

## THE SWISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR BELGIUM AND THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG IN BRUSSELS

As part of the new orientation of our magazine, we interviewed Mr Philippe Kenel who, in addition to being a lawyer in Switzerland and Belgium as a partner of the law firm Python, holds the position of President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which is based in Brussels.

### What role does the Chamber of Commerce that you preside play?

Our Chamber of Commerce is an old lady who shares with the Hotel Ritz in Paris the characteristic of having been created in 1898. For several decades, I would say that it carried out the "classical" activities of a Chamber of Commerce and received significant subsidies from the Swiss Confederation. As the latter stopped financing Swiss Chambers of Commerce abroad at the beginning of the 2000s, we were forced to rethink our role and operations. Today, the Swiss Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is a platform for meetings between Belgian, European, Luxembourgish and Swiss circles in economic, political and cultural matters.



Philippe Kenel, President of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg