



Coalition agreement
CSV-déi gréng Walfer
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Aware of our responsibility towards the citizens of our municipality and in the pursuit of creating a future-oriented and citizen-friendly local policy, the CSV and déi gréng parties have signed this coalition agreement. It lays the foundations for our joint work in the municipal council for the legislative period from 2023 to 2029. This agreement outlines the central goals and projects that we have agreed upon for the benefit of our community. They are divided into 12 key topics:

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1) Local development and centre of the municipality

To strengthen the attractiveness of the town centre and the sports campus by revitalising the town centre as a vibrant place to live and a hub for trade and commerce.

Therefore, we will:

- Renovate and expand the Centre Prince Henri cultural centre.
- Foster community life by creating a local meeting place for the Walferdange population, potentially in the premises of the clubhouse “am Becheler”.
- Redesign the community square and the bus stop as part of the of the main road (N7) redesign, with active citizen participation.
- Complete the planned conversion of house no. 9 Route de Diekirch, next to the CAW Gallery. This building is to accommodate a small shop (local grocer) and the social welfare office.
- Enhance the zone along the Alzette as a recreational area.
- Build a brasserie/pavilion to further improve the sports campus and strengthen village and club life.
- Improve parking management by developing an overall concept.
- Implement the planned expansion of parking spaces for long-term parkers at the railway station (CFL).

2) Urban planning and housing

We will ensure the quality of life through long-term community planning with good infrastructure and harmonious development of the town's appearance. At the same time, we are committed to continuing to create affordable housing and to shaping an environment in which people enjoy living and working.

Therefore, we will:

- Finalize the new general development plan (PAG).
- Establish transparent and sustainable guidelines for all construction projects (building permits and PAP permits).
- Offer public information meetings for each major construction project and public initiatives to maintain our transparent approach to construction policy.
- Prescribe a clear bicycle parking space requirement and specify quality waste areas in building permits and development plans (PAP).
- Enforce stricter controls during the construction phase of new projects.
- Continue the implementation of the Housing Pact 2.0.
- Pay special attention to granting priority access to affordable housing to young people who live, have lived, or work in the community or immediate vicinity.
- Expand the offering of senior housing or intergenerational cohabitation.
- Maintain our definitive "emergency housing" and create additional housing together with conventional partners of the housing ministry for particularly vulnerable target groups.
- Continue our efforts to increase affordable and social housing and promote alternative and innovative forms of housing. We will implement a housing cooperative project, as well as complete the pilot projects "Tiny House" and "Rue Prince Henri" (PN17).
- Plan and implement the expansion of Cité Princesse Amélie in collaboration with the Housing Fund.

3) Transportation and mobility

Transport and mobility policy is an integral party of good local development, which is why a comprehensive mobility plan is needed to address various challenges. We want to manage mobility in our community so that everyone, regardless of their mode of transport, can easily and safely reach any destination within the commune. Safety for everyone, especially children and people with special mobility needs, is our priority.

Therefore, we will:

- Improve and expand the cycling network and cycling infrastructure in general to promote active mobility.
- Build a pedestrian and bicycle underpass under the bridge (N7) from the commune to the Centre Prince Henri.
- Replace the pedestrian and bicycle bridge near the Walferdange school.
- Connection to the Vel'Oh network as soon as possible, with additional stations to be added in the future.
- Create a paved bike path from Bereldange to Bridel.
- Create a bicycle path along the Losch garage to the wastewater treatment plant (Rue du Pont).
- Redesign the "Krommlängten" with a safe bike lane and implement traffic calming measures.
- Provide additional high quality (safe, lockable, and sheltered) bicycle parking spaces in central locations (near Flex-Carsharing, CAW, playgrounds, shops, etc.) and increase space for cargo bikes.
- Analyse and address safety issues at pedestrian crossings.
- Improve visibility and signage of bicycle lanes.
- Plan to improve accessibility of the Walferdange train station.
- Implement traffic calming measures through construction (e.g., central islands, narrowing, reorganisation of parking spaces, greening, shared space zones, etc.).
- Install a multimodal filter (bollards) between the ecological car park behind the "Pidal" and the rugby pitch to prevent through traffic.
- Develop a traffic calming plan for roads with high traffic volumes or special conditions.
- Actively participate in the redesign of the N7, with a particular focus on the town centre, additional parking spaces along the N7 (next to the football pitch, across from "éduPôle"), and the establishment of a bicycle lane.
- Further development of car-sharing services, with additional stations and a FLEX small van.
- Install more public charging stations: expand existing ones and add more decentralized stations in residential areas (especially near apartment buildings).
- Electrify the Walfy-Flexibus and all school buses.
- Electrify the municipal vehicle fleet wherever possible.

4) Energy and climate

To preserve a liveable planet for ourselves and our children, and to enable a life of freedom and self-determination, we want to take responsibility for limiting global warming. We will steadfastly continue on the path towards climate neutrality, actively pursuing the goal of a carbon neutral community to reduce energy dependency, minimise CO2 emissions and combat climate change.

Therefore, we will

- Fully utilise the potential of our community (buildings) to generate and store renewable energy.
- Plan for new large-scale photovoltaic installations on public buildings where feasible and appropriate, as well as carports with PV on new and existing car parks.
- Analyse the district heating potential of our community.
- Involve the community in the energy transition and promote energy co-operatives.

- Develop a prioritised plan for the phased energy refurbishment and decarbonisation of the heat supply to all municipal buildings, ensuring that new municipal buildings do not use fossil fuel based heating and cooling systems.
- Ensure that the municipality leads by example in energy conservation and implements all potential savings in municipal buildings and infrastructure.
- Provide financial support to citizens to switch to renewable energy sources, to retrofit their own homes for energy efficiency, and to install rainwater harvesting systems and cisterns.
- Implement comprehensive flood and heavy rain protection measures, as well as general greening initiatives, to minimise the urban heat island effect and adapt to future climates.
- Prioritise the implementation of the restoration of the Alzette River.
- Minimise light pollution in public spaces, taking into account safety aspects, and continue the gradual switch to LED lighting. This includes the introduction of municipal regulations on illuminated advertising.
- Promote the use of local, vegetarian, seasonal, organic and fair-trade products. Minimum criteria will be set in specifications for events organised by the council.
- Continue efforts to reduce food waste in canteens.
- Continue to support Climate Alliance and North/South projects.

5) Circular economy and waste reduction

We promote the circular economy, make it easier for people to separate their waste properly and help reduce waste. Our aim is to encourage environmentally responsible behaviour and promote sustainable waste management.

Therefore, we will:

- Extend the opening hours of the recycling centre and transform it into a resource centre with a repair café and second-hand department.
- Continue the local waste reduction strategy and structure waste fees to reward businesses and individuals who reduce their waste.
- Strive to meet Green Events criteria for public festivals wherever possible to minimise waste.
- Conduct regular information campaigns on proper waste water management.
- Assist housing associations in redesigning waste rooms. In each rented building, provide all the types of waste containers offered by the municipality (paper and cardboard, glass, organic waste, Valorlux and residual waste), so that all citizens (whether tenants or owners) can easily and conveniently separate their waste.
- Organise an annual "Grouss Botz" event to quantify waste and raise awareness of littering issues.
- Install additional waste separation bins in public spaces.
- Prioritise the cradle-to-cradle principle in public procurement and focus on the use of ecological, biocompatible, non-toxic and reusable materials in construction or renovation projects.

6) Nature, water security, and climate resilience

The first effects of climate change have reached us: We are increasingly and more severely confronted with extreme weather events such as heatwaves, floods, and heavy rainfall. With more green spaces and less concrete in our neighborhoods, we aim to better prepare our community for the new hazards posed by intense rainfalls and floods, as well as record temperatures and heatwaves. Existing natural spaces will continue to be protected and further developed in urban areas to offer people an attractive, colorful, and seasonally changing living environment while improving climate and air quality.

Therefore, we will:

- Implement the Nature Pact and its objectives.

- Minimise land sealing and work towards de-sealing, greening and making areas water-permeable to create cool relief spaces in public areas.
- Encourage residents to make their gardens and front yards more nature-friendly and colourful by providing incentives to de-seal gardens, offering a free annual perennial plant pack ("Aktioun Päiperleck") and organising a municipal competition for the "most beautiful (front) garden".
- Continue the concept of an 'edible' community with our herb beds.
- Integrate more biodiversity into public spaces (hedges, fruit and nut trees, dry stone walls) and deepen cooperation with the SICONA nature conservation syndicate.
- Protect the municipal tree population and continue to monitor the impact of the climate crisis and droughts on the tree population in collaboration with the Nature and Forestry Administration.
- Examine and implement measures to increase the resilience of our forests and protect them from the effects of the climate crisis and droughts.
- Improve the safety of the drinking water supply by renovating the 'Op der Roell' spring and promoting the use of tap water as drinking water.
- Installing more water dispensers in public places, including our community buildings.
- Promote responsible water use and set water prices to cover costs, as required by law.
- Reduce water consumption in municipal buildings and facilities and, where possible, equip municipal buildings with rainwater harvesting systems.
- Implement and continuously improve the flood action plan and the heavy rainfall risk management plan.
- Continue to renew our infrastructure, carry out all necessary infrastructure work on the water and sewerage network, and construct the necessary storm water overflow basins planned by SIDERO.
- Strengthen our municipal emergency services to be as autonomous as possible in the event of flooding, heavy rainfall or other technical emergencies, and to provide the best possible assistance to the population.
- Develop a strategy to reduce the use of de-icing salt and explore sustainable alternatives where possible.

7) Communication, municipal management, and citizen participation

A modern, citizen-centred and open municipality should be easily accessible to its citizens, both physically and digitally. In our diverse and dynamically changing community, we want to address challenges together with the entire population through active participation.

Therefore, we will:

- Maintain and develop the harmonious cooperation of all employees, regardless of their status.
- Ensure that Walferdange remains an attractive and reliable employer.
- To invest consistently in the training of our staff in order to promote safety and professionalism.
- Organise the "Biergercenter" to be more citizen-friendly, including opening it once a week during lunchtime.
- Assess which municipal services can be provided digitally.
- Strengthen citizen participation and information.
- Consistently provide the necessary on-site signage and use all communication channels to disseminate information about municipal construction sites (building projects, road works, etc.).
- Allocate a budget for the implementation of projects of public interest initiated by citizens.
- Provide simultaneous interpretation in French and English during information sessions and citizen participation events.
- Improve communication with the population (including through social media) and revise the "Walfer Buet" (community magazine).

- Take into account the linguistic diversity of the Walfer population and ensure that important announcements and publications from the municipality are published in several languages (on all channels).
- Explore the introduction of a community-owned app.
- Consider audio-visual recording of future council meetings and making them available to the public on the council website.

8) Leisure, relaxation, sports and culture (clubs)

The aim is to maintain and improve the already excellent sports infrastructure in Walferdange and to continue to support the clubs and their many volunteers who do valuable work. We also want to create a varied and attractive range of leisure activities that promote socialising, relaxation, mental and physical health and contribute to the quality of life. We support a vibrant club life and invest in recreational sport.

Therefore, we will:

- Further strengthen clubs and volunteering.
- Introduce an award ceremony for deserving cultural associations and members, in addition to the sports awards.
- Introduce an event for the clubs of Walferdange to present themselves, called "Journée découverte vun der Gemeng" (Community Discovery Day).
- Adapting/expanding the subsidies for clubs and reviewing and adding to the criteria.
- Improve communication about volunteering, for example in the Buet (community magazine) and on social media.
- Hire a sports coordinator and improve coordination between cultural and sports clubs and the Maison Relais.
- Continue to invest in sports infrastructure to maintain/create optimal conditions for various sports:
 - Assess the feasibility of a tennis hall.
 - Examine the possibility of partially roofing the football stand, without losing the open and characteristic atmosphere of the area under the marquee.
- Analyse the reactivation of the climbing wall in the Walferdange sports hall.
- Create an outdoor bouldering infrastructure.
- Provide space for community gardens and civic initiatives.
- Create an additional dog play area.
- Make public spaces more accessible and create more meeting places for the population, develop a concept with picnic and barbecue areas.
- Maintain and develop the new concept of the "Chrëschtmaart-Patt".
- Expand materials and logistics for events (e.g. purchase of additional "Spullweenchen" - mobile dishwashing stations) and make them available to clubs.
- Continue the summer cinema and organise a summer concert.
- Modernise the "Walfer Bicherdeeg" (Book Days in Walferdange).
- Continue to run our community gallery CAW and the "Kids-CAW".

9) Social community, seniors, inclusion, and integration

We are committed to effective and coherent social policies, and we value older people and people with a migrant background, giving them an important role in local politics. Our aim is to create a community where they can live together with dignity. We see diversity as an opportunity and will continue to combat discrimination and promote inclusion.

Therefore, we will:

- Provide suitable premises for a modern social office (9, rte de Diekirch): Proceed with the planned renovation of the building at 9 rue de Diekirch, next to the CAW gallery.
- Develop the provision of specific and appropriate information on all the assistance available in Luxembourg and on the social rights of citizens.
- If necessary, adjust the Allocation de vie chère.
- Ensure an attractive and dignified organisation of civil ceremonies [PACS, marriages, funerals].
- Explore the possibility of a forest cemetery in collaboration with a neighbouring commune.
- Establish a service for the elderly.
- Ongoing renovation and renewal of the "Haus Am Becheler".
- Participate in the extension and renovation of CIPA Niederanven, where the commune has 26 rooms available.
- Analyse and possibly improve the "Repas sur roues" (Meals on Wheels) service.
- Provide financial support for the Telealarm bracelet.
- In the medium term, ensure the provision of other age-appropriate facilities, such as sheltered housing and intergenerational housing.
- Continue the Senior Celebration as an integral part of community life to encourage social interaction.
- Implement the Cardio-Parcours at the Raschpëtzer.
- Take into account people with reduced mobility, prams or cargo bikes when planning new residential areas, road construction or parking spaces.
- Continue our efforts to lower kerbs at road crossings to make them wheelchair, pram and bicycle friendly.
- Consistently pursue the implementation of the goals of the Convention on Equal Opportunities.
- Use gender-inclusive language in municipal communications.
- Promote a culture of welcome, involve newly arrived citizens from the beginning and organise a ceremony for "new Luxembourgers".
- Systematically inform newcomers about the municipal administration and its services, as well as the possibility to participate in elections, during the registration process.
- Maintain the organisation of the "Fête Multikulti" every two years as a symbol of the harmonious coexistence of all nations.
- Continue to provide opportunities for non-Luxembourgers to learn our language (linguistic teaching, language cafés, after-work courses in Luxembourgish).

10) Schools, children, and teenagers

Good cooperation between parents, teachers, and caregivers is essential for the well-being of our children. We provide a safe environment for them to develop their potential, while supporting parents. A well-developed school and childcare infrastructure is essential.

Therefore, we will:

- Implement the School Development Study, which has outlined how the school and non-formal education infrastructure needs to evolve to meet the community's upcoming population growth.
 - Expand the school infrastructure in Bereldange and establish a Précoce (cycle 1.0) there.
 - In parallel with the development of Bereldange, define the modalities for the energy renovation and renovation of the school campus in Walferdange, including the Centre Princesse Amélie.
- Reorganise school transport to meet the needs of pupils and parents. We will explore the possibility of allowing Précoce children to use the school bus in the future. We will also focus on the concept of the "pedibus" and analyse the feasibility of a "velo-bus".
- Improve road safety in front of schools and make the school route safer and more attractive for children who walk or cycle to school.

- Continue the grants for students and the Interrail ticket for young people over 18.
- Lobby for the construction of an additional swimming pool in PIDAL so that every school child can continue to learn to swim. At the same time, we will work to keep the 3rd floor of PIDAL open to the public and oppose its use for administrative purposes.
- Continue to modernise and improve our playgrounds, including the planning of a water playground.
- Set up a children's office as a contact point to promote political education and children's participation in the community (in collaboration with the Maison Relais).
- Transform schoolyards into colourful, natural and attractive playgrounds with children and teachers.
- Expanding nature education, creating nature-based learning spaces in primary schools, and planning and implementing a nature crèche.

11) Local commerce and tourism

Strengthening local commerce: Innovative initiatives for an attractive town centre with a high quality of life. With the help of national experts, we want to develop a forward-looking strategy for local commerce and promote an attractive and diverse business life in the community. At the same time, we will maintain walking trails and historical heritage to encourage local tourism and promote cultural and historical interest.

Therefore, we will:

- Carry out an analysis of the business tax (ICC) to ensure that it remains competitive with other neighbouring municipalities of Luxembourg City.
- Set up a local shop as planned in the building at 9 rte de Diekirch, next to the social services office.
- Explore the possibility of a "pop-up store" to increase the attractiveness and diversity of our local shops.
- Investigate the feasibility of creating a space for co-working and co-learning.
- Improve cycle access to shops and provide cycle parking nearby.
- Selectively support local trade with 'buy local' vouchers.
- Provide a dedicated section on the community website to showcase our local shops.
- Advocate for the reopening of the Walfer Gipsminnen to visitors and its continued use as a geophysical laboratory.
- Build an observation tower on one of the dismantled pylons in Grünewald.

12) Security, health, and community living

In our diverse community, we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming neighbourhood for all residents through active community support and engagement.

Therefore, we will:

- Continue to maintain strong communication and co-operation with the Police and CGDIS (Fire and Rescue Service).
- Advocate for a new inter-municipal fire centre (ideally a CIS3 with professional and volunteer firefighters) to ensure the safety of the population in emergencies within 15 minutes.
- Work resolutely towards a safer community by strengthening prevention efforts, ensuring public order and improving the safety of public spaces.
- Ensure that the "Agents municipaux" have all the resources they need to carry out their new responsibilities effectively.
- Develop a local security plan and modernise/renew the police regulations.

- Carry out information and awareness campaigns against cybercrime and other forms of fraud.
- Continue the mediation service to promote dialogue in neighbourhood disputes.
- Offer more first aid courses and defibrillator training as part of prevention efforts.
- Organise health days to raise community awareness of physical and mental health issues.
- Continue to provide menstrual products and contraceptives free of charge in public toilets.
- Promote neighbourhood coexistence, for example by consistently supporting neighbourhood festivals and introducing the neighbourhood app "Hoplr".