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"Mapping Luxembourg": Historical maps and views of the city of Luxembourg online

A recent collaboration between the Luxembourg City History Museum and the National Archives has led to a new visualisation tool to explore the Grand Duchy's capital's history: the digital representation of historical maps and views against the background of today's urban situation — as of now on www.mapping-luxembourg.lu.

The visitor starts with a view of the current townscape by Google Earth, dotted with the positions of 50 historically important buildings and 13 mapped surfaces. Thanks to these interactive tags, the user can get familiar with the capital's historical topography and the urban development in a playful way.

Every building tag features historical information and a series of 19th- and 20th-century images. The area markers offer the unique possibility to layer numerous historical maps, dating from the 17th to the 20th century, on top of images of the current townscape and to compare these thanks to fading and zooming options. For this purpose, the cartographic material has been geo-referenced and adapted to modern projection.

The entirety of the historical documents displayed on www.mapping-luxembourg.lu originates from the collections of the National Archives, the Luxembourg City Phototheque and the Luxembourg City History Museum.





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