



EUROPEAN
COURT
OF AUDITORS



Henri GRETHEN

Born in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg, in 1950.

Professional experience:

Mr Henri Grethen held various positions at the Luxembourg 'Trade federation' ('Confédération du commerce Luxembourgeois') from 1976 to 1989. In 1981 he was appointed Secretary-General of the federation.

He was Secretary-General of the Democratic Party between 1981 and 1990, and from 1994 to 2004.

Member of Parliament ('Chambre des Députés') from 1984, with the exception of the period 1999 to 2004, Mr Grethen was a Member of the Finance and Budget Committee ('Commission des Finances et du Budget') from 1990 to 1999. He then was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control ('Commission du Contrôle de l'exécution budgétaire') and Vice President of the 'Chambre des Députés' (first from 1998 to 1999, and from 2006 to 2007).

As a Member of Parliament, Mr Grethen was responsible for drafting the law setting up and regulating the 'Cour des comptes' ('loi du 8 juin 1999 portant organisation de la Cour des comptes') and its current revision ('proposition de loi 5667 du 9 janvier 2007'), and subsequently presented the proposals to the 'Chambre des Députés' as Rapporteur. As a consequence of this law, an independent Court of Auditors has been set up in Luxembourg to examine the legality and regularity of the revenues and expenses of the state and the sound financial management of public funds.

From 1999 to 2004 he was Minister of Economy ('Ministre de l'Economie') and Minister of Transport ('Ministre des Transports'). Furthermore, for a brief period he served as the Minister for the Public Service ('Ministre de la Fonction Publique') in 2004.

Mr Grethen became a Member of the European Court of Auditors in 1 January 2008. From 1 January 2008 to 1 June 2010 he was appointed to Audit Group II "Structural Policies, Transport, Research and Energy" and as a member of the Administrative Committee.

On 1 June 2010, following the reorganization of the Court, Mr Grethen became a member of Chamber II "Structural Policies, Transport and Energy" and an alternate member of the Administrative Committee.

From October 2013 to September 2016 Henri Grethen was the Dean of Chamber II and hence a member of the Administrative Committee.

Honours:

Luxembourg:	Grand officier de l'Ordre de Mérite civil et militaire d'Adolphe de Nassau Grand officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne de Chêne Grand officier de l'Ordre de Mérite du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg
Austria:	Großes Goldenes Ehrenzeichen am Bande
Belgium:	Grand officier de l'Ordre de Léopold Grand officier de l'Ordre de Léopold II
Denmark:	Storkors af Dannebrogordenen
Spain:	Encomienda de Número de la Orden de Isabel la Católica
France:	Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur
Greece:	Μεγαλόσταυρος του Τάγματος του Φοίνικος
Italy:	Cavaliere di Gran Croce Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana
Norway:	Kommandør av den Kongelige Norske Fortjenstorden