

Business Areas

Free-to-air private television and radio,
content production and rights trading

Headquarters

RTL Group
43, bd. Pierre Frieden
1543 Luxembourg
Luxembourg

Shareholders

Bertelsmann: 75.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Public: 24.1 % ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

(1) Excluding 0.76% which is held collectively as treasury stock by RTL Group and one of its subsidiaries

(2) as of the AGM 2019 (26 April 2019)

History

The roots of the company's history date back to 1924, the year when Radio Luxembourg first went on air. Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Radiodiffusion (CLR) was founded in 1931. As a European pioneer, the company broadcast a unique programme in several languages using the same frequency.

RTL Group itself was created in spring 2000 following the merger of Luxembourg-based CLT-UFA and the British content production company Pearson TV, owned by Britain's Pearson PLC media group. CLT-UFA was created in 1997 when the shareholders of UFA (Bertelsmann) and the historic Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Télédiffusion – CLT (Audiofina) merged their TV, radio and TV production businesses.

Bertelsmann has been the majority shareholder of RTL Group since July 2001. RTL Group's shares are publicly traded on the regulated market (Prime Standard) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange as well as the Luxembourg stock exchange. Since September 2013, RTL Group has been listed in the prestigious M-Dax stock index. As of 13 May 2019, the RTL Group shares are no longer listed on Euronext Brussels.

Companies (Selection)

TV:

RTL Television (Cologne), Vox (Cologne), RTL II (Munich), Super RTL (Cologne), M6 (Paris), RTL 4 (Hilversum/Amsterdam), RTL-TVI (Brussels), Antena 3 (Madrid), RTL Klub (Budapest), RTL Televizija (Zagreb)

Radio:

RTL (Paris), RTL 2 (Paris), Fun Radio (Paris), 104.6 RTL (Berlin), Bel RTL (Brussels), Radio Contact (Brussels)

Production & Rights Trading:

Fremantle (London, Los Angeles), UFA Film & TV Produktion (Potsdam), Grundy Television (Sydney), CLT-UFA International (Luxembourg)

Digital:

SpotX (Denver), BroadbandTV (Vancouver), Divimove (Berlin), United Screens (Stockholm)

No. of Employees (as of 31 December 2018)

10,809

Note: Average number of full-time equivalent employees

Revenue (€ million) (as of 31 December 2018)

6,505

Executive Committee

Thomas Rabe (CEO of RTL Group)

Elmar Heggen (Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer,

Head of the Corporate Centre)

Market Position

RTL Group is a global leader across broadcast, content and digital, with interests in 60 television channels and 30 radio stations, content production throughout the world and rapidly growing digital video businesses.