

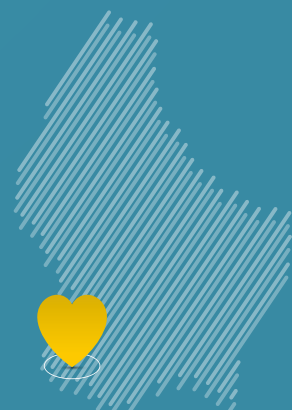


DÉIFFERDENG



MÉI NO. MÉI DÉIFFERDENG.

Our electoral programme



Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

The CSV has been an integral part in the council of the city of Differdange for the past 10 years. During all these years, we have committed ourselves to improve the future of the city as well as the quality of life in Differdange.

We helped advance Differdange from an industrially-oriented town to a city focused on creativity, on its university and on the services to its citizens. Our four city council representatives have worked together to put our 2017 electoral programme into practice. This includes the building and renovation of shelters and schools, the adding of sports facilities and the renovation and repair of football fields. The stadium in Thillenberg is currently being renovated.

In addition, we have committed ourselves to our more socially vulnerable citizens. Never before has so much been invested in the construction or provision of affordable and senior housing, helping families stay connected.

The integration of our foreign citizens is also one of our pursuits so that they may feel at home and part of our community.

We have also invested considerably in culture, and our endeavor was bringing culture to the residential areas. The Esch2022 projects have shown us that our citizens enjoy to collaborate in a participatory, innovative and immersive way in our cultural events.

On June 11th, our CSV Differdange team is ready to take on the work to advance the development of our city. That is why we ask you to vote for the CSV - list 4, so that in the future we can continue to defend the interests of our city.

Best regards,

Ceman

Emina CEMAN
head of list



Tom

Tom ULVELING
1st alderman
head of list

Dear voters,

The CSV Differdange is happy to present its two head candidates on the election list for 2023.

Tom Ulveling is one of the most experienced politicians in Differdange. As a member of the municipal council for 26 years, and an alderman for the past 10 years, Tom has been in charge of construction, culture, festivities, playgrounds, and technical services. His dedication to Differdange shows that he keeps his promises. He is a politician who listens to people's concerns and actively looks for ways to improve on their situation in Differdange. Tom is known to be a man who takes action and gets involved when he is needed.

Alongside Tom, we would like you to get to know, Emina Ceman, a young woman who brings freshness and innovation to our party. She works in the social field, so she knows the concerns and needs of our fellow citizens very well. She is a good example for a social and political motivated woman who wants to bring positive change to our community.

Tom Ulveling and Emina Ceman can rely on the support of our 17 other candidates from different social and professional backgrounds and from every age group. Our team reflects the social composition of the city of Differdange quite well, as it is made up of 11 men and 8 women with 6 different nationalities. We have a close-knit and highly-motivated team which has worked on the current electoral program for the past 6 months. There are only promises in this brochure that we can keep, so we are looking forward to your support so that we can make them real.

That's why I would like to ask you to support the entire CSV Differdange team by voting for list 4 on June 11th, so that we can continue to bring Differdange forward and make it a city where life is good.

Best regards,



Antonio De Carolis

President of CSV Differdange



**EEN DÉIFFERDENG FIR EIS ALL.
UN DIFFERDANGE POUR NOUS TOUS.
UM DIFFERDANGE PARA TODOS NÓS.
ONE DIFFERDANGE FOR ALL OF US.**



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URBANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY

The planning and development of a city or a district allows to make them functional, aesthetic and sustainable in terms of ecology and economy. It is also about protecting the existing urban heritage and spaces while making them user-friendly and thus increasing the quality of life of their residents. The CSV Differdange has invested a lot in this respect. The general development plan (PAG) and the specific development plan (PAP) have been modified in 2019 in order to protect houses, their facades, islands and green corridors in order to preserve the typical character of certain neighborhoods, to avoid massive constructions as well as soil sealing and to ensure the preservation of nature in town.

The development of the entrance to the city has been initiated and will be continued to make the downtown area more attractive. The local economy is the lifeblood of the city and enhances the quality of life of its residents.

In order to prevent the economic desertification of the city center, the municipality has set up an economic cell with the aim of promoting, respectively attracting businesses beneficial to Differdange and its inhabitants. In this perspective, the municipality has started to buy empty commercial premises in order to establish new businesses that could revive the local economy of the city. The establishment of businesses and industries also creates jobs and makes the city more attractive. That is why we are committed to the development and expansion of the Haneboesch business park with land lease agreements, thus ensuring the establishment of new businesses and the creation of jobs.



Our commitments for the future

DEVELOP THE CITY INTO A WELCOMING SPACE WHERE IT IS GOOD TO LIVE

- Increase the planting of trees and vegetation in the city to reduce the temperature during heat waves
- Installing water points and fountains on the territory of the municipality
- Maintain and even increase green spaces, parks, playgrounds, rest and relaxation areas, micro-forests, etc.
- Connecting the different parks and recreation areas by pedestrian routes
- Establish a system of incentives to encourage the installation of green roofs and facades
- Introduce the “pedibus” to accompany children on their way to school

ADAPTING NEIGHBORHOODS TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR INHABITANTS

Differdange

- Continuing the development of the entrance to the city by building a covered parking lot linked to the city center by a footbridge over the railroads
- Revitalize and support the existing small businesses
- Encourage the installation of a video surveillance system in sensitive areas in accordance with current legislation
- Encourage the establishment of restoration businesses (with terraces) especially in the Market Square and around the “Gerlache Park”
- Improving and reducing traffic in the city center, including cross-border traffic
- Restore Wangert Street, Upper Wangert Street and

St. Nicholas Street

- Building a multimodal train and bus station
- Building a new district school
- Adapting the Diffbus timetable to school hours
- Conversion of the farm “Lommelshaff” into a restaurant, party room and meeting room for associations

Fousbann/Woïwer

- Commit to the maintenance and installation of small local businesses and services
- Installing a soundproofing wall along the Cité Kalekerbach
- Redevelop the rue de Soleuvre and the rue Emile Mark
- Building a new school in Woïwer
- Develop the playground in the Parc de la Chiers to make it more welcoming.
- Finalize the park on the former site of the AS Differdange soccer field
- Creating a space for relaxation and meeting at the Creative Hub 1535

Oberkorn

- Establish a youth center in Oberkorn
- Improve traffic conditions around schools
- Adapting the Diffbus to school hours
- Putting the removal of the PN15 railroad crossing on Charlotte Avenue back on the agenda
- Commit to the maintenance and installation of small local businesses and services



Nieder Korn

- Change the route of the Diffbus of Nieder Korn so that it is adapted to the school timetable and reconnected to the center of Differdange
- Improving and reducing car traffic, including cross-border traffic
- Renovate the streets around the Kirchberg street, as well as around the Scharlé street
- Creating a covered parking lot at the entrance of the Haneboesch business park
- Building an additional school in Nieder Korn
- Supporting the preservation and establishment of small local businesses and services

Lasauvage

- Increase the offer of public transport
- Improve the parking situation
- Create a grocery store for the inhabitants and visitors
- Enhance the value of the entire village for residents and tourists
- Establish a cultural offer in the renovated St. Barbara church

PROMOTE LOCAL ECONOMY

- Strengthen the economic cell of the commune (work of the former City-Manager) to continue to boost the economic development of the city
- Promote the "Kaf Lokal" project (buy local)
- Revitalize the city center by constructing a new building for the "Luxembourg Science Center" while ensuring that the commune is involved in the management and control of its operation
- Encouraging the establishment of hotels in the city

FRAME URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Reduce land sealing
- Limit the PAG/PAP construction perimeter and to slow down the demographic growth
- Increase the number of rainwater collectors to fight preventively against floods
- Make possible different forms of construction and cohabitation between inhabitants

DEVELOP TOURISM

- Equip walking paths and strategic locations with fun, informative and interactive signage (QR codes, digital panels)
- Increase the number of walking trails (e.g.: the path of the smugglers, the path of memory)
- Study the construction of a youth hostel
- Offer guided tours of tourist sites and develop local day and weekend tourism
- Make tourist sites accessible by bicycle, develop marked bicycle routes and organize mountain bike tours and hikes as part of the "Minett Trail"
- Establish a tourist reception desk at the Lasauvage lodge
- Construct an adventure park
- Develop a small animal sanctuary with sheep, chickens and goats
- Intensify the collaboration with the Train 1900 and the "Minièresbunn"



MOBILITY

EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

The rapid evolution of urban mobility is both a major challenge for the city of Differdange and a concern for its inhabitants. Traffic and streets have to be adapted in such a way that on the one hand the traffic remains fluid and on the other hand the traffic crossing Differdange is limited. The lack of parking spaces in the center of the agglomerations is another challenge that the city is facing. That is why many roads have been rebuilt with their underground infrastructure, parking spaces have been redesigned, a parking guidance system has been implemented and in the city center a new underground parking "Grand-rue" with 140 spaces has been built.

To make urban mobility more sustainable and ensure a quality of life for its inhabitants, it must respond to numerous environmental challenges: reduction of air pollution, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, reduction of congestion due to urban road traffic, to name but a few.

In order to meet these challenges, the authorities are advocating the use of walking and cycling for short trips. The emergence of new forms of transport such as electric vehicles or carpooling is reshaping mobility in cities. The city of Differdange has recognized this change and has put in place measures to encourage it. Thus, many bonuses have been introduced by the municipality in addition to state aid for the acquisition of so-called soft mobility or electric vehicles. In addition, a bicycle path linking Differdange to Niederkorn has been built, pedestrian bridges have been erected in Differdange (rue de Hussigny) and in Niederkorn to allow pedestrians and cyclists to move safely in our city.



Our commitments for the future

OPTIMIZE LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Support the project of a direct rail link from Differdange to Luxembourg-City via a junction at Bascharage
- Review the road infrastructure to improve traffic, public transport and soft mobility
- Optimize the coordination of public transport (CFL, TICE, Diffbus, RGTR and DINOLA) in order to avoid buses running one behind the other
- Change Diffbus routes so that they are complementary to other public transport

IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION

- Create parking garages at the entrance to Niederkorn and at the funicular plateau to increase parking space
- If the City Hall annex is built, a parking garage should be built under Nelson Mandela Square
- Provide measures to reduce unnecessary traffic
- Investigate the possibility of limiting cross-border traffic during peak hours
- Continuing to renovate and upgrade streets and their underground infrastructure
- Revisiting the removal of the PN15 railways crossing at Charlotte Avenue
- Increasing the number of charging stations for electric cars

IMPLEMENT URBAN PLANNING PROJECTS TO PROMOTE SOFT MOBILITY

- Encourage the construction of a rail and bus station with welcoming living spaces and a restore point

- Connect the city's bike paths to the inter-city and national bike path network
- Establish electric bike charging stations powered by photovoltaic panels.
- Construct enclosed and monitored bike shelters
- Establish bicycle maintenance and washing stations
- Organize regular car-free days in the downtown area
- Analyze the creation of shared spaces around school sites and downtown.
- Create a bicycle/pedestrian path linking the Aquasud parking lot with the downtown area
- Create green corridors connecting neighborhoods

INVEST IN SAFE TRAVEL FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

- Provide safe bike lanes separated from motorized traffic
- Develop pedestrian-friendly streets
- Better lighting of crosswalks
- Make crosswalks safer in sensitive areas



LIVE TOGETHER

With the current economic crises and situations, social precarization and rapid demographic development, the challenges of living together are becoming more and more important.

In recent years, and especially during the Covid-19 crisis, we have put in place a range of measures to support the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in our society and to promote integration and diversity, both culturally and intergenerationally.

Thus, the solidarity allowance envelope has been considerably increased since 2017, a large-scale "Streetwork" project was introduced in 2021, many affordable housing units for families, young people and seniors have been created or are planned, a meeting place for young people will be set up and managed by our four youth houses.

The DINOLA command bus has been launched to make it easier for the elderly or people with reduced mobility to get around.

Also, a project to assist the elderly and vulnerable has been set up to help them in their daily tasks.

The care home in Woiwer has just opened its doors with modern facilities and high comfort, thanks to the provision of the land by the municipality.



Our commitments for the future

PROMOTE COMMUNITY LIFE

- Create a "house of associations" with a multi-purpose room for associations and residents
- Create playgrounds, rest areas (Poterbänk) and relaxation areas in the different districts
- Encourage neighborhood parties of local associations
- Motivate the residents and support them logistically in the organization of the Neighbors' Day
- Develop a project for the mutual support of young people and seniors
- Hire a social coordinator
- Save and expand the green spaces and parks of the community
- Systematically open the municipal consultative commissions to residents

LIVE INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION

- Organize thematic evening meetings in the framework of integration and inclusion
- Intensify collaboration with local cultural and sports associations on the implementation of integration and inclusion
- Collaborate with specialized associations (APEMH, Fondation Kräizbiërg, Fondation Autisme, Autisme Luxembourg, etc.) to implement new projects and new reception structures
- Involve the associations more in the festival of cultures
- Expand the offer of language courses

MAKING HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE

- Increase the supply of affordable rental housing in the community
- Take measures to combat unoccupied and neglected housing
- Promote the local initiative "Kordall Social Housing Agency (AIS-K)
- Support different forms of housing (shared housing ("WG"), intergenerational, Tiny-house, subletting of one room per house, etc.)

PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR YOUTH

- Increase the supply of supportive housing for youth
- Expand the range and hours of operation of our four youth centres
- Consider the realization of a youth hostel project on the territory of the municipality
- Create meeting places for young people in the different districts
- To increase the number of playgrounds in the different neighborhoods and to redevelop them
- Create a skatepark and a climbing park
- Creating safe trails for mountain bikes and downhill bikes
- Building a large indoor playground
- Encourage "Urban Art" projects
- Promoting the involvement and participation of young people in the life of the community
- Promote student internships in the community's infrastructure and provide optimal support for them
- Collaborate with local businesses to facilitate the



integration of young people into the world of work

- Optimize the system of subsidies for school children
- Set up a thematic childcare center for children during communal festivities
- Set up meeting and exchange groups for parents with young children and children with special needs

LIVING WELL IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH AGE

- Actively combating social isolation
- Launching a pilot project to set up a communal home for assistance, care and temporary support, among other things to support families who keep a person in need of care at home
- Strengthening the "Senior Plus" service and supporting the "Pränzeberg Senior Club"
- Create a service to accompany and help with the digital procedures of daily life
- Expanding the cultural and sports program "Aktiv Senioren" in cooperation with local associations
- Creating suitable sports facilities in the various districts, e.g. bocce courts, fitness areas
- Collaboration with the nursing homes in Niederkorn and Woier
- Increase involvement with integrated senior centers (CIPA) and national specialized nursing homes (e.g. for dementia) and ensuring admission for our residents in case of need

EXPAND ASSISTANCE TO THE NEEDY

- Erect a social house
- Optimize the social services of the municipality
- Develop "Streetwork" and "CollecDiff" projects
- Set up targeted aid, in particular expand the offer of the social grocery store
- Establish, at the municipal level, a stricter framework in accordance with the current law on the construction and control of furnished rooms in order to ensure a more dignified quality of life for their inhabitants
- Work with neighboring municipalities to create transitional and emergency housing in case of fire, eviction, unhealthy housing, natural disasters, etc.



SAFETY AND CLEANLINESS IN DIFFERDANGE

Differdange must be a safe, clean and attractive city for its inhabitants and visitors. In order to fight against vandalism, noise at night, drug trafficking, etc., it is necessary to have a good collaboration between the municipality, its social services, the municipal agents, the Police Grand-Ducale and the ministry of supervision. In addition to networking, a range of preventive measures have been implemented in recent years, such as

- expansion of our social services with a.o. prevention of social drift,
- offering vocational training for young school dropouts,
- implementation of the streetwork project "CollecDiff,
- urban planning such as brighter lighting of public spaces.

In this context, it is necessary to differentiate between incivility and criminality, where repressive measures must be implemented by the Police.

We have been asking the Minister of Internal Security for a long time for a considerable increase in the number of police officers in Differdange with the mission to show more presence in the sensitive areas.

Thanks to the construction of the new police station building near the Differdange bypass, we have finally achieved a modern, larger, more easily accessible structure close to the center, thus meeting the future requirements of a proximity police.

For years we have been demanding the installation of a video surveillance system in sensitive public places. A secure system, which takes into account data protection and which records images that only the police would



have access to in case of offences. Although we have been taking all the necessary steps for this installation for more than 2 years, the file is unfortunately moving very slowly. We are aware that video surveillance is not the miracle cure to fight against vandalism, violence and drug trafficking, but it is one of the necessary and important steps to ensure the safety of the inhabitants of our city.

Our commitments for the future

BE MORE INVOLVED IN PREVENTION

- Implement a citizen's forum to be more attentive, raise awareness and react in a targeted manner
- Activate the networking of the different partners and the Jobcenter
- Intensify the "Streetwork" and "CollecDiff" projects
- Expand the offers of our social services, especially the work against dropping out of school
- Creating meeting places away from homes to prevent night-time disturbances in urban areas
- Promote drug prevention in schools from an early age
- Analyze the concept of the "vigilant neighbor" project for Differdange
- Develop places with the objective of making them safer and more pleasant
- Limit evening traffic in the streets surrounding the Gerlache Park
- Optimize public lighting to avoid light pollution by using a.o. motion detectors and directed beam luminaires to limit sky lighting and side glare

INCREASE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

- Rigorously combat drug trafficking through police enforcement actions
- Ask the Minister of Public Force to increase the number of police officers in the city and to create a local police force
- Promote the installation of a video surveillance system in accordance with current legislation in sensitive areas
- Hire more municipal agents/street wardens so that they can carry out the missions provided for by the law in close collaboration with the Police
- Systematically pursue acts of incivility, violence and vandalism in order to react with adequate measures and to penalize them, this after an awareness and information campaign

COMMIT TO PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF OUR RESIDENTS

- Support our fire and rescue service (CGDIS)
- Encourage the establishment of a medical center for emergencies and a medical branch of the CHEM (Hospital Centre Emile Mayrisch) in Differdange



INVEST IN A CLEAN AND PLEASANT CITY

- Create more flowery and wooded areas and islands with fountains and water games in our neighborhoods and ensure their maintenance
- Installing more ashtrays and doggie bag dispensers
- Take actions against littering
- Fight against illegal graffiti





EDUCATION AND **CHILDHOOD**

Education is one of the indispensable tools for achieving the objectives of sustainable development of a city. A good education is closely linked to the provision of adequate infrastructure and quality education.

The CSV has reacted to the strong demographic growth of the last few years with a significant investment in the construction of new schools and “maisons relais” houses as well as in the renovation and expansion of existing structures in the different districts of the city.

Thus, the municipality council has built, respectively has renovated a “maison relais” at Woiwer, in Oberkorn and at the Mathendahl in Niederkorn. The city also refurbished the “St. Pierre” school in Niederkorn, built an international elementary school and highschool (EIDE) in Differdange and a new school at Mathendahl. The school “école des filles” in Niederkorn and the school “Um Bock” in Oberkorn are in the process of being enlarged and renovated.

The CSV made a commitment to implant an annex of the private highschool “Lycée Privé Emile Metz” in Differdange in order to expand the postprimary education offer and thus increase the chances of our youth to assert themselves on the labour market.

In addition to the infrastructures, considerable efforts are still to be made to allow all the young people of the city of Differdange to have access to an equitable education.



Our commitments for the future

INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Complete the expansion of the buildings in Oberkorn (Um Bock) and Niederkorn (School for Girls)
- Build essential schools in the center of Differdange, in Niederkorn and in Woïwer
- To aim at integrating 75% of the school children in the “maisons relais”
- Develop playgrounds
- Complete the updating of access to new technologies in the classrooms

IMPROVE ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Develop homework assistance
- Strengthen school inclusion
- Expand academic support and remedial classes
- Organize language classes for students
- Supporting the French language schooling project

SECURE THE PATH AND IMPROVE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

- Better lighting for crosswalks
- Provide pedestrian-friendly streets to schools
- Involve city staff more
- Adapting the Diffbus schedule to school hours
- Implementing a Walking School Bus to accompany children on their way to and from school

INCREASE COLLABORATION WITH PARENTS

- Increase the partnership with parent representatives and associations and motivate children's parents to get involved
- Intensify meetings between parents, staff of the maisons relais and teachers

INTENSIFY SPORTS AT SCHOOL

- Enable every student to have the opportunity to practice a sport by consolidating the new "Spodi" project and increasing collaboration with local sports clubs
- Adapting the sports infrastructure in the schools
- Building an additional swimming pool to encourage learning to swim at school
- Actively fight against sedentary lifestyle, obesity and malnutrition among young people

DIVERSIFY THE PERI- AND EXTRACURRICULAR OFFER

- Promote the communal projects “Natureschoul”, “Technikschoul” and “Kreativschoul”
- Develop a prevention plan against violence and mobbing
- Increase the number of gardening projects in schools
- Create synergies with the market gardening facilities of the community
- Offer children attending the canteens of the “maisons relais” a cuisine based on organic and local dishes
- Familiarize children with the concepts of anti-waste



- Facilitate access to culture and collaborate more with local cultural associations and the music school
- Promote natural sciences, e.g. by encouraging visits to the Luxembourg Science Center
- Ensure that every student participates at least once in a summer camp

EXPAND THE POSTPRIMARY SCHOOL OFFER

- Intensify collaboration with Lunex and Miami University
- Encourage the establishment of an additional high school of the Emile Metz Foundation in Differdange
- Make the former CID (Differdange Intervention Centre) site available for the expansion of the EIDE





ART AND CULTURE

Art and culture are essential elements of our daily lives. They function as a universal communication tool that allows us to express our thoughts and feelings with others and gives people the opportunity to share their ideas and views. They are a powerful way to fascinate, create passions and develop imagination and creativity. Art and culture are also a tool for education and dissemination of knowledge that can be used to evoke emotions, tell stories and share participatory and immersive experiences. It is also important to encourage dialogue and understanding and to promote diversity and inclusion.

In this spirit of ideas we have expanded the offer and access to culture for our citizens. For example, the desecrated church of Saint Barbara of Lasauvage has been completely restored and now serves as a meeting place where exhibitions, concerts and cultural events take place.

Differdange was also one of the major partners of the European capital of culture Esch2022 with more than 30 events.

The “Aalt Stadhaus” specializes in programming stand-up comedy and three years ago launched an annual week-long “L’essentiel du rire” festival. Our H2O art showroom has been so successful that it is sold out two years in advance.

A sculpture fair was recently launched and is already a huge success. A new urban art project (Urban Street Art) was launched three years ago with the goal of bringing more color to our city dominated by grey concrete industrial establishments and to introduce the citizens of our city to another facet of youth art. Several building



facades and especially the cooling towers of Arcelor-Mittal have become landmarks and an attraction of Differdange.

The annual Blues Express festival and the Steampunk Convention attract thousands of spectators in an exceptional setting. We are proud to have contributed to bring culture to the different districts of our city by installing sculptures.

Our commitments for the future

OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF CULTURAL PROJECTS FOR ALL

- Protecting the cultural and industrial heritage
- Encourage the project of a large "Luxembourg Science Center" with a congress center and a planetarium
- Promote the municipal library and its activities on Literary Monday
- Further develop the offer and program of the "Aalt Stadhaus".
- Creating a cultural program for the Lasauvage church
- Continue the "Urban Street Art" project
- Develop the site and activities of the "Minett Park"

SUPPORTING CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Contribute to the promotion of arts and culture and to the visibility of cultural associations, particularly in municipal publications
- Provide financial support through subsidies to cultural associations that welcome and target young people.
- Encourage children and young people in the municipality to join a cultural or musical association

- Encourage cultural associations to provide appropriate services for children with special needs
- Facilitate access to culture for school children and increase collaboration with local associations and the music school

PROMOTE A CULTURAL EXCHANGE

- Improve communication and collaboration between the music schools of the Chiers Valley
- Continue the international symposium and sculpture fair
- Encourage the establishment of a thematic childcare center during city events
- Create an association that would focus on promoting and organizing the cultural and sporting exchanges with the twin cities of Differdange
- Promote the exchange of pupils and students between our twin cities
- Create a grant to send students to do an internship in a sports or cultural association of a twinned city



SPORT

Sport plays a very important role in society. In addition to contributing to good health and hygiene, it allows us to transmit, from an early age, values that are essential for the development of social and professional skills. Team spirit and work, discipline, fairness, respect, equality, inclusion, but also the search for perfection, perseverance and a sense of competition are just a few examples.

For this reason, the CSV is committed to develop sports in the city of Differdange and to give the sports associations the necessary means to practice their sports. Thus we have built and renovated sports infrastructures (sports halls of the schools of Niederkorn, Oberkorn, EIDE and the sports center of Oberkorn, the lawn and the drainage of the stadium of the FCD03, the synthetic field at Woiwer).

We have also introduced a partial refund of the registration fees for young people, increased the premiums for the sports associations (especially during the Covid-19 period). In addition, we have made communal facilities available free of charge for events related to the activities of the associations.



Our commitments for the future

INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Renovate the Thillenberg stadium with the creation of an interclub soccer school
- Renovate the dilapidated outdoor part of the Oberkorn swimming pool
- Building an additional swimming pool for schools
- Searching for a site for an inter-communal regional athletics stadium
- Expanding bicycle and hiking trails
- Expand and develop the Red Rock Trail
- Create safe trails for mountain bikes and downhill bikes
- Develop bike and mountain bike wash stations
- Create a skatepark and a climbing park
- Installing fitness paths and outdoor fitness areas in the municipality
- Installing petanque courts throughout the municipality
- Maintain the monitoring and technical maintenance of sports halls and facilities

SUPPORT THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND DIVERSIFY THE OFFER

- Encourage and support associations to increase their offer for young children
- Encourage the children and young people of the municipality to join a sports club
- Extend the partial reimbursement of registration fees for young people when the sports activity is not offered in Differdange
- Encourage associations to set up an adequate offer for children with special needs
- Support more collaboration between the maisons relais and sports associations to enable children in

the maisons relais to play sports in a club of their choice (Spodi)

- Increase subsidies for clubs and associations that train young people and ensure that these subsidies are used to train young people
- Provide financial support for the hiring of qualified coaches
- Introduce additional subsidies for associations when they participate in international competitions or twinning matches
- Create a scholarship to send students to do an internship with a sports or cultural association in a twinned city
- Collaborate with neighboring municipalities to increase the range of sports offered
- Contribute to the promotion of sports and to the visibility of sports associations on the basis of the “Sports Night” or “Schoulsportdag” (School sports day) and in municipal publications

CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD HEALTH THROUGH SPORT

- Encourage "Sport for all" to fight against obesity and sedentary lifestyle
- Create collaborations with the LUNEX and the LIHPS in order to allow young athletes to have a better supervision and medical follow-up
- Commit to the fact that the medical-sports examinations are again carried out in Differdange



CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

We are all aware of the environmental challenges we face today: climate change, air and water pollution, loss of biodiversity and destruction of ecosystems are major problems that threaten our future and that of our children.

As politicians, it is our duty to protect our environment and climate by adopting and promoting sustainable measures such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting renewable energies, protecting ecosystems and endangered species and improving air and water quality.

The CSV Differdange has taken its responsibility by introducing in 2022 a whole range of incentives for residents who invest in order to establish a mindset change towards climate neutrality of the city.

Similarly, the city has signed three agreements (NetZeroCities, Climate Pact, Nature Pact) in which it commits to promote and take the necessary measures to achieve climate neutrality in the short term.

Furthermore, the entire forest area "De grouse Bësch", "Scheiergronn" and "Kiemerchen" has been reclassified as a protected area of national interest in 2020.

The city of Differdange sets an example for the migration to the use of renewable energies by equipping the communal buildings with photovoltaic (PV) installations. In total, almost 390 kW of PV installations have been installed at the different sites: Kornascht Niederkorn, Mathendahl School, Fousbann School, the creative Hub 1535° and the Hall'O.



Our commitments for the future

COMMITMENT TO AN ECOLOGICAL AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

- Rigorously consider the protection of nature and its animals when planning the development of the city
- Promote biodiversity and species protection
- Slow down the sealing of the city's surfaces and reinstall more natural spaces
- Optimize public lighting to avoid light pollution by using a.o. motion sensors and directed beam luminaires to limit sky lighting and side glare
- Promote soft mobility and public transportation
- Continue to renaturalize our waterways
- Create more flower and tree filled spaces and islands with fountains and water features in our neighbourhoods and connect neighbourhoods with green corridors
- Take steps to enable the survival of bees in the city
- Promote the program of the convention "NetZeroCities" where Differdange is the only Luxembourg city to have been chosen to participate
- Put in place measures allowing the decrease of energy consumption of the communal buildings

PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

- Initiate a local "Repair café" project (workshop for the repair of small appliances)
- Implement the project "guttgeschier.lu" (tool library) in Differdange
- Set up an anti-waste corner in the recycling park
- Support the consumption of local products (e.g. for our Relay Houses)
- Supporting more renewable energies and energy optimization of the habitat
- Supporting the installation of windmills on suitable sites
- Encourage people to drink tap water and reduce the waste of drinking water
- Promote fair and circular trade
- Optimize waste management and waste reduction



ADMINISTRATION AT **THE SERVICE OF CITIZENS**

The administration must first and foremost be at the service of citizens, and to achieve this, it must turn to digitalization and administrative simplification, among other things. These advances not only make administrative procedures easier and more accessible for everyone, but also guarantee a better quality of service. Indeed, by reducing delays and unnecessary procedures, the administration can concentrate on the essential: accompanying citizens in their procedures and responding to their needs. Quality must be at the heart of all actions taken by the administration, in order to offer an efficient and effective public service.

The first steps in this direction have already been taken over the past 6 years. Thus, the "report-it" function has been created in the Diff-App application allowing citizens to communicate and easily report problems or nuisances so that the municipality can react quickly.

Also, many forms are available online to facilitate administrative procedures, such as registration for children at the "maison relais", early education or the forest class, or forms for applications for student bonuses, ecological bonuses and the solidarity allowance, to name but a few.

The municipal administration has also set up a housing service for the efficient management of affordable housing. It also provides its citizens with a public writer who explains and translates texts and forms for administrative procedures. Citizens can also use the services of a legal counsel.

To continue to offer a quality service to the growing population of Differdange, a new building for the technical services of the municipality is under construction in the industrial zone of Niederkorn.



During the 10 years that the CSV has been ruling the municipality of Differdange, it has always ensured that the finances of the municipality are managed in a sound manner and has thus avoided an over-indebtedness of the municipality.

Our commitments for the future

MODERNIZE THE ADMINISTRATION WHILE OFFERING QUALITY SERVICES

- Build an annex to the City Hall to regroup all services and offer optimal working conditions to our municipal staff
- Continue to invest heavily in digitalization, "smart cities" projects and the provision of digital procedures
- Expanding the "report-it" project in the Diff-App by providing a telephone number and an e-mail address where a responsible agent receives all complaints from residents, forwards them to the respective departments, and follows up on the requests
- Expand the Job-Center's offer and encourage contact with companies operating in the municipality
- Propose certain procedures in teleconsultation
- Implementing an electronic tracking system for all services, in order to guarantee that procedures are processed within a reasonable time and are easily consultable by citizens

ESTABLISH A TRANSPARENT AND PARTICIPATIVE ADMINISTRATION

- Implementing a citizen forum to be more

responsive, to raise awareness and to react in a targeted manner

- Improve communication and exchange with citizens through meetings or through the Diff-App application, social networks or the DiffMag
- Promote citizen participation, including through calls for projects
- Systematically open up municipal advisory commissions to residents' representatives

OFFER SERVICES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF A GROWING POPULATION

- Create a social house to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged
- Adapting staffing levels to meet the needs of the growing population
- Finalize the new technical services building and equip it with modern and efficient equipment to facilitate and rationalize the work of the technical staff
- Create a citizen service that brings together under one roof the services of the public writer and the legal counsel and whose mission is to assist citizens in all their digital, legal or translation needs.



MANAGE MUNICIPAL FINANCES RESPONSIBLY

- Plan with great rigor the future urban and infrastructural development of the municipality
- Establish a list of priorities for all construction and renovation projects of our patrimony that will be carried out according to the available budget
- Maintain the city's debt at a low level, so as not to mortgage our future generations
- Analyze and integrate each new construction project into the multi-year financial plan, in order to guarantee the financial acceptability of the municipality's commitment
- Apply the energy and financial charter to each municipal building and carry out the necessary work to bring it into compliance



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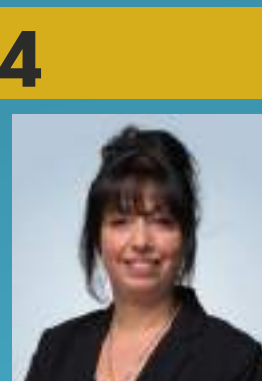
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