

The image shows the flag of the European Union, which is a blue field with twelve five-pointed gold stars arranged in a circle. The word "Luxembourg" is written in white, sans-serif font across the center of the flag. The flag is waving and is set against a dark blue background.

Luxembourg

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## Agenda

1. (political) Facts and Figures
2. Actual discussions



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**Official name:** Grand Duchy of Luxembourg  
**Governmental type:** Constitutional monarchy  
**Capital:** Luxembourg  
**Population:** 0.5 Million  
**Language:** Letzeburgisch, German and French

**Luxembourg has one of highest GDP per capita in the world**

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## Furthermore...

- **Benelux Country**
- **Member of Schengen Convention**
- **Founding member state of EU (1952)**
- **EU Institutions based in Luxembourg:**
  - European Parliament  
(also based in Brussels und Strasbourg)
  - Court of Justice of European Union
  - European Court of Auditors
  - European Investment Bank



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# Luxembourg

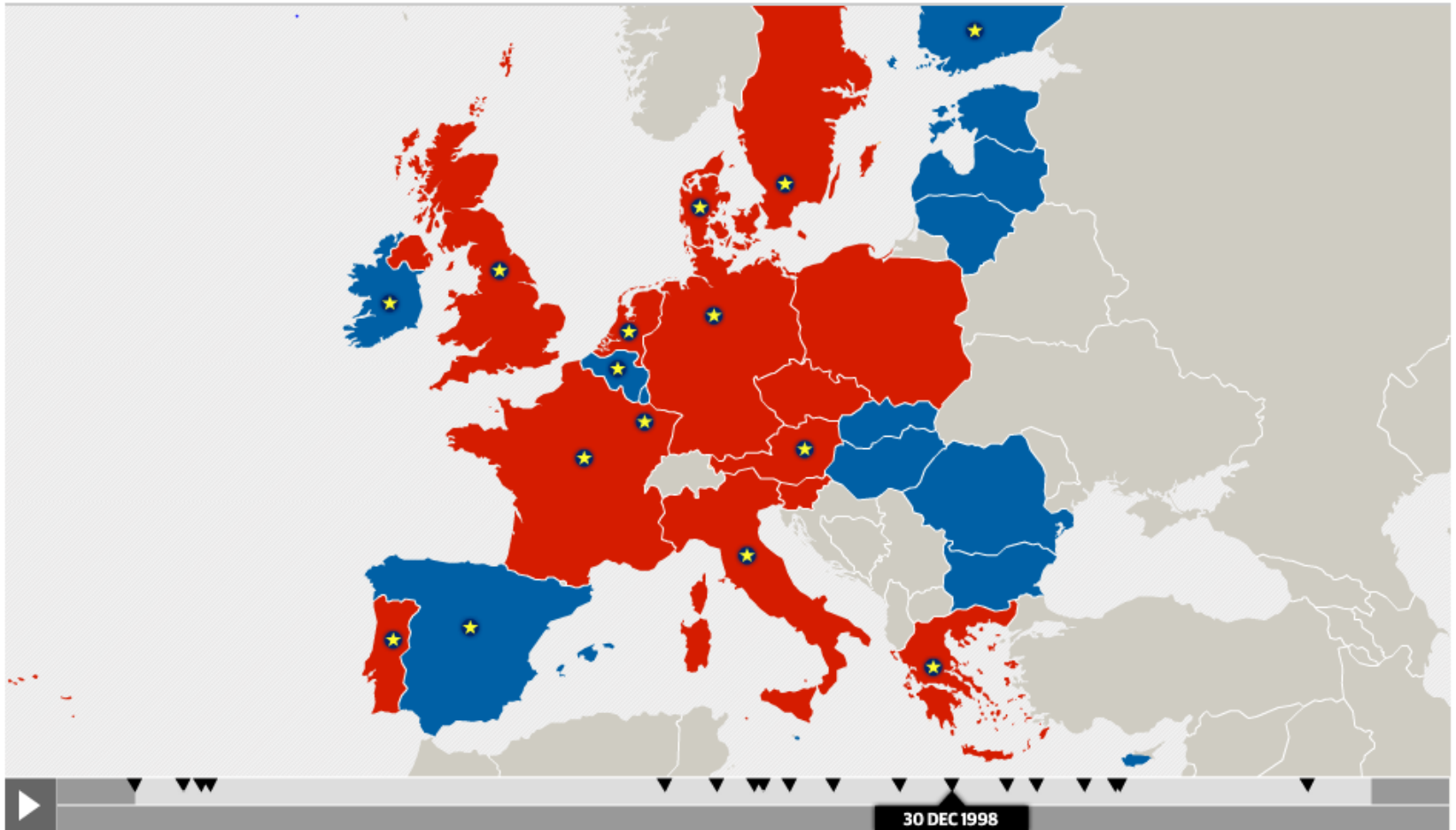
Date joined EU: 31 December 1957

Came to power: 26 January 1995

Head of government: Jean-Claude Juncker

Party or coalition: Christian Social People's Party

- LEFT WING
- RIGHT WING
- ★ EU MEMBER
- NEUTRAL
- TOTALITARIAN



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- Power is shared between the monarch and the Parliament
- The current government has been in power since 2004, and is formed by a coalition between the Christian Social People's Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP)
- Since 1995 Prime Minister J.-C. Juncker
- Since 2004 J.-C. Juncker is also President of Euro-Group



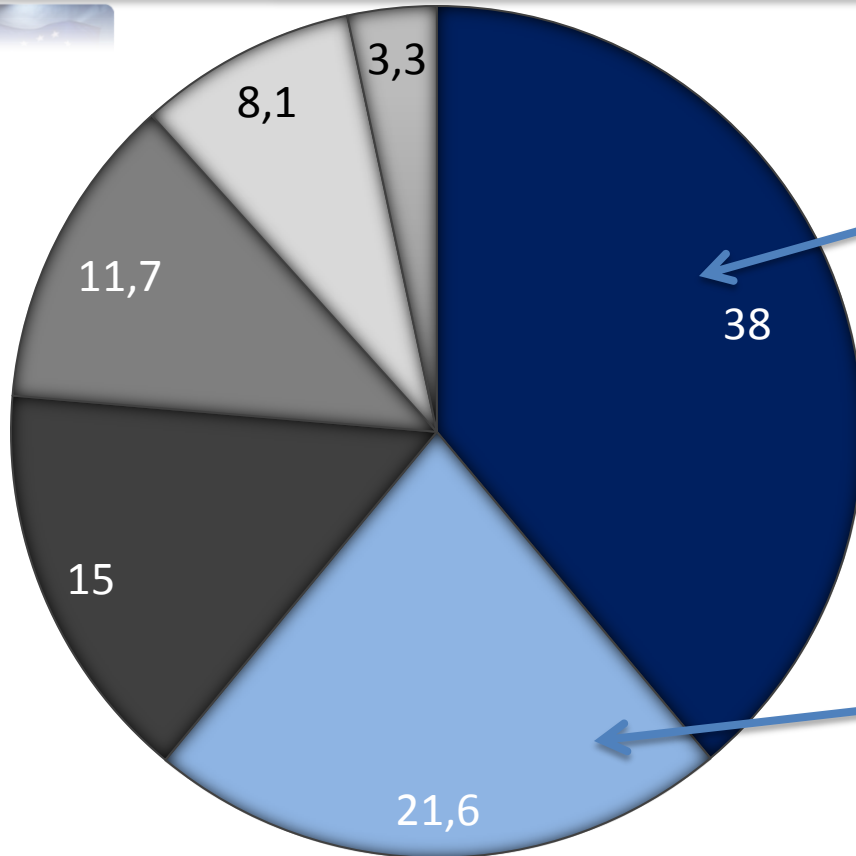
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(numbers in %)

- Christian Social People Party
- Democratic Party
- Alternative Democratic Reform Party



Christian Social People's Party  
(CSV- Christlich Soziale Volkspartei)

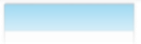
- Strongly Pro-EU
- Conservative, christian-democratic
- 26 of 60 seats



Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party  
LSAP- Luxemburgische Sozialistische Arbeiterpartei

- Social democratic
- especially strong in the south
- 13 of 60 seats

- Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party
- The Greens
- The Left



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- PRO-EUROPE! remain keen supporters of the EU
- Eurobarometer: 70% think that the EU is a good institution  
49% optimistic that the EU did a good job during the crisis  
under 25 years more than 62%  
BUT less than in 2008

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- Concern over Luxembourg's reputation as a tax haven
- new President of France, Françoise Hollande
- New president of Euro-Group???



Morgenstunde im Gipfelhotel

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