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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 einen nachhaltigen 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 VËLO 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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## Wir danken Ihnen herzlich für jede Spende!

Wenn Sie der Meinung sind, dass es sich lohnt unsere Arbeit finanziell zu unterstützen, können Sie dies mittels Einzelspende oder Dauerauftrag tun.

Die Projekte können nur dank der Unterstützung vieler Einzelner durchgeführt werden. Sie können uns und unsere Initiativen durch eine Einzelspende unterstützen. Gerne schicken wir Ihnen auch weitere Informationen zu interessanten Projekten zu. Auch bei einer Geburt, einem Geburtstag, einer Hochzeit oder einem Todesfall haben Sie die Möglichkeit eine Spende an die Stiftung Oekofonds zu übermitteln.

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