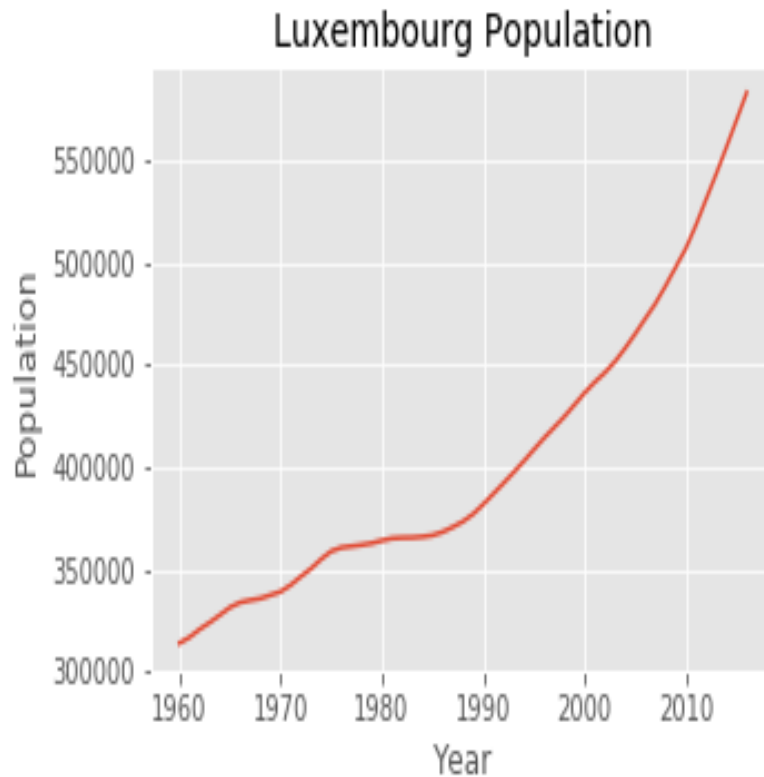


Luxembourg



Coordinates: 49°45′N 6°10′E﻿ / ﻿49.750°N 6.167°E﻿ / 49.750; 6.167 – in Europe (green & dark grey) – in the European Union (green)Luxembourg (/ˈlʌksəmbʊrɡ/ (listen)) (Luxembourgish: Lëtzebuerg (/ˈlɛtsəbuɐrɡ/ (listen)); French: Luxembourg, German: Luxemburg), officially the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,[note 1] is a landlocked country in western Europe. It is bordered by Belgium to the west and north, Germany to the east, and France to the south. Its capital, Luxembourg City, together with Brussels and Strasbourg, is one of the three official capitals of the European Union and the seat of the European Court of Justice, the highest judicial authority in the EU. Its culture, people and languages are highly intertwined with its neighbours, making it essentially a mixture of French and Germanic cultures, as evident by the nation's three official languages: French, German, and the national language, Luxembourgish (sometimes considered a dialect of German). The repeated invasions by Germany, especially in World War II, resulted in the country's strong will for mediation between France and Germany and, among other things, led to the foundation of the European Union.