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# DEAR CITIZENS,

The elections in October will determine the future of our country.

Shaping this future is set against a difficult geopolitical and economic backdrop. The terrible war in Ukraine, the future organisation of Europe and climate change are just some of the major challenges that require a strong vision for the future of our country. Such a vision, in our view, includes multi-speed European integration - along the lines of Schengen - the strengthening of NATO as an alliance for security and democracy, and a geographically diversified foreign trade policy.

Our goal for the coming years is to make Luxembourg a modern country with strong social cohesion. The economy, social affairs and the ecology must evolve hand in hand. Without a competitive and sustainable economy, there can be no social progress and no successful ecological and digital turnaround.

## **YES, IT'S TIME FOR A NEW KIND OF POLITICS.**

In terms of economic competitiveness compared to our European neighbours, Luxembourg has recently been downgraded to the twentieth place by the Swiss IMD Institute, now ranking behind countries such as Denmark, Ireland or the Netherlands. However, Luxembourg should be

## **IN THE TOP 10 OF THESE ECONOMIES.**

It is obvious that we will need to review our legislation, especially regarding the procedures and the organisation of working hours, and we will need to try to make substantial progress in the areas of infrastructure and digitalisation. We need to reduce the administrative burden on companies by 20%. We also need to provide more support for young people starting their professional careers by offering them a tax-friendly start-up package and more flexibility

in the organization of their working time. Without sustainable and inclusive growth, we cannot maintain our standard of living and our social security system.

For our country, we want a strong and efficient social policy that effectively combats poverty and social exclusion, not a „free for all“ policy that is socially unfair and cannot be financed in the medium term. Through massive investments in renewable energies, we want to

## **ACCELERATE THE ENERGY TRANSITION,**

which is so important to combat climate change. Without security there is no freedom and no prosperity. That is why we need more resources for better crime prevention and more police presence in our localities.

In view of the housing crisis and the high cost of living, we want to increase purchasing power by reducing the tax burden. The serious situation on the housing market requires urgent decisions that have unfortunately not been taken in the last ten years. Through various tax measures and some procedural changes, we want to significantly increase the supply of housing and thus have an impact on prices and the housing shortage. Significant progress must also be made in skills training for tomorrow's economy and in mobility. Here,

in particular, the improvement of the train network as well as the construction of bypasses, cycle paths and the tramway to the neighbouring municipalities of Luxembourg City must be accelerated.

Housing, the economy, health, security and taxation are just a few areas in which the current government has virtually become paralyzed due to internal differences of opinion. Yet, our country must move forward. Decisions have to be taken. After ten years of the blue-red-green coalition, it is time for change!

## **ONLY THE CSV CAN GUARANTEE THIS CHANGE.**

*Luc Frieden*



Luc Frieden

# POLITICIAN, LAWYER, FAMILY MAN

Lawyer, politician, chairman of the board - Luc Frieden's competence, experience and flair are undisputed. Even ten years after his temporary departure from the political scene, his return as the national lead candidate for the CSV was received with respect, albeit accompanied by surprise, even by his critics. There can be no doubt about his ability.

## The main architect of the bank bailout

He has sufficiently proven that he „can“ be a minister and that he masters the instruments of the State. Most convincingly in autumn 2008, when he rescued two Luxembourg banks literally overnight and with them the savings of thousands of citizens.

Luc Frieden is considered a skilful negotiator. In crisis situations, when the big picture matters, he is at his best. In those crucial October days of 2008, he negotiated to the point of self-sacrifice, because his sense of responsibility demanded it. But other achievements, such as the introduction of the registered partnership (PACS) or the law on dual citizenship, can also be attributed to him. Both laws advanced Luxembourg on the way to becoming a modern country.

## Recognised financial and economic expert

As „le seul à connaître quelque chose du monde économique“, as an economic journalist once described him, his reputation preceded him when he left politics after the elections in 2013. First Luc Frieden took up a position in a major bank in London, before returning to Luxembourg in 2016 - as chairman of the board of Luxembourg's oldest bank. In parallel, he also worked as a lawyer. In 2019, he took over the chairmanship of the Chamber of Commerce.

## Cosmopolitan and inquisitive

Was this career predetermined? No. Luc Frieden grew up as the son of an Arbed employee and a teacher in Esch/Alzette. He attended the local school, played with the kids of the neighbourhood, went to music school and to the swimming club.



Luc Frieden rides on the campaign trail

When his parents moved to Luxembourg-City, he changed schools. After graduating from the Kolléisch, he studied law at renowned universities, first in Paris, and later at Cambridge and Harvard. All along he was driven by his openmindedness, his inquisitiveness, and his desire to broaden his horizons.

After graduating, Luc Frieden first worked as a lawyer. At 30, he became a member of parliament. And at 34, he was appointed minister in a government reshuffle.

That was in 1998, in the middle of the Kosovo war. From then on, Luc Frieden was to be responsible for various ministries, first the budget and justice ministries, then later on the respective ministries of defence, internal security, and finance.

## Back into the wide world

His move to the private sector in 2014 allowed him to pick up where he left off after his studies and further expand his knowledge of other cultures: „Understanding what happens in the world, how and why,“ is how he sums up his motivation for doing so.

Luc Frieden wanted more than to be perceived as just jetting around shaking hands with the president of a bank or an institution. He wanted to listen, to get involved, to actively

participate and to make decisions. People and companies continue to be paramount in his thoughts. Over the last ten years, he has always sought to be in touch with small and medium-sized enterprises, with founders, with start-ups, with the financial centre and the industry.

The lead candidate Luc Frieden did not impose himself on the CSV in this position for the 2023 national parliamentary elections. He was asked to do so, because of his competence and experience and that was at the end of 2022.

He did not take this decision lightly. The decision-making process took three weeks before he agreed and gave up all his positions, at the bank, at the Chamber of Commerce and at the law firm. He wanted to be able to devote himself fully and unconditionally to his new, old role as a politician.



Visiting the Portuguese President in July 2023

Will the married father of two grown-up children now have more time for family and leisure? He probably won't. But he is taking the time, to spend it with family and friends, to have great conversations in a small circle. Also to discover the trails of Luxembourg, to go cycling and, if his schedule allows it, to travel - preferably to the Alps, to go hiking and to „recharge his batteries“ for the great challenges of the country.

# HOUSING FOR EVERYONE

Fewer and fewer people can still afford a flat in Luxembourg. Many young people have to move away from their home municipalities. Housing prices have more than doubled in the past ten years. At the same time, rents are exploding. And so are interest rates. The announced crisis in the construction industry will further aggravate the housing crisis.

Blue-Red-Green wanted to tackle the citizens' biggest problem with a housing offensive. But the bottom line is that no results have emerged. Instead, the three governing parties are blocking each other. The situation was even aggravated by wrong political decisions - keyword: tenancy law.

**CSV wants a  
turnaround in  
housing policy.**

## 106,48%

**106.48 % PRICE INCREASE FOR  
EXISTING HOUSINGS**

(Average) 2014-2022

## 11,1%

**PRICE INCREASE FOR RENTS**

2022-2023 (1st trimester)

(Source: Observatoire de l'Habitat, 2023)

### PRICE INCREASE FOR EXISTING HOUSINGS

(Average) 2014-2022

(Source: Logement en chiffres, Statec, 2014 / 2023)

Price per square meter 12/2022:

**8.734 EURO**

Price per square meter 06/2014:

**4.230 EURO**



We want to build more and faster. And higher and somewhat denser. Where it makes sense from a regional planning perspective. We want to speed up the accommodation procedures with binding deadlines. We will carry out fewer impact studies and thus gain time.

We do not want any more environmental compensation in the construction perimeter. Perimeter extensions will remain possible.

We want to involve private investors more in the construction

of affordable rental housing. We will motivate them to invest here as well. We will also reintroduce the super-reduced VAT rate for the construction of rental housing. And we will give more support to alternative forms of housing and construction.

We will shape state planning in such a way that housing is promoted and not prevented. And we will involve and support our municipalities more. Without shifting state responsibility.

In one word:

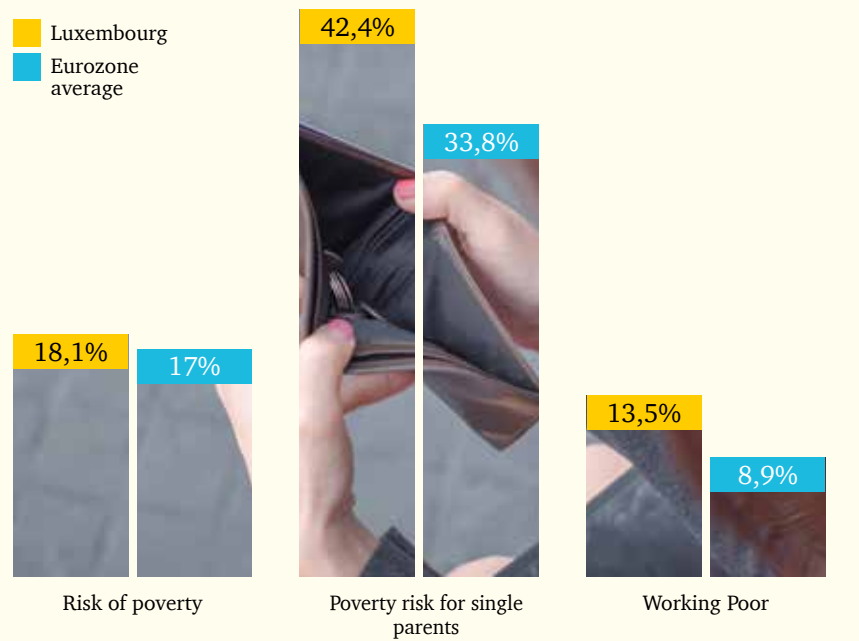
### **WE WANT TO MASSIVELY INCREASE THE HOUSING OFFER**

This is the only way to bring prices down. At the same time, we will strengthen the demand side with higher subsidies. Only in this way can we get the housing crisis half-way under control. The CSV will do everything in its power to ensure that every citizen in Luxembourg can find affordable housing. For us, this also has something to do with quality of life.

# MORE PURCHASING POWER. LESS TAXES.

## HIGH RISK OF POVERTY IN LUXEMBOURG

(Source: Panorama social CSL, 2023)



# 63%

**RISING COST OF LIVING  
A MAJOR CONCERN FOR 63%  
OF CITIZENS**

(Source: Politmonitor, Ilres/RTL/Wort 2022)

Life is getting more expensive, day by day. The tax burden has been rising for years as well. At the same time, purchasing power has fallen, especially for low-income earners, but increasingly also for the broad middle-class. In addition, the risk of poverty has been growing. More and more people can barely make ends meet, which threatens to undermine social cohesion in Luxembourg.

The blue-red-green coalition has failed to deliver in terms of increased purchasing power and tax relief. Even in good years, they haven't kept their promises. First and foremost, there is the big tax reform, which was often announced, but never materialised.

**The CSV keeps  
its word.**

We will relieve the citizens' tax burden as quickly as possible. We will reduce taxes and strengthen purchasing power again, both for low-income earners and single parents. We will also support the broad middle class. This is the essence of a just tax-system.

### **WORKING MUST PAY OFF AGAIN.**

We will raise the initial tax threshold, including for single parents. We will adjust the tax scale to inflation in stages. Creeping tax increases must stop. The tax brackets will be widened.

There will be higher tax allowances for families with children. The transition period from tax class 2 to tax class 1a will be doubled in the short term from three to six years.

For young people, there will be a tax starter kit with allowances for the first years in employment. Young people in particular need more support, and for a longer period. Keyword: work-kids balance.

With the CSV, moreover, there will be no inheritance tax or wealth tax for citizens. We assert this with absolute

clarity. We expect this clarity from others as well.

Tax policy is also social policy. We want greater social cohesion, also thanks to a strong, middle class. The social elevator must work again. This is the only way to maintain social peace in the country. This is the only way to strengthen Luxembourg as a business location, by gaining more momentum through lower taxes. This is crucial for our businesses. But above all for citizens, who urgently need a ray of hope.

# A NEW BOOST FOR OUR ECONOMY...

Luxembourg is no longer an attractive business location. The shortage of skilled workers is high and competitors are not asleep. Companies lack space. The blue-red-green economic policy is a policy of announcements that does not deliver results. There is no recognisable strategy for the future. Moreover, there is no clear position on growth.

For the CSV, it is clear that:

## **WE NEED GROWTH.**

Sustainable and inclusive growth that is, with added value for the country and its people and without destroying our environment. Only with growth can we pay our wages, our pensions, our social welfare system. Only in this way can we keep good jobs. Only in this way is sustainable prosperity possible for all.

We will reduce the administrative burden for businesses by 20 percent. Administrative simplification is not just

a slogan for us. We will provide tax incentives for new investments in the digital and ecological transition.

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) remain the backbone of our economy. It is precisely these SMEs, often craft enterprises, which we want to support more. With sufficient land in our industrial estates. With better training and further education. With more support for takeovers. The reorganisation of working hours takes place in social dialogue and individually for each company. Not top-down.

Luxembourg must become more competitive overall. In the medium term, we are striving to bring corporate income tax in line with the OECD average. We want to develop our financial centre into the number one in green finance. It must remain competitive with Dublin and London.

At the same time, we want to strengthen the promotion of Luxembourg as a business location. We want to retain existing businesses. At the same time,

we want to diversify and attract new businesses to our country. This also applies to industry. Luxembourg must remain a production location. The same applies to agriculture and viticulture. We are strengthening our agriculture and food production. We are building on innovation and sustainability. Ecology, the economy, and the social aspect must be evenly balanced.

We want to give our economy and thus our country a new boost. To ensure that Luxembourg remains financially afloat, we will continue to strive for an AAA rating for our public finances. For us, a key resource for the future is also modern education that promotes skills and creativity. For us, the economy and social issues are not opposites, but two sides of a sustainable social market economy.

# MORE RENEWABLE ENERGIES. NEW CLIMATE TRACKS.

The blue-red-green syndrome is particularly noticeable in climate policy: big goals, flashy marketing, but hardly any concrete directives. And above all, there have been only very limited results. Luxembourg is the EU's worst performer in renewable energies. In terms of the CO2 balance, only few structural improvements are visible.

## **THE CSV STANDS FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION WITH NEW IDEAS.**

Without ideology. Especially when it comes to renewable energies. We will massively expand these by 2030, at least quadrupling them in the coming years.



We will fully exploit the potential of solar energy on sealed surfaces and create a wind power register. We will promote the expansion of photovoltaics privately and commercially with tax incentives. We want to set up a photovoltaic cooperation between owners of private and public installations. We want to expand the grid in a decentralised manner through substantial investments.

We fully support the European climate targets. We want to be climate neutral by 2050. We will introduce more efficient procedures for the energy transition and we will remain fundamentally open to technology. Especially in

the energy sector, technology is developing rapidly. The prime example here is hydrogen technology, which we want to promote in a targeted manner. In parallel, we will have to save energy and use it more efficiently.

We will make climate and environmental protection as straightforward as possible. Therefore, we will introduce a „guichet unique“ (one stop shop) as a central contact point for all environmental enquiries and permits.

Climate policy is a joint effort: we need the cooperation of our communities, of our small and medium-sized businesses and of our industry as well.

We will support investments in climate, nature and water protection.

We stand by the CO2 tax. However, we want to accompany it socially by compensating expenses with substantial subsidies, for example by offering „climate money“.

We want to take people on board our climate policy. That is why we rely on incentives and on the persuasive power of a new climate and energy policy based on results.

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CSV PROGRAMME  
IS AVAILABLE  
FOR DOWNLOAD  
HERE**



## MORE SAFETY FOR MORE FREEDOM.

### DEVELOPMENT OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES IN LUXEMBOURG

(Source: Statistiques policières, 2022)



The crime rate is rising and so are people’s feelings of insecurity. They worry and surveys confirm this. The police lack staff and resources.

The current government has neglected issues of safety, clearly underestimating the extent of the problem. The three coalition partners cannot agree on what steps to take, so they have reached deadlock. We want to overcome this standstill.

The CSV fully supports our police force. Our police officers do an exemplary job.

We see security as a fundamental right for all citizens all over the country. Generating a feeling of safety is a core task of politics. It is not a luxury. It is in fact the only way to ensure a high quality of life.

We will massively expand the police force by taking on an additional 700 police officers over the next five years. We will reduce the amount of paperwork involved for police officers so that they will be more on the beat. We will better equip the police force. Thanks to more digitalisation, we will make their work more efficient. We will also provide them with the necessary resources in the area of cyber-crime. Choosing a career in the police force will become more attractive as careers will be upgraded.

We will increase the use of cameras and video surveillance in hotspots and at railway stations. In addition, we will introduce a general and effective banning order. This government’s version of the „banning order“ simply does not work.

Security takes place on the ground, especially in our municipalities. That is why we will introduce a new municipal corps within the existing police force. As this corps will directly report to the mayor, it will be possible to strengthen the latter’s authority regarding law and order.

We will also speed up judicial processes, e.g. with faster court proceedings. Here the keyword is „comparution immédiate“ in the case of flagrant violation of the law.



**SECURITY: GREAT CONCERN  
FOR 43% OF CITIZENS IN  
NOVEMBER 2022 (+13%)**

Still 30% in June 2022

(Source: Politmonitor, Ilres/RTL/Wort 2022)

As mentioned above, security is a very important feature of daily life for everybody. The CSV will, therefore, endeavour to seriously improve security on a local and national level.

# OUR CANDIDATES FOR SOUTH

## GILLES ROTH

### Lead candidate



He is a doer, not only in his municipality of Mamer. Here Gilles Roth, born in 1967, has been mayor for 23 years and he has been part of the CSV parliamentary group. He has been co-chair of the parliamentary group with Mar-

tine Hansen since 2021. „You’re stronger in a team,“ says the lawyer, who is also a sports enthusiast. Other than legislation, the MP for the South likes football, bicycle races, athletics.

Commitment and work are important to him. Several times a week, the former lawyer trains in the „muscle shop“, as he says. Despite all his seriousness, the ex-financial civil servant has a sense of humour. He is as complex as the southern district. That is also why he is in the CSV People’s Party.

The numbers expert loves socialising with the clubs in his community, or on the „Nolauschter Tour“. Talking to citizens is important to him. The tax expert can formulate complicated is-

ssues in a clearly understandable way. Especially when he starts a sentence with „in plain language“.

Gilles Roth has been speaking „plain language“ for years on the subject of tax relief for the middle class, long before others. „Working must be worthwhile. That is also a question of social cohesion,“ he says. Values are important to him without him constantly flaunting them.

The family man and proud father of a grown-up daughter finds support and relaxation at home, or at the Mamer Brill after work is done. Then the perfectionist sometimes forgets about the dossiers, at least until the next WhatsApp message.

### Lead candidate

## GEORGES MISCHO

Easy-going, self-confident and uncomplicated - Georges Mischo, born in 1974, is an approachable person who always has time for the concerns and wishes of his fellow citizens and the residents of his municipality of Esch/Alzette. „As a politician, you are available for the citizens day in, day out,“ he emphasises.

The father of two children represents a new generation in the CSV. He has been politically involved since 2011; in October 2017, he succeeded in taking over the former red stronghold of Esch/Alzette and becoming mayor. „It fills me with

pride that I was re-elected in the municipal elections in June,“ says the former sports teacher.

Sport is an issue he is particularly committed to in Parliament as MP for the southern district. „Sport and the fun of exercise should be promoted more in everyday life,“ emphasises Georges Mischo. In his private life, the former triathlete still exercises often. He was also able to bring Esch 2022 to the forefront several times during the last legislative period. „The title of European Capital of Culture 2022 was a great opportunity for Esch,“ says the politician, looking back on a positive



review: „The many events attracted people from all over the world. This had a very positive impact on tourism.“

## MARIA AGOSTINO

Maria Agostino ép. Breyer started dancing at a very early age. Rhythm is in her blood, says the 47-year-old dancer, jokingly referring to her southern origins. In her spare time she is a Zumba instructor. „It’s really fun to carry young and old along

and thereby make them enjoy the exercises.“

The recently married mother of two is head of the sports department of the Differdange municipality. „That means I am always in contact with

people who take on responsibility at the community level,“ she says, which probably also motivated her to get involved in politics. In the last elections she was elected as a councillor for her municipality of Petange. „Politics is not just a hobby,“ she says.



In her political work, Maria Agostino wants to focus especially on equal opportunities. „It seems obvious to me that everyone must have the same opportunities, from a very young age.“ As president of the equal opportunities committee in her mu-

nicipality, she has already been able to work on the issue. She also wants to stand up for senior citizens. „It is not always easy for elderly people to actively participate in public life. We have to change that.“



## NANCY ARENDT



Nancy Arendt ép. Kemp (54) is totally committed in everything. This is also the case in politics: the CSV MP has always had an open ear for

the concerns of the citizens during the last legislative period. As President of the Petitions Committee, she was ideally placed to address their worries and fears and to initiate steps to bring about improvements. This participative instrument has had a tremendous impact on political action over the past five years. „Petitions are a simple way for a modern democracy to bring citizens' demands directly to parliament,“ she emphasises.

Sports and health remain important topics for the communications graduate, former Olympic top ten triathlete and six-time Sportswoman of

the Year. The dedicated mother of two sons is committed to ensuring that exercise is promoted in everyday life at every age.

The issue of children's rights is particularly close to Nancy's heart. For years, the MP has been committed to victims of sexual violence. With her interpellation in parliament, she broke the taboo and drew attention to the fact that, according to the EU, every fifth child is a victim of sexual abuse and called for „an independent, central, anonymous contact point for victims of such acts of violence.“

Born in Sanem and now living in Kehlen, nature and animal lover Guy Breden drives a somewhat different car. Externally, it is no different from any other car, yet the 53-year-old drives his car with neither diesel nor petrol. Guy Breden is indeed the owner of Luxembourg's first hydrogen car. „I am interested in all renewable energies,“ he explains. His only problem is that he has to drive to Saarbrücken to a suitable filling station once or twice a month. „That's annoying, but I do it out of conviction.“

Renewable energies are important to Guy Breden. „A healthy mix of renewable energies is important for our

country.“ As president of the new environment and energy committee of his municipality, he also addresses it politically.

He sees digitalisation as another priority: as a full-time computer scientist and vice-president of the „Syndicat Intercommunal de Gestion Informatique“ (SIGI), he knows what he is talking about. „Citizens and companies must be relieved of bureaucracy.“

Guy Breden was first elected to the Kehlen municipal council in 2017 and confirmed in his mandate in 2023: „What counts for me at the municipal level also applies to national politics:

## GUY BREDEEN



not just a talking shop, but actively shaping it.“

## EMINA CEMAN



For Emina Ceman, the S in the name of the CSV party is the top priority. She has a social vein - „I want to

work for the citizens,“ emphasises the 28-year-old, „with humanity and the necessary justice“. Maybe that is why she decided to study social sciences and education. Today she works as a social worker in the social welfare office of Sanem.

Emina Ceman looks back on a partly difficult life story. Born in Montenegro, she came to Luxembourg as a refugee at the age of three. „For me, politics means being able to change things and to stand up for what is important,“ she says. That is why she also stood as a candidate in the last elections in her municipality of Dif-

ferdange. And made it into the municipal council the first time around. „A nice surprise,“ she says happily. Her political priorities are social issues, the school system and the housing market.

The municipal politician has one passion in life: football. She regularly plays with the national team. She also plays badminton and rides her bike. Her favourite book is Goethe's Faust. When it comes to music, the answer is clear: „Balkan music is my favourite!”

## GABRIEL DI LETIZIA

Gabriel Di Letizia, born in 1958, is always on his best behaviour, with a broad smile. But the committed trade unionist also knows when to show his teeth. Especially in his work as President of the „Syndicat des Employés du Secteur Financier“ (trade union for financial sector employees), in short: LCGB-SESE, and representative of the LCGB trade union. With a lot of assertiveness, he knows exactly how to be taken seriously as a negotiating partner. „Of course, this means that social policy is particularly close to my heart,“ he says.

Gabriel Di Letizia is also involved in trade union activities at the European

level. Until 2022, he was chair of the European works council of the bank BNP Paribas, which employs almost 200,000 people worldwide. „I got a good sense of the difficulties workers face,“ he says. „I want to help improve the daily lives of these people.“

The former football player and married father of two grown-up children has remained true to his favourite sport and can often be seen on football pitches. But his great passion is the mountains; last year he hiked across the Alps from Oberstdorf to Merano, and this year his programme included a hut hike in the Dolomites. „A great experience!“



## FÉLIX EISCHEN



Proximity to the citizens - this is what Félix Eischen, born in 1966, relies on every day in his political work. „With

a policy of short distances, a lot can be done,“ says the mayor of his home municipality Kehlen, who was confirmed in the last elections.

For the full-time insurance agent, there is nothing more important than his family. For almost 30 years, the father of two children has been married to his wife, who has Portuguese roots. „Portugal has become like a second home.“

Three years ago, he was absent for a longer period of time due to burn-out. The former TV presenter of „RTL“ made no secret of this: „I wanted to deal with the situation openly,“ Félix

Eischen says about the most difficult experience of his life so far. „It should actually not be unusual to talk about our psychological burden. That's why I wanted to make my contribution to de-tabooing mental illness.“

That is why the topic of mental health has also come more to the fore in his work as a CSV MP. The small and medium-sized businesses are also particularly important to the farmer by birth. „What worries me is that entrepreneurship is no longer so attractive to young people,“ he says, „but it is precisely these small businesses that are important for our economy.“

## MYRIAM GONÇALVES

Sunday is family day in the Gonçalves family. This is when Myriam Gonçalves (45) can really switch off after a strenuous week with her two sons and go for a walk with her Bernese Mountain dog „Axl“. She needs that, too, because as the managing director of her own company there is „always something to do“, she says.

Myriam Gonçalves knows only too well the increasing problems that the construction industry is currently facing. She founded her own construction company in Schiffange in 2008 after completing her training as a master craftswoman at the „Chamb-

re des métiers“. Incidentally, this also made her the first Portuguese woman to receive a diploma as a businesswoman in the construction industry in Luxembourg. „A great honour,“ she says happily.

The passionate piano player - „I started when I was seven, and I still play every day!“ - wants to maintain direct contact with citizens in her political work and keep an open ear. „It is simply important to just listen to our fellow human beings,“ she knows from experience. Overcoming poverty, empowering youth and protecting the environment are all issues



she wants to focus on in the coming years.

## MÉLANIE GRÜN



Honest, direct and open - Mélanie Grün (31) doesn't mince her words. „I like to speak my mind, even if it

doesn't always go down well,“ she says of herself. Honesty is very important to this German teacher: „I don't want to mislead my fellow citizens. This is exactly how she sees her commitment to politics - she doesn't think much of empty promises.

The local councillor from Kayl-Tettingen is always busy. As a passionate jogger, she tries to break the 2,000-kilometre barrier every year. So far, however, she has not managed to do so, she admits jokingly. This is largely due to her time-consuming voluntary work. Mélanie Grün is the secretary of the local CSV section of

her municipality and of the „Syndicat d'Initiative et du Tourisme Kayl-Tétange“. She also regularly goes to the stadium to cheer for FC Schalke 04. In addition: „I never miss a home game of our national team!“

Due to her profession, education policy is very close to her heart. After all, direct contact with pupils is the best way to see where action is needed. „Instead of taking the needs of all pupils equally into account, the current education policy often sets the wrong priorities.’

## SERGE HOFFMANN

He is one of the politicians who have guided the destiny of their municipality the longest. For almost 24 years, Serge Hoffmann (56) has been the mayor of the municipality of Hobscheid, which had merged with Simer in 2018. „After so many years in local politics, it would be an honour for me to move our country forward on a national level,“ he explains his political commitment. „I always have an ear for the concerns of my fellow citizens.“

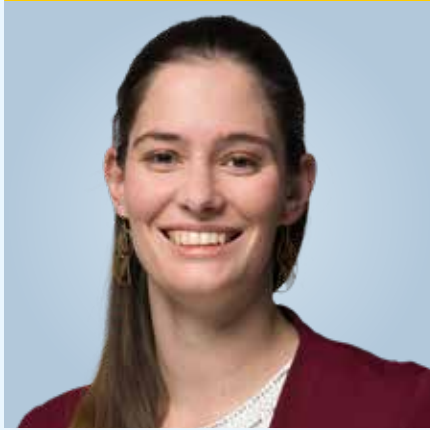
A lawyer by training, he has worked at the Finance Inspectorate since 1992 and represents the State on the boards

of the „Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg“ (CHL) and the „Laboratoire National de Santé“ (LNS). This has given him experience in health policy - and he sees this as a political priority for the coming years. „Our health policy must be more efficient, liberal medicine must be strengthened,“ he says, „this must be done through simplified and faster access to health services.“ This committed politician also sees a need for action in reducing bureaucracy. „In housing, there must be less of an administrative burden.“ True to the principle: the land of short distances', in every respect.



In his free time, he regularly goes hiking with his partner Viviane. „Preferably in Luxembourg,“ he says. „Home is still the nicest place!“

## FRANÇOISE KEMP



Data is her profession. Françoise Kemp is able to collect complex information and identify connections between them. Until the beginning of 2023, the

32-year-old postdoc worked in biomedical research as a mathematician; since February, she has been a researcher and data analyst. „Finding constructive solutions is in my DNA,“ she says. She also uses this in her political work in the municipal council of her municipality of Dudelange.

In her free time, Françoise Kemp likes to be with people. She is a mentor in the scouts - „that’s always fun“, she smiles. She is also involved in the organisation „Diddeléng Hëlleft“ and likes acting. She never forgoes going to a concert - most recently she was cheering for Robbie Williams and Max Giesinger.

As a young person, affordable housing is particularly close to her heart. This determined politician knows exactly how this should be promoted: „The tax credit ‚Bëllegen Akt‘ should be increased to 50,000 euros,“ she explains, „and alternative forms of housing should definitely be supported.“ She also wants to set the tone in digitalisation in the health sector: „I would like to advocate for a Health Hotline, a Health Hub and a powerful eHealth platform,“ she says. „Close to the patient - that’s how health policy should be.“

## ANNE LOGELIN



Whether running, cycling or hiking - Anne Logelin (38) loves being outside. „I recharge my batteries outdoors,“ says the mother of two, who describes herself as an „absolute family person“. In her free time, she likes to play with her children, bake and paint. „My favourite thing to do, depending on my mood, is to listen to music by Coldplay, the Toten Hosen or Francis Cabrel,“ she smiles. She needs that to switch off after a long day.

The full-time mathematics teacher is vice-president of the CSV and a member of the municipal council of her

municipality, Sanem. She was able to defend her mandate in the last elections. „Politics has the task of identifying problems and listening to people,“ she says. „I am convinced that my political commitment will enable me to take sustainable action against social problems and injustices.

Education policy is a top priority for the solution-oriented politician, who is always willing to help. „Luxembourg needs a forward-looking and future-oriented education policy so that today’s pupils are better prepared for the digitalised world of tomorrow,“ she emphasises. In her

eyes, work also needs to be done on the attractiveness of social and craft professions: „There is a need to catch up.“

## SARAH MOREIRA



Her temperament is probably best described by the quote „Though she be

but little, she is fierce!“ by William Shakespeare. Sara Moreira is honest and direct, that is what she says about herself. She also has an ear for her fellow citizens. „It is important to me that the citizens feel properly represented,“ is how she describes her political commitment.

This 27-year-old lecturer has one passion: sport. „I played handball for 17 years,“ she says. Furthermore, she loves good literature - „I don’t spend a day without reading.“ For Sarah Moreira, family plays the lead role. As a real family person, she spends

as much time as possible with her partner.

Of central importance to her is a good education system. „Schools must contribute to the well-being of all students,“ she emphasises. „Every child should have the same opportunities.“ This is what she wants to focus her political work on in the coming years. „It is important to promote the personal development of the pupils, as well as to involve the staff more in the teaching methods,“ she explains. „Besides, not enough importance is given to the Luxembourgish language.“

# NATHALIE MORGENTHALER

„Travelling is like never-ending tuition. You never stop learning.“ - So says a proverb. Nathalie Morgenthaler (43) has taken this to heart and enjoys travelling in her free time. „Preferably always to a new area, to discover other landscapes and get to know new cultures,“ she says.

A political scientist by training, she is the director of the Centre for Equal Treatment, whose mission is to promote equal treatment for all.

„I look after victims and witnesses of discrimination every day,“ she explains. „This gives me an insight into

where the problems in society are.“ That’s why equal opportunities are a central political issue for her: „All people should have the opportunity to develop in their private and professional lives, at school or in retirement“.

Already very active in syndicates at the local level, she now wants to get involved nationally in addition to her mandate as First Alderwoman of her municipality of Sanem. „The well-being of people is simply close to my heart,“ says Nathalie Morgenthaler, whose work is characterised by perfectionism and reliability. „I hope that I will get the chance to lend a hand, to be able to



work out good solutions so that everyone feels good in our society.“

# DEJVID RAMDEDOVIC



Dejvid Ramdedovic (44) knows his way around numbers. The full-time accountant wants to use his expertise

in his future political work: „I see a lot of need for action on tax issues,“ he says. „Especially families living on only one income have a hard time.“ One way to help them out, he sees, is with interest rates. „You should work with the banks to try to get a grip on interest rates. Interest rates in other European countries are not at the same level as in Luxembourg.“

For the married father of one girl, football is a great passion: for ten years Dejvid Ramdedovic played for Jeunesse Esch. „I still like to play today,“ he reveals. He is very active as a volunteer, for example in the

Esch 2022 project or in the „Shura Council“, which represents the Muslim community. With „Luxembourg-Monténégro“ he has contributed to „the development of rural tourism in the north of Montenegro“, he says with a lot of pride.

In addition to tax issues, Dejvid Ramdedovic wants to advocate for more digital inclusion. „Many people, mostly elderly people, do not have the necessary digital skills to participate in public life,“ he finds. „I want to work to improve the everyday lives of our citizens.“

# PASCAL RICQUIER

Without security there is no freedom - Pascal Ricquier (55) is convinced of that. „Politics is above all about the coexistence of citizens,“ he says. Security policy plays an important role in this - a well-functioning police force and a better-structured justice system are the top priorities for the former president of the SNPGL police union in the coming years. Pascal Ricquier currently heads the „Centre national de tactique policière“ (CNTP) and works there as a coach.

As a long-time trade unionist, he always speaks his mind. That is no longer a matter of course for many,

„Honesty is not always well accepted“ he knows from experience, „for me it is the cornerstone of political work.“ It is important to understand what is politically feasible. „I am convinced that people accept a decision better if they can understand it.“

When Pascal Ricquier is not working to improve safety in the country, he is on the road as a fitness trainer. In his youth, he was a successful motocross rider. „I got my first cross bike when I was 12 and became national champion six times,“ he says. The proud biker has taken part in international competitions several times for the



Luxembourg national team: „A great honour.“

## DR. NADINE SCHMID



Nadine Schmid (50) is a surgeon - „with heart and soul“, as she says. „Even as a child, I used to put banda-

ges on my stuffed animals and give them injections!“ she laughs. Good health care and optimal medical care are particularly close to her heart; so she spends a large part of her working hours training interns and residents. „As a member of the ‚Conseil médical‘, I also stand up for the interests of surgeons.“

Before her job demanded most of her time, the dynamic mother of two was an enthusiastic musician; she learned to play both piano and violin. „Today I like to go hiking or skiing in my free time.“ She got into politics through her father. „My father was

active in municipal politics for a long time,“ she says. As a result, she has developed an ear for the concerns of her fellow citizens. „I like to listen, to understand the concerns of the citizens in order to propose solutions to them.“ Today, she is a member of the local council of her municipality, Mamer.

In addition to a well-functioning health system, Nadine Schmid wants to advocate for children’s education and further education for young and old. „Everyone should have the chance in life to do what they like best.“

Politics probably has no more secrets for Marc Spautz (60). As a former minister, former CSV party chairman, former CSV parliamentary group leader and now MP and vice-president of the Parliament, he has held many offices. The stated goal that guides his actions with each new mandate: „The first task of politics is to improve living conditions.“

For the former LCGB Secretary General, social issues have always come first. This was also his first issue of concern during the last legislative period. „The social security of the people must be the focus.“ The tho-

roughbred politician wants to focus more on labour law in the coming years. „A reform of the Collective Agreements Act is long overdue,“ he says. „The organisation of work also needs to be rethought.“

The trained car mechanic prefers to spend his free time with his family and friends in the countryside. He also needs that - to be able to switch off sometimes. Because Marc Spautz is always a politician: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He has a natural understanding of political business, acts quickly, and can communicate his ideas to the outside world. This, of

## MARC SPAUTZ



course, in the language of the south of the country, without mincing his words.

## GUY TEMPELS



The dog barks, the cats meow, the cows moo and the chickens cluck - in the

„Haff Tempels“ it is noisy day in, day out. In the midst of it all and with an eye on everything: Guy Tempels. The 51-year-old is a farmer and owner of the farm in Oberkorn. „After graduating from the agricultural college in Ettelbrück, I took over my parents’ farm,“ says the spirited farmer.

In the municipal elections of 2017, Guy Tempels was elected to the Differdange municipal council on his first attempt. „I only came to politics late“, which makes him even more pleased that his fellow citizens immediately placed their trust in him. „For me, politics is

not just about complaining, but about helping out and taking responsibility,“ Guy Tempels emphasises. Already very involved in various syndicates at a local level, he is now happy to be able to participate nationally as well.

Nature conservation and the environment are issues that are particularly close to his heart. All too often, Guy Tempels has to shake his head at some of the decisions made by the environmental administration. „I don’t think a prohibition policy is the right way to achieve more environmental awareness,“ he thinks.

As a social worker and through his political mandate, Christian Weis (37) knows the situation of people who have slipped through the social safety net. As an alderman of the town of Esch/Alzette, he has already been able to push through pragmatic approaches and solutions in recent years. „I want to deal especially with the reduction of social and political injustices and the improvement of young people’s perspectives.“ With one goal: „To promote social cohesion.“

In the past elections, Christian Weis was strengthened in his position as an alderman. This time round the

focus lies on social affairs, work, housing, youth and urban resilience. „A great challenge,“ says the young man, whose role models are politicians who stand for change and renewal. For him, it is of central importance to always work in politics in a fact-oriented and people-centred way. „It is natural for me to participate in shaping our society.“

The political scientist discovered baking in Covid times. He also enjoys hiking in the south of the country or in his wife’s homeland, the Eifel. Every now and then he travels a little further afield. „It is important to broaden one’s own perspective,“ he



says, „and thus to remain open to new things.’

## MICHEL WOLTER



A man for all occasions: this probably applies to one man in particular in the CSV today - Michel Wolter (60). He has been helping to shape Luxem-

bourg politics for almost 40 years, as a former minister, former CSV party chairman and today as an MP. There is a good reason for this: the father of three children has political intuition - he understands where the citizen’s needs are.

Michel Wolter is economical with his words: talking without saying anything - he doesn’t think much of that. But he does not hesitate to take on his political opponents when necessary. „For things that are important to me,“ he makes clear. An example of this in the last legislative period was the Waringo report on the incidence of infections in elderly care homes;

the full-blooded politician had campaigned during the Parliament debate for the Minister of Family Affairs to assume her responsibilities. „I am all about sharing arguments that lead to concrete action.“

An economist by training, he has always been a passionate defender of municipal autonomy, formerly as Minister of the Interior, today as the mayor of his municipality of Bascharage. He sees regional planning as the central issue for the future. In his words: „It is simply a matter of translating common sense into politics.“

## LAURENT ZEIMET

„Be prepared!“ – that is the motto Laurent Zeimet, born in 1974, holds dear since his experience in Scoutism. It still shapes his political work today: as a committed mayor of his municipality of Bettembourg, he is always ready „to respond to the concerns of my fellow human beings“, he explains. The married father of three children is a lawyer and member of the Council of State.

Laurent Zeimet likes to cook for his family and friends in his spare time - „preferably brasserie-style“, he reveals. For him, climate and environmental protection have a very special mea-

ning. „Clear regulations are needed to act effectively for nature conservation,“ he says. And sees this topic as a political priority for the next few years.

The mayor of this southern municipality is involved in politics because he wants to „work for a democratic coexistence based on solidarity“. Proximity to citizens is very important in this respect. For Laurent this was already the case when he was a critical journalist of the „Luxemburger Wort“ in the political affairs department: „The direct contact with the citizen gives me strength for my political work.“





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## LET'S GO ! LANCEMENT DE LA CAMPAGNE AVEC LUC FRIEDEN\*

12.09. 19:30 heures  
Centre Culturel „Schéiss“ dans le centre ville à Belair  
142, Val-Sainte-Croix, 1370 Luxembourg / Belair

## MANIFESTATION DE CLÔTURE AVEC LUC FRIEDEN\*

05.10. 19:30 heures  
au HITCH au Limpertsberg  
21-25, Allée Scheffer  
2520 Luxembourg/ Limpertsberg

### EISCHEN

13.09. 20:15 heures  
Centre Culturel „Jean Wolff“  
Place Denn, 8471 Eischen

### KOERICH

26.09. 19:30 heures  
Salles des Fêtes Koerich  
1, Rue Fockeschlass  
8386 Koerich

### KEHLEN

26.09. 20:15 heures  
Salle des Fêtes Olm  
10, Rue de Capellen  
8323 Olm

### STEINFORT

13.09. 19:30 heures  
Centre Culturel Al Schmelz  
Rue Collart  
8414 Steinfort

### KOPSTAL

19.09. 19:30 heures  
Kulturhaus, 6, Rue de Mersch  
8181 Kopstal

### DIPPACH

03.10. 19:30 heures  
Centre Culturel Dippach  
64 A, Route de Luxembourg  
4972 Dippach

### MAMER

19.09. 20:15 heures  
Salle des Fêtes Mamer Schlass  
1, Place de L'indépendance  
8252 Mamer

### BASCHARAGE

03.10. 20:15 Auer  
Centre Culturel „Käerjenger Treff“  
54C, Avenue de Luxembourg  
4950 Bascharage

### BETTEMBOURG

04.10. 19:30 heures  
Festsall vum Beetebuerger Schlass  
13, Rue du Château  
3217 Bettembourg

### PÉTANGE

11.09. 19:30 Auer  
Centre de loisirs Lamadelaine  
Grousswiss, 4875 Rollange

### ROESER

14.09. 20:15 heures  
Centre Culturel Edward Steichen  
2, Rue de Bettembourg  
3320 Bivange

### RECKANGE/MESS

20.09. 19:30 Auer  
Centre de Rencontre „Um Buer“  
2, Rue de Roedgen  
3961 Éllange/Mess

### FRISANGE

14.09. 19:30 heures  
Centre Polyvalent Aspelt  
Groussgaass, 5721 Aspelt

### DIFFERDANGE

21.09. 20:15 heures  
Foyer Hall O, Avenue du Parc  
des sports, 4671 Oberkorn

### DUDELANGE

28.09. 20:15 heures  
Hall Polyvalent  
8, Rue de Bettembourg  
3424 Dudelange

### SANEM

21.09. 19:30 heures  
Boulodrome Metzlerlach  
184, Chemin Rouge, 4480 Belvaux

### KAYL-TÉTANGE

28.09. 19:30 heures  
Centre Culturel Schungfabrik  
14, Rue Pierre Schiltz  
3786 Tétange

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02.10. 20:00 heures  
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Spëtzekandidat Luc Frieden  
Halle des poches à fonte  
6, avenue des Hauts-Fourneaux

### SCHIFFLANGE

27.09. 20:25 heures  
Festsall Maison des Générations  
1 A, Rue Jean Wilhelm  
3883 Schifflange

### MONDERCANGE

20.09. 20:15 heures  
Centre Culturel Arthur Thinnes  
Rue Arthur Thinnes  
3919 Mondercange

### RUMELANGE

27.09. 19:30 heures  
Maison Penning  
41, Grand-rue  
3730 Rumelange

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