

BIOGRAPHY OF LUC FRIEDEN

Born in Esch-Alzette in September 1963, Luc Frieden attended primary school and the first years of his secondary school there, before moving with his family to Luxembourg city where he finished his secondary school at the Athénée de Luxembourg. Passionate already at the time about law, politics and international relations, Luc went on to study law at the Universities of Paris-Sorbonne, Cambridge and Harvard. He joined the Luxembourg bar in 1989 and practiced corporate and banking law.

In 1994, at the age of 30, he was elected for the first time to Parliament and 4 years later, the then Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker appointed Luc Frieden as Minister of Justice and Minister of Budget. From 1998 to 2013, Luc served in successive coalition Governments as cabinet minister for Justice, Defence, internal security and Finance. As Minister of Justice, he introduced major reforms to strengthen the social cohesion, such as the domestic partnership (PACS) and the dual citizenship. As Minister of Treasury and Finance, he was also responsible for more than a decade for the successful development of the Luxembourg financial sector. With his decisive role in the 2008 banking crisis, he managed to protect the savings of thousands of people and companies and thus preserved Luxembourg from a major social and economic disaster.

Following his service as cabinet minister, Luc Frieden decided to gain new ideas by moving to London to work for a major international bank. He returned to Luxembourg in 2016 to become Chairman of the board of a local media group as well as Chairman of the board of a large Luxembourg bank. In 2019, he also became President of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, a public law organization which represents all companies of the industry, commerce and service sectors as well as financial services. In addition, he was elected last year as President of Eurochambres, the European federation of chambres of commerce and industry in Brussels. In addition, he also worked again as an attorney.

His passion and concern for the future prosperity of his country and Europe never changed. Therefore, when asked a few months ago by his party to return to politics, Luc accepted the nomination as lead candidate of the CSV (a member of the European People's Party EPP, the largest pro-European centre-right political family). To serve his country and prepare for this important task, he resigned subsequently from all his professional activities in the first quarter of this year.

Luc Frieden is married to a lawyer whom he met at university and they have two children. Luc spends his free time with good friends and his family as well as with hiking, biking and skiing.