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## Conferences, exchanges and Information

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

In 2024, numerous conferences and tours were therefore once again held, which met with great interest.

The various events of the year covered a wide range of topics, from bats to the question of growth, via the greening of towns.

The youth organisation move. was also extremely active in 2023, organising interesting conferences, a vegan picnic and a summer camp for Meco children.

The majority of the events were translated into French and, to an increasing extent, into English. Many of the events were recorded on video and are available on the Mouvement Ecologique YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/mouveco](https://www.youtube.com/mouveco).



## • REVIEW OF THE 2024 EVENTS

- 31.01.2024 – **“(More) trees in our streets and public spaces”** Specialist seminar with Thomas Roth, landscape planner and garden designer in Vienna.
- 29.02.2024 - **Conference with Mathias Binswanger: ‘Constant growth: a fallacy?’** The renowned economist Mathias Binswanger talked about the problems of infinite growth and presented alternative visions for the future.
- 21.03.2024 - **2024 Congress of the Mouvement Ecologique** - The annual conference provided a platform for lively discussions on current environmental and socio-political issues.
- 24.03.2024 - **Migration – drastic reduction in game density** – necessary from a nature conservation perspective – not a free licence for hunters!
- 3. 04.2024 - **Move. goes 2000m<sup>2</sup>** - Young people were able to gain insights into sustainable agricultural and nutrition practices.
- 17.04.2024 - **Conference: ‘Insect decline and biodiversity – why protecting the smallest creatures should be one of our top priorities’** This conference emphasised the crucial role of insects in the ecosystem and the urgency of their protection.
- 24.04.2024 - **Renaturation project on the Mamer and Alzette rivers**, presentation of the project
- 29.04.2024 - **Protecting amphibians, birds and the climate in one fell swoop – preserving and restoring wetlands**, Tour on a specific theme
- 02.05.2024 - **Lecture and discussion: ‘EU elections – The major challenges in the field of sustainable development at European level’**, A lecture followed by a discussion on the challenges and prospects for the EU in the area of sustainable development.
- 09.05.2024 - **Beautiful hike "Goebelsmühle-Kautenbach** - Experience nature and talk about the cycle path
- 15.05.2024 - **Conference: ‘A change of course for social justice! How unfairly wealth is distributed and what can be done about it’** This online conference, organised by the Mouvement Ecologique in collaboration with Action Solidarité Tiers Monde, highlighted the increasing social inequality and discussed measures for the fair distribution of wealth. Manuel Schmitt, social inequality officer at Oxfam Germany, presented analyses and solutions to combat extreme inequality and promote social justice.
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- 08.06.2024 - Visit a Luxembourg farm that grows its own vegetables: discover the 'Krautgaard' and be inspired. Tour
- 08.06.2024 - **move. Festival** - A festival for young people with a focus on sustainable lifestyles, music and creative workshops.
- 09.06.2024 - **Where the last wild flowers bloom – a different view of the landscape around Capellen**, Guided Tour
- 12.-15. 09.2024 - **Future Farm** - Workshop days for young people on climate justice, food system transformation and sustainable agriculture.
- 22.09.2024 - **Oekofest 2024** - The traditional Oekofest offered a colourful programme with stands, lectures and cultural contributions to make sustainability a creative experience.
- 3.-10. 10.2024 - **Energy Weeks – 'Climate neutrality in the building sector by 2050 – building on existing structures'** - The energy weeks were dedicated to the question of how climate neutrality can be achieved in the building sector. The focus was on strategies for improving energy efficiency in existing buildings.
- 12.12.2024 - **What should I look for when buying a cargo bike?**, Webinar
- 13.12.2024 - **Cabaret #Flashback #Heeschäsäck #Do we have nothing else to worry about?**  
- A satirical review of 2024 with Roland Gelhausen
- 16.12.2024 - **Presentation by Jason Hickel: "Less is More: How Degrowth Will Save the World"** - Anthropologist Jason Hickel discussed the challenges and opportunities of a post-growth society.





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## Oekofest 2024

At the Oekofest 2024, everything was just right!

Even the weather played along and invited you to a day outdoors.



The festival was opened with a political speech by the president of the Mouvement Ecologique, Blanche Weber, which was very well received. Among other things, the speech addressed the orientation of Luxembourg's government policy on sustainable development, but also the role of non-governmental organisations.

The festival was particularly successful because it was spread over several squares in Pfaffenthal: the atmosphere at the Oekozentrum Pfaffenthal, in the small streets with stalls and on the larger square of Spidolsgaarts was excellent. Associations and restaurants/café's from Pfaffenthal that took part in the Oekofest gave the day an additional positive flair.

A wide variety of stands, with information and attractive products, ensured that there was something to be found at every turn.

Families praised the wide range of activities for children – from games to face painting. But, as always, Georges Christen also delighted people.

The good musical programme, the exploratory rally, the well-attended tours, the lectures... all those activities rounded off the picture and ensured that there was always 'something going on'. The food and drink from Oekosoph and other suppliers, including from Pfaffenthal, was very appealing, so that from 2:30 p.m. there were only very few portions left at some stands.

But of course the festival was also a forum where friends and colleagues could meet, see each other again, discuss, laugh together and exchange ideas.

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



What was impressive was that, without any extra cleaning, it was no longer recognisable the following day that a festival had taken place. There was absolutely no rubbish on the streets.

**A very successful day!**

