

MOMENTUM 2026: From sustainability ambition to delivery



Deloitte Luxembourg explores how policy, strategy and operations can accelerate sustainable progress.

Deloitte Luxembourg hosted the fifth edition of its annual MOMENTUM conference on 11 May, bringing together policymakers, business leaders, investors and sustainability specialists to discuss how sustainability can move from ambition to delivery in Luxembourg and beyond.

Held under the theme “Rethink. Redraw. Reorient.”, this year’s conference focused on the practical choices now required to align policy frameworks, business strategy and operational execution. Discussions addressed the evolving environmental, social and governance agenda, the role of public policy, Europe’s energy and infrastructure challenges, and the growing impact of artificial intelligence on sustainability.

Opening the conference in one of his final event addresses as CEO and Managing Partner of Deloitte Luxembourg, John Psaila underlined that the sustainability agenda has entered a more demanding phase.

“Sustainability is no longer simply about awareness, ambition or commitments. We are now in the harder phase: delivery. The question beneath all our frameworks, indicators and labels is brutally simple: can we build prosperity without exhausting the conditions that make prosperity possible?”

In his keynote address, Serge Wilmes, Minister of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, reflected on the evolution of the sustainability agenda and Luxembourg's role as a catalyst for sustainable finance. He highlighted the importance of aligning climate ambition with energy security, infrastructure investment, market needs and investor expectations, particularly as Europe faces growing pressure on its electricity systems and seeks to strengthen its strategic autonomy and competitiveness.

The Minister's keynote was followed by a fireside chat moderated by Sergio Venti, Partner, Asset Management and Banking sectors at Deloitte Luxembourg, which explored how policy tools can support sustainable progress and how Luxembourg can continue to contribute to the global ESG agenda.

The conference then turned to one of the most important questions facing businesses and policymakers today: how artificial intelligence can support climate action while managing its own environmental footprint.

The panel discussion, “AI, energy, and sustainability: Risks, opportunities, and responsibility”, was moderated by Bettina Werner, Partner, Sustainability Transformation at Deloitte Luxembourg, and brought together perspectives from infrastructure investment, public policy, energy strategy and modelling. The discussion featured Jeanne Michon-Savarit, Head of Sustainability at Infranity, Roisin Greening, Public Policy Manager, Energy & Infrastructure EMEA at Amazon Web Services, Aditya Sharma, Director of Strategy at Boson Energy, and Johannes Trüby, Partner, Energy markets and modelling at Deloitte France.

Panellists explored how AI can improve efficiency, support climate modelling and optimise infrastructure, while recognising the growing energy demands associated with data centres and digital infrastructure. The discussion highlighted the need to align technological innovation with energy system constraints, governance frameworks, climate objectives and investor expectations.

“Technology is never weightless,” said John Psaila. *“AI may appear to live in the cloud, but the cloud has a roof, walls, cables and servers. It has cooling systems, land, water and electricity behind it.*

The question is whether we can shape artificial intelligence with enough wisdom before it starts shaping us with too much appetite.”

Bettina Werner added: *“MOMENTUM is designed to connect ambition with execution. The sustainability agenda now requires organisations to work across policy, strategy and operations,*

while making practical choices that reflect both environmental responsibility and business reality. This year's discussions showed that progress depends not only on innovation, but on the ability to align technology, capital and governance around long term value."

Throughout the conference, discussions reinforced the importance of moving beyond isolated initiatives towards coordinated action. Participants examined how Luxembourg can continue to use its position at the intersection of sustainable finance, investment funds, regulation and cross border expertise to help translate sustainability objectives into practical outcomes.

MOMENTUM remains Deloitte Luxembourg's flagship sustainability conference, providing a platform for public and private sector leaders to address the decisions required for a more sustainable, resilient and responsible economy.