

LUC FRIEDEN

► MINISTER OF FINANCE

Luc Frieden was born on 16 September 1963 in Esch-sur-Alzette.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

After primary school studies in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luc Frieden completed his secondary school education at the Lycée de garçons in Esch-sur-Alzette and the Athénée de Luxembourg, where he obtained his final school-leaving diploma (classics section / economic sciences) in 1982.

He went on to study law at the Centre universitaire de Luxembourg and the University Paris I (Panthéon Sorbonne), where he was awarded a master's degree in business law in 1986.

In 1987, he obtained a Master in Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy from the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom) and, in 1988, a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School (United States). During his studies at Harvard, he also partook in courses at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. During the course of his post-graduate studies, he wrote a thesis entitled "Media newsgathering by satellites", which was published in 1989 by the *Stanford Journal of International Law*.

MINISTERIAL POSTS

On 4 February 1998, at the age of 34, Luc Frieden was appointed Minister of Justice, Minister of the Budget, Minister for Relations with Parliament. He was responsible for coordinating the government preparations relating to the introduction of the euro to Luxembourg.

In 1999, he was reappointed Minister for the Treasury and the Budget, Minister of Justice.

Following the legislative elections of June 2004, Luc Frieden was reappointed to the functions of Minister of Justice, responsible for all issues of internal security, and of Minister for the Treasury and the Budget.

From June 2004 to February 2006, Luc Frieden also assumed the role of Minister of Defence.

During the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2005, Luc Frieden presided over the Councils of the Ministers of Justice, Home Affairs and Defence.

Following the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Luc Frieden was appointed Minister of Finance on 23 July 2009.

Luc Frieden represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in its Economic and Financial Affairs configuration as well as at the Eurogroup meetings.

Luc Frieden is a governor of the World Bank and has held this position since 4 February 1998.

OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Standing for the Christian Social Party (CSV), Luc Frieden was voted in for the first time during the legislative elections of 12 June 1994 and was a member of Parliament from July 1994 to February 1998. Among other responsibilities, he assumed the role of chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee as well as chairman of the Institutions and Constitutional Revision Committee.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 1989 to 1998, Luc Frieden worked as a barrister in Luxembourg.

He taught Luxembourg public law at the Centre universitaire de Luxembourg and is the author of several articles on banking and constitutional law.

From 1981 to 1994, he regularly appeared on RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg as a commentator on legal issues and foreign affairs.

He is also a fellow of the Moral and Political Sciences Section of the Grand-Ducal Institute.



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