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Europe and Luxembourg under  
pressure.



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# Agenda

18 March 2026

## 12:00 – 13:30 REGISTRATION & NETWORKING LUNCH

### 13:30 – 13:40 Welcome

**Daniela Cedola**, Partner, Government & Public Services,  
EU Institutions, PwC Luxembourg

### 13:40 – 13:50 Opening address

**Carlo Thelen**, Director General, Chamber of Commerce

### 13:50 – 14:10 Welcome speech

**Lex Delles**, Minister of the Economy, SME, Energy and  
Tourism

### 14:10 – 14:40 Europe in a new age of empires

**Guy Verhofstadt**, Former Prime Minister of Belgium

### 14:40 – 15:00 Europe between protectionism and structural change

**Jeromin Zettelmeyer**, Director, Bruegel

### 15:00 – 15:20 Keynote speech

**Luc Frieden**, Luxembourg Prime Minister

### 15:20 – 16:00 Fireside chat

Moderated by **François Mousel**, Managing Partner,  
PwC Luxembourg and with:

- **Luc Frieden**, Luxembourg Prime Minister
- **Guy Verhofstadt**, Former Prime Minister of Belgium
- **Jeromin Zettelmeyer**, Director, Bruegel

### 16:00 – 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

## 16:30 – 17:30 Securing tomorrow: Luxembourg's role in defence & tech innovation

Moderated by **Gaston Trauffler**, Head of Industrial Policy,  
FEDIL and with:

- **Xavier Bettel**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign  
Affairs and Trade & for Cooperation
- **Anne Calteux**, Head of the European Commission  
Representation in Luxembourg
- **Quentin Dupraz**, General Partner, Ilavská Vuillermoz Capital
- **Rolf Strauch**, Chief Economist and Management Board  
Member at the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) and  
the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF)
- **Frank Thomé**, Board member, LuxDefence and Member of  
the Executive Board, Ceratizit Group

### 17:30 – 17:45 Wrap-up and Q&A

**Daniela Cedola**, Partner, Government & Public Services, EU  
Institutions, PwC Luxembourg

### 17:45 – 19:00 NETWORKING DRINK

