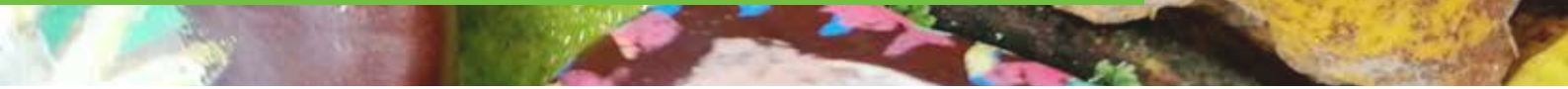




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Mouvement Ecologique

lively - critical - committed

The 2023 super election year has also kept the Mouvement Ecologique on its toes. A roadmap with very detailed proposals was drawn up for both the municipal elections and the national elections in order to provide politicians with guidelines on how to shape a more sustainable future. can be made more sustainable. Of course, these two publications also serve as support for committed citizens both in the run-up to the elections and both in the run-up to the elections and in the years to come.

The Mouvement Ecologique 2023 has repeatedly brought one question in particular to the fore: does it still make sense to cling to economic growth? Growth as a prerequisite for a better life has characterised our society for decades. Is this image still correct? The answer is a clear no. The current system is no longer sustainable from a social, economic or ecological perspective. We are destroying our own livelihoods.

Against this backdrop, our society is facing huge upheavals: Moving away from fossil fuels towards renewable energies, more rational use of available space in urban areas instead of diffuse urban sprawl, more sustainable forms of regionally orientated agriculture and organic farming, the primacy of the circular economy and more environmentally friendly production processes, priority for active mobility and traffic-calmed, green towns and neighbourhoods. This is nothing less than a social turning point.

The question therefore arises as to how our society can overcome the associated challenges and set the course and what role the various players have to play. With this in mind, the 2023 Congress adopted a motion on the socio-ecological transition. It states: It is the role of politics to define the necessary political framework so that environmentally conscious and more sustainable behaviour becomes the norm among citizens. The same applies to the setting of concrete framework conditions in the economic sector. In view of the urgency of the climate and biodiversity crisis, politicians will in-

creasingly have to take the path of legal and regulatory provisions. Time-limited financial or tax incentives and other market-based instruments can also play an important role, but - given the urgency of overcoming the crisis - they may need to be seen as subordinate or complementary to statutory regulations.

This does not release citizens from their personal responsibility. This applies to their personal "consumer behaviour" - e.g. in the areas of nutrition, resource use and mobility. But also when it comes to exercising their civil rights to intervene and demand or support change. and to demand and support change.

As a non-governmental organisation, the Mouvement Ecologique has consistently assumed its responsibility and devoted itself intensively to the central concerns of an environmental and nature movement. movement. To this end, the Mouvement Ecologique has made its voice heard in the election campaign and - in a party-neutral manner - has ensured that environmental interests have not fallen by the wayside through analyses and proposals. However, dialogue with members and the interested public was also members and the interested public.

This activity report provides impressive evidence of the wide range of activities impressively demonstrates the wide range of activities of the Mouvement Ecologique. In 2024, MECO will continue to engage with the same consistency, creativity and expertise. **We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Mouvement Ecologique!**

Board of Directors 2023-2024

The Board of Directors, elected at the Congress on 24 March 2023, was composed as follows in 2023-2024

Weber Blanche, Chairwoman
Muller Jeannot, Vice-Chairman
Espen Emile, Treasurer
Dammé Roger, secretary.

Becker Tom (resigned during the year), Faber Théid, Kieffer Gérard, Kieffer Béatrice; Mertz Joy, Milmeister Marianne, Petit Claude, Pir Jacques, Reuter Bob, Rischette Jean, members.



Active and creative for a better future - move.!

2023, the so-called "super election year", was not only very eventful and exciting at a political level.

At move. - the youth section of the Mouvement Ecologique - we have experienced a lot in recent months and ensured that the voices of the younger generation are heard more in the Chamber of Deputies, in ministries and in community centres. are increasingly being heard.

We have discussed a lot, informed ourselves, planned exciting events and excursions into nature, got to know interesting organisations and made new friends. But see for yourself: here comes the move. Activity Report 2023.

FIVE PAST TWELVE: THE POLITICAL SUSTAINABILITY PODCAST FROM MOVE.

Last year, we decided together to fill the move. Podcast with life again and to send it into a second round. send. With a new name, new people and lots of new ideas, we launched the second season of our political sustainability podcast "fennefopzwielef" in March 2023. We went to the Radio Ara studio, conducted interviews with experts, asked young people in the school playground and in the pedestrian zone and came up with entertaining games. The result was four interesting and varied episodes on the topics of youth engagement, sustainability on the plate, sustainable mobility and slow fashion. If you missed the episodes on Radio ARA, you can find them on Spotify as well as on the Radio ARA website. Have fun listening!

STIMULATING DISCUSSION EVENING IN THE GUDDE WËLLEN: THE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

About the climate crisis, engagement, elections and much more

During the Easter holidays, move. organised a discussion round in the Gudde Wëllen under the title "*Climate crisis, commitment, elections and much more... Young people have their say!*". In this super election year, many young people have also been thinking about the extent to which they can help shape their future and how they can keep a clear head in a crisis-ridden world. We discussed this with our guests, the then Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning and long-standing member of the Mouvement Ecologique and long-time member of the Mouvement Ecologique Claude Turmes and the President of the Mouvement Ecologique Blanche Weber talked about this.

We made ourselves comfortable with drinks, vegan/vegetarian pizza



and snacks. We talked about how young people can get involved these days, how they can prepare to vote for the first time and why it would make sense to have the right to vote from the age of 16. The young people talked about how they are already involved in their school, community, youth centre or move. and what motivates them.

Both Claude Turmes and Blanche Weber emphasised that they have been active for a long time because they believe that you can make a positive difference through your commitment, whether in an organisation or a party.

At the same time, it is very enriching for them on a personal level, when you can work with like-minded people for a better future.

It was a lively and stimulating exchange between all participants, which certainly had something to offer everyone. Both for the younger people and for those who have been with us for longer.

MOVE FEST: MOVE.YOUR.VOICES

In 2023, the move. Fest in April, many young (and not so young) people once again gathered at the Pafendall eco-centre to have a good time together and chat over good food and music from cool bands. There were also some activities were planned, which - how could it be otherwise - centred around the super election year 2023.

The members of move. met at Oekosoph in the morning to prepare the food and decorate the tent. When the event officially started at 4 pm, the area for the clothes swap was ready and a screen was set up for people to write down what they want and expect from their community in the future. We summarised these wishes later in the year as part of our demands to the newly elected municipal councillors and aldermen. Six teams also answered questions as part of a pub quiz on the super election year in three categories: elections, parties and issues.



The evening programme was mainly characterised by the concerts on the terrace of the Oekosoph. With Lyra, an indie/alternative band, and Dystate, who play art rock music, two student bands from Kolléisch were directly involved in the festival. The audience was able to make themselves comfortable in the tent in the rainy April weather and enjoy the vegan kebab while listening to good music. Thanks to the team of volunteers from the Mouvement Ecologique and the eco-centre, nobody stayed soaked or hungry for long. Le Vibe, a Luxembourg reggae band, brought the party to a close. There was a lot of dancing and singing along. Afterwards, there was even a bit of energy left over to clean up together.

We were delighted with the many people who came along despite the rain and helped to make the move. Fest was once again a success.

MOVE. IN DIALOGUE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

On 24 May, we were invited by Environment Minister J. Welfring at the Ministry of the Environment in Kirchberg. We had already thought about this in the move. meetings, we had already thought about which meetings, what issues are close to our hearts, what demands we would



like to put to the Environment Minister and what questions we would like to ask her and her team.

The two hours flew by and were almost too short to exchange all our ideas. We mainly talked about how to further strengthen interest in climate and environmental issues in society and among young people and how to improve access to important information and topics, especially in schools and topics, especially in schools. The Minister and her team showed us which topics are most important to them, why they are sometimes frustrated and why it is worthwhile for them to stay on the ball.

The move. members were also able to report on their experiences. They talked about small and large climate strikes, oat and almond milk in school canteens and political education in geography and VieSo lessons. Of course, we took the opportunity to gather some more information for our podcast. We were very grateful that the Minister took the time to answer our questions and support us in our commitment!

WHAT DOES A MOVE. COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE? PROPOSALS FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS

As part of the 2023 municipal elections, move., the young people in the Mouvement Ecologique, has drawn up some particularly important proposals from the perspective of young people. These resulted from discussion rounds, small workshops and our weekly meetings. The suggestions from young people that we received during the move. Festival have also been incorporated into the catalogue of demands.

We asked ourselves the following questions:

- What does a move. community look like?
- What topics interest and affect young people?
- What do we want?
- What do we expect from politics?

The ideas and suggestions were divided into three categories: Mobility, Environment/Climate and Consumption. The aim of the project was to ensure that young voices are also heard in the community and that young people can play a greater role in shaping their community, even if they are not yet able to vote. To this end, all new local council members received a letter from move. with our proposals at the end of June, i.e. after the local elections, as well as a poster that clearly illustrates our positions. clearly illustrates our positions.

GOOD WEATHER AND GOOD CONVERSATIONS AT MOVE. SUMMER CAMP IN LULTZHAUSEN

During the summer holidays this year, we returned to the reservoir in the beautiful north. The sun was out too, so it was perfect for planning the next activities outside by the water, discussing, chilling out and going for a swim. Together with the "Centre nature et forêt" of the nature and forest administration, we went into the forest, where we discovered



red how trees grow around the reservoir, how human lifestyle affects the forest ecosystem and where small bats sleep at night. We worked on our next episode for the podcast "fënnepopzwielef" and came up with good slogans for our "Veggie Monday" project. Of course, we also took advantage of the beautiful weather to go stand-up paddling on the reservoir. The youth hostel provided us with delicious vegan food and snacks for our film evening "Don't Look Up". Two well-filled days at the move. Summercamp!

END OF THE WORLD CANCELLED? A READING WITH JAN HEGENBERG

In November, the blogger and author, also known by his alias "der Graslutscher", visited the Mouvement Ecologique and move. In his Spiegel bestseller "Weltuntergang fällt aus" Hegenberg provides instructions for a "scientifically sound, vegan climate protection turnaround". Its success is based not only on the thoroughly researched and comprehensively presented facts, but also on the hopeful undertone with which Hegenberg analyses facts and misinformation, opportunities and challenges of the climate crisis and the energy transition in particular.

The many questions following the reading showed that the interest of the packed hall in the Rotondes was aroused. Moderated and commented on by Blanche Weber, Hegenberg delved into a wide range of topics. How can we tackle the climate crisis across generations? How can we ensure that we create not only ecological but also social sustainability? What role must politics play in the energy transition and how much responsibility falls to the individual?

Refreshing, interesting and exciting - the feedback on the somewhat different view of the future that Jan Hegenberg offered the audience was extremely positive. It is true that not all of the author's views were 100 per cent in line with those of the Mouvement Ecologique, particularly with regard to the role of politics in the ecological transition. Nevertheless, Jan Hegenberg contributed perfectly to the objective of the usual Méco conferences, namely to look at political challenges from different angles and contribute to the social debate.

After the conference, the audience had the opportunity to have their own copy of "Weltuntergang fällt aus" signed by the author. Anyone

who had not already bought the book in advance could do so on the evening itself at the book table, which was kindly provided by Librairie Ernster. The conference participants ended the evening in a cosy atmosphere at the Rotondes over a "stalemate".

GREEN AND LIVELY, INSTEAD OF GREY AND MONOTONOUS

Seminar on the remodelling and greening of Luxembourg lycées

On 20 November, move. organised a seminar in collaboration with Mouvement Ecologique on the topic of *"Green and lively instead of grey and monotonous: planning and redesigning natural and climate-friendly secondary school playgrounds"*. Around 60 participants from 20 different secondary schools took part to gather ideas and inspiration for the redesign of school playgrounds. Participatory processes and hurdles that need to be overcome also took centre stage.

Maren Haase from Deutsche Umwelthilfe set the scene for the day with a technical presentation. She heads the *"Climate-friendly schoolyards"* project, which is currently running in various federal states and aims to transform grey and sealed schoolyards into green and climate-friendly meeting places for pupils.

To illustrate this project with a concrete example, Alexander Lübeck, headmaster of the Humboldt-Gymnasium in Solingen, presented the entire process of their redesign and the final result. Particular emphasis was placed on the participation of the pupils.



The second part of the afternoon continued on a national level. Representatives of the Ecole Privée Sainte-Anne talked about the redesign of their schoolyard and, together with the architectural firm Jonas Architectes Associés, explained how they proceeded step by step, placing particular emphasis on involving pupils in the process. In addition, the landscape architecture firm Mersch Ingénieurs-Paysagistes presented some of their projects.

The subsequent feedback round with the participants showed that there are still some hurdles in Luxembourg when it comes to redesigning school playgrounds. Nevertheless, in addition to concerns and uncertainties, great interest in the topic and potential future projects was expressed, as well as satisfaction with the topic and the course of the seminar. A successful afternoon that will certainly lead to further steps.

MOVE.APPROVED - THE GUIDE TO A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE IN LUXEMBOURG

Over 60 places can be found in this online guide, divided into 5 categories: Food & Drink, Culture, Activism, Leisure and Fashion. New additions this time include the vegan restaurant Rucolino in Dudelange, the ProVélo organisation and Devī, an upcycling clothing shop with fairly produced fashion in the city. Cultural institutions such as the CITIM library or the Kulturfabrik Esch can also be found on the site, as well as some places in the country that have been labelled "coup de coeur" by our move.lerners (for example for example the Ellergronn or the Péitruss skate park).

To give the locations from the move.approved guide more visibility, move. launched a move.approved rally in December. For one month, anyone could get a move.approved stamp card, either at the Pafendall eco-centre or at the addresses included in move.approved. Anyone who collected a stamp at 10 different locations and returned the full



stamp card to move. had the chance to win a prize from one of the participating restaurants and cafés. Even if in the end few participants were able to fill the entire stamp card, we still received a lot of positive feedback on this campaign and are already looking forward to a new edition of the rally at the end of 2024.

VEGGIE MONDAY IN YOUR LYCEUM: YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

Every Monday, Restopolis cooks exclusively vegetarian alternatives for the canteens at Athenée, Lycée Aline Mayrisch and Lycée Michel Rodange as part of "Veggie Monday". This was after a majority of students voted in favour in a survey. Following the success of this pilot project, the Ministry of Education also wrote to other schools to promote the introduction of Veggie Monday. As unfortunately no other school has come forward in favour decided to take action.

Together with the CNEL, the Conférence Nationale des Elèves, we have developed a survey to give students across the country the opportunity to express their position on Veggie Monday. The campaign and survey, which move. is promoting with a poster and information flyer we created ourselves, will run until the end of March. Just two weeks after the campaign was launched in mid-January, more than 1,000 students had already taken part in the survey. The aim is for those schools where there is strong support for Veggie Monday to sit down with the school management to discuss how the project could be initiated in the school.

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH! FARMERS' PROTESTS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Finally January again. Finally "We're fed up" again. This is the name of a demonstration in Berlin that takes place every year at the start of the "Green Week", a major agricultural trade fair in Berlin. The demonstration is organised by the Wir haben es satt alliance, which consists of over 60 German animal welfare associations, environmental and nature



conservation organisations, social organisations and farmers' representatives.

This year, the demonstration took place on Saturday, 20 January and, of course, move. was once again motivated to take to the streets with thousands of other activists. Our group travelled to Berlin by train with colourful posters and some warm clothes in their luggage. The demonstration was held under the slogan **"Good food needs a future - for GMO-free, rural and environmentally friendly agriculture!"** and despite the wintry temperatures, around 8,000 people made their way to the capital. Among them were many different organisations campaigning for GMO-free and sustainable agriculture.



We all agree on one thing: it is high time for a socially just agricultural revolution. This was also emphasised by various speakers, such as Luisa Neubauer, probably the best-known face of the German *Fridays for Future* movement, who created the right atmosphere with impressive speeches. As a result, we move-ers set off on our journey home the following day with plenty of new inspiration and motivation.

Going to Berlin to demonstrate is very motivating because you see how many people who are committed to the same things as we are. It's nice to be part of a group that thinks the same way. It was also fun to discuss and share experiences with the other people from move on the train
– Jasmine, 17, Member move.

MOVE. ON TOUR: LISTEN AND JOIN IN

As the name of our youth organisation suggests, move. is of course always keen to get out and about. Last year, we had the opportunity to visit several organisations and people whose everyday lives involve working in harmony with nature and our natural resources.

Claude Petit, one of the founders of **Krautgaart** and a former agricultural advisor at the eco-centre, first took us on a tour of the Krautgaart, a solidarity farm for vegetable cultivation. Afterwards, we were able to lend a hand ourselves and helped to prepare the vegetable beds.



In preparation for a podcast episode on the topic of slow fashion, we also visited **BENU Village**, a company in Esch that was dedicated to promoting a circular economy before it unfortunately had to close at the end of 2023.

Last but not least, **we were out and about in the forest** with Jacques Pir, a biologist and long-standing member of the *Mouvement Ecologique*. We got an insight into the tasks of a forest owner and experienced at first hand how climate change is affecting the forest habitat. And as is customary with move., we were happy to lend a hand and planted sessile oaks, wild cherries, silver firs and Norway maples in rows. Two hours, 40 planted trees and many a wet suit of clothes later, we made our way home, exhausted but happy. A successful conclusion to a successful 2023!





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Oekofest and "Alles op de Vëlo"

Commitment and togetherness, celebrating together, spending a "good day" together, exchanging ideas... are closely linked. Those who are com-

mitted to shared values also enjoy meeting, discussing, informing each other ... cycling together on a safe route on one day.



OEKOFEST 2023: AN INSPIRING DAY

This was the aim of the eco-festival organised by the Mouvement Ecologique and the Oekozerter Pfafendalls on 23 September 2023 in the attractive setting of the Pfafenthal neighbourhood. Numerous visitors came throughout the day to find out about sustainable living and sustainable business practices at the information stands, to take part in information stands, take part in tours and readings, exchange ideas and enjoy the music programme on offer.

The event began with the **official opening** and a speech by President Blanche Weber on key socio-political issues and a satirical intervention by Roll Gelhausen on the role of politics. The event was accompanied by a jazzy musical by the Pol Belardi Standards Trio. This in front of numerous political players, administrations, municipalities, friendly organisations and organisations and trade unions. Both interventions can be viewed at www.meco.lu.

Throughout the day, **bands from different musical genres** literally took to the stage throughout the day. From early to late, jazz combos and rock bands and everything in between played on a large stage set up for the Oekofest on the banks of the Alzette. In the evening, you could listen to one last concert at a "Patt" in the Oekosoph brasserie.

Those who could tear themselves away from the stage programme strolled around the area and visited the **information stands**, where people from different areas of "Transition" provided information. There was a lot to learn here, from solar energy to gardening.

The three **guided tours** were also well attended: one in which the visitors learnt more about the city's flora, a visit to the aqua tunnel and a visit to the "Site Mansfeld".

Author Francis Kirps provided a literary moment at the Oekofest with **a reading**. A second reading by Christiane Kremer was aimed at the event's younger visitors.

Last but not least, many guests came and stayed because of the delicious and regional **organic food** on offer at the Oekofest. On the one hand, the Oekosoph had vegan falafel with couscous and game on offer. But the food truck "Délice Végétal" with its range of vegan and organic dishes also went home completely empty at the end of the day. Visitors were also able to sample delicious food and drinks at some of the information stands.

The organisers of the Oekofest naturally attached great importance to ensuring that the festival had as little impact as possible on the environment and the climate. To this end, they followed a strict catalogue of criteria and were awarded the **"Green Event"** logo in return.

A very successful day!



ALLES OP DE VĚLO 2023: CROWNING FINALE TO A LONG TRADITION

On Sunday 16 July 2023, the big cycling festival "Alles op de VĚlo" took place for the 26th time. In perfect cycling weather thousands of people once again got on their bikes and benefited from the fact that the road between Mamer and Mersch was closed to car traffic so that they could cycle safely and relaxed through the beautiful countryside.

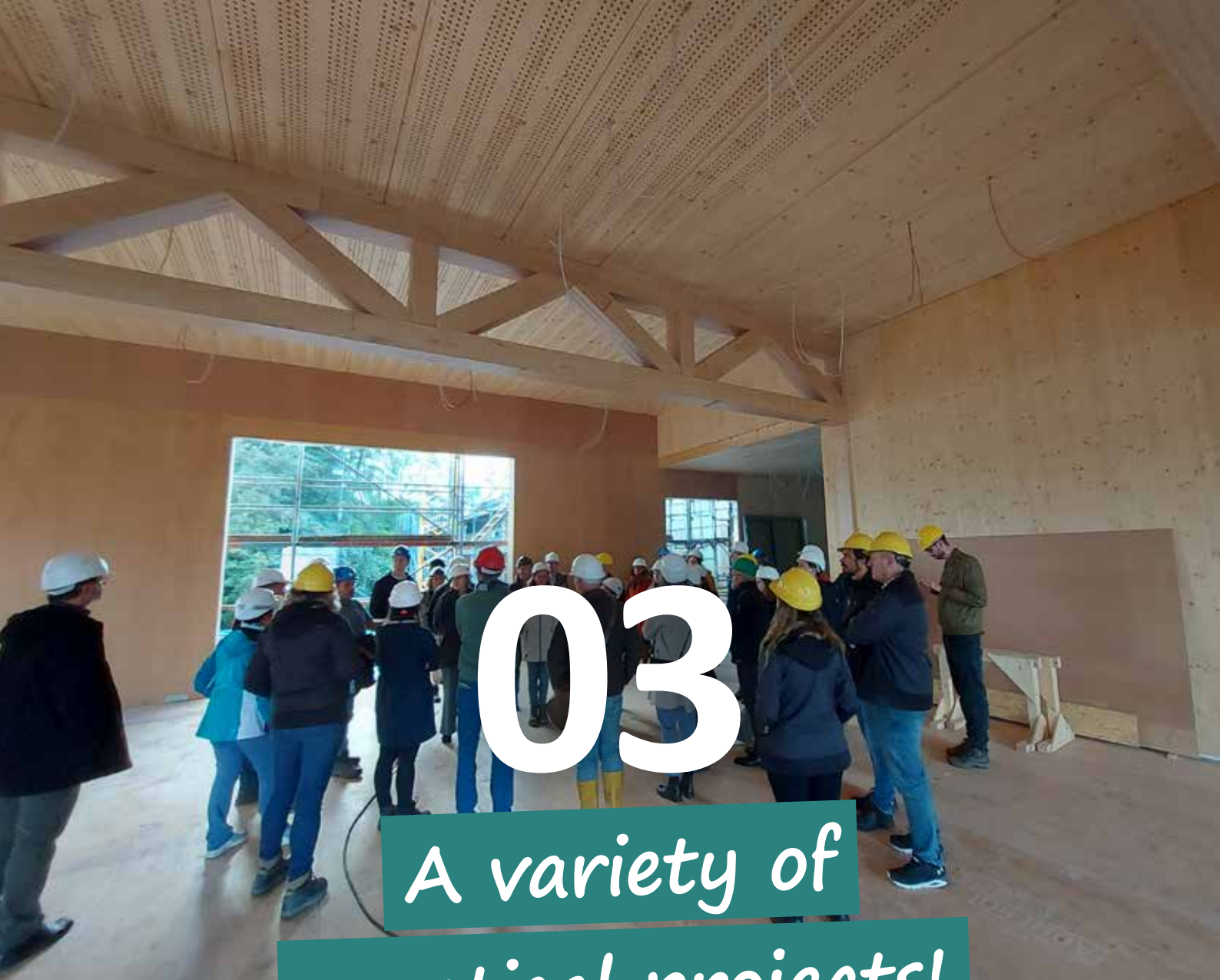
Along the route, participants could expect to find stands with delicious food and information about cycling. This year's "Alles op de

VĚlo" was the last edition. After 26 successful years of "Alles op de VĚlo" on the part of the Mouvement Ecologique, the event is now coming to an end. The cycling day is a "success story" and as the saying goes: you should stop when it's at its best. Perhaps other players will take over the organisation? At the last Meco Cycling Day, however, we were once again reminded of the proposals on how cycling should be made more attractive in everyday life by the state and municipalities.

A big thank you to all participants over the past 28 years and 26 editions for making the Bicycle Day an experience for everyone, a day of meeting and celebrating soft mobility!



The photos are by Jil Zago and other colleagues



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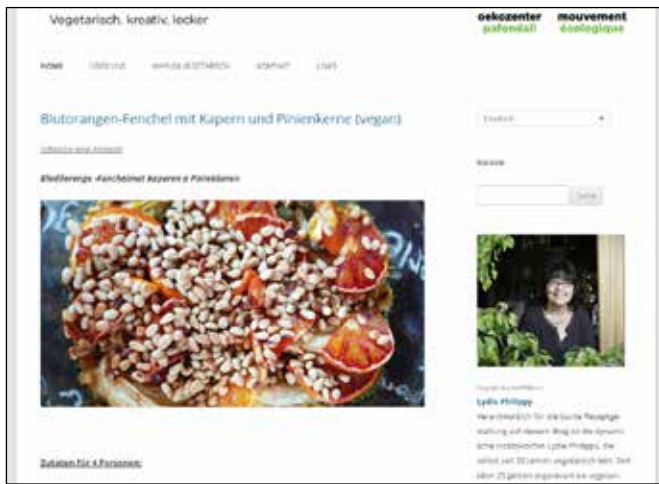
A variety of practical projects!

The Mouvement Ecologique stands for well-founded expert opinions, as the report shows. But it also realises many stimulating and inspiring

projects. The focus here is on experience, participation and concrete advice.

VEGGIETABLE - EVERY FRIDAY NEW VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN RECIPES

Since its foundation, a healthy, and above all vegan/vegetarian diet and the use of products from organic farming has been an important theme at Mouvement Ecologique. By preparing vegetarian and vegan dishes, preferably with seasonal and regional organic products, an ecological lifestyle is combined with the enjoyment of food. Since 2013, cookbook author Lydie Philippy has been publishing her recipes on www.veggietable.lu (author of the two cookbooks "Natiertlech genéissen", published by Mouvement Ecologique, among others). She always emphasises that cooking is a creative activity that everyone should enjoy. Every Friday, it is therefore worth discovering a new recipe on www.veggietable.lu and trying it out at home. The Mouvement Ecologique also organises vegetarian cookery courses together with Lydie Philippy.



CONCRETE ADVICE OEKOTOPTEN... - WHICH ALSO ADDRESSES FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

The Pafendall Ecocentre is in charge of the Oekotopten.lu project in collaboration with the Mouvement Ecologique. The aim of the project is to promote energy-efficient appliances and technologies.



On the website, consumers can access and compare electrical appliances and vehicles, smartphones, heating systems and other products according to criteria such as energy efficiency, resource consumption and reparability. The project is supported by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity and the Topten International Group network.

Oekotopten is constantly evolving, so that in recent years In recent years, in addition to the recommendations for energy-saving products, the "Background information" section and "Durability and reparability" have become increasingly important. For this reason, interested parties can now also find information on which appliances are recommended as they are easy to repair, when repairs are worthwhile, etc. The site also contains a list of the municipalities that support certain initiatives in the area of energy saving (e.g. through purchase premiums, a repair bonus).

ENERGY WEEKS: GREY ENERGY IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY: APPROACHES AND PRACTICAL EXAMPLES FOR CLIMATE- AND RESOURCE-CONSERVING BUILDING AND PLANNING

The "Energy Weeks" 2023 organised by Oekozenner Pafendall and Mouvement Ecologique, to which all stakeholders from the construction sector as well as interested private individuals were invited, took place from 4 to 20 October 2023. In 2023, the focus was on resource and energy consumption over the entire life cycle and grey energy in particular. In addition to an exciting online seminar, four public buildings with a pilot character were characterised by innovative planning approaches, construction methods and ecological building materials.



FIXIT! FLÉCKEN.LÉINEN.NOTZEN.

Oekozynter Pafendall and Mouvement Ecologique are jointly leading the campaign "fixit! Flécken. Léinen. Notzen.". The campaign regularly offers concrete tips for self-repairing and borrowing as well as interesting background information on the topic of "Repair, Reuse, Share" on Facebook and the website www.meco.lu. The campaign was also continued in 2023 and the website was updated with new information.



NOVELTY IN LUXEMBOURG: E-COMMUNITY IS THE FIRST PLATFORM FOR RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY: JOIN IN

On Friday 30 June 2023, the founding members, Mouvement Ecologique, Greenpeace Lëtzebuerg, Biogas Vereenegung, EuroSolar Lëtzebuerg, Gringgo, Energy Revolt and Energiecoop Syrdall launched the new renewable electricity platform E-Community on the initiative of Energiepark Réiden.

The idea behind this platform, which is new to Luxembourg, is to capitalise on the current momentum to promote energy communities. It is about using the opportunity to share self-produced renewable electricity within residential communities, with neighbours and within energy communities.

The aim of the platform is to increase self-sufficiency with the help of local renewable energies, reduce dependence on international market effects and thus create a decentralised local energy market in the interests of the common good.

This project makes it possible to promote the local production of renewable electricity, to harmonise production and consumption and to continue to locally valorise older installations that can no longer benefit from the feed-in tariff.

NATURE EXPERIENCE: BAT HIKE AND VISIT TO THE "LUSSHAFF"

Walks and visits are refreshing and invigorating in our day-to-day work. That's why a series of such events took place again in 2023: on the topic of bats, community gardens ...



PARTICIPATORY CAMPAIGNS - BRINGING THE CAUSE FORWARD

The more people get involved, the better. This is why the Mouvement Ecologique organises a number of important "join-in" activities in addition to appeals to support political demands, e.g. at EU level. For example

- "Awakened from hibernation: garden dormouse, dormouse and hazel dormouse: Report these attractive animals to us if you see them". Among other things, a wildlife camera was made available for this purpose: "You've got Nuet's device on the roof, pointing to a slider? You've spotted slithering around the house, garden or garden, you haven't caught any animals 'in flagrante delicto'? I'll leave you a narrow field camera that you can install at your place to find out if it's actually a slider."



- "Formatioun: #méiwéionkraut - wëll Stadbewunner a Ritze-Rebellen: "Hutt Dir Loscht "Krautschau-Ambassadeur ze ginn" - Loscht an Interessé lech fir di "onbemierkten" Biodiversitéit an Ärer Gemeng anzesetzen!" ... this was the theme of another campaign in which people were encouraged to take an interest in the many small "Ritze rebels" that are sprouting up everywhere in the villages. The response was very positive and the project will be continued in 2024.

- Send us your photos: Your meadow - a paradise for butterflies, bees and other insects" is the call for the topic "nature-orientated garden design"

CAMPAIGN "NO ADVERTISING PLEASE"

For over 30 years now, 60 per cent of letterboxes in Luxembourg have been emblazoned with a sticker against the flood of advertising: "Keng Reklamme wgl." Now the new waste management law is set to bring about change, as advertising is to be banned from 2024. A good opportunity to look back and look ahead at the effectiveness of the sticker. It is remarkable how many trees were saved by this small campaign! 2024 must now be accompanied so that the new law - which a priori prohibits the distribution of adverts on letterboxes - is also respected.

QUIZ EVENINGS AT OEKOSOPH

Anyone who knows them is always looking forward to them: the quirky quiz evenings at Oekosoph, which have now become a tradition and are regularly fully booked. The focus is on having fun, being together and laughing! The success speaks for itself.



OEKOSOPH: THE MEETING PLACE WITH ORGANIC, VEGAN AND VEGETARIAN FOOD

The Oekosoph, led by Lou Steichen, has developed into a meeting place. There are not many restaurants in Luxembourg that offer such delicious organic dishes and dishes with regional vegetables and offer vegan and vegan dishes every day.

The success is certainly due to the good cooking skills and the "character" of Lou Steichen. But it is also down to the dedicated team of volunteers who provide the service at Oekosoph on Wednesday evenings. Come and have a look!



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Conferences, dialogue and informations

It is particularly important for the Mouvement Ecologique to promote forward-looking ideas and analyses through lectures and seminars (and the subsequent "standoff"), to impart specialist knowledge, bring people together, exchange arguments, develop common perspectives - and perhaps provide answers to the big questions of the future.

In 2023, numerous conferences and visits were therefore once again held, which met with a great deal of interest.

The year's various events covered a wide range of topics, from bats and the greening of villages to the issue of growth.

The youth organisation move. was also extremely active in 2023, organising interesting conferences, a vegan picnic and a summer camp for the next generation of Meco members.

The majority of the events were translated into French, and increasingly also into English. Many of the events were recorded on video and are available on the Mouvement Ecologique channel on YouTube at www.youtube.com/mouveco.

REVIEW OF EVENTS FROM 2023



- 30.01.2023 – **Sustainable transformation of the economic system: from empty phrase to reality** Conference with Professor Ulrich Brand from the University of Vienna.
- 20.02.2023 – **The new report to the Club of Rome: „Earth for All – a survival guide for humanity“** Conference with Jørgen Randers, Professor Emeritus of Climate Strategy at BI Norwegian Business School and member of the Club of Rome.
- 06.03.2023 – **Eng Oas am Quartier - Mat de Bierger :innen nei Openthalts-qualität am Stroosseraum schafen** Webinar with Dipl. Ing. Liette Clees.
- 24.03.2023 – **Kongress 2023 vum Mouvement Ecologique**
- 11.04.2023 – **Klimakris, Engagement, Walen, a villes méi. Jonker schwätze mat!** Discussion evening for young people with Claude Turmes and Blanche Weber.
- 22.04.2023 – **MOVE.YOUR.VOICE** The spring festival of the youth organisation Move.
- 24.04.2023 – **Eis Stied an Dierfer fit fir d’Klimaverännerunge maachen! Durchgréngung an Entsigelung géingt Hëtzinselen an Iwwerschwemmung** Online seminar with Lex Faber, coordinator of the Cellule nationale d’Information pour la Politique Urbaine (CIPU), Bruno Barboni, head of the "Pactes avec les communes" department at Klima-Agence, Silke Schlegelmilch, green space planner and former project manager of the heat climate adaptation concept, and Verena Hilgers, climate adaptation manager for the city of Freiburg im Breisgau.
- 25.04.2023 – **Liewesraum Stad – op de Spuere vum Uhu** Lecture by biologist Roger Schauls.
- 01.06.2023 – **Präsentation des lokalen Mobilitätsplans und Austausch über Vorschläge des Méco für die nächste Koalition in Esch. Konferenz der Regionale Süden.**
- 28.06.2023 – **#méiwéionkraut – Wëll Stadbewunner a Ritze-Rebellen** Training for herbaceous plant ambassadors.
- 30.06.2023 – **En neien Ofsazmaart fir d’Lëtzebuerger Landwirtschaft: Déi nei „Supply4Future“ Strategie vu Restopolis „Wéi gesäit se aus? Wat bréngt se dem Bauer?“** Conference in cooperation with the Oekozynter Pafendal and the Lëtzebuerger Landjugend a Jongbaueren, as well as the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth and Restopolis.
- 16.07.2023 – **Alles op de Vëlo 2023**, organised by the Mouvement Ecologique and its regionale "Miersch an Ëmgéigend", in collaboration with the municipalities of municipalities of Mamer, Kopstal and Mersch and ProVelo.lu.
- 19.07.2023 – **Visitt um Lusshaff & lessen an der Epicerie am Duerf – Gemeinschaftsgaart nom Permakultur-Prinzip, alternativ Wunnformen & Renatureierung, lokalen Treffpunkt mat regionaler Versuerung**





- 12.07.2023 – **Move.Picknick** Vegan final picnic of the Move. youth organisation in Pfaffenthal.
- 06.09.2023 bis 08.09.2023 – **Move.Summercamp** Summer camp at the Misärshof.
- 12.09.2023 – **Wéi eis natierlech Ëmwelt erhalen an déi biologesch a regional Landwirtschaft no vir bréngen?** Round table discussion with the representatives of the parties in the run-up to the elections.
- 16.09.2023 – **Fliedermäuswanderung zu Miersch.** Bat hike organised by the Regionale Mersch and surrounding area and the "Mierscher Geschichtsfrënn".
- 23.09.2023 – **Oekofest 2023** with numerous concerts and performances as well as a speech by Blanche Weber, President of Mouvement Ecologique and a satirical interlude by cabaret artist Roll Gelhausen.
- 27.09.2023 – **Spullstrossen a Spullweenercher – Wéi bereeden ech meng Gemeng op d'Mehrweg-Geschier bei Eventer vir?** Webinar for municipal representatives
- 04.10.2023 bis 20.10.2023 – **Energiewochen 2023: Graue Energie im Bauwesen: Ansätze und Praxis-Beispiele für klima und ressourcenschonendes Bauen und Planen** Online seminar and tours of public buildings.
- 04.10.2023 – **Die Bauwende im Planungsbüro** Webinar in collaboration with the Oekozer Pafendall.
- 05.10.2023 – **Wéi ëmgoen mat der Wuesstëmsfro? Wéi eng Landsplanung fir muer?** Roundtable discussion with party representatives in the run-up to the elections.
- 09.11.2023 – **Weltuntergang fällt aus?** Conference with the blogger and author Jan Hegenberg.
- 10.11.2023 – **Ethiques et esthétiques du care comme alternatives au système-monde moderne, colonial, capitaliste et patriarcal** Conference in collaboration with ASTM with the actress and philosopher María Grace Salamanca González.
- 20.11.2023 – **Grün und lebendig statt Grau und monoton – Planung und Umgestaltung von naturnahen & klimafreundlichen Schulhöfen von Sekundarschulen** Conference with Maren Haase, Municipal Environmental Protection Officer at Deutsche Umwelthilfe and Alexander Lübeck, Headmaster of Huboldt-gymnasium Solingen in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development and the Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte.





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In action, day after day

In addition to the important political issues the work of the Mouvement Ecologique is characterised above all by its consistent commitment in everyday life.

In doing so, the Mouvement Ecologique endeavours to inform, sensitise, motivate people motivate people to get involved, advise citizens to advise citizens and much more.



BROAD AND DIVERSE INFORMATION POLICY

Both members and interested parties are kept up to date on the latest activities, positions, conferences and developments in the field of sustainable development. sustainable development are kept up to date. The member magazine "Kéisecker info", which was published 17 times in 2023, is particularly important in this regard. Another important tool is the website www.meco.lu. This is regularly updated with the latest information. But older documents (statements, reports...) can also be viewed here. In 2023, the website was translated into English for the first time alongside the French version and thus made accessible to a wider audience. Visitors can also find direct access to the Mouvement Ecologique project pages on the website. These include the NATURELO and FIXIT projects, for which further updates were made in 2023. On the FIXIT website, visitors will find a large repertoire of interesting tips and contact points on the topic of "repairing, sharing and using for longer".

The **newsletter**, which is normally sent out free of charge every Friday and currently reaches almost 700 subscribers, is indispensable. Here, the recipients receive condensed news about the Mouvement Ecologique, move, the Oekozynter Pafendall and the Climate Alliance Lëtzebuerg.

The **social media presence** was also further expanded in 2023. The Mouvement Ecologique's Facebook page now has more than 6,880 subscribers, making it the social medium with the widest reach for the organisation. The Instagram account is also becoming increasingly popular. It is now followed by more than 1,320 people.

The Mouvement Ecologique shares videos of events on the **video platform YouTube**. The channel's library now contains almost 200 videos. In 2023, the channel recorded over 10,000 views.



IN DIALOGUE WITH OUR MEMBERS !

The Mouvement Ecologique is only as strong as it is thanks to the commitment of its members. They are involved in the Board of Directors, in national working groups and in regional sections.

But beyond that, it is important for the Mouvement Ecologique to regularly give its members the opportunity to take part in a discussion in the "Member Forum" or to share their opinions via e-mail. This under the motto: "Come on, let's discuss! You are needed!"

2023, numerous forums were therefore held, including five each to preparation for the municipal and national elections. Over 150 people took part in drawing up the specific proposals.

2023, new members were also once again offered the opportunity to take part in a relaxed exchange on the working methods and priorities of the Mouvement Ecologique. These relaxed events are always enriching and stimulating.

Last but not least, an English-speaking group was also established in 2023.

In addition, several thinking evenings were held in 2023 in which discussed what its current strengths and weaknesses are and how the Mouvement Ecologique should develop further.

„Gefill eppes ze bewegen“

„kompetent Leit / kompetent Äntwerten“

„Zesummen ass een stuart“

„De Méco ass e wichtege Akteur, seng Meenung gëtt vun Press a Politik wouer geholl (Glaafwierdergheet)“

„Lieweg an authentesch
Diskussioun“

„Duerchhalverméigen“

„Thématiséierung vun
«onangenehen» Themen“

„Objeektiv a sachlech korrekt“

„Verbannen vun Engagement a
Liewensfreed“

„Am Méco kann een eppes
bewirken“

„Zesummen eng fachlech fundéiert
Entwecklung vun der Gesellschaft bewirken“

LOBBYING BY MEANS OF WELL-FOUNDED POLITICAL STATEMENTS

The expert opinions drafted by the working groups, regional committees and the Board of Directors make it possible to address important issues, present ideas for the future, focus on scientific facts, sensitise stakeholders and citizens and thus influence decisions. It goes without saying that the statements are forwarded as widely as possible to interested stakeholders (politicians, municipalities, affected professional circles, the general public) far beyond the circle of members. professional circles, the general public) in order to increase their impact. As a rule, committed members are involved in the drafting process, so that it is possible to write well-founded statements with a high degree of practical relevance that include various perspectives. As the topics are becoming increasingly complex, it remains a challenge to maintain this "level".

Discussions are also frequently held with stakeholders (ministries, etc.) on the basis of the opinions. In 2023, the expert opinions ranged from the issue of "environmentally harmful subsidies" to the necessity of hunting, especially in times of climate change.



CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION IN STATE COMMITTEES

At national level, the Mouvement Ecologique is represented in a number of government bodies, which are primarily intended to advise the respective ministries. The Mouvement Ecologique does its best to contribute its ideas and proposals to these structures and to advocate for sustainable development. In 2023, however, it can once again be noted that the various committees function differently and that their working methods and impact need to be scrutinised in some cases. The Mouvement Ecologique is, among others currently represented in the following bodies: "Luxembourg Transition", the advisory board of "myenergy", "Conseil supérieur de la nature", "Conseil supérieur de l'aménagement du territoire", "Observatoire de l'environnement naturel", "Conseil supérieur de la chasse", "Comité d'accompagnement en matière d'établissements classés", "Commission consultative aéroportuaire", "Groupe d'accompagne-

ment" for the construction of the modern tramway, state working group "Mobilité douce", the "plateforme climat" and others. etc.

For years, the Mouvement Ecologique has been calling for the introduction of the "congé associatif". This is because the meetings of these consultative structures often take place during working hours, which does not exactly make it easy or impossible for the often volunteer representatives of the Mouvement Ecologique to attend.

In addition to these state bodies, the Mouvement is also represented on the Board of Directors of "Etika". The Mouvement Ecologique is also actively involved in the "Stop TTIP & CETA" platform (which was put on hold in 2023) and "Meng Landwirtschaft", as well as the "Aktionscomité géint Atomkraft".



INVOLVEMENT AT EU LEVEL AND IN EUROPEAN NETWORKS

If you look at the "High-Lights 2023" of the Mouvement Ecologique's activities, it becomes immediately apparent how much the Mouvement Ecologique's commitment in the key areas - biodiversity, climate protection, etc. - is now interwoven with EU work. - is interwoven with EU work.

The Mouvement Ecologique is also a member of several global and European alliances. These include Friends of the Earth (FoE), the Bureau Européen de l'Environnement (BEE), the Climate Action Network (CAN), the Pesticide Action Network (PAN) and the "Round Table" and "Right to Repair" initiatives.

This membership is extremely important, as it is not possible for a national organisation such as Mouvement Ecologique to regularly take the lead on international and/or EU-level dossiers. level on a regular basis. The information and preparatory work of the partner organisations is therefore extremely important for the Mouvement Ecologique to be able to take action. In addition, these partnerships allow joint actions to be organised.

An individual organisation can achieve little at EU level, but together we are stronger. Accordingly, the involvement of the Mouvement Ecologique is steadily increasing, especially at EU level, and it is also actively involved in worldwide appeals by partner organisations.

The Mouvement Ecologique supports initiatives at EU level, takes up some of these in campaigns in Luxembourg (e.g. on the "Nature Restoration Law"), participates in petitions, forwards statements and much more.

The Info also regularly contains brief updates on the activities of Mouvement Ecologique's European partner organisations.



CONTACT POINT FOR COMMITTED CITIZENS AND CONSUMERS

The Mouvement Ecologique has always acted as a point of contact for questions and suggestions from citizens and interested stakeholders.

Numerous enquiries are addressed to the Mouvement Ecologique. They concern, for example, information on various laws and procedures, background information on local public sector projects and much more.

In 2023, the Mouvement Ecologique continued to be approached on a daily basis by citizens asking for support with a specific dossier. It can be seen that more and more citizens are expressing the desire to become active in this or that way and want to get involved. They are not necessarily interested in getting involved in specialised working groups in detail. Rather, it is about helping to implement concrete ideas on the ground. It is clear how important good local citizen participation would be, because it is precisely there that people could make a big difference in social interaction if the municipalities were to provide more support for projects and ideas from citizens. However, the motto "**help people to help themselves**" also applies to numerous enquiries. Given its limited capacities, the Mouvement Ecologique cannot always "jump in" and get actively involved in all dossiers.

It is important that the people concerned take action themselves on the ground. The Mouvement Ecologique provides advice in this regard, often explaining the legal situation and providing information on what initiatives can be taken. If the Mouvement Ecologique itself does not have the necessary knowledge, it does its best to refer those affected to the right authorities. The fact is, however, that citizens also turn to MECO with enquiries that should actually be answered by government agencies. However, they sometimes do not receive an answer or do not know who to contact (e.g. whether a project has been authorised or whether there is data on certain topics).

In order to ensure better information, the state would need to provide citizens with far more systematic information, specific contact points and persons in the respective ministries and administrations for enquiries, as well as an information law worthy of a modern democracy. However, we are still a long way from such proximity to citizens, which should actually be a matter of course.

The Mouvement Ecologique will also endeavour in the future to fulfil its advisory and information role and take up particularly dossiers as actively as possible.



CONCRETE WORK IN NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY DOSSIERS

THE COMMITMENT AGAINST THE UNECOLOGICAL, ANTISOCIAL AND UNDEMOCRATIC FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

In 2022, free trade agreements were slightly less on the political agenda. However, this does not change the continued fundamental opposition to these agreements in their current form. A number of activities will therefore certainly take place in 2024. This is particularly the case with regard to the so-called Mercosur Agreement, the EU's free trade agreement with the Latin American countries Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay Uruguay, which is once again gaining topicality.

WAASSERWIRTSCHAFT, OFFALL, KAMÉIDI, KOMMODO-INKOMMODO-DOSSIEREN, ËMWELTPOLITIK "OP DER PLAZ"

It is obvious that environmental policy is a common thread running through the work of the Mouvement Ecologique. For example, it **supports citizens** who need information about air quality, objections / suggestions in the context of operating licences operating licences, and in many cases the limitation of water. The limited nature of water resources in Luxembourg was also frequently addressed, issues relating to air pollution, the South Region is represented in the "ARCELOR-Comité de suivi", etc.

These issues flow into the work of the Mouvement Ecologique on a daily basis, in various statements, consultations with concerned citizens, etc. It goes without saying that the issues played a major role in the proposals for the municipal and national elections.

2023 was a somewhat quieter year for the "Google" dossier. However, the Mouvement Ecologique remains vigilant.

IN FAVOUR OF FORWARD-LOOKING REGIONAL PLANNING, MOBILITY AND HOUSING POLICY

In many different ways, the Mouvement Ecologique advocates a different kind of mobility. The focus is on promoting soft mobility and public transport. However, the aim is also to make private cars less attractive (e.g. by limiting the number of parking spaces available). This topic then also characterised the proposals that were drawn up as part of the national and municipal elections.

The deficits that still exist today, however, are obvious: the Hesperingen bypass with its consequences for the natural environment is in full planning; the expansion of the cycle paths is progressing, but by no means with the necessary vigour, and so on, with the necessary vigour, etc.

In addition, mobility planning is lagging behind the requirements arising from economic growth. In addition, good mobility planning requires much stronger regional planning. However, our cities and towns are still primarily characterised by car traffic.

There is therefore still a long way to go to achieve sustainable mobility, which is also much more strongly supported by the municipalities, and the Mouvement Ecologique will continue to work towards this goal. For example, as part of the discussions surrounding the municipal Mouvement Ecologique decided to campaign for a generalised 20/30 speed limit in urban areas.

The Mouvement Ecologique's southern region in particular continues to campaign consistently against the Bascharage bypass and the preservation of the "Bobësch".

Another topic is state and housing policy. Here it must be noted: Urban sprawl has not been curbed, the housing problem is taking on dramatic proportions and regional planning is still a wallflower, despite various efforts by the Ministry of Regional Planning. In all these areas, positive innovations are de facto being "eaten up" by growth. It must be possible for regional planning, housing and mobility policy to once again shape the country in a positive way.



Discussions on regional planning guidelines, various aspects of housing construction (in favour of densification and new settlements, with social spaces and communal green areas), the importance of reducing land consumption are recurring themes in the everyday dossiers of the Mouvement Ecologique. Concrete ideas were developed during the elections, but specific dossiers were also discussed at the same time.

Which new settlements make sense where? How can a housing development project be made more sustainable? What can attractive, "more compact" and high-quality construction look like? How can we create attractive public spaces with quality of stay? How much "green" needs to be preserved or created where? These and other questions were addressed by Mouvement Ecologique in a whole series of cases in various municipalities across the country during the reporting year.

The Mouvement Ecologique is also frequently approached by citizens who need help with building and settlement projects in their community. As a rule, the Mouvement Ecologique does not pursue these dossiers in detail. There are simply too many of them. The Mouvement Ecologique primarily advises those affected, discusses the legal situation as far as possible and helps them to help themselves. However, the Mouvement Ecologique takes on an active role in various dossiers, especially if the dossier has particularly far-reaching consequences and there is an active regional organisation or active members in the municipality or region.

The issue of air traffic was also on the agenda. The Mouvement Ecologique takes part in the - extremely rare - meetings of the meetings of the state "commission aéroportuaire". It continues to campaign for a reduction in night flights and other issues.

GIVING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY A DIFFERENT STATUS

In the public eye, environmental policy is often associated with environmental offences, the exceeding of limit values (particularly with regard to air quality) and "environmental scandals". air quality) and "environmental scandals" in the spotlight. Special attention must be paid to preventive environmental protection, which on the one hand prevents such developments and on the other hand guarantees citizens a high quality environment. The Mouvement Ecologique is committed to this in everyday life.

„MORE THAN FICTION?!“ – CHAOS WITHOUT WATER UN-World Water Day – 22.03.2023

„Right now, we are seriously off-track to meet Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.“ Every year on World Water Day, the UN points out that millions of people around the world still suffer from water shortages and a lack of hygiene. This situation is exacerbated every year by the exacerbated by the climate crisis. Droughts and floods are increasing dramatically. Water affects everyone. That is why the UN invites its member states, among others, to promote concrete actions to protect water resources in their countries.

As part of UN World Water Day, the Mouvement Ecologique action group used an "ironic-realistic" video to draw attention to the extent to which we as humans and nature depend on water as the basis of life in all areas of everyday life.

NEIEN OFFALL-GESETZESPAK: E WICHTEGE SCHRATT, MEE D'WIERKUNG HÄNKT VUN DER ËMSETZUNG OF

The new Waste Act is an important step towards protecting resources. However, its success now depends largely on the





quality of implementation. We need to move away from viewing raw materials as waste; they are a valuable resource. The avoidance of waste must be prioritised instead of focussing on recycling. The same applies to the concept of the circular economy. The laws as they now stand are a first step and a basis for important reforms. However, their real contribution to the reduction of waste and the valorisation of resources - and above all the acceptance of a new strategy in the area of recyclable materials and resources - will depend on their very concrete implementation.

This presupposes that ALL stakeholders are aware of their responsibility and are genuinely involved! The Mouvement Ecologique addressed the individual aspects in a detailed statement and various discussions.

EDUCATION: CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT!

Even though fewer specific external activities took place in 2023, the topic of education accompanied the activities of the Mouvement Ecologique in various meetings. Above all, concrete suggestions were made in the context of the national and local elections. In view of the major social and ecological challenges we face as a society, education for sustainable development must finally be challenges we face as a society, education for sustainable development must finally be and be used as a reference for educational policy decisions.

STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL RIGHTS!

The development of a sustainable, resilient society of tomorrow of tomorrow requires more than ever an open exchange, the with factual arguments and developed civil rights civil rights and modern political education. Unfortunately, Luxembourg is a long way from achieving these goals. All the more important is the civil society and, in particular, the Mouvement Ecologique.

This is why the issue of "civil society" runs like a common thread through the work of the Mouvement Ecologique.

A broad information policy, a transparent organisation of political procedures and the involvement of citizens in decision-making processes are essential for sustainable development. For years, the Mouvement Ecologique has therefore been campaigning for the promotion of good and comprehensive participation processes that are not just limited to information evenings. This in the context of municipal positions positions, in the reorganisation of public transport, etc.

In addition to the issue of "free access to information", specific projects repeatedly call for proper citizen participation specific projects. The fact that the importance of stronger democracy was also emphasised in the context of elections.





A roadmap for the 2023-2028 legislative period - socially, ecologically and fairly

The commitment of the Mouvement Ecologique is characterised by the conviction that it is up to politicians to set the right framework conditions for sustainable development. It is up to the individual to support such political decisions. However, the basic prerequisite is political courage in order to make the necessary decisions for a positive future.

Accordingly, the Mouvement Ecologique has always been involved in the national elections to ensure that important issues, proposals and challenges are taken up.

Among other things by

- drawing up concrete proposals for a sustainable policy at national level so that they are taken up in the electoral debates and addressed in the course of the coming legislative period;
- engaging in dialogue with political parties;
- helping to ensure that the different views of the various parties in the area of sustainable development are presented and discussed;
- a contribution is made to raising awareness of future issues.

The activities were correspondingly diverse

DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL PARTIES:

Im Vorfeld der Wahlen fanden Unterredungen mit u.a. der CSV, „Déi Gréng“, „Déi Lénk“ sowie der LSAP statt.

„A ROADMAP FOR THE LEGISLATIVE PERIOD - SOCIALLY, ECOLOGICALLY AND FAIRLY



.... was the title of the 152-page publication in which the Mouvement Ecologique developed very specific proposals for national policy. This was of course sent to all political parties as soon as possible in the hope that it would be included in their election programmes (which was partly the case). It was also translated into French.

After the elections, it served as a reference for lobbying when the coalition agreement was drawn up. And it will accompany the activities of the Mouvement Ecologique in the current legislative period.

The central topics of the roadmap:

Demokratie – Bildung – Natur- und Landschaftsschutz – Landesplanung & Stadtentwicklung – Dorfentwicklung & Wohnraumpolitik – Mobilität – Energiepolitik und Klimaschutz – Wirtschaft und nachhaltige Entwicklung – Landwirtschaft – Umweltpolitik – Wasserwirtschaft – Gesundheitspolitik – EU-Politik.

RUNDTISCHGESPRÄCHE IM VORFELD DER NATIONALWAHLEN

Zwei Rundtischgespräche zu den Themen „Biodiversität und Landwirtschaft“ sowie „Wachstum und Landesplanung“ mit Vertretern aller politischen Parteien fanden besonders großen Anklang. Wenn man bedenkt, dass zig derartige Veranstaltungen organisiert wurden, ist es durchaus bemerkenswert, dass über 100 resp. 200 Personen daran teilnahmen.

Im Video-Replay auf meco.lu können Sie diese Rundtischgespräche einsehen.



THE ELECTION PROGRAMMES OF THE OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES CRITICAL VIEW

The Mouvement Ecologique also analysed in detail the election manifestos of the political parties in the areas of sustainable development. The resulting publication met with particularly broad interest: there was much praise for this factual and well-presented information.



THE MOVEMENT ECOLOGIQUE - A DIALOGUE PARTNER IN THE COALITION NEGOTIATIONS

After the elections, the Mouvement Ecologique was invited to present its proposals as part of the coalition negotiations between the new governing parties in Senningen. The fact that an environmental organisation (and the Sustainability Council) were invited to these

Overall, a stimulating exchange took place. In this context, the Mouvement Ecologique emphasised that it was possible to discuss ways of protecting the climate and biodiversity. This would certainly also require the acceptance of the population and social actors.

However, the goals to be achieved should not be up for debate, according to the should not be up for debate, the Mouvement Ecologique has clearly stated.

BASIC ASSESSMENT OF THE COALITION AGREEMENT

The Mouvement Ecologique also commented on the new coalition agreement under the motto: "Positiv Akzenter, mee méi grundsätzlech Reformumsätz aus Nohaltegkeetsicht feelen".

According to Mouvement Ecologique, some of the instruments that have been included in the programme in the various areas of sustainable development are to be welcomed. development were included in the programme. However however, there are questions about the government's fundamental orientation and prioritisation as well as the concrete implementation in practice and the detailed orientation, according to the Mouvement Ecologique.

2024 will show how the government will actually proceed in the area of sustainable development. As always, the Mouvement Ecologique will of course "accompany" this work both critically and constructively.

WAT SINN D'AUSOEE VU DE PARTEIEN ZU DEN ERAUSFUERDERUNGE VUN ENGER NOHALTEGER ENTWÉCKLUNG?

ENG ANALYSE VUN DE WALPROGRAMMEN AUS DER SIICHT VUM MOVEMENT ECOLOGIQUE

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aus Handlungsbereichen in den Wahlprogrammen der CSV, werden rechtlich verbindliche, konkrete Vorschläge zur konkreten Umsetzung dieser Maßnahmen Politik und über unterbreitet.

Das Programm enthält sehr konkrete und detaillierte Aussagen zu den verschiedenen Sektoren, die Teilbereiche, die die Umsetzbarkeit nicht direkt adressiert werden, sind jedoch ein deutliches Merkmal.

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Municipal elections 2023

A roadmap with a pool of concrete ideas for everyone involved at community level

The municipal elections have always been an opportunity for the Mouvement Eologique to support local commitment and to "get to the heart of the matter" in terms of how important this work is for

the ecological transition. The Mouvement Eologique's commitment to the municipal elections is correspondingly high.

The municipality is close to its citizens and can advocate positive can advocate for positive developments with a variety of concrete measures. The aim is to promote progress in the area of sustainable development locally so that municipalities can take on a certain pioneering role (keyword: energy transition). However, it is also about addressing and stimulating positive new visions for the future locally. Municipalities that take initiatives to become "greener" are not only doing something for the preservation of biodiversity, but are also making places more attractive, ensuring a better quality of life, better coexistence and ultimately demonstrating how positively an ecological policy and corresponding behaviour can affect the well-being of us all.

Around 100 members therefore worked hard to produce a 152-page publication "Eng Roadmap fir eng sozial ekologesch Transitioun - fir demokratesch, lieweg a nohalteg Gemengen" with concrete suggestions for sustainable and liveable communities. communities worth living in. The basic idea: the tasks of a municipality today are so complex and diverse that it is quite difficult for It is quite difficult for those involved to always know which levers to pull. This is precisely where the brochure support: Anyone who wants to get involved at municipal level will receive very specific information and suggestions as to which initiatives can be taken in key areas of municipal policy.

The publication was forwarded to all interested parties in advance of the municipalities and, in a second phase, to all newly elected municipal councillors and others interested in municipal politics.

The brochure can be downloaded from www.meco.lu or ordered by transferring €15 (incl. postage) or 15 copies or more for € 12 (incl. postage). It is also available online in French.

Orders via e-mail: secretariat@meco.lu or phone 439030-1 or by direct bank transfer with the note "Municipal elections" to: CCPL: LU16 1111 0392 1729 0000 oder BCEE: LU20 0019 1300 1122 4000

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the approximately 100 members who actively participated in the creation of this roadmap in five member forums, among others.



Die Themenbreite ist beeindruckend:

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- **ENERGIE A KLIMA** - Gemengen als Virreider am Klimaschutz
- **REGIONAL WIRTSCHAFT** - Lokal Betriber, regional Produktioun a Kreeslafwirtschaft an de Fokus réckelen
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- **NORD-SÜD POLITIK** - Global denken - Lokal handeln



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Finally ensuring

proper access to Informations

The discussions about the law on free access to information dossiers have a "long beard" in Luxembourg. Since the 1980s (!), the Mouvement Ecologique has been campaigning for citizens to

be given more rights. Certainly, the situation is better today than it was 40 years ago, but it is still far from satisfactory.



Then, in the middle of the year, the Ministry of State issued a position that access to information by the press should finally be improved in concrete terms. This, according to the ministry Ministry, in close consultation with the "Conseil de Presse". If a positive development were to take place here, this would of course be absolutely welcome, according to the Mouvement Ecologique.

However, improved access to information on the part of journalists should not be implicitly equated with improved access to information for citizens and civil society. Citizens have - also outside of press law - a right to adequate access to information! However, this central civil right was not addressed in the aforementioned communication from the ministry.

According to the Mouvement Ecologique in a statement, Luxembourg needs a transparent information law instead of an "information prevention law", in the interest of the general public!

DISCUSSION AT THE MINISTRY OF STATE ON IMPROVED ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Ministry of State did not fail to respond. In September, an interesting exchange took place with the Ministry of State responsible for the law. The responsible official at the Ministry, Jeff Feller, informed the Mouvement Ecologique that the Ministry was planning to make significant improvements (e.g. the lifting of the restriction to "documents administratifs" and "documents administratifs" etc.). According to the statement, the ministry would no longer present a reform project, but would formulate suggestions for the new government as part of a "note au formateur".

It will be interesting to see whether something will finally happen...



IMPROVED ACCESS OF THE PRESS TO INFORMATION: YES! BUT WHERE IS THE IMPROVED ACCESS FOR CITIZENS?

In 2022, the Press Council launched a campaign for better access to access to information by the press. The Mouvement Ecologique and other organisations took part and also addressed the issue of citizens' right to information.

Unfortunately, hardly anything happened. Although it had been promised that the relevant law ("*administration transparente et ouverte*") would be revised in the legislative period up to 2023 based on the experience gained, nothing happened.

In several letters and public statements, the Mouvement Ecologique repeatedly campaigned for important improvements to the law. Although Prime Minister X. Bettel, as the responsible minister, repeatedly promised that improvements would be made, but nothing was actually done.





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De System a Fro stellen ...

Our current social and economic model is not sustainable. Not only natural scientists, but also economic and financial experts have made this clear in many publications. It is also the fundamental conviction of the Mouvement Ecologique, which has accompanied its work for years.

We need a new social consensus on the pillars on which we want to build our economic system in the future - while respecting the ecological limits of the planet and global distributive justice. We therefore need an exchange and discussions on fundamental questions about how we imagine the world of tomorrow and what kind of earth we want to leave to future generations.

Above all, we need positive visions of the future.

No one can yet say what a "sustainable" economic system will ultimately look like in detail; there are too many adjustments to be made. But important steps towards this are known.

This is why the Mouvement Ecologique once again put forward very specific proposals in 2023 to enrich the discussion in terms of a phased reorganisation of the current system.



LUXEMBOURG ONCE AGAIN ON A VERY SAD "WINNER'S PODIUM"

On Tuesday 14 February, Luxembourg once again became the second country in the world after Qatar to reach Overshoot Day, as it did in 2022. In other words, the day on which Luxembourg has used up all the natural resources available to it each year and is therefore living on credit for the rest of the year. Luxembourg is therefore once again on a sad "winner's podium" worldwide. The Mouvement Ecologique used the date to once again address the fundamental problems of our current model.

THE REDUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY HARMFUL STATE SUBSIDIES: A QUESTION OF POLITICAL CREDIBILITY

... is the title of another campaign organised by the Mouvement Ecologique. It is well known that Luxembourg, like other countries, is misinvesting considerable amounts of state funds, thereby fuelling the biodiversity and climate crisis. An absurdity that has also been

known to political actors for several legislative periods. This is why they have repeatedly promised to analyse the national budget for such subsidies.

But nothing was done - absolute madness. Because it is absolutely absurd for the state to continue to deliberately misinvest hundreds of millions in these times of crisis in full knowledge of the facts. The Mouvement Ecologique therefore commissioned a brief report on the subject from the "Forum Ökologisch soziale Marktwirtschaft "FÖS" on the subject. In this report, a number of state subsidies were analysed as models to determine whether they meet the criteria of sustainable development.

The clear conclusion: considerable sums of money are being misinvested. The study was presented to the public, forwarded as widely as possible to the responsible stakeholders and discussed with the Minister of Finance, in the presence of one of the authors of the study, Kai Schlegelmilch. Unfortunately, however, nothing is still happening.



OFBAU VUN ËMWELTSCHIEDLECHE SUBVENTIOUNEN !

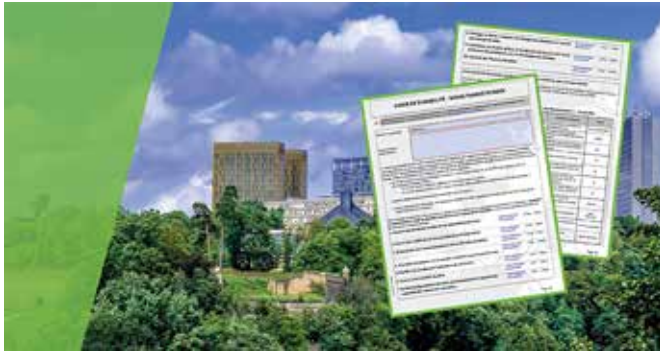


SUSTAINABLE TAX REFORM: A "MUST"!

The call for a sustainable tax reform was also in focus in 2023. The fact is that Luxembourg is still at the bottom of the European league when it comes to the taxation of environmental consumption and is fuelling the climate and biodiversity catastrophe with its wrong tax policy. The Mouvement Ecologique cannot understand why the government is not tackling this long overdue reform.

The eminent importance of this reform was once again emphasised on numerous occasions in 2023: in statements, on social media, in discussions (including with the Minister of Finance), etc.

Unfortunately, still without success. The Mouvement Ecologique will continue to work all the harder to achieve this.



"CONSENSUS WITHIN THE TRIPARTITE: YES, BUT... ECOLOGICAL ASPECTS AND SOCIAL SELECTIVITY NOT SUFFICIENTLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT"

... was the title of a statement in response to decisions made in the Tripartite. On Friday 3 March 2023, the social partners reached a consensus on how to deal with the crisis, including in the energy sector. In the opinion of the Mouvement Ecologique, the Tripartite results left a bad taste in the mouth, as according to the Mouvement Ecologique, the blanket capping of energy prices would lead to the excessive energy consumption of various private households being financed by the general public. This would be neither socially just nor ecologically sensible. In addition, capping the price would reduce the general incentive to save energy. Other solutions would have to be found ... after all, this measure would result in over 200 million euros in additional expenditure for the state.

Unfortunately, the government was unwilling to engage in dialogue. However, according to the new government, other solutions will be considered in 2024.



REALISING GREEN BUDGETING

The topic of "green budgeting" and sustainable tax reform continued to be a focus, not least in a meeting with Finance Minister Yuriko Backes.

In the opinion of the Mouvement Ecologique, it is essential that the Ministry of Finance devotes more attention in the coming legislative period to the issue of how budgeting can be made more efficient (i.e. less expenditure that is counterproductive from an ecological point of view) and how new emphases can be placed on ecological transition and greater social justice.

VERY STIMULATING CONFERENCES!

The numerous and high-quality conferences on this topic are of particular importance in this area. These are all the more important as no one has the "miracle solution" for reorganising the system "ready" yet and knowledge input and a lively discussion culture are particularly important.

The following events should be mentioned in particular:

- **"Sustainable transformation of the economic system: from empty phrase to reality", January**, with Ulrich Brand, Professor of International Politics at the University of Vienna;
- **"Weltuntergang fällt aus"**, together with move. with the German blogger and author Jan Hegenberg;
- The conference with one of the authors of the report **"The Limits to Growth"**, Jørgen Randers, deserves special mention. He presented the new Club of Rome report to over 200 people in February 2023. Club of Rome report: "Earth for All - a survival guide for the planet".

"50 years after its publication, renowned scientists from the Club of Rome are once again looking to the future - and presenting a recovery programme for our crisis-ridden world", ... is one commentary on this analysis. Jørgen Randers is a full member of the Club of Rome and founding chairman of the Club of Rome China Association and was co-author of both the 1972 report "The Limits to Growth" and the new report. His stimulating, albeit at times controversial, presentation sparked numerous discussions. In view of the "renown" of the speaker's "renown", meetings were also held with the Minister of the Environment, J. Welfring, the Minister of the Economy, F. Fayot, and Grand Duke Henri.



THE SUSTAINABILITY CHECK OF GOVERNMENT DECISIONS : A FIRST STEP: BUT THERE IS STILL SOME CATCHING UP TO DO!

For years, the Mouvement Ecologique campaigned for the introduction of a sustainability cheque after the idea was born at an event. In 2023, the time had finally come: this important instrument was finally introduced. In future, it will be used to check the sustainability of all laws before they are passed.

The Mouvement Ecologique welcomed the introduction of the check in principle, but saw a need for improvement as the assessment basis for the check is not satisfactory. For example, there is a lack of truly binding criteria. In 2024, the implementation of the check must be monitored and, if necessary, further improvements demand further improvements.

ILRES SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY THE MOUVEMENT ECOLOGIQUE CLEAR MANDATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ACT

How much importance do people attach to biodiversity? What are the basic values in Luxembourg regarding the "good life"? How do respondents our social and economic model? What expectations what expectations do they have of the government in terms of sustainable development?

On behalf of the Mouvement Ecologique, the opinion research institute ILRES conducted a representative survey of 1012 residents between 27 September and 4 October 2023. The survey covered people living in Luxembourg aged 16 years of age. Of these, 59.4% had Luxembourgish nationality. The preservation of natural resources, the greening of localities, the promotion of togetherness instead of material goods, the reduction of dependence on economic growth and the targeted use of financial incentives and public funds are key expectations shared by many respondents.

According to the Mouvement Ecologique, the results of the survey represent a clear call to action for the government. They can of course be viewed at www.meco.lu.



ILRES-UMFRAGE ERGIBT EINDEUTIGEN HANDLUNGS-AUFTRAG AN DIE REGIERUNG:

Erhalt der Lebensgrundlagen und Frage der gesellschaftlichen Prioritäten als zentrale Herausforderungen

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? Welches ist Ihre Einstellung zu folgenden Fragen über den Erhalt unserer Natur und Landschaft?

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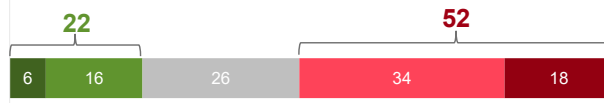
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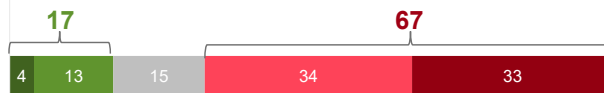
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Sie dürfen anderen Projekten nicht im Wege stehen (Vorrang für Wohnraum, Straßen u.a.m.)



Keine / kaum Sorgen



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Recycle, repair,
share:

Elements of a new economy

The absolute majority of climate and biodiversity scientists agree that these crises require a change in production methods and consumption habits. The circular economy is the order of the day. At the same time, we must also encourage people to buy fewer goods and to repair and share used items. This approach is a must not only from an ecological but also from a social point of view.

It promotes togetherness and brings people together.

Ultimately, these developments represent key elements of a new economic model.

Accordingly, these topics characterised the work of the Mouvement Ecologique in 2023. The activities are carried out in close cooperation with the Pafendall Ecocentre and, to a large extent, with the financial support of the Ministry of the Environment.



IN FAVOUR OF CLEAR RULES AT EU LEVEL, SO THAT THE RIGHT TO REPAIR IS SECURED

At EU level, the essential course is being set for the extent to which the repair of devices will become easier and more feasible in the future. For example, whether spare parts must be available. Accordingly, the Mouvement Ecologique is also working with European partners at EU level for better framework conditions in this sense.

On Wednesday 22 March 2023, the European Commission presented a proposal on the European **Right to Repair**. However, according to the Mouvement Ecologique, this proposal had a number of weaknesses. For example, access to affordable spare parts was not sufficiently regulated, the introduction of support programmes for repairs - such as a repair bonus - was not addressed, software and hardware practices that make it difficult to use compatible and reused spare parts were not prohibited, etc.

Together with European partners (network of the Right to Repair campaign network and the Repair Round Table). Fortunately, the EU Parliament was subsequently able to assert itself in the trilogue negotiations with the Commission and Council at the beginning of February 2024 with its demand that manufacturers should must make spare parts available at reasonable prices.

In addition to this, the hurdles mentioned above (such as the ban on software and hardware practices that make repairs more difficult) have also been partially removed. Now, however, it depends on the exact wording in the legal text, which hopefully will not allow any loopholes. A small fly in the ointment: the new directive will initially only apply to nine product categories, such as smartphones, washing machines and fridges. This means that many potentially problematic products, such as laptops, toys or smaller household appliances, will remain unregulated. Further product groups should therefore be added as quickly as possible.

At the beginning of June, together with 80 European organisations called on the European Parliament and the EU Council of Ministers not to water down the **planned new EU packaging regulation** which replaces the EU Packaging Directive and provides for reusable quotas for the takeaway sector, among other things - not to be watered down.

The trilogue negotiations on this came to an initial provisional agreement in mid-March 2024. There is not yet a final text, but it should be available soon.

IN THE REORGANISATION OF THE RECYCLING CENTRES INTO RESOURCE CENTRES: GUARANTEEING IMPORTANT INNOVATIONS IN TERMS OF REUSE-REPAIR-SHARE

According to the new waste law, the current recycling centres are to be transformed into resource centres. The Mouvement Ecologique did not go far enough with the government's considerations as to what this means in concrete terms. Specific proposals were therefore submitted to the local authorities so that criteria could be drawn up at national level that each resource centre should fulfil. They also called for guidelines on how the interaction of these centres with other stakeholders (e.g. crafts, social and solidarity economy initiatives) could be regulated and how cooperation between resource centres could be strengthened, etc.

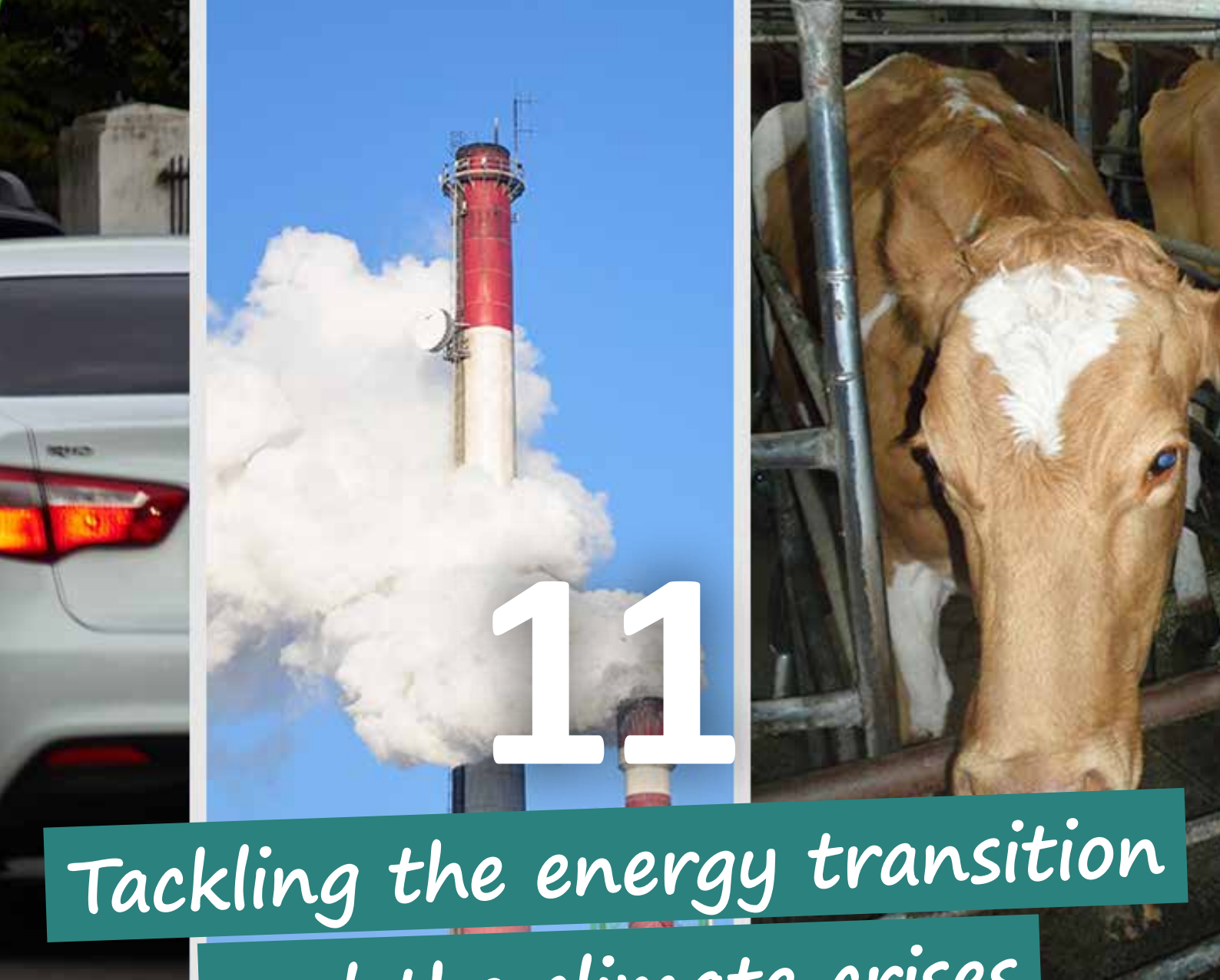
In the opinion of the Mouvement Ecologique, a strategy / overall concept for the design of future centres is necessary. Minimum criteria should apply, which all municipalities must respect. More progressive municipalities should receive special financial support for special efforts. More specific suggestions from the Ministry in this regard are not yet known.

RAISING AWARENESS ON THE TOPIC OF "REUSE-REPAIR-SHARE": THE "FIXIT" SERIES

As part of the Rethink project, the "fixit! Flécken.Léinen.Notzen." campaign was also continued, in collaboration with the Pafendall eco-centre and with financial support from the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity. The aim is to provide consumers with more information on the topic of "Repair, ReUse, Share".

The centrepiece of the campaign is a website (available at www.meco.lu/fixit and www.oekozenner.lu/fixit), where everyone can find specific addresses for second-hand purchases, information on repair instructions, background knowledge on the right to repair, tips on sharing and much more. New tips are added regularly!

These tips are also shared on social media and regularly forwarded to the municipalities so that they can publish them in their "Gemeengebued".



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*Tackling the energy transition
and the climate crises
consistently*

The energy transition and the fight against the climate crisis require fundamental reforms at all levels: the way the economy functions, the way we consume, etc. The initiatives of the Mouvement

Ecologique are correspondingly diverse. Although the war in Ukraine has heightened awareness, these forward-looking challenges are still far from being addressed to the necessary extent.



THE PREREQUISITE PAR EXCELLENCE: AN HONEST BALANCE SHEET OF LUXEM- BOURG'S CO₂ EMISSIONS.

2022, Luxembourg's CO₂ emissions in 2021 were published, as required by law. The total amount of emissions was below the legally stipulated target value (by a very narrow margin of 1.3%). However, emissions in key sectors (industry, construction and housing,...) increased! The Mouvement Ecologique did not want to accept this development and therefore addressed it publicly ("*Achieving climate protection targets: an end to whitewashing*"). It also demanded that the "Plateforme pour l'action climat et la transition énergétique", in which the social stakeholders concerned are represented, be brought together with the results, the causes and possible solutions should be addressed by the "*Plateforme pour l'action climat et la transition énergétique*", in which the social stakeholders concerned are represented.

• Improve the draft of the new national climate and energy plan in essential parts

According to EU law, each country must draw up a national climate and energy plan that sets out how the targets for reducing reduction of CO₂ emissions, the expansion of renewable energies energy, etc. are to be met. In a public procedure, anyone can formulate their suggestions. The Mouvement Ecologique responded in a lengthy statement.

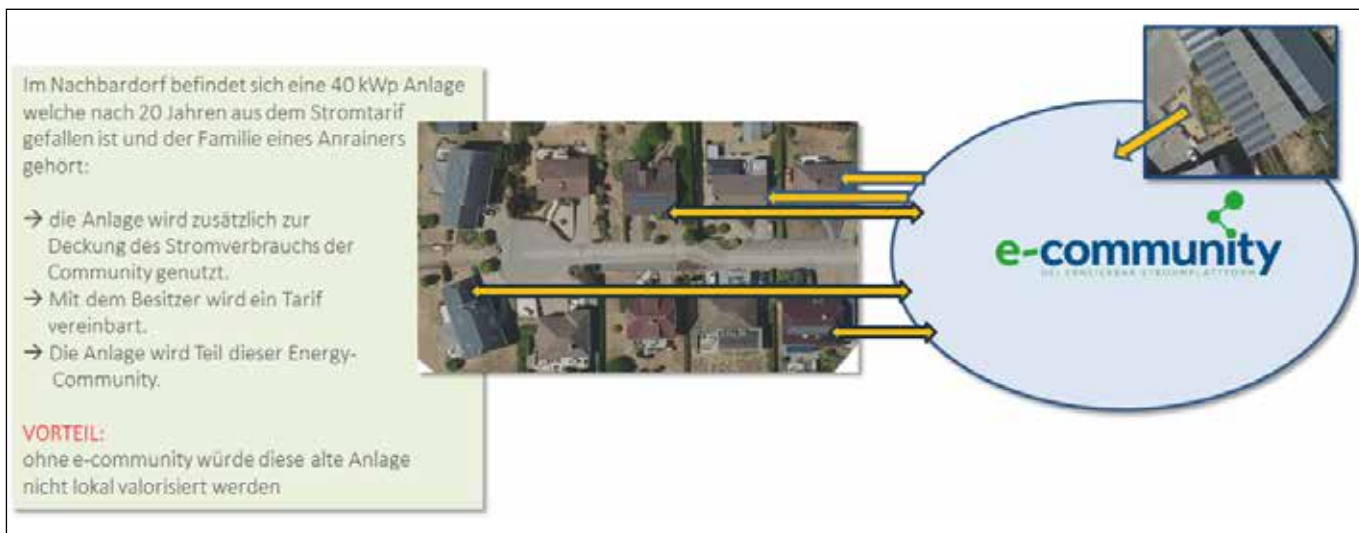
Positive aspects of the draft were also welcomed, such as the clear structure, the - in relation to the previous plan - quite detailed measures, the involvement of STATEC in the data and data management.

However, specific suggestions were also formulated and significant shortcomings were pointed out. For example, the draft of the plan is not in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement, as the CO₂ reduction targets in particular are set too low. In addition, an analysis of the previous national energy and climate plan, which is necessary to recognise why the implementation of certain measures has failed to date, is missing. It is also not clear enough which measures would lead to which reductions. In the opinion of the Mouvement Ecologique, a number of measures are estimated too optimistically. The extent to which the expected economic growth is compatible with the climate targets is also not scrutinised in any way.

• Unsatisfactory outcome of the climate platform

In 2020, the Climate Protection Act created a "plateforme climat", which is to actively support the revision of the National Climate and Energy Plan, for example, but also take other initiatives. It is made up of stakeholders from business, trade unions and environmental, social and development organisations. Unfortunately, the Mouvement Ecologique has realised that the committee has not met these requirements to date. The Mouvement Ecologique has therefore sent a letter to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Joëlle Welfring. In particular, the focus should be on those aspects that may also be the subject of conflicting discussions between the aforementioned social actors (such as the continuation of a CO₂ tax) in order to pave the way for solutions.

Not least due to the activities of the Mouvement Ecologique, the platform succeeded, after some toing and froing, in issuing an ultimately quite good report on the draft national climate and energy plan. During the preparation of this report, there was finally a dialogue, albeit still quite limited, exchange on fundamental issues, such as economic growth.



- **Driving forward the energy transition thanks to "communities": Mouvement Ecologie as a founding member of a platform for renewable electricity**

It was founded in June on the initiative of the Réiden Energy Park: the new cooperative electricity platform "E-Community" for renewable energies. The Mouvement Ecologique is a founding member of this forward-looking form of cooperation in the energy sector, alongside other organisations. The aim of the platform is to increase self-sufficiency with the help of local renewable energies, reduce dependence on international market effects and thus create a decentralised local energy market for the common good. More information: www.e-community.lu.

- **Enquiry to the Ministry of Energy: How is the promotion of solar energy progressing in concrete terms?**

Mouvement Ecologique and Eurosolar had a joint meeting with Energy Minister Claude Turmes in 2022 (and another follow-up meeting with the grid operator CREOS Luxembourg), in which the practical, everyday hurdles to setting up solar installations were discussed. Some improvements were made as a result, but the Mouvement Ecologique 2023 was repeatedly made aware of persistent problems by citizens. The ministry was therefore asked about the implementation of the solutions mentioned. Some things have been tackled, but many are still pending. Erhöhte Subventionen für Heizungsaustausch und energetische Sanierung weiterführen!

At the beginning of December, the government decided not to extend the increased subsidies ("top up") in the energy sector (renewable energies, refurbishments...), which were due to expire at the end of 2023. energy sector (renewable energies, refurbishments...), which were due to expire at the end of 2023, will no longer be extended. In a press release, the Mouvement Ecologique spoke out against parts of these plans. The decision not to continue these subsidies for solar installations is appropriate, as the subsidy is very high. However, subsidies for the replacement of fossil-fuelled heating systems and the energy-efficient renovation of homes should be maintained, as the investment costs may still be too high. This is all the more important as the government has not yet explained what the announced new subsidy system (which is to take greater account of social aspects) should look like. No assistance should be abolished before a new, more socially selective system is introduced.

The Mouvement Ecologique's campaign was successful and the government announced that it would extend the subsidies until June 2024.

- **Energy Weeks 2023 - Reduction of grey energy in the building sector**

The Energy Weeks, organised jointly with the Pafendall eco-centre, round off the activities. Here, property developers receive specific information on the topic of "energy- and resource-saving construction". During this year's Energy Weeks, over 100 participants were able to familiarise themselves with various approaches and specific examples for reducing grey emissions in the construction sector.

RESHAPE THE CAR FLEET! AUTOFESTIVAL 2023 - AGAINST ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL BLINDNESS

In the run-up to the car festival, the Mouvement Ecologique made concrete proposals to counter the trend towards ever larger and more energy-intensive cars for example, the introduction of a financial levy (so-called malus system) for new purchases of combustion cars with high CO₂ emissions. In addition, the Mouvement Ecologique demanded that in future, the payment of premiums for e-cars should take certain social criteria into account (e.g. no state subsidies for particularly expensive e-cars).



EXCLUDING GAS AND NUCLEAR POWER FROM LUXEMBOURG BANKS' GREEN FUNDS

In a letter to three Luxembourg banks with state participation (Spuerkeess, BIL and BNP Parisbas), the Mouvement Ecologique, together with Greenpeace, appealed to exclude gas and nuclear power from their supposedly green sustainability funds in future.

In a subsequent written exchange with the Board of Directors and the management of Spuerkeess, the latter proposed to consider the development and proactive marketing of a truly green product, in line with the increased ambitions mentioned by both organisations.

ANOTHER NO TO NUCLEAR POWER - OBJECTION TO THE EXTENSION OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS DOEL 4 AND TIHANGE 3:

In May, the Mouvement Ecologique formally lodged an objection to the lifetime extension of the Doel 4 and Tihange 3 nuclear reactors in Belgium, supporting the findings of an analysis by two independent experts commissioned by Greenpeace Belgium. This analysis shows that the dossier submitted by the Belgian authorities as part of the procedure does not meet the legal requirements.

The Mouvement Ecologique also plays a coordinating role in the "Atombündnis géint Atomkraft".





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Fir eng zukunftsfaheg Landwirtschaftspolitik - Géint den Asaz vu Pestiziden

The loss of species and habitats has reached dramatic proportions, also in Luxembourg. This situation is largely due to current agricultural practices.

It is not the individual farmer who is responsible for the negative consequences, but a misguided agricultural policy. In this context, it is interesting to note that the extinction of species and the extinction of farms are running in parallel.

That is why the commitment to reforming agricultural policy is of paramount importance for biodiversity, people and individual farmers.

The same applies to the use of pesticides, which urgently needs to be reduced.

IN FAVOUR OF A REORIENTATION OF TODAY'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Numerous statements and projects of the Mouvement Ecologique in 2023 related to the urgently needed reform of agricultural policy, as can be seen in the following chapter "*Kloer Regelen fir de Schutz vun Natur a Landschaft*".

In both the municipal and national elections, the coalition negotiations, the vote in the EU Parliament on the "Nature Restoration law", etc., the Mouvement Ecologique repeatedly took a stand in favour of future-oriented agriculture, in the interests of farmers but also the protection of common goods.

In addition to the general objectives of agricultural policy, the position was also taken on how compensation measures could be handled more sensibly and how new buildings could be better regulated in the green zone.

Last but not least, a study by Oekozenner Pafendalls and the "Lëtzebuerger Landjugend a Jongbaueren" was supported, which analysed the problems farmers currently see in practice in the environmental and nature conservation sector and what improvements could be made.

Together with Greenpeace Luxembourg, natur&ëmweelt, SOS Faim, the Vereenegung fir Biolandwirtschaft Lëtzebuerg and CELL, a position was taken on the occasion of the Agricultural Summer at the beginning of the year. Among other things, they campaigned for civil society stakeholders to be more involved in the discussions and for agricultural policy to be fundamentally reformed.

A joint position was also taken on the occasion of the vote on the new agricultural law in the Chamber of Deputies on 13 July. This defines the direction of Luxembourg's agriculture and the subsidies for farmers and other food producers for the coming years. The organisations expressed great doubt that the measures in the new agricultural law will be sufficient to solve the decline in biodiversity, the poor quality of surface water, the pollution of groundwater reserves, etc., the organisations said. According to the organisations, there is a lack of an overarching view of the medium- to long-term vision of our agriculture in society in the medium to long term society, also in the interests of farmers.

The commitment to reforming agricultural policy will continue unabated in 2024.

STOP USING PESTICIDES

Mouvement Ecologique has been a member of the European branch of the Pesticide Action Network (PAN Europe) since September 2021. It has supported several initiatives to ban the use of pesticides.

In April, the Luxembourg Administrative Court ruled that the government's decision to ban glyphosate was not permissible. The Mouvement Ecologique regretted that the government did not take action against the judgement. It argued, among other things, that on reading the judgement, it was clear that the court's decision "*was based, among other things, on the fact that the Ministry of Agriculture had not given sufficient reasons for this decision. Ministry of Agriculture had not sufficiently justified this decision. (...) The company concerned, however, seems to want to "appropriate" this judgement for itself at EU level and present it as if EU member states have no right to a progressive policy regarding the ban on pesticides. The Mouvement Ecologique therefore expressly regrets that the government has not decided to confirm its decision by means of a new ban and, among other things, to put the argumentation on a better footing. This would have been procedurally very possible, as the Mouvement Ecologique has learnt from well-informed circles. This would have sent a particularly clear signal from Luxembourg.*"

The various ministries - Agriculture, Health and Environment - were then repeatedly made aware of recent scientific studies that showed high levels of pesticide contamination in Luxembourg. They were repeatedly made aware of their responsibilities. The commitment will continue in 2024.

MORE TRANSPARENCY IN THE USE OF PESTICIDES

The Mouvement Ecologique is also constantly endeavouring to ensure finally disclose the figures on how many and which pesticides are sold in Luxembourg. However, the publication of this data, which should actually be the basis of a targeted agricultural policy, is not being disclosed due to "data protection reasons". In 2024, the Mouvement Ecologique may take legal action against the publication of this data.



1 MILLION

signatures & messages for the Nature Restoration Law



Clear rules for the protection
of nature and landscape

The preservation and protection of biodiversity - our species, their habitats and the landscape - is the central concern of the Mouvement Ecologique par excellence.

Unfortunately, many people and politicians are less aware of the importance of the biodiversity crisis than the climate crisis. Yet it is just as urgent.

The Mouvement Ecologique therefore organises conferences, participatory activities, etc. to raise awareness, but also makes concrete demands on politicians.

In 2023, it has above all succeeded in continuing to focus on the need for greater "greening" of the localities.



**THE "NATURE RESTORATION LAW"
- THE MOST IMPORTANT NATURE CONSERVATION LAW AT EU LEVEL FOR YEARS**

In 2023, a decision was made at EU level on the most important piece of nature conservation legislation in years: The "Nature Restoration Law". Under discussion was a proposal from the EU Commission that was certainly not perfect, but is nevertheless seen by leading nature conservation organisations as an important milestone in the conservation of biodiversity. The unanimous opinion was that this law would place essential habitats under protection and, at the same time, partially regulate their restoration.

It was now crucial to convince the Parliament to vote in favour of the EU proposal. It was clear that every single vote in the EU Parliament counted. The Mouvement Ecologique therefore invested a great deal of energy in persuading Luxembourg's MEPs to stand up for a strong law and vote in favour of the Commission proposal.

The initiatives were many and varied. In addition to numerous statements and others, a nationwide petition was organised, partly

together with natur&mwelt and coordinated by the Mouvement Ecologique, a nationwide petition was organised under the motto campaign took place under the motto *"Let's give our MEPs a strong mandate!"*.

Within a very short space of time, around 2,000 people managed to support an appeal to MEPs in Luxembourg. They were asked to speak out in favour of a strong EU law to restore nature. for the restoration of nature. The Mouvement Ecologique initiated a detailed exchange with a number of Luxembourg MEPs. The action was a complete success at EU level (324 votes in favour compared to 312 against in Parliament) and showed how important the commitment of the Mouvement Ecologique is. Mouvement Ecologique is. With the exception of Christophe Hansen and Isabelle Wiseler, the MEPs voted in favour of the law. Charles Goerens, who was initially rather negative, ultimately voted in favour, as did Marc Angel and Tilly Metz.

Monica Semedo was not present at the vote.



IN FAVOUR OF A GOAL-ORIENTED NATURE CONSERVATION LAW IN LUXEMBOURG

The Luxembourg Nature Conservation Act was repeatedly in the firing line in 2022, in some cases rightly so. The current law does indeed contain administrative hurdles that offer hardly any advantages for nature conservation, but are a source of great resentment. On the other hand, some of the provisions that would represent real added value for nature conservation are unsatisfactory.

The Mouvement Ecologique addressed these weaknesses on several occasions and made concrete suggestions for a more efficient law that would involve less administrative effort. administrative burden.

However, the Mouvement Ecologique when minor amendments were made to the Nature Conservation law regarding buildings and renovations in the green zone were implemented and regulations for **smaller "installations" / constructions in the green zone were relaxed**. Although the Mouvement Ecologique welcomed some aspects of the reform project, it submitted further proposed amendments that went beyond this. In the opinion of the Mouvement Ecologique, some relaxations go too far, whereas greater flexibility would be possible in other areas (e.g. the erection of information boards). A few of the Mouvement Ecologique's suggestions were taken on board, while others were not. The law is likely to be amended again in 2024, meaning that the Mouvement Ecologique will once again be involved.



"COMPENSATION MEASURES SIMPLIFY AND ORGANISE MORE EFFICIENTLY DESIGN - FOR THOSE AFFECTED AND FROM A NATURE CONSERVATION PERSPECTIVE"

... is the title of another important field of action in the area of "biodiversity protection". The Mouvement Ecologique has repeatedly pointed out that the current compensation system is cumbersome and in some cases inadequate, leading to unnecessary prolongation of procedures and additional expenditure, without these hurdles bringing the expected benefits for nature and people.

In a detailed statement, the Mouvement Ecologique explained that it is entirely possible to maintain a compensation system within the construction perimeter while at the same time addressing current problem areas and finding a solution. Constructive improvements were discussed with the ministry, including how the municipalities could be more closely involved and how the costs could be reduced, especially for smaller construction projects. Environment Minister Joëlle Welfring submitted a legislative project with some amendments to the law before the election date. The Mouvement Ecologique will take a detailed position on this under the new government.





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*Stop vu weidere Beschweeër a
Wäldbestänn reduzéieren!*

The forest is an extremely important ecosystem, which is also of great importance for the well-being of people. Unfortunately, it is under great pressure.

The man-made climate crisis is driving forest die-back, which is why it must continue to be combated consistently.

However, industrial timber utilisation and the associated construction of forest roads as well as the high density of wildlife are also jeopardising the survival of the forest ecosystem.

That is why commitment in this area was a top priority for the Mouvement Ecologique in 2023.

LIMITING FOREST ROAD CONSTRUCTION - IN FAVOUR OF A MORATORIUM

After a long campaign, the Mouvement Ecologique succeeded in getting the Ministry of the Environment to impose a two-year moratorium on the construction of forest roads. The Mouvement Ecologique expressly welcomed this decision. Where do we stand today? Will the moratorium be extended and will there be a public scientific debate on the subject?

The Mouvement Ecologique sent a letter to the Environment Minister to this effect and consistently advocated the continuation of the moratorium until guidelines for the future are developed. moratorium until guidelines for the future have been developed. were developed for the future. Nevertheless, forest road projects were a recurring theme in the Mouvement Ecologique.

FOREST DIEBACK DUE TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND EXCESSIVE GAME POPULATIONS: AN APPEAL TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE HUNTING

The forest is exposed to extreme climate stress. According to the September 2023, only 14.5% of the trees are still healthy. only 14.5% of the trees are still healthy. An analysis by the Lëtzeburger Privatbësch shows that more than 30,000 hectares of forest (a third of the total forest) will have to be replanted with adapted tree species over the next ten years, either through natural regeneration or new planting. In addition to natural regeneration, this will require at least 100 million new young trees of various species.

However, this presupposes that the forest can also regenerate in a variety of ways. And this is precisely where the problem lies. This regeneration is currently not happening! The reason: the high density of hoofed game.

Roe deer, stags, fallow deer and mouflons eat the buds and leaves of the young trees so that they cannot regrow. Meanwhile, the numerous wild boar leave hardly any acorns and beechnuts to germinate, so that regeneration is not possible.

The phenomenon is exacerbated by the fact that roe deer prefer to feed on young oaks and rare thermophilic tree species. This means that, at best, only the less palatable beech and spruce trees remain. tasty beech and spruce trees remain. However, we know that it is precisely these species that have the greatest difficulties with climate change and therefore cannot represent the future of the forest to the same extent. A vicious circle.

The only way to preserve the forest - and thus also its many services for humans (as a local recreation area, but also as a CO2 reservoir and for reducing the climate catastrophe) - is to reduce the game population so that natural regeneration is feasible.

In view of the importance of our forests and the dramatic the dramatic ecological and economic damage that is constantly occurring, the Mouvement Ecologique has taken a stand together with the following partners: Fondation Hëllef fir d'Natur, FSC, Lëtzeburger Privatbësch, Mouvement écologique, natur&ëmwelt asbl, PEFC, Prosilva, Wiltzer Waldverein. A detailed brochure on the subject and common demands were drawn up. These are roughly summarised: A crisis summit involving everyone (owners of private forests, public forests, environmental organisations, foresters, hunters and hunting syndicates, Prosilva and farmers' representatives as observers); creating acceptance for regulating hunting; measuring, assessing and preventing game damage; recording game densities and setting reduction targets; reform of the Hunting Act; valorisation and use of game meat.

EU DEFORESTATION REGULATION IS IN FORCE: MEMBER STATES MUST NOW IMPLEMENT IT NOW

The new EU Regulation on deforestation-free products came into force on 29 June 2023. This ground-breaking law aims to combat global deforestation and forest degradation caused by EU consumption be combated. However, this can only be achieved if all 27 EU member states implement and enforce the regulation properly, thoroughly and consistently.

Over 1.2 million EU citizens and more than 100 organisations from all over the world organisations from around the world, including the Mouvement Ecologique, successfully campaigned for a strong law from 2020 under the slogan #Together4Forests.

In a joint letter, 150 NGOs from 40 countries - including the Mouvement Ecologique - addressed the member states and their political leaders and explain the important steps that are necessary for the coherent implementation of the regulation.

Fondation Hëllef fir d'Natur - FSC - Lëtzeburger Privatbësch - Mouvement écologique - natur&ëmwelt asbl - PEFC - Prosilva - Wiltzer Waldverein

**Waldsterben wegen Klimakrise
sowie zu hoher Wildbestände:**

**! Ein Appell zu
einer regulierenden Jagd
an die künftige Regierung**



Nei Ofsazméiglechkeeten a Schoulkantinnen fir Lëtzebuerger (Bio)Baueren

Engagement lount sech!

For years, decades in fact, there have been repeated calls for public canteens in Luxembourg to offer more healthy, regional and, ideally, organic food.

Unfortunately, for a long time without success. But above all the last few years, the Mouvement Ecologique - partly together with the with the "Lëtzebuerger Jongbaueren a Jongwenzer" - has become increasingly involved in this area. The definitive breakthrough came in 2023:

Restopolis, the structure responsible for catering in school canteens, is to be transformed into an administration by means of a new legislative project. Together with the young farmers, the Mouvement Ecologique consistently campaigned for clear guidelines for Restopolis' purchasing policy to be laid down in the text of the law itself.



Press conferences, statements, discussions with the Minister of Education and those responsible at Restopolis ... finally led to the first draft of the law being revised in a positive sense by the Ministry of Education was revised in a positive direction.

Parallel to this legislative reform (the law has not yet been voted on in the Chamber of Deputies), Restopolis itself worked on a new purchasing strategy, which was presented and implemented in 2023. And although there are still "teething troubles" at the moment, it is extremely welcome how constructively Restopolis has taken up the challenge of sustainable food procurement.

After intensive dialogue with the Mouvement Ecologique, it was also decided that regional and organic products would be preferred when shopping in future - provided they do not exceed price limits. Vegan and vegetarian dishes will also be promoted, with a focus on seasonality and other elements of a sustainable diet. In addition, access for smaller and regional producers will be facilitated or made possible in the first place. A national digital shopping platform is at the centre of the implementation.

A joint press conference was held with the Ministry of Education to present the work and the new approach and orientation.

In addition to these intensive discussions and various position Restopolis also presented the new strategy in the presence of the Minister - organised by the Mouvement Ecologique and the Lëtzebuerger Landjugend - presented the new strategy at the Foire Agricole in June. It was entitled: "A new approach for Luxembourg agriculture: The new "Supply4Future" strategy from Restopolis "What does it sow? What does it bring to the farmer?".

An extremely large number of interested farmers and other stakeholders took part in the presentation.

The following slogan then also characterised the work: "Reform of "Restopolis": A milestone in school canteen catering".

The pilot phase was launched in some lycées in 2023 and the project will be expanded in 2024. The aim is to eliminate any "teething troubles" that were identified during the pilot phase.

The project is a true *success story*: farmers are given new sales opportunities and far greater planning security, as organic food produced in Luxembourg in particular is given a significantly expanded market. Luxembourg have a significantly expanded sales market. Restopolis is therefore a trailblazer for the direct promotion of organic farming and regional agriculture in Luxembourg.

Und das Luxemburger Schulobst?

Unfortunately, the development of Restopolis has not (yet) served as a good example for the Ministry of Agriculture. Regional and organic fruit is still not really being promoted in the tender for school fruit. Reason enough for an open letter to Agriculture Minister Claude Hagen to take action here.

**Restopolis reell reforméieren -
amplaz just e neien Ustrach ze ginn!**

**VIRAUSETZUNGE FIR HÉICHWÄERTEG MENÜ'EN
FIR EIS JUGENDELECHER SCHAFFEN
- BIOLOGESCH, REGIONAL A VEGETARESCH / VEGAN!**

GESETZESPROJET NO 7792 ELO IWWERSCHAFFEN!

GEMEINSAME STELLUNGNAHME DER
„LËTZEBUERGER LANDJUGEND A JONGBAUERE" UND DES MOUVEMENT ECOLOGIQUE





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Kampagne "Méi Gréngs an eise Stied an Uertschaften":

- fir haut a muar nach eng gutt Liewensqualitéit ze hunn

Increased greening of our localities greening of our towns and villages is a "must" for numerous reasons. We need more places in the communities where people can meet and socialise; places where people enjoy spending time, where children can play, etc. Unfortunately, communities today are still too much characterised by concrete and traffic.

Trees, green structures ... change the image of towns in a positive way. But they are also necessary to mitigate overheating in times of the climate crisis. It has been proven that green structures cool down temperatures

somewhat. This is not only good for our well-being, but also for people's health.

That's why the topic of "Greening Stied an green spaces" is an extremely central theme of the Mouvement Ecologique. Numerous projects are carried out together with the Pafendall Ecocentre and with the financial support of the Ministry of the Environment.

Accordingly, the activities presented in the following activities presented below.



"ENG OAS AM QUARTIER - MAT DE BIERGER:INNEN NEI OPENTHALTS-QUALITÉIT AM STROOSSERAUM SCHAFFEN"

... was the title of a well-attended, stimulating seminar and various discussions with communities. The idea behind it: Residents can approach their municipality and suggest that they would like to transform car parks on their doorstep into "green oases" where they can sit together with their neighbours and much more. The speaker was Dip.Ing.Liette Clees, who has been working at "Büro für Verkehrsplanung komobile GmbH" in Vienna for 20 years and also manages projects in Luxembourg. Almost 100 listeners took part in the presentation. However, the Mouvement Ecologique must continue to work on the topic so that municipalities actually become active.

„EIS STIED AN DIERFER FIT FIR D’KLIMAVERÄNNERUNG MAACHEN! – DUERCHGRÉNGUNG AN ENTSIGELUNG GÉINT HËTZTINSELEN AN IWWERSCHWEMMUNGEN“

.... was the title of another webinar, which was also very well received. In various presentations (including by Lex Faber of the "Cellule nationale d'Information pour la Politique Urbaine, CIPU" and Bruno Barboni of "Klima-Agence"), the status of the discussions in Luxembourg was presented. The main speakers were Silke Schlegelmilch (urban planning office, green space planner) and Verena Hilgers (climate adaptation manager) from the city of Freiburg. They outlined which stakeholders need to be involved in the development of the climate adaptation strategy, what the main lines of a strategy outlined the main lines of a strategy, described the hurdles, opportunities and limitations of such a strategy and much more. Particular attention was paid to measures for greening and unsealing. However, issues relating to rainwater retention and irrigation were also discussed.

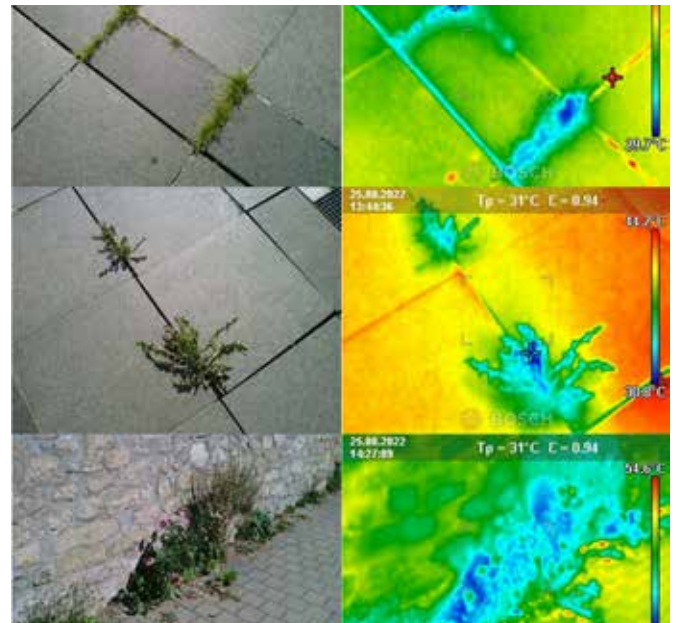
The event was rounded off by an exchange on initiatives and experiences from Luxembourg municipalities, among others.

"IT'S HOT IN LUXEMBOURG!"

When temperatures rise to over 30°C in summer, it's worth travelling with a thermal camera to make the heat visible.

With a thermal imaging camera, the temperature difference between a sun-exposed, sealed area (e.g. the "Glacis") and under a shaded allée (e.g. at the bd Dr Charles Marx) can be approximated. A difference of up to 25°C!

The results of these measurements illustrate the importance of green spaces in a very concise way and are also well received.



"MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS REQUIRED: A "PLAN CANICULE" IS NO LONGER ENOUGH!"

Under this motto, the Ministry of Health was approached. At the end of June, it presented a "heat protection concept", as very high temperatures of over 30 degrees, which has been proven to affect health and lead to an increased number of deaths.

Such a concept is certainly necessary, according to the Mouvement Ecologique. However, the Ministry of Health has been called upon to finally take on a more active role and ensure that measures are taken more consistently for all residents across the country in order to "cool down" localities for everyone. "Cool Cities" is the motto abroad. It is not enough to "medically" manage the rising temperatures. The ministry must increasingly take on an active role in inter-ministerial consultation - also in dossiers such as pesticide pollution! In other words: approach the other ministries and campaign for preventative health protection and an improvement in the quality of life! This must characterise the role of the ministry much more strongly in future. Because, as the [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#) says: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease."

"GREEN AND LIVELY INSTEAD OF GREY AND MONOTONOUS - PLANNING AND REDESIGN OF NEAR-NATURAL & CLIMATE-FRIENDLY SCHOOLYARDS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS"

... was the topic of a seminar on 20 November 2023 in the Forum Geesseknäppchen, which was organised together with the youth section move. and attended by 70 people (teaching staff, pupils, head teachers, parent representatives, etc.). Case studies from Luxembourg were used to illustrate the initia-

tives that are already being taken in our country. Maren Haase, Municipal Environmental Protection Officer at Deutsche Umwelthilfe and Alexander Lübeck, Headmaster of Huboldtgymsnasium Solingen, presented exemplary projects.

The event was organised under the patronage of the Ministry of Education, Childhood and Youth, the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development and the financial support of the Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte.

Anyone interested was given a very practical insight into how our school playgrounds could be made greener. A detailed report report documents the event and above all shows which aspects need to be taken into account when designing a green school playground. This publication can be ordered free of charge and can be viewed at www.meco.lu.



NUMEROUS "SMALLER ACTIONS" ROUNDED OFF THE "GRÉNG STIED AN UERTSCHAFTEN" PROJECT

- An appeal with specific recommendations was sent to all municipalities to give citizens the opportunity to become the *"caretakers of a tree disc"* in their municipality. The aim is clear: more loving planting of the tree grates by their "neighbours" and - if necessary - the addition of water in summer. In this context, such "tree discs" were planted in the immediate vicinity of the Oekozynter Pafendall.
- The project to preserve the *"dormouse"*, i.e. the garden dormouse, the dormouse and the dormouse, was also continued.
- In April, Roger Schauls, biologist, gave an inspiring lecture on the topic of *"Liewensraum Stad - op de Spuere vum Uhu"*,
- *"Maacht Är Wiss zu engem Paradäis fir Päiperleke, Beien an Insekten - a spuert lech an engems Aarbecht!"* was another campaign in May. another campaign in May. Information was provided about the fact that it that it makes far more sense to mow the lawn only twice a year instead of investing a lot of labour to "keep it short". Limiting mowing to twice a year allows the plants there to flourish, be a source of food for animals and much more. Everyone was invited to send photos of their garden paradise to the Mouvement Ecologique. The result was some very attractive and encouraging photos...
- *"A voller Bléi / Wëllplanzesoom"* was another campaign. The programme offered by the nature conservation syndicate Sicona and the Nature Museum, which was organised together with the biological stations and other partners, benefited. Thanks to this project, members were offered high-quality wild plant seeds for sale. These were largely produced by Luxembourg farmers without pesticides and contain seeds from native plants from Luxembourg. The offer was very well received by many people and is likely to have contributed to the greening of the villages.

Der Mouvement Ecologique und move., unter der Schirmherrschaft des Bildungsministeriums sowie des Umweltministeriums, und mit der Unterstützung der Œuvre Nationale de Secours Grande-Duchesse Charlotte, laden ein zu einem Seminar zum Thema

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Planung und Umgestaltung von naturnahen & klimafreundlichen Schulhöfen von Sekundarschulen

20. November 2023
14h45 - 18h00

Forum Geesseknäppchen
40, Boulevard Pierre Dupong
L-1430 Luxembourg



- 40 participants were interested in the events on the topic of *"#méiwéionkraut - wëll Stadbewunner a Ritzen-Rebellen"*. "At the edge of the pavement on the pavement, at the cracks in the wall on the gravel surface, one begins: a narrower, wonschéiner Villfalt u wëll Stadbewunner a Ritzen-Rebellen. They bring a lot of food, nutrients and water to the area. They deserve a lot of respect and attention."... according to the text announcing the event. Visitors learnt about these somewhat hidden gems on tours....

- In September, a *hike on the topic of "Bats"* took place, organised under the auspices of the Miersch an Emgéigend regional organisation. Here you could learn from the specialist to find out more about this interesting creature "bats" and their requirements. Why it is worth protecting this very special animal was of course also a topic of the hike.

- A *visit to the "Luushaaff" with a community garden that is cultivated according to the principle of permaculture and a subsequent meal at the "Epicerie am Duerf"* rounded off the programme. Around 30 participants enjoyed this informative excursion.

Thanks to the schoolchildren of the Dahl primary school (municipality of Goesdorf), who delighted the audience with their very successful play *"De Bëschkribbelchen - Een Theaterstück fir d'Biodiversitéit"* and donated the money to the Mouvement Ecologique.

ATTRACTIVE WEBSITE – WWW.NATURELO.MECO.LU

The "Natur elo!" website brings together all the information about the Mouvement Ecologique's activities on nature in and around the urban area (which are often organised jointly with the Pafendall Ecocentre and supported by the Ministry of the Environment).

Interested parties can find all statements, practical information information, the flyers for the campaign, specific tips, recent publications from Germany and abroad and inspiring projects which can serve as examples of good practice. You will also find videos of the various events on the subject.





No bei de Leit - D'Regionale vum Mouvement Ecologique

The Mouvement Ecologique's regions are the important local and regional anchoring of the Mouvement Ecologique. Thanks to the regional organisations, national dossiers, e.g. on the topic of "Méi Gréngs an eisen Uertschaften", can be taken up locally, knowledge can be exchanged and pending dossiers in a municipality or region can be taken up. The regional sections are active in different ways over

the course of the year, depending on the topic and topicality. In principle, the active members of the regional sections also participate in national dossiers and contribute their experience, for example in the preparation of suggestions for the municipal elections.

Regional Miersch an Ëmgegënd

Our **General Assembly** 2023 took place on 16 March in the restaurant "beim Alen Tuurm" in Mersch. We were also represented at the national general assembly of the Mouvement Ecologique at the Oekozer Pafendall.

On 16 July 2023, after 26 editions of "**Alles op de Vëlo**", the "Alles op de Velo Mamer- Miersch" event in this form will come to an end for the Mouvement Ecologique. Fond memories of many years of "Velosdag" remain, but also the regret that there is still no continuous cycle path from Mersch to Mamer. We do not know whether the municipalities of Mamer, Kopstal and Mersch want a continuation. We would be delighted if this were the case and the "Alles op de Velo" day could continue with the active support of the clubs.

On 16 September, our Regionale organised a **bat evening** together with the Mierscher Geschichtsfrënn. Many interested people, not only from Mersch but also from our neighbouring communities, came to take part in a very stimulating walk on the subject of bats. First, biologist Jacques Pir gave a talk on the habitats, winter quarters and hunting behaviour of these small mammals. He explained why it is so important to protect these animals. In the dark, the group then explored Merscher Park. Using an ultrasound device, the participants were able to hear the calls of various bat species and a small spotlight allowed them to observe them hunting insects. Once again, a big thank you to the Merscher Geschichtsfrënn for their help and to Jacques Pir for the talk and the guided tour of the park.

This year, our Regionale once again took part in the **welcome evening for the newly arrived residents of the municipality** of Mersch on 4 October. We took the opportunity to introduce the Mouvement Ecologique.

Following the new appointments to the **advisory municipal commissions**, our Regionale is unfortunately only represented on the Climate Pact team. In this context, we regret that our organisation is not entitled to a permanent position on the environmental commission of the municipality of Mersch. We will ask those responsible in the municipality whether there could be a new arrangement in this regard for the next legislative period.

In a letter to the Ponts et Chaussées, we wanted to know why **the trees in the Rond-Point Mierscherbiërg** were curled, causing them to die, and whether the trees would be replaced by other standard species. In the reply from Ponts et Chaussées, we learnt that these

trees are a non-native, invasive species that the environmental authorities want to replace with native species. However, whether this will also happen at Rond-Point Mierscherbiërg still needs to be clarified for safety reasons.

In a letter to the director of the CFL, we wanted to know why no shady trees were planned for **the station forecourt** and how it was possible to install water-wasting fountains. In his friendly reply, Mr Wengler explained to us that there was a design fault with the fountains that was to be rectified. And that young trees were planned for the planters on the station forecourt. In fact, only a few days after our letter, young trees were planted in the borders. We hope that this good example of urban greening will set a precedent and that trees will be planted in other places in the municipality of Mersch - and in our neighbouring municipalities - to improve the quality of life for residents.



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Regional Mëllerdall

The Regionale is represented in the "**Commission Consultative des Geo- und Naturparks Mëllerdall**". Representatives of the Regionale also regularly attended the meetings in 2023. The main focus of these meetings are the analyses of the annual budget and the project proposals that are being planned in the Geopark and Nature Park. Examples include campaigns such as "Preserving orchards", "Protecting springs" and "Protecting species in urban areas".

The Regionale is actively represented on the board of the **Leader+ regional group Mëllerdall**. In 2023, the new Leader funding period (2023-2029) "Mënschen.Gestalten.Regionnen." was launched.

The Regionale also has a representative in the COPIL of the Natura 2000 area Mëllerdall. In 2023, the focus here was on discussions such as preventing the loss of biodiversity and enhancing the landscape through structural elements (such as orchards).

One member of the Regionale is also active in the **Mëllerdall energy co-operative**. Citizen participation has already enabled 10 photovoltaic systems have already been connected to the power grid.

Participation in activities and meetings organised centrally by the Mouvement Écologique was a matter of course.

Various members of the Regionale are involved in different **municipal commissions and working groups**, such as mobility or in the climate team in Mëllerdall.

Our **Annual General Meeting** in November 2023 dealt with the topic "What can the community do in the area of "offline resources" with a focus on Repair, ReUse, Share". This will be a focus of our work for 2024.

At this General Assembly, the regional organisation was restructured with the appointment of a collegial team management.

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Regionale Nordstad a Syrdall

The "Nordstad" and "Syrdall" regions are currently taking it easy and gathering new strength for further activities. However, they are continuing to follow developments in their regions. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved in the regions and helping to initiate new activities.

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Regional Uelzechtdall

The Uelzechtdall Regional Council worked on various dossiers, such as the nature conservation work in the Uelzechtdall, traffic calming and individual settlement projects. These dossiers will probably be publicised more in 2024.

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Regional Stad Lëtzebuerg

In the 2023 election year, individual members of the Regionale took part in the **discussion evenings** organised by the national Mouvement Écologique **regarding the upcoming national elections**. This ensured that the specific views of the city's residents on the topics discussed could be incorporated into the overall result.

Members of the Regionale also took part in the **forums** in which the future development of the Meco was discussed.

The **Oekofest** in Pafendall gave the members of the Regionale the opportunity to meet again and exchange ideas.

At the beginning of June, a large **manifestation** took place in Luxembourg City on the initiative of "ProVelo", to which the Mouvement Écologique had also invited.

Many members of the Regionale got on their bikes to take part in the cycle tour. The aim was to promote the right framework conditions for cycling. Both at national level and in the municipalities.

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Regional Süden

OBJECTION IN THE EIA CADRE REGARDING THE PLANNED COMBINED HEAT AND POWER GENERATION AT KRONOSPAN

The Mouvement Ecologique and its Regional South have lodged objections with both the municipality of Sanem (as part of the Kommodo procedure) and the Ministry of the Environment (as part of the environmental impact assessment) against a planned combined heat and power plant by Kronospan in Sanem.

This plant will burn 1,300 tonnes of waste wood per day (!) - wood that would be brought in from all over Europe almost exclusively by lorry. It is important to note that this is not a necessary plant to utilise the "waste" produced on site. The purpose of delivering this enormous amount of waste wood from all over Europe is solely for incineration or energy generation!



According to the Mouvement Ecologique-Regionale Sud, the commissioning of the planned plant would lead to additional disturbances for local residents in the municipality of Sanem (odour nuisance, noise, etc.) and would have a significant impact on the environment (excess air emissions, etc.). The environmental and noise pollution caused by additional vehicles travelling to the plant would also be highly problematic. A further 50,000 lorry journeys would be added to the current 70,000 per year. It should be remembered that daily lorry journeys to the building rubble landfill site are made via the same Gadderscheier exit and slip road.

The company can only maintain its CO₂ balance by delivering and transporting the timber and finished products by rail. As a result, Regionale Süden demanded that the railway line planned 20 years ago finally be approved and built in the short term in order to shift a large proportion of lorry traffic to rail.

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW ESCHER MOBILITY CONCEPT PLM 2035

A presentation of the city of Esch's new mobility concept organised for Esch members in May was well attended. In addition to those responsible at the planning office, L. Malano, Director of the municipal utilities, was also available for explanations. The basic concept of the mobility plan, namely focussing on active mobility, met with great approval. Statements such as: "...the times in which cities are purely car-centred are over...." or ".....we want to give the weakest road users the highest priority....." were expressly welcomed, as these had been demands of the Regionale Süden for decades. Specifically, new pedestrian axes to the new "Roud Lëns" and "Metzeschmelz" neighbourhoods and the expansion (finally!) and signposting of the inner-city cycle path network were presented. The consistent prevention of slow-moving traffic by means of modal filters (e.g. retractable bollards) is to be welcomed, as is the creation of separate bus corridors (CHNS=corridor à haut niveau de service) and the

planned route of the fast tram via Benelux Square. Let's hope that the new mayor, C. Weis, makes the realisation of PLM 2035 a top priority!

KÄERJENGER BYPASS ROAD - TWO VARIANTS WERE PRESENTED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS!

Within a few months, two further variants of the bypass were presented: the "tunnel variant"

in March and the "St. Gobain variant" in September. If the tunnel variant could possibly have been accepted after close examination, we must, however, firmly reject the last proposal, the St. Gobain variant. Contrary to Minister F. Bausch's assertion that this option would be optimal as it would destroy nature the least, a comparison of the plans showed that the destroyed and sealed area of both forests (Bobësch, Zäemberbësch) is almost identical in both options! The new route would even destroy more of the European protected tree population (oak-hornbeam forest) than the old variant 2, which was retained in 2016. Added to this are the indirect effects such as the "effet lisière" and the environmental impact caused by pollutant emissions (NO_x, particulate matter) and noise, which would certainly rule out further use as a local recreation area. As the new variant would also partially destroy the national nature reserve "Dréckwiss", the Southern Region, together with the BIGS and the N&E section of Sanem, resolutely rejected this road variant.



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Eppes un d'Rulle bréngen – d'Stëftung Oekofonds

The Oekofonds Foundation has been supporting sustainable development projects for over 30 years and has therefore helped to initiate many of them.

The Foundation's support is indispensable, especially for the Mouvement Ecologique.

Only thanks to the donations collected, combined with the membership fees, can a certain independence of the Mouvement Ecologique from state funding can be guaranteed.

The large number of projects supported is extremely remarkable, as the following list shows.

The Oekofonds Foundation: Your support for forward-looking projects!



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In 1987, the Mouvement Ecologique established the non-profit Oekofonds foundation. Since then, the foundation has supported a wide range of projects in the interests of sustainable development. In 2023, the Oekofonds Foundation was once again able to support many important projects with the help of numerous donations. We would like to briefly present these to you so that you can see for yourself that each of your donations is worthwhile. We would like to take this opportunity to thank supporters and hope that you will continue to support the foundation.

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY: "SUPPORTING FOE AROUND THE WORLD" AND IN FAVOUR OF REFORMED WORLD TRADE

Country organisations of the parent organisation "Friends of the Earth", especially - but not only - from the countries of the South, regularly send appeals to the "financially stronger" organisations asking for financial support. These appeals range from requests for support in legal dossiers (e.g. also when environmentalists are cited in court) to support for projects to combat climate change, against oil companies, etc. It is in the spirit of global solidarity to support precisely those organisations in their commitment!

A DONATION FOR MOVE. - THE YOUTH SECTION OF THE MOUVEMENT ECOLOGIQUE

The Mouvement Ecologique youth movement has been very active since it was founded. Committed young people can work together for their future here. They can do so on issues that are close to their hearts, as the active members of move. are free to decide on the activities they want to carry out. Topics such as consumption, vegetarian food, agriculture ... are tackled by them in campaigns, workshops, internships, concrete projects, educational dossiers for schools and much more.

FOR A STRONG „MÉCO“

Der Mouvement Ecologique engagiert sich sehr konsequent für eine nachhaltige Entwicklung, für die heutigen aber vor allem auch die zukünftigen Generationen. Dabei hinterfragt er kritisch heutige Entwicklungen, erstellt konkrete Lösungsvorschläge, dies sehr stark auch auf ehrenamtlicher Basis, und führt konkrete Projekte durch. 2023 wurden zahlreiche Initiativen ergriffen: Von den National- und den Gemeindewahlen über den Schutz des Waldes, die Förderung der biologischen und regionalen Landwirtschaft bis hin zum Engagement für eine verstärkte Bürger:innenbeteiligung sowie eine Hinterfragung des Wachstumszwangs. Diese sind nur möglich, dank einer gewissen finanziellen Unabhängigkeit des Mouvement Ecologique von staatlichen Stellen und entsprechend dank seiner Mitglieder und der Spenden an die Stiftung Oekofonds.

FOR THE CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL HABITAT

The loss of biodiversity continues unchecked in Luxembourg too and has reached alarming proportions. The Oekofonds Foundation primarily supports Mouvement Ecologique projects, which provide information about the dramatic situation, but also present alternatives and concrete demands to politicians. These include projects to reform agricultural policy, campaigns to preserve insects, the promotion of green communities together with the Mouvement Ecologique regions and the Pafendall eco-centre, the fight against the use of pesticides and much more.

Rethinking and shaping the future together! Quality of life instead of growth

The Oekofonds Foundation supports Mouvement Ecologique projects that address the problems of today's economic model, but also highlight initial solutions. The protection of biodiversity and the climate are in stark contrast to the concept of continuous growth. In view of the limits of ecosystems, the pursuit of constant material growth must be scrutinised and alternative social models developed. This is all the more important in a country like Luxembourg, where politics continues to favour growth and the consequences are becoming ever more tangible: Traffic jams, urban sprawl, housing shortages ... In 2023, numerous projects were carried out with this in mind: several conferences, but also an analysis of environmentally harmful subsidies in Luxembourg (by the Forum Ökologisch Soziale Marktwirtschaft) and more.

REFORM OF THE SCHOOL CANTEENS

In recent years, Restopolis has improved its offering in schools from a sustainability perspective: it is increasingly offering organic and regional food as well as vegan and vegetarian dishes. However, a breakthrough came in 2023, partly due to the commitment of the Mouvement Ecologique, which was supported by the foundation. Restopolis reformed its purchasing practices - in a first phase for

pilot schools, which will be expanded in a second phase. Organic and regional products are now a priority, and the focus is also on a decentralised purchasing policy. A milestone for Luxembourg's agriculture! The effects were already noticeable in 2023 and will be even more so in 2024.

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PESTICIDES

Pesticides are devastating for biodiversity, but also for human health. Despite this, significant quantities are still being used and the Luxembourg action plan to reduce the use of pesticides is only making limited progress. In 2023, the commitment against the use of pesticides on the part of the Mouvement Ecologique would be consistently continued thanks to the support of the Oekofonds Foundation. For example, the European signature campaign "Save the Bees" was supported and much more.

LEGALLY STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENFORCING THEM IN COURT

As important as awareness-raising campaigns, creative projects, position-etc. are important, in various dossiers it is also necessary to take legal action. For example, in the case of the Google data centre in Bissen, where the Mouvement Ecologique is doing everything in its power to ensure that no fait accompli is created without the impact of this facility on the environment being disclosed and without concerns being dispelled.

But legal assistance is not only needed in the Google dossier is needed. It is also required, for example, when the right to access to information is not respected, controversial nature conservation licences are granted or problematic construction projects are planned. In general, legal dossiers are becoming increasingly important. These are of course associated with costs, for which donations are urgently needed.

FOR STRONG CLIMATE PROTECTION

The tripartite decision to cap energy prices; dossiers such as the special taxation of company cars, the financial aid to support financially weak households... the Mouvement Ecologique supported all of these projects thanks to the assistance of the Oekofonds Foundation.

A ROADMAP FOR A SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Fir demokratesch, lieweg a nohalteg Gemengen ... is the title of a publication issued by the Mouvement Ecologique in the run-up to the municipal elections, produced by over 100 committed individuals, published. The 156-page publication contains concrete suggestions on what initiatives municipalities can and should take in the key areas of sustainable development - from citizen participation and nature conservation to energy policy and mobility. The publication served as the basis for many a programme in the run-up to the elections and will hopefully also serve as the basis for activities in numerous municipalities over the coming years. It was published in German in a print version but is also available online in French.



A ROADMAP FOR THE 2023-2028 LEGISLATIVE PERIOD - SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL AND FAIR

... was the guiding principle of the campaigns in the context of the national elections. The aims of the Mouvement Ecologique's campaigns, which were supported by the Oekofonds Foundation, included to explain the positions of the various parties, to put concrete ideas on the table for sustainable development in the coming years, to influence election programmes and the coalition agreement, to stimulate debates... A very detailed 136-page brochure was published with concrete suggestions for the party programmes and the legislative period, political roundtables were organised and much more. Thanks to the Foundation, the Mouvement Ecologique was able to accompany the elections very actively and, above all, address relevant dossiers for the coming years and present proposals that everyone could understand.

MEI GRENGS AN EISEN UERSCHAFTEN

... is the name of the campaign organised by the Mouvement Ecologique and the Oekozer Pafendall, which can also be realised thanks to the support of the Ministry of the Environment. Not least in view of the climate crisis and the heating up of towns and cities, it is extremely important to greening measures today so that cities heat up less "tomorrow". The actions on this topic that supported are diverse. From the purchase of a "thermal camera", which uses images to show everyone in a very tangible way how high the temperature differences between concreted and green areas are, various seminars ... between concrete and green surfaces, various seminars ... the topic was discussed and concrete suggestions for the public sector were drawn up.

LIEWEGKEET MAM OEKOFESTIVAL

In 2023, the Oekofestival took place in Pafendall. Once again, hundreds of people were able to meet, exchange ideas, discuss, enjoy concerts, visit information stands on the topic of "Transition", take part in guided tours or readings and much more. The organising such a festival costs money, so the help of the Oekofonds Foundation was particularly important.

ALLES OP DE VÉLO AM MAMERDALL

In 2023, thousands of cyclists once again enjoyed this day and showed how much they would support the promotion of cycling in everyday life. As the organisation of this day is unfortunately associated with certain financial deficits, the foundation supports the Mouvement Ecologique in this organisation.

REPAIR REUSE SHARE

... the future belongs to these goals. Short-lived products or appliances that are difficult or impossible to repair should be a thing of the past. This was also the central theme of Mouvement Ecologique and Oekozer Pafendall in 2023. Together, partly with the support of the Ministry of the Environment, they campaigned for the transformation of recycling centres into resource centres, expanded information on the topic through the "fixit" campaign and much more.

THE OEKOZENTER PAFENDALL:

Close to the practical aspects of sustainable development

The Oekozer Pafendall is not only the headquarters of a whole range of non-governmental organisations and a meeting place for those committed to sustainable development. It also organises very specific projects, e.g. on the subject of green events and ecological construction. These often take place within the framework of conventions with the responsible ministries. In addition to this work as part of ongoing projects, the eco-centre also regularly carries out dossiers that are particularly topical and in which the Oekozer's specialist expertise is in demand.

The Oekozer Pafendall sees itself in the role of technical advisor, partly in cooperation with the Mouvement Ecologique.

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The Méco at the Luxembourg Climate Alliance

For more than 25 years, the member municipalities of the Climate Alliance Luxembourg, and the two supporting organisations Mouvement Ecologique and ASTM have been working with their indigenous partners in the Global South on the issues of local climate protection and global climate justice. In Luxembourg, 40 municipalities are members of the Climate Alliance and more than two third of the population live in a Climate Climate Alliance

municipality. As our lifestyle has a direct impact on particularly endangered peoples and places on this planet, Climate Alliance combines local action with global responsibility. with global responsibility.

With more than 1,800 members from 27 European countries, Climate Alliance is the world's largest city network dedicated to climate protection. dedicated to climate protection.

DEVELOP CLIMATE ALLIANCE LUXEMBOURG FURTHER

At the end of 2022, the plenary meeting of the Climate Alliance Luxembourg decided to initiate a moderated process to raise the profile of the municipal network. Telephone interviews were conducted and three evenings were organised with the delegates and employees of the member municipalities and the two NGOs ASTM and Mouvement Ecologique discussed what expectations the members have of Climate Alliance, which priorities should take centre stage in the future, how Climate Alliance Lëtzebuerg should position itself for this in the future and much more.

To summarise, the members of the KB Lëtzebuerg, that it will act even more firmly as the mouthpiece of the climate protection and climate justice, that there will be more internal working groups and that both internal and external communication is scrutinised. The linking of global aspects with the local level of action was confirmed as the network's strongest unique selling point of the network. Following on from this, demands were drawn up for the new government at the end of 2023, which are currently being discussed with the responsible ministers, and an initial working group on communication was set up, with more to follow.

In addition to these structural considerations and work the following projects were carried out as part of the environmental coordination of the Climate Alliance Luxembourg, the following projects were carried out:



ENERGY CARAVAN

The Energy Caravan is a campaign organised by Climate Alliance Luxembourg which aims to sensitise citizens to the topic of energy renovation. It utilises an innovative, outreach approach by actively bringing energy advice to citizens instead of them having to ask for it. By directly and specifically addressing the citizens of a target neighbourhood on site, the initiative is taken by the municipality and is not transferred to the individual.

The municipality defines a target neighbourhood in which all residents are approached directly by members of the climate team or the environmental commission after prior notification and are actively offered free energy advice from the national advice centre "Klima-Agence".

If citizens agree, their contact details are forwarded to the responsible energy consultant at Klima-Agence, who in turn contacts the citizens to arrange a consultation appointment. The consultation takes place on-site at home. In this way, the energy caravan makes it possible to actively disseminate the existing energy counselling service and make it known to citizens.

The first energy caravans took place in Luxembourg in 2023, with the very first campaign in the municipality of Strassen in spring 2023 and a second campaign in October 2023 in the municipality of Betzdorf.

In both municipalities, this offer from the municipality was very well received by the citizens, with a quarter of the households approached in each case deciding to seek advice as part of the energy caravan.

SOIL PROTECTION IS CLIMATE PROTECTION

In 2023, the Climate Alliance Lëtzebuerg, in collaboration with CELL, once again offered a series of 4 workshops for amateur gardeners and organisers/project managers of community gardens.

Thematically, the focus was on the careful use of soil as a resource (crop rotation, soil cultivation, compost, etc.). A 2-day "Introduction to permaculture" course was also offered.

SAFE ON THE BIKE - SAFE JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

Following a pilot project in Strassen in 2022, Climate Alliance Luxembourg, together with ProVelo.lu asbl, in June 2023 in the mu-



nunicipality of Niederanven, Climate Alliance Luxembourg, together with ProVelo.lu asbl, initiated an optimisation of the routes to school in the municipality of Niederanven in June 2023. This was made possible not least by the involvement of many parents and members of local committees.

TOUR DU DUERF 2023

In the last edition of the TOUR du DUEF in 2023, almost 900 cyclists from 65 regions and municipalities took part and covered around 214,000 kilometres by bike.

A new cycling campaign is currently being worked on for autumn/Rentrée 2024 in collaboration with ProVelo, which will once again be financially supported by the Ministry of Mobility.



OP KANNERFÉISS DUERCH D'WELT 2023

Every two years, Luxembourg takes part in this Europe-wide campaign, which aims to persuade primary school children (and their parents) to ditch the parent taxi and instead walk, cycle or take the



bus/train to school, sports or music lessons. Every journey that the children make other than by car is rewarded with a "green mile". In 2023, 4,389 children from 30 Luxembourg municipalities took part, together they collected 31,515 Greng Miles! The Europe-wide results of the campaign were presented on 5 December at the UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai (COP 28) on 5 December to the UN Climate Change Secretariat. The children's Green Footprints from Luxembourg also took part and set an example for more climate protection.

COMMUNAL CO₂ BALANCING

As part of the Climate Pact for Luxembourg's municipalities, the Climate Alliance Lëtzebuerg, with the help of the ECOSpeed, software, the Climate Alliance Lëtzebuerg has drawn up so-called municipal CO₂ starting balances for all municipalities in the country.



These are based in part on the national average energy consumption of households and businesses. These starting balances can then be specified by the municipalities, e.g. with actual municipal consumption and the municipal energy mix.



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Den Oekozynter Pafendall

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