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### **BGL BNP Paribas celebrates Belgium's national holiday with waffles for cross-border commuters from Belgium**

On Wednesday, 21 July 2010, BGL BNP Paribas celebrated Belgium's national holiday by distributing waffles to Belgian cross-border commuters departing from the Arlon train station between 6.30 and 8.30 a.m.

The initiative underscores BGL BNP Paribas' role as a banking partner for cross-border workers — in this case, Belgian citizens who are leaving their national holiday behind to work at their jobs in Luxembourg. It follows a similar celebration targeting French cross-border commuters on Bastille Day (July 14).

#### **About BGL BNP Paribas**

BGL BNP Paribas ([www.bgl.lu](http://www.bgl.lu)) is one of the largest banks in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, with a balance sheet totalling EUR 43.2 billion at 31 December 2009. Now a leader on its domestic market, it offers an especially wide range of financial products to individuals, professionals, private banking clients and businesses. BGL BNP Paribas is Luxembourg's number-one provider of banking services to professionals and small- and medium-size companies, and number two in services for individuals. It is also the leader for bancassurance.

#### **About BNP Paribas**

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