

Luxembourg, 16 September 2016

**24 September 2016: Open House (*Journée portes ouvertes des institutions*) at the BCL**

On Saturday, 24 September 2016, the Banque centrale du Luxembourg (BCL) will participate in the initiative « Journée portes ouvertes des institutions ». On this occasion, the BCL will open the doors of its Headquarters, located on 2, boulevard Royal, and of the numismatic and didactic centers of its Monterey building, located on 43, avenue Monterey, to the public.

**Programme of the BCL's Open House**

**1. BCL Headquarters, 2, boulevard Royal**



The entrance hall of the historical headquarters of the BCL will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Governor of the BCL, Mr. Gaston Reinesch, will be present to take potential questions from the public from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The public will have the opportunity to inquire about the building's very rich history and visit an exhibition on Luxembourg's monetary history, ranging from the period of John the Blind to the banknotes issued by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute (*Institut Monétaire Luxembourgeois*).

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## 2. Monterey Building, 43, avenue Monterey



At the BCL's numismatic centre, located on the ground floor of the Monterey Building, the public will have the opportunity to visit an exhibition about the BCL's numismatic products consisting of circulation and collector coins. The numismatic shop will be open during its normal opening hours, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Moreover, a workshop on euro banknotes' security features will inform visitors about banknote security features and give the opportunity to the public to discover security features that cannot be seen with the naked eye, using specific devices. The new €50 banknote, which will be introduced across the euro area starting 4 April 2017, will also be on display in both buildings.

In the didactic centre located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Monterey Building, visitors will be able to get insights about the Bank's domestic and European missions and tasks through an exhibition set up to that effect. Short informational videos will be screened in the Auditorium on the same floor.

A quiz contest will give the opportunity to visitors to test their knowledge and try win three numismatic prizes offered by the BCL. The first prize will be a Fairtrade gold coin recently issued as part of the "Cultural History of the Grand Duchy" series.

An area specifically dedicated to children will allow them to get acquainted with money in an enjoyable and playful manner, notably through a new educational booklet published by the BCL.

The Monterey Building will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**For security reasons, please note that visitors (both adults and children) will have to present a valid photo ID in order to gain access to the BCL premises.**

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