

Étienne Schneider

Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of the Economy
Minister of Internal Security
Minister of Defence

Étienne Schneider was born on 29 January 1971 in Dudelange.

Education and qualifications

Following secondary school studies at the Lycée technique Nic Biever in Dudelange and subsequently the Lycée technique d'Esch-sur-Alzette, Étienne Schneider pursued higher education studies at the Institut catholique des hautes études commerciales (ICHEC) in Brussels and at Greenwich University in London, where he was awarded a degree in commercial and financial sciences in 1995.

Governmental posts

Étienne Schneider joined the government in February 2012 as Minister of the Economy and Foreign Trade in the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP).

Following the legislative elections of 20 October 2013, Étienne Schneider was appointed Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Economy, Minister of Internal Security, Minister of Defence on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the LSAP and the Green Party ("d'ei gréng").

Other political posts

A member of the LSAP since 1991, Étienne Schneider was a municipal councillor in Kayl from 1995 to 2005. Following the municipal elections of 2005, he was elected first alderman, a mandate he held until 2010.

From 1997 to 2004, he assumed the role of secretary general of the LSAP parliamentary group in Parliament.

Professional activities

From 1995 to 1996, Étienne Schneider was a research assistant at the European Parliament in Brussels.

From 1996 to 1997, he held the role of economist for the LSAP parliamentary group in Parliament.

In 1997, he served as a project leader with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) in Brussels.

In 2004, Étienne Schneider was appointed government advisor to the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, responsible primarily for the Directorates of Energy, E-Commerce and IT/Data Security.

In 2009, he was appointed senior government advisor to the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, responsible for the Directorates of Economic Development, Infrastructures and Energy. In 2011, he assumed responsibility for the Directorate General of Economic Development, Industry and Businesses.

Upon proposal of the government and in light of his roles within the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade, Étienne Schneider became a member of the executive board of several companies. In 2005, he was appointed chairman and managing director of the Société électrique de l'Our (SEO). Having led the negotiations that resulted in the creation of the company Enovos in 2010, Étienne Schneider, chairman of the executive board of Cegedel SA since 2004, was subsequently appointed chairman of Enovos International SA and Enovos Deutschland AG. He was also appointed chairman and managing director of grid company Creos in 2010.

In late 2010, he was appointed to the role of vice-chairman of the National Credit and Investment Company (Société nationale de crédit et d'investissement – SNCI).

Upon being appointed minister in February 2012, Étienne Schneider resigned from all the above posts.

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