

Appendix 2: Background to the Conference:

LuxIC was founded by active NCP members based in Luxembourg. Many members of LuxIC are also members of NexPros, an informal group, the members of which significantly contributed to past CEPROS projects ("Luxembourg Business in the New Digital Economy" published in the year 2000 and "Luxembourg Business in the New Digital Economy: an update" which was published in the year 2003). NexPros is producing a report on an Intellectual Capital view of the Future of Luxembourg.

The number of groups which are actively studying the evolution of Luxembourg in different ways and from different angles prompted members of LuxIC to conceive the project of organizing a conference on the "Future of Luxembourg" where the various study groups would present their findings and which would be discussed by expert panels . The presence in Luxembourg of several NCP Board and other prominent NCP members led LuxIC to the idea to have them involved in the panel discussions.

The conference is organized along the following lines:

- the 4 different working groups, among which NexPros, will briefly present their findings;
- a first international panel consisting of NCP members (and a guest) will comment the findings;
- a second panel of Luxembourg experts would then also provide comments in relation to findings of the working group and the NCP .

This conference is being organized by LuxIC, and will take place on 6 February 2013. Preliminary meetings of speakers and panelists to explain Luxembourg specificities are scheduled on 5 February 2013. The workshops and the conference will take place at the Cercle Cité (the Cercle) under the patronage and with the support of the Mayor and the City of Luxembourg, of the Observatoire de la Compétitivité and the now dissolved CEPROS.

The 4 groups, all constituted of volunteers, are:

- **5'vir12** (5 min before 12) is a group of independent Luxembourgish businessmen (trade, industry, services) which tries to raise awareness of the population to the problems that Luxembourg will be facing if there is no corrective action. They have started this awareness-raising action beginning 2012.
- **2030.lu** Platform is a new reflection platform on how Luxembourg sees its future and what should be done. It is initiated by the Chamber of Commerce and the Union of Luxembourg Enterprises, but is intended as a platform very open to all ideas with participation of volunteers.
- **SOLEP** (www.solep.lu) is an association created in 2009 by the Luxembourg Observatoire de la Compétitivité with the intention to provide an instrument for foresight and evaluation that can help in governmental decision-making. It consists of about 80 independent participants who work as volunteers in 5 different groups.on a project called "Luxembourg 2030".
- **NexPros** is an informal association of independent volunteers who have already worked together on projects under CEPROS, now dissolved. It has started working on a new project: "IC and the Future of Luxembourg" in November 2011, that tries to diagnose some of Luxembourg's deeper problems by IC analysis and to suggest ways to bring solutions by the same way. NexPros's website is integrated in the www.luxic.lu website, soon to be released.

The programme of the "Future of Luxembourg" Conference figures on App 3.