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Press statement of ACEL: Evaluation of the housing and transport survey – ACEL calls for more student housing and better connections to campuses.

In September 2025, ACEL launched a survey on the housing and transport situation, which ran for more than five months. Of the 432 participants, 366 study in Luxembourg, including 316 at the University of Luxembourg. The results therefore primarily provide an insight into the situation of students at [Uni.lu](https://uni.lu).

Housing

56.41% of respondents consider it difficult to obtain student accommodation from Uni.lu. The issues mentioned include waiting times of up to six months, rejections, and communication that is perceived as unclear or too slow. Non-EU students are particularly affected: 68.8% of them say that access to student housing was difficult, compared with 43.3% of EU students. If no Uni.lu accommodation is allocated, the private rental market is the main alternative for 59.50% of respondents. Among non-EU students, this figure rises to 71.7%.

The maximum length of stay — three years for a Bachelor's degree and two years for a Master's degree or PhD — is also criticised. While many students understand the need to ensure rotation within student residences, the risk of losing their accommodation before completing their studies creates additional stress. This is compounded by exams or graduation ceremonies taking place after 1 September, which may force students to find new accommodation for only a very short period.

As part of the evaluation, ACEL also spoke to stakeholders working in the field as well as to WeConnect, a company that promotes intergenerational housing in Luxembourg. These discussions showed that the conditions for building student housing vary considerably from one municipality to another. From ACEL's perspective, building student housing is a win-win situation for both municipalities and students: students gain access to affordable accommodation, while municipalities benefit financially from a more vibrant local environment. The Ministry of Housing also confirmed to us that, under certain conditions, such projects can be funded by up to 100%.

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To address the structural shortage of affordable student housing, ACEL puts forward the following demands:

- The total number of student housing units should be increased to 1,600 by 2030, compared with 1,071 at the end of September 2026. The necessary projects should be commissioned by 2028 at the latest.
- The allocation of student accommodation by [Uni.lu](https://uni.lu) must be transparent and fair. Allocation criteria, waiting-list status and rejections should be communicated clearly.
- In justified cases, the maximum length of stay should be extendable when studies are prolonged for academic, social or personal reasons.
- The academic year should end on 31 August so that no compulsory exams or other university events take place afterwards, allowing for better rotation.
- A student housing law should harmonise the rules for the construction of student housing across all municipalities by 2028. ACEL should be involved in drafting this law.

Transport

Public transport is the main means of transport for 62.08% of participants; among students studying in Luxembourg, the figure is 64.4%. Free public transport also represents significant financial relief. Nevertheless, 53.55% of respondents studying in Luxembourg feel that their journey takes too long. Delays, cancellations, poor connections and frequent changes mean that, for some students, public transport is not a realistic alternative to travelling by car.

Travelling between Belval and Kirchberg also causes difficulties. The main issues mentioned are long travel times as well as delays and cancellations. However, students need to be able to travel between campuses between two classes within a reasonable amount of time.

To address these transport-related issues, ACEL puts forward the following demands:

- Systematically evaluate the main commuting routes together with Uni.lu, the Ministry of Mobility and transport operators.
- Take the full door-to-door journey time into account, including travel times, changes, cancellations and delays.
- Introduce more direct express connections to campus locations, particularly from the north, east and west of the country, where students currently face long journey times to Belval.
- Evaluate the connection between Belval and Kirchberg and examine the possibility of reintroducing a direct shuttle service, as existed until 2017.
- Adapt service frequencies, capacities and connections to class schedules.
- Expand flexible on-demand transport services in rural areas.
- Examine Park-and-Ride solutions or limited access to parking facilities for students who do not have a realistic alternative to travelling by car.



Housing and mobility should not be planned separately. Affordable housing close to campus reduces commuting distances, while good public transport can make housing located further away more accessible. The survey results show that concrete measures are now needed in both areas.



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