

Dear Members of the Cluster for Logistics, Dear Friends,

We cordially invite you to our next networking event “**Logistics Autumn Evening 2014**” at the **Chamber of Commerce on December 8th 2014 at 18.00.**

A panel of experts will discuss the subject of “**Humanitarian Logistics**”, a matter that is becoming increasingly important but is still undervalued and not well known.

<p><u>When:</u> Monday, December 8th 18:00 to 21:30 (Guests Arrival: 17:30)</p>	<p><u>Where :</u> Chambre de Commerce 7, Rue Alcide de Gasperi Luxembourg-Kirchberg</p>
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Program :

17:30 – 18:00 : Guests Arrival
18:00 – 18:05 : Welcome speech by Mr Carlo Thelen – President of the Cluster for Logistics, Luxembourg
18:05 – 18:20 : Guest Speaker Minister Romain Schneider, Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs
18:20 – 19:20 : Discussion Panel on Humanitarian Logistics moderated by Mr Charles Gosselin, Cluster for Logistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister Romain Schneider, Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs (Luxembourg) - Mr Martin Willhaus, Managing Director - Kühne Stiftung (Switzerland) - Mr René Closter, CEO - Luxembourg Air Rescue (Luxembourg) - Mr Thomas Peter, Chief Activation and Coordination Support Unit (ACSU) – OCHA (Switzerland) - Mr Marc Crochet, Directeur Général adjoint, Croix-Rouge Luxembourg (Luxembourg) - Mr Josef Lederer, Head of Disaster-Response Team DB Schenker (Germany)
19:20 – 19:30 : Latest News of the Cluster for Logistics, Mr Charles Gosselin
19:30 – 19:35 : Closing remarks
19:35 – 21:30 : Networking Dinner

We invite you to register to our event via mail return or by using our form on our website

<http://www.clusterforlogistics.lu/events/event-detail/2014/12/08/cluster-for-logistics-autumn>

Please indicate if you want to join the Networking Dinner!

Why Humanitarian Logistics?

Humanitarian Logistics is a very special branch which, according to one definition, “specializes in organizing the delivery and warehousing of supplies during natural disasters or complex emergencies to the affected area and people”. The Cluster for Logistics aims to show the different aspects of logistics and this branch is not yet well known. Several companies and many associations in Luxembourg specialise in this kind of support and the importance goes way beyond normal logistics services. Logistics is already a complex business when infrastructure is in top-shape – to organize distribution and relief during chaos is a real challenge.

Our Speakers and Panelists

Mr Carlo Thelen is Director General of the Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg. Member of the Executive Committee since August 2003, “Chief Economist” Carlo Thelen was appointed Director General in January 2014. Mr Carlo Thelen is president of the Logistics Cluster since December 2013.

Minister Romain Schneider was appointed Minister of Social Security, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Minister of Sport on December 4th 2013. In the previous governmental coalition Mr Schneider was Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development, Minister of Sport, Minister Delegate of the Solidarity Economy.

Mr René Closter is well known for building up Luxembourg Air Rescue. The former professional fireman, rescue specialist and director in the financial services sector was one of the initiators and founders of this non-profit organisation. Luxembourg Air Rescue operates rescue helicopters and ambulance aircraft in Luxembourg, the Greater Region and worldwide with the purpose of saving lives and preserving people’s health.

Mr Martin Willhaus is Managing Director of the Kühne Stiftung. Kuehne Foundation in its first priority supports education and further education and research in the field of logistics and supports projects in the field of medicine. In 2010 the foundation launched the H.E.L.P. Centre (Humanitarian and Emergency Logistics Project) dedicated to providing training and advising aid organisations.

Mr Thomas Peter is responsible for the Activation and Coordination Support Unit (ACSU) of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). OCHA is the part of the United Nations Secretariat responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies. OCHA also ensures there is a framework within which each actor can contribute to the overall response effort.

Mr Marc Crochet is Directeur Général adjoint of Croix-Rouge Luxembourg. He is active in the association since 1993. The Emergency Response Unit Benelux from Croix-Rouge is staffed by volunteers from Red Cross divisions in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. It is one of the 35 ERU teams which constitute the Global ERU team.

Mr Josef Lederer is President of Public Affairs and Head of Disaster-Response Team at DB Schenker and he is member in the Kuratorium “Luftfahrt ohne Grenzen / Wings of Help”. When a crisis strikes, DB Schenker is one of the multinational firms that assists danger zones in the receiving, handling and delivery of crucial items.