

Electoral Programme - Summary

Educating and welcoming children

The future belongs to our children:

- A “Living school”**
- Child-centred education**
- Investing in buildings and infrastructure – present and future.**

Pillars of our programme:

- Balancing working life with family life**
- Taking care of children aged 1 to 4 in the crèche. A high-quality setting offering the best possible start and success at primary school (“école fondamentale”)**
- Multilingual programme: sensitive, easy approach to language learning for the very young, with an emphasis on the Luxembourgish language**
- Help with homework, in particular for children whose parents have difficulty in assisting them**
- Healthy food in canteens using local products**
- Increased cooperation between the Crèche – Childcare centre (“Maison Relais”) – École fondamentale**
- Equal opportunities for all children, Luxembourgish and non-Luxembourgish**
- Teachers specialising in learning support for children with specific needs**
- Adapting and modernising teaching materials**
- Support for educational development plans**
- Promotion of technology for a modern society**
- A culture of discussion between the School’s stakeholders**
- Spaces for dialogue between the School’s stakeholders**
- Other topics: conflict resolution – mediation, extracurricular activities**
- Social skills training**

- **Teaching children as early as possible about reducing and recycling waste is fundamental to responsible behaviour for sustainable development**
- **Financing continuing education teachers**
- **Supporting the student parliament which aims to teach the rules of democracy and the recognition of rights and duties**
- **Excursions and study visits – in the interest of integration**
- **Awakening an interest in art and creativity by supporting the action “Art in Schools”**
- **Winter and snow trips, from 2018**
- **Ongoing adaptation of school infrastructures to population changes**
- **Renovating the open spaces in the “Centre Robert Krieps” in Heisdorf, with the aim of:**
 - **Encouraging motor skills in young children**
 - **Open-air activities, without affecting those around**
 - **Space to develop imagination and communication**
 - **Installing seating (benches) for children and adults**
 - **Intergenerational contact and communication**
 - **Separate play areas for young children**
 - **Clearly understandable separation of the different parts of the playground with hedges, trees and markings**
 - **Greater supervision to assist the teaching staff**
- **Guaranteed safety measures**
- **Supporting the actions of the parents’ association**

Safety

- **An increased sense of security for residents**
- **A well trained, well equipped and highly motivated fire and emergency service**
- **Preventive action by police**
- **Speed limits for general safety and to reduce the risk of accidents**

Social issues

- **Affordable housing**
- **Encourage solidarity between generations**
- **Creating structures to allow elderly people to stay in a familiar environment**

- Sheltered housing
- Extending the services of the "Fläissege Fiisschen" home maintenance team
- Equal opportunities in all areas
- Firm commitment by our inter-commune social issues office

Integration

- Integrating Luxembourgish and non-Luxembourgish residents – intercommunal welcome office
- Supporting events organised by the sports and cultural associations to encourage integration
- Reduced entrance charges to public events for pensioners and those with the lowest incomes
- Language courses targeted in particular toward Luxembourgish
- From 2018 : organising an "Integration week"

Ecology (natural and human environment)

- Important role of the Commune – Steinsel "Naturgemeng 2007"

General development plan - main guidelines

- Maintaining the rural character of the commune
- No extension of the built-up area
- Conserving and maintaining natural habitats/biotopes
- Creating areas of benefit to public facilities
- Drawing up outline urban development plans
- Saving buildings which deserve to be preserved and maintaining them

To ensure that the commune development tool is discussed objectively:

- Discussions immediately after the local elections

Enhancing the appearance of the village by building new houses on land alongside the farm at the entrance to Steinsel – Rue Basse
Refurbishing the heart of Steinsel in "Place de l'Église"

Waste management

- **A very extensive waste management plan**
- **Raising schoolchildren's awareness of waste sorting and recycling**

Recycling centre

- **Move to another location, preferably on an inter-commune basis**

Energy

- **Use of renewable energy**
- **Pioneering role of the commune**
- **Charging stations for electric cars**
- **Electric vehicles for commune services**
- **Subsidies for energy-saving actions**
- **Using the energy (heat) produced by the biomethanisation station at "Rommeschterhaff" in Mullendorf**
- **Subsidies for solar energy collection installations**
- **Collective photovoltaic systems**

Climate pact

- **Taking appropriate steps to reduce CO2 emissions**

Climate alliance

- **Subsidies to non-governmental organisations for target projects**
- **Steinsel Commune Fair Trade**

Drinking water and drainage systems

- **All aspects of water supply ensured**
- **Double connection to the SEBES network -> Steinsel and Heisdorf**
- **Replacement of old water pipes and renovation of reservoirs**
- **Catchment of water from our own sources to supply households – protecting our sources – ecological farming methods**
- **Renewing our water channels to benefit our rivers and streams – enriching the flora and fauna**

Natural gas network

- **The major part of the commune connected to natural gas network**

Road network

- **High-quality road network**
- **Public lighting equipped with LED lights**
- **Safety and convenience on the pavements for all users**
- **Extending the pavement along the RN7, from Rue Jean Koenig towards Bofferdange**
- **Laying a pavement on the furthest part of Rue Basse, towards Béreldange, between the “Juckem” building and the new houses**

“Den Haff”

- **Modernisation of infrastructure and resurfacing the roads**
- **Ongoing monitoring and reducing the risk of landslides**
- **Site for exhibitions and art displays**
- **Protecting and developing unique natural habitats**

Fruit, vegetables and food

- **Maintenance of existing orchards and development of new orchards**
- **Use of locally-produced fruit and vegetables in the school canteens**
- **A regular market selling local products in the centre of the village**

Green spaces and forests as leisure and recreation areas

- **Ecological upkeep based on the Nature Administration’s directives**

Renaturalisation of the Alzette river

Aim:

- **Ecological renovation of the Alzette valley between Walferdange and Mersch**
- **Large regional leisure and recreation area**
- **Reducing flood risks**
- **Possible compensation for any construction in flood risk areas**

Implementation:

- **In cooperation with local farmers**

Cemeteries in Steinsel and Heisdorf

- **Pleasant, well-maintained cemeteries**
- **Development of a “Living Cemetery” in collaboration with the University of Luxembourg**
- **Development of an inter-commune woodland burial ground between Steinsel and Lorentzweiler**

Culture, Sports and Leisure

- **High in quality and quantity**
- **Specific transport to public events for people with reduced mobility**
- **Reduced entrance prices for pensioners, students and socially disadvantaged residents**
- **Encourage young people to participate in cultural events**
- **Continuing activity by the “Remembrance Committee”**
- **Active support for our “Art in Schools”, led by qualified staff**
- **Encouraging music classes as part of cultural activity**
- **Transforming the “Martiny” house into a “Music House”**
- **Settling the property of the Steinsel and Heisdorf churches**
- **Sensational performance by our sporting associations – importance for integration**
- **Participation in the annual “United World Games” in Klagenfurt by our young basketball and football players**
- **Drawing people together: Playgrounds and sports installations become a meeting-point for a large section of the local population**
- **Recognising volunteering**
- **Large installation workforce for leisure facilities – installation of public eco - toilets**
- **Extending the PIDAL to make it more attractive to children and more competitive compared with similar public or private facilities**

Young people

- **An important asset to our society**
- **Associated with important commune decisions for the future**

- **Organising youth forums**
- **Creating a beach-volleyball ground**
- **Re-establishing contacts with young people in twin villages abroad**

Mobility

- **Reduce single-person road traffic – use of public transport**
- **Reducing traffic inside and around the villages**
- **Optimising public transport connections with Luxembourg City**
- **Extending the “Midnight bus” service**
- **Raising awareness of public transport use**
- **Extending the “Flexibus” service to the centres of neighbouring communes**
- **Making bus stops and other shelters more convenient for users**
- **Importance of environmentally-friendly transport**
- **Installing LED lights on the PC15 cycle track**
- **Installing red-painted benches for hitch-hiking**
- **Creating a “shared – space” in the centre of Steinsel**
- **Comfortable, secure school transport throughout Steinsel commune**
- **Inviting parents to use the school transport**
- **Final closure of the PN18 in Heisdorf to be replaced by underground passages for the safety of all users**

Inter-commune Cooperation

- **Close collaboration between the 5 communes in the Alzette Valley (Walferdange, Steinsel, Lorentzweiler, Lintgen, Mersch) to improve all aspects of the quality of life in general**

Finance

Commune Debt on 31. 12. 2017: € 20.946.222.-

= € 3.535.178.- less

Commune Debt on 31. 12. 2020 : € 17.411.044.-

- **In contrast to this debt, the commune's assets stand at 258 Million euros**
- **The debts are investments for the future**
- **No extra charges for taxpayers**
- **Reasonable commune tax rates**
 - **Commune tax rate 300% = national average**
 - **Property tax rates: the lowest in Luxembourg**
 - **Commune taxes (drinking water, waste water, waste) below the polluter pays principle**

Administration

- **Motivated and forward-thinking**
- **Help and assistance with administrative issues**
- **Drawing up certificates in several languages**
- **Important information also in English**
- **Extending computerisation and communication**
- **Digitising communication and modernising the IT system**
- **Mayor and Aldermen ready to listen to residents to resolve any problems**
- **Extending the town hall premises on the current site and adapting it to the needs of population development**
- **Setting up a "Postshop" in the Pall Centre, a success story for the current commune majority administration**