

Jean-Louis Schiltz

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Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs
Minister Delegate for Communications



Curriculum Vitae

Jean-Louis Schiltz was born on 14 August 1964 in Luxembourg. He is married with three children and lives in Luxembourg.

Following the general elections held on 13 June 2004, Jean-Louis Schiltz was elected for the first time to the Luxembourg Parliament. He holds since 31 July 2004 the following ministerial portfolios: Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs and Minister Delegate for Communications.

In charge of the communications dossier within the government, Minister Schiltz is responsible for the promotion of Luxembourg in the fields of telecommunications and information technologies.

As minister for Development Cooperation, Jean-Louis Schiltz was, during Luxembourg's Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the first half-year of 2005 the key figure in negotiating the agreement whereby each Member State of the European Union will spend 0.7% of its gross domestic product on development aid by 2015. The negotiations on the revision of the Cotonou Agreement were also successfully concluded under his chairmanship, the signature of the Revised Cotonou Agreement took place in Luxembourg on 25 June 2005.

Since 6 September 2004, Jean-Louis Schiltz is the governor of the Asian Development Bank for Luxembourg.

Since 2000, Jean-Louis Schiltz is general secretary of the Christian Social Party. He was re-elected a first time to this post in 2003 scoring 88% of the votes and a second time at the end of 2004 with 97%. His third and last mandate will come to a term in early 2008. As general secretary he was the main driving force behind the new party programme adopted in 2002. He was the campaign manager of his party for the June 2004 general elections.

From 1989 to 2004, Jean-Louis Schiltz worked as a lawyer in the firm Schiltz & Schiltz.

As a lawyer, he joined the Young Bar Association and became in 1990 a member of the Committee. From 1997 to 1998 he held the post of chairman. He then became a member of the Bar Council.

In parallel to his work as a lawyer, Jean-Louis Schiltz pursued an academic career. From 1989 to 1990 he worked as academic assistant at the Law Faculty of the Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne. From 1991 to 2004 he was first assistant, then *chargé de cours* at the Centre universitaire de Luxembourg where he taught civil and business law. He is the author of a number of articles on banking and insurance law. From 1994 to 2004 he was the co-editor of the scientific journal *Assurances et Responsabilité*, which was edited by the Luxembourg section of the International Association of Insurance Law. He was a member of the editorial board of the monthly *European Lawyer* and the International Bar Association, but left these positions when he joined the government in 2004.

Jean-Louis Schiltz received a Master of Law in 1987 at the Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne. In June 1988 he obtained a postgraduate *diplôme d'études approfondies* (DEA) in business law from the same university. In 1991 he passed the bar exam first in his class.

Keen on sports, Jean-Louis Schiltz was a Luxembourg team champion of fencing in 1983 and regularly goes running and biking. For ten years he was a member of the Legal Commission of the National Olympic Committee.