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Luxembourg 'to have gay PM Xavier Bettel and deputy Etienne Schneider'

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Xavier Bettel, right, with his partner Destenay Gauthier. Picture: Facebook *Source:* Facebook

LUXEMBOURG is set to achieve a world first by not only having a gay Prime Minister but a gay deputy as well.

Xavier Bettel, the mayor of Luxembourg City, has officially been appointed prime minister designate by Grand Duke Henri, the country's head of state.

It means that he will form a coalition government with the Greens and Socialists and if all goes to plan he'll become prime minister within the next few weeks.

Mr Bettel, 40, told Buzzfeed that he would select Etienne Schneider, leader of Luxembourg's Socialist Workers Party.

"My vice-prime minister is gay as well," Mr Bettel said.

He said making gay marriage legal in Luxembourg would be one of his first acts as prime minister.

"Gay weddings with be done forthly. At the moment in Luxembourg, we have to go through the situation of weddings, religion and divorce laws. But I don't think it'll be in the next five years – it'll be next year," he said.

Luxembourg politician Etienne Schneider is also openly gay. Picture: AFP

Mr Bettel will be the European Union's second openly gay PM after Belgium's Elio Di Rupo.

Mr Bettel will be joined in the prime minister's official residence by his partner Destenay Gauthier.