

*We're reshaping the future*

The green framework programme  
for the **2023 local elections**



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## WE'RE SHAPING THE FUTURE.



Dear fellow citizens,

The quality of our daily lives is often decided right where we live, in our neighbourhood, in our towns and villages. Affordable housing; quality child-care; pollution-free natural resources; a just and cohesive society: these are just some of the challenges we face together, and which we shall have to tackle together in the years to come.

Not to mention the pressing global challenges of the 21st century – fairer distribution of the world's resources; climate change; and energy transition – things we can only achieve if we all pull together.

Our towns and villages, our local authorities, are key to tackling the issues on the ground. The years between now and 2030 – most of which fall in the coming legislative period – will be decisive in our attempts to shape the future. It's what we are being asked to do when we go to the polls to elect our local councils on 11 June 2023.

We at déi gréng have no doubt that the challenges we all face today require local authorities that can guarantee their citizens a good and free way of life:

- in harmony with climate and nature, with clean air and water and with healthy woodland;
- in an open, diverse and safe society which gives everyone the same opportunities, and where we live in solidarity with, not apart from, one another;
- with a vibrant, participatory democracy in our local councils, and with an open invitation to all to contribute their knowhow, their experience and their views to shaping our future;
- with the certainty that we can live affordably and in dignity, be it as tenant or as owner-occupier;
- with real quality of life for all, regardless of how much people earn or where they live; with a wide range of leisure activities and a lively,



free and inclusive cultural fabric which brings people together;

- with a strong social support structure, capable of sustaining us in times of need;
- with optimal conditions to enable craftsmen and firms to build their businesses around climate change mitigation and sustainability;
- with smart, climate-friendly mobility provision centred on people, not vehicles;
- with exemplary, solidarity-based healthcare, geared not only to easily accessible medical care, but also to prevention and wellness;
- with good schools and motivated teachers, where learning is fun and every child has an equal opportunity to develop their talents.

This outline programme for the 2023 local council elections is intended as a source of inspiration for everyone – especially our Green local politicians – to take local authorities forward between 2023 and 2029. Under the banner 'We're shaping the future', this document sets out our green vision and spells out down-to-earth proposals for making our towns and villages livable and future-proof. That is our aim. It's how to shape the future.

Please join us, all of you, in shaping our future.

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**SHAPING THE FUTURE  
WITH A CLEAN, SAFE AND  
AFFORDABLE ENERGY SUPPLY**





# 1 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH A CLEAN, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY SUPPLY



The climate crisis threatens our planet as we know it today. It threatens our existence. If we want to preserve a planet worth living on for ourselves and our children and enable them to live in freedom and self-determination, we must limit global warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. **Now is the time to act with full commitment and seize the unique opportunity of our generation to set up our energy supply in a permanently clean, secure and affordable way, as well as to increase energy sufficiency and efficiency.** The transition to self-production and self-consumption strengthens our freedom and resilience because it makes us independent of oil and gas from abroad. It also protects our prosperity and the future potential of our economy if we succeed in making sustainability the basis of our new economic model.

We have used the last few years in government to pass an ambitious climate protection law for Luxembourg. We have given the various sectors clear emission reduction targets and started to implement the necessary measures to systematically reduce our emissions over the next few years. In the process, we were able to achieve important milestones that give us cause for optimism: We have collectively achieved our 2020 climate targets and we have more than doubled the production of solar energy since 2018. Moreover, Luxembourg is the world leader in per capita investment in the expansion of public transport, which is now free of charge.

For the next six years, we have the ambition and responsibility to further accelerate the energy transition we have started. With the Climate Pact 2.0, we have ensured that the government provides municipalities with significantly more financial resources and consultancy services to achieve this important task. **Now, however, we need the firm political will in our municipality to use these opportunities and to make our municipality climate-neutral as quickly as possible.** Only in close cooperation between the government

and the municipalities can we combat the climate crisis and master the socially fair transition to renewable energy sources. This includes the principle of “think globally, act locally,” because much that is done (or not done) at the local level has a global impact. Our cities and municipalities are therefore also important players for global, sustainable development, and they assume responsibility for the Global South.

**As Green municipal representatives, we are committed to a carbon-neutral municipality that reduces local energy consumption and uses 100% renewable energy:**

- ✓ **We create incentives to save energy and resources.** The municipality should lead by example – by installing controllable LED street lighting in public spaces. This way, we are also tackling light pollution. In addition, we will improve the energy efficiency of the municipal services through monthly monitoring of their consumption of heating energy and electricity in order to systematically identify energy-saving potential and exploit conspicuous peaks in energy consumption. We make use of the opportunities offered by digitalisation, in particular through intelligent energy management that recognises and compensates for consumption peaks and dips at an early stage.
- ✓ **We use the full potential within our municipality to produce, use and store renewable energy.** For us, fully exploiting the municipal potential means, for example, using every suitable municipal surface (roofs, facades, parking lots, ...) for solar energy, and approaching private businesses and fellow citizens proactively. To this end, we raise awareness in particular with companies with large roofs to participate in the energy transition. We promote company energy cooperatives and adapt building regulations. In addition, we demand transparency of energy production and consumption.

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- ✓ **We involve citizens in the climate transition** by making municipal land available for community photovoltaic installations (e.g. cooperatives), promoting renewable energy associations in and outside the municipality, and supporting households with a financial subsidy for roof, balcony and facade photovoltaic systems in addition to the national financial aids. We also ensure that solutions are found which are commensurate with energy transition, even for listed buildings.
- ✓ **We expand wind energy in all suitable locations**, involving citizens directly as co-operators of such plants and ensuring transparent decision-making and review procedures. In doing so, we guarantee the protection of animal species that are sensitive to wind energy installations.
- ✓ **We make outdated municipal building regulations and other municipal regulations fit for the energy transition** by adapting them to the technological possibilities of today's renewable energies and removing obstacles to their installation, e.g. for photovoltaic systems on private roofs.
- ✓ **We ensure a climate-friendly and energy-efficient heating and cooling supply.** We retrofit our municipal infrastructures (e.g. school or swimming pool). In new buildings, we do not use fossil fuels at all. We promote the use of solar thermal energy, heat pumps and climate-friendly district and local heating networks, and take into account the use of waste heat from neighbouring businesses and combined heat and power (CHP) plants.
- ✓ **We apply a sustainability check for all public and private construction projects.** New housing development projects must be climate-neutral, energy self-sufficient and as energy-efficient as possible. We also ensure a social mix in the neighbourhoods and good connections to public transport system.
- ✓ **We will establish a priority plan for retrofitting all municipal buildings and increase the rate of retrofitting old buildings to meet our climate goals.** We ensure that the municipality specifically buys listed houses to convert them into affordable public housing or other public use (Tiers-Lieux, organic shop, offices, ...) after energy renovation.
- ✓ **We offer financial support for citizens to renovate their homes** and to buy and repair energy-efficient household appliances, especially for low-income households.
- ✓ **We consciously promote climate-neutral schools and educational work in the area of sustainable development among young people and children from our municipality.** We support the teachers and the parents' association both financially and through our municipal staff in running projects that improve their living and learning environment (for example, redesigning the schoolyard) with the involvement of the children and young people. We also specifically promote, with the support of local businesses, the trades and engineering professions that will be indispensable in the coming decades for the success of the energy transition and thus climate protection.
- ✓ **We invest in education and training for a better use of our resources (e.g. concerning energy) and strengthen resource-friendly consumer behaviour in our community.** Through a targeted information policy, we work towards reducing public and private energy consumption.
- ✓ **We also take responsibility for the Global South at the local level.** For us, "Think globally, act locally" means promoting climate protection, sustainable development and human rights within the supply chain both at home and globally. We are aware that resolutely sustainable and climate-neutral municipal development also has a positive impact on countries that are already suffering much more from the effects of the climate crisis and

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of our consumer societies than we are. In addition, we maintain and promote partnership relations with municipalities and other partners in the Global South, work together with non-governmental organisations, systematically support fair trade and commit to a fair procurement policy (e.g. Fairtrade textiles) by getting certified as a “Fairtrade Gemeng”. We promote awareness-raising and educational work in solidarity and development policy in our municipality and our schools, in particular on the aspects of distribution, climate justice and postcolonialism.



**SHAPING THE FUTURE  
BY PROTECTING AGAINST  
THE CONSEQUENCES  
OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS**



## 2 SHAPING THE FUTURE BY PROTECTING AGAINST THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS



**The first disastrous consequences of the climate crisis have reached us and are threatening livelihoods!** We are confronted more and more frequently and more violently with weather extremes such as heat waves, droughts, floods and heavy rains. **We must prepare ourselves, our towns and villages for these inevitable consequences of the climate crisis.**

At the national level, our constant concern is ensuring that municipalities and citizens are provided with expert advice and with the necessary tools and latest data to prepare for extreme situations. For example, we have updated the national flood risk management plan and the heavy rainfall hazard maps and improved the national warning system. In order to protect human lives, however, all municipalities must now also implement the necessary measures on the ground.

**As Green municipal representatives, we will therefore spend the next six years working resolutely for a more resilient municipality, preventing record temperatures and heat waves by increasing greenery and reducing concrete in our towns, and better preparing for the new hazardous situations posed by heavier rains and flooding:**

- ✓ **We systematically greenscape our towns and villages,** creating cool relief spaces, and planting more tall trees, hedges, shrubs, and more quality green verges along streets and sidewalks. We expand parks and support the greening of facades and roofs. We take action against the increasing sealing of surfaces, e.g. in new housing development projects, in parking areas and in front gardens.
- ✓ **We ensure that all people have convenient access to drinking water in everyday life with water dispensers in public spaces, at and in public buildings.** We encourage our local stores, bars and restaurants to become tap water refill stations during the summer and participate in the „Refill“ campaign.

We recommend that restaurants and the like provide customers, on request, with tap water. At local events too, we provide tap water and invest in water carafes for use at local club-run events.

- ✓ **We give our rivers and streams more space by renaturalising them.** When necessary, we mobilise land to create additional natural floodplains and design natural water retention basins and infrastructure, and install stormwater overflow basins, as required by wastewater management syndicates. Overall, we work with the water instead of against it and draw inspiration from promising future-oriented projects, e.g. the “sponge city” principle.
- ✓ **We invest in special equipment for flood protection and for transporting people in case of flood situations in residential areas** and work out an operational plan with procedures for the different danger situations (e.g. when the water level approaches the ‘côte de préalerte’, sandbags will be driven into the endangered areas).
- ✓ **We update municipal planning tools, such as the heat action plan and our risk management strategy for heavy rain and flooding.** We create a list of protective measures with a clear sequence for their implementation. We make the necessary adjustments in our municipal building and planning specifications, with the aim of minimising the potential for damage to future new buildings and new developments.
- ✓ **We introduce a standby system to be available to citizens** outside office hours, at weekends or on public holidays **with a technical emergency service** (e.g. for leaks in the water supply). This number could then function as a hotline in an emergency (flooding or heat-waves).



**SHAPING THE FUTURE  
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### 3 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH GREEN URBANISM, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CLEAN MOBILITY



Quality of life is not about wasting our time in traffic jams but about reaching our destination safely and comfortably, moving freely in the fresh air instead of in the midst of toxic exhaust fumes. Improved quality of life requires that we allow nature to find its way back into our towns and villages, that we allow people more space in urban areas, and that we create attractive public spaces where adults and children enjoy spending time and meeting each other. **Above all, to protect our quality of life, it is necessary to bring housing, leisure, work and essential services closer together.**

We have ensured that our country takes a significant leap forward in terms of intelligent regional planning. We have successfully adopted the major sectoral plans (housing, countryside, industrial estates and transport) and launched the 'Programme directeur d'aménagement du territoire' (PDAT). We have produced a national mobility plan for 2035. We are working for a future with more mobility instead of more traffic, where everyone has the opportunity to get from A to B reliably, safely and comfortably. In mobility today, we are investing record amounts in expanding public transport and improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. With the expansion of soft mobility, we have also ensured a more attractive urban environment.

**However, high quality of life in Luxembourg must under no circumstances become a privilege for the few.** Everyone must be able to afford to live in a pleasant environment. To ensure this, we are investing heavily at national level in the purchase and construction of public, sustainable and affordable housing. Above all, with the "Pacte Logement 2.0" we have provided the municipalities with more advice and financial resources from the government. **Because one thing is clear: without the municipalities, the public housing campaign cannot succeed!**

**As Green municipal representatives, we are therefore resolutely committed to creating a green and attractive municipality over the next six years:**

**1. We create green towns and villages with character and quality of life for all.**

✓ **We ensure vibrant villages and towns that are worth living in.** To this end, we adapt spatial planning via the General Development Plan (PAG - Plan d'aménagement général) and the Partial Development Plans (PAP - Plans d'aménagement particuliers) so that the important facilities and services for daily needs, shopping, schools, offices and public transport are accessible on foot or by bicycle.

✓ **We create green oases in our cities and towns** by making every effort to green public spaces, open spaces, unused commercial areas, garage roofs and buildings.

✓ **We take our municipality's responsibility for protecting historic structures, town centres and neighbourhoods seriously and take action within the framework of development plans.** We ensure that the municipality buys up listed houses in order to improve their energy efficiency and convert them for social/affordable housing or other public use ('third places', organic food shops, offices, ...). To boost people's appreciation of our cultural heritage, we inform people about their rights, obligations and opportunities concerning the protection of listed buildings and sites.

✓ **We make more efficient use of land.** Instead of the fragmentation of our countryside we need smart densification. We have to take due account, in our land-use coefficients, of new forms of housing with reduced land take, the reclassification of brownfield sites, and the reactivation of unused housing and unbuild plots of land in our towns and neighbourhoods. We reformulate our local building plans and regulations with a view to avoiding the need for excavation or at least

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investigating the possibility of, or prescribing, the re-use of excavated material on site. As a general principle, we favour conserving, restoring, extending or making over existing structures to outright demolition. Every building whose life is prolonged means less demolition, landfill and money spent on new resources. We therefore insist on a statutory requirement to take climate and resource protection aims into account when it comes to deciding whether or not to demolish an existing structure.

✓ **We adapt parking space management and the 'parking space key' to today's mobility needs.** In new and alternative projects, we reduce the number of parking spaces per dwelling and group parking facilities in carports. We avoid underground garages, as they require a large amount of earth excavation, and instead prioritise above-ground garages, on the grounds that they are much less expensive, can be used for something else if necessary, and the building components can be re-used.

2. **We create affordable, barrier-free public housing and promote alternative forms of housing for different lifestyles.**

✓ **We plan and build new housing developments and public works projects to the highest environmental, energy and health standards.** We consider public transport from the outset, ensure short distances and densify wherever where public transport already works well. We ensure renewable energy supply, avoid land sealing, and use health- and climate-friendly building materials.

✓ **We create affordable and social housing by mobilising all land and housing potential owned by the municipality** within the building perimeter (vacant land, buildings and vacant housing). We simplify the specifications in the PAG (general development plan) for the creation of affordable housing in terms of housing density, volume and mix coefficients.

We work with public players (Fonds du Logement, Société Nationale des Habitations à Bon Marché) and contracted private operators (e.g. under social rental arrangements) to cover the full range of housing situations:

- Shared housing (co-housing) projects for young people of 18-27 based on the "Jugendwunnen" model;
- Social and affordable apartments/houses in different sizes to have something for every family constellation, e.g. shared housing projects for single people;
- "Housing first", emergency and permanent housing for vulnerable people.

✓ **We support modular buildings and Tiny Houses,** especially on vacant lots and temporarily vacant building sites, by adapting municipal building codes, simplifying administrative procedures and ensuring that a residence can be registered.

✓ **We support housing groups and cooperatives** by guiding them in their search for suitable building sites and, if necessary, assisting them with administrative steps.

✓ **We promote shared housing and multigenerational houses** and enable these alternative forms of housing in municipal development plans and building regulations.

✓ **We support the creation of separate dwellings in single-family houses** and adapt our building regulations accordingly.

3. **We ensure that everyone can move around comfortably, safely and cleanly in everyday life.**

✓ **We ensure traffic calming in residential areas with shared space, bicycle lanes and the reduction of unnecessary through-traffic.** We investigate the possibility of imposing a general 30km/h speed limit, with selected 50km/h

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roads, and systematically rely on short-term arrangements like street furniture planters and long-term structural measures (e.g. divider islands, carriageway narrowing, rearrangement of parking spaces) to keep speeds down. The aim is to ensure that children and senior citizens in particular can move safely in public spaces in their daily lives.

- ✓ **We provide significantly more space and safety for pedestrian and bicycle traffic** by building an interconnected municipal and regional network of safe pedestrian and bicycle paths, separated from motorised traffic as far as possible, and by ensuring connections to the national bicycle path network. We make a municipal bikeway plan an integral part of the local PAG.
- ✓ **We introduce an item for pedestrian and bicycle paths in the local authority budget**, to enable the municipal administration to react quickly without red tape to user complaints and to make selective improvements to pedestrian and bicycle paths.
- ✓ **We ensure safe, lockable and dry bicycle parking at all public buildings, sports fields, social services and train stations and in residential areas.** We also provide, in the municipal regulations, parking spaces for bicycles at new commercial and residential buildings, as well as within the activity zones, and ensure clear signage of bicycle routes to the important facilities, services, stores, tourist attractions, places of interest, etc.
- ✓ **We systematically consider the interests of cyclists and pedestrians at construction sites** and ensure that safe detours are properly posted and signposted. In winter and in bad weather, we ensure that sidewalks and bicycle paths are quickly cleared of snow, de-iced and cleared by the winter road clearance service.
- ✓ **We guarantee efficient local public transport with good connections across the region.** We ensure clean, safe and well-lit bus, tram and

train stops. We work towards the systematic creation of good connections between the public network and industrial/commercial estates with a view to improving access for staff and customers alike. We support innovative and user-oriented local transport services such as free municipal shuttle buses and call-a-bus services, and create attractive school bus services. We improve late-night mobility by extending the provision of Nightrider and other late-night bus services, including on weekends and holidays. We likewise improve the frequency and timing of the various services to make them more attractive to young people, who are the main customers.

- ✓ **We promote electric mobility and ensure a zero-emission municipal vehicle fleet.** When purchasing new vehicles for municipal services, we rely 100% on electric vehicles (including electric service bicycles). We also retrofit all municipal public transport services, e.g. flexi-bus service and school buses.
- ✓ **We provide sufficient electric charging stations for electric bicycles and electric cars in public spaces**, including in parking bays for people with disabilities. We ensure that the public charging infrastructure is safe and well lit. We ensure that, through regional cooperation between the various municipalities, e-bike rental stations are available wherever it makes sense. In addition to state provision, we subsidise the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles in the private sector.
- ✓ **We promote car-sharing and car-pooling concepts in our municipality** by, for example, making car-sharing vehicles available at central locations in the municipality and residential neighbourhoods, clearly marking pooling parking spaces, and thus creating attractive alternatives to owning a car.
- ✓ **We ensure there are more parking spaces for people with reduced mobility, for carers** and for other social service providers who are essential car users.



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# 4 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH LOCAL CIRCULAR ECONOMIES AND WITH DIVERSE AND ATTRACTIVE BUSINESSES



Over recent decades we have established a high standard of living in Luxembourg. This is a collective achievement we can build on. As a society, however, we are currently wasting many resources that we will need in the coming decades to produce our most important goods. In so doing, we are systematically passing on high costs to the next generations. We can do better than that!

**For the future, we want a sustainable economy that reuses valuable materials again and again instead of throwing them away as waste or burning them.** In our governmental responsibility, we have therefore given Luxembourg a “zero waste strategy”, among other things, and enshrined this in legislation. We have also introduced a sustainability check for laws and, with the sectoral climate targets including a climate and energy plan, clearly spelled out how we can implement the climate turnaround. In close cooperation between the government and the municipalities, we will – together with all private players – make our economic model fit for the future in the coming years.

To do this, we need innovative small and medium-sized businesses. We need sustainable business models in small trade, tourism, crafts and industry, with increased local and regional cycles. We also need an agriculture that is centred on organic farming. **Here, we as a municipality must promote sustainable economic development. At the same time, we create new and, above all, locally rooted jobs.**

**As Green municipal representatives, we are committed to local government that strengthens local economic cycles, promotes a diverse and attractive local trade and business community, and sees the circular economy as a systematic model for the future.**

✓ **We strengthen local economic cycles** by promoting exchange between the various economic players and supporting them, for example, in conserving valuable elements in

their waste. We give our backing to buy-local vouchers and local currencies, which are distributed by the municipality to its citizens and can be traded for local retail and catering services.

✓ **We create and promote local multifunctional centres** that serve as hubs for a comprehensive network of local public services. All locations for short- and medium-term needs should be easily accessible and, if possible, located at the same place.

✓ **We reduce cost pressures for retail, start-ups, artists and other creative businesses, and try to find takers for empty premises.** We support access to commercial space in town and village centres with financial bonuses, and promote the model of municipally operated pop-up stores. We create incentives for entrepreneurs to take on vacant town-centre commercial space with a municipal tax on vacant shops.

✓ **We set up a central coordination office for local trade**, especially in larger municipalities, to serve as a point of contact for local business people and whose task is to implement our strategy to promote local trade.

✓ **We support young innovative businesses and initiatives, especially in the area of sustainability and the circular economy**, by providing them with space, supporting them and leveraging synergies with the cultural and creative scene. Local authorities can also take the lead as customers.

✓ **We support restaurants, cafés and cultural institutions** by making more public space available for use for catering and events - wherever possible and where there is no noise problem.

✓ **We support farming** by providing financial and organisational backing for direct and self-marketing of their locally and organically produced quality products, e.g. at local markets or small self-service stands in the villages.

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- ✓ **We support initiatives active in sustainable and alternative forms of fruit and vegetable growing**, e.g. community gardens, cooperatives like TERRA, cooperative forms of farming, and businesses run by employment initiatives.
- ✓ **We strive for a balanced range of economic structures in our municipalities** and use all possible forms of inter-municipal planning for business zones and for regional services. We apply the circular economy requirements in business and industrial estates, using for example waste heat and rainwater for horticultural greenhouses.
- ✓ **We give priority to the cradle-to-cradle principle in locally awarded public contracts, building on closed product cycles and avoiding waste as much as possible.** We stress the use of ecological, organic, pollutant-free and reusable building materials when building or renovating, and of repairable equipment and reusable space. In local government procurement, we favour organic, in-season and regionally sourced foodstuffs, and sustainable and fair-traded consumer goods. We ensure that our local authority obtains or retains Fairtrade certification. We ensure that local authority workers' clothing is ethically and sustainably sourced. Similar criteria are incorporated in local service procurement specifications.
- ✓ **We expand opportunities in our municipality for repairing, borrowing, swapping, and giving away goods.** We transform recycling centres into resource centres, including second-hand and repair café structures. We also promote local tool (e.g. power drills) rental arrangements.
- ✓ **We support schools and care structures in organising projects** to give children an insight into local businesses, shops and service providers, **to stimulate their interest in such jobs.**



**SHAPING THE FUTURE  
BY CONSERVING OUR  
NATURAL RESOURCES**



## 5 SHAPING THE FUTURE BY CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES



An intact nature is more than just an ornamental accessory, more than something nice to look at. It is the basis for all the millions of species and creatures on our planet and hence the basis for our human survival and well-being. **Protecting nature is vital to human survival:** clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, fresh fruit and vegetables for a healthy diet, and much more. **If we want to preserve all this, we must take better care of our wildlife, our native plants and our bodies of water.**

In government, we have worked hard to preserve our natural resources. We have given our country new laws, action plans and initiatives to protect our nature, our forests, our soil and our water bodies. We have revolutionised waste prevention and made it easier to apply the important Nature Conservation Act in practice.

With the introduction of the Nature Pact, we have given local authorities the necessary financial resources and advice so that we can all work together to help nature grow healthy again around us. In the practical phase, however, we now more than ever need politicians throughout the country who listen to scientific facts, who finally take **the biodiversity crisis** seriously, and who tackle nature conservation properly.

**As Green municipal representatives, we will spend the next six years working resolutely for towns and villages that are close to nature. We act against the destruction of natural habitats, conserve our natural resources and preserve our biodiversity.**

**1. We preserve the abundance of plants and animals within our towns and villages by greening public spaces.**

✓ **We plan public spaces in our municipality, such as playgrounds, schoolyards, and parking lots, to be close to nature** by planting native and site-appropriate shade-providing and full-sized trees, hedges, and shrubs.

We protect valuable trees in urban areas by means of a tree register and offer citizens tree and plant sponsorship schemes.

✓ **We integrate biotopes such as hedges and dry-stone walls into public spaces** and establish flower and wildflower beds or meadows in public areas large and small, along sidewalks and bicycle lanes and streets, in traffic islands, on playgrounds and in cemeteries, giving priority to native plants and nature-oriented planting and maintenance. We install nesting aids for birds and bats, create nesting opportunities for wild bees, hedgehogs and reptiles, and install insect hotels and beehives.

✓ **We distribute native perennial plants free of charge to interested citizens** and participate in schemes like Sicona's "Aktioun Päiperlek", SIAS's orchards project, or the Environment Ministry's B&B action weeks.

✓ **We promote the creation of biotopes within the built-up area** and the natural grazing of meadows inside and outside the built-up area by itinerant flocks of sheep.

✓ **We offer free wasp advice to citizens** and the requisite training for municipality and school staff.

✓ **We participate in projects such as "Urban Gardening" and the "Edible City"**, create community gardens, school gardens and raised herb beds, plant fruit and nut trees in public areas and encourage our citizens to harvest them under the "Yellow Ribbon" campaign.

✓ **We support cooperative farming projects** and provide land for newcomers and young farmers who are prepared to work the land organically.

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2. **We give protected status to large areas of natural habitats and reverse any unnecessary sealing of the soil.**
  - ✓ **We are not prepared to just extend our building perimeter**, as there is currently enough space within our built-up areas for over 300,000 more inhabitants.
  - ✓ **We establish green belts around our towns and villages** and connect green and blue spaces within and outside towns to create natural ecological corridors and prevent unplanned urban sprawl in our municipalities and the surrounding countryside.
  - ✓ **We prevent any unnecessary additional land take by revising the building code.** We stop people laying out new gravel gardens or artificial turf by establishing guidelines for large-scale semi-natural greening. We support citizens in restoring their gravel gardens to a more environmentally friendly alternative by introducing subsidies.
  - ✓ **We participate in protecting nationally designated conservation areas, and designate important local areas as local conservation areas.** We are active in promoting the protection of flora and fauna, e.g. by helping to implement Natura 2000 management plans and action plans for endangered species and habitats. We also create a land pool in the municipality for compensation measures and for any land swaps with landowners of areas and biotopes of conservation importance.
  - ✓ **We protect local authority-owned woodland by deferring the felling of beech and oak trees.** We designate natural woodland reserves in cooperation with the nature and forest administration. We certify local authority-owned woodland with the FSC label so that ecological, social and economic aspects are incorporated into management and ten-year forestry plans.
  - ✓ In collaboration with the nature and forest administration, **we set up a scheme to monitor the effects of the climate crisis and successive droughts on managed tree stands** and promote targeted woodland regeneration measures.
  - ✓ **We offer advice to private households, farmers and businesses in industrial and commercial zones** on the creation of near-natural green spaces and the financial assistance available.
  - ✓ **We raise children's awareness of nature conservation** by organising activities such as "Dag am Bësch" with information stands, workshops, guided walks, activities for children and herb collecting.
  - ✓ **We create nature and culture trails with information panels**, and tell people about what is growing or is being planted in the surrounding meadows, forests and fields. We organise walks themed on biodiversity in and outside our villages. We also provide a specific section for nature conservation in the "Gemegebuet".
  - ✓ **We strengthen our regional cooperation in the nature conservation or nature park syndicates.**
3. **We work for natural water courses and for improved water quality.**
  - ✓ **We make drinking water supply networks safer** by maintaining or reactivating council-owned drinking water sources and protect them by reducing the pesticide and chlorine input.
  - ✓ **We renaturalise rivers and streams** with streamside vegetation, boosting the amenity value for people and wildlife.
  - ✓ **We provide modern and resilient wastewater treatment plants** and work in our wastewater syndicate to ensure that in the future our treatment plants will also be able to filter out microparticles (e.g. microplastic fibers from clothes washing).



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- ✓ **To handle low-pollution greywater and rainwater, we invest in mini treatment plants** to take the pressure off the main sewage works. We also support the creation of **rainwater retention basins**.
- 4. **We stop the pollution of our natural resources.**
  - ✓ **We limit the use of pesticides in our municipality.** For example, we completely eliminate the use of synthetic chemical pesticides, herbicides and fungicides in public spaces and use only natural fertilizers. We also prohibit the use of pesticides on leased fields owned by the municipality. We ensure that plants and seeds used by our local authority services are produced pesticide-free and pass this requirement on to service providers in agriculture and horticulture.
  - ✓ **We formulate a strategy for reducing the use of road salt,** with a view to terminating its use entirely and using sustainable alternative products instead.
  - ✓ **We are active in tackling light pollution.** By using energy- and light-efficient bulbs and warm-white light colours with as little blue as possible and motion detectors, we reduce power consumption and lessen our impact on nature. We also convert the large floodlights in sports installations, for example, to LED and build in deflectors to ensure that the light is focused on where it is needed: the playing surface. We also reduce decorative lighting on buildings and historic objects.
  - ✓ **We take action against littering in public spaces.** We increase the number of trash cans with separation systems in public areas. We raise awareness by way of public information campaigns and involve volunteers in clean-up campaigns.
- 5. **We conserve important resources through modern waste and water management.**
  - ✓ **We establish a local strategy for waste prevention.** Our long-term goal is a circular economy in which resources that end up in the trash today will be recycled in the future. We reward businesses and citizens who reduce their waste. To this end, **we are reforming our waste charges so that they will be calculated by weight in the future.** We further motivate our citizens by telling them clearly on their bills where they stand in comparison to the municipality's household average.
  - ✓ **We introduce an organic waste collection system** and support our citizens in private composting through advice and subsidies.
  - ✓ **We implement exemplary waste prevention and sorting in all municipal facilities and at community festivals or sporting events.** For events organised by local associations, we support them with public facilities (e.g. dish-washing carts) and make financial support contingent on the criteria of a community charter geared to the "Green Events" guide.
  - ✓ **We are committed to responsible water consumption.** Based on at-cost water pricing, we issue clearly set-out water bills that show comparisons to average household consumption. We reduce water consumption in municipal buildings and facilities (e.g. through water-saving sanitary facilities) and equip municipal buildings with rainwater recovery systems, provide funding for rainwater tanks and encouraging people to get such tanks installed.
  - ✓ **We remediate and digitalise the local water supply network** and maintain it to prevent leaks. Camera inspections are carried out regularly to detect any damage and to check on the general condition of the network. By installing electronic monitoring of the network, water leaks are detected immediately and repaired quickly.

**SHAPING THE FUTURE  
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OF LIFE AND STRONG  
HEALTHCARE PROVISION**



# 6 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH A GOOD WAY OF LIFE AND STRONG HEALTHCARE PROVISION



The pandemic has challenged us in recent years and impressively demonstrated the impact that diseases can have on our lives. Together, we were able to overcome this enormous challenge. But we must learn the right lessons for the future from this tough experience. **We are now more aware of the value of good health and a good healthcare system.**

Many causes of disease and physical stress originate in environmental factors. Clean air and water, good food, and protection from pollutants are therefore of enormous importance to our health. **This also means that we must take a holistic view of human health and our natural environment. Here, too, nature protection is human protection!** In order to increase our physical and mental well-being, people need room to move and sufficient local recreation areas. The municipality also has a responsibility here. The same applies to preventive healthcare and access to basic medical care for all citizens.

We are fighting for an effective, solidarity-based health care system that provides all people in our country with the best possible care throughout their lives, from childhood to old age. There is more to health than having easily accessible medical centres and hospitals that provide care when needed. It is also about well-being and prevention - especially for people in a more disadvantaged financial situation. Health begins with solidarity in a just society. With our support, the conditions for access to our healthcare system will continue to improve in the future, especially for people who are socio-economically disadvantaged.

**As Green municipal representatives, we are therefore committed to a health-promoting local authority over the next six years:**

**1. We recognise and apply our elementary right to a healthy living environment in our municipality.**

- ✓ **We guarantee clean air and a right to peace and quiet.** We formulate and implement specific measures to improve local air quality, e.g. by adjusting the building regulations to establish fresh air corridors and buffer zones. We include in building regulations the requirement for additional noise abatement measures, such as triple glazing, to be provided in buildings located along busy national highways. Overall, we reduce motorised individual traffic in our localities, rely on low-car and car-free zones, on Tempo-30, shared spaces and better bicycle infrastructures. We will carry out additional air quality measurements on nitrogen oxides and particulate dust pollution to know the exact state of air quality and to act if necessary. We also involve our municipality in awareness-raising initiatives on air quality and noise abatement.
- ✓ **We maintain and expand amenity areas, parks and woodland** and design our towns and villages such that people enjoy being out in the fresh air. For example, we create woodland trails and install outdoor equipment in the centre to encourage "cardio" activities in the fresh air for all people who want to keep fit.
- ✓ **We support our local sports clubs but don't neglect recreational sports.** We offer a wide range of recreational sports activities and courses, especially for children and senior citizens. We also provide access to sports infrastructures (e.g. outdoor fitness areas) for those who are not active in clubs.
- ✓ **We promote multigenerational housing and assisted living in our municipality** and place particular emphasis on mixed forms of housing as a link between the generations.
- ✓ **We ensure a wide range of regional home help services,** such as "meals on wheels", "services de proximité" (proximity services) or help in everyday life, tele-alarm and outreach work.



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✓ **We support initiatives against loneliness in old age and the accompanying gradual loss of autonomy**, including restaurants for senior citizens, regular events for senior citizens, participation in the “Senior Plus” and “aktiv+” projects, and local club houses.

✓ **We create/promote a meeting place for senior citizens** and a special advisory committee for the elderly; and organise numerous leisure, sports and cultural activities for seniors, with advance notice in various languages.

### 2. We are committed to good local health care.

✓ **We advocate the creation of a municipal “Centre médical” (medical centre)** to ensure local basic medical care. To this end, we support the search for a suitable council-owned property in the town centre and make this available at a favourable rent.

✓ **We are committed to the provision of housing and care structures for the elderly**, such as residential or sheltered accommodation and senior citizens’ flats.

✓ **We bring a contact person for health issues directly to the people in the form of a “Community Health Nurse”**. This person can, for example, be active in the elementary school and in the senior citizens’ meeting place, and can be available for public surgeries.

✓ **We organise health days/weeks** to make citizens more aware of health risks and prevention (e.g. on the subject of strokes). We offer conventional first aid courses and special courses on mental health.

✓ **We provide menstrual items (pads and tampons), condoms and dental dams in public toilets** for contraception and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

**SHAPING THE FUTURE  
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MUNICIPALITIES**



# 7 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH CHILD- AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITIES



A family should give children love and security. A child's family is also their first school of life. **In order to give every child the best chance of a good life, it is therefore important to help and support parents in their great responsibility.**

In order to strengthen our children's well-being, parents, teachers, caregivers and psychosocial services must work together in a spirit of trust. All players in the child and youth sector must take joint responsibility and offer the child "safe spaces" and free space to grow, move, learn and play. **We want all children to have the opportunity to develop their competencies and skills and to contribute to society in a responsible and self-determined way.**

A well-functioning child and youth policy is indispensable for social cohesion in our municipality. For high-quality inclusive childcare to succeed, the municipality must of all needs good infrastructures as well as sufficient and well-trained staff. To be able to implement needs-based concepts with the children and to respond to their individual needs, staff must be given the necessary space and time. Child- and youth-friendly open spaces, content and support measures are needed. A decent level of investment is needed – and our children, and all our futures, are worth it!

**As Green municipal representatives, we are committed to a child- and parent-friendly municipality. We give all children an environment in which they can develop optimally and strengthen parents in their important role.**

**1. We strengthen the important role of parents and support the development of partnerships between teaching staff, educational staff, parents and the municipality.**

✓ We lessen the burden on parents by providing **more flexible childcare options at the local/regional level for parents working shifts.** We also ensure that single parents in particular have access to childcare support in times of need, such as when they are sick.

✓ **We offer young people babysitting courses** with professional specialists and set up a babysitter contact service for parents.

✓ **We organise special first aid courses geared to baby and toddler care.**

✓ We work closely with the newly created **regional parents' forum** and **link it with the municipal contact persons in the field of children and youth.**

✓ **We create a diverse range of counselling and continuing education opportunities** for families by funding and raising awareness of initiatives such as family support, parenting schools and BabyPlus programmes.

✓ **We support local parent associations** by providing sufficient financial and logistical resources and encourage their involvement in school projects, festivals and community initiatives.

**2. We guarantee quality care for every child and support the care and teaching staff.**

✓ **We guarantee the creation of enough childcare places.** By planning smart buildings based on pedagogical principles, we also create short distances and synergies between school and the care structures.

✓ **Our well-thought-out specifications ensure that the children are offered healthy, seasonal, regional, vegan and vegetarian, GMO-free and organic food options in our school canteens and Maison Relais (SEA); we use Fair-trade products for non-regional produce** (e.g. cocoa). We also take action against food waste in public canteens.

✓ **We call for barrier-free and inclusive schools and pay attention to infrastructure elements like design-for-all,** flexibility of use, sound insulation, sufficient outdoor light, outdoor classrooms, places of retreat and multifunctional rooms and material, such as Air tramp,



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Snoezel rooms, psychomotor rooms, school libraries, music and theatre rooms, as well as work, creative and media rooms.

- ✓ **We promote multilingual communication in the non-formal education sector** to take into account multilingualism within the family.
  - ✓ **We strengthen networking between childcare facilities and local associations** and create easier access to culture, sports, music schools and nature through joint projects and initiatives. We ensure and finance on-demand transport for school classes and care groups to forests and nature.
  - ✓ **We offer inclusive, nature-based and participatory vacation activities during the summer vacations**, relying on synergies and cooperation with institutions, businesses and associations in the municipality.
  - ✓ **We offer students a nationally recognised course of training as “Animateur/trice” for vacation activities (Brevet A)**, so that the students can take on the responsibility of leading groups of children when they reach the age of majority.
  - ✓ **We support the teaching and care staff in implementing the PDS** (“Plan de développement scolaire”) and ensure that the municipality is involved as a constructive partner. In doing so, we promote the interconnectedness of formal and non-formal education.
- 3. We provide our children and young people with a healthy and safe living environment and strengthen their well-being.**
- ✓ **We focus on exercise, play and learning outdoors and in nature.** Interactive playgrounds, natural green break yards with sufficient shade and good sports infrastructures are indispensable places to promote movement.
  - ✓ **We ensure that playgrounds are inclusive**, installing equipment for wheelchair users, e.g. wheelchair swings.
  - ✓ **We support the creation of inclusive nature kindergartens or inclusive nature care structures** and create smaller nature-based learning spaces in elementary schools to learn in and with nature (e.g. forest classrooms, school gardens).
  - ✓ **We make school routes safe**, expand the pedibus/bicycle bus network, and supply accompanying staff for the school and pedi-buses. We ensure that the school surrounds are car-free.
  - ✓ **We actively promote traffic education in childcare facilities and at school**, with a view to raising children’s awareness of safety issues and helping them become aware of issues related to sustainable mobility.
  - ✓ **We take the mental and physical well-being of children and young people very seriously** and ensure the best conditions for high-quality school medicine. We expand the provision of first aid and violence prevention courses, raising awareness about the importance of mental health and providing information about help services.
- 4. We listen to the voice of our children and strengthen their sense of community.**
- ✓ We take the needs and rights of children and young people seriously and create forums for exchange and democratic participation opportunities for our younger citizens in the form of **children/youth community councils, youth forums or interactive workshops**.
  - ✓ **We create a local children’s office** as a contact point for children with socio-pedagogical specialists hired by the municipality.
  - ✓ **We provide special support to children and young people from low-income households** to ensure that they can participate in social, sports and cultural activities.

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- ✓ **We promote cooperation with the youth associations of the neighbouring municipalities** and within the Greater Region and organise joint multilingual events.
- ✓ **We promote associations that are active in youth work and support projects and initiatives that teach sustainability, creativity, social cohesion and democracy.** We place special emphasis on ideas and initiatives that come from the young people and children themselves, and provide support in terms of practical application.
- ✓ **We create more jobs for students and expand internship opportunities in our municipal structures.**
- ✓ **We encourage young people to explore the diversity of Europe in a sustainable way by giving them a council-financed Interrail ticket on their 18th birthday.** In this way, we promote exchange between different cultures and an international sense of community.

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## 8 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH A STRONG ELEMENT OF SOCIAL COHESION



We are for an open and diverse society in which everyone is given the same conditions to develop fully, in their own freedom but with respect for the freedom of others, and in which we live in solidarity with each other and not just side by side. We will continue to work resolutely for social cohesion. **Each of us must be able to participate in our social life, regardless of our financial or health situation or our cultural or sexual identity.** Our cohesion depends on a social and fair distribution of our wealth, so that everyone has the chance to live a good life. The strength and dynamism of our open, democratic society is based on the diversity of our lifestyles and experiences.

Especially now, in economically strained times, more people risk getting into financial difficulties. The risk of poverty is increasing, even in Luxembourg. In government, we have, with the decisions of the Tripartite, helped households and businesses swiftly and across the board. **But the municipality also has an important role to play in the fight against poverty.** It is the local or regional social welfare office that can provide targeted help close to the people affected - provided there is the political will to ensure that the municipality makes use of its numerous support options, e.g. social assistance, counseling services and social housing.

A good community life presupposes **a vibrant association life.** Social interaction takes place in the clubs, in sports and cultural activities. This is where we meet, pursue our hobbies, discuss and exchange ideas. This requires voluntary commitment on the part of the citizens, but also a wide range of activities and public infrastructure on the part of the municipality.

**As Green municipal representatives, we are committed to working hard over the next six years for a municipality that enables everyone to live in dignity and to participate in diverse social togetherness.**

1. **We guarantee everyone decent and safe housing and supportive care for new life opportunities.**

✓ **We invest in rented social housing and promote social housing projects.** In doing so, the municipality draws on available government assistance.

✓ **We assist in the placement of private social housing** and cooperate with certified private players active in the field of housing assistance. In parallel, we maintain an inventory of vacant dwellings and refer their owners to these associations and organisations.

✓ **We are active in tackling homelessness and in the decentralised development of social assistance structures and measures for the homeless.** We offer emergency shelters and overnight hostel facilities, along with long-term "Housing First" projects and other forms of assisted living. We fund additional social workers to provide care and introduce street-work services where necessary.

✓ **We show solidarity with people who have had to flee their homes and provide suitable infrastructure to accommodate refugees.** We promote acceptance for the admission of refugees among our citizens and local associations and support voluntary work to assist them. To help children to integrate, we provide the necessary premises and hire additional educational staff.

2. **We help everyone to find employment.**

✓ **We get the social welfare office to help recipients of social inclusion income (REVIS) to find employment by providing stabilisation measures and collective care work.** In our municipality, we offer jobs in structures and with solidarity and social economy agencies.

✓ **We target youth unemployment** and equip the municipality with a strategy to work with the ADEM government employment agency

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and the regional offices of the “Service National de la Jeunesse”. We create training places for young people who want to do an apprenticeship, in cooperation with the relevant authorities.

### 3. We prevent poverty and social emergencies through an integrated local social policy.

✓ **We draw up a municipal social plan with the aim of preventing exclusion and poverty.** It comprises a stocktaking of the social situation and sets out the specific needs in the different neighbourhoods or localities, lists the concrete tools and supports available to people in difficult situations, formulates a comprehensive information policy about social services in the municipality, and establishes a municipal programme to prevent and fight poverty.

✓ **We create an autonomous social commission,** which is involved in the formulation and implementation of the local social plan or social policy, with experts who are active in the municipality (social office, youth club etc).

✓ **We provide our social office with adequate premises** and sufficient financial and human resources.

✓ **We do not ignore domestic violence.** We support women’s shelters and counselling centres, and we are active in raising public awareness.

### 4. We give everyone the advice and financial support they need.

✓ **We provide transparent, unbureaucratic and coherent social assistance through the social welfare office.** The municipality provides comprehensive and easily understandable information in several languages about the services on offer and the important contact points, including in the wider region and at national level.

✓ **We help establish and provide ongoing support for an “Épicerie sociale” or “Cent Buttek”** in our municipality or region to reduce food costs for low-income households.

✓ **We introduce an additional subsidy, over and above the government cost-of-living allowance, for low-income households** to partially offset the cost of such items as energy, water, sewage and garbage disposal. We regularly adjust the amount of this allowance in line with price developments.

### 5. We guarantee equal opportunities and equal participation in social life for each and every one of us.

✓ **We remove physical barriers in public spaces, buildings or apartments and create barrier-free access to public transport.** We also place great emphasis on barrier-free communication and easy language, easily understandable documents and forms, information in several languages, and uniform signage in the municipality with simple pictograms. We ensure that all public buildings and public toilets have design-for-all sanitary facilities.

✓ **We apply the statutory requirements for hiring jobseekers** with an impairment and create jobs for such people in administration and technical services.

### 6. We promote togetherness in our multicultural society.

✓ **We sign the “Pakt vum Zesummeliewen”** and initiate systematic exchanges and get-togethers for all citizens in the municipality, e.g. cultural visits and local festivals, or by creating regular or occasional meeting points and language cafés.

✓ As a municipality, **we provide information in several languages and offer simultaneous translation,** including in sign language, at public events.

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- ✓ **We promote a welcoming culture in our municipality**, involve newly arrived citizens from the outset and organise an evening for new arrivals, with information about the municipal administration and its services, how to participate in elections, and details of local sports and leisure activities and local associations.
- ✓ **We provide menstrual items**, such as tampons and pads, and contraceptives such as condoms free of charge in all public toilets.
- ✓ **We make sure that streets, buildings or infrastructures** are named after women as well as men.
- ✓ **We guarantee an attractive and dignified setting for secular ceremonies**, such as civil partnerships, weddings in alternative locations, and funerals at a woodland burial site; we enable such ceremonies to take place on weekends.
- 7. We promote gender equality and take steps to counter discrimination based on gender.**
  - ✓ **We establish a gender and equality policy office at the municipal/regional level.** This office, together with the Gender Equality Commission, coordinates the drafting and implementation of a municipal gender equality plan, which will also address the issues of sexual orientation and gender identity.
  - ✓ **We ensure balanced employment for women and men in the municipal administration and correct imbalances in the filling of management positions.** This also applies to the composition of advisory committees and municipal workgroups.
  - ✓ **We formulate guidelines for “gender mainstreaming” with a view to the gender-sensitive planning of public spaces.** Leisure facilities and investments in sport infrastructure should reflect the needs of all citizens, e.g. to enable girls and women to play football on equal terms to boys and men.
  - ✓ **We promote projects and actions in schools, care structures and youth centres to provide information about gender identity, sexual orientation and gender equality.**
- 8. We help senior citizens to remain mobile and self-sufficient as they grow older, taking a safe part in social and cultural life; we guarantee their personal well-being.**
  - ✓ **We make people aware of the need, as our life expectancy increases, for ongoing continuing education and training provision.** We run specific programmes to enable older people to be more involved in our local education and training courses.
  - ✓ **We take account of the mobility needs of senior citizens** in local transport and in public places, enabling them to get around barrier-free.
  - ✓ We make a special effort to **create sport, mobility and cultural facilities for senior citizens.**
  - ✓ We make a special effort to **involve senior citizens in planning and decision-making processes.**
  - ✓ **We try harder to enable people to continue living at home.** We devise cross-generational housing projects and alternative forms of accommodation, bearing in mind senior citizens’ individual requirements and their need for privacy.
  - ✓ **We create assistance provision for elderly migrants**, helping them set up networking arrangements.



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9. We promote a vibrant atmosphere in our clubs and associations and offer a diverse range of cultural, sports and recreational activities.

✓ **We acknowledge the enormous importance of clubs and associations for our local life** and support their activities with subsidies and project funds, which are allocated according to transparent criteria. We also support them with infrastructure and meeting rooms, and visibility in local communications, including the Internet.

✓ **We formulate a municipal cultural development plan** and create synergies between the municipal service responsible for culture, the local cultural commission, and associations and structures. We make sure that all levels of society, along with schools, care structures, youth centres and cultural workers, are involved in the process, and focus on inter-municipal cooperation and regional exchange.

✓ **We support the establishment of a public library as well as rehearsal, performance and exhibition spaces.** We also promote targeted cultural activities in elementary schools, childcare structures or youth centres, such as visits to cultural events and libraries.

✓ **We support initiatives which use church buildings** belonging to the local authority for tourism and cultural purposes, in conjunction with church leaders. We conserve church buildings which are no longer used for religious purposes and convert them to community centers, having due regard to their architecture and religious history, and on the basis of a participatory process.

✓ **We promote and expand sports activities and courses in our municipality.** We support sports clubs in the purchase of equipment and materials. We promote recreational sports by facilitating access to sports infrastructures in our municipality, including signposted running routes through the municipality, yoga-in-the-city, and the provision of sports equipment in public places.

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# 9 SHAPING THE FUTURE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND WITH GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS



All people should be able to live freely and safely in Luxembourg. However, cohesion and the path to a self-determined life require not only the participation of all people, but also protection against crime and violence. An open, democratic society can only thrive if citizens can have confidence that their safety and especially their physical integrity are guaranteed in everyday life. Fear of violence and harassment in public spaces - on the street, at the train station or in the park - are toxic in terms of peaceful coexistence and destroy people's fundamental freedoms.

Luxembourg is one of the safest countries in the world. This is also due to the good work of the police. **But safety, security and the protection of our fundamental rights is an ongoing task.** In government, we have strengthened both crime prevention and policing. We have launched the largest recruitment campaign in the history of the police. Beginning in 2020, around 900 new employees are being recruited over three years. **This will enable our police to have a stronger local presence and can operate closer to the people.**

However, safety and security cannot be a matter solely for the police. **At the municipal level in particular, we must create the right social work and urban planning conditions** to guarantee our citizens a safe living environment and a good neighbourhood.

**As Green municipal representatives, we are therefore committed to ensuring a safe municipality over the next six years by strengthening prevention work, ensuring public order and making public spaces safe.**

✓ **We formulate a local security plan** ("Plan local de sécurité") for our municipality in collaboration with the police and the relevant services of the municipality. We identify any risk factors and regularly update the plan.

✓ **We strengthen good neighbourliness.** We increase citizens' sense of security by promoting initiatives that deliberately create opportunities and places where neighbours can get to know each other (e.g. "Duerf- oder Quartierstuff", street festivals, "Noperschaftsfest"). To this end, we also set up online platforms and use applications (e.g. Hoplr) that connect neighbourhood helpers, exchange information among citizens, and strengthen cohesion.

✓ **We provide mediators to resolve neighbourhood conflicts.**

✓ **We analyse the municipality's "Règlement de police"** and, if necessary, make the necessary improvements to strengthen public order. By expanding the authority of the "agents municipaux", we enable them to sanction public order violations and provide a citizen-oriented service in our municipality.

✓ **We restructure unsafe public places to make environments less scary.** We increase their attractiveness to make them more animated, and ensure their good maintenance, proper lighting and visibility. We ensure that women are involved in traffic and spatial planning work so that their specific needs are taken into account. Women tend to be bigger users of public transport, which therefore has to be well lit, visible and operational even at off-peak periods.

✓ Together with the police and other public authorities, **we inform citizens about aspects of general safety** (e.g. how to prevent burglaries or cybercrime).

✓ **The municipality takes responsibility for a preventive addiction and drug policy** in cooperation with specialists and relevant regional players, and formulates an addiction prevention plan in conjunction with the national addiction prevention centre, teaching staff, streetworkers and other social services.



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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND  
PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY**



# 10 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH PEOPLE-FRIENDLY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY



Every one of us should have a say in political decisions that affect our lives. We are all needed if we are to tackle the major challenges facing society. **Only when different views come together, when everyone enriches the search for common solutions with their own knowledge, their own values and their own life experience, can we move forward together. We want a living democracy!** Nationally, but also locally, where decisions have a direct impact on the everyday life of us all. To ensure that everyone can finally participate in local elections on an equal footing, we have reformed the electoral law and made it easier for non-Luxembourgers to take part.

**The basic prerequisite for genuine citizen participation is transparent and open communication with the people.** Thanks to the digital possibilities, local authorities can now, more than ever, inform citizens in detail and at an early stage. Digitalisation also offers immense opportunities to improve service to citizens and reduce bureaucracy. We will make use of these opportunities.

**As Green municipal representatives, we will spend the next six years working resolutely for a transparent and citizen-oriented local administration where citizen participation is a top priority and the opportunities offered by digitalisation are used to serve citizens well.**

- ✓ **We promote innovative forms of direct citizen participation** by establishing representative citizen councils, which are staffed according to criteria relating to age, gender and nationality, which exchange information directly and regularly with representatives of the council executive, the municipal council and local officials, and which are involved in the decision-making process.
- ✓ **We reserve financial resources within the municipal budget** for a citizen's budget that allows residents to propose and decide on their own projects of general interest for improving the living environment and coexistence.
- ✓ **We support with grants and administrative support the personal engagement of citizens** and new forms of citizens' initiatives such as local Transition movements, community initiatives, cooperatives and such like.
- ✓ **We promote political participation by systematically reducing administrative barriers to electoral participation**, providing targeted multilingual and easy-language communication, and incentivising political participation.
- ✓ **We involve the population in major projects, such as construction projects or new regulatory provisions, at an early stage.** To this end, we organise citizens' meetings and publish important documents on the municipality's website.
- ✓ **We strengthen the institutional forms of consultation by establishing, in addition to the legally required school and integration commissions, other commissions**, especially in the areas of: Buildings, Environment, Finance, Social Affairs, Gender, Mobility, Culture, Sports, Youth, Senior Citizens, Energy and Climate. We ensure that the advisory commissions have equal representation and make sure that, in addition to political representatives, local associations and interested citizens are also involved.
- ✓ **We consistently simplify all administrative procedures and ensure that they are also digitally accessible.** We establish a central contact point or a citizens' office, which makes the various administrative and social services and all necessary information accessible from a single location.
- ✓ **We extend the opening hours of the administration** and adjust them to the needs of the population.
- ✓ **We take into account the linguistic diversity and preferences of the local population** and ensure that all council communications and publications are published in several languages and that information meetings are likewise held in several languages.

# 10 SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH PEOPLE-FRIENDLY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY



- ✓ **We ensure that the council's information and communications are accessible to people with disabilities**, e.g. through barrier-free access to public buildings, public documents and web pages, and through the consistent use of easy language.
- ✓ **We guarantee full transparency and extensive information about the work of the council executive, the municipal council, the advisory commissions and the municipal services.** We take into account all segments of the population and, in addition to traditional printed materials and information meetings, we also systematically use electronic media (Internet, sms2citizen, ...) and social networks.
- ✓ **We ensure that the resolutions and reports of the municipal council are published quickly** and easily on the council website and are available in several languages, and in easy-to-read language. We hold council meetings preferably outside normal working hours and provide livestreaming on the Internet to allow citizens simplified access.



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