

BIOGRAPHY OF LUC FRIEDEN



Luc Frieden was born in Esch-sur-Alzette, where he attended primary school and the Lycée des Garçons. At the age of sixteen, he moved to Luxembourg with his family and graduated from secondary school at the Athénée. Back then, already passionate about law, politics and international relations, Luc went on to study law at the universities of Paris-Sorbonne, Cambridge, and Harvard. He started working as a lawyer in 1989.

In 1994, at the age of thirty, he was elected to Parliament for the first time and, four years later, Jean-Claude Juncker appointed him Minister of Justice and Minister of Budget. From 1998 to 2013, Luc Frieden was Minister of Justice, Police, Defence and Finance in various CSV-DP and CSV-LSAP coalition governments. As Minister of Justice, he initiated a number of major societal reforms, such as the PACS and dual nationality. As Minister of Treasury and Finance, Luc Frieden was responsible for the successful development and growth of our financial centre. He played a decisive role during the 2008 financial crisis, protecting the savings of thousands of people and preventing the country from an economic and social disaster.

After his government service, Luc Frieden pursued his professional career in London, before returning to Luxembourg to become Chairman of the board of a major Luxembourg bank. From 2019, he was in addition President of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, where he worked closely with industry and small and medium-sized enterprises. In 2022, he was further elected president of Eurochambres, the European federation of chambers of commerce and industry. He also practised again as a lawyer. Luc Frieden resigned from all these positions in 2023 when he became the lead candidate of the CSV for the October elections.

Luc Frieden is married with two children. In his spare time, Luc enjoys spending time with friends and family, as well as with hiking, cycling, and skiing.

