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# DEAR CITIZENS,

The elections in October will determine the future of our country.

Shaping this future is set against a difficult geopolitical and economic backdrop. The terrible war in Ukraine, the future organisation of Europe and climate change are just some of the major challenges that require a strong vision for the future of our country. Such a vision, in our view, includes multi-speed European integration - along the lines of Schengen - the strengthening of NATO as an alliance for security and democracy, and a geographically diversified foreign trade policy.

Our goal for the coming years is to make Luxembourg a modern country with strong social cohesion. The economy, social affairs and the ecology must evolve hand in hand. Without a competitive and sustainable economy, there can be no social progress and no successful ecological and digital turnaround.

## **YES, IT'S TIME FOR A NEW KIND OF POLITICS.**

In terms of economic competitiveness compared to our European neighbours, Luxembourg has recently been downgraded to the twentieth place by the Swiss IMD Institute, now ranking behind countries such as Denmark, Ireland or the Netherlands. However, Luxembourg should be

## **IN THE TOP 10 OF THESE ECONOMIES.**

It is obvious that we will need to review our legislation, especially regarding the procedures and the organisation of working hours, and we will need to try to make substantial progress in the areas of infrastructure and digitalisation. We need to reduce the administrative burden on companies by 20%. We also need to provide more support for young people starting their professional careers by offering them a tax-friendly start-up package and more flexibility

in the organization of their working time. Without sustainable and inclusive growth, we cannot maintain our standard of living and our social security system.

For our country, we want a strong and efficient social policy that effectively combats poverty and social exclusion, not a „free for all“ policy that is socially unfair and cannot be financed in the medium term. Through massive investments in renewable energies, we want to

## **ACCELERATE THE ENERGY TRANSITION,**

which is so important to combat climate change. Without security there is no freedom and no prosperity. That is why we need more resources for better crime prevention and more police presence in our localities.

In view of the housing crisis and the high cost of living, we want to increase purchasing power by reducing the tax burden. The serious situation on the housing market requires urgent decisions that have unfortunately not been taken in the last ten years. Through various tax measures and some procedural changes, we want to significantly increase the supply of housing and thus have an impact on prices and the housing shortage. Significant progress must also be made in skills training for tomorrow's economy and in mobility. Here,

in particular, the improvement of the train network as well as the construction of bypasses, cycle paths and the tramway to the neighbouring municipalities of Luxembourg City must be accelerated.

Housing, the economy, health, security and taxation are just a few areas in which the current government has virtually become paralyzed due to internal differences of opinion. Yet, our country must move forward. Decisions have to be taken. After ten years of the blue-red-green coalition, it is time for change!

## **ONLY THE CSV CAN GUARANTEE THIS CHANGE.**

*Luc Frieden*



## Luc Frieden

# POLITICIAN, LAWYER, FAMILY MAN

Lawyer, politician, chairman of the board - Luc Frieden's competence, experience and flair are undisputed. Even ten years after his temporary departure from the political scene, his return as the national lead candidate for the CSV was received with respect, albeit accompanied by surprise, even by his critics. There can be no doubt about his ability.

### The main architect of the bank bailout

He has sufficiently proven that he „can“ be a minister and that he masters the instruments of the State. Most convincingly in autumn 2008, when he rescued two Luxembourg banks literally overnight and with them the savings of thousands of citizens.

Luc Frieden is considered a skilful negotiator. In crisis situations, when the big picture matters, he is at his best. In those crucial October days of 2008, he negotiated to the point of self-sacrifice, because his sense of responsibility demanded it. But other achievements, such as the introduction of the registered partnership (PACS) or the law on dual citizenship, can also be attributed to him. Both laws advanced Luxembourg on the way to becoming a modern country.

### Recognised financial and economic expert

As „le seul à connaître quelque chose du monde économique“, as an economic journalist once described him, his reputation preceded him when he left politics after the elections in 2013. First Luc Frieden took up a position in a major bank in London, before returning to Luxembourg in 2016 - as chairman of the board of Luxembourg's oldest bank. In parallel, he also worked as a lawyer. In 2019, he took over the chairmanship of the Chamber of Commerce.

### Cosmopolitan and inquisitive

Was this career predetermined? No. Luc Frieden grew up as the son of an Arbed employee and a teacher in Esch/Alzette. He attended the local school, played with the kids of the neighbourhood, went to music school and to the swimming club.



Luc Frieden rides on the campaign trail

When his parents moved to Luxembourg-City, he changed schools. After graduating from the Kolléisch, he studied law at renowned universities, first in Paris, and later at Cambridge and Harvard. All along he was driven by his openmindedness, his inquisitiveness, and his desire to broaden his horizons.

After graduating, Luc Frieden first worked as a lawyer. At 30, he became a member of parliament. And at 34, he was appointed minister in a government reshuffle.

That was in 1998, in the middle of the Kosovo war. From then on, Luc Frieden was to be responsible for various ministries, first the budget and justice ministries, then later on the respective ministries of defence, internal security, and finance.

### Back into the wide world

His move to the private sector in 2014 allowed him to pick up where he left off after his studies and further expand his knowledge of other cultures: „Understanding what happens in the world, how and why,“ is how he sums up his motivation for doing so.

Luc Frieden wanted more than to be perceived as just jetting around shaking hands with the president of a bank or an institution. He wanted to listen, to get involved, to actively

participate and to make decisions. People and companies continue to be paramount in his thoughts. Over the last ten years, he has always sought to be in touch with small and medium-sized enterprises, with founders, with start-ups, with the financial centre and the industry.

The lead candidate Luc Frieden did not impose himself on the CSV in this position for the 2023 national parliamentary elections. He was asked to do so, because of his competence and experience and that was at the end of 2022.

He did not take this decision lightly. The decision-making process took three weeks before he agreed and gave up all his positions, at the bank, at the Chamber of Commerce and at the law firm. He wanted to be able to devote himself fully and unconditionally to his new, old role as a politician.



Visiting the Portuguese President in July 2023

Will the married father of two grown-up children now have more time for family and leisure? He probably won't. But he is taking the time, to spend it with family and friends, to have great conversations in a small circle. Also to discover the trails of Luxembourg, to go cycling and, if his schedule allows it, to travel - preferably to the Alps, to go hiking and to „recharge his batteries“ for the great challenges of the country.

# HOUSING FOR EVERYONE

Fewer and fewer people can still afford a flat in Luxembourg. Many young people have to move away from their home municipalities. Housing prices have more than doubled in the past ten years. At the same time, rents are exploding. And so are interest rates. The announced crisis in the construction industry will further aggravate the housing crisis.

Blue-Red-Green wanted to tackle the citizens' biggest problem with a housing offensive. But the bottom line is that no results have emerged. Instead, the three governing parties are blocking each other. The situation was even aggravated by wrong political decisions - keyword: tenancy law.

**CSV wants a  
turnaround in  
housing policy.**

# 106,48%

**106.48 % PRICE INCREASE FOR  
EXISTING HOUSINGS**

(Average) 2014-2022

# 11,1%

**PRICE INCREASE FOR RENTS**

2022-2023 (1st trimester)

(Source: Observatoire de l'Habitat, 2023)

## PRICE INCREASE FOR EXISTING HOUSINGS

(Average) 2014-2022

(Source: Logement en chiffres, Statec, 2014 / 2023)

Price per square meter 12/2022:

**8.734 EURO**

Price per square meter 06/2014:

**4.230 EURO**



We want to build more and faster. And higher and somewhat denser. Where it makes sense from a regional planning perspective. We want to speed up the accommodation procedures with binding deadlines. We will carry out fewer impact studies and thus gain time.

We do not want any more environmental compensation in the construction perimeter. Perimeter extensions will remain possible.

We want to involve private investors more in the construction

of affordable rental housing. We will motivate them to invest here as well. We will also reintroduce the super-reduced VAT rate for the construction of rental housing. And we will give more support to alternative forms of housing and construction.

We will shape state planning in such a way that housing is promoted and not prevented. And we will involve and support our municipalities more. Without shifting state responsibility.

In one word:

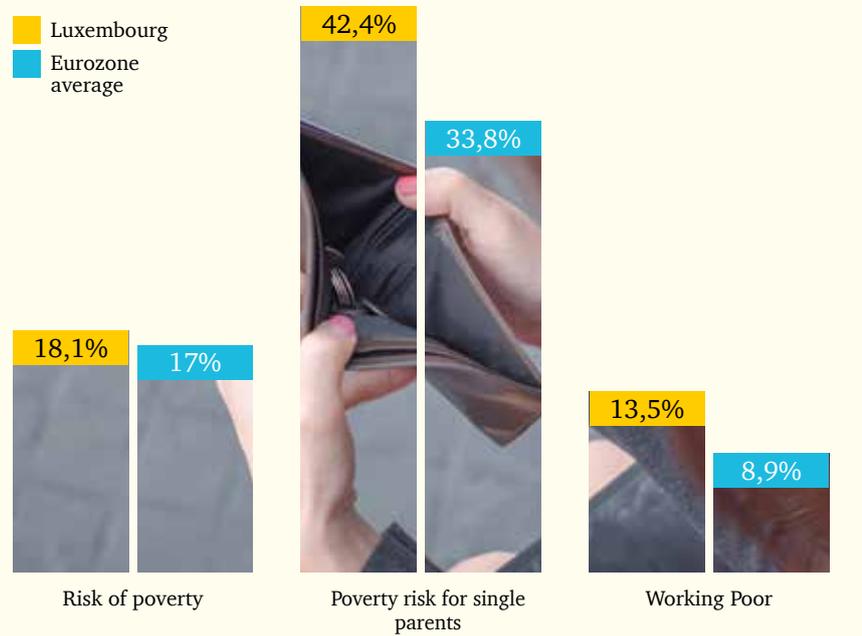
## **WE WANT TO MASSIVELY INCREASE THE HOUSING OFFER**

This is the only way to bring prices down. At the same time, we will strengthen the demand side with higher subsidies. Only in this way can we get the housing crisis half-way under control. The CSV will do everything in its power to ensure that every citizen in Luxembourg can find affordable housing. For us, this also has something to do with quality of life.

# MORE PURCHASING POWER. LESS TAXES.

## HIGH RISK OF POVERTY IN LUXEMBOURG

(Source: Panorama social CSL, 2023)



# 63%

**RISING COST OF LIVING  
A MAJOR CONCERN FOR 63%  
OF CITIZENS**

(Source: Politmonitor, Ilres/RTL/Wort 2022)

Life is getting more expensive, day by day. The tax burden has been rising for years as well. At the same time, purchasing power has fallen, especially for low-income earners, but increasingly also for the broad middle-class. In addition, the risk of poverty has been growing. More and more people can barely make ends meet, which threatens to undermine social cohesion in Luxembourg.

The blue-red-green coalition has failed to deliver in terms of increased purchasing power and tax relief. Even in good years, they haven't kept their promises. First and foremost, there is the big tax reform, which was often announced, but never materialised.

**The CSV keeps  
its word.**

We will relieve the citizens' tax burden as quickly as possible. We will reduce taxes and strengthen purchasing power again, both for low-income earners and single parents. We will also support the broad middle class. This is the essence of a just tax-system.

### **WORKING MUST PAY OFF AGAIN.**

We will raise the initial tax threshold, including for single parents. We will adjust the tax scale to inflation in stages. Creeping tax increases must stop. The tax brackets will be widened.

There will be higher tax allowances for families with children. The transition period from tax class 2 to tax class 1a will be doubled in the short term from three to six years.

For young people, there will be a tax starter kit with allowances for the first years in employment. Young people in particular need more support, and for a longer period. Keyword: work-kids balance.

With the CSV, moreover, there will be no inheritance tax or wealth tax for citizens. We assert this with absolute

clarity. We expect this clarity from others as well.

Tax policy is also social policy. We want greater social cohesion, also thanks to a strong, middle class. The social elevator must work again. This is the only way to maintain social peace in the country. This is the only way to strengthen Luxembourg as a business location, by gaining more momentum through lower taxes. This is crucial for our businesses. But above all for citizens, who urgently need a ray of hope.

# A NEW BOOST FOR OUR ECONOMY...

Luxembourg is no longer an attractive business location. The shortage of skilled workers is high and competitors are not asleep. Companies lack space. The blue-red-green economic policy is a policy of announcements that does not deliver results. There is no recognisable strategy for the future. Moreover, there is no clear position on growth.

For the CSV, it is clear that:

## **WE NEED GROWTH.**

Sustainable and inclusive growth that is, with added value for the country and its people and without destroying our environment. Only with growth can we pay our wages, our pensions, our social welfare system. Only in this way can we keep good jobs. Only in this way is sustainable prosperity possible for all.

We will reduce the administrative burden for businesses by 20 percent. Administrative simplification is not just

a slogan for us. We will provide tax incentives for new investments in the digital and ecological transition. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) remain the backbone of our economy. It is precisely these SMEs, often craft enterprises, which we want to support more. With sufficient land in our industrial estates. With better training and further education. With more support for takeovers. The reorganisation of working hours takes place in social dialogue and individually for each company. Not top-down.

Luxembourg must become more competitive overall. In the medium term, we are striving to bring corporate income tax in line with the OECD average. We want to develop our financial centre into the number one in green finance. It must remain competitive with Dublin and London.

At the same time, we want to strengthen the promotion of Luxembourg as a business location. We want to retain existing businesses. At the same time,

we want to diversify and attract new businesses to our country. This also applies to industry. Luxembourg must remain a production location. The same applies to agriculture and viticulture. We are strengthening our agriculture and food production. We are building on innovation and sustainability. Ecology, the economy, and the social aspect must be evenly balanced.

We want to give our economy and thus our country a new boost. To ensure that Luxembourg remains financially afloat, we will continue to strive for an AAA rating for our public finances. For us, a key resource for the future is also modern education that promotes skills and creativity. For us, the economy and social issues are not opposites, but two sides of a sustainable social market economy.

# MORE RENEWABLE ENERGIES. NEW CLIMATE TRACKS.

The blue-red-green syndrome is particularly noticeable in climate policy: big goals, flashy marketing, but hardly any concrete directives. And above all, there have been only very limited results. Luxembourg is the EU's worst performer in renewable energies. In terms of the CO2 balance, only few structural improvements are visible.

## **THE CSV STANDS FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION WITH NEW IDEAS.**

Without ideology. Especially when it comes to renewable energies. We will massively expand these by 2030, at least quadrupling them in the coming years.



We will fully exploit the potential of solar energy on sealed surfaces and create a wind power register. We will promote the expansion of photovoltaics privately and commercially with tax incentives. We want to set up a photovoltaic cooperation between owners of private and public installations. We want to expand the grid in a decentralised manner through substantial investments.

We fully support the European climate targets. We want to be climate neutral by 2050. We will introduce more efficient procedures for the energy transition and we will remain fundamentally open to technology. Especially in

the energy sector, technology is developing rapidly. The prime example here is hydrogen technology, which we want to promote in a targeted manner. In parallel, we will have to save energy and use it more efficiently.

We will make climate and environmental protection as straightforward as possible. Therefore, we will introduce a „guichet unique“ (one stop shop) as a central contact point for all environmental enquiries and permits.

Climate policy is a joint effort: we need the cooperation of our communities, of our small and medium-sized businesses and of our industry as well.

We will support investments in climate, nature and water protection.

We stand by the CO2 tax. However, we want to accompany it socially by compensating expenses with substantial subsidies, for example by offering „climate money“.

We want to take people on board our climate policy. That is why we rely on incentives and on the persuasive power of a new climate and energy policy based on results.

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## PATIENT FIRST.

### PROPORTION OF CITIZENS\* WITH UNMET MEDICAL NEEDS DUE TO EXCESSIVELY WAITING TIMES

(Source: Plan national Santé, 2023 / \*based on own data)



Our health system is not sustainable. For decades of socialist health policy, our health system was not adapted to the latest developments. Necessary decisions and steps were missed, postponed or quite simply ignored.

We have competent doctors, good nursing staff, good hospitals. For patients, however, access to medicine is often tedious and time-consuming. Whether in the emergency room, with a specialist, for radiodiagnostics (mammography, IRM) or even for complicated laboratory tests, it often takes hours, days or even months. For sick people and their families, this is often difficult, even gruelling. For us, this is politically unacceptable.

For the CSV, the development of outpatient medicine is an absolute priority. Specifically, we want to further

expand and set up a regional network of „maisons médicales“. These should be open seven days a week. Minor emergencies can thus be treated outside normal opening hours and the hospital. This will ease the pressure on emergency rooms. We will create a legal framework for group practices and support their regional development. We will allow the use of diagnostic X-ray equip-

This will speed up access to full medical treatment. The burden on hospitals will be lessened as a result.

We will also consistently develop telemedicine and „hospitalisation à domicile“. Currently, we are deploring the absence of goal-oriented initiatives here. We want fast and simple treatment for the patient wherever this is possible. This will relieve the pressure on hospitals. Seriously ill people will have faster access. Treatment at home, in the midst of their family, also means more humane medicine for many patients. We will create an appropriate legal framework. Reimbursement tariffs will be adjusted. Mental health must also be given a higher priority.

For us, the patient's needs are our priority. Every patient has the right to fast and first-class medical care. Our health system must be geared up to serve the needs of patients. Only then will it be sustainable.



### 23% FEWER DOCTORS\* IN LUXEMBOURG THAN THE EU AVERAGE

(Source: Plan national Santé, 2023 / \* per 1000 inhabitants)

# GREATER QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS

In principle, the CSV stands for a comparably high quality of life everywhere in the country. For us, there are no first or second-class citizens or regions.

We want to strengthen people's quality of life in rural areas and thereby the rural area as a whole. Hence, we will focus on the following six priorities:

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS



The North is not an open-air museum. The development potential of rural areas should be fully harnessed. We are focusing on:

- Job creation, co-working spaces and economic diversification by promoting the establishment and expansion of small and medium-sized companies
- Expansion of the supply of services
- Decentralisation of administrations
- Maintaining a basic offer of bank and post office branches as well as ATMs
- Creation of incentives to revitalise village centres

## FAST AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE PROVISION

Healthcare cannot tolerate a two-tier society. Also in rural areas, the CSV stands for optimal and guaranteed health care and shorter waiting times. In this sense we urge for:

- Strengthening of the hospitals in Ettelbrück and Wiltz
- Expansion and optimizing of emergency services, especially the children's emergency services
- Efficient cooperation between hospitals and doctors' surgeries
- Extensive expansion of „maisons médicales“ with 24-hour service
- Promoting the establishment of well-equipped multidisciplinary community practices with IRM, scanner, etc. at municipal level.



## HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR ALL CHILDREN



Children represent the future. The CSV stands for high-quality childcare everywhere in the country. At the same time, we want to support all families in their choices. We stand for:

- Better support for municipalities in expanding childcare provision
- Improved quality of childcare through an adjusted staffing ratio
- Support for parents who do not have their children looked after by somebody else

## BETTER MOBILITY IN THE NORTH



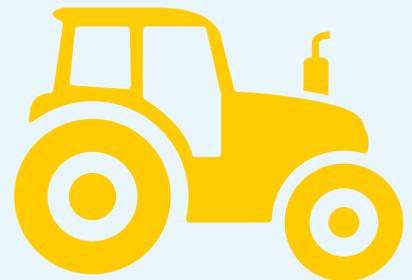
With almost 44 % of the country's area, the north is the largest district. Therefore, broadly diversified mobility is particularly important in the north. The CSV stands for mobility expansion: more public transport as well as road and bicycle infrastructure. Amongst other things, we will strive for:

- Better coordination of rail and bus timetables and an optimization of RGTR lines.
- Area-wide introduction of „call buses“ and „express shuttle buses“.
- Improvement of on-demand transport for people with reduced mobility (Adapto)
- Modernization of the northern railway line and increased passenger capacity; an expansion to 2 tracks (temporary solution with alternative tracks).
- Expansion of the N7 northern road to 4 lanes
- Construction of bypasses (Diekirch, Ettelbrück, Clerf, Hosingen/Heinerscheid, Ulflingen, Hoscheid-Dickt)
- Improvement of road safety through consistent extension of crash barriers in front of roadside trees; in the case of new plantings, we will opt for hedges instead of trees

## A SUSTAINABLE AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION

Sustainable agriculture is a fundamental social choice for us - and also a matter of heart. Agriculture shapes our district and should continue to do so in the future. We will sustainably secure and politically enhance our agriculture. Amongst other things, we stand for:

- Dialogue in agricultural policy
- Targeted support and better marketing of our regional products
- Better protection of the soil, the most important production factor in agriculture (adaptation of compensation measures ...)
- Maximum support for young farmers
- Creation of a „House of agriculture“ and less bureaucracy
- Fair pay for environmental and water protection services
- Promotion of innovation, diversification and digitalization



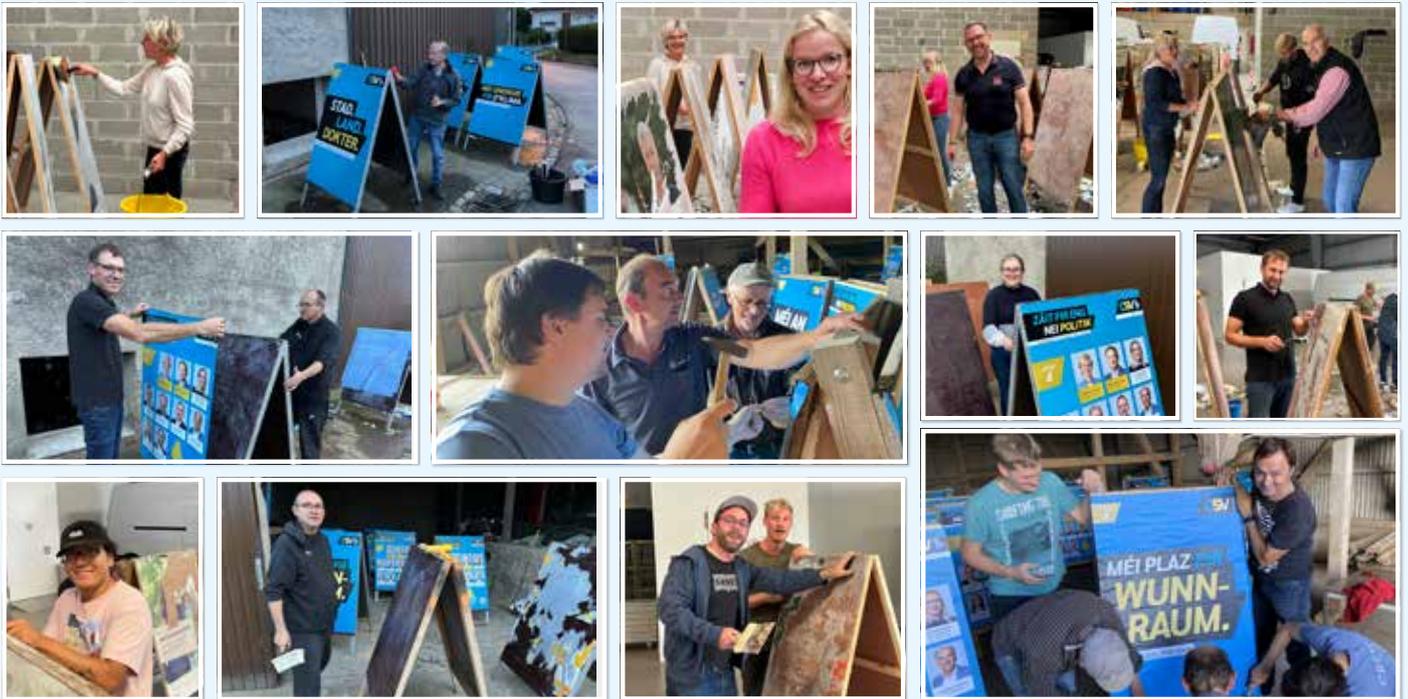
## STRONG COMMUNITIES AND FAIR COMMUNITY FINANCES



Comparable quality of life requires comparably strong municipalities. We will revise the Municipal Financing Act to better take into account the needs of rural municipalities and to strengthen them. More local quality of life is only possible at the municipal level.

# A DIRECT MESSAGE.

There is a dynamic in the campaign. All over the country our hard-working campaigners have been out and about putting up our posters. Short, clear messages that get to the heart of our issues.



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**MÉI PLAZ FIR  
WUNN-  
RAUM.**

Méi bauen. Méi séier.

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**MÉI AN  
DER  
TÄSCH.**

Méi Netto. Manner Steieren.

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# NEI ENERGIE FIR D'KLIMA.

Méi erneierbar Energien.

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# KENG FRÄIHEET OUNI SÉCHERHEET.

700 zousätzlech Polizisten.

LËSCHT  
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# STAD. LAND. DOKTER.

Iwwerall medezinesch Versuergung.

LËSCHT  
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# WIRTSCHAFT. NOHALTEGKEET. WUELSTAND.

20% manner administrativen Opwand.

# OUR CANDIDATES FOR NORTH

## MARTINE HANSEN Lead candidate



Martine Hansen is a woman of action. And she is (almost) always on the road. Often in the north, which is her playground. The 57-year-old agronomist knows the region like the back of her hand. She was born with a love for agriculture and is down-to-earth. She knows the worries and hardships of the farmers from her own experience. She sees things for herself on site and listens to people. That is why she exactly knows: „Agriculture, nature conservation and climate protection can only go hand in hand.“

Agriculture must be sustainable. However, the social component must also be right: „ Farmers need per-

spectives.“ The northern MP insists on reliable facts, ideologically based decisions are abhorrent to her. The same applies to education policy, the second major topic of the co-chairwoman of the parliamentary group. In this area too, she has the necessary experience. As former director of the Ackerbauschoul, she knows where the shoe pinches. She does not mince her words when it comes to pointing out grievances and does not leave it at criticism. She makes suggestions for real improvement. This energetic power woman never gets discouraged. Martine Hansen is persistent.

## Lead candidate

## CHRISTOPHE HANSEN

Christophe Hansen's political career is rather atypical. In 2011, he became a member of the Winseler municipal council. In 2018, at the age of 36, he ventured onto the European stage. The then newly minted MEP immediately found his way around the European Parliament. No wonder, as a former employee of the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU and long-time political assistant of former MEP Astrid Lulling, he knows the European microcosm from the inside. He was one step ahead of most other newcomers. He is pragmatic, well-connected and open to new ideas; he gets to the

point quickly. In January 2022, the CSV Secretary General was elected Quaestor and consequently a member of the Bureau of the Parliament.

The economy, trade, the environment as well as agriculture remain his topics. The farmer's son and brother of a farmer knows his roots: „I know very well where I come from“. A balance between measures and realistic implementation are his hobbyhorse. The environmental scientist knows that the economy, agriculture, environmental - and climate protection have to go hand in hand, in order to keep everything on track.



In his private life, the committed family man enjoys cycling, often with his two young sons. In Brussels as well as in Luxembourg.

## MYRIAM BINCK ÉP. SCHAACK

Myriam Binck (35) takes things into her own hands: as a full-time farmer, she is used to things happening again in another way as planned. Then, quick, efficient and uncomplicated solutions are needed. „There is no such thing as can't be done,“ is her motto.

This also applies to politics. Six years ago, she was elected to the Board of Aldermen right away. Since June, she is the first woman ever to head the municipality of Rambrouch.

She is the mother of three children, a farmer and the mayor: this triple

burden is not easy to reconcile. That is why, Myriam Binck advocates a modern family policy that meets the needs of young families. She wants to give freelancers a voice: „If we want to inspire young people to take up crafts or agriculture, the framework conditions have to be right.“ She is open to everything, has no blinkers and always listens!

As an active farmer - she runs the family farm together with her husband - agriculture is naturally very close to her heart: „My profession is my life,“ says Myriam Binck.



## JEFF BOONEN



„My profession is my hobby“, says Jeff Boonen (38). And you can believe that about the passionate farmer. You immediately notice that there is nothing better for the father of two than to manage the farm together with his family and to produce healthy, high-quality food. His life motto also fits: „I try to get ahead with a lot of hard work and perseverance.“ But for him, getting ahead does not mean producing at all costs, come hell or high water. On the contrary! As an agricultural engineer knows that farming can have a negative impact on the environment.

That something has to happen is beyond question for him: „We need an unbiased and objective discussion.“ It bothers him when scientific facts are twisted, because Jeff Boonen is the objective, diplomatic type, always trying to mediate. He only talks big when he reaches for his trombone.

The former president of the „Lëtzebuerger Landjugend a Jongbaueren“ firmly believes in the future of agriculture, agriculture that is versatile, relies on regional products and produces in an environmentally friendly way.

## EMILE EICHER



Emile Eicher (68) does not make a fuss about himself or his person. He gets down to business, does whatever needs to be done, consistently and with a lot of conviction. Without much ballyhoo and without ideological blinders. Or, to quote Helmut Kohl: „What matters is what comes out in the end.”

His terrain is local politics. When it comes to the rights and duties of municipalities, hardly anyone can fool him. The long-standing Syvicol president knows the matter inside out. As

a trained management consultant, he approaches the new challenges facing municipalities today like a manager.

His terrain is the north. „The impressive nature in the Ösling must be preserved,” says the president of the „Naturpark Our“. However, that is only one side of the coin. Emile Eicher deals with more: „People in rural areas must have the same living conditions as people in urban centres,” is his credo. He has been fighting for this in parliament since 2009.

## JIM LEWECK

Jim Leweck has a fine nose: The 43-year-old has set up his own perfumery. He has turned his passion into his profession. Of course, the sociable restaurateur still remains loyal to his parents' hotel business. As an entrepreneur, he knows from his own experience where the shoe pinches in the many small and medium-sized businesses. Hence SME policy is one of his political priorities.

So far, the municipality of Bourscheid has been his political stage. In June, he was elected to the council of aldermen for the second time. He defines his political commitment as follows:

„I want to help shape things and contribute my own ideas, to stand up for my fellow human beings.“ Politically and professionally, Jim Leweck has both feet firmly on the ground and always has an open ear: pragmatically, he always looks for practical solutions that can be implemented. He is level-headed and does not rush into anything: „I like to discuss things.”

He devotes his free time to his family: „That's the best time of the day.“ Between family, hotel, perfumery and church, his second hobby unfortunately often comes up a little short. Every now and then there is enough



time for a football match with the men's team.

## JEAN-PAUL SCHAAF



„Once a Scout, always a Scout.“ For Jean-Paul Schaaf (57), the Boy Scout motto still applies in every life situation: he is simple, helpful, nature-loving, ecologically and socially committed. And he has a sense of humor. Whether as a local politician or as a member of parliament, Jean-Paul Schaaf puts people at the centre: „If you want to make good politics, you have to take people with you. Lastly, good politics must set the framework conditions so that people can develop freely.“

His political priorities therefore have a lot to do with the future: regional planning, such as the „Nordstad“, for example. He believes that things that belong together should also grow together, so that living, working and leisure become a whole again. Concerning climate protection, he is a pragmatist too: the future, especially that of children and young people is most important. He is bothered by the fact that the debate has often had negative connotations, keyword prohibition politics: „If we involve peo-

ple, explain everything to them and convince them, they won't be afraid that their prosperity and well-being could fall by the wayside." For the former social worker, fighting poverty and social integration are naturally top priorities.

In his private life, too, the father of three is uncomplicated and pragmatic. If something breaks, he grabs a screwdriver and puts it back together. Or he makes it new: from the bicycle to the tiles.

## ANNE STEICHEN

Young people have nothing but nonsense in their heads. Anne Steichen is only 24 years old and has been a councillor in her home municipality of Grosbous-Wahl since 2017. She was 19 at the time! She has been an alderman since the spring elections. For her, political commitment is the most natural thing in the world: „We are all confronted with politics every day.“ For example, if the bus is always late, in her eyes that ultimately has something to do with politics. So it can be changed. That's why you should get involved politically: „It is important to do something.“

Above all, the political scientist wants to achieve something for the young generation. Offering young people

good prospects for the future in Luxembourg, be it at school, at work, through transport connections, the housing situation or leisure activities is most important for her.

But she is also concerned about climate protection, because it is today's youth who will suffer most from climate change tomorrow. She finds it hard to understand that many people are no longer interested in politics at all. She demands that political education be improved.

Anne Steichen's life is not all politics, however. The youngest CSV candidate is always on the move, firmly anchored in village and community life. As a trumpet player in the „Grouss-



bus-Waler Musek“, the dynamic farmer's daughter likes to set the tone. And she still finds time to act and play table tennis!

## CHAREL WEILER



His official name is „Charles“. But everyone just calls him Charel. That suits the always good-humoured, jovial club man much better. This self-confessed football fanatic - on and off the pitch - has both feet firmly on the ground. His „ground“ is the north. He knows the worries and needs of the people here: „We can't leave anyone out in the cold.“

Charel Weiler (36) is uncomplicated, empathetic and honest: „But I can also be stubborn sometimes,“ the lawyer says of himself. What he calls stubborn, others call assertive. Especially when it comes to the „Nordstad“, the newly elected mayor of Diekirch remains stubborn.

For him, the „Nordstad“ is a living national plan and part of the desired decentralisation. „The merger of the five municipalities strengthens the north,“ is his firm conviction. A fundamental improvement in local public transport is an absolute must for him if the quality of life of the people in the north is to be significantly improved.

Of course, Charel looks further afield: on his travels across Europe - another hobby of the convinced family man - he gathers new experiences and looks for new ideas and concepts of living together. If it fits, he wants to implement them at home.



# WE'RE COMING TO MEET YOU.

## TROISVIERGES

13.09. Réunion électorale  
Centre associatif  
Wilwerdange\* - 19h30

## WINCRANGE

04.10. Meet & Grill  
Café-Restaurant  
Barteshaus zu Hoffelt\*  
19h-21h

## WILTZ

25.09. Réunion électorale  
am Pëtz zu Weindigen\*  
19h30

## LAC DE LA HAUTE SÛRE

06.10. Meet & Greet  
Café beim Jeanne zu  
Harlange\* - 19h-21h

## RAMBROUCH

28.09. Meet & Greet  
Centre Culturel\*  
19h30

## REDANGE

14.09. Réunion électorale  
au Aula\* - 19h30

## CLERVAUX

26.09. Réunion électorale  
Hall Polyvalent Clervaux\*  
19h30

## HOUSEN

30.09. Meet & Greet  
Camping des Ardennes\*  
18h

## VIANDEN

02.10. Réunion électorale  
Anc. cinéma Café-Club\*  
19h-21h

## BETTENDORF

21.09. Meet & Greet  
Buvette du Centre  
Sportif et Culturel\*  
19h-21h

## DIEKIERCH

- Traduction simultanée en français -  
03.10. Réunion électorale  
avec la tête de liste  
Luc Frieden  
Al Seeërei\* - 19h30

## ETTELBRUCK

07.09. Réunion électorale  
Däichhal\* - 19h30

### LET'S GO ! LANCEMENT DE LA CAMPAGNE AVEC LUC FRIEDEN\*

12.09. 19:30 heures  
Centre Culturel „Schéiss“  
dans le centre ville à Belair  
142, Val-Sainte-Croix  
1370 Luxembourg / Belair

### MANIFESTATION DE CLÔTURE AVEC LUC FRIEDEN\*

05.10. 19:30 heures  
au HITCH  
au Limpertsberg  
21-25, Allée Scheffer  
2520 Luxembourg/ Limpertsberg