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ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Luxembourg International Science Expo*
Year: **2025**

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Name of the Program: Luxembourg International Science Expo (LISE)

Year of activity: 2025

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Number of active participants in the program: 134 (including 38 supervisors)

Estimated number of impacted participants: 96 youngs scientists from over the world

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

The Luxembourg International Science Expo (LISE) 2025 has been successfully implemented and is now completed. The event brought together young participants from Luxembourg and partner countries for an international science expo combining project presentations, exchanges between young scientists, and intercultural activities. All activities planned within the framework of LISE 2025 were carried out as foreseen. The program is currently in its closing phase, with administrative follow-up, reporting and evaluation in progress. At the same time, reflections and preparatory work for the next edition are already underway, building on the experience and outcomes of LISE 2025.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

LISE 2025 confirmed the continued growth and consolidation of the Luxembourg International Science Expo compared to the previous edition.

In **2024**, LISE brought together **107 participants**, including **29 supervisors**, representing **22 countries and territories**. The edition already demonstrated a strong international dimension and a solid organisational framework.

In **2025**, the program reached a new milestone, welcoming a total of **134 participants**, including **38 supervisors**, coming from **26 countries and territories**. This represents a significant increase both in overall participation and in international reach. The edition showcased **51 scientific projects** across four thematic categories and further strengthened the diversity of scientific fields and participating countries.

Beyond quantitative growth, LISE 2025 demonstrated a strong consolidation of its international network, with a high proportion of returning delegations alongside new partner countries. In addition, the event expanded its educational outreach by welcoming **318 pupils and students from 10 Luxembourgish schools**, reinforcing LISE's role as a bridge between international science, education and society in Luxembourg.

Overall, LISE 2025 illustrates a controlled and sustainable growth of the program, combining increased participation, wider international representation and strengthened educational and human impact.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

The evaluation of LISE 2025 is based on qualitative feedback collected from participants, supervisors and partners, internal team debriefings, and a strategic review with the Board of Directors of the Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg.

Overall, LISE 2025 was assessed as a very strong edition, confirming LISE's role as a key international platform for youth science and intercultural exchange. Based on the feedback collected, **89% of respondents declared themselves satisfied or very satisfied** with their experience. The increase in the number of participants and countries, together with a high retention rate of partner delegations, reflects the growing relevance and credibility of the program.

At the same time, the evaluation highlighted the need to further strengthen planning, anticipation and internal organisation in order to sustainably support the program's growth. These lessons will directly inform the preparation of future editions.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

For the next edition, the Fondation Jeunes Scientifiques Luxembourg aims to further consolidate LISE as a reference international science expo for young researchers. Key priorities include strengthening long-term international partnerships, improving early participant support (particularly regarding travel and logistics), and optimising internal planning and workload distribution.

The objective for the 2026 edition is to welcome delegations from **35 countries and territories**, while maintaining high organisational, educational and human standards. LISE will continue to promote science as a tool for dialogue, cooperation and peace, with a particular focus on inclusivity and the participation of underrepresented countries and young scientists.

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