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His Royal Highness Henri de Luxembourg | Class of 1980

His Royal Highness Grand Duke Henri served as the constitutional monarch of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg from 7 October 2000 until his abdication on 3 October 2025, after which his son, Grand Duke Guillaume, ascended to the throne. The Grand Duke's reign was characterised by continuity and a strong commitment to institutional responsibility, as well as by active and consistent engagement in European and international affairs. Throughout this period, he paid particular attention to supporting Luxembourg's economic, cultural, and social actors, notably alongside Grand Duchess Maria Teresa.



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At the Grand Ducal Palace on 13 January 2020, HRH Grand Duke Henri received Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission. Luxembourg is a founding member of the European Union, and the City of Luxembourg is one of its official institutional seats.



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In September 2018, HRH Grand Duke Henri addressed the graduating class at the Institute. In his speech, he spoke of the future of Europe, trans-atlantic relations, and the importance of civic engagement and volunteerism, particularly amongst younger generations.



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HRH Grand Duke Henri has been a member of the International Olympic Committee since 1998. He is pictured here presenting Cassandre Beaugrand with the gold medal in the women's triathlon event at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

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