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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**

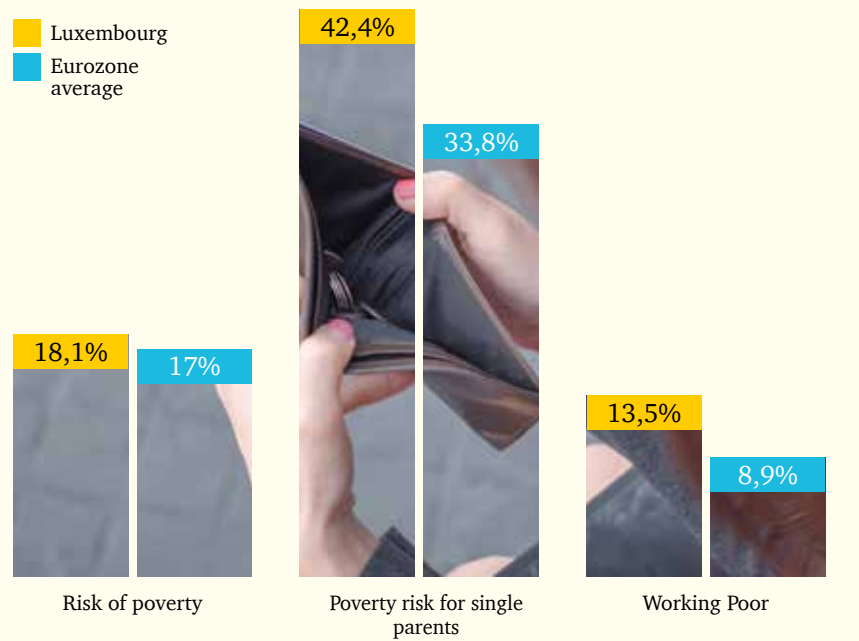
This is the only way to bring prices down. At the same time, we will strengthen the demand side with higher subsidies. Only in this way can we get the housing crisis half-way under control. The CSV will do everything in its power to ensure that every citizen in Luxembourg can find affordable housing.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

**THE FULL  
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.

**43% (+13%)**

**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 CENTER

## ELISABETH MARGUE Lead candidate



Elisabeth Margue is a politician of softer tones. Flashy, garish, loud, that is not her style. Thoughtful and

objective fit much better. The 33-year-old approaches problems pragmatically, in parliament as well as in the municipal council of the capital. She listens. If she doesn't know a file off the top of her head, she does her research before taking a stand.

However, the lawyer does not shy away from conflict. Elisabeth Margue likes to discuss things, both professionally and privately. But especially politically. She tries to convince with well-founded arguments. Above all, she approaches her main topics - housing, urbanism, mobility and the economy - with expertise.

Even though, she always remains friendly and objective: Elisabeth Margue doesn't like to be trifled with. When she thinks she is right, she sticks to it! She knows how to assert herself. For example, between 2016 and 2018, when she was the first woman ever to head the CSJ!

Today she is married and mother of a little daughter. Balancing politics, career and family is not always easy. Time for jogging is becoming increasingly scarce. Because: „My family and my friends always come first“.

When it comes to tax money, Diane Adehm (53) always keeps a close eye on the government. She knows her way around figures. If something is not right, the president of the Budgetary Control Commission puts her finger in the wound. Very matter-of-factly, but just as firmly she says: „I don't let people walk all over me.“ The former auditor takes it in her stride that her meticulousness does not always make her friends, especially among her political rivals. It is all about the cause for her!

Even if she juggles dry figures in parliament as a graduate economist,

Diane Adehm is anything but the pedantic accountant type: she has a sense of humour and likes to laugh a lot. She approaches people: „Politics must put people at the centre. Otherwise we won't get anywhere.“ That is her basic conviction.

The focus is also on her family, first and foremost her 13-year-old son, her partner and his children. She openly admits that balancing her patchwork family and her political commitment at national and local level can be a challenge: „But the beautiful moments compensate for everything. As a balance to her often

## DIANE ADEHM



hectic everyday life in politics, she likes to go out into nature, hiking or jogging.

## MAURICE BAUER

Anyone who knows Maurice Bauer (51) knows that he really means business. Social commitment is his every day fuel, politically, but also privately. As a former social alderman, he has been actively involved in shaping the capital's social and

integration policy in the past years. Projects like „A vos Côtés“ are a matter close to his heart: „We must not neglect the homeless.“ Privately, the president of the „Fondation Maison de la Porte Ouverte“ cares for people in need, for abused wo-

men and children, for underage refugees.

But the lawyer is not a do-gooder who is out of touch with reality. The newly appointed financial alderman of the City of Luxembourg and Secretary



General of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange knows that you first have to earn money before you can spend it on social issues: „If we want to pursue an efficient and sustainable social policy, we need a dynamic economy and a competitive financial centre.“

Between finance and social issues, his family, including his dog, provide a balance.



## ALAIN DE BOURCY



“For risks and side effects, ask your pharmacist“, says the advertisement. If you ask Alain de Bourcy (47) you will be very well informed. In his pharmacy in the „Neipuertsgaass“ you are not simply fobbed off with a box of pills. Alain de Bourcy explains and gives heartfelt, thoughtful advice, always showing empathy. He has an open ear for his customers: „A day when I manage to advise well and convince all my customers is a successful day for me.“

As Chairman of the Luxembourg Pharmacists' Association, he is committed to the continuation of the profession in its current form. This also includes that all medicines must always

be available for everyone who needs them. Shortages like those of the last few months are an abomination to him. As President of the „Syndicat des Pharmaciens Luxembourgeois“, he sees himself as a „well-intentioned thorn in the side of the health authorities“.

When Alain de Bourcy is not in his pharmacy, he can often be found on the tennis court with his two sons. Or he is out and about with his two dogs in and around Kopstal. For the family man, walks and sports mean balance and peace, when he finds time to think.

„I like to take on challenges,“ says Laurent Braun. He has already mastered his first political challenge: since July, the 28-year-old has been representing the CSV in the municipal council of Strassen.

On the one hand, Laurent Braun is solution-oriented, but not a stuffy nerd. He takes everything rather casually and with a good sense of humour. He hardly allows himself to be stressed. The enthusiastic football player (he is a goalkeeper!) does not take himself too seriously.

On the other hand he is a realist, an engineer who tries to find answers

to the huge challenges facing society on the basis of facts: „There are no easy solutions. Our world is simply too complex for that.“ In his opinion, one does not adapt to new realities and developments with ideologies and emotions.

For Laurent Braun, there is no simple black or white, neither in climate protection and competitiveness, nor in the debate about protecting our social system. For him, however, one thing is incontrovertibly certain. §9: „Therefore politics; it's the only way I can help shape the future“.

## LAURENT BRAUN



## DR. EMILIE COSTANTINI



Emilie Costantini (43) holds everything in perspective: for her, her patients are not just a number. With a lot of patience and empathy, the ophth-

almologist exchanges ideas with them and tries to work out the best possible therapy with them. Only this way, can good medical care really work. She experiences this every day in her practice, which she runs together with her husband. But she knows from experience that there are always problems with our health system: „We need to improve access in general. The best way to do this is by decentralizing the system more.“

„If something is to change, we all need to lend a hand,“ is her credo. This is why Emilie Costantini is involved in politics. A first step has already been taken. In the local electi-

ons in spring, the doctor with Italian roots made it straight into the municipal council of the capital! Work, family and a political mandate are becoming a balancing act. However, the committed mother of a 9-year-old daughter and enthusiastic hobby gardener is confident about the challenge.

## ALEX DONNERSBACH

He has always been committed. In the „Kolléisch“, Alex Donnersbach helped write the school newspaper „Ventil“ and was part of the environmental group. Before that, it was the „Walfer Guiden a Scouten“ and their motto „Be the change you want to see in the world“ that shaped him. Then came his political involvement with the CSV and, of course, the CSJ: since June this year, he has been a member of the council of aldermen in Walferdingen.

His priorities have hardly changed in all these years, but the list has become longer. There is, of course, climate pro-

tection, a topic that has always been on the 31-year-old lawyer's mind. But it is also the challenges in housing, the energy transition and education policy that particularly preoccupy the CSJ President: „I am concerned about the future of youth. Young people in Luxembourg need perspectives.“

This also applies to the many non-Luxembourgers living with us: „We have to integrate them into our society, but at the same time we have to keep our common identity and our language.“

Speaking of languages: Alex Donners-



bach wants to learn Spanish, for love's sake!

## LYNN FRANK



Injustice is a thorn in Lynn Frank's (37) side. As a lawyer, she can tell you a thing or two about it. Her clients often fight against windmills, also because there are always loopholes in the law. She doesn't want to put up with that any longer. That is why she is drawn to politics: „These injustices motivate me to bring about change.“ She has learned the importance of fair play through sports, whether as an active basketball play-

er, as a member of the sports arbitration board or as a member of the COSL administrative office.

And she also knows how to make a difference in politics. She learned that from her father and her aunt. Politics is a tradition in her family.

Lynn Frank identifies a need for action in many areas, such as housing, education and health care, but also in

growth and sustainability policy. The mother of two young children wants innovative and coherent policies that allow our country to compete on an international level, policies that put

people first and that meet the needs of families.

## PAUL GALLES

Paul Galles (50) is always on the move, on foot, by bike, and always with his shoulder bag, usually stuffed with documents and with unruly curls flying in the wind.

Paul Galles has his own style: easy-going, fun-loving and curious. He is unconventional and blessed with a sense of humor as well as good dose of self-irony. He soaks up new ideas and concepts like a sponge. Because he listens. Even when he is travelling in and to other countries. He loves meeting new people.

When things get serious, Paul gets serious: climate protection is one of the most important topics for him: „It is about the future, it is especially about the future of children and young people.“ In his vision, the future is fairer and more social. Equality and living together are key concepts for the newly appointed capital city alderman (for school), without which a better future is not possible.



## MARIE LAURE GOERES



Marie Laure Goeres (26) is a newcomer to national politics, but not to the hotel industry: the hotel business came naturally to the young entrepreneur. After graduating in economics from the University of Saint Gallen in Switzerland, she returned to Luxembourg to help run the family business when the pandemic broke out. Since then, she has followed in her father's footsteps and taken over the management of Goeres Hotels. In 2023, she also opened her own small boutique hotel.

Determined and curious, she entered politics with the goal of giving young

entrepreneurs a stronger voice. She is committed to creating an ecosystem that offers attractive opportunities for our young students abroad to contribute their knowledge and talents here in Luxembourg.

On weekends, when Pluto, her mini pinscher, takes the whole family out for walks, she especially enjoys discovering the hidden places of our beautiful country. Having lived in Switzerland for five years, she is always looking for a reason to lace up her walking shoes.

## JEAN-MARIE HOFFMANN



Jean-Marie Hoffmann (56) is a doer, somebody who prefers to tackle problems himself rather than merely talk about them a lot. He has dedicated his life to making Luxembourg craft more attractive for the next generation. It is precisely this love of the Luxembourg craft that connects the master baker with the CSV.

As an entrepreneur, Jean-Marie Hoffmann is used to taking responsibility. The government's wasteful spending is a thorn in his side: „Would the government also spend the money if it were its own money? Or would it

then decide differently?“ Jean-Marie Hoffmann is a man of reason. As a loving husband, father and grandfather, he shares the same traditional family policy values as the CSV.

Jean-Marie Hoffmann is also an avid football fan. Luxembourg's sports policy is particularly important to him because sport brings people from the most diverse social backgrounds together and thus gives them an additional support.

## MARC LIES

Marc Lies (54) is more the reserved, quiet and discreet type. As mayor of Hesperingen, he is of course often in the spotlight, but more by necessity. He actually prefers to stand in the second row. With his level-headed but also direct manner, Marc Lies is the best proof that you can be politically successful without a lot of hoopla or selfies and posts in endless loop. After all, he has been at the head of the municipality since 2009.

He has represented the CSV in parliament for just as long. When it comes to the very complex topic of housing, he keeps the perspecti-

ve. The former banker is a man of numbers and facts. He is convinced that polemics will not get the country any further in this difficult dossier. As mayor, he knows all too well where the procedures get stuck in practice. In his opinion, only a clever and pragmatic housing offensive will lead out of the impasse.

The self-confessed football fan is a politician with his feet on the ground, just like his role models: His predecessor Alphonse Theis at the municipal level, and Jean-Claude Juncker at the national level. He is also grounded by his family, and



his dog: „My family and my dog are my balance.“

## LAURENT MOSAR



Laurent Mosar (65) is always on the road. With a big smile, he roams the streets of the capital every day, shuttling back and forth between the CSV parliamentary group, the „Chamber“ and his office. He talks to people, listens to them!

Over the years, the „Mann vum Terrain“ has developed a seismographic feel for the concerns and needs of the citizens. Take the lack of security, for example: „People no longer

feel safe. We absolutely have to take action. Security is a fundamental right!“ Laurent Mosar wants to take countermeasures: with more police presence in the streets of the capital, with a local police force and a real police force.

But the political professional looks far beyond the horizon of everyday municipal life. „It's the economy, stupid“, Bill Clinton said 30 years ago. Laurent Mosar puts it this way today:



„Without a functioning economy there is no prosperity and without prosperity there is no welfare state as we know it in Luxembourg.“ For him, the economy is never an end in itself.

In his sparse free time, jogging is the order of the day, or walks with the dog. To stay fit! But you often meet

the father of two grown-up sons in one of the many good restaurants and cafés in the capital. The sociable gourmet and wine lover likes to be among people.

## DANIRA MUSTAFIC

Danira Mustafic (33) likes to take responsibility and listen to other people's opinions on serious issues. But she also appreciates very simple things, like eating a sausage at a football game and drinking a glass of crémant while doing so. „A combination that only exists in Luxembourg,“ laughs the young lawyer.

She has been working as a lawyer for 7 years and defends her clients in a wide variety of matters, such as disputes related to administrative and commercial law. Her special field is sports law. As former national volleyball player, she is now an advisor to the Olympic Committee

(COSL) and a referee at the Luxembourg Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Danira Mustafic is cosmopolitan and outgoing with a great sense of humour. And because she speaks 6 languages fluently, including Bosnian and Spanish, she gets to know very different people, both privately and professionally.

She is very pragmatic and finds that Luxembourg has much more potential than it thinks, for example in sports and its marketing. There is a serious need for action in various areas, especially where young people are concerned. But this does not



deter her, because she is full of drive and wants to bring a breath of fresh air into politics.

## VINCENT REDING



With Vincent Reding (31) you can steal horses. He is very well known, always in a good mood and never not on the move. This as mayor of Weiler-la-Tour, but also in his private life. When it comes to his family and friends, he knows no time of day. But you can also meet him on his bicycle, or in the garden, between his (impressive!) pumpkins! Even a workaholic needs some distance and peace.

In general, the young mayor's heart beats for nature, especially for nature education. After the school garden, a nature school in the forest will follow this autumn. If you want to make a difference in nature conservation and

environmental protection, you have to start early: „Children have to be able to gain practical experience in their environment.“ As the mayor, he keeps a close eye on water quality and water safety in his community, amongst other things. And, of course, road safety is very important to him..

Professionally, Vincent Reding also has a lot to do with safety and youth. When it comes to juvenile crime, the criminologist always puts victim protection above offender protection. „The Youth Protection Act and the Juvenile Criminal Law should finally be reformed.“

## MARTHE SCHARFE



Not bypassing the people, but with them: „It is important to me to work out realistic solutions that have a

direct impact on people’s everyday lives.” For example, in education policy or in environmental and climate protection. The financial centre is also close to the manager’s heart: „The financial centre is our most important economic sector. It is the guarantor of our prosperity.“

What is often overlooked, modern financial institutions still take over big banks Marthe Scharfe deals with on a daily basis: „We can move much more in the social sector if we manage to mobilise the necessary financial support.“ Helping in a concrete way gives her joy in her job.

She continues this commitment in her private life. Thanks to her open nature, the mother of two always has an open ear for friends and acquaintances and likes to lend a hand. She finds compensation in sports, but political aircastles are not her thing. Marthe Scharfe (36) wants to help shape things. As a project manager for sponsoring in the association sector at a company, she can switch off well by pursuing her great passion, baking.

## NATALIE SILVA

Natalie Silva (43) is a hands-on person. For her, there are no problems, only solutions. As a woman with a migration background, she does not ask what Luxembourg can do for her, but what she can do for Luxembourg. That’s why she got involved in politics in the first place, between 2017 and 2023 she was the first female mayor with Cape Verdean roots to lead the municipality of Fels, in the Unesco-recognised Global Geopark „Geo- und Naturpark Mëllerdall“.

The mother of a 17-year-old son enjoys living in this beautiful region

and is committed to preserving this unique landscape and its heritage: „Tourism is an important economic factor for the Mëllerdall.“

Coming from a working-class background, she developed a sense of social justice as a child and today stands up for those who are not doing so well. That is why she is vice-president of the „Forum pour l’emploi“, which aims to help the long-term unemployed find a job again.

For Natalie Silva, being a politician means always seeking contact with



citizens to find out their problems and concerns and shaping policy accordingly!

## ABBY TOUSSAINT



Abby Toussaint knows what he is talking about. The owner of a long-established estate agency is confronted with the consequences of the housing crisis on a daily basis. He knows exactly how difficult it is to find an affordable flat. And he knows where and why things are getting stuck: „We need far-reaching reforms. We must no longer play the individual actors off against each other. We need to pool competences, experience and resources. That’s the only way

to move forward.“ Abby Toussaint wants to make a difference!

This is one of the reasons why the entrepreneur got involved in politics. At first he was a municipal councillor for years, now he is the first alderman of Mersch. In addition to housing policy, he has devoted himself to security, the environment and tourism: „I do politics because I want to give something back to the community and leave something for future

generations.“ One of the things he wants to leave behind is more public housing!

But the jovial 47-year-old's commitment does not end at the gate of the „Märei“: in his spare time, Abby Toussaint campaigns for disadvantaged children in his service club or he

is active as president of the Merscher Syndicat d'Initiative et de Tourisme. If there is any time left, he is out and about with his dogs or he rides his motorbike.

## SERGE WILMES

Serge Wilmes (41) represents the new generation of politicians: young, dynamic, uncomplicated, but above all pragmatic. He prefers to leave his suit and tie at home in the wardrobe in order to put on the Breton sailor shirt better.

As the first alderman, he also likes to take new, sometimes unconventional paths in the urban development of the capital. Environmental and climate issues are his priority. He prefers to tackle problems directly, at the root. A modern and thus sustainable design of the capital is both a necessity and an obligation for him. But always with the people, never

from above: „That doesn't work,“ the historian knows only too well. The father of two sons and a daughter is particularly concerned with the quality of life: the citizens should feel comfortable in „our city“.

What applies at the local level naturally also applies at the national level. His intervention in the „Chamber“ on the subject of „Bien-être“ amongst children remains in good memory. Or the topic of mobility. Because without a sensible and practicable mobility concept, there is no quality of life, not in the capital nor in the country.



## CLAUDE WISELER



He is balance personified. Claude Wiseler (63) took over CSV in rough seas, and led it into calm waters. For him, the CSV is both a balance and a centre. The grandfather of three appears serious. And he is. But he also likes to put on his leather jacket, ride his motorbike and listen to the Rolling Stones. The basketball lover is versatile. City man and terrain man at the same time: moderate and powerful at the same time.

His role model is not Jagger, but Pierre Werner. Claude Wiseler is also far-sighted. And cautious. „Politics is deliberate action. With solutions for today. And with an eye on tomorrow,“ says the ex-minister. He has no minis-

terial airs. He has taken off his suit. He comes in colourful clothes. With a backpack and jeans. „I appreciate this freedom very much,“ says the man of reason with a heart. Show without content is not his thing.

Even during the pandemic, he stood up for freedom and security. He wants to lead the health system into the 21st century. No easy task. Sound finances and responsibility are important to him. Europe too. And Portugal. The former French teacher is married to a Luxembourger with Portuguese roots. His favourite author Saint-Exupéry wrote: „The future can be built.“ That is what Claude Wiseler does every day.



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# WE'RE COMING TO MEET YOU.

## MERSCH

25.09. 19:00 heures  
Hall Omnisports Krouneberg  
11, Rue de la Piscine  
7572 Mersch

## BISSEN

19.09. 19:00 heures  
Hal Frounert  
10, Rue de la Laiterie  
7783 Bissen

## HELPERKNAPP

19.09. 20:00 heures  
Centre Culturel „An der Koll“  
1, An der Koll  
7414 Brouch

## STRASSEN

14.09. 20:00 heures  
Centre Culturel Paul Barblé  
Rue des Romains  
8041 Strassen

## BERTRANGE

14.09. 19:00 heures  
ArcA „am Foyer“  
17, Rue Atert  
8051 Bertrange

## WALFERDANGE

20.09. 20:00 heures  
Centre Prince Henri  
1, Route de Diekirch  
7220 Walferdange

## HESPERANGE

27.09. 20:00 heures  
CELO  
476, Route de Thionville  
5886 Hesperange

## LORENTZWEILER

13.09. 19:00 heures  
Café des Sports  
91, Route de Luxembourg  
7373 Lorentzweiler

## NIEDERANVEN

18.09. 19:00 heures  
Centre Polyvalent  
„A Schommesch“  
18, Rue d'Ernster,  
6977 Oberanven

## STEINSEL

20.09. 19:00 heures  
Galerie „Am Duerf“  
2, Montée Willy Georgen  
7322 Steinsel

## CONTERN

21.09. 20:00 heures  
Jugendhaus Mutfert  
1, Rue de Medingen  
5335 Moutfort

## WEILER-LA-TOUR

27.09. 19:00 heures  
Centre culturel „An Huef“  
7, Rue du Schlammestee 5770  
Weiler-la-Tour

## SANDWEILER

21.09. 19:00 heures  
Centre Culturel  
20, Rue Principale  
5240 Sandweiler

## 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

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