

# 2018

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG



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## OFFICIAL PICTURE OF THE MINISTERS

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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      | 2018      |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CSV              | 25        | 22        | 21        | 26        | 21        | 22        | 21        | 18        | 24        | 25        | 22        | 21        | 19        | 24        | 26        | 23        | 21        |
| LSAP             | 11        | 15        | 19        | 17        | 17        | 21        | 18        | 17        | 14        | 21        | 18        | 17        | 13        | 14        | 13        | 13        | 10        |
| DP               | 9*        | 9*        | 8**       | 6**       | 11        | 6         | 11        | 14        | 15        | 14        | 11        | 12        | 15        | 10        | 9         | 13        | 12        |
| KPL              | 5         | 5         | 4         | 3         | 3         | 5         | 6         | 5         | 2         | 2         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| ADR              | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 4*        | 5**       | 7**       | 5**       | 4         | 3         | 4         |
| déi gréng        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 5         | 5         | 7         | 7         | 6         | 9         |
| GLEI             | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 2         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| GAP              | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 2         | 2         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| SDP              | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 5         | 2         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| Enrôlés de force | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| SI               | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| MIP              | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 2         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| PIE              | 1         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| déi Lénk         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 1         | -         | 1         | 2         | 2         |
| Piraten          | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 2         |
| DEMOKRATIE       | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| déi Konservativ  | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| <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> | <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 Rentegerechtegheet - *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 various leftist movements)   |
| <b>Piraten</b>          | Piraten   |
| <b>DEMOKRATIE</b>       | DEMOKRATIE  |
| <b>déi Konservativ</b>  | déi Konservativ   |





# 2018

THE FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT



On 14 October 2018, 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 is as follows:

|                 | 2018 | 2013 |
|-----------------|------|------|
| CSV             | 21   | 23   |
| DP              | 12   | 13   |
| LSAP            | 10   | 13   |
| déi gréng       | 9    | 6    |
| ADR             | 4    | 3    |
| déi Lénk        | 2    | 2    |
| Piraten         | 2    | 0    |
| DEMOKRATIE      | 0    | /    |
| déi Konservativ | 0    | /    |

### Resignation of the outgoing government and nomination of an *informateur*<sup>1</sup>

15 October 2018

On 15 October, the day following the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, the members of the outgoing government gathered for a final meeting of the Government Council.

After this session, the Prime Minister Xavier Bettel 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 outgoing government to the head of state. HRH the Grand Duke asked the government to remain in office until a new government was formed, and assigned it the task of continuing to oversee any current affairs.

After the hearing with the Prime Minister Xavier Bettel, HRH the Grand Duke successively welcomed Mars Di Bartolomeo, President of the Chamber of Deputies; Georges Wivenes, President of the Council of State; as well as the leaders of the political parties who presented a list in the four electoral constituencies, in a consultation hearing.

After these hearings, HRH the Grand Duke appointed Martine Solovieff, State Public Prosecutor, as *informateur* for the formation of the new government.

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

16 October 2018

On 16 October, Martine Solovieff reported to HRH the Grand Duke on her interviews with the representatives of the main political parties. The Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Greens (déi gréng) expressed their wish to begin negotiations in order to form a coalition.

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

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

Following these conclusions, HRH the Grand Duke invited Xavier Bettel to a hearing and appointed him formateur.

## Opening of coalition negotiations

17 October 2018

On 17 October, the LSAP, DP and déi gréng delegations gathered to initiate the coalition negotiations under the presidency of the formateur Xavier Bettel. The first plenary meeting of the coalition negotiations was held on 17 October at the Hôtel des Terres rouges.

On this occasion, the delegation leaders confirmed that they had received the unanimous mandate of the governing bodies of their respective parties to enter these negotiations with the aim of forming the next government.

The first plenary meeting was essentially dedicated to setting the organisational framework of the negotiations. The negotiators agreed on the formation of 11 working groups:

- public finances, tax system, development of the financial centre (as well as international implications and Brexit);
- economy, employment, competitiveness, tourism, energy;
- social, family, health, equal opportunities;
- education, sport, youth, higher education and research, culture;
- the State, institutions, administrative reform, civil service, data protection;

- sustainable development, climate, resource protection, consumers, agriculture;
- housing, municipalities;
- international and cross-border policy, Europe, cooperation, defence, integration, immigration;
- media, digital, digitalisation;
- infrastructure, regional planning, mobility;
- justice, interior security.

## Composition of the delegations of the 11 working groups

22 October 2018

The formateur informed the public that the plenary meetings of the coalition negotiations would take place at the Ministry of Foreign and European affairs. The order of appearance of the representatives invited by the formateur was as follows:

### 23 October

- State Treasury
- Inspectorate of Finance
- Registration Duties, Estates and VAT Authority
- Tax Directorate
- Customs and Excise Agency
- Luxembourg Inland Revenue
- National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies
- Inspectorate of Labour and Mines
- National Employment Agency (ADEM)

- ▶ Financial Centre matters: State Treasury, Luxembourg Financial Sector Supervisory Commission (Commission de surveillance du secteur financier, CSSF), Supervisory Authority for the Insurance Sector

### **25 October**

- ▶ General Inspectorate of Social Security
- ▶ National Health Fund
- ▶ National Pension Insurance Fund
- ▶ Water Management Agency
- ▶ Environment Agency
- ▶ Union of Luxembourg Businesses
- ▶ The Independent Luxembourg Trade Union Confederation (Onafhängege Gewerkschaftsbond Lëtzebuerg, OGBL), Luxembourg Confederation of Christian Trade Unions (Lëtzebuenger Chrëschtliche Gewerkschaftsbond, LCGB), General Confederation of the Civil Service (Confédération générale de la Fonction publique, CGFP)

### **26 October**

- ▶ Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the EU

### **14 November**

- ▶ Luxembourg Central Bank
- ▶ National Economic and Financial Committee

Further meetings took place on 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29 November.

## **Inventory of the negotiations**

29 November 2018

On 29 November, during a press conference, the formateur Xavier Bettel and the heads of delegation of the DP, Corinne Cahen; the LSAP, Étienne Schneider; and déi gréng, Félix Braz, presented an inventory of the negotiations in view of the formation of the government.

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

### **DP**

- ▶ Prime Minister, Minister of State
- ▶ Minister for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
- ▶ Minister for Communications and Media
- ▶ Minister for Religious Affairs
- ▶ Minister for Digitalisation
- ▶ Minister of Education, Children and Youth
- ▶ Minister for Higher Education and Research
- ▶ Minister for Family Affairs and Integration
- ▶ Minister of Finance
- ▶ Minister for the Civil Service
- ▶ Minister for the Greater Region
- ▶ Minister for Administrative Reform
- ▶ Minister for Relations with Parliament
- ▶ Minister for Tourism

### **LSAP**

- › Deputy Prime Minister
- › Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
- › Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development
- › Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs
- › Minister of the Economy
- › Minister of Equality between Women and Men
- › Minister of Immigration and Asylum
- › Minister for Home Affairs
- › Minister for Consumer Protection
- › Minister of Health
- › Minister of Social Security
- › Minister of Sport
- › Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy

### **déi gréng**

- › Deputy Prime Minister
- › Minister for Spatial Planning
- › Minister for Culture
- › Minister of Defence
- › Minister for Energy
- › Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development
- › Minister of Justice
- › Minister for Housing
- › Minister for Mobility and Public Works
- › Minister of Internal Security

### **Signing of the coalition agreement**

3 December 2018

On 3 December, following the last plenary meeting, the formateur Xavier Bettel and the delegation heads Corinne Cahen, Étienne Schneider and Félix Braz signed the coalition agreement between the three parties during a press briefing.

### **Agreement between the three parties**

4 December 2018

On 4 December, the coalition agreement and the distribution of the ministerial portfolios were approved by the bodies of the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

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

5 December 2018

On 5 December 2018, HRH the Grand Duke swore in the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Ministers and the appointed ministers. At the beginning of the ceremony, the head of state signed the grand-ducal decrees on the formation of the new government. The Prime Minister, followed by the other members of the government in order of precedence, then took the oath, as stated 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 tasks with precision and impartiality.” (translated from French)

### **The ministerial competencies in order of precedence**

The ministerial competencies have been assigned as follows:

- Xavier Bettel  
Prime Minister, Minister of State; Minister for Communications and Media; Minister for Religious Affairs; Minister for Digitalisation; Minister for Administrative Reform
- Étienne Schneider  
Deputy Prime Minister; Minister of the Economy; Minister of Health
- Félix Braz  
Deputy Prime Minister; Minister of Justice
- Jean Asselborn  
Minister of Foreign and European Affairs; Minister of Immigration and Asylum
- Romain Schneider  
Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development; Minister of Social Security
- François Bausch  
Minister of Defence; Minister for Mobility and Public Works; Minister of Internal Security
- Pierre Gramegna  
Minister of Finance
- Dan Kersch  
Minister of Sport; Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy

- 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, Climate and Sustainable Development
- Marc Hansen  
Minister for the Civil Service; Minister for Relations with Parliament; Minister Delegate for Digitalisation; Minister Delegate for Administrative Reform
- Claude Turmes  
Minister for Energy; Minister for Spatial Planning
- Paulette Lenert  
Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs; Minister for Consumer Protection
- Sam Tanson  
Minister for Culture; Minister for Housing
- Taina Bofferding  
Minister for Home Affairs; Minister of Equality between Women and Men
- Lex Delles  
Minister for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises; Minister for Tourism

## Ministries

The ministries are designated as follows:

- Ministry of State
- Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
- Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development
- Ministry of Culture
- Ministry for Digitalisation
- Ministry of the Economy
- Ministry of Education, Children and Youth
- Ministry of Equality between Women and Men
- Ministry of Energy and Spatial Planning
- Ministry of Higher Education and Research
- Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development
- Ministry of Family Affairs, Integration and the Greater Region
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of the Civil Service
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Housing
- Ministry of Mobility and Public Works
- Ministry of Consumer Protection
- 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

11 December 2018

On 11 December 2018, Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister, Minister of State, presented the government declaration to Parliament. Debates on the government declaration took place in Parliament on 12 December 2018.



# 2018

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
- Minister for Digitalisation
- Minister for Administrative Reform

### ÉTIENNE SCHNEIDER

LSAP

- Deputy Prime Minister
- Minister of the Economy
- Minister of Health

### FÉLIX BRAZ

DÉI GRÉNG

- Deputy Prime Minister
- Minister of Justice

### JEAN ASSELBORN

LSAP

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

### ROMAIN SCHNEIDER

LSAP

- Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development
- Minister of Social Security

### FRANÇOIS BAUSCH

DÉI GRÉNG

- Minister of Defence
- Minister for Mobility and Public Works
- Minister of Internal Security

### PIERRE GRAMEGNA

DP

- Minister of Finance

### DAN KERSCH

LSAP

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

### 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, Climate and Sustainable Development

**MARC HANSEN****DP**

- › Minister for the Civil Service
- › Minister for Relations with Parliament
- › Minister Delegate for Digitalisation
- › Minister Delegate for Administrative Reform

**CLAUDE TURMES****DÉI GRÉNG**

- › Minister for Energy
- › Minister for Spatial Planning

**PAULETTE LENERT****LSAP**

- › Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs
- › Minister for Consumer Protection

**SAM TANSON****DÉI GRÉNG**

- › Minister for Culture
- › Minister for Housing

**TAINA BOFFERDING****LSAP**

- › Minister for Home Affairs
- › Minister of Equality between Women and Men

**LEX DELLES****DP**

- › Minister for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
- › Minister for Tourism

## XAVIER BETTEL

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

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

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following his secondary school studies, Xavier Bettel pursued a higher education 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 and 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 (déi gréng). Following the resignation of Maggy Nagel from the government, Xavier Bettel was appointed Minister of Culture on 18 December 2015.

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Xavier Bettel was appointed Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister for Communications and Media, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Digitalisation and Minister for Administrative Reform on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the DP since 1989, at the age of 26, Xavier Bettel was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1999, as candidate 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 role of vice-chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee from 2004 to 2013 and



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that of vice-chairman of the Committee of Inquiry 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 for 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.

From January 2013 to November 2015, Xavier Bettel was the chairman of the DP.

### **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 HEALTH**

Étienne Schneider was born on 29 January 1971 in Dudelange.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following his secondary school studies at the Lycée technique Nic-Biever in Dudelange and subsequently the Lycée technique d'Esch-sur-Alzette, Étienne Schneider pursued a higher education 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 and Minister of Defence on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and the Green Party (déi gréng).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Étienne Schneider was appointed Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Economy and Minister of Health on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi 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.



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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

From 1996 to 1997, he worked as an economist for the LSAP parliamentary group in the Chamber of Deputies.

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, where he was primarily responsible 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 Creos in 2010.

In late 2010, he was appointed 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 of these positions.



## FÉLIX BRAZ

- ▶ **DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

Félix Braz was born on 16 March 1966 in Differdange.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following his 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 (déi gréng).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Félix Braz was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi 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 as candidate 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 president of the Committee on Transport from 2004 to 2009. He served as chairman of the parliamentary group of the Green Party following the elections of 20 October 2013.

As a member of Parliament, he 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).



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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.

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, and withdrew from it upon his appointment to the government.

## 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 and as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration on 31 July 2004.

Upon the continuation of the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) after the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Jean Asselborn retained the offices of Deputy Prime Minister and 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 and 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 (déi gréng).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Jean Asselborn was appointed Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and Minister of Immigration and Asylum on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

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



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## **OTHER POLITICAL POSTS**

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

At national level, Jean Asselborn was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1984 as candidate for the LSAP in the constituency of the South. He served as Member of Parliament until 2004. He assumed the role of chairman of the LSAP parliamentary group from 1989 to 1997, as well as the responsibility 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 European 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. During this time, he became actively involved in the trade union movement and was elected youth representative of the Federation of Luxembourg Workers (Lëtzebuurger 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, also to work as a civil servant.

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 position 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.

## ROMAIN SCHNEIDER

- ▶ **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, VITICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF SOCIAL SECURITY**

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.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

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, as Minister of Sport, and as 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, and 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).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Romain Schneider was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development and Minister of Social Security on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and 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 as candidate 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 Member of Parliament in 2009 and 2013.



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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Prior to becoming Member of Parliament in July 2004, Romain Schneider worked as 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 as office manager at the ADEM branch in Wiltz from 1989 onwards.

## FRANÇOIS BAUSCH

- ▶ **MINISTER OF DEFENCE**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR MOBILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY**

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 (déi gréng).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, François Bausch was appointed Minister of Defence, Minister for Mobility and Public Works and Minister of Internal Security on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

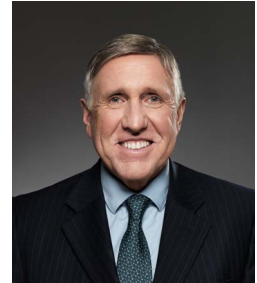
### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the Green Party since 1986, François Bausch was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1989 as a candidate for the Green Party in the constituency of the Centre. He served as Member of Parliament until 1992, before being re-elected from 1994 to 2013. He was, among others, chairman of the parliamentary Oversight Committee of the State Intelligence Service from 2009 to 2013. He also assumed the role of chairman of the parliamentary group of the Green Party 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 officer with Luxembourg National Railways (Société nationale des chemins de fer luxembourgeois – CFL).



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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 his 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 (postgraduate diploma of advanced studies) in European Union law. He was awarded the title of doctor honoris causa from the Sacred Heart University of Luxembourg.

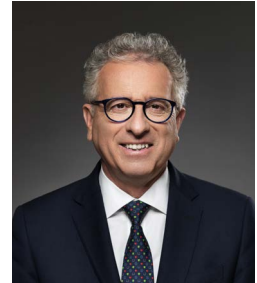
### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Pierre Gramegna was re-appointed Minister of Finance on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (déi gréng).

Pierre Gramegna had first joined the government as Minister of Finance on 4 December 2013, after the legislative elections of 20 October 2013.

As Minister of Finance, Pierre Gramegna has initiated major reforms to balance the budget and to align Luxembourg's tax rules with international transparency standards. Thanks to these efforts, Luxembourg's AAA rating has been consistently confirmed by all major rating agencies and, in 2015, the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes upgraded Luxembourg to "largely compliant". Furthermore, in 2014, Pierre Gramegna established Luxembourg's sovereign fund for the benefit of future generations.

Pierre Gramegna is also a promoter of the diversification of Luxembourg's financial centre, in particular with regard to FinTech and sustainable finance. He is the initiator and president of the LHoFT Foundation, which runs the Luxembourg House of Financial Technology. He has also further developed bilateral relations with China in the financial sector and since he took office, four additional Chinese banks have chosen Luxembourg as their EU hub.



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As chair of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of the European Union during the Luxembourg Presidency (second half of 2015), Pierre Gramegna actively contributed to reaching landmark agreements on the introduction of the automatic exchange of information on tax rulings with EU member states, as well as on securitisation.

Pierre Gramegna puts particular emphasis on Luxembourg's role in multilateral development banks. In 2014, Luxembourg became a member of the African Development Bank and, in 2015, Luxembourg was the first non-Asian country to join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. In May 2016, Pierre Gramegna was elected chair of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a one-year mandate. He currently serves on the Board of Governors of the European Investment Bank and on that of the European Stability Mechanism. He is also Luxembourg's governor to the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

As 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 on 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 also a member of the executive board of several companies, including Cargolux Airlines International SA (as chairman from 2004 to 2008), the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (Bourse de Luxembourg), LuxExpo Luxembourg and BGL BNP Paribas Luxembourg SA. He has also been a member of numerous advisory committees, such as 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).

## DAN KERSCH

- ▶ **MINISTER OF SPORT**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY**

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 and as 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 (déi gréng).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Dan Kersch was appointed Minister of Sport and Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the LSAP since 1991, Dan Kersch initially served as a municipal councillor in Mondrange 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 Lamadelaine, 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 and as 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 (déi gréng).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Claude Meisch was appointed Minister of Education, Children and Youth, as well as Minister for Higher Education and

Research on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

A member of the DP since 1994, Claude Meisch was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1999 as candidate 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 role of vice-chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee from 2009 to 2013, and 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 her secondary school studies at the Athénée de Luxembourg, Corinne Cahen pursued a higher education 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, in the 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, and as Minister for the Greater Region 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).

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Corinne Cahen was appointed Minister for Family Affairs and Integration, and Minister for the Greater Region on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Since November 2015, Corinne Cahen has assumed the role of chairwoman of the DP.

### 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), Eldorado, Radio régionale Nice-Côte d'Azur, Radio France Internationale and Agence France Presse.



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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.



## CAROLE DIESCHBOURG

### ► MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Carole Dieschbourg was born on 3 October 1977 in Ettelbruck.

#### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following her secondary school studies at the Lycée classique d'Echternach from 1990 to 1997, Carole Dieschbourg pursued a higher education in history 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).

In December 2015, under the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Carole Dieschbourg coordinated the position of the European Union at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris.

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Carole Dieschbourg was appointed Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

#### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

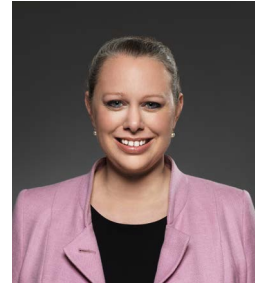
At local level, Carole Dieschbourg served as a municipal councillor in Echternach from 2011 to 2013, an office she held until her appointment to the government.

#### 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* (The mills of the Müllerthal).

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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## MARC HANSEN

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- › **MINISTER DELEGATE FOR DIGITALISATION**
- › **MINISTER DELEGATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM**

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 due to health reasons. On 27 March 2015, Marc Hansen was also appointed Secretary of State for Housing. Following the resignation of Maggy Nagel from the government, Marc Hansen was appointed Minister for

Housing and Minister Delegate for Higher Education and Research on 18 December 2015.

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Marc Hansen was appointed Minister for the Civil Service, Minister for Relations with Parliament, Minister Delegate for Digitalisation and Minister Delegate for Administrative Reform on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

### 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 as candidate for the DP in the constituency of the North. In Parliament, he served as



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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.

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.

## CLAUDE TURMES

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR ENERGY**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR SPATIAL PLANNING**

Claude Turmes was born on 26 November 1960 in Diekirch.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

After completing his secondary education, Claude Turmes graduated in physical and sport education from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve in 1983. Parallely to his job, Claude Turmes studied environmental technologies at the Luxembourgish University Foundation in Arlon and finished his studies without the final thesis. Claude Turmes also attended numerous continuing education trainings in yoga.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

On 20 June 2018, Claude Turmes was appointed Secretary of State for Sustainable Development and Infrastructures within the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (déi gréng), replacing Camille Gira who had passed away on 16 May 2018.

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Claude Turmes was appointed Minister for Energy and Minister for Spatial Planning on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Claude Turmes was a Member of the European Parliament from June 1999 to June 2018. He was the vice president of the parliamentary group of the Green Party in the European Parliament and was a member of the Committee on Environment, Health and Consumer Protection as well as a member of the Committee on Industry, Energy, Telecom and Research. He was the rapporteur of a large number of European directives, in particular on renewable energies, energy efficiency, the electricity market and climate plans, as well as on the European lobby register. From 2004 to 2018, he was the chairman of EUFORES (European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources), the Interparliamentary association for the promotion of renewable energies in Europe. ...▶



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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Claude Turmes taught in various secondary schools of Luxembourg from 1983 to 1999.

## **ASSOCIATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Prior to his election to the European Parliament, Claude Turmes was an activist and, later, he volunteered to lead various environmental associations. He has been active at both the European (Friends of the Earth Europe, the European Environmental Bureau) and national level. He was a member of the committee and vice president in charge of energy/climate and European affairs and Europe of the Mouvement Écologique Luxembourg from the late 1980's to 1999. He is the cofounder of Klimabündnis Lëtzebuerg.

## PAULETTE LENERT

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Paulette Lenert was born on 31 May 1968 in Luxembourg.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following her secondary school studies at the Athénée de Luxembourg, Paulette Lenert was awarded a degree in private law and corporate law from the University d'Aix-Marseille III in 1991. After her master's degree, she pursued her studies in the United Kingdom and obtained a master's in European law from the University of London in 1992. Paulette Lenert focused her continuing education as much on European law as on the development of her skills in public management and systemic approach.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Paulette Lenert joined the government as Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs and as Minister for Consumer Protection on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (déi gréng).

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Paulette Lenert began her career as a lawyer at the Luxembourg Bar in 1992. She joined the Ministry of Justice in 1994 in the function of justice attaché. In 1997, she was appointed First Judge of the Administrative Tribunal and served as vice president until 2010. From 2010 to 2013, she was senior government advisor to the Minister of Solidarity Economy.

She was the head of the, in 2013, newly founded Facilitation Unit for Urban Planning and Environment attached to the Ministry of State. Following the reshuffle of the ministerial departments in 2013, she joined the Ministry of the Civil Service and Administrative Reform in the function of senior government advisor and was in charge of the general coordination as of 2014. Furthermore, in January 2017, she was nominated executive director of the National Institute for Public Administration. Paulette Lenert resigned from her functions upon joining the government.



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## **ACTIVITIES RELATING TO ASSOCIATIONS**

Paulette Lenert was a board member of the ProActif a.s.b.l. between 2011 and 2013. She was also a board member of Initiativ Rëm Schaffen a.s.b.l. and resigned from this function when she joined the government.



## SAM TANSON

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

Sam Tanson was born on 4 April 1977 in Luxembourg.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following her classical secondary school studies at Lycée Robert Schuman, Sam Tanson obtained a law degree at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in the year 2000. She continued her studies at the Institut d'études politiques in Paris, where she received her degree in 2002. In 2008, she pursued a master's II degree by correspondence in environmental law from the University of Limoges.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Sam Tanson joined the government as Minister for Culture and Minister for Housing on 5 December 2018 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

A member of the Green Party since 2005, Sam Tanson has occupied several political positions in her party during her political career. She was the spokesperson for déi jonk gréng (the youth wing of the Green Party) from 2006 to 2007, for the Green Party between 2009 and 2010 and president of the party from 2010 to 2015.

At local level, Sam Tanson was elected for the first time to the municipal council of the City of Luxembourg in 2011, at the age of 34 years. In 2013, she was nominated first alderman of the City of Luxembourg and was in charge of finance and mobility. She occupied this position until 2017. She was re-elected as communal councillor during the communal elections of 2017. From 2015 to 2018, she was a member of the Council of State.

Following the resignation of Claude Adam from the Chamber of Deputies, Sam Tanson became Member of Parliament for the first time in April 2018. At the parliament, she assumed, among others, the chairmanship of the Legal Committee. She was re-elected in the legislative elections of 2018.



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## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

From 2002 until 2004, Sam Tanson was a journalist with RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg.

From 2005 until her appointment to the government, Sam Tanson was enlisted as an attorney-at-law at the Luxembourg Bar.

## TAINA BOFFERDING

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**
- ▶ **MINISTER OF EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN**

Taina Bofferding was born on 22 November 1982 in Esch-sur-Alzette.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following her secondary school education at the Lycée classique Hubert Clément in Esch-sur-Alzette, Taina Bofferding continued her studies at the Institut d'études éducatives et sociales (Institute for Educational and Social Sciences) where she obtained a diploma in 2005. She then studied sociology at the University of Trier where she graduated in social sciences in 2011.

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Taina Bofferding joined the government as Minister for Home Affairs and as Minister of Equality between Women and Men on 5 December 2018 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

Member of the LSAP since 2004, Taina Bofferding was elected to the Chamber of Deputies following the legislative elections of 2013. She was then a member of several committees including the Committee on Institutions and Constitutional Review, the Committee on Culture, the Committee on Higher Education, Research, Media, Communications and Space, the Committee for Family and Integration, the Housing Committee and the Committee on Labor, Employment and Social Security.

At local level, Taina Bofferding was municipal councillor in the city of Esch-sur-Alzette from 2011 to 2018 and president of the LSAP section of Esch-sur-Alzette as of March 2018.



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## LEX DELLES

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR TOURISM**

Lex Delles was born on 28 November 1984. He is originally from Mondorf-les-Bains.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following his secondary school studies, Lex Delles began studying law at the University of Luxembourg before graduating in educational sciences from HERS (Haute École Robert Schuman) in Virton (Belgium).

### GOVERNMENTAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Lex Delles joined the government as Minister for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and as Minister for Tourism on 5 December 2018 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

True to his motto "It is easy to criticise but better to act", Lex Delles joined the youth wing of the Democratic Party of Luxembourg (Jonk Demokraten - JDL). He revived the

JDL section in Mondorf-les-Bains and the democratic youth of the constituency of the East of which he was president until 2013. Since November 2015, Lex Delles has been vice president of the DP.

In 2011, Lex Delles ran for the first time in the municipal elections and was elected right away first alderman of Mondorf-les-Bains. In January 2014, he was sworn in as mayor of his hometown.

Following the legislative elections of 2013, Lex Delles was elected to Parliament and in 2014, at the age of 29, he became Luxembourg's youngest *député-maire* (both, Member of Parliament and mayor). During the 2017 municipal elections, he retained his mandate as mayor until he joined the government.

At the Chamber of Deputies, Lex Delles chaired the Committee for Education, Children and Youth from 2013 to 2018. He was also a member of the Committee for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, of the Committee for Agriculture, Viticulture, Rural Development and Consumer Protection, as well as of the Committee for Culture.



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Lex Delles was also an alternate member of the Luxembourg delegation to the Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council from 2015 to 2018.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

After his studies, Lex Delles started a career as a teacher in the primary school in Lenningen.

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