispute resolution and labour law
- / European employment policy
- / Human resources and behavioural economics
- / Labour relations and collective agreements
- / Link between national policies and the regional and international mobility of workers
- / Migration and crossborder workers; Greater Region and Europe



# Life choices and reservation wages

On a daily basis, people make choices and consume on the basis of a series of “preferences”. In his study entitled, “What Types are There?” Sam Cosaert, a researcher within LISER’s Labour Market department, explains how these preferences influence labour supply choices in particular.



**AUTHOR** Dr Sam Cosaert

“The object of my study is to model the labour supply choices of households. It is clear that people have their preferences in terms of consumption and leisure, which they finance via professional and extra-professional income,” the young researcher explains. The modelling of these choices on the basis of wages and income not related to work makes it possible to identify what is referred to as the “reservation wage”. This represents the minimum salary required by each individual in order to accept full-time work. “The study concentrates on the reservation wages associated with full-time work. In other words, what salary is required for a person to accept full-time work? The challenge lies in the diversity of employment preferences and wage requirements.” Sam Cosaert’s study takes into account that preferences vary within and across households in order to calculate the reservation wage for all.

*“For a man, the reservation wage varied from 10 to 16 euro per hour and for a woman, from 11 to 18 euro per hour.”*

To do this, the researcher used a panel from LISS (Longitudinal Internet Studies for the Social Sciences) in the Netherlands. This data base comprises a module entitled “Consumption and time use”, which describes the choices observed with regards to work and consumption. “To test if two individuals have the same preferences, revealed preference theory is applied,” explains Cosaert. Thus, in a sample of 106 couples, four different types of preferences were identified for men against three for women. As a result of this the reservation wage of each one could be analysed. “For a man, the reservation wage varied from 10 to 16 euro per hour and for a woman, from 11 to 18 euro per hour. This indicates that the two sexes have different preferences. However, variations observed on the labour market depend more on the diversity between households than within households.”

With these results, Sam Cosaert brings supplementary tools to analyse the labour market. For example, his study allows the identification of the fraction of the population disposed to work full-time in function of salary levels, as well as develop new scales of income tax. Contrary to previous studies, “What Types are There?” had the objective of identifying the preferences of individuals within the population, regardless of how different they might be.

“All of the research reveals the extreme diversity of factors that influence labour supply choices and hence employment and wellbeing in society. Intra-household bargaining power and consumption sharing are also interesting at the micro economic level as they shine a light on the nature of decision-making within families.”



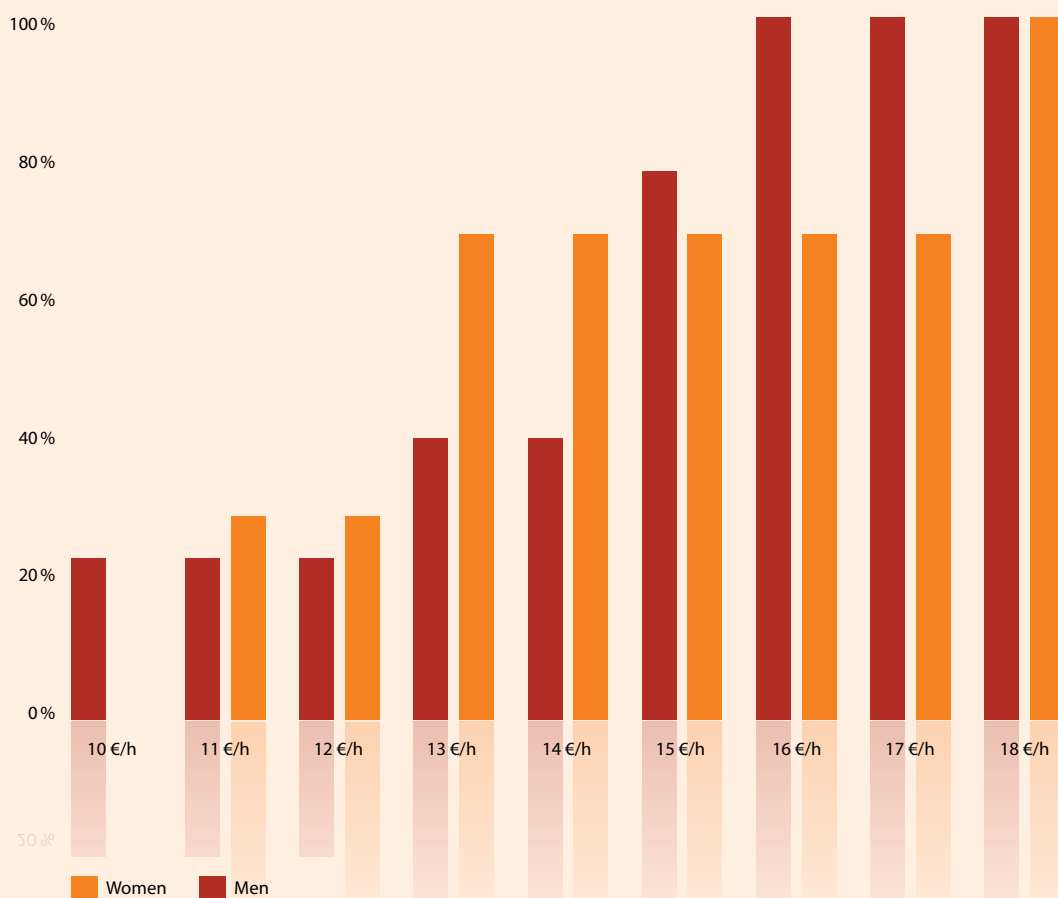


### Percentage of men and women willing to work full-time\*

The reservation wages below which men are not willing to work full-time vary between 10 and 16 EUR/hour. Similarly, the wages below which women are not willing to work full-time vary between 11 and 18 EUR/hour. The results show substantial interpersonal variation in reservation wages. This emphasises the need for methods that can deal with general forms of preference heterogeneity across the sample.

The interpretation of the figure is as follows. For wages below 11 EUR/hour, no woman in this sample can rationally supply her labour full-time. By contrast, for wages between 11 and 13 EUR/hour, women of preference type 1 (29% of the sample) may be willing to work full-time. In order to rationalise full-time work by all women, wages equal to or higher than 18 EUR/hour are required. Let us finally compare these results to the share of men who are willing to work full-time. In order for all men to work five days per week, wages of 16 EUR/hour are necessary.

\* Conditional on wages, median non-labour income and taking general forms of unobserved preference heterogeneity into account.



Source : Data LISS



# How to provide social assistance without discouraging labour: the case of low-skill youth in France

*Do social benefits encourage young people to work, or do they discourage them? Karina Doorley, the leader of the Employment and Salaries team within the LISER Labour Market department, considered this question in her study entitled, “The Effect of Social Benefits on Youth Employment: Combining RD and a Behavioural Model.”*



**AUTHOR** Dr Karina Doorley

radar was RMI, the guaranteed social minimum in France until 2009, which had long been suspected of demotivating young people from looking for work, as well as its successor RSA, which allows for a part-time professional activity while maintaining an indemnity.

Data from a population census in France in 1999 allowed the comparison of employment rates before and after 25 years of age in order to identify any disincentive to work linked to the RMI. “Prior to 2011 eligibility for the RMI and the RSA was based on age. This meant that young people, under 25 years old and without children were not eligible,” explains Karina Doorley. A gap of 7% in the employment rate of less educated young high school dropouts was also noted. The same data was also used to develop a structural model of employment. “I was able to evaluate the replacement of the RMI by the RSA in 2009,” explains the researcher. “The research indicated that this reform, which allowed small financial indemnities to young people on low salaries, did indeed encourage these people to seek work. It also allowed us to confirm that the availability of this minimum income to people younger than 25 years old had no impact on employment rates.”

“In my study, I investigated how to encourage young people to be active on the job market, despite the existence of social benefits that ensure a minimum income, such as the case of France with its RMI (Revenu Minimum d’Insertion) and RSA (Revenu de Solidarité Active),” the researcher explains.

The situation of young workers is problematic, especially since the crisis in 2008. Newcomers to the job market have more and more difficulty in finding long term employment. Several factors explain this phenomenon, including social benefits, which are often accused of having a negative influence. “I am particularly interested in government policies that discourage young people from looking for a stable job,” says Karina Doorley. On her

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While the objective of this study was to examine the effect of both types of social benefit on the incentives for young people to work, it has also demonstrated that a well-conceived social minimum, guaranteeing a minimum income can maintain incentives to work among young people. This is enough to fuel the debate on social minimums in other countries, notably in Luxembourg.

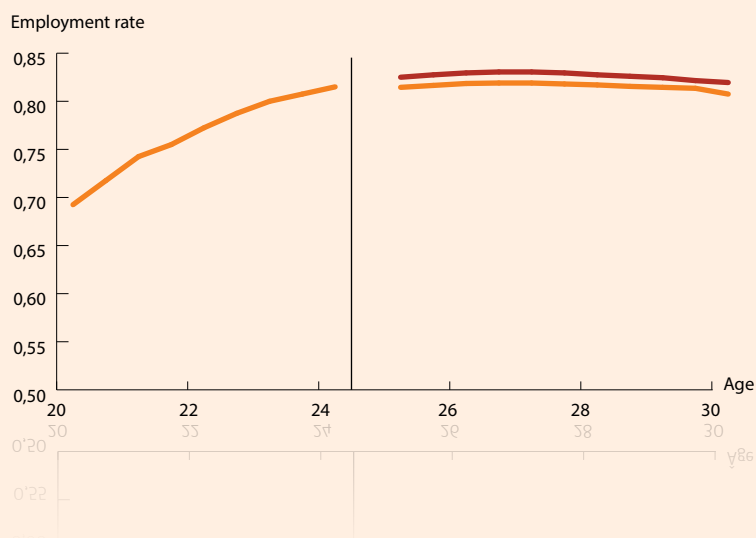




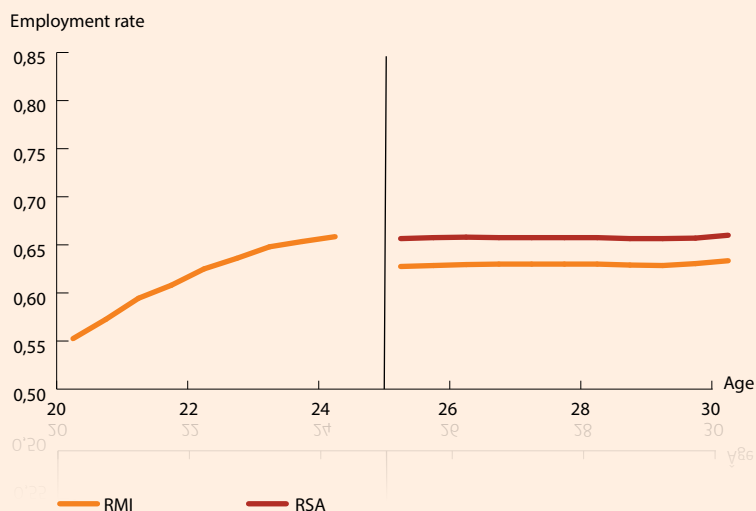
The two graphs below illustrate the employment rate for the entire population aged 20 to 30 (upper graph) and the employment rate for 20-30 year olds without a high school diploma (bottom graph).

A first comparison of these two graphs shows that the employment rate for all 20-30 year-olds is higher than that of 20-30 years without a diploma. After age 25, individuals become eligible for the RMI (from 1988 to 2009) or the RSA (after 2009). The graph at the top shows that becoming eligible for the RMI or the RSA has had almost the same effect (the red curve being very close to the orange curve), and that there is no change in employment after becoming eligible for either the RMI or RSA. On the other hand, the bottom graph illustrates that the employment rate for those without a high school diploma experiences a structural decline for potential beneficiaries of the RMI, whereas it remains stable for the potential beneficiaries of the RSA. This confirms that the risk of losing the RMI discouraged the less qualified to work. However, as the RSA allowance is maintained in case of employment, this avoided detrimental effects on participation in the labour market.

#### All educations level



#### High school drop outs



#### Background information:

In France, from 1988 to 2009, people whose income were below a certain level were entitled to an allowance called the minimum income for integration (RMI). In 2009 this allocation was replaced by the RSA in order to limit its perverse effects on 'job search' while maintaining a decent income level for its beneficiaries. While the beneficiary of the RMI was not entitled to benefits if he/she found a job, the beneficiary of the RSA continues to collect part of the benefits without any limitation on the duration.

Source :  
1999 French Census



# Summary of the year

// Labour Market

“2016 was a prolific year for the Labour Market department. Numerous scientific works were published in international reviews of high standing and the FNR accepted two CORE projects on older workers and the integration of migrants into the labour market. The department also produced several reports for national policy makers.”

// Bertrand Verheyden, *Head of Department (acting)*

## RESEARCH TEAMS

### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

/ Carole Blond-Hanten  
/ Roland Maas  
/ Monika Maminskaite  
/ Fanny Robert  
/ Patrick Thill  
/ Adrien Thomas

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/ Ludivine Martin  
/ Nicolas Poussing  
/ Thi Thuc Uyen Nguyen

### EVALUATION

/ Michela Bia  
/ Blandine Lejealle  
/ Andrea Mercatanti

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

/ Andrea Albanese  
/ Audrey Bousselin  
/ Sam Cosaert  
/ Matthieu Delpierre  
/ Karina Doorley  
/ Bo Ra Kim (PhD)  
/ Mathias Kuepie  
/ Amparo Nagore

### LABOUR MARKET OBSERVATORY

/ Pauline Bourgeon  
/ Franz Clément  
/ Laetitia Hauret  
/ Fabienne Jacquet

## PUBLICATIONS

13

articles in refereed  
journals

3

book  
chapters

1

article in a  
conference  
proceeding

6

LISER publications

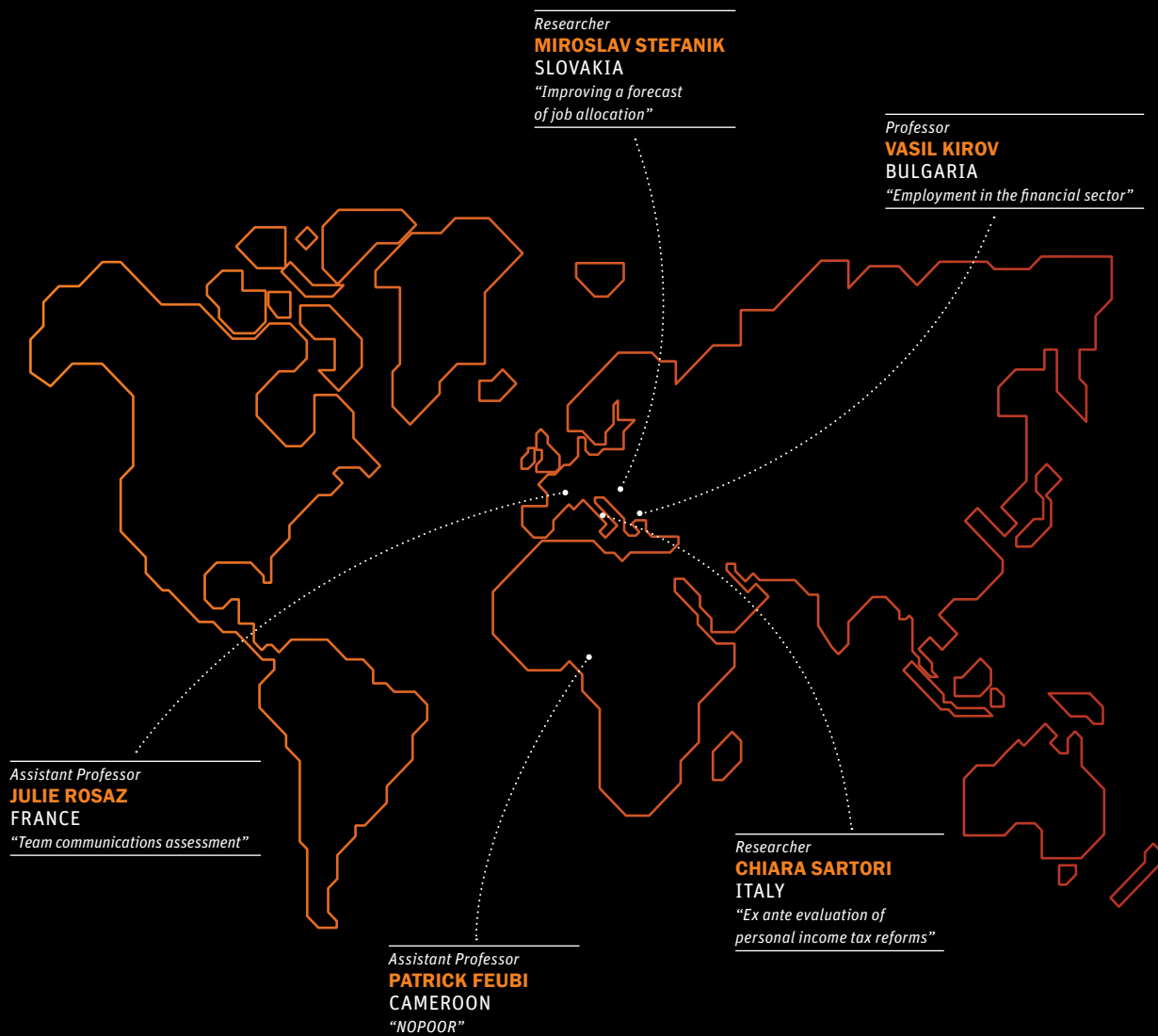
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reports





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## PROJECTS

13

projects financed on a  
contractual basis

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projects financed on a  
competitive basis



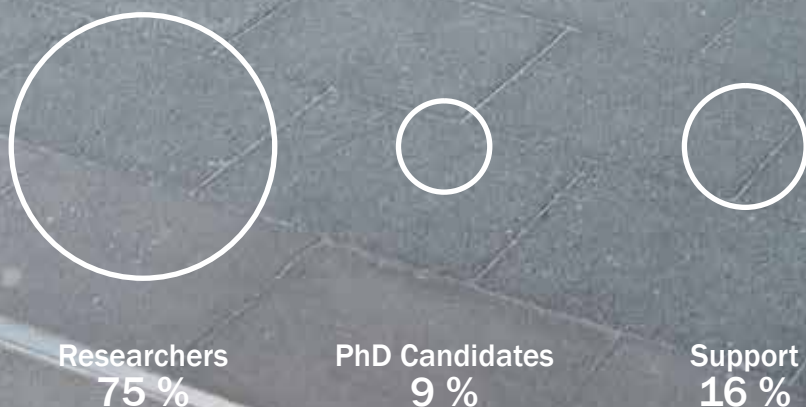
# LIVING CONDITIONS

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## GENDER DISTRIBUTION



## STAFF DISTRIBUTION







*“We observe increasing inequalities and vulnerability. It is essential to seek to understand their multiple causes and their effects on our societies.”*

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT** Dr Philippe Van Kerm

## Research Areas

- / Analysis of social policy
- / Child poverty
- / Equal opportunities and territorial inequalities
- / Health and ageing
- / Inequality and education
- / Integration and assimilation of foreigners
- / Microsimulation methods
- / Poverty, discrimination and inequality
- / SHARE (Study of Health Ageing and Retirement in Europe)
- / Social cohesion and wellbeing
- / Social inclusion
- / Social indicators
- / Social mobility and the dynamics of incomes and wages
- / Socio-economic inequalities in health
- / Sustainability of pension systems and the Welfare State
- / Taxation, social policies, employment and inequality
- / Work/life balance



# MathemaTIC: A new way to learn mathematics

Mathematics often scares students. However, imagine a modern mathematics approach that would allow children to have fun in the universe of numbers, to easily practice at home what they have learned in class. The Ministry of Education, Children and Youth has launched MathemaTIC, an online learning environment that allows children to learn in a new way. LISER is part of the team that has supported this project since 2015 and has observed its integration into the educational process, as well as its first impacts



**PROJECT LEADER** Dr Catalina Lomos

A mathematics approach that is adapted to the learning pace of each student and which explores new educational methods? This is not a utopia. The MathemaTIC project is an innovative pedagogical approach that offers the possibility to learn mathematics with the help of digital support. The online MathemaTIC environment is based on the national curriculum and invites students to solve interactive problems in French, German, English or Portuguese. While the student is playfully immersed in the universe of numbers, the teacher can follow his or her progress or difficulties. The

*“In the first phase we would like to get feedback from students and teachers.”*

teacher can also propose individual follow-up and, if necessary, repeat certain specific exercises with specific students.

During the pilot phase in 2015, MathemaTIC was tested by students from Cycle 4 in 40 elementary schools across the country. By 2016 the students of Cycle 4 of almost 90 schools have been voluntarily participating in the project. These pupils will be joined by students from Cycle 3 and classes 6/8 ES/EST from September 2017.

As scientific partner of the Ministry since 2015, LISER, under the project leadership of Catalina Lomos, has been mandated to evaluate the added value of this new learning environment in order to improve it further. Catalina Lomos' contribution to the study as member of the evaluation team is to improve the environment's implementation, as well as to measure the benefits it brings to the different parties concerned.

How is MathemaTIC used in the classroom as well as at home? What are the impacts on the student performance and motivation in mathematics? How useful are the different language options offered through the online learning environment? The evaluation focuses on short term and long term outcomes. “In the first phase we would like to get feedback from students and teachers,” explains Catalina Lomos. To achieve this, the team has been visiting the classrooms to establish close contact with the students and teachers. The effects on students' performance will be assessed in a second step.



### *The role of LISER as part of the team that has supported MathemaTIC since 2015*

*As a member of the evaluation team, Catalina Lomos contributes toward the improvement of the environment's implementation, as well as the measurement of the benefits it brings to the different parties concerned. The evaluation focuses on short-term and long-term outcomes.*



*The MathemaTIC project is an innovative pedagogical approach that offers the possibility to learn mathematics with the help of digital supports.*





# Pension insecurity: worries about obtaining a reduced pension or retiring later

Since the crisis in 2008, a feeling of anxiety has prevailed in many European countries. The discussion and announcement of a number of pension reforms have brought uncertainty, raised questions and have had a direct impact on the wellbeing of future pensioners. What are the consequences of this uncertainty for the individuals?



**AUTHOR** Dr Javier Olivera

In their study entitled, “Pension Insecurity and Wellbeing in Europe,” Javier Olivera and Valentina Ponomarenko, researchers from LISER and the University of Luxembourg respectively, analysed the subjective wellbeing of the residents of 18 EU countries aged 50 and above, before and after the economic crisis. Using data from the Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), covering the years 2006/2007 and 2011/2012, they confirmed a distinct difference between the two periods. “After the economic crisis there was a marked increase in the feeling of pension insecurity experienced by the persons aged 50 and over, especially in those countries that were worst hit by the financial crisis,” comments Javier Olivera. “During and after the crisis, governments have put austerity policies in place and this has generally meant a reduction in the generosity of pensions and/or the increase of the statutory retirement age.”

The researchers corroborated that the setting of austerity proposals and policies have impacted on the wellbeing of se-

nior Europeans. “People approaching the end of their careers feel that they are in a situation of increasing insecurity. Often they do not know what measures will be put in place, nor under what conditions they will be carried out.” This uncertainty affects both the professional and private lives of future pensioners. “Our study shows that the stress caused by this uncertainty greatly affects the wellbeing of these people.”

What is most surprising is the sharp difference in views expressed by different age groups. “We observe that the senior individuals who are further away from their retirement age are more worried about the future,” revealed Javier Olivera. The gap also widens according to social class. The study has proven that those people over 50 most influenced by this apprehension are those with low incomes, notably those with no access to private pensions. There is a risk that existing social inequalities may be exacerbated by pension policy reforms.

“Retirement is an essential subject today,” says Javier Olivera. “Retirement systems will necessarily change, but it is imperative that these changes are made progressively, always taking the people affected into account first and foremost.” According to the two authors, the fears and uncertainties caused by the pension reforms must be taken into consideration. “People must be given time to adapt and respond,” concludes Javier Olivera.

*“This study was the result of a close collaboration between LISER and the University of Luxembourg,”*

Luxembourg is not covered by the Olivera/ Ponomarenko research as the SHARE study was only conducted in the country for the first time in 2013, and the neces-

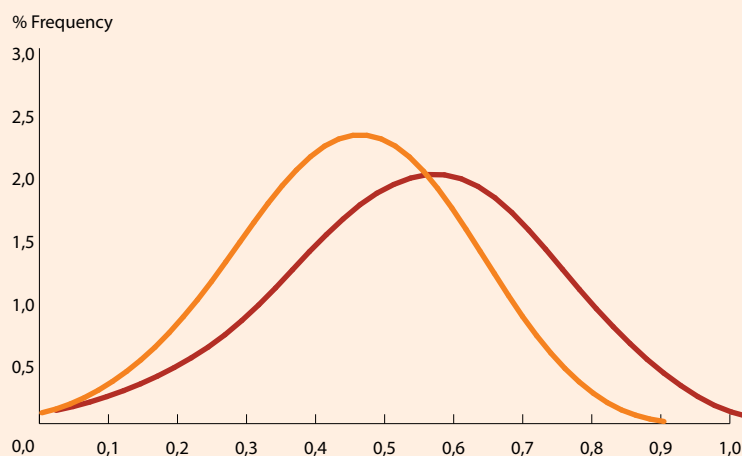
sary data was not yet available. “This study was the result of a close collaboration with the University of Luxembourg,” highlights Olivera. “It will be interesting to conduct a follow-up study to include supplementary countries like Luxembourg, as well as more recent data.”



Figure A shows the estimated probability that the government will increase the retirement age, according to the opinions expressed by the individuals interviewed in 2007 (orange line) and 2011. The 2011 line placed further to the right than that of 2007 indicates the probability that the government increases the retirement age is higher in 2011 than in 2007, according to the opinions of the individuals.

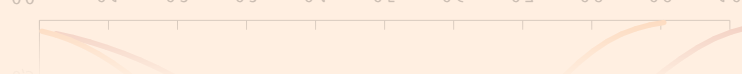
Figure B shows the estimated probability that the government will reduce pensions. Similarly, individuals believe that this probability increased between 2007 and 2011.

#### A : Predicted probability that the government will increase the retirement age in the future

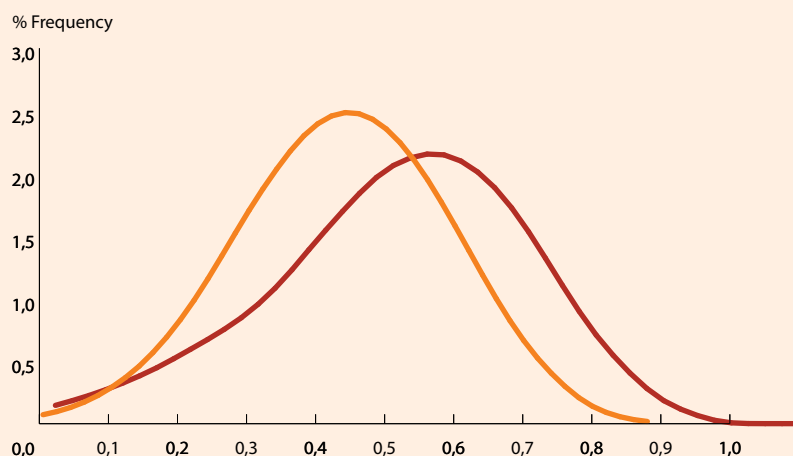


Predicted probability that the government will increase retirement age

Predicted probability that the government will increase retirement age



#### B : Predicted probability that the government will reduce pensions in the future



Predicted probability that the government will reduce pensions

Predicted probability that the government will reduce pensions



Wave 2 (2007) Wave 4 (2011)

Source : Wave 2 and 4 from SHARE



# Summary of the year

// Living Conditions

“2016 saw the consolidation of our work on the socio-economic dimension of health in Luxembourg, as well as our research on the driving factors of inequality of income and wealth in Europe. We have also started a new research programme on the guaranteed minimum income scheme in Luxembourg.”

// Philippe Van Kerm, *Head of Department*

## RESEARCH TEAMS

### INCOME, WEALTH AND POVERTY

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/ Monique Borsenberger  
/ Alessio Fusco  
/ Silvia Girardi  
/ Nizamul Islam  
/ Isabel Martinez  
/ Nicaise Misangumukini  
/ Javier Olivera  
/ Denisa Sologon  
/ Michel Tenikue

### CHILDHOOD, FAMILY AND EDUCATION POLICIES

/ Aigul Alieva  
/ Marie-Sophie Callens  
/ Catalina Lomos  
/ Anne Reinstadler  
/ Alexandros Theloudis  
/ Marie Valentova  
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### MODELLING AND SIMULATION

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/ Anne-Sophie Genevois

### SOCIAL AND SPATIAL INEQUALITY DYNAMICS

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/ Anne-Catherine Guio  
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21

articles in refereed  
journals

7

reports

9

LISER publications





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**TOM EMERY**  
NETHERLANDS  
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Professor  
**JACQUES SILBER**  
ISRAEL  
"Inequality in Poverty Measuring  
Transient and Chronic Poverty"

Assistant Professor  
**MAXIMILIAN SOMMER**  
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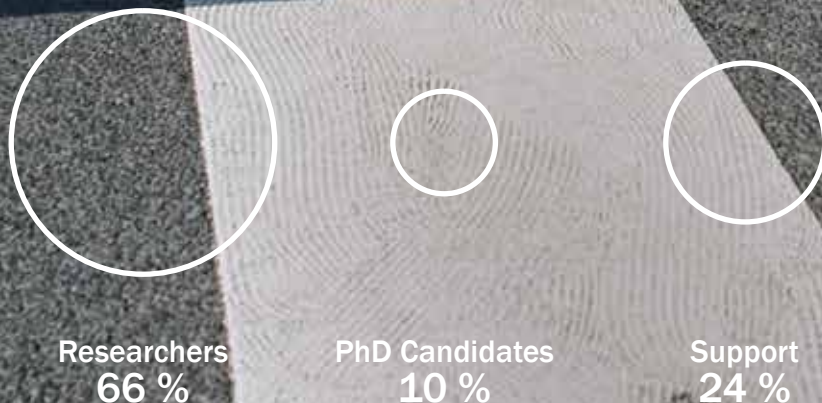
# URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MOBILITY

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## GENDER DISTRIBUTION



## STAFF DISTRIBUTION







*“Faced with daily transport problems and difficulties accessing housing, it is crucial to study deeper into the interactions between urban development, housing and daily mobility.”*

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (ACTING)** Dr Olivier Klein

## RESEARCH AREAS

- / Cross-border integration: practices and representations
- / Cross-border metropolitan areas and the role of the media
- / Cross-border territorial cooperation and planning
- / Evaluation of national and cross-border transport networks
- / Healthy ageing, urban environment and mobility
- / Housing policy
- / Housing prices modelling
- / Individual mobility behaviour: practices and representations
- / Interaction between transport systems and land use
- / Land use and availability
- / New forms of mobility and sustainability
- / Social mutations and access to housing
- / Spatial planning and urban social policy
- / Specialisation of financial centres





# Ageing better in Luxembourg urban environments

Urban planning for ageing population is urban planning for everyone. This is one of the conclusions of the study entitled, “Understanding the Role of Contrasting Urban Contexts in Healthy Ageing,” by Philippe Gerber, part of a research consortium made up of a team from LISER, the Centre Hospitalier of the University of Montreal and the National Institute of Health and Medical Research in Paris. The consortium looked at the questions of mobility, wellbeing and social participation of older people living in different urban environments in Luxembourg, Montreal and Paris.



**PROJECT LEADER** Dr Philippe Gerber

Geographer and researcher at LISER since 2001, Philippe Gerber has examined the importance of the urban environment on persons aged 65 and over. His objective? To measure the level of wellbeing, mobility and social participation of the elderly according to the environment they operate in. “The urban environment can influence mobility practices and feelings of wellbeing in the elderly,” explains the researcher. “We also noted that in taking care of our ageing population and organising our urban planning to meet their needs, we finish up by planning for everyone.”

*“It is the first study of its type to deal with this category of the population on Luxembourg.”*

In order to achieve their study, Philippe Gerber, along with the consortium, developed a new protocol for the collection of data. A device combining a GPS and accelerometer was sup-

plied to a sample of older people. “For seven days their trips and physical activity were measured in order to collect objective and reliable data on their movements, even within the home” explains Philippe Gerber. An interactive card showing where the activity took place (doctor, hairdresser, supermarket...) was also developed.

While the data collection took place at the end of 2016 and the information is still being processed, the first results are emerging. “It is the first study of its type to deal with this category of the population on Luxembourg. The elderly go out relatively often, the number of times they leave the home is estimated at between 100 – 120 times per month, which is quite significant. We now need to compare these results with those generated by the GPS. Deeper analysis will follow to further develop the results and cross reference them with different urban areas,” adds the researcher. “We believe a “walkable” environment will favour more active trips, compared to certain other environments which are more likely to favour the use of a car or public transport.”

In time the results should help public decision-makers to better scale their urban planning choices, as well as alert the authorities and public to the habits of the elderly and their consequences. “Often, following a fall of an accident for example, we notice a break in the habits and movements of an elderly person - a break that can often lead to isolation. Our studies allow us to measure these risky situations and possibly simulate them in order to alert the authorities and family members,” highlights Philippe Gerber.

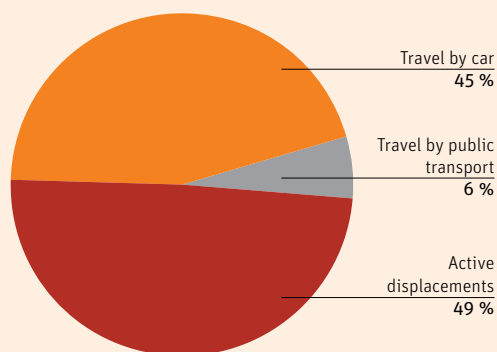


### Principal modes of transportation during the regular travel of the elderly

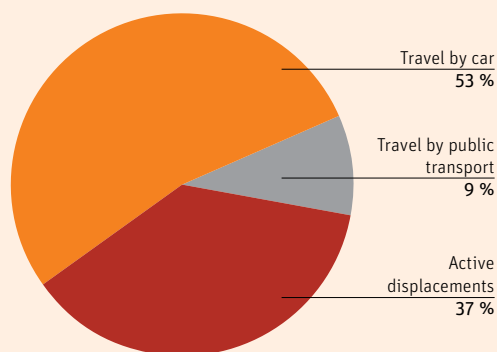
According to the first descriptive results from the survey on the regular activities of the elderly, the proportion of public transport usage is relatively high: for the 470 people interviewed, almost a third of them used some for public transport. On the other hand, the majority of car trips are carried out in peri-urban areas.

Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg and the cities of the south of the country (like Differdange or Dudelange) had the highest concentration of the journeys made on foot.

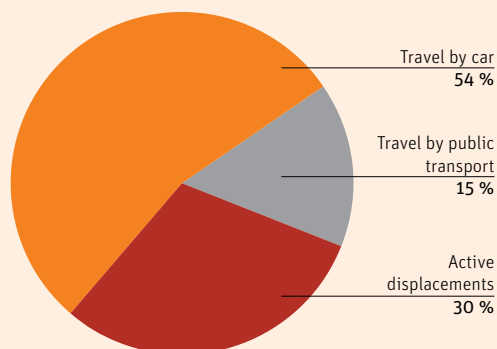
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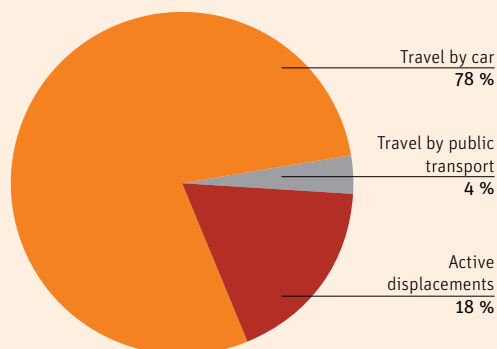
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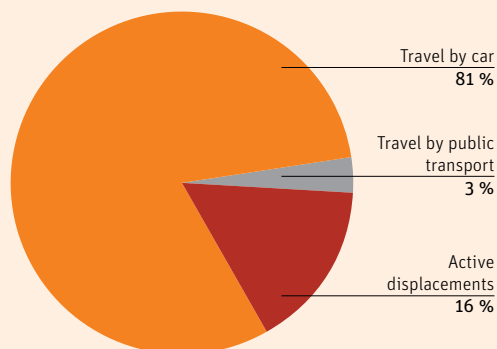
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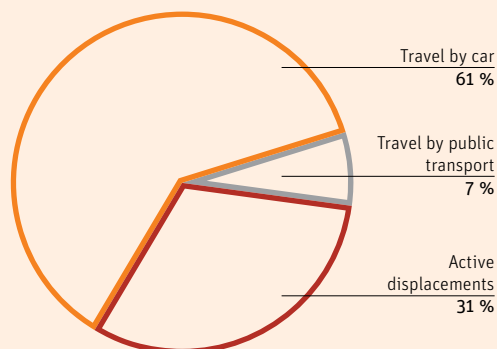
Peri-urban areas with high centralities



Peri-urban areas with medium centralities



TOTAL



Source : Survey CURHA, LISER



# Finance through the geography prism

What is it that distinguishes the world's different financial centres? This is a question that opens the door to an exciting field of research, that of financial geography. Sabine Dörry, a researcher at LISER, takes an alternative look at the world of finance.



**AUTHOR** Dr Sabine Dörry

Finance is almost always exclusively analysed from the economics point of view. However, other disciplines like economic geography can throw a new and surprising light on the subject. In her study, entitled "The Geographies of Industrialised Finance: Probing the Global Production Network of Asset Management," Sabine Dörry scrutinises the world of networked financial 'production'.

"Geographers are generally interested in spaces, places and their contexts," says Sabine Dörry. However, how do the world's financial hubs specialise? What role do they play in the creation of value? Can financial centres be considered as strategic, creative engines for urban economies? Unanswered questions like these suggest taking fresh look at the world of finance and their production sites.

The analysis of the interdependences and specialisations of the different financial centres allows us to better understand the reactions of each one in the face of the crisis. In certain parts of the world, like London and New York, redundancy plans came one after the other, while in other finance centres,

like Luxembourg and Singapore, the market has been flourishing and the number of job losses was much fewer. So what do the financial centres resemble, and can they be characterised despite each having unique histories, political accents and legal requirements?

Sabine Dörry aspires to understand the structures and processes of global finance 'production', which she observes with a critical eye. Among other aspects, the researcher is concentrating on three particular features of the asset management sector: value creation, scientification of the financial work, and changes in power relations.

A first observation is that the understanding of 'value creation' may differ between the finance and the productive sectors. Does the finance sector create social surplus value, or is it characterised by financial wealth growth, such as the accumulation of wealth for a few?

Secondly, Sabine Dörry observes a scientification of the financial work. Processes, which were relatively simple in the past, are now highly complex – characterised by speculation and an artificial extension of the value chains. Numerous professional groups are involved and a whole new set of highly specialised experts is created.

Finally, power relations are changing within the financial system. Digitalisation in particular could reduce the value of traditional banks. For example, tech giants such as Google and Amazon are active in this sector. With a generation of millennials (digital natives) reaching adulthood, will the giants disrupt the entire industry?

*"Geographers are generally interested in spaces, places and their contexts."*

Sabine Dörry's paper provides a taste of what is to come. For example, further research projects are taking place at LISER, in particular with regard to Luxembourg's financial centre and its future positioning. "Green finance will be at the heart of future concerns", reveals Sabine Dörry. New questions cast their shadows ahead; a new field of research emerges.





## *Luxembourg, London & Singapore*

*Financial centers are strategic and creative engines for economic development*



*Luxembourg*



*London*



*Singapore*



# Summary of the year

// Urban Development and Mobility

“After an excellent 2015, the department Urban Development and Mobility has continued its good results with, among others, 17 articles in international journals and the launch of its first public-private partnership in the framework of the Beta-Tracker project.”

// Christophe Sohn, *Head of Department (till 31/07/2016)*,  
// Olivier Klein, *Head of Department (acting from 01/08/2017)*

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/ Veronique van Acker

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/ Vincent Dautel

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articles in refereed  
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book  
chapter

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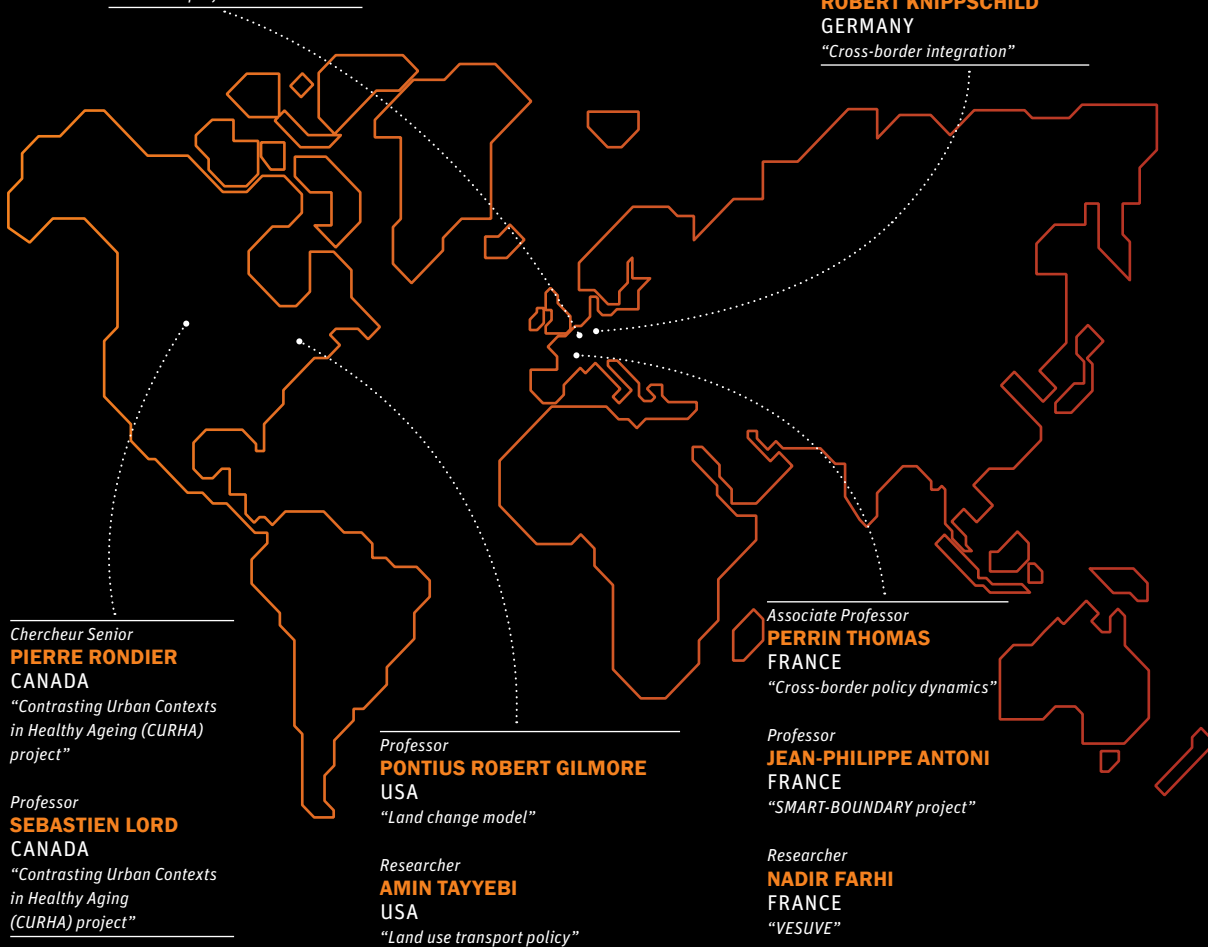


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**ROBERT KNIPPSCHILD**  
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Chercheur Senior  
**PIERRE RONDIER**  
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# SURVEYS

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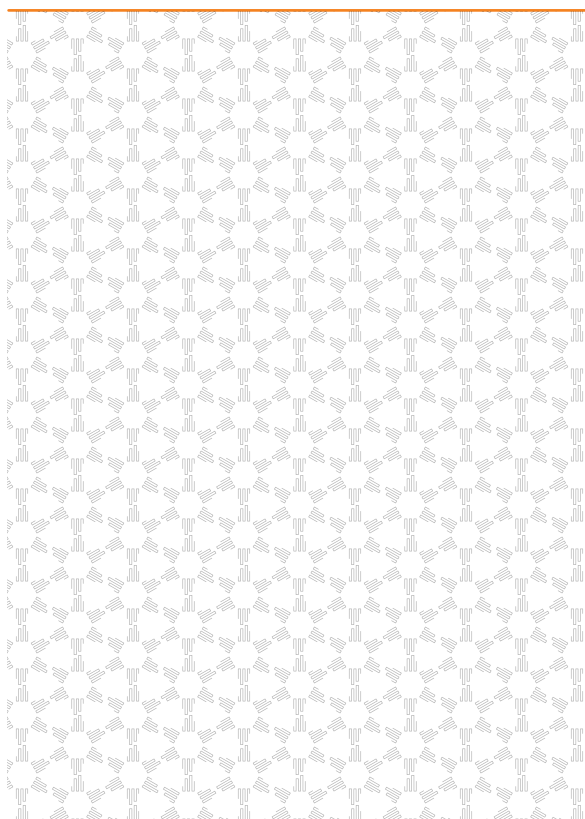


*“Building on tradition and introducing new approaches in survey methodology to develop a centre of excellence within the Institute.”*

**SURVEY TEAM LEADER** Dr Agnieszka Walczak

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| / Eric Guastalli      | / Jean Carlo Welter   |





# SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

“Based on its experience and know-how built up over many years, the LISER team dedicated to surveys wishes to develop a centre of excellence for survey methodology. This will allow LISER to offer academic expertise in the conception of surveys and the collection of data. The objective is to reinforce LISER’s capacity to respond in the best possible way to the research needs of its partners and maximise the impact of its research on society.”

// Agnieszka Walczak, *Survey Team Leader*

## Four major projects in 2016

### EU-SILC: Income and living conditions

Fieldwork was carried out for the EU-SILC survey (European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions), which ran from 16 February to 15 November 2016. The EU-SILC is an annual survey aiming to collect data on income and poverty, social exclusion and living conditions. Since the inception of the Europe 2020 strategy, researchers have used the EU-SILC data to study poverty and social inclusion in the European Union. In February 2017, LISER will participate in the 15th wave of the EU-SILC survey.



**8,265**  
households contacted

8,359 adults and  
1,939 children  
interviewed within

**3,837**  
households





## SHARE: Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe

Two face-to-face pilot surveys were carried out in preparation for the main fieldwork of the SHARE survey (Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe). This survey provides essential information on the living conditions of people aged 50 and over. Its objective is to better understand the ageing process and examine the differences in living conditions of older people in Europe with a view to developing policies aiming to improve health and quality of life in Europe. In March 2017, LISER will participate in the 3rd wave of the SHARE survey in Luxembourg.



101

households contacted for two pre-tests



## ADEM: Employer Satisfaction in Luxembourg

Two online surveys aimed at Luxembourg businesses were carried out in 2016. The first project was conducted for ADEM (National Employment Administration) in order to measure the level of satisfaction of employers in Luxembourg concerning ADEM services. In addition to being interviewed on their level of satisfaction, employers gave their opinions on the financial assistance they can benefit from, as well as on the new online platform JobBoard. The results of the survey will allow ADEM to improve the quality of its public services.

6,400

web surveys of companies in Luxembourg



## Employee Mobility in the South of Luxembourg

This project was carried out with the Vekéiersverbond and Pro-Sud on behalf of the Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure with the objective of studying the transport conditions of employees in the South of Luxembourg. The study focused on the accessibility of the business parks and public transport, as well as at the transport methods used by employees to get there (car sharing, cycling, walking...). The information collected allowed the definition of concrete measures on how to improve the commute to work. This study on mobility in the South of Luxembourg will continue in 2017.

63

face-to-face interviews with companies



# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

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## GENDER DISTRIBUTION







*“Through a culture of close collaboration with research, the Administration Department strives to continually improve the services provided to LISER researchers and their partners.”*

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR** Claire Egan (MBA)

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/ Salima Mansouri

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/ Esther Zana-Nau

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/ Michel Leman  
/ David Vasaune

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/ Begoña Leves

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT

/ Clémence Pouget

### SECRETARIAT

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/ Nicole Hégerlé  
/ Birgit Schneider





# New LISER website

At the end of 2016 LISER management decided to modernise, reinforce and adapt its web presence in order to better meet its strategic objectives. In parallel, LISER began to update part of its IT system with the modern enterprise resource planning (ERP) called 'Odoo', which will provide structural improvements. The developments aim to make works more accessible to the general public and advance the scientific reputation of the institute within the academic community.



## Research seminars



28 SEPTEMBER 2016

### How welfare reform in the UK has harmed health: the case of housing

Associate Professorial Research  
Fellow in Poverty and Inequality  
**DR AARON REEVES**  
International Inequalities Institute  
London School of Economics & Political Science

Housing security is a determinant of mental health that can be strengthened or undermined by public policy.

In April 2011 the British government reduced housing benefits (an average reduction of 2315\$ per year in housing benefits for low income people in the private rental sector). This reform created a natural experiment by splitting the population into two groups – those receiving a government housing benefit and those not receiving housing benefits. This change in policy has been used to explore the link between housing security and wellbeing by comparing the prevalence of mental

illness between the two groups before and after the reform. It appears that between April 2011 and March 2013 the prevalence of symptoms of depression in private tenants who received housing benefits increased by 18% compared to those who did not receive a housing benefit. Our models estimate that in the region of 26,000 people have shown symptoms of depression in connection with the reduction in housing benefits.

We conclude that the reduction of housing support to low income people in the private rental sector had increased in the prevalence of depression in the UK.

93

seminars and trainings  
organised at LISER in 2016

150+

hours of seminars and trainings  
organised at LISER in 2016



# Launch...

## ...of LISER-LAB

For some time now, events like the 2008 crisis have demonstrated the need to better understand and predict economic change. This need results from the complexity of the economic environment: the economy is interconnected, globalised and characterised by an innumerable quantity of human interactions which are often subject to diverging interests. This contrasts with “hard sciences”, where laboratory experiments allow scientists to analyse a given phenomenon while isolating it from disrupting or confounding factors. Human sciences, which use administrative or quantitative surveys, generally do not offer this possibility.

Over the course of the last two decades a new approach aiming to study economic phenomena in a controlled environment has risen. Known as experimental economics, its goal is to replicate economic situations through experiments involving participants whose behaviour is analysed by the researcher. The researcher can also modify the parameters, or rules, of the experiment in order to precisely assess the impact of these rules on participants' behaviour. The collected information, together with the socio-demographic profile of participants, is compiled in a data base, which is then analysed with statistical methods.

Through the LISER-LAB, created in January 2016, LISER contributes to this growing discipline and takes advantage of the microcosm of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Indeed, due to its multiculturalism and multilingualism, Luxembourg offers an especially favourable context to analyse the impact of identity and diversity of groups on the behaviour of individuals, in particular the propensity to cooperate. While it is only emerging in the experimental literature, the subject of diversity presents enormous academic potential for LISER and is particularly relevant for social cohesion and the national economy.

The LISER-LAB offers a versatile decision-making and analytical tool that addresses a multiplicity of questions that are relevant to public and private decision makers. In addition, it contributes to LISER's visibility on the national and international scales. Do not hesitate to come and take part in our experiments, they are meant to involve a large public and to foster progress in science!

## ...of Cataliser

With a large number of databases at LISER's disposal from its various research projects, the institute has decided to provide the broader scientific community the possibility to access the valuable data. Through Cataliser, LISER informs the scientific community, both internal and external, of these

databases. The newly-developed web application now allows access to a list of databases and their associated metadata. In addition, where applicable the visitor can also view technical guides and methodologies.

**150+**

*number of databases now visible within Cataliser*

**10+**

*different themes covered by socio-economic indicators*

## ...of interactive socio-economic indicators website

A new web space dedicated to socio-economic indicators was launched in 2017. The objective of this new space is to improve the national and international visibility of LISER's research production. Through their work, LISER researchers have identified different socio-economic phenomena, which are relevant to the Grand Duchy, such as ageing of the working population, material deprivation or property prices. While not exhaustive, this new page is designed to provide an overview of the economic, social and geographical dimensions of the country with a temporal and/or spatial scope thanks to dynamic and/or interactive graphics.

Beyond the numbers, this page also aims to guide the users in interpreting these indicators. Thus, an indicator's page may include supporting texts, which will allow for a better understanding of the facts and of the socio-political context for scientists as well as the general public. For users wishing further information on an indicator or research theme, each indicator will be linked to the publications (where possible) or to other relevant themes.



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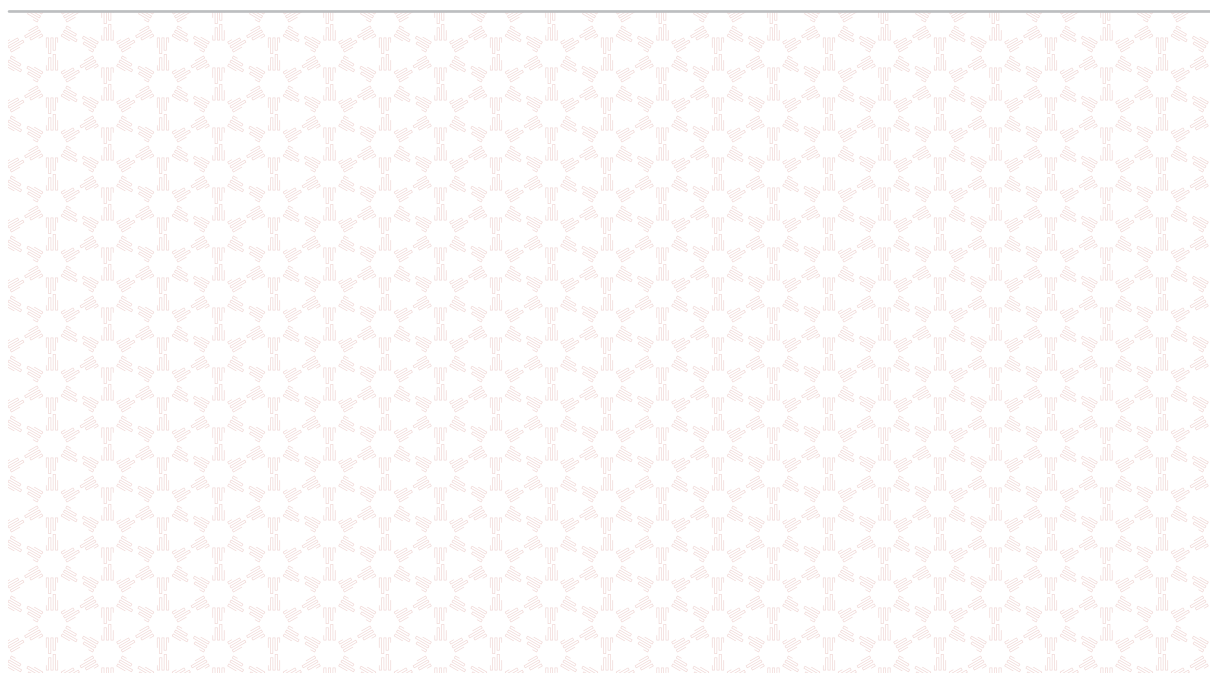
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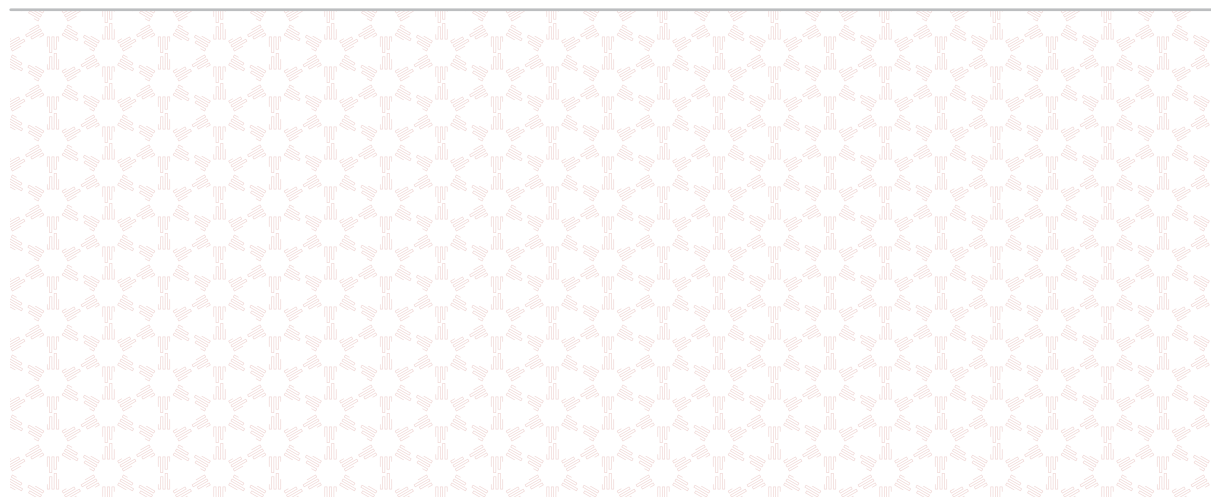
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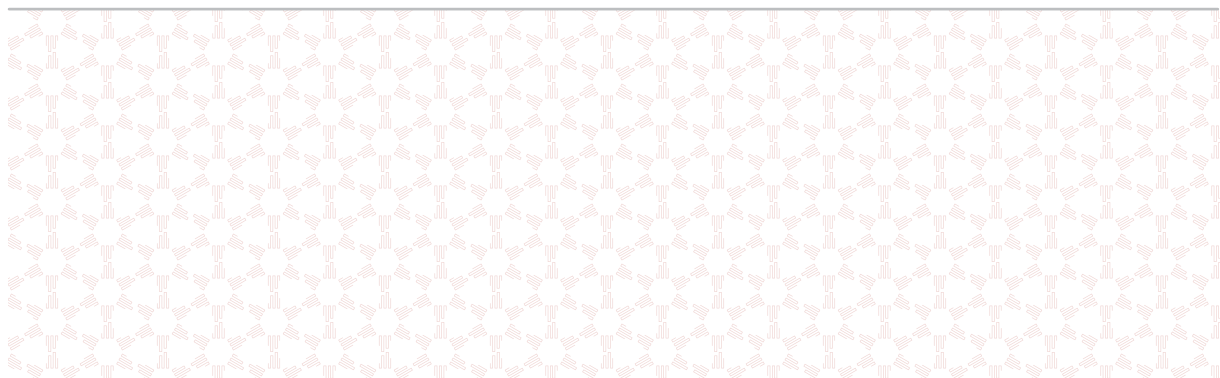
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# AUDIT REPORT



Au Gouvernement du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg  
**Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (Liser)**

Nous avons effectué l'audit des comptes annuels ci-joints de Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (Liser), comprenant le bilan au 31 décembre 2016, le compte de profits et pertes pour l'exercice clos à cette date et l'annexe contenant un résumé des principales méthodes comptables et d'autres notes explicatives.

## *Responsabilité du Conseil d'Administration pour les comptes annuels*

Le Conseil d'Administration est responsable de l'établissement et de la présentation sincère de ces comptes annuels, conformément aux obligations légales et réglementaires relatives à l'établissement et la présentation des comptes annuels en vigueur au Luxembourg ainsi que d'un contrôle interne qu'il juge nécessaire pour permettre l'établissement de comptes annuels ne comportant pas d'anomalies significatives, que celles-ci proviennent de fraudes ou résultent d'erreurs.

## *Responsabilité du Réviseur d'entreprises agréé*

Notre responsabilité est d'exprimer une opinion sur ces comptes annuels sur la base de notre audit. Nous avons effectué notre audit selon les Normes Internationales d'Audit telles qu'adoptées pour le Luxembourg par la Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier. Ces normes requièrent de notre part de nous conformer aux règles d'éthique et de planifier et réaliser l'audit en vue d'obtenir une assurance raisonnable que les comptes annuels ne comportent pas d'anomalies significatives.

Un audit implique la mise en œuvre de procédures en vue de recueillir des éléments probants concernant les montants et les informations fournis dans les comptes annuels. Le choix des procédures relève du jugement du Réviseur d'entreprises agréé, de même que l'évaluation des risques que les comptes annuels comportent des anomalies significatives, que celles-ci proviennent de fraudes ou résultent d'erreurs. En procédant à cette évaluation, le Réviseur d'entreprises agréé prend en compte le contrôle interne en vigueur dans l'entité relatif à l'établissement et la présentation sincère des comptes annuels afin de définir des procédures d'audit appropriées en la circonstance, et non dans le but d'exprimer une opinion sur le fonctionnement efficace du contrôle interne de l'entité. Un audit comporte également l'appréciation du caractère approprié des méthodes comptables retenues et du caractère raisonnable des estimations comptables faites par le Conseil d'Administration, de même que l'appréciation de la présentation d'ensemble des comptes annuels.

Nous estimons que les éléments probants recueillis sont suffisants et appropriés pour fonder notre opinion.



### *Opinion*

A notre avis, les comptes annuels donnent une image fidèle du patrimoine et de la situation financière de Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (Liser) au 31 décembre 2016, ainsi que des résultats pour l'exercice clos à cette date, conformément aux obligations légales et réglementaires relatives à l'établissement et la présentation des comptes annuels en vigueur au Luxembourg.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Société coopérative  
Représentée par

Luxembourg, le 14 avril 2017



Christiane Schaus

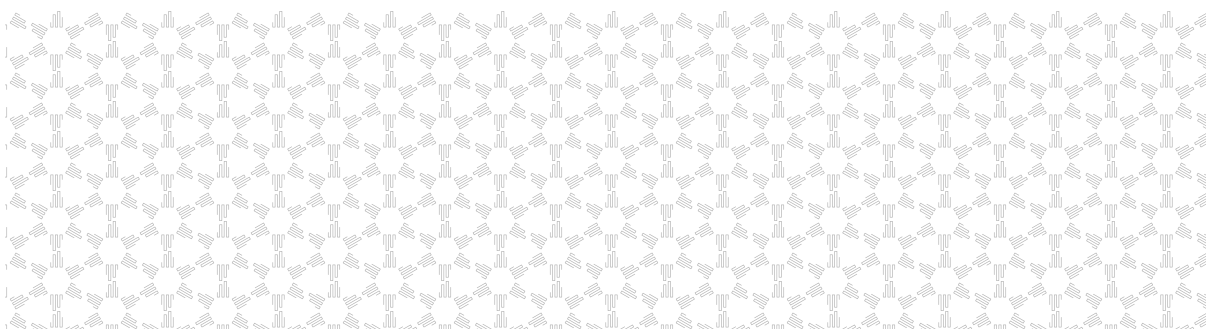




# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ACTIF	2016	2015
<b>ACTIF IMMOBILISÉ</b>		
Immobilisations incorporelles et corporelles	551.322,03	528.258,03
Immobilisations financières	2.100,00	
	553.422,03	528.258,03
<b>ACTIF CIRCULANT</b>		
<b>Créances</b>		
Créances résultant de ventes et prestations de services dont la durée résiduelle est inférieure ou égale à un an	4.233.454,84	2.485.426,39
Autres créances dont la durée résiduelle est inférieure ou égale à un an	447.228,43	424.464,39
Avoirs en banques, avoirs en compte de chèques postaux, chèques et encaisse	3.114.052,90	3.781.406,92
	7.794.736,17	6.691.297,70
Comptes de régularisation	176.300,19	170.539,41
<b>Total du bilan (actif)</b>	<b>8.524.458,39</b>	<b>7.390.095,14</b>

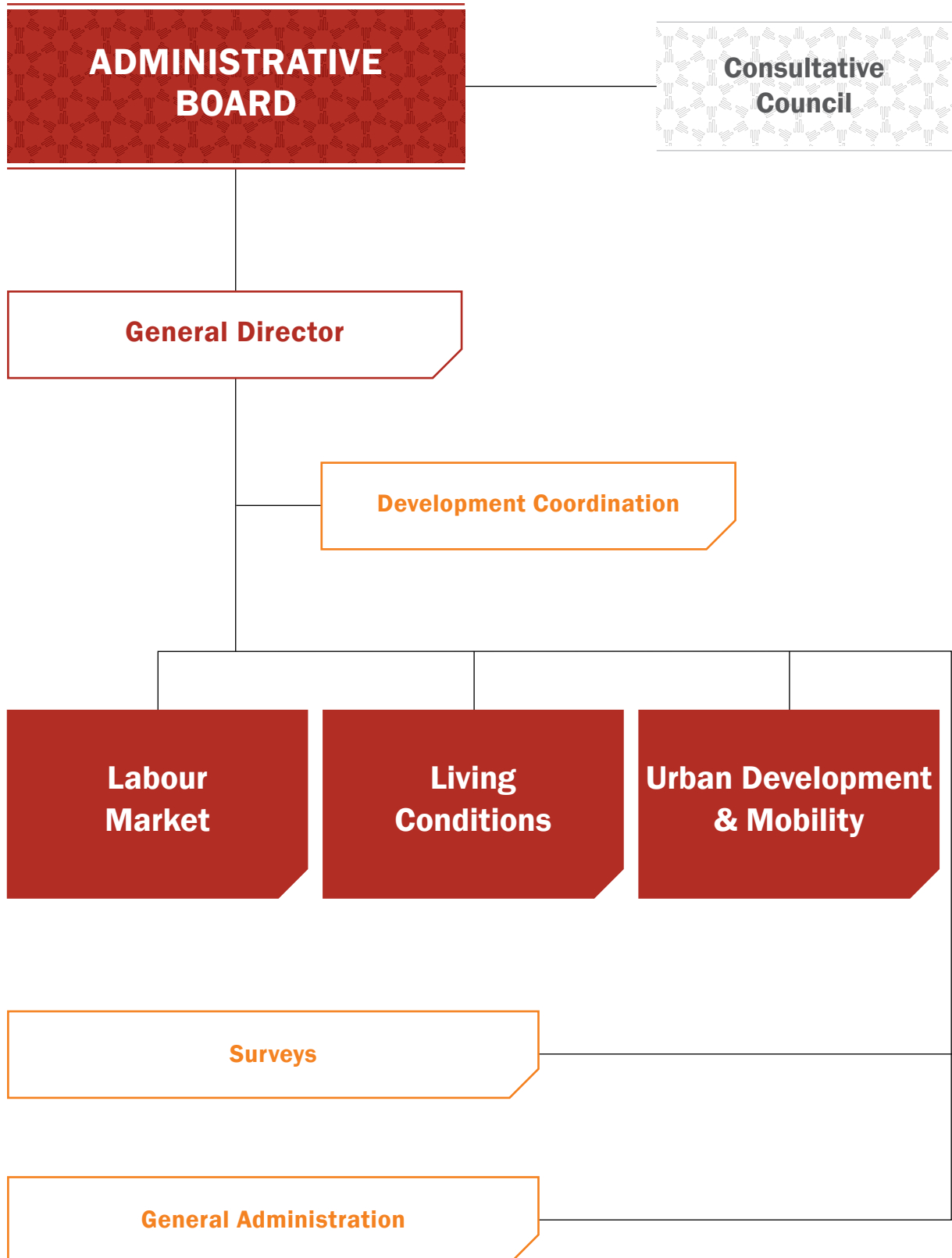




<b>CAPITAUX PROPRES ET PASSIF</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>FONDS PROPRES</b>		
Excédents budgétaires cumulés	3.146.993,04	2.827.078,14
Résultat de l'exercice	672.152,94	319.914,90
Subventions d'investissement	551.322,03	528.258,11
	<b>4.370.468,01</b>	<b>3.675.251,15</b>
<b>PROVISIONS</b>		
Autres provisions	534.137,13	544.295,50
<b>DETTES NON SUBORDONNÉES</b>		
Dettes sur achats et prestations de services dont la durée résiduelle est inférieure ou égale à un an	1.326.362,46	996.865,02
<b>Autres dettes</b>		
Dettes fiscales	268.865,65	254.646,04
Dettes au titre de la sécurité sociale	325.082,88	314.503,73
Autres dettes dont la durée résiduelle est inférieure ou égale à un an	27.534,27	35.748,58
	<b>1.947.845,26</b>	<b>1.601.763,37</b>
Comptes de régularisation	1.672.007,99	1.568.785,12
<b>Total du bilan (capitaux propres et passif)</b>	<b>8.524.458,39</b>	<b>7.390.095,14</b>



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A team of highly qualified researchers accompanies them as their research work progresses and provide them support and scientific advice. LISER also offers the PhD candidates the opportunity to attend training courses which complement their university curriculum. LISER enables them to develop their qualifications in the field of social sciences as well as their capacities to carry out research with integrity and in accordance with international ethical standards.

In 2016 LISER teams supervised 30 PhD candidates, 19 of whom benefited from FNR funding and were completely integrated into the research teams.

Of the 30 PhD candidates, 8 were able to successfully defend their doctoral thesis and have started their professional careers. One of them testified that: “The completion of a thesis at LISER has allowed me to gain a rich experience and to benefit from a high level applied research environment in an international context. Thanks to LISER many different skills were acquired and developed, including project management and events organisation, in parallel with academic work. Working with Doctoral students and researchers from so many different horizons helped to set up a solid network across Europe.”

## LISER's participation in FNR PRIDE programme

Following the reform by the FNR of its Doctoral funding programme and the introduction in 2015 of the PRIDE Programme, a DTU (Doctoral Training Unit) project in which LISER participates in cooperation with two departments of the University of Luxembourg, has been accepted and is currently in its implementation phase. It is a joint research project on

the topic «Migration, Inequality and Labor Market », which will host a total of 12 PhD candidates in the various doctoral schools of the partners. This will offer specialised training programmes specifically related to the research topics of the DTU.

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**DREVON Guillaume.** *Mobilité quotidienne et stratégies d'adaptation des ménages. Une approche comparée des espaces transfrontaliers et non frontaliers des métropoles luxembourgeoise et grenobloise.* Thèse de Doctorat de l'Institut de Géographie Alpine de l'Université Grenoble Alpes, soutenue le 27 juin 2016 à Grenoble, France.

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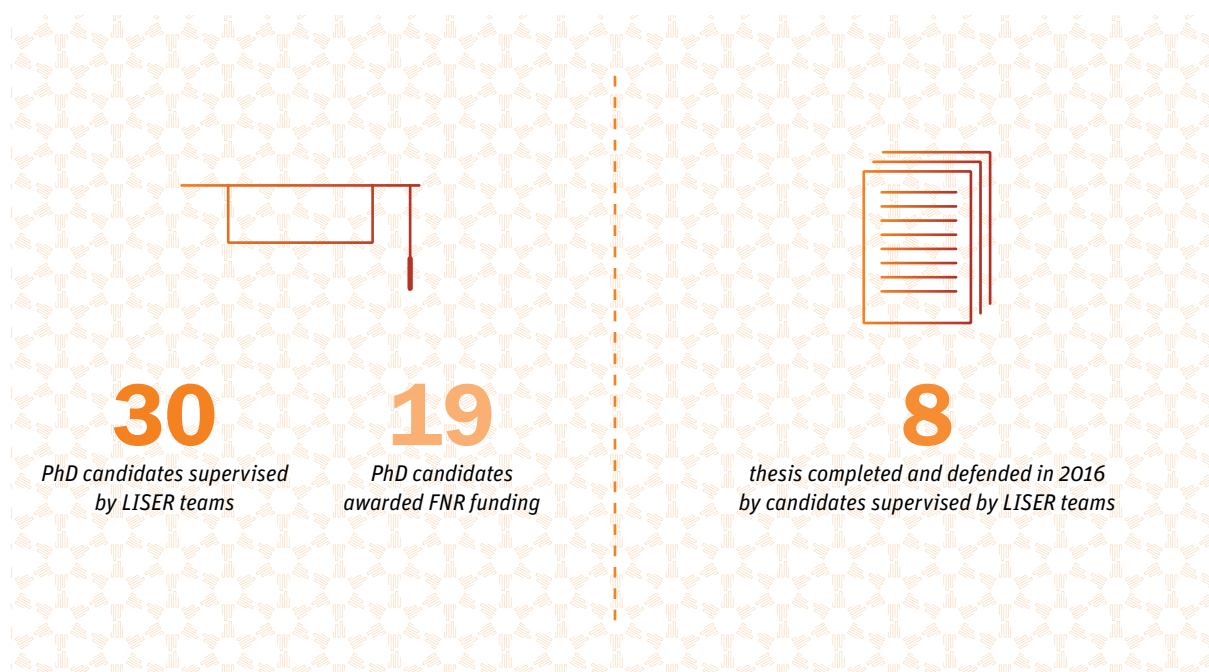
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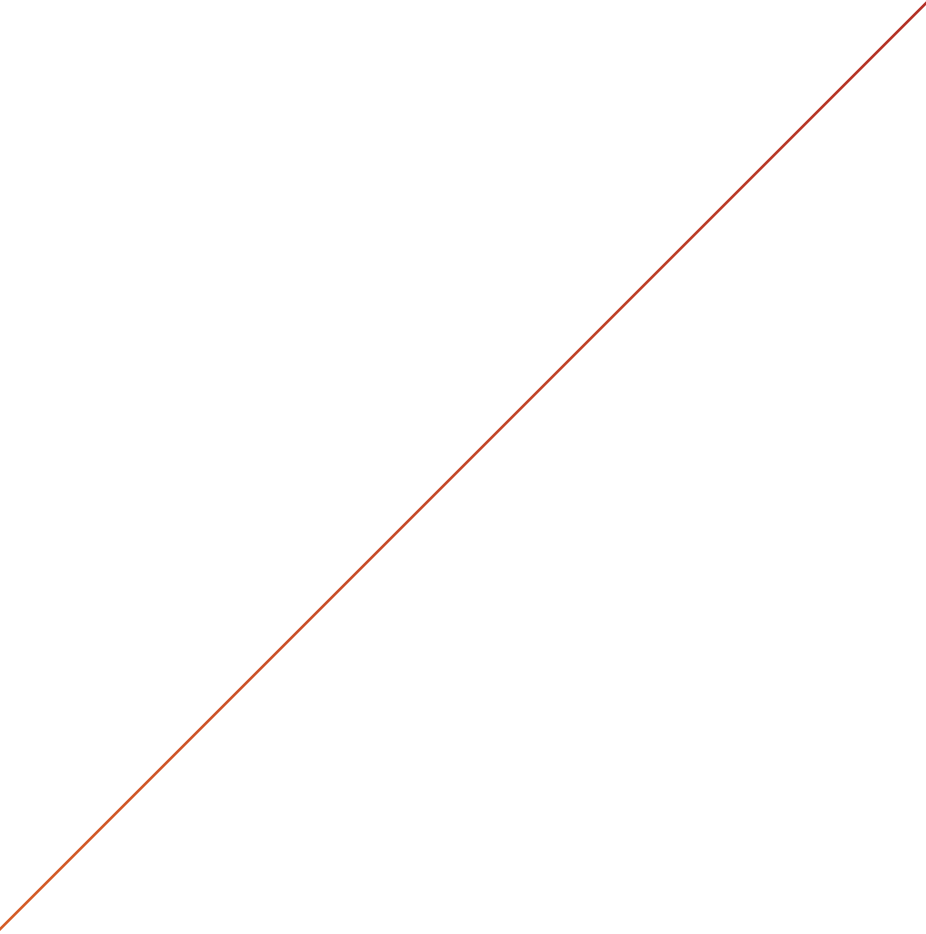
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