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**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG**



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## PARLIAMENT SINCE 1945

### LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS - NUMBER OF MPs PER PARTY AND PER ELECTION

	1945	1948	1951	1954	1959	1964	1968	1974	1979	1984	1989	1994	1999	2004	2009	2013
CSV	25	22	21	26	21	22	21	18	24	25	22	21	19	24	26	23
LSAP	11	15	19	17	17	21	18	17	14	21	18	17	13	14	13	13
DP	9*	9*	8**	6**	11	6	11	14	15	14	11	12	15	10	9	13
KPL	5	5	4	3	3	5	6	5	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
adr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4*	5**	7**	5**	4	3
déi gréng	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	7	7	6
GLEI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
GAP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
SDP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enrôlés de force	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIP	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PIE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
déi Lénk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>

## THE VARIOUS PARTIES

<b>CSV</b>	Chrëschtlech-Sozial Vollekspartei
<b>LSAP</b>	Lëtzebuenger Sozialistesche Aarbechterpartei
<b>DP</b>	Demokratesch Partei - **Groupement démocratique - *Groupement patriotique et démocratique
<b>KPL</b>	Kommunistesch Partei vu Lëtzebuerg
<b>adr</b>	alternativ demokratesch reformpartei - **Aktiounskomitee fir Demokratie a Rentegerechtegkeet - *Aktiounskomitee 5/6
<b>déi gréng</b>	déi gréng (fusion of the GLEI and the GAP)
<b>GLEI</b>	Gréng Lëscht - Ekologesch Initiativ
<b>GAP</b>	Gréng Alternativ Partei
<b>SDP</b>	Sozialdemokratesch Partei (split of the LSAP)
<b>Enrôlés de force</b>	Enrôlés de force
<b>SI</b>	Socialistes indépendants (split of the LSAP)
<b>MIP</b>	Mouvement indépendant populaire
<b>PIE</b>	Parti des indépendants de l'Est
<b>déi Lénk</b>	déi Lénk (alliance between the KPL and various extreme-left and associative movements)





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**THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT**



On 20 October 2013, in early legislative elections, Luxembourg voters were summoned to elect the 60 members of Parliament (Chamber of Deputies). Based on the votes cast, the distribution of the seats within Parliament was as follows:

	2013	2009
CSV	23	26
LSAP	13	13
DP	13	9
déi gréng	6	7
adr	3	4
déi Lénk	2	1
KPL	0	0
piratepartei	0	/
PID	0	/

### Resignation of the outgoing government

21 October 2013

On 21 October 2013, the day following the elections, the members of the outgoing government gathered for a final meeting of the Government Council.

At the close of this meeting, the Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker was welcomed in a hearing at the grand-ducal palace by HRH the Grand Duke. As is customary on the day following the legislative elections, the Prime Minister presented the resignation of the out-

going government to the head of state. HRH the Grand Duke requested that the government remain in office until the formation of a new government and assigned it the task of continuing to oversee any current affairs and implement any urgent measures called for in economic and financial matters.

Subsequently, HRH the Grand Duke welcomed in a consultation hearing the president of the outgoing Parliament and the president of the Council of State.

### Appointment of an *informateur*<sup>1</sup>

23 October 2013

On 22 October 2013, the head of state welcomed in a consultation hearing a representative of each electoral list that participated in the legislative elections and, once again, the Prime Minister in office Jean-Claude Juncker.

Following meetings seeking opinion and advice, on 23 October 2013, HRH the Grand Duke appointed the president of the Administrative Court, Georges Ravarani, to serve as *informateur* in the context of the formation of the new government. The same day, the *informateur* held discussions with the representatives of the principal political parties and delivered a first report to HRH the Grand Duke.

<sup>1</sup> person appointed to lead exploratory talks

On 24 October 2013, a second hearing was granted to Georges Ravarani with HRH the Grand Duke to discuss the conclusions to be drawn from the information-gathering mission entrusted to him.

### **Appointment of a *formateur*<sup>2</sup>**

25 October 2013

Having taken note of the willingness of the LSAP, DP and “*déi gréng*” parties to form a new government, HRH the Grand Duke called to a hearing Xavier Bettel, chairman of the DP liberal party, to entrust him with the formation of the new government.

### **Opening of coalition negotiations**

29 October 2013

On 29 October 2013, nine days following the legislative elections, the LSAP, DP and “*déi gréng*” delegations gathered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to initiate the coalition negotiations under the presidency of the *formateur* Xavier Bettel.

The delegations of the three parties were made up as follows:

- for the DP: Guy Daleiden, Fernand Etgen, Lex Folscheid (secretariat), Alain Kirsch, Claude Meisch, Maggy Nagel, Lydie Polfer and Dan Theisen;

- for the LSAP: Étienne Schneider, Alex Bodry, Jean Asselborn, Mars Di Bartolomeo, Nicolas Schmit, Romain Schneider, Lucien Lux and Claude Tremont;
- for “*déi gréng*”: François Bausch, Félix Braz, Camille Gira, Henri Kox, Josée Lorsché, Viviane Loschetter and Sam Tanson.

The three delegations first heard statements by various senior officials, namely from the State Treasury, the Inspectorate General of Finances, the Land Registration and Estates Department, the Customs and Excise Agency, Inland Revenue and STATEC, to obtain an overall view of the public finances situation.

At the close of the first negotiation meeting, the three delegations decided to establish eight working groups, tasked with conducting an analysis of a specific field or topic and to report back to the plenary assembly:

- finances, financial centre;
- economy, competitiveness, employment, tourism, energy, small and medium-sized businesses, research;
- social policy, family, health, equal opportunities, specific needs;
- education, culture, sport, support of children, higher education;
- state, institutions, justice, civil service reform, procedures, data protection, religious affairs;
- sustainable development, infrastructure, transport, consumer protection, agriculture;

<sup>2</sup> person appointed to form the government

- housing, municipalities, Greater Region, police, emergency services;
- international policy, Europe, defence, development aid, immigration.

On 30 October 2013, the delegations heard reports by the governor of the Luxembourg Central Bank, Gaston Reinesch, and the chairman of the National Pension Insurance Fund, Robert Kieffer.

### Meeting between Xavier Bettel and Jean-Claude Juncker

31 October 2013

On 31 October 2013, the Prime Minister in office Jean-Claude Juncker received the *formateur* Xavier Bettel in a meeting at the Ministry of State. The agenda featured a series of technical issues, such as the first sitting of the new Parliament, as well as certain European dossiers.

Jean-Claude Juncker and Xavier Bettel emphasised that their meeting took place in a pleasant and constructive environment.

### Beginning of work by the working groups

4 November 2013

The eight working groups began their work on 4 November 2013. Each group was chaired by a person in charge:

- Claude Meisch (DP): finances, banking;
- Étienne Schneider (LSAP): economy, competitiveness, employment, tourism, energy, small and medium-sized businesses, research;
- Mars Di Bartolomeo (LSAP): social issues, health, equal opportunities, specific needs;
- André Bauler (DP): education, family, culture, sport, support structures for children, higher education;
- Félix Braz (“déli gréng”): state, institutions, justice, civil service reform, procedures, data protection, religious affairs;
- François Bausch (“déli gréng”): sustainable development, infrastructure, transport, consumer protection, agriculture;
- Maggy Nagel (DP): housing, municipalities, Greater Region, police, emergency services;
- Jean Asselborn (LSAP): international issues, Europe, defence, development aid, immigration.

## Second meeting between Xavier Bettel and Jean-Claude Juncker

19 November 2013

On 19 November 2013, the Prime Minister in office Jean-Claude Juncker and the *formateur* Xavier Bettel met for a second time at the Ministry of State, to schedule a date for the handover of power.

## Xavier Bettel presents the conclusions of his mission as *formateur*

29 November 2013

After having informed HRH the Grand Duke of the progress of the coalition negotiations throughout the preceding weeks, Xavier Bettel was received in a hearing by the head of state on 29 November 2013, to submit to him the conclusions of his mission as *formateur*.

## Signing of the coalition agreement

29 November 2013

After 14 plenary meetings totalling 183 hours of negotiation, the *formateur* Xavier Bettel reviewed the situation at a press conference on 29 November 2013. On the same occasion, Xavier Bettel, Claude Meisch, Étienne Schneider and Félix Braz signed the coalition agreement.

The parties engaged in the negotiations for the formation of the new government agreed on the distribution of the following portfolios:

### DP

- ▶ Prime Minister
- ▶ Ministry of State
- ▶ Finance, Treasury and Budget
- ▶ Family and Integration
- ▶ Education and Vocational Training
- ▶ Children and Youth
- ▶ Higher Education and Research
- ▶ Culture
- ▶ Housing
- ▶ Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development
- ▶ Consumer Protection
- ▶ Communications and Media
- ▶ Religious Affairs
- ▶ Greater Region
- ▶ Relations with Parliament

### LSAP

- ▶ Deputy Prime Minister
- ▶ Economy and Foreign Trade
- ▶ Foreign and European Affairs
- ▶ Defence
- ▶ Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs
- ▶ Small and Medium-Sized Businesses and Tourism
- ▶ Immigration and Asylum
- ▶ Law Enforcement

- Health
- Social Security
- Civil Service
- Home Affairs
- Administrative Reform and Simplification
- Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy
- Equal Opportunities
- Sport

### **déi gréng**

- Justice
- Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
- Regional Planning
- Environment
- Water
- Transport
- Public Works

## **Approval of the three parties**

3 December 2013

On 3 December 2013, the coalition agreement and the distribution of the ministerial portfolios were approved by the bodies of the DP, LSAP and “déi gréng”.

## **Swearing in of the new government**

4 December 2013

On 4 December 2013, HRH the Grand Duke conducted the swearing in of the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister as well as the appointed ministers and secretaries of state at the grand-ducal palace. At the beginning of the ceremony, the head of state signed the grand-ducal decrees on the formation of the new government. Following this, the Prime Minister Xavier Bettel took his oath of office, as laid down in article 110 of the Constitution: “I swear allegiance to the Grand Duke and obedience to the Constitution and the laws of the State. I promise to fulfil my duties with integrity, exactitude and impartiality.” (freely translated from French)

Following the taking of the oath by the Prime Minister, the latter presented to the Grand Duke the other members of the government, who in turn were sworn in.

The 2013 government is composed of:

- a president bearing the title of Prime Minister;
- a Deputy Prime Minister and 13 members bearing the title of Minister;
- 3 members bearing the title of Secretary of State.

### **Ministerial competencies**

The ministerial competencies have been assigned as follows:

- Xavier Bettel  
Prime Minister; Minister of State; Minister for Communications and Media; Minister for Religious Affairs;
- Étienne Schneider  
Deputy Prime Minister; Minister of the Economy; Minister of Internal Security; Minister of Defence;
- Jean Asselborn  
Minister of Foreign and European Affairs; Minister of Immigration and Asylum;
- Félix Braz  
Minister of Justice;
- Nicolas Schmit  
Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy;
- Romain Schneider  
Minister of Social Security; Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs; Minister of Sport;
- François Bausch  
Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure;
- Fernand Etgen  
Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection; Minister for Relations with Parliament;
- Maggy Nagel  
Minister for Culture; Minister for Housing;

- Pierre Gramegna  
Minister of Finance;
- Lydia Mutsch  
Minister of Health; Minister for Equal Opportunities;
- Dan Kersch  
Minister for Home Affairs; Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform;
- Claude Meisch  
Minister of Education, Children and Youth; Minister for Higher Education and Research;
- Corinne Cahen  
Minister for Family Affairs and Integration; Minister for the Greater Region;
- Carole Dieschbourg  
Minister for the Environment.

### **Ministries**

The ministries are designated as follows<sup>3</sup>:

- Ministry of State;
- Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs;
- Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection;
- Ministry of Culture;
- Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure;
- Ministry of the Economy;
- Ministry of Education, Children and Youth;
- Ministry of Equal Opportunities;
- Ministry of Higher Education and Research;

<sup>3</sup> in accordance with the grand-ducal decree of 4 December 2013 listing the ministries



- Ministry of Family Affairs, Integration and the Greater Region;
- Ministry of Finance;
- Ministry of the Civil Service and Administrative Reform;
- Ministry of Home Affairs;
- Ministry of Justice;
- Ministry of Housing;
- Ministry of Health;
- Ministry of Internal Security;
- Ministry of Social Security;
- Ministry of Sport;
- Ministry of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy.

### **Government declaration**

10 December 2013

On 10 December 2013, Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister, Minister of State, presented the government declaration to Parliament. Debates on the government declaration took place in Parliament on 11 December 2013.

### **Cabinet reshuffle**

19 March 2014

On 19 March 2014, the Prime Minister Xavier Bettel announced that the Secretary of State of Education, Children and Youth, Secretary of State for Higher Education and Research, André Bauler, was resigning from his posts for health reasons.

As chairman of the DP, Xavier Bettel the same day proposed Marc Hansen to the party's executive committee as André Bauler's successor. The executive committee unanimously endorsed said proposal.

On 28 March 2014, HRH the Grand Duke conducted the swearing in of Marc Hansen as a new member of the government, in the presence of the Prime Minister Xavier Bettel and the Minister of Education, Children and Youth, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Claude Meisch.



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**THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT**



## THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT

### XAVIER BETTEL DP

- Prime Minister
- Minister of State
- Minister for Communications and Media
- Minister for Religious Affairs

### ÉTIENNE SCHNEIDER LSAP

- Deputy Prime Minister
- Minister of the Economy
- Minister of Internal Security
- Minister of Defence

### JEAN ASSELBORN LSAP

- Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
- Minister of Immigration and Asylum

### FÉLIX BRAZ DÉI GRÉNG

- Minister of Justice

### NICOLAS SCHMIT LSAP

- Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy

### ROMAIN SCHNEIDER LSAP

- Minister of Social Security
- Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs
- Minister of Sport

### FRANÇOIS BAUSCH DÉI GRÉNG

- Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

### FERNAND ETGEN DP

- Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection
- Minister for Relations with Parliament

### MAGGY NAGEL DP

- Minister for Culture
- Minister for Housing

### PIERRE GRAMEGNA DP

- Minister of Finance

### LYDIA MUTSCH LSAP

- Minister of Health
- Minister for Equal Opportunities

### DAN KERSCH LSAP

- Minister for Home Affairs
- Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform

**CLAUDE MEISCH** DP

- Minister of Education, Children and Youth
- Minister for Higher Education and Research

**CORINNE CAHEN** DP

- Minister for Family Affairs and Integration
- Minister for the Greater Region

**CAROLE DIESCHBOURG** DÉI GRÉNG

- Minister for the Environment

**CAMILLE GIRA** DÉI GRÉNG

- Secretary of State for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

**FRANCINE CLOSENER** LSAP

- Secretary of State of the Economy
- Secretary of State of Internal Security
- Secretary of State of Defence

**MARC HANSEN** DP

- Secretary of State of Education, Children and Youth
- Secretary of State for Higher Education and Research

## XAVIER BETTEL

- ▶ **PRIME MINISTER**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF STATE**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS**

Xavier Bettel was born on 3 March 1973 in Luxembourg City.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies, Xavier Bettel pursued higher education studies at the University of Nancy, where he was awarded a master's degree in public and European law from the Faculty of Law, followed by a DEA (post-graduate diploma of advanced studies) in political sciences and public law.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Xavier Bettel was appointed Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister for Communications and Media, Minister for Religious Affairs on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the DP since 1989, Xavier Bettel was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1999 at the age of 26 while standing for the DP in the constituency of the Centre. He was re-elected in 2004, 2009 and 2013. In Parliament, he assumed among others the roles of vice-chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee from 2004 to 2013 and vice-chairman of the Committee of Enquiry into the State Intelligence Service from 2012 to 2013. From 2009 to 2011, he assumed the role of chairman of the DP parliamentary group.

At local level, Xavier Bettel initially served as a municipal councillor of the City of Luxembourg from 2000 to 2005, then as an alderman from 2005 to 2011. Following the municipal elections of 2011, he assumed the role of mayor, an office he held until his appointment as Prime Minister, Minister of State in December 2013.

Since January 2013, Xavier Bettel has been the chairman of the DP. ...▶



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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

From 2001 to 2013, Xavier Bettel worked as a barrister in Luxembourg.



## ÉTIENNE SCHNEIDER

- ▶ **DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF DEFENCE**

Étienne Schneider was born on 29 January 1971 in Dudelange.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies at the Lycée technique Nic Biever in Dudelange and subsequently the Lycée technique d'Esch-sur-Alzette, Étienne Schneider pursued higher education studies at the Institut catholique des hautes études commerciales (ICHEC) in Brussels and at Greenwich University in London, where he was awarded a degree in commercial and financial sciences in 1995.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Étienne Schneider joined the government in February 2012 as Minister of the Economy and Foreign Trade in the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP).

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Étienne Schneider was appointed Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Economy, Minister of Internal Security, Minister of Defence on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the LSAP since 1991, Étienne Schneider was a municipal councillor in Kayl from 1995 to 2005. Following the municipal elections of 2005, he was elected first alderman, a mandate he held until 2010.

From 1997 to 2004, he assumed the role of secretary general of the LSAP parliamentary group in Parliament.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 1995 to 1996, Étienne Schneider was a research assistant at the European Parliament in Brussels.



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From 1996 to 1997, he held the role of economist for the LSAP parliamentary group in Parliament.

In 1997, he served as a project leader with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Brussels.

In 2004, Étienne Schneider was appointed government advisor to the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, responsible primarily for the Directorates of Energy, E-Commerce and IT/Data Security.

In 2009, he was appointed senior government advisor to the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, responsible for the Directorates of Economic Development, Infrastructures and Energy. In 2011, he assumed responsibility for the Directorate General of Economic Development, Industry and Businesses.

Upon proposal of the government and in light of his roles within the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, Étienne Schneider became a member of the executive board of several companies. In 2005, he was appointed chairman and managing director of the Société électrique de l'Our (SEO). Having led the negotiations that resulted in the creation of the company Enovos in 2010, Étienne Schneider, chairman of the executive board of Cegedel SA since 2004, was subsequently appointed chairman of Enovos International SA and Enovos Deutschland AG. He was also appointed chairman and managing director of grid company Creos in 2010.

In late 2010, he was appointed to the role of vice-chairman of the National Credit and Investment Company (Société nationale de crédit et d'investissement – SNCI).

Upon being appointed minister in February 2012, Étienne Schneider resigned from all the above posts.

## JEAN ASSELBORN

- ▶ **MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM**

Jean Asselborn was born on 27 April 1949 in Steinfort.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

After leaving school at the age of 18, Jean Asselborn resumed his studies in 1976 by attending evening classes. He obtained his final secondary school diploma from the Athénée de Luxembourg the same year.

In October 1981, Jean Asselborn was awarded a master's degree in private judicial law from the University Nancy II.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 13 June 2004, Jean Asselborn joined the government as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration on 31 July 2004.

Upon the return of the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) as a result of the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Jean Asselborn retained the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs on 23 July 2009.

In October 2012, at his instigation, Luxembourg was for the first time elected to a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for 2013 and 2014.

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Jean Asselborn was appointed Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Minister of Immigration and Asylum on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

As of July 2004, Jean Asselborn represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in its Foreign Affairs and General Affairs configurations. Jean Asselborn is currently the longest-serving minister among the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the European Union.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the LSAP since 1972, Jean Asselborn was the mayor of the municipality of Steinfort from 1982 to 2004.



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At national level, Jean Asselborn was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1984 while standing for the LSAP in the constituency of the South. He served as a member of Parliament until 2004. He assumed the role of chairman of the LSAP parliamentary group from 1989 to 1997 and that of vice-president of Parliament from 1999 to 2004.

Jean Asselborn also chaired the LSAP from 1997 to 2004.

In addition to his parliamentary mandate, Jean Asselborn was a member of the Committee of the Regions from 1999 to 2004.

He also served as vice-president of the Party of European Socialists from 2000 to 2004.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Jean Asselborn launched his professional career in a Uniroyal laboratory in 1967. It was during this time that he became actively involved in the trade union movement and was elected youth representative of the Federation of Luxembourg Workers (Lëtzebuenger Aarbechterverband), the precursor to the current OGBL trade union.

In 1968, Jean Asselborn joined the municipal administration of the City of Luxembourg, but he returned to Steinfort in 1969 to work as a civil servant also.

Upon obtaining his final secondary school diploma, Jean Asselborn became the administrator of the Intercommunal Hospital of Steinfort (Hôpital intercommunal de Steinfort) in 1976, a post he held until 2004.

### **HONORARY DISTINCTIONS**

In December 2010, Jean Asselborn was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit (Großkreuz des Verdienstordens) of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In October 2013, he was appointed Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honour (ordre national de la Légion d'honneur) of the French Republic.

## FÉLIX BRAZ

### ► MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Félix Braz was born on 16 March 1966 in Differdange.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following classical secondary school studies, Félix Braz studied law at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, discontinuing his studies after a first successful year.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Félix Braz joined the government as Minister of Justice on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Involved in politics since 1991 as parliamentary secretary of the Green Party, Félix Braz was elected to Parliament for the first time in 2004 at the age of 38 while standing for the Green Party in the constituency of the South. He was re-elected in 2009 and 2013. In Parliament, he assumed among others the roles of vice-chairman of

the Committee for Transport from 2004 to 2009. He served as chairman of the Green Party parliamentary group following the elections of 20 October 2013.

As a member of Parliament, he has represented Parliament at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council, the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) and the Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

At local level, Félix Braz initially served as a municipal councillor in Esch-sur-Alzette from 1995 to 2000, then as an alderman from 2000 to 2011.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

In 1990, Félix Braz was the chief editor and presenter of a daily news broadcast in Portuguese on RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg.



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From 1991 to 2001, he assumed the role of parliamentary secretary of the Green Party. In 1994, he added the role of assistant at the European Parliament to his duties.

In 2013, he set up a company as a partner, withdrawing from it upon his appointment to the government.

## NICOLAS SCHMIT

### ► MINISTER OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

Nicolas Schmit was born on 10 December 1953 in Differdange.

#### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies, Nicolas Schmit pursued higher education studies at the Institut d'études politiques of Aix-en-Provence, from which he graduated with a Master of Arts in 1977 and a DEA (post-graduate diploma of advanced studies) in international relations in 1978. He was also awarded a doctorate in economics from the Faculty of Law and Economics of Aix-Marseille in 1982.

#### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 13 June 2004, Nicolas Schmit joined the government as Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Immigration on 31 July 2004.

Upon the return of the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) as a result of the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Nicolas Schmit was

appointed Minister of Labour, Employment and Immigration on 23 July 2009.

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Nicolas Schmit was appointed Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

#### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

From 1989 to 1990, Nicolas Schmit was the secretary of the LSAP parliamentary group.

From 1991 to 2004, he was a member of the Council of State.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 1978 to 1979, Nicolas Schmit held a research post in international economic relations at the University of Aix-Marseille III.



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From 1979 onwards, he was assigned as an attaché to the presidency of the Luxembourg government and as such was responsible for economic dossiers.

In 1983, he left this post to assume the role of secretary of legation of the Political Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1984 to 1989, he served as head of cabinet to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jacques Poos.

From 1990 to 1992, Nicolas Schmit held the post of advisor to the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the European Union in Brussels. He was involved in the Intergovernmental Conference preparations that led to the Maastricht Treaty.

From 1992 to 1998, he was head of the Department of International Economic Relations and Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 1998 to 2004, he was Luxembourg's ambassador and permanent representative to the European Union in Brussels. From 2000 to 2001, he was also the personal representative of the Luxembourg Prime Minister at the Intergovernmental Conference preparing the Treaty of Nice. From 2002 to 2003, he furthermore represented the government as a deputy member at the meetings of the European Convention on the Future of Europe.



## ROMAIN SCHNEIDER

- ▶ **MINISTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF SPORT**

Romain Schneider was born on 15 April 1962 in Wiltz.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Romain Schneider attended secondary school at the Lycée du Nord in Wiltz.

### FONCTIONS GOUVERNEMENTALES

Following the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Romain Schneider joined the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) as Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development, Minister of Sport, Minister Delegate of the Solidarity Economy on 23 July 2009.

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Romain Schneider was appointed Minister of Social Security, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Minister of Sport on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and the Green Party ("déi gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the LSAP since 1981, Romain Schneider served as the party's secretary general from 2004 to 2009.

At local level, Romain Schneider initially served as a municipal councillor in Wiltz from 1994 to 1999, then as mayor from 2000 to 2009, an office he held until his appointment to the government in July 2009.

Elected to Parliament while standing for the LSAP in the constituency of the North in 2004, Romain Schneider was particularly involved in issues regarding employment, the environment, agriculture, health and social security. He was re-elected as a member of Parliament in 2009 and 2013.



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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Prior to becoming a member of Parliament in July 2004, Romain Schneider was a civil servant with the Employment Development Office (ADEM – previously Administration de l'emploi, since renamed Agence pour le développement de l'emploi) from 1980 onwards and an agent at the ADEM branch in Wiltz from 1989 onwards.

## FRANÇOIS BAUSCH

### ► MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

François Bausch was born on 16 October 1956 in Luxembourg City.

#### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

François Bausch attended secondary school at the Lycée de garçons in Esch-sur-Alzette.

#### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, François Bausch joined the government as Minister for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (“déli gréng”).

#### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the Green Party since 1986, François Bausch was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1989 while standing for the Green Party in the constituency of the Centre. He served as a member of Parliament until 1992, before being re-elected from 1994 to 2013. He was among others chairman of the parlia-

mentary Oversight Committee of the State Intelligence Service from 2009 to 2013. He also assumed the role of chairman of the Green Party parliamentary group from 1999 to 2013.

At local level, François Bausch initially served as a municipal councillor of the City of Luxembourg from 1994 to 2005, then as first alderman from 2005 to 2013.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Prior to embarking on his political career, François Bausch was an official with Luxembourg National Railways (Société nationale des chemins de fer luxembourgeois – CFL).



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## FERNAND ETGEN

- › **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, VITICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**
- › **MINISTER FOR RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT**

Fernand Etgen was born on 10 March 1957 in Ettelbruck.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Fernand Etgen attended secondary school at the Lycée classique de Diekirch from 1971 to 1977.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Fernand Etgen joined the government as Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection, Minister for Relations with Parliament on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

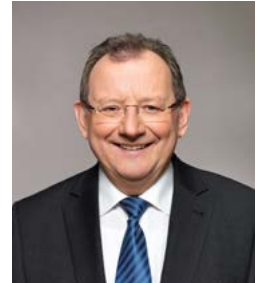
A member of the DP since 1979, Fernand Etgen was a municipal councillor in Feulen from 1979 to 1981 and from 1988 to 1993, as well as an alderman from 1982 to 1987. In 1994, he assumed the role of mayor, an office he held until his appointment to the government in December 2013.

At national level, Fernand Etgen joined Parliament in 2007. He assumed among others the roles of vice-chairman of the Committee for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, the Media and Communications and of the Committee for Public Works. He was elected to Parliament while standing for the DP in the constituency of the North in 2009. He was vice-chairman of the Committee for Home Affairs, the Greater Region and the Police, of the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development as well as of the Committee for the Civil Service and Administrative Simplification from 2009 to 2013.

Since June 2010, Fernand Etgen has assumed the role of secretary general of the DP.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Prior to embarking on his political career, Fernand Etgen worked as a civil servant with the Registration and Estates Department.



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## MAGGY NAGEL

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR CULTURE**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Maggy Nagel was born on 25 August 1957 in Luxembourg City.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Maggy Nagel attended secondary school at the École privée Fieldgen from 1969 to 1977.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Maggy Nagel joined the government as Minister for Culture, Minister for Housing on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the DP since 1996, Maggy Nagel initially served as first municipal alderwoman of Mondorf-les-Bains from 1994 to 1996, then as mayor from 1996 to 2013.

At national level, Maggy Nagel was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1999 while standing for the DP in the constituency of the East. She assumed among others the roles of chairwoman of the Committee for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men and for the Advancement of Women from 2000 to 2004. She was re-elected to Parliament in 2013.

Since January 2013, Maggy Nagel has assumed the role of vice-chairwoman of the DP.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 2000 to 2012, Maggy Nagel was the vice-president of the National Tourism Board (Office national du tourisme – ONT).



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## PIERRE GRAMEGNA

### ► MINISTER OF FINANCE

Pierre Gramegna was born on 22 April 1958 in Esch-sur-Alzette.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies in Esch-sur-Alzette (classical mathematics section), Pierre Gramegna pursued studies in law and economics at the Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II), where he was awarded a master's degree in civil law in 1981 and a degree in economic sciences in 1982. He completed his post-university education with a DEA (post-graduate diploma of advanced studies) in Community law.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Pierre Gramegna joined the government as Minister of Finance on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déi gréng").

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

A career diplomat, Pierre Gramegna joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983. He was subsequently appointed political and economic affairs advisor to the Luxembourg embassy in Paris in 1988, an office he held for four years before being appointed consul general and director of the Board of Economic Development in San Francisco.

From 1996 to 2002, Pierre Gramegna was Luxembourg's ambassador to Japan and South Korea. He was subsequently responsible for the Directorate of International Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 2003, Pierre Gramegna took up the position of director general of the Chamber of Commerce, an office he held until his appointment to the government in December 2013.

Prior to joining the government, Pierre Gramegna was a member of the executive board of several companies, including in particular Cargolux Airlines International SA (as chairman from 2004 to 2008), the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (Bourse de Luxembourg), the National



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Credit and Investment Company (Société nationale de crédit et d'investissement), the Del Credere Office (Office du ducroire), LuxExpo Luxembourg and BGL BNP Paribas Luxembourg SA.

He has also been a member of numerous advisory committees, such as the Tripartite Coordination Committee (Comité de coordination tripartite), the Economic and Social Committee of the Greater Region (Comité économique et social de la Grande Région), the Advisory Committee on Foreign Trade (Comité consultatif du commerce extérieur), the Economic Development Committee (Comité de développement économique) and the National Committee for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship (Comité national pour la promotion de l'esprit d'entreprise).

## LYDIA MUTSCH

- ▶ **MINISTER OF HEALTH**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Lydia Mutsch was born on 17 August 1961 in Dudelange.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies at the Lycée Hubert Clément in Esch-sur-Alzette, Lydia Mutsch pursued studies in political and social sciences at the University of Göttingen in Germany, graduating in 1985.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Lydia Mutsch joined the government as Minister of Health, Minister for Equal Opportunities on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the LSAP since 1987, Lydia Mutsch became a municipal councillor in Esch-sur-Alzette in 1988. In 2000, she was appointed mayor, an office she held until her appointment to the government in December 2013.

Lydia Mutsch was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1989 at the age of 27 while standing for the LSAP in the constituency of the South. She was re-elected in 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2013. From 2009 to 2013, Lydia Mutsch assumed the role of vice-president of Parliament. As a member of Parliament, she assumed among others the role of chairwoman of the Committee for Health and Social Security from 2004 to 2013.

Lydia Mutsch was also a member of the Benelux Parliament from 1989 to 2009, as well as the Parliamentary Assemblies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and the Council of Europe until 2013.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 1985 to 1989, Lydia Mutsch worked in journalism and communication.



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## DAN KERSCH

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM**

Dan Kersch was born on 27 December 1961 in Esch-sur-Alzette.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Dan Kersch obtained his final secondary school diploma after attending evening classes in 1990/1991.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Dan Kersch joined the government as Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

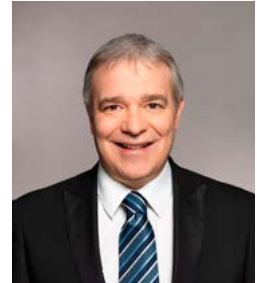
A member of the LSAP since 1991, Dan Kersch initially served as a municipal councillor in Mondercange from 2000 to 2005, then as mayor from 2006 to 2013, an office he held until his appointment to the government in December 2013.

From 2009 to 2012, Dan Kersch was the chairman of the Luxembourg Syndicate of Towns and Municipalities (Syndicat des villes et communes luxembourgeoises – Syvicol).

From 2011 to 2013, he was a member of the Council of State.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Prior to being appointed to the government, Dan Kersch was a civil servant with the municipal administration of Bettembourg.



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## CLAUDE MEISCH

- ▶ **MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

Claude Meisch was born on 27 November 1971 in Pétange.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

After obtaining his final vocational school diploma from the Lycée technique Mathias Adam in Pétange, Claude Meisch enrolled at the University of Trier, from which he graduated in mathematics and economics in 1998.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Claude Meisch joined the government as Minister of Education, Children and Youth, Minister for Higher Education and Research on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the DP since 1994, Claude Meisch was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1999 while standing for the DP in the constituency of the South. He was re-elected in 2004, 2009 and 2013. In Parliament, he assumed among others the roles of vice-chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee from 2009 to 2013 as well as vice-chairman of the Committee for Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities from 2004 to 2006 and from 2009 to 2013.

At local level, Claude Meisch initially served as a municipal alderman in Differdange from 2000 to 2002, then as mayor from 2002 to 2013, an office he held until his appointment to the government.

Claude Meisch served as chairman of the DP from 2004 to 2013.



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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Claude Meisch worked for Banque de Luxembourg from 1999 to 2013.

He was chairman of the intercommunal syndicate of the Princess Marie-Astrid Hospital (Hôpital Princesse Marie-Astrid) in Niederkorn from 2005 to 2013 and a member of the executive board of the Émile Mayrisch Hospital Complex (Centre hospitalier Émile Mayrisch - CHEM) from 2008 to 2013.



## CORINNE CAHEN

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS AND INTEGRATION**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR THE GREATER REGION**

Corinne Cahen was born on 16 May 1973 in Luxembourg City.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies at the Athénée de Luxembourg, Corinne Cahen pursued higher education studies at the Université des sciences humaines de Strasbourg from 1992 to 1995, where she was awarded a degree in applied foreign languages (specialised translation). She then studied at the Université Nice Sophia Antipolis from 1995 to 1996, where she was awarded a master's degree in applied foreign languages, business and commerce section. She completed her higher education with a DESS (post-graduate diploma of specialised studies) in bilingual French-English journalism from the Université Sorbonne nouvelle – Paris 3 in 1997.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Corinne Cahen was elected to Parliament. She joined the government as Minister for Family Affairs and Integration, Minister for the Greater Region on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Demo-

cratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

As part of her studies, Corinne Cahen gained professional experience in the field of journalism, particularly with RTL Hei Elei Kuck Elei (now RTL Télé Lëtzebuerg), Eldoradio, Radio régionale Nice-Côte d'Azur, Radio France Internationale and Agence France-Presse.

From 1995 to 2001, she worked for RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg, initially as a correspondent in France for current political, economic, legal and sports affairs, then as a political, economic and legal presenter and reporter in Luxembourg.

From 2001 to 2004, she worked as a freelance journalist for RTL Radio and Télé Lëtzebuerg.

Manager of a shoe shop in Luxembourg City from 2001 to 2013, Corinne Cahen chaired the Commercial Union of Luxembourg City from 2008 to 2012 and was an elected member of the Chamber of Commerce from 2009 to 2013.



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## CAROLE DIESCHBOURG

### ► MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Carole Dieschbourg was born on 3 October 1977 in Ettelbruck.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies at the Lycée classique d'Echternach from 1990 to 1997, Carole Dieschbourg pursued higher education studies in historical sciences as well as German language and literature at the University of Trier from 1997 to 2005, where she was awarded a Master of Arts in 2005.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Carole Dieschbourg joined the government as Minister for the Environment on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (“déi gréng”).

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

At local level, Carole Dieschbourg served as a municipal councillor in Echternach from 2011 to 2013, an office she held until her appointment to the government.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Within the programme “Leader+ Müllerthal”, Carole Dieschbourg was the project coordinator for “Moulin – inventaire, excursion et sentier régional” (“Mills – inventory, excursion and regional trail”) and “Millebuch” (“Book on mills”) from 2005 to 2006.

In 2007, she published the book *Die Mühlen des Müllerthals*.

Carole Dieschbourg was a board member of Moulin J.P. Dieschbourg, the family mill business established in 1897, until her appointment to the government in December 2013.



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## CAMILLE GIRA

### • SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Camille Gira was born on 2 June 1958 in Luxembourg City.

#### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Camille Gira attended secondary school at the Athénée de Luxembourg and the Lycée Robert Schuman from 1970 to 1977.

#### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Camille Gira was appointed Secretary of State for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déli gréng").

#### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Camille Gira was an alderman for the municipality of Beckerich from 1982 to 1990. In 1990, he assumed the role of mayor, an office he held until his appointment to the government in December 2013.

A member of the Green Party since 1993, Camille Gira was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1994 while standing for the Green Party in the constituency of the North. He was re-elected in 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2013. In Parliament, Camille Gira assumed among others the roles of chairman of the Accounts Committee from 1999 to 2004 and from 2007 to 2009, vice-chairman of the Committee for the Environment from 2000 to 2009, chairman of the Committee on Petitions from 2004 to 2013 as well as vice-chairman of the Committee for Sustainable Development (Environment and Regional Planning areas) from 2009 to 2013.

From 2010 to 2013, Camille Gira chaired the inter-communal syndicate De Réidener Kanton.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Camille Gira worked as an air traffic controller from 1977 to 1994.



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## FRANCINE CLOSENER

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- › **SECRETARY OF STATE OF DEFENCE**

Francine Closener was born on 29 December 1969 in Steinfort.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following secondary school studies at the Lycée Michel Rodange, Francine Closener pursued higher education studies at the Université libre de Bruxelles, where she was awarded a degree in journalism and communication in 1993.

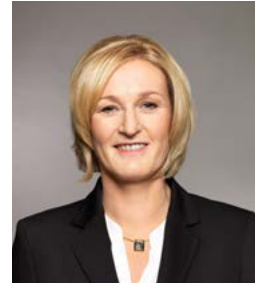
### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Francine Closener was appointed Secretary of State of the Economy, Secretary of State of Internal Security, Secretary of State of Defence on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déi gréng").

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

In 1994, Francine Closener launched her career as a political journalist for RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg, becoming its chief editor in 2008.

In 2010, she left radio to work as a journalist for RTL Télé Lëtzebuerg's news broadcast.



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## MARC HANSEN

- ▶ **SECRETARY OF STATE OF EDUCATION, CHILDREN AND YOUTH**
- ▶ **SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

Marc Hansen was born on 10 April 1971 in Luxembourg City.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Marc Hansen attended secondary school at the Lycée de garçons de Luxembourg and the Athénée de Luxembourg from 1983 to 1991.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Marc Hansen was appointed Secretary of State of Education, Children and Youth, Secretary of State for Higher Education and Research on 28 March 2014 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party ("déi gréng"). He replaced André Bauler following his resignation from the government for health reasons.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the DP since 2008, Marc Hansen was an alderman for the municipality of Useldange from 2005 to 2014.

From 2011 to 2014, he was a member of the intercommunal syndicate De Réidener Kanton.

At national level, Marc Hansen was elected to Parliament for the first time in 2013 while standing for the DP in the constituency of the North. In Parliament, he served as chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee as well as vice-chairman of the Committee for Labour, Employment and Social Security from 2013 to 2014, when he was appointed to the government.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Marc Hansen started his professional career with DNR (Den Neie Radio).

He worked at RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg and RTL Télé Lëtzebuerg from 1995 to 2009.



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From 2009 to 2011, he served as a parliamentary attaché.

From 2011 to 2014, Marc Hansen was the chief executive officer and managing director of Éditions Lëtzebuurger Journal.

He is also the cofounder of several innovative start-ups in the information technology sector.

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