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Curriculum vitae

Luc Frieden was born in Esch-sur-Alzette on 16 September 1963. He is married and has two children.

After his primary education in Esch-sur-Alzette, he attended secondary school at the Lycée de garçons in Esch-sur-Alzette and the Athénée de Luxembourg. In 1982, he was awarded his secondary education diploma (focus on classics and economics).

He went on to study law at the Centre universitaire de Luxembourg and the Université de Paris I (Panthéon Sorbonne), where he graduated in 1986 with a Master's degree in Business Law.

In 1987 he obtained a Master's degree in Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy from the University of Cambridge (UK) and in 1988 a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School in the United States. During his studies at Harvard he also took classes at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. His post-graduate thesis on "Media newsgathering by satellites" was published in 1989 in the Stanford Journal of International Law.

From 1989 to 1998 Luc Frieden worked as an attorney-at-law in Luxembourg. He taught public law at the Centre universitaire de Luxembourg and wrote a series of articles on banking and constitutional law. From 1981 to 1994 he was a regular commentator on legal issues and foreign affairs on RTL Luxembourg Radio. He is a member of the moral sciences and politics section of the Institut grand-ducal.

He was first elected Member of Parliament for the Christian Social Party (Chrëschtlech Sozial Vollekspartei / CSV) in the central constituency at the parliamentary elections of 12 June 1994. From 1994 to February 1998 he chaired the Finance and Budget Committee, as well as the Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

On 4 February 1998, at the age of 34, Luc Frieden was appointed Minister of Justice, Minister for the Budget and Minister for Relations with Parliament. He coordinated the Government's preparations for introducing the single European currency in Luxembourg.

As a party candidate in the general elections of June 1999, he was re-elected and subsequently reappointed Minister of Justice and Minister for the Treasury and Budget of the new government.

Following the general elections of June 2004, Luc Frieden was reappointed Minister of Justice and entrusted with all matters of internal security, as well as Minister for the Treasury (responsible for the financial sector) and Budget.

Luc Frieden was also Minister of Defence from June 2004 to February 2006.

During the Luxembourgish presidency of the Council of the European Union, Minister Luc Frieden chaired the Councils of the Ministers of Justice, Home Affairs and Defence.

As of 4 February 1998, Luc Frieden is also Governor of the World Bank.

In recognition of his commitment to his country and his contribution to transatlantic relations, the American Sacred Heart University of Fairfield, Connecticut, conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, in 2006.