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Mouvement Ecologique

Lively - Critical - Committed

2025 was an extremely eventful year for the Mouvement Ecologique.

This comprehensive activity report impressively demonstrates the wide range of activities of the Mouvement Ecologique.

Numerous new forward-looking proposals were made, people were brought together, and information and exchange were promoted. At the same time, the Ecological Movement did not hesitate to raise its voice whenever government decisions went in the wrong direction.

Engagement is certainly more important than ever in times of crisis.

Therefore: A heartfelt thank you to all members and sympathisers for their valuable support. Without it, the Mouvement Ecologique could not play the role it now plays!

A special thank you also to all those people who are actively involved in the Mouvement Ecologique!

In 2026, MECO will continue to engage with the same determination, creativity and professional expertise.



Board of Directors 2025-2026

The Board of Directors, elected at the Congress on 26 March 2025, comprised the following members for 2025-2026:

- Weber Blanche, President Muller
- Jeannot, Vice-President Dammé
- Roger, Secretary
- Espen Emile, Treasurer

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Active and creative

for a better Future - move.

2025 was a year full of positive activities for move.: we started with a climate talk and the conference "Young, Politically Engaged - Perspectives Instead of Stereotypes". There, some speakers discussed the results of the Shell Youth Study, as well as the implications these could have for young people in Luxembourg.

A particular success this year was that we won first place in the youth prize with our project Zukunftshaff. The project was successfully repeated again in the summer.

This year our move.Fest also took place again, this time under the motto move.your.tomorrow.

The evening was rounded off with good food, guest bands and karaoke.

One of our Movlerinnen was able to travel to Budapest for the AGM of Young Friends of the Earth Europe, and exchange ideas there with other youth groups from the network. On the occasion of COP 30, we organised a symbolic action with two coffins in front of the Chamber of Deputies.

Alongside these activities, our regular meetings were naturally the focus, where we would chat animatedly in a cosy atmosphere. discuss and plan new ideas and actions.

CLIMATE TALK RECAP: HOW YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGE IN LUXEMBOURG AND WORLDWIDE

What happens at the major international climate conferences? Who speaks there and how is the voice of young people represented? What does this mean for our (climate) policy and for the topic of climate change in schools in Luxembourg? We discussed these questions together!

Natasha Lepage has long been committed to taking action against the climate crisis. She began her involvement at school and with move. and Youth for Climate. Last year, she was appointed Youth Climate Delegate and took part in the 2024 Climate Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The evening began with a short presentation by Natasha, in which she told us about her experiences as a youth climate delegate and her impressions of the climate conference in Baku. To our delight, other young people who had taken part in the climate conference were also present, and they too shared their perspectives with us. Afterwards, the evening became more interactive: everyone was asked to move around the room to indicate on a scale of 1 to 10 how they would rate their own engagement, political support and the visibility of the climate crisis in their environment or school. What was intended as a simple icebreaker quickly developed into a very lively discussion.



Why do young people seem to no longer consider climate and the environment to be so important? How can this be changed, particularly in schools? We have been thinking together about how the role of the délégué-e-s à l'Environnement and sustainability groups in secondary schools can be strengthened. At present, the environmental representatives often still have rather practical tasks, such as checking whether the heating is switched off, whether the windows are open, or whether the lights are still on when the class leaves the room. However, this could be turned into something much more challenging and exciting, where the delegates network with young activists from other schools and take joint action to bring about real change in secondary schools.

CONFERENCE: "YOUNG, POLITICAL, ENGAGED?" – A LOOK AT THE LATEST RESULTS OF THE YOUTH RESEARCH

On 6 March 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique and move., supported by the "Zentrum für politische Bildung" and the "Jugend-rot", invited everyone to a conference on current youth research. The focus was on the Shell Youth Study 2024 for Germany and the Youth Survey Luxembourg 2024.

Ingo Leben, co-author of the Shell study, presented the results of this study entitled "Pragmatically between disillusionment and ge-

living diversity" is on the rise. The core thesis: young people today think less in extremes and favour pragmatic solutions, yet they are certainly politically interested. Political interest has even increased in Germany. Meanwhile, social background remains an important factor in political attitudes.



In Luxembourg, a somewhat opposite picture emerges. Political interest is declining, many young people feel they are not represented by politics and do not know how they can influence it. Nevertheless, two-thirds would like more say, especially at the local level. As for concerns, a shift is evident in both countries: war, economic uncertainty and violence are becoming more prominent. Environmental and climate issues remain very important, but are currently being overshadowed.

Young people's engagement remains stable, but is changing. In Germany, young people continue to be highly engaged – mostly in associations, schools or self-organised projects, and less so in political parties. In Luxembourg, 41% of 16 to 29-year-olds are active, but political participation remains comparatively low; many prefer to get involved in their immediate social circle.

In both countries, it is clear: young people want to be heard and to take an active part – in politics, society and their daily lives.

WORKSHOP "CIVIL SOCIETY AND ENGAGEMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN LUXEMBOURG"

On 7 March 2025, an in-depth workshop on the topic of "Civil Society and Engagement among Young People in Luxembourg" took place at the OekoZentrum Pafendall. The workshop built on the insights from the conference held the previous day and was aimed at pupils, young people, representatives of youth organisations, youth work professionals, and other stakeholders. The aim of the event was to analyse the findings of the 19th Shell Youth Study with experts, to examine the structures and practices of youth engagement in Luxembourg through this lens, and to develop insights and recommendations for action.

At the start of the workshop, participants were introduced to the three central questions for the morning.

- (1) What do you associate with the term 'engagement' of young people?
- (2) What worries you when you think of young people?
- (3) What suggestions or ideas do you have to strengthen youth engagement?

Subsequently, Ingo Leben, co-author of the 19th Shell Youth Study, presented the study's key findings. His input highlighted, among other things, the following aspects:

Young people experience the greatest opportunities for participation in their circle of friends (84%) and in their family (72%), whereas these are strongly restricted at school (27%) and in politics (10%).



Engagement takes place mainly in associations, schools or self-organised projects, while parties and trade unions play little role.

The motivation for engagement ranges from personal interests and social norms to the development of useful skills: being part of a group, having an influence, and being able to take an active part in planning.

Emotions play a key role: fear of climate change, frustration at a lack of progress, but also feelings of appreciation, confidence and community drive young people.

From the workshop's results, the following recommendations can be drawn:

- **Promote participation:**

- Remove structural barriers and actively involve young people in societal decision-making processes. School is a fundamental place to reach young people in their daily lives and should consistently explore and expand opportunities for participation.

- Social media can play an important role in co-determination if they are used specifically for this purpose (although they tend to be used more for one-off participation).

- **Create sustainable structures:**

- Strengthen cooperation between educational institutions, youth organisations and political actors.

- Develop and document common rules of collaboration together, to foster a better understanding and acceptance on all sides.

- Manage expectations well to find a balance between ambition and realism and to avoid major disappointments. Adapt the pace of work to the group.

- **Making engagement visible:** increase recognition and appreciation, for example through certificates or media presence.
- **Strengthen support offers:** Provide more financial, spatial and advisory resources for young people.
- **Establish mentoring programmes:** Experienced volunteers support newcomers and ease their entry.

The workshop highlighted the need to actively promote youth engagement and improve structural frameworks. Close collaboration between all stakeholders is required to bring about sustainable change. The Mouvement Ecologique will continue to foster this exchange.

"JUGENDPRÄIS 2025" – 1ST PLACE IN THE CATEGORY ONE FOR SCIENCE

Our project "Zukunftshaff" took part in this year's SNJ Youth Prize and was successful! Alongside two outstanding projects by the ASTM and the Luxembourg Scouts, we reached the final of the Youth Prize in the "One for Science" category – and won. Congratulations to all the young people who contributed to and participated in the project, and many thanks to the Youth Prize organisers for a successful awards evening at the Geesseknäppchen Campus, as well as to the farms that took part in this first edition!

This prize has of course motivated us even more for the second edition, which will take place in September 2026. At the weekend of the 11th to 14 September, young people will once again have the opportunity to gain insight into the important work of farmers and develop a better understanding of how a farm operates and the challenges it faces.



MOVE. FEST 2025: MOVE YOUR TOMORROW

On 17 July, the first day of the holidays, this year's move Fest was once again held at the Ökozen-ter. For the move Fest, many young people gathered in Pfaffenthal to have a good time together and to socialise – accompanied by delicious food and music from cool bands. As usual, some activities were also planned.

We started at 2 pm with a herb walk together with Manon from "Wëll Muert". We searched around the eco-centre for edible wild herbs and learned fascinating facts about the various powers of the plants. After about 90 minutes we had gathered enough to liven up our salads – including nettles, which we had, of course, "neutralised" beforehand.

Back at the Oekosoph, we decorated the terrace with our colourful bunting before things kicked off at 5 pm with a clothes swap stall, a chill-out corner and a pub quiz on the theme 'move.your.tomorrow'. Four teams took part and battled their way through the quiz, which comprised three categories – in the end, the team "Mover's" won a voucher for the Intense Café, one of our move.approved partners.

A highlight of the evening was the two live bands: Emily Grogan impressed with her emotional solo performance. Then the Ato-mic Pearls got the party going: With cover songs by the Pixies, the Cranberries and many others, they made it clear: Today the youngsters are setting the pace!

We were delighted to see everyone who came along and helped make the move.-Fest a great success once again.



TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE – A MOVE.LER IN BUDAPEST

At the start of the summer holidays, a young Move.lerin took part in an international meeting of Young Friends of the Earth in Budapest. There, young people from various European countries came together to exchange views on environmental, climate and socio-political issues and to discuss challenges and potential solutions.



The focus of the meeting was on workshops, discussions and joint activities centred on climate justice, sustainable lifestyles and political engagement. Participants were able to share their experiences from their respective countries, learn from one another and gain new perspectives. At the same time, the meeting offered the opportunity to forge international contacts and strengthen networks among young environmental activists.

For the move. participant, the event was a valuable opportunity to take away new ideas and inspiration for future projects and actions. The exchange clearly showed how important international cooperation is when young people want to jointly stand up for a socially just and ecological future.

THIS WAS THE SECOND FUTURE FARM

For the second time this year, the Zukunftshaff took place. The project is intended to enable young people to work on a farm and give them the opportunity to talk with the farmers, ask questions and gain an insight into their work.

One of the aims of the Zukunftshaff is to foster mutual understanding: young people experience the challenges of agriculture, while farmers gain insight into the perspectives of the younger generation. Three committed participants spent a week-



...at Kasshof, an educational farm and organic farm in Rollingen, and gained fascinating insights into the daily life of an organic farm. Early on Friday morning, the day began at dawn: milking cows, bedding the stalls and preparing the first tasks for the day. Together they drove out to the field by tractor to harvest potatoes. In this very practical way, they could see how food travels from the field to the plate. It also became clear what an impact the soil's composition has on the potatoes and their harvest.

Over the weekend, further tasks were on the agenda – from working with the animals and hand-sorting the potatoes to discussions with Farmer Tom and his staff. These discussions covered not only the daily challenges but also the general situation of organic farms in Luxembourg.

Farmers also benefit from this project: they not only come into contact with interested parties, but can also convey their perspective more clearly and directly to people. Short interviews were also conducted with the participants between sessions to capture their impressions. The participants' voices show how enriching the project was for them:

"I found the Zukunftshaaf really great and I'm so pleased that I could be a part of it. So, once again, a huge thank you to the organisers and Kass Haff, who welcomed us so warmly." -Mil

I absolutely recommend taking part in Zukunftshaaf, as you learn so many fascinating things about ecology, nature, the animals and the people who work there. It really is a wonderful experience to learn more about this field and reconnect with nature. I also met many lovely people.

-Victoria

Thus, the Zukunftshaff 2025 once again proved to be a valuable experience, bringing young people into contact with ecological farming and giving them the opportunity to get up close to nature, animals and people, and was certainly also an enrichment for the farmers involved.

200 TREES IN ONE DAY FOR THE FOREST OF THE FUTURE

Over a weekend in April, the move. tree-planting team was in action. We set off for the "Wild West," where we met biologist and long-standing member of the Mouvement Écologique, Jacques Pir. He first outlined the challenges currently facing the forest and how one can see that the climate crisis is already having significant negative effects on the trees.

It can, of course, be quite depressing to see large, old trees that have been growing in one place for over a hundred years without any problems, only to die in the coming months because of climate change. All the more wonderful, then, that we were able to lend a hand ourselves.

So we got our hands dirty and planted spruce, larch and holm oak along the rows that Jacques had marked out. In total, we planted 200 trees in those five hours. Of course, the pizza we ate in Pörel in between was a welcome boost, and in the end the sun even came out. In the late afternoon, we drove home tired but very satisfied.





In addition to the survey results, the brochure also includes an interview with Ms Monique Ludovicy, Director of Restopolis, as well as suggestions to encourage both pupils and school management and administrations to integrate and discuss the topic of vegetarian and vegan food in schools – whether in the form of a Veggie Monday or through an expanded range of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

With this brochure, we wanted to advocate for a lively and engaging dialogue about our eating habits, both inside and outside schools in Luxembourg.

Because: The future is also on our plate!

MOVE. IN YOUR SCHOOL!

In 2025, move. was once again at several schools, diving deeper into the topics of sustainability, the environment and agriculture with pupils. The aim of the workshops is not only to impart knowledge but also to encourage reflection, discussion and active participation. Here is a slightly more detailed look back at the various formats and exciting results.

1. The Future of Agriculture – Lycée Michel Rodange

At the end of March, as part of 'Fuussendeeg', we were guests in a Year 4 class at the Lycée Michel Rodange. We brought with us videos, background information and many perspectives on the future of agriculture in Luxembourg. The workshop was supported by dedicated move. members, who had intensively researched the topic beforehand and conducted interviews with experts.

At the outset, the students worked in groups to examine various stakeholders – for example from agriculture, politics or civil society. They analysed interviews, read articles, conducted their own research and discussed their findings. The aim was to develop a better understanding of the respective interests, challenges and conflicts.

In the second part, things became more creative: the positions developed were presented in the form of role-plays, debates or their own media projects

implemented. This resulted in videos, short plays and visual presentations, among other things. The results were not only interesting in terms of content, but also surprisingly original and diverse.

One participant described the workshop as a successful experience: they found it particularly interesting to gain new insights into agriculture and to exchange different perspectives with other students.

2. Out into Nature – Workshop with Roger Schauls

As part of the "Green Days" at the Lycée Technique Lalleng, a very special workshop took place at the end of April – outdoors in nature. Together with biologist Roger Schauls, a class went into the woods behind the school to experience biodiversity not just theoretically, but right on site.

At various stations, the pupils engaged with plants, trees and ecological relationships. They learned to distinguish species, discovered interactions within the ecosystem and were able to experience nature with all their senses – through observation, listening and active exploration. Even unusual plants such as the so-called "disco flower" sparked curiosity and provided plenty of conversation.

Although it was initially unfamiliar for some not to be sitting in the classroom, an open and engaged atmosphere quickly developed. Many realised that they rarely make use of the forest so close to the school, despite its easy accessibility. The workshop was therefore also seen as a catalyst for integrating such excursions more frequently into the school routine – by both teachers and pupils themselves.

3. Vision: Luxembourg 2040

Another workshop as part of the Green Days addressed the question of how pupils imagine Luxembourg in the year 2040. At the heart of the discussion were both personal wishes and societal challenges and fears about the future.

At the outset, we worked together to define what sustainability actually means and how it can be put into practice in everyday life. For many, this was not entirely straightforward at first, but through our joint discussion numerous ideas and examples quickly emerged. Topics such as recycling, food waste, sustainable mobility and the climate crisis played a central role.

In the next step, it was about formulating positive and negative visions of the future. While many wish for a fairer, more environmentally friendly and more peaceful society, clear concerns were also expressed – for example regarding war, environmental destruction or natural disasters.

The discussion around digitalisation in schools was particularly lively. Topics such as tablets and digital media led to differing opinions and showed how strongly this issue shapes the pupils' daily lives.

Although it was initially a challenge for some to participate actively in discussions, by the end, most were involved with great enthusiasm. The group work and subsequent presentations showed just how many ideas, opinions and visions the pupils have, if they are given the space to express them.





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On the front line, day in, day out

Alongside the important political issues at a national level, the work of the Mouvement Ecologique continues to be characterised by a consistent commitment in everyday life – also directly on the ground.

The Mouvement Ecologique informs, raises awareness and motivates people to get actively involved, advises citizens and contributes to concrete projects at a local level.

A key priority remains strong communication and continuous dialogue with members and the general public, in order to advance the goals of sustainable development and enable active participation in societal discussions.

A VARIED COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Members and interested parties are kept continuously informed about the activities and positions of the Mouvement Ecologique.

An important instrument in this regard is the members' magazine **Kéisecker-info**, which appeared 19 times in 2025. It continues to provide comprehensive information on the activities, positions, events and developments of the Mouvement Ecologique.

The Mouvement Ecologique's **website**, www.meco.lu, also remains an indispensable communication tool: all relevant documents, statements and reports are published there in three languages (**DE/FR/EN**) and are continuously updated.

The weekly **electronic newsletter** reached an ever-increasing number of subscribers in 2025 and offers a concise overview of the activities of the Mouvement Ecologique, move, and the Oekozer Pfendall.

A key part of the communications work is also the presence on **social media**. Following the successful relaunch of the Facebook page in 2024 (it was hacked in 2024), its reach stabilised further and increased continuously in 2025. Likewise, the Instagram channel is growing to over 2,000 followers and is reaching more and more younger target groups.

Videos of events continue to be shared on YouTube. The channel recorded significantly higher viewership in 2025.

In 2025, a **podcast series** called "**Ouerestëppler**" was also launched: The first podcasts were very successful, however, the regularity still needs to be improved. For example, the topics *'The state of the Luxembourgish forest'* and *'The attitudes of young people'* were very well received and contribute significantly to reaching new target groups and presenting complex content in an understandable way.

Also, in 2025, the creation of **'Reels'**, especially for social media, was started. These are viewed remarkably often and present the topics and actions of the Mouvement Écologique in an understandable and lively way.

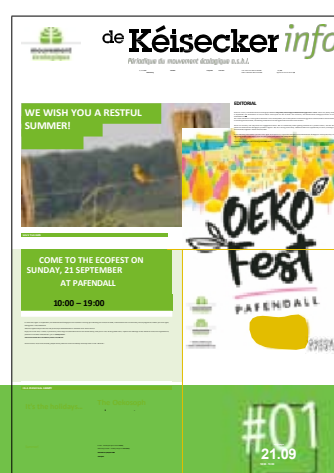
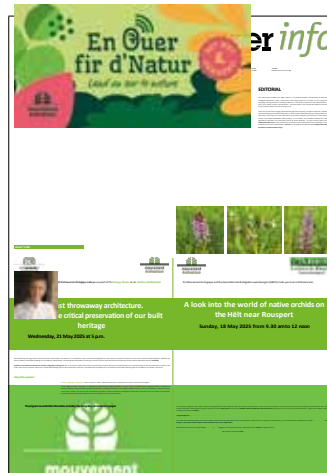
Lobbying – with professionally founded positions

The positions developed by working groups, regional bodies and the Board of Directors have also, in 2025, made a significant contribution to highlighting important questions, opening up future perspectives and bringing scientific facts to the fore. They raise awareness among stakeholders and citizens and contribute to influencing political and administrative decisions.

As every year, the submissions were forwarded well beyond the membership to politicians, municipalities, administrations, professional stakeholders and interested parties to increase their impact.

Thanks to the commitment of numerous members who contribute their know-how and expertise, it is possible to produce well-founded and practical documents that bring together different perspectives. As the topics become increasingly complex, this certainly presents a challenge.

Often, the submissions also led to direct discussions with ministries and other relevant stakeholders in 2025. In terms of content, the dossiers ranged from issues of agricultural and energy policy, nature and water protection, and aspects of municipal development, to pan-European dossiers such as the EU Biodiversity and Climate legislation.



IN DIALOGUE WITH THE MEMBERS

The exchange with members remained a central part of the work in 2025. The active involvement of the voluntary members, whether on the Board of Directors, in working groups, in regional branches or at various events, is of outstanding importance for an organisation such as the Mouvement Ecologique.

Conferences, visits, hikes, the Oekofest, the working group meetings, etc. provide opportunities for exchange and allow members to contribute their opinions and experiences. On several occasions, members were also actively encouraged to contribute their experiences and thus help shape the Mouvement Ecologique's positions.



To familiarise new members with the workings of the Mouvement Ecologique and to foster exchange, informal meetings were once again held in 2025, where the organisation's methods and priorities were discussed. These forums are always very enriching and stimulating.

The Mouvement Ecologique's communication and dialogue policy therefore continues to rely on diversity, openness and the involvement of all who are interested in a sustainable future.

Evenings with music, cabaret or a pleasant social get-together are also part of it.

REFORM OF THE STATUTES 2025

Due to the new "ASBL Act", the Mouvement Ecologique also had to reform its statutes, which involved a considerable amount of work. The Board of Directors, however, tackled this task decisively, so that at an extraordinary congress in May/June these statutes were adopted unanimously - with one abstention -

CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION IN GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

At national level, the Mouvement Ecologique was also represented in numerous national advisory bodies in 2025 to contribute its ideas and proposals.

As in previous years, it is regrettable to note that the functioning and impact of the bodies are very different. Their working methods and importance must, in part, be questioned.

The Regionals are also involved in various local bodies and cooperatives, including advisory municipal commissions or thematic regional platforms.

The Mouvement Ecologique is currently represented on the following bodies, among others: the Advisory Board of "myenergy", the "Conseil supérieur de la nature", "Supreme Council for Territorial Planning", "Observatory of the Natural Environment", "Supreme Council for Hunting", "Steering Committee for Classified Establishments", "Airport Consultative Commission", "Support Group" for the construction of the modern tramway, the government working group "Soft Mobility", the "Climate Platform", etc. Partly, however, also in more ad hoc, looser working groups, such as on the promotion of street trees, the jury for the "More Nature in our Cities and Villages" call for projects.

The Mouvement Ecologique continues to call for the introduction of the 'associative leave', as the meetings of these bodies often take place during working hours, which makes it difficult or even impossible for the volunteer representatives to attend.

Additionally, the Mouvement is represented on the board of directors of "Etika". On the platforms "My Agriculture" as well as the The Mouvement Écologique also participates in the 'Action Committee against Nuclear Power' and in the civil society alliance Vočo.

A SPACE FOR CITIZENS

The Mouvement Écologique has always served as a point of contact for questions and suggestions from citizens and interested stakeholders. Numerous enquiries reach the Mouvement Écologique daily. These concern, for example, information on various laws and procedures, background information on projects by local public authorities, and much more.

It should be noted that citizens would also become more actively involved in their municipality if this were desired and encouraged by the authorities. This shows how important good **local citizen participation** is, as it is precisely there that people could achieve a great deal in social life if local authorities were to more actively support citizens' projects and ideas, or involve them in projects that are more open to debate.

In many cases, the motto is: help to **self-help**. Given its limited capacity, the Mouvement Ecologique cannot always step in and become actively involved in every case. It is important that the people concerned take action themselves on the ground. The Mouvement Ecologique provides advice, points to the legal basis, helps to interpret complex information and, where necessary, refers them to the appropriate authorities.

If the Mouvement Ecologique does not have the necessary knowledge itself, it does its best to refer those concerned to the correct authorities. At the same time, it has once again become clear that state information structures often remain inadequate. More systematic public information, clearly defined points of contact and a modern freedom of information law would be essential to facilitate engagement.

The Mouvement Ecologique will also in future strive to fulfil its **advisory and information role** and to take up particularly relevant dossiers as proactively as possible.



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A variety of praxisnoe Projects!

The Mouvement Ecologique stands for well-founded expert opinions. At the same time, numerous stimulating and inspiring actions and projects are implemented.

The focus is on the experience, participation and practical advice.

VEGGIETABLE – DISCOVER NEW RECIPES EVERY WEEK

For many years, the Mouvement Ecologique has been committed to healthy eating with a particular focus on vegetarian and vegan diets as well as food from organic farming. An ecological lifestyle is combined with culinary enjoyment.

A central element remains the platform veggietable.lu by Lydie Philippy, on which recipes are regularly published. As the author of the cookbooks 'Natierlech genéissen' published by the Mouvement Ecologique, she brings her creativity and experience to inspire people to cook with seasonal and regional organic produce. Every week, visitors to the website can expect a new recipe, inviting them to discover and try out the variety of vegetarian and vegan cuisine for themselves.



OEKOTOPTEN – CONCRETE ADVICE!

The Oekotopten.lu project, which is run by the Oekozenner Pafendall in collaboration with the Mouvement Ecologique and with the support of the Ministry of the Environment, offers consumers very practical advice. The project is based on an independent online guide that lists the most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly products. Increasingly, however, the interested user will also find concrete guides for everyday life on Oekotopten, e.g. on the reparability of devices, etc. It also provides practical advice on when a repair is worthwhile, as well as lists of the most repairable smartphones on the Luxembourg market.

Furthermore, Oekotopten.lu provides information on which municipalities offer bonuses for the purchase of energy-efficient household appliances, e-bikes etc. The website, which was revised in 2024 and optimised for use on smartphones, was further maintained and its content continuously updated in 2025. Through these ongoing updates to the recommendation lists, Oekotopten.lu also provides information on which municipalities offer subsidies for the purchase of energy-efficient household appliances, e-bikes and so on. Additionally, Oekotopten.lu informs users which municipalities pay out bonuses for the purchase of energy-efficient household appliances, e-bikes, etc. Also of interest is the section where citizens can find out whether their municipality offers a 'repair bonus', i.e. a grant for repairing devices.

The website, revised in 2024 and optimised for use on smartphones, was further maintained and its content continuously updated in 2025. Through these regular updates to its recommendation lists, Oekotopten.lu makes an important contribution to conscious consumption and facilitates environmentally friendly purchasing decisions in everyday life.



GREAT INTEREST IN RENOVATIONS DURING THE ENERGY WEEKS

This year's Energy Weeks of the Oekozenner Pafendall and the Mouvement Ecologique were held under the motto '*Preserve buildings instead of demolishing them – an appeal for our built future*'.

The opening event was an online lecture entitled '*Against Throw-Away Architecture*', in which architect and architectural historian Vittorio Magnago Lampugnani examined the social, ecological and urban consequences of demolition and showed what a sustainable architectural culture could look like.

Following this, *five visits to residential buildings* were held, where exemplary renovation and refurbishment projects were presented. The projects demonstrated how existing buildings can be repurposed in a resource-efficient manner, upgraded for energy efficiency, and at the same time remain a defining feature for their neighbourhoods.

Experts and private individuals took the opportunity to exchange practical solutions and learn about the fundamental principles to be observed during conversions and renovations, ensuring they are carried out in the most climate- and environmentally friendly way possible.

The Energy Weeks thus sent a clear signal against throw-away architecture and underlined the importance of the existing built stock for achieving climate goals.



"NO ADVERTISING PLEASE" - THE DOSSIER REMAINS CURRENT

For over 35 years, the Mouvement Écologique has been campaigning against unwanted advertising in letterboxes with its 'No Junk Mail, Please' initiative. The distinctive yellow sticker with its elephant motif has played a significant part in saving paper over this time.

With the new waste law of January 2024, the distribution of 'junk mail' in letterboxes was re-regulated: advertisements may only be distributed in letterboxes that are explicitly marked with the corresponding sticker. Advertising is prohibited in all other letterboxes.

As it turned out in practice, the implementation of the law initially led to a rather chaotic situation. As early as 2024, the Mouvement Ecologique collected numerous complaints from citizens and forwarded them, along with a list of demands, to the responsible ministry.



In 2025, the issue remained current: citizens continued to report infringements. The feedback collected helped to raise awareness among the authorities and improve the enforcement of legal provisions. In 2025, according to information from the Mouvement Ecologique, the administration also took legal action against breaches of the law.

However, two central problems remain:

- the unclear distinction between advertising and 'information',
- as well as the increase in advertising supplements in daily newspapers.

The Mouvement Ecologique will also continue to push for improvements to the legal framework and its implementation, and will seek dialogue with those responsible.

YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR OPINION ARE REQUIRED!

The Mouvement Ecologique regularly draws on the knowledge, experience and commitment of its members and interested citizens. This is particularly true when it comes to documenting malpractice, collecting suggestions for improvement or receiving practical feedback on legislative changes.

The feedback from members provides an important basis for many statements and actions, and helps to align the work of the Mouvement Ecologique closely with reality and the needs of people.

ON THE WAY WITH ME - NATURE CONSERVATION IN PRACTICE

In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique also organised numerous events on nature and landscape conservation, partly in collaboration with the Regionals: Excursions, hikes and themed walks offered the opportunity to experience ecological connections directly on site and to learn about projects – from wetland and river restoration to natural and cultural landscapes under pressure from agriculture, urban sprawl or infrastructure projects.





FIXIT! REPAIR. REUSE. USE

- REPAIRING INSTEAD OF THROWING AWAY

The 'fixit! Mending. Lending. Using.' campaign, supported by the Mouvement Ecologique and its partner, the Oekozer Pafendall, with the backing of the Ministry of the Environment, was continued in 2025.

With concrete tips and information materials, the campaign promotes repair, reuse, sharing and thus an economy oriented towards the common good. The aim is to conserve resources, question consumption and make alternative economic practices visible.

COURSE FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN-ENTHUSIAST: INSIDE - "NO-DIG" CONTINUES

The course on sustainable vegetable growing, launched with the 'Krautgart' farm, was continued in 2025. Under the title 'No-Dig Vegetable Growing', keen hobby gardeners learn how to manage their gardens according to regenerative, ecological principles using soil-friendly methods.

Due to the high demand for the first course, further modules were offered in 2025. The feedback from participants shows the great interest in practical education on nutrition, soil fertility and regional agriculture.

THE OEKOSOPH: FAREWELL TO LOU - A NEW START FOR ELISABETH AND THE GRÉGORY

The Oekosoph remained an important meeting place for enjoyment and sustainability in 2025. Until the end of October, it was still run by Lou Steichen, who had shaped the Oekosoph with his cuisine and personal style for many years. With his retirement, an era came to an end. The Mouvement Ecologique thanks him sincerely for his long-standing commitment and the special, convivial atmosphere he created.

In 2025, the search for new operators began, and with success!

In November, the premises of the Oekosoph were refreshed and the technical equipment was brought up to date to prepare for the relaunch. From 6 January 2026, Elisabeth and Grégory will take over the running and continue the concept in the familiar, cosy atmosphere: the focus will remain on organic dishes, preferably from the region, with a strong emphasis on vegetarian and vegan cuisine.

New for 2026, there will be a regular menu (instead of mainly a buffet), and the Oekosoph will be open more regularly for both lunch and dinner. This ensures the Oekosoph remains a place where culinary enjoyment, sustainability, and social interaction come together – now with a new team building on the successful work of recent years.





04

Conferences, exchange and Information

It is of particular importance for the Mouvement Ecologique to promote forward-looking ideas and analyses, impart specialist knowledge, bring people together, exchange arguments, develop shared perspectives – and perhaps provide answers to the great questions of the future through lectures and seminars (and the subsequent "patt").

In 2025, numerous conferences and visits were therefore once again held, which were met with great interest. The various events of the year covered a wide range of topics, from the socio-ecological transition and neuroscientific insights to quiz nights and hikes.

The youth organisation move. was also extremely active in 2025.

The majority of the events were translated into French, and increasingly into English.

Many of the events were recorded on video. They can be found on the video platform YouTube under Mouvement Ecologique (@mouveco).

INVITATION

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The Mouvement Ecologique and OekoZentrum Pafendall, with the support of the Ministry for the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, invite you to a seminar on the transformation of recycling into resource centres.

From recycling to resource centres: experiences and ideas from the practice of municipalities and inter-municipal syndicates

Thursday, 30 October 2025 from 14:00 - 17:30 at the Centre Culturel Prince Henri, 3 Rte de Diekirch, 7220 Wallferdange



The seminar is aimed at municipal politicians and members of inter-municipal syndicates, project managers/technicians in the field of waste management, municipal services, actors from the social sector, engaged individuals at the municipal level, as well as interested citizens.

with the support of:



RECAP OF THE 2025 EVENTS

- **14.01.2025 – "Emotionally Charged Discussions – an Opportunity for Future and Transformative Design?"** Online conference with Prof. Dr Maren Urner on the influence of emotions on decision-making in times of crisis.
- **5th February 2025 - Is society failing in the fight against climate change? What concrete conclusions can be drawn?** Conference with Prof. Jens Beckert, Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and Professor of Sociology in Cologne.
- **12.02.2025 – "Stop the Demolition – Promote the Renovation and Conversion of Buildings"** Conference followed by a round-table discussion at the Tramsschapp Cultural Centre, in collaboration with numerous partner organisations from architecture, heritage conservation and culture.
- **06.03.2025 – "Young, political, engaged?"** Presentation of the Shell Youth Study 2024 and current research findings on youth in Luxembourg, at the Lycée de Garçons de Luxembourg.
- **07.03.2025 – "Civil Society & Youth Engagement"** In-depth workshop at the OekoZentrum Pafendall with youth research experts.
- **26.03.2025 – Mouvement Ecologique Congress 2025.** Annual meeting at the OekoZentrum Pafendall, followed by a discussion with the Minister for the Economy and Energy, Lex Delles.
- **13.04.2025 – Birdcall Excursion:** A nature walk in Rollingen near Mersch to learn about native birdcalls.
- **23.04.2025 – "New visions for European agricultural policy?"** Conference at the OekoZentrum Pafendall with Faustine Bas-Defossez (European Environmental Bureau) on future paths for agricultural policy.
- **27.04.2025 – Hike in the Haard recreational area.** Guided tour of the Mersch region and surroundings.
- **06.05.2025 – "How much is enough?"** Conference with Dr Elisabeth Dütschke on the role of lifestyle in a socio-ecological transformation.
- **18.05.2025 – Orchid excursion on the Hëlt near Rosport.** Nature walk to native orchid species.
- **21.05.2025 – Online lecture: "Against Disposable Architecture"** Opening lecture of the Energy Weeks with Prof. Vittorio Magnago Lampugnani on architectural culture and the preservation of existing buildings.



- **21.05.–14.06.2025 – Energy Weeks 2025** An online lecture and five visits to exemplary renovation and conversion projects under the motto 'Preserve buildings instead of demolishing them'.
- **19 June 2025 – Walk & communal barbecue at Eecherfeld** Discover innovative nature projects on the outskirts of Luxembourg City.
- **21.06.2025 – Visit to the Eechler Vegetable Gardens** Excursion by the Mersch region to the local vegetable gardens.
- **25.06.2025 – Extraordinary General Meeting** of Members at the Oekozenner Pafendall.
- **26.06.2025 – "The Fatal Consequences of an EU-Mercosur Agreement"** Conference at the Oekozenner Pafendall with a scientist from Brazil.
- **16.10.2025 – Quiz night at the Oekosoph:** a sociable evening with paella and a themed quiz at the Oekozenner Pafendall.
- **15.11.2025 – Practical workshop "We Green Our Façades"** Practical workshop at the Oekozenner Pafendall on façade greening.
- **13.11.2025 – "PFAS: A worrying contamination of food"** Conference with Kildine Le Proux de La Rivière from Générations Futures about the "forever chemicals".
- **23.11.2025 – Hike "The Eischtal Landscape Speaks"** Guided walk in the Mersch region and surroundings.
- **30.10.2025 – "From Recycling to Resource Centre"** Specialist seminar at the Centre Prince Henri in Walferdingen with best-practice examples from municipalities and syndicates (BRD & Luxembourg).
- **04.12.2025 – "Heating without gas and oil – where will the heat of the future come from?"** Online conference on the energy transition with Raphael Gruseck.





Despite constant rain all day, Oekofest 2025 was a great success. Many visitors were not deterred by the weather and made their way to Pfaffenthal.

The varied programme and the opportunity to meet up after the summer holidays created a great atmosphere.

OEKOFEST 2025: A HUGE SUCCESS DESPITE CONSTANT RAIN

Even though the weather this year was anything but cooperative – it rained all day and, in addition, the lift to the Upper Town was out of service – the good mood at Oekofest 2025 remained undisturbed. Despite these conditions, numerous visitors still made their way to Pfaffenthal and contributed to a very successful festival.

The Oekofest was opened in a well-filled hall at 'Sang a Klang' with a political **official speech** by the President of the Mouvement Ecologique, Blanche Weber. In her speech, she particularly addressed the current developments at EU level and in Luxembourg. The festival then continued with a shared
The Oekofest was officially opened with a "Patt".

As in previous years, many people took the opportunity to meet friends and acquaintances, to exchange ideas and to spend time together. The **atmosphere** in the various squares and streets of Pfaffenthal was warm and lively, despite the weather.

The **musical offerings** were excellent, the tours very stimulating and the stalls offered a wide variety of information as well as attractive products. Several exhibitors reported that although slightly fewer items were sold than the previous year, the atmosphere was exceptionally positive. The regional and often vegan or vegetarian dishes at the food stalls were also particularly praised.

As every year, the **children's activities** proved very popular. The face painting was well attended, the story time was moved indoors at short notice and delighted young and old alike. And of course, Georges Christen once again captivated numerous visitors.

Once again in 2025, it was clear that the Oekofest remains an important **meeting point** for dialogue within **civil society** and among environmentally interested and committed citizens.

A **heartfelt thank you** goes to everyone who helped organise and make the festival possible, to the participants at the opening, and to the many visitors. And of course, we welcome suggestions for the Oekofest 2026.





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International and EU

ECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT - SOLIDARITY ENGAGEMENT BEYOND LUXEMBOURG

The key decisions in the field of sustainable development are made at EU level and internationally. It is therefore all the more important to actively pursue these and get involved.

Thanks to its European and international network, the Mouvement Écologique can do this consistently. At a time when deregulation is advancing dramatically, this is more important than ever.



GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

The Mouvement Ecologique is a member of several global and European alliances. This membership is of outstanding importance, as it is not possible for a national organisation like the Mouvement Ecologique to regularly take the lead on international and/or EU-level dossiers. The information and preparatory work of the partner organisations are therefore of paramount importance, enabling the Mouvement Ecologique to take action.

Furthermore, these partnerships allow for joint actions to be carried out. A single organisation can achieve little at EU level, but together they are stronger. Accordingly, the Mouvement Ecologique's commitment, particularly at EU level, is steadily increasing, and it also actively contributes to worldwide appeals from partner organisations.

In important European dossiers, such as deregulation, pesticides, climate protection and so on, the Mouvement Ecologique has been active – particularly within the joint EU-level network. This has been primarily within the framework of *'Friends of the Earth'*, of which the Mouvement Ecologique is the Luxembourgish section, as well as in projects of the „Bureau Européen de l'Environnement" (BEE).

Statements were repeatedly supported and letters from our European partner organisations on topics of sustainable development were sent to the relevant ministers, submissions were provided to MEPs, or European petitions were co-signed.

These broad networks of *Friends of the Earth* across Europe and internationally, as well as the *European Environment Bureau*, are encouraging.

They show that people across Europe are committed to the same ideals.

As a member of CAN Europe, another pan-European network of organisations campaigning for climate protection, the Mouvement Ecologique also regularly participates in its general assemblies, keeps abreast of ongoing developments at EU level, contributes to letters to political decision-makers, takes part in workshops and supports pan-European projects.

The Mouvement Ecologique is also a member of PAN (*Pesticide Action Network*) to campaign more cohesively against the use of pesticides.

The Mouvement Ecologique is also a member of *the 'Right to Repair Network'*, a European network (which campaigns for a right to repair), as well as the German alliance *'Runder Tisch Reparatur'*.

INFORMATION ON THE WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT OF PEOPLE

For years, reports from FoE member organisations have been regularly published in the 'Kéisecker info' and on the Mouvement Ecologique's website.

These are intended to show that people worldwide are campaigning for a better and fairer world – even in countries where such engagement is far more difficult than in Luxembourg. At the same time, global solidarity is also very encouraging!

MERCOSUR FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: THE RESISTANCE REMAINS

In 2025, the resistance to the controversial Mercosur agreement – the agreement between the South American states and Europe – continued.

- **Open letter to the government: "Stop the harmful free trade agreement"**

Primarily for geopolitical reasons, in 2025 the governments, including those that had until recently been extremely sceptical of the agreement, came out in favour of it. The Luxembourg government also appeared to change its stance in 2025.

ASTM, Forum Politique (an alliance of development organisations), Greenpeace Luxembourg and Mouvement Ecologique called on the competent ministers in an open letter to say a clear no to this agreement, which promotes deforestation, human rights violations, exploitation and so on.

This is especially as the EU-Mercosur agreement, according to international experts, is likely to bring only very limited economic benefits, but significant social, ecological and economic



harm (key issues: overproduction of export monocultures in the Global South, jeopardising small-scale farming structures, accelerating deforestation, etc.).

The agreement also cements a hierarchical trade logic between industrialised and raw material exporting countries and deepens existing inequalities.

The signatory organisations therefore called for a clear rejection of the agreement and for a trade policy that places quality standards, small-scale farming, human rights and sustainable, just development at its centre.

- **Conference: "The fatal consequences of an 'EU-Mercosur' trade agreement: The perspective of a Brazilian scientist"**

On 26 June 2025, Prof. Dr. Antônio Inácio Andrioli, a Brazilian agronomist and philosopher, spoke at a conference organised by the Mouvement Écologique and ASTM about the social and ecological consequences of the planned EU–Mercosur agreement. He warned emphatically that the agreement primarily serves the interests of large corporations and endangers smallholder farmers, indigenous peoples and environmentalists.

During the exchange, it became clear that large landowners in the Mercosur states wield considerable political influence, while local markets and peasant structures are being weakened. Andrioli called for a trade policy based on solidarity, fair partnerships and ecological responsibility, and spoke out clearly against ratifying the agreement in its current form.

In the evening's final analysis, it was highlighted that the agreement not only poses ecological risks but also deepens structural inequalities. Although European farmers would also be

to additional competition and problematic imports, but the most dramatic consequences will affect the Mercosur states themselves: further deforestation, increased pesticide use, concentration of ownership in the hands of a few, and social upheaval.

ARBITRATION TRIBUNALS ALSO THREATEN EUROPEAN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS!

Luxembourg is currently being sued for 16 billion dollars by the Russian oligarch Mikhail Fridman because our country froze his assets as part of the EU sanctions following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The case illustrates a fundamental, far-reaching problem: through so-called investor-state dispute settlement mechanisms (ISDS), which are enshrined in more than 1,000 bilateral investment treaties, foreign investors can bypass national courts and sue governments before private arbitration tribunals for compensation.

The Fridman affair is not an isolated case: *Friends of the Earth* and partner organisations have shown, using ten current case studies from the EU, how ISDS is also used to challenge national security measures, windfall taxes or environmental decisions made by national courts. This mechanism places private profits above democracy, social and environmental protection, thereby undermining the ability of the EU and its member states to govern sovereignly.

The Mouvement Écologique and a broad coalition of European organisations are therefore calling for the consistent termination of these outdated agreements and the abolition of these problematic tribunals, and have presented a dossier with 10 illustrative problematic cases, including the Fridman affair.



EU-WIDE INITIATIVES AND CAMPAIGNS: AGAINST REGULATORY RELAXATION

Numerous pan-European initiatives were supported:

- **#HandsOffNature campaign:** In September 2025, Mecos, together with natur&mwelt, hundreds of NGOs and over 65,000 European citizens, called for the EU's environmental laws not to be weakened. The aim was to preserve existing strong protection measures in nature, forest and water conservation, including the EU Deforestation Regulation, the Water Framework Directive, the Fauna-Flora-Habitat Directive and the Restoration Law. Citizens could directly share their views via the European Commission's platform. The #handsoff campaign will also continue in 2026 with various actions.
- **EU Soil Law (Soil Monitoring Law):** In October, together with 50 other NGOs, Mecos campaigned for a pan-European law to protect and restore degraded soils. The European Parliament passed the law on 23 October 2025.
- **Unequal EU food standards:** Together with other organisations, the Mecos pointed out the unequal pesticide standards on imports and called for stricter limits on banned substances.
- **Do not reduce the wolf's protection status:** In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with over 200 European environmental organisations, signed a letter to all EU Environment Ministers demanding that the wolf's protection status not be lowered at national level. This was despite the EU having downgraded it from 'strictly protected' to 'protected' shortly beforehand. The organisations stressed that this decision contradicts the scientific evidence, as the wolf continues to be in an unfavourable conservation status in six of the EU's seven biogeographical zones. The European Court of Justice had also confirmed in June 2025 that each member state must independently ensure a favourable conservation status. Instead of politically motivated calls for culling, the NGOs advocated for cooperative coexistence strategies – including livestock protection, preventative measures and fair compensation schemes. The wolf, as a conservation success and an important part of European biodiversity, should continue to be protected in Luxembourg on a science-based basis.



These initiatives demonstrate the Mouvement Ecologique's ongoing commitment to advocating for environmental and health protection, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture, both nationally and at EU level.

Financial problems at "FRIENDS OF THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL" - ELO MEANS SOLIDARITY!

After public funding for environmental NGOs was significantly reduced at both EU and international levels, *Friends of the Earth International*, the global alliance of which the Mouvement Ecologique is a member, found itself in a very difficult financial situation.

These cuts weaken the functioning and the voice of civil society and the engagement internationally as well as at EU level (and also partly in the member states). The importance of such organisations is of paramount significance in these times, when massive setbacks in the ecological sphere are being planned and the influence of economic lobbyists is ever-increasing.

As the coordinator of the national '*Friends of the Earth*' structures worldwide, FOE International plays a central role in supporting initiatives for climate and social justice in the Global South. The removal of co-financing opportunities for programmes in these countries has led to a dramatic chain reaction for numerous national organisations.

On 30 June an extraordinary general meeting was held to find a joint solution to maintain activities and continue funding the international programmes. Significant budget cuts, an extraordinary mobilisation of reserves and, in part, a reorganisation were decided. By maintaining a strong core business, *Friends of the Earth* is placing greater emphasis on fundraising to consolidate its finances.

As the Luxembourgish representative of '*Friends of the Earth*', the Mouvement Ecologique took part in this general assembly and expressed its solidarity with the parent organisation.

MECO SUPPORTS DEMANDS FOR SUSTAINABLE FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS FOR KI

The application of artificial intelligence (AI) is proliferating across all sectors, particularly in science and business. These technologies are portrayed as forward-looking, yet they already have massive impacts in terms of CO₂ emissions as well as water and electricity consumption. Therefore, the Mecos supports the demands of CAN Europe: no fossil fuels, a targeted restriction of use to relieve the networks, sustainable supply chains with fair participation, and better transparency in the use of AI.



RESISTANCE AGAINST "FLEXIBILISATION" OF EUROPEAN CLIMATE POLICY

The pressure towards 'deregulation' in Brussels is considerable. Unfortunately, this conceals a questioning of the core objectives aimed at making the Union more sustainable.

In addition to the 'Omnibus' package, which aimed to reduce the responsibility of large companies in supply chains (CSDD), the biodiversity and climate targets are also being called into question.

For example, new instruments are being discussed that are claimed to help achieve these goals – without actually decarbonising the European economy. These include, among other things, the inclusion of CO₂ certificates from non-EU countries or very immature carbon capture technologies. It is necessary to maintain an ambitious and determined European climate policy.

Against this backdrop, MECO supports the measures initiated by the partner organisation CAN Europe: the signing of a letter prepared by CAN Europe to the European Commission, and the joint drafting of a specific letter with the ASTM to Environment Minister Serge Wilmes.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

There are numerous letters in which the Mouvement Ecologique has shown its solidarity with global initiatives of partner organisations.

For example, in a letter to the financial institutions involved in the LNG Mozambique project. In it, numerous civil society organisations make serious allegations of human rights violations in late 2024 surrounding a gas extraction facility.

As the financial organisations have nevertheless so far not publicly commented on the alleged massacre of civilians, the collective of 126 civil society organisations, including the Mouvement Ecologique, renewed its call, 2025 renewed its demand for an independent international investigation to clarify the circumstances of this alleged massacre, as well as for the suspension of support for the LNG Mozambique project until the results of this investigation are available.

UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE: LUXEMBOURG MUST FINALLY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM!

In October 2024, the 16th UN Biodiversity Conference of the Convention on Biological Diversity took place in Cali, Colombia. In advance, the Mouvement Ecologique had formulated its recommendations and, in a press release, appealed to the Luxembourgish government and especially to the Minister for Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, Serge Wilmes, to take responsibility for the conservation of biodiversity in Luxembourg.

For the Mouvement Ecologique, it was extremely strange that only one month before this international biodiversity conference, the EU states voted to downgrade the wolf's protected status – and Luxembourg was among the supporters of this measure. It therefore seems almost schizophrenic, knowing that at the World Biodiversity Conference, countries of the Global South are being urged to step up their efforts to protect their large carnivores...

It seems easier to preach water while drinking wine: wealthy Luxembourg itself has, for years on end, failed to meet any of the targets it set to curb the rapid biodiversity losses we want to persuade other countries to tackle... In October, there was no sign that the Minister for Biodiversity himself would assume responsibility here at home. Instead of clear actions to strengthen nature conservation, he even supported weakening the Nature Conservation Act as part of the government's "Building More and Faster" project (for our campaign on this, see the separate chapter).

The conclusion of the Mouvement Ecologique is therefore: conferences like the one on global biodiversity are important. But political credibility – and success in protecting biodiversity – are above all achieved through concrete action in one's own country. This is where Minister Wilmes is finally being put to the test, to act consistently together with the Ministry of Agriculture.



The Mecoskop for the legislative 2023-2025

A yardstick for the implementation of the government's promises from the coalition agreement

Two years after the start of the new legislative period, the Mouvement Ecologique has updated and further developed its analysis tool, 'Mecoskop'.

The aim remains to transparently monitor whether the government is actually implementing the goals in the area of sustainable development as set out in the coalition agreement.



THE MECOSCOPE – A CRITICALLY CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE GOVERNMENT

The Fingers Are Pointed

The fundamental question is:

Is the government implementing what it announced in its government programme?

The Mecoskop makes this clearly visible. It shows how far the government has progressed in key sustainability areas – or indeed not. At the same time, the Mecoskop is intended to motivate the ministries to tackle the promised measures with the necessary determination.

For the analysis, **77 key government pledges** in the field of "sustainable development" were selected – exclusively those that the Mouvement Écologique actively addresses or that are particularly relevant from a sustainability perspective.

HOW DOES THE MECOSKOP WORK?

All promises are evaluated as objectively as possible.

For better clarity, four stages of progress are distinguished – as already outlined in the first report:

1. **not started**
2. **under implementation**
3. **partially implemented**
4. **implemented**

Photos of the responsible government ministers also make it clear which ministry is responsible.

Where possible, the **quality of the implementation** is also assessed: it can happen that the measures have been addressed, but that the implementation is problematic or insufficient from the perspective of the Mouvement Écologique.

The Mecoskop is **continuously** updated, **at least every six months**, to reflect actual progress.

Balance sheet of the first years of the government

The analysis shows a mixed, but fundamentally very negative picture:

In some policy areas progress was evident, while other areas have barely moved forward. As of December 2025, the situation was as follows:

- 38 of the promises made were not addressed (this in almost half of the legislative term!);

- 38 are in an initial phase of implementation;
- one in an advanced phase of implementation;
- no measure was implemented in full.

The Mouvement Écologique then also carried out, based on the Mecoskop among other sources, a detailed analysis of the government's work in the first years of the legislative term.


The conclusion: Unfortunately, one must say: this government is currently not living up to its own self-imposed standards. It is not (yet) implementing sufficiently in the area of sustainable development what it promised its electorate.

The central problems:


1. A central shortcoming: the government's problematic attitude towards current social and ecological challenges
2. Short- to medium-term economic interests are the focus – a lack of ecological understanding
3. The goals of preserving the foundations of life and shaping a positive future will not be achieved with purely piecemeal measures.
4. A Ministry for the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate with a weak political standing - lack of integration of ecological issues into sectoral ministries
5. A certain dialogue with civil society exists – but a genuine, solution-oriented exchange requires more
6. Under the guise of cutting bureaucracy: deregulation – in Luxembourg and at EU level.

In 2026, the Mecoskop will once again assume its role and hold the government to account!

The Mecoskop is available in German, French and English.



Online at www.meco.lu version
2 years of the CSV-DP government: Where do we stand? Where is the journey in the sustainability sector heading?
Where is the journey in the field of sustainability taking us?



2 years CSV-DP government: Where do we stand? Where is the journey in the field of sustainability heading?

Prime Minister Luc Frieden recently presented himself and his government with a positive assessment of the first two years of government work. Unfortunately, the analysis by the Mouvement Écologique's Mecoskop platform paints a very different picture (www.mecoskop.lu). On this platform, 77 key promises of the CSV-DP government from the coalition agreement in the field of sustainable development are assessed for their implementation. The sobering balance after two years in this respect of the 77 government statements

- 38 have not been addressed;
- 38 are in an initial phase of implementation;
- only one is in an advanced stage of implementation;
- no measure was implemented in full.

It is understandable that after two years only a few promises can have been implemented. What is absolutely incomprehensible, however, is why at least more of the provisions of the coalition agreement have not already been addressed. The fact that half of the measures included in the Mecoskop are still at the 'no progress' stage is very worrying. Likewise, one could have expected that more projects would be in an advanced stage of implementation. For it is known that the first two years of a government's work are particularly important, so that projects also have a real chance of being realised during the coalition's term in office. Accordingly, it must be said: this government is currently not living up to its own self-imposed standards. It is not (yet) implementing in the area of sustainable development what it promised its electorate.

It should be emphasised that this situation is all the more problematic because the coalition agreement already omitted numerous indispensable instruments for sustainability (including a sustainable tax reform). If the remaining instruments, which already represent a dilution of the necessary measures, are then not implemented, or are implemented only hesitantly, this is highly problematic for Luxembourg's future.

Note: The Mouvement Écologique has presented the state of implementation to the best of its knowledge and belief. It is not out of the question that the Mouvement Écologique is unaware of one or other implementations of statements from the coalition agreement. This will be rectified immediately if such information becomes available. However, individual, isolated developments are unlikely to change the overall picture of the government's work.

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For a vibrant democracy

A vibrant democracy – with broad opportunities for information and participation for people – is the very foundation for social cohesion.

If we want to make our society and our economic system more sustainable, a "cultural" change is also necessary.

is necessary: away from consumerism and a culture of competition, towards cooperation and social justice.

Therefore, commitment to fostering a diverse culture of discussion and decision-making is particularly important when striving for a sustainable society.

EDUCATION: CENTRAL TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

At the beginning of the year, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with move., organised a stimulating information evening on youth research.

On the one hand, the results of *the Shell Study*, one of the leading studies on the attitudes and values of young people, were presented: this study is regarded as a reference in youth research and has been conducted since 1953. Ingo Leven, Head of the Research Department "Family, Education, Civil Society" at the Verian Research Institute (formerly Kantar Public) and co-author of the 19th Shell Youth Study, presented the results.

Dr Caroline Residori, a youth researcher at the University of Luxembourg and co-author of the "Youth Survey Luxembourg", and Andreas Heinen, a qualified sociologist and youth researcher, provided insights into current research findings and developments regarding the socio-political role of young people in Luxembourg.

A highly stimulating evening, in front of a mixed audience of adults and young people. There was consensus that the conclusions of the evening need to be further explored.

This was partly addressed at a follow-up event the following morning, where an interesting discussion took place with professionals and young people about what conclusions should be drawn for youth work from these findings.

Both events were very inspiring.

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS: A CRITICAL – A CRITICAL – CONSTRUCTIVE COUNTERWEIGHT IN A LIVING DEMOCRACY

A collective of over 30 civil society organisations (environmental organisations, organisations for international solidarity, social justice and human rights), including the Mouvement Ecologique, came together at the end of 2024 under the name Vočo. The shared goal: to stand up for a vibrant democracy and respect for the work of civil society.

The starting point for this initiative was the Caritas case, but also various statements by government members which gave the impression that the government was questioning the important role of civil society.

In 2025, the activities continued: for example, an exchange took place with Minister of State Luc Frieden on the role of civil society and key dossiers (freedom of information, new legislation for associations, etc.). The meeting was constructive, but no decisions were made.

During the year, Vočo produced various statements, such as e.g. on the so-called law on eviction.

FOR BETTER ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR CITIZENS!

Access to information for citizens is regulated by the law of 14 September 2018 (*administration transparente et ouverte*). Unfortunately, this is an extremely flawed law. This was known from the outset, which is why the Chamber of Deputies, when passing the law, had already decided that the new law should be evaluated two years after its entry into force.



Unfortunately, it has so far remained merely a promise; in practice, very little has been done. Therefore, the Mouvement Ecologique continues to press consistently for the law to be improved in various letters, statements and discussions.

It is important for the Mouvement Ecologique that the "commission d'accès aux documents" can always be called upon when requests from the public sector go unanswered.

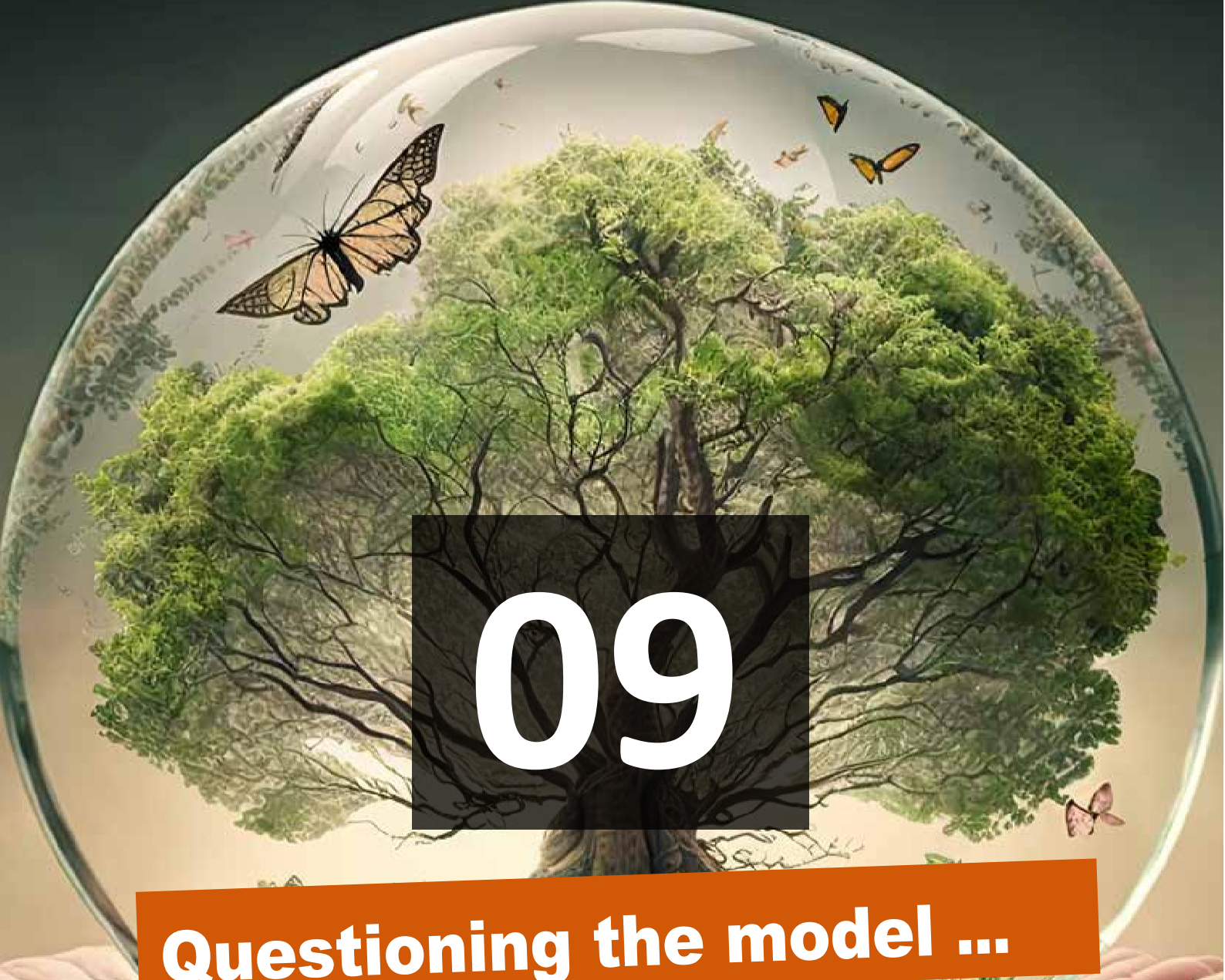
"COMMISSION D'ACCÈS AUX STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND CITIZEN RIGHTS!"

Building a sustainable, resilient society of tomorrow requires more than ever open exchange, the consideration of factual arguments, as well as developed civil rights and contemporary political education. Unfortunately, Luxembourg is far from these goals. This makes the engagement of civil society, and in particular that of the Mouvement Ecologique, all the more important.

Therefore, the question of the 'civil society' runs like a red thread through the work of the Mouvement Ecologique.

In various legislative proposals and dossiers, the organisation consistently advocates for good information policy and broad citizen participation. It also advises citizens who wish to receive information about their civil rights or opportunities for involvement.





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Questioning the model ...

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This is also the fundamental conviction of the Mouvement Ecologique, which has been following the work for years.

We need a new societal consensus on the pillars upon which we want to build our economic system in the future – with respect for the planet's ecological limits and global distributive justice.

Therefore, there is a need for exchange and discussion on fundamental questions, such as how we envisage the world of tomorrow and what kind of Earth we wish to leave for future generations.

Above all, positive visions for the future are needed. Today, no one can yet say how a 'sustainable' economic system ultimately in detail, as too many levers still need to be turned. But the important steps to take are known.

That is why the Mouvement Ecologique was once again very active in 2025, enriching the discussion in the spirit of a phased transformation of the current system.

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The Dependence of the Pension System on Constant Growth and Questioning

The belief that the economy will continue to grow in the same way as in past years or decades rests on shaky ground.

Geopolitical tensions and their effects demonstrate this amply – from an ecological perspective, the goal is also demonstrably absurd: this has been amply demonstrated by, among others, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

However, the fact is that the financing of the current pension system in Luxembourg depends on continuous growth: both in Gross Domestic Product and in the number of active contributors. It is assumed that, among other things, the number of employees will steadily increase and that productivity will rise significantly. If these developments do not materialise, the financing will collapse in the medium term.

Is the current pension system model, therefore, a driver of growth?

Yes and no: thanks to reforms in financing, it could be made independent of growth, but the political will must exist.

The Mouvement Ecologique has been pointing out this situation for years and therefore commissioned, among others, the *Austrian Institute for Economic Research* (WIFO) to analyse to what extent it "plausible" that the Luxembourg economy, under the current financing key, can effectively ensure the funding of the pension system. The authors' conclusions were revealing: the financing under the current model is by no means on solid footing.

This analysis and the repeated interventions by the Mouvement Ecologique on this issue were probably the deciding factor in the Mouvement Ecologique 2025 being invited, as the only environmental organisation, to the government's 'pension table' in Bourg-l'Abbé (alongside, among others, workers and employers).

Growth Compulsion and Democracy – HOW CAN THE SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION SUCCEED?

Conferences enrich the formation of opinion in Luxembourg. They are of particular importance in times of upheaval. It goes without saying that for the Mouvement Ecologique, events centred on the question of growth and the system are of special interest.

In the series: "*Addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis consistently and socially justly: What are the prerequisites for this? How can the transition succeed!*" the Mouvement Ecologique invited to the following conferences, some in partnership with partners:

- 5 February 2025 - *Is society failing in the fight against climate change? What concrete conclusions can be drawn from this?* with Jens Beckert, Director at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and Professor of Sociology in Cologne.
- In a Zoom event for almost 100 people entitled: "*Emotionally Charged Discussions – a Chance for Future and Transition Design?*" Prof. Dr Maren Urner, neuroscientist, author and Professor of Transformation Design, presented new ideas for tackling the current crises from a neuroscientific perspective.
- "*How much is enough? Living well without questioning the foundations of life: the role of lifestyle*" was then the topic of Dr Elisabeth Dütschke, Senior Scientist at the Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research. The speaker succeeded in presenting the topic from both a psychological and a practical perspective. It is well worth listening to the podcast.

Such events are always well attended and offer a perspective on these very important, yet complex, societal challenges.



OVERSHOOTDAY

In 2025, Luxembourg was once again on the winners' podium. As the second country in the world, we reached Overshoot Day globally. Reason enough for the Mouvement Écologique to take new paths; full-page adverts were placed. With a clear message to the general public and to politicians: the date must be pushed back, which we can achieve if we want to... and it even comes with benefits for all of us. Let's go!

TAX THE SUPER-RICH – A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR ALL!

In 2024, the Mouvement Écologique supported the pan-European initiative supported the "Tax the super-rich" initiative. Although the required threshold for a European-wide citizens' initiative was not reached at the time, experts and civil society worldwide are increasingly committed to a fairer taxation of the super-rich. It is essential for a socio-ecological transition.

The Mouvement Écologique remains active in the alliance and repeatedly addresses the issue of social justice.

SPEECH ON THE STATE OF THE NATION: "DISAPPOINTING AND WORRYING- DISAPPOINTING FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"

... so commented the Mouvement Écologique on the speech by Prime Minister Luc Frieden in May 2025.

The speech revealed a problematic underlying attitude of the Minister of State towards the central question of sustainable development and the acute challenges of the climate and biodiversity crises, according to the Mouvement Écologique. These central challenges were apparently not on the government's list of priorities, nor was the question of the fair distribution of wealth.

Unfortunately, the impression is still being conveyed that the socio-ecological transition can be achieved through *goodwill* gestures and mere sensitisation, which is not the case.

Parallel to this, deregulation measures are being consistently pushed forward – especially at EU level. An analysis of the State Minister's speech has accordingly been published.

INSIGHTFUL INTERVIEW WITH FINANCE MINISTER GILLES ROTH

In a discussion with Finance Minister G. Roth, key dossiers from the perspective of sustainable development, which directly concern the Ministry of Finance, were discussed.

For example, the concept of "Green Budgeting". This provides that the state budget is specifically examined for counterproductive expenditures in relation to climate and environmental protection. A whole range of countries have already introduced this instrument or are in the process of implementing it gradually. In this way, on the one hand, public funds are no longer spent in contradiction to societal goals (namely climate and biodiversity protection) and, on the other hand, new financial resources are made available for meaningful measures.

Finance Minister Gilles Roth indicated his openness to introducing such an instrument, provided that existing budgetary structures are not called into question. His officials are already in discussion with foreign experts on the matter.



The 'PIBien-être' instrument was also discussed. It was included for the first time in the 2026 budget, albeit unfortunately in a still rather unsatisfactory manner. The selected indicators, for instance, do warrant questioning. But at least a first step has been taken, and the Minister is open to optimising this instrument.

Other topics included the **climate social plan** to support financially weaker households, the **sustainable tax reform**, and a "**malus**" system for high-emission vehicles. Finally, the **transition** from the **CO₂ tax** to the ETS2 emissions trading system was discussed, with the Mouvement Écologique deeming a phased approach and social compensation measures necessary.

Also under discussion were the controversial **arbitration tribunals** that allow companies to sue states for billions in compensation if environmental or climate protection measures reduce their profits. Luxembourg is currently affected, among other things, by the "Fridman affair" (see EU/International).



IN DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL ACTORS

The very challenge of sustainably transforming our social and economic model requires close exchange. Therefore, various meetings were held, among others, with the Minister for the Economy and Energy, Lex Delles; the Minister for the Environment, Serge Wilmes (abolition of counterproductive subsidies, shaping the **CO₂ tax**, conducting a stress test for Luxembourg's development...); and the Minister of Finance, Gilles Roth.

17 February 2025

From 17 February, we in Luxembourg will be living beyond our means at the expense of future generations

All resources for this year have been used up!



In the RTL / Wort Sunday poll at the end of 2024, respondents ranked the climate crisis fourth among their concerns – behind the pressing issues of 'affordable housing', the 'dangerous world situation' and the 'rise of right-wing extremism'.

Concern about the climate has even increased by 5% compared to the previous survey.

The preservation of our natural life-support systems is therefore still a central concern for the people of Luxembourg. **However, the reality is different: on 17 February, Luxembourg – as the second country in the world after Qatar – will have reached its "Overshoot Day"**. By then, we will have already exhausted all the resources that were available to us for a year*.

Therefore: Act now!

Recognise the urgency – Politics must act!

The current CSV-DP government must not leave the responsibility for ensuring this socio-ecological transition succeeds to the individual. Pragmatism also means making effective decisions now to preserve our life-support systems for future generations, rather than postponing them.

Act now: preserve our life-support systems for future generations too – for the good of us all!

The good news is that acting now is not only essential to preserve our own life-support systems and to enable humanity to survive on the planet. It also secures our current quality of life and that of future generations.

Acting for the climate as an opportunity:

Jobs are created, dependence on gas and oil imports is reduced, and innovation in a future economy is promoted.

Conserve nature - enhance quality of life:

Attractive landscapes and a diversity of species and habitats have been proven to enhance our well-being.

Making towns and cities more liveable and greener:

In well-greened villages and towns, high summer temperatures are reduced, and green spaces make places more liveable.

Save resources and promote social interaction: Instead of buying new, swap items with others; instead of consuming material goods, spend time together.

Be solidarity and strive for global justice, also to secure peace:

The poorest suffer most from the climate change they did not cause. Ecology and social issues are two sides of the same coin.

Shaping the change – For a sustainable and future-proof Luxembourg!

1. Strive for an increase in quality of life rather than growth in Gross Social Product: Despite the sprawl of the landscape, traffic jams and institutions that can no longer cope with growth, etc., Luxembourg continues to rely on economic growth. Instead, the government's goal should be to make our economic and social system less dependent on growth and to promote well-being, as measured by the 'PIBbien-être'.

2. Think social and ecological together: social and environmental policy go hand in hand. People with fewer financial means must be better supported. In general, more social justice is needed; this includes a wealth tax on billionaires who demonstrably place a particular burden on the environment!

3. No backsliding on nature conservation – not less, but more greenery in our towns and cities and more biodiversity: The government is planning a reform of the nature conservation law which would ultimately come at the expense of green spaces and biodiversity. This reform must be stopped to safeguard nature conservation and quality of life.

4. Make agriculture sustainable and reduce the use of pesticides! EU and national funding must be strengthened to ensure the survival of small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as the production of healthy food with respect for nature and the environment, including through a reduction in pesticides. The promotion of organic farming must be a key focus.

5. Systematically promote renewable energy – socially accompany the energy transition: We must phase out fossil fuels! To master the energy transition, we need targeted measures and instruments to bring all households and businesses along on this journey. People with fewer financial resources must be given special support.

6. Rationally utilise existing housing potential: 5-10% of houses in our municipalities stand empty. Renovating and repurposing existing buildings saves resources, protects the climate and creates housing. This requires, among other things, financial incentives and the removal of administrative hurdles. Instead of new settlements in the green belt, designated building land within the urban boundaries should be mobilised as a priority!

7. Reward sustainable behaviour, increase the cost of environmentally damaging activities: The use of our natural resources is often free of charge, whereas labour is taxed far more heavily. A sustainable tax reform is needed to change this: prices must send the right signals!

8. Stop public funds that fuel the climate and biodiversity crisis: The Luxembourgish state still today spends (probably) hundreds of millions that even drive the climate and biodiversity crisis. As in other countries, Luxembourg should identify and reduce these environmentally harmful subsidies (Green Budget).

9. Making better use of resources – questioning our consumption: Conserving resources also means developing new economic models that move away from pure consumption: exchanging, reusing and repairing items must be promoted by the state. The same applies to the circular economy. It is for the government to set the necessary framework conditions and create corresponding incentives for businesses and households.

10. Promoting civil society and democracy: A strong civil society is in the interest of the Democracy: We need people who get involved and contribute actively. They deserve a increased state support. Democracy also means involving citizens at all levels, involving citizens and also promoting children and young people in this regard. This also includes free spaces in our school programmes that allow young people to experience self-efficacy.

The Ecological Movement – lively, critical, committed

Politics must provide the right framework. The Movement Ecologique – as an independent environmental organisation with a strong voice in society – plays its part in this: by critically questioning developments, making concrete proposals and presenting visions for the future, such as how we want to live tomorrow and what a just world could look like.

Do you also want to take action and make a contribution?

Then become a member – make the Mouvement Ecologique even stronger!

Donations help to secure our independence!

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* <https://overshoot.footprintnetwork.org>



Reuse, repair,

sharing:

Elements of a new economy

Breaking away from dependence on economic growth, protecting our life-support systems – biodiversity and the climate – more mutual support and solidarity, promoting the common good... all these positive goals are closely linked to the promotion of 'Reuse – Repair – Share'.

Accordingly, the Mouvement Ecologique is heavily involved in this area, often in collaboration with the Oekozenner Pafendall and, thanks to an agreement with the Ministry of the Environment, on the 'Rethink' project.



ON THE PATH FROM RECYCLING TO RESOURCE CENTRES: EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS FROM PRACTICE BY MUNICIPALITIES AND UNIONS

On 30 October 2025, the Mouvement Écologique and the Oekozenner Pafendall invited everyone to the seminar *"From Recycling to Resource Centre"* at the Centre Prince Henri in Walferdingen, supported by the Ministry of the Environment and the municipality of Walferdingen.

Numerous participants from municipalities, waste management, social institutions, businesses and interested citizens discussed ways in which recycling centres can be developed into genuine resource centres. Resource centres where reuse, repair and sharing take centre stage.

Using practical examples, innovative approaches and concepts were presented on how resource centres can successfully become places for the circular economy and resource conservation, adapted to the size of the municipalities. These were presented from both Luxembourg and Germany.

The seminar impressively demonstrated the potential impact of such centres: also from a social perspective. This is because modern resource centres go far beyond traditional waste management: they can become important meeting places for the community, promote awareness of the circular economy and enable social interaction. In doing so, they offer municipalities numerous opportunities to provide additional activities: themed re-use markets (school materials, books, festive decorations, etc.), 'social re-use', and so on.

The seminar showed how important such an exchange is and that there are still various questions to be discussed at a national level, for example, whether municipalities can grant their citizens preferential access to their municipal centre.

NEW LUXEMBOURG WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – A GOOD FOUNDATION, BUT WEAK IN IMPLEMENTATION

In 2025, the new national waste and resources plan for Luxembourg was subject to a public consultation. This is an important instrument for the further development of waste management in Luxembourg and for adapting to national and European requirements.

In a position statement, the Mouvement Écologique welcomes the key elements of the stocktake.

However, it also sees a need for improvement in important respects. Thus, the plan is in many respects rather vague and not sufficiently binding to initiate a genuine transition to the circular economy.

The Mouvement Écologique therefore urged the government to build on this plan, focusing particularly on the most relevant measures-nations to be developed further, and to place prevention and reuse, the strengthening of resource centres, the reduction of massive exports, the monitoring of the "use" of exported waste, the local anchoring of repair and reuse activities, and the circular economy at the centre of attention.

The present plan should also be supplemented by a binding financing plan as well as an analysis of the available human resources and governance structures.





The FIXIT ACTION CONTINUES

Mouvement Ecologique and Oekozer Pafendall continued the "fixit! Repair. Borrow. Use." campaign in 2025 with the support of the Ministry of the Environment. The aim is to promote repair, reuse and sharing for everyone with concrete tips, thereby strengthening the commons-based economy.

The campaign stands not only for less consumption and greater resource protection, but also for an alternative economic model. As part of the campaign, the website was updated with new tips, and sample notices were also provided to municipalities for their 'Buet'. These offers were used by a number of municipalities throughout the year and received positive feedback.

In 2025, the following content was shared:

- **"Toys and Children's Clothes – Better Shared Than Wasted"** – Initiatives and actions for the continued use of children's toys and clothes.
- **"Second-hand bikes are just as good to ride"** – In recent years, there has been a real cycling boom, which has now fostered a healthy second-hand market. The Fixit campaign highlights special initiatives where second-hand bicycles are refurbished and sold at social prices.
- **"Refurbished – electrical appliances as good as new"** – In the field of electronic household appliances and smartphones, a certain dynamic is also developing, which enables the continued use of devices in very good condition at more affordable prices.

LOCAL REPAIR SHOPS INSTEAD OF REPLACEMENT: 43 MUNICIPALITIES OFFER A "REPAIR BONUS" ON AVERAGE

Over ten years ago, Wiltz became the first Luxembourgish municipality to introduce a financial subsidy for the repair of household appliances: the so-called 'Repair Bonus'. Since then, the Oekozer Pafendall, the Mouvement Ecologique and Oekotopten.lu have been campaigning strongly for the expansion of this instrument at the state level.

and municipalities have since campaigned for the expansion of this instrument at state and municipal level. Numerous municipalities have since followed suit, so that, with the municipality of Schengen, a total of 43 municipalities will be offering this incentive from January 2026 – in some, the bonus complements earlier subsidies for energy-efficient new appliances, while in others it has replaced them. The offer differs from one municipality to another (with regard to the amount of the eco-bonus, the repairs supported, etc.).

A repair is particularly ecologically sound for devices with a high 'ecological footprint': that is, those containing valuable and sometimes critical raw materials, such as IT devices, for which the resource consumption during production is far more problematic than their subsequent energy consumption. Some municipalities use the repair guide from Oekotopten.lu as a reference, which includes criteria for both promoting energy-efficient appliances and for environmentally sound repairs.

National guidelines or a nationwide repair allowance are currently lacking in Luxembourg, unlike in Austria, France or some German federal states. However, the growing involvement of municipalities shows that promoting repairs is increasingly understood as a fixed component of sustainable local politics. The Mouvement Ecologique continued to be involved in this regard in 2025.





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Tackling the climate crisis - the energy transition drive!

While science urgently the "urgence climatique" shows that the climate catastrophe is becoming increasingly apparent to everyone worldwide... the energy transition is unfortunately progressing rather slowly.

It is therefore important that organisations such as the Mouvement Ecologique advocate for a vigorous policy that takes climate protection seriously and drives the energy transition forward.

In the Mouvement Ecologique's view, concrete steps towards the energy transition should have been set in motion by 2025.

Providing the right incentives is essential for the energy transition to succeed. A particular focus must be placed on low-income households.



THE MOUVEMENT ÉCOLOGIQUE MAKES IT CLEAR: THE GOVERNMENT IS DELAYING THE reduction of emissions in important areas

In fact, a outcry should have gone through the country and politics in mid-year when the sobering balance sheet of CO_2 emissions for 2024 in Luxembourg was published. However, this was not the case: the ministry is glossing over the situation.

However, a closer analysis by the Mouvement Écologique revealed that even though CO_2 emissions are decreasing, this is not happening to the required extent in all sectors.

In 2024, only the emission reductions in the transport sector were in line with the targets of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP). In key sectors, however, the necessary reductions were not achieved or were missed by a wide margin.

In some cases, the opposite is even true: since 2025, emissions in the industrial sector have risen by 21%. In the buildings sector, the reduction is 19% compared to 2005, whereas according to the Climate and Energy Plan, a 64% reduction should have been achieved in 4 years! In the water sector, we are at -3%, whereas by 2030 it should be -40%!

Nevertheless, the government even tried to present the situation positively. Without the Meco, this would probably have succeeded...

INTERNATIONAL MOBILISATION AGAINST THE REGULATIONS TO PROTECT HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENT

In 2025, at EU level, under the pretext of 'administrative simplification' and 'competitiveness', significant efforts were made to weaken environmental and social regulations.

In light of these worrying developments, the Mouvement Écologique supported, among others, a call from over 470 organisations, trade unions and collectives from Europe and around the world to oppose the deregulation being pushed forward by the EU Commission.

Especially in a time of climate crisis, biodiversity loss and growing inequality, this deregulation and deliberate weakening of important rules and objectives would be a dangerous step backwards. It would primarily strengthen large corporations, while weakening sustainability goals, public interest actors and democratic processes.

The Mouvement Écologique, on the other hand, calls for strengthening, rather than dismantling, protection rules, placing civil society at the heart of the European process, and securing an ecological and social transition. It urges people to oppose deregulation and to defend a Europe that protects present and future generations.

TOGETHER AGAINST THE DERAEGULATION AND WEAKENING OF THE EUROPEAN CLIMATE POLICY

2025 was also the year in which European climate policy and emissions targets were under strong pressure. Together with the intended deregulation in the field of nature conservation, supply chain legislation, etc., this clearly shows how much is being done in the interests of large corporations and how important, forward-looking rules for the common good are being called into question. For example, provisions for achieving the 1.5°C target were to be relaxed (even though it is known that this target is set too low).

Thus, new instruments were introduced which, supposedly without decarbonising the European economy, were meant to help achieve the climate targets nonetheless (e.g. the inclusion of CO_2 certificates from non-EU countries or the still very immature technologies for carbon capture). A European alliance, of which the Mouvement Écologique was also a member, fought against this proposal.

In this, NGOs play an extremely important role at the European level: they highlight how politicians become entangled in attempts at justification, seek to water down targets, and simultaneously develop concrete demands. Their recommendations are based on scientific findings.

The work of the European partners is of great importance to the Mouvement Écologique – the processing of the dossier by partner organisations such as CAN-Europe enables the Meco to respond quickly and to appeal to the Luxembourg government to continue to commit to an ambitious climate policy.

Against this backdrop, Meco supported the measures initiated by the partner organisation CAN Europe: the signing of a letter prepared by CAN Europe to the European Commission, and the joint drafting of a specific letter with the ASTM to Environment Minister Serge Wilmes.



ONLINE CONFERENCE: HEATING WITHOUT GAS AND OIL: BUT WHERE DOES THE HEAT COME FROM? FOR HEATING IN THE FUTURE?

In 2024, the Mouvement Ecologique launched a series of conferences on the energy transition. The aim: to introduce interested parties to the key pillars of this transition and to support public discourse. The first was entitled: *'Heating without gas and oil: but where will the heat come from for future heating?'*.

"When we talk about the energy transition, we usually mean the electricity transition – yet the heat transition is actually at least as relevant." With this clear message, Raphael Gruseck (Energy Agency Kreis Ludwigsburg LEA e.V.) opened a well-founded online lecture to 55 participants. He demonstrated, both precisely and clearly, that there is no one-size-fits-all solution: depending on the settlement structure, centralised heat networks or decentralised solutions such as heat pumps are more appropriate. The trade-off between different options is not only technical but also political – and must be communicated transparently.

The key role of municipal heat planning was particularly clear. It should be realistic, implementable and strategically oriented. Crucially, responsibilities, resources and financing must be clarified early on to ensure planning certainty. The lively discussion that followed made it clear: the decarbonisation of the heating sector is a central challenge – and requires clear decisions as well as broad public involvement.

CALL: YOUR EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED!

In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique directly asked its members twice for their experiences and knowledge, in order to incorporate this into its submissions and to present it in meetings with, among others, Minister for the Economy Lex Delles.

In a call-out, *"Call: What problems do you see in the expansion of renewable energy? Tell us about your experiences!"*, the Mouvement Ecologique sought its members' knowledge so that it could contribute suggestions to the national energy table. This aimed to identify obstacles to the expansion of renewable energy and, in a subsequent phase, to overcome them. The second call was under the motto: *"Are you a member of an -*

a solar energy cooperative? What are your experiences?". Through reports from energy cooperatives, it was intended to consider how the framework for their success could be improved. As, among other things, a draft law on the pre-financing of solar installations was being worked on, this was a very sensible approach.

In both cases, the input was a very great enrichment and helped significantly that the Mouvement Ecologique was able to contribute constructively to the debates, even with the responsible minister.

CONTRIBUTION AS PART OF CREOS'S 10-YEAR NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In 2024, the Institut luxembourgeois de régulation (ILR) published the ten-year network development plan (Ten Year Network Development Plan 2024-2034) developed by CREOS as part of a public consultation. As the name suggests, this plan outlines the development of the electricity grid, in particular, over the next 10 years.

The Mouvement Ecologique took the opportunity to suggest fundamental improvements to the draft. It emphasised that a modern and efficient electricity grid is a key prerequisite for security of supply and the success of the energy transition in Luxembourg. As such, the construction of new lines is also fundamentally justifiable.

Nevertheless, the Mouvement Ecologique sees a clear need for improvement in several areas and, for the most part, is in agreement with the ILR, which formulated similar suggestions for improvement.

Thus, the draft lacked sufficient comprehensibility and transparency. Above all, however, it speaks almost exclusively of a maximum network expansion. Alternatives such as flexibility mechanisms, interruptible loads, storage solutions or new technologies like hydrogen and battery storage are not sufficiently considered. A transparent comparison between maximum expansion and a more flexibility-oriented approach – taking costs and benefits into account – would also be essential.

The aim must be to develop the grid expansion strategically, efficiently and in the public interest.



In the view of the Mouvement Ecologique, the state should also define much clearer binding requirements for the preparation of the grid development plans. This is all the more important, as CREOS both prepares the consumption scenarios and plans the grid expansion, while at the same time benefiting from the expansion as an investor.

The position of the Mouvement Ecologique was highlighted in a report by the ILR. The coming years will certainly remain exciting in this area.

WHERE DOES OUR ELECTRICITY COME FROM IN THE FUTURE – AND HOW DOES IT REACH US?

In the 'Scenario Report', CREOS sets out how the electricity system in Luxembourg should develop to meet the energy needs of the various sectors and, at the same time, support the energy transition. This complex document was presented to the public in 2025 as a draft for public consultation. The Mouvement Ecologique took the opportunity to submit comments.

It was welcomed that the 'Scenario-Report' presented in 2025 addressed some of the shortcomings of its predecessor. Nevertheless, there is still room for improvement. Fundamentally, the Mouvement Ecologique regrets that the report, in its current form, is hardly accessible to non-specialists. A democratic consultation process requires that key content be presented in an understandable way.

In terms of content, the Mouvement Ecologique in particular calls for a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of the measures, as well as a systematic comparison of different scenarios.

Improved 'flexibility' in all sectors should be given greater importance to reduce additional grid expansion. This includes, among other things, industrial waste heat utilisation, seasonal heat storage, demand management and collective heating solutions.

Furthermore, a coherent integration with other planning processes and strategies is required to harness synergies and identify conflicts of objectives early on. Legal, organisational and financial frameworks must be established to effectively promote grid-friendly behaviour. Finally, the communication of the measures should be clear, understandable and comprehensible, particularly for private households, to avoid misinterpretations.



IN DIALOGUE – THE BASIS OF THE WORK

It goes without saying that at the start of the legislative period, dialogue was sought with the competent Minister for the Economy and Energy. In an initial stimulating exchange, topics such as the expansion of the district heating networks, the orientation of Luxembourg's economic policy, the "sustainability" or "compatibility check" for businesses, the question of growth, and the Mercosur agreement were on the agenda.



ENERGY WEEKS 2025: 5 THOUGHTS ON THE TOPIC "PRESERVE BUILDINGS INSTEAD OF Tearing Them Down" AN INTERESTING PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

The "Energy Weeks" of the Oekozer Pafendall, in collaboration with the Mouvement Ecologique, took place from 21 May to the 14 June. An exciting conference – moving away from the mentality of demolition

Exciting conference – Moving away from the mentality of demolition

An online conference on 21 May addressed a central theme of the construction revolution: why are buildings often demolished long before they are truly at the end of their life? Together with architect and urban scientist Vittorio Magnago Lampugnani, the discussion focused on the mechanisms behind this development – and how this dynamic can be halted or broken.

Lampugnani criticises that sustainability has so far been reduced too narrowly to technology and CO₂ and calls for a historical and cultural embedding. He advocates for the long-term preservation of buildings, adaptability and aesthetic longevity. Building also carries a social responsibility. Suburban sprawl threatens landscapes, and limited settlement areas are crucial. New construction should be the exception; a fundamental paradigm shift is needed to tackle the ecological crisis effectively.

5 visits: From builder to builder

Under the guiding principle '*preserve buildings instead of demolishing them*', five visits demonstrated how the conversion and reuse of existing structures can be carried out in a resource-efficient and identity-building manner. In the case of a former courtyard in Esch-sur-Alzette, for example, the structure that had existed for generations was retained by visibly preserving its former uses.

Adapting historic buildings was once taken for granted; today, however, rigid building regulations and heritage protection often make their continued existence difficult. Differentiated regulations that distinguish between old and new buildings are needed to facilitate this. Examples such as the old rectory in Saeul or the courtyards in Bartringen and Dillingen show that transformation protects buildings from decay while simultaneously creating modern living space – whether through insulated renovation or the 'house-in-house' principle. In Greiveldingen, a family home was preserved with natural building materials for future generations.

All the projects demonstrate that preservation rather than demolition saves CO₂, preserves history and community, and requires a culture of building on, which unites sustainability, cultural values and quality of life.

NEW STRATEGY FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION

In 2025, the Ministry of the Environment presented the draft of a new strategy for adapting Luxembourg to climate change as part of a public procedure.

This strategy is of great importance. For it is known that everything must be done to keep global warming as low as possible. However, temperatures will still rise, extreme weather conditions will increase, and so on. Therefore, this strategy provides for measures that the state, municipalities and others should undertake in the coming years to keep the impacts as low as possible.

In principle, the initiative is to be welcomed, but there is room for improvement. As part of the procedure, the Mouvement Ecologique submitted a brief objection with further suggestions.

MAKE HEAT PLANNING A PRIORITY!

The energy transition for heating is Luxembourg's central energy and climate policy challenge. While the electricity sector has already made significant progress with renewable energies, the heating sector remains heavily dependent on fossil gas and heating oil, and it is also discussed far less in the (political) public sphere.

It should be noted that over 80% of household energy consumption is for heating and hot water. Without a fundamental transformation of the heating supply, the national and European climate targets cannot be achieved.

At the same time, the energy transition for heating is a social, geopolitical and economic necessity: it reduces dependence on energy imports, increases security of supply, stabilises prices in the long term (for both industry and private individuals) and opens up opportunities for innovation and investment.

Throughout 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique never tired of pointing out, at every opportunity, that the energy transition for heating must finally become a priority. For example, in discussions with the Minister for the Economy on the programme Background RTL, among others.



National Climate Platform – DE MECO GETS INVOLVED

The Luxembourg Climate Protection Act provides for a so-called national climate platform (*plateforme pour l'action climat et la transition énergétique*), composed of employers and employees, NGOs, municipalities, etc. The Mouvement Ecologique is a member of this platform. In three meetings, the focus in 2025 was primarily on the status of implementing the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) and on the development of the Luxembourg Climate Social Plan.

During the meetings, the Mouvement Ecologique repeatedly emphasised the importance of evaluating the implementation of the National Climate Action Plan (NECP) and the need for an analysis of the potential obstacles to its implementation. In the Mouvement Ecologique's view, CO_2 emissions are not currently being reduced to the desired extent.

A joint position paper was drafted with the Chamber of Employees on the draft Climate Social Plan, which was submitted to the platform.

TAX BENEFITS ONLY FOR PURE ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND NOT FOR HYBRIDS

Currently, only fully electric cars benefit from the "avantages en nature" for company cars. Not plug-in hybrid vehicles. And for good reason.

Studies show that plug-in hybrids have CO_2 emissions in real-world driving that are three to five times higher than the official manufacturer's figures. This is particularly pronounced in the case of company cars, where the proportion of electric driving sometimes falls below 15%. Added to this is an unnecessarily high consumption of resources due to the dual-engine concept.

By 2025, it was becoming apparent that certain quarters intended to 'loosen' the current incentives for electric cars.

The Mouvement Ecologique has therefore campaigned against changing the current system. The reason is clear: public funds should only be used where there is a genuine contribution to reducing emissions and a sufficient contribution to meeting climate targets. This is not the case with so-called plug-in hybrid vehicles.

The company car sector also has an important role as a role model: it shapes vehicle fleets, influences the second-hand car market and promotes the expansion of charging infrastructure.

CARBON CAPTURE: TWO MEETINGS AND MANY OPEN QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE TECHNOLOGIES

In 2025, two major government-organised meetings on so-called 'Carbon Capture' procedures took place. This shows that the government attaches great importance to this topic.

Furthermore, the government has set up a task force to develop a framework for 'Carbon Capture', in which, alongside industry, research and planning offices (albeit to a limited extent), the Mouvement Ecologique is also partly involved. The body is understandably 'dominated' by industry and research. Until



However, at that time the forums were not organised in such a way that a genuine discussion about the pros and cons could take place. This leaves numerous questions unanswered: storage options in Luxembourg, connection to foreign infrastructures, cost allocation and avoiding greenwashing ... are some of the topics.

The Mouvement Ecologique is monitoring the dossier very critically: a 2024 study by the Öko-Institut points to significant safety, environmental and cost risks and urges caution. Above all, however, the Méco regrets that the ministry is currently investing so many resources in this issue, while the heat plan is barely making any progress. This should clearly be the priority.

PARTICIPATION: ALSO IN SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL DOSSIERS

In 2024, an EU directive was implemented, establishing new rules on how the consumption of certain types of energy by individual households in a multi-family building is to be recorded (Bill – *Divisionary Metering and the Allocation of Costs for Heat, Cooling and Hot Water (No. 8250)*). One of its objectives is to promote energy saving. The Mouvement Ecologique welcomed the draft's general direction, but formulated some suggestions to eliminate inconsistencies in the text.

These were met with a receptive ear by the Minister for Energy, Lex Delles, and so the Mouvement Ecologique was informed in detail in a letter which amendment proposals were implemented in the final law.

COMMITTEE AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER REMAINS ACTIVE

The Mouvement Ecologique coordinates this 'Action Committee' together with Greenpeace.

In 2025, a meeting was held with Energy Minister Lex Delles, among others, on key nuclear and energy policy issues. Ahead of the upcoming 'decennial inspection' in 2027, the coalition proposed reactivating the government task force established in 2012 after Fukushima to strengthen dialogue with civil society. The development of technical and legal expertise was also called for.



for the early identification of intervention possibilities in problem cases.

The minister was open and requested an official letter to the competent ministries. Cooperation with regions of the Greater Region – particularly Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate – was also considered sensible.

The action committee criticised state investments in nuclear energy – for example via the pension fund – as incompatible with a credible negotiating position vis-à-vis France. On the subject of small modular reactors (SMRs), the Minister emphasised that Luxembourg, together with other states critical of nuclear power, is opposing corresponding EU initiatives, an undertaking that is becoming increasingly difficult. He stressed that a red line remains: no EU funds for new nuclear power plants. In conclusion, it was suggested that the public be better informed about the costs and risks of nuclear energy in order to counter misinformation.





For a socially just

Energy transition

The energy transition can only succeed if it is socially just. In other words: if, on the one hand, people with fewer financial resources are relieved of the burden of rising energy prices and, at the same time, are supported so that they can actively participate in the energy transition (i.e. if they also have access to renewable energy, etc.).

Unfortunately, too little is currently being done in this area. That is why the Mouvement Ecologique, the Chamber of Workers, the OGBL and the LCGB are also jointly campaigning for improvements.

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LUXEMBOURG

"SOCIAL CLIMATE PLAN" THE SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION MUST BE RAISED TO A POLITICAL PRIORITY! JOINT POSITION OF THE MOUVEMENT ÉCOLOGIQUE AND THE CHAMBRE DES SALARIÉS

People with fewer financial resources suffer the most from the biodiversity and climate crisis, but they are proven to contribute the least to it.

The EU therefore requires Member States to draw up a climate social plan to protect low-income households and vulnerable businesses from the effects of rising fuel and heating prices and to enable them to participate actively in the energy transition. Households with low incomes are particularly affected, as energy costs account for a disproportionately large share of their budget (even though they consume less on average than higher-earning households) and they lack the means to invest in energy-saving measures.

Such an instrument is also of particular importance in Luxembourg, as the current ones tend to exclude people with lower incomes.

Unfortunately, however, in the view of the Mouvement Écologique, the government did not work on this crucial plan with the necessary vigour. Therefore, a joint statement was published with the Chamber of Labour, the OGBL and the LCGB. This was successful: the climate social plan finally became a political issue. The aim: far more and faster must be done in Luxembourg to include people with fewer financial resources in the transition.

The joint actions were somewhat successful; various discussions took place (including meetings with Minister for the Economy Lex Delles and Minister for the Environment Serge Wilmes), a working group was established, the first draft of the plan was revised, and so on. However, the new draft of the plan presented subsequently again revealed a number of shortcomings, prompting the alliance of Mouvement Écologique and the trade unions, together with the Workers' Chamber, to become active once more and demand improvements. The definitive plan is now to be presented in 2026; we shall have to wait and see.



SOCIAL LEASING: AN IMPORTANT PROJECT TO ADVANCE SOCIAL RIGHTS IN THE TRANSITION OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

On behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, *Luxmobility and the consultancy firm Fier* conducted a study into the feasibility of a social electric car leasing scheme in Luxembourg. The aim is to enable households with limited financial resources to switch from fossil-fuelled vehicles and to give them access to more affordable electric cars. The leasing scheme is intended to offer particularly favourable terms for the vehicle, maintenance and insurance.

The Mouvement Ecologique has been advocating for this social instrument for years and expressly welcomed this initiative.

Representatives from the leasing, automotive, social and environmental sectors were involved in workshops, including the Mouvement Ecologique. It successfully advocated for the leasing scheme to be made as accessible as possible – regardless of commute or public transport links. The study provides clear recommendations, which are now to be implemented by the relevant ministries.

To further reduce costs, the study recommends integrating the "Mobility" climate bonus. The scheme should be limited to households already receiving REVIS or the "Allocation de Vie Chère". In addition, an expansion of public charging infrastructure and a wide range of vehicles are envisaged.

The Ministry of the Environment has announced that a social leasing scheme is to be put on the legislative track in 2026.

ELECTRICITY PRICES FOR HEAT PUMP HEATERS AND ELECTRIC CARS MUST REMAIN MORE FAVOURABLE THAN FOSSIL ENERGY

– financially weaker cities

MUST BE STRONGLY SUPPORTED!

In 2024, the redesign of electricity prices, the increase in charging-point costs, and so on, sparked quite lively discussions.

Meanwhile, many were concerned that these developments were not sufficient in terms of the energy transition, as the switch to renewable energy would not be adequately promoted. Consequently, many citizens grew uncertain as to whether the switch would still be worthwhile.

The question arose: What needs to be done to shape the energy transition so that it is socially just and also benefits the people who are investing in the transition today? What decisions need to be made to ensure that renewable energies remain attractive in the long term (i.e. also heat pumps and electric mobility)?

For this, clear political framework conditions are needed, which are transparent, predictable and socially fair. In the course of the discussions, the Ecological Movement advocated, among other things, the following measures:

- Electricity from renewable sources must be and remain cheaper than fossil fuels;
- The design of electricity pricing should be co-determined by the state through greater public participation in network costs;
- A gradual increase in the CO2 tax up to 2030 should be decided and set now;
- The ecological transition must be socially just;
- The state and municipalities have a duty: among other things, through collective solutions for a just energy transition.

The state is required to table a medium- and long-term strategy, taking social criteria into account and considering the potential consequences for individual businesses or business types.





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More (regional) organic farming - for health and biodiversity

In 2025, the promotion of (regional) organic farming was a particular focus, due to current agricultural dossiers.

At the same time, the Mouvement Ecologique is also campaigning for conventional agriculture to be more strongly supported in the interest of sustainable management.

But the fact is: organic food is healthier and represents a significant advantage for biodiversity.

20 MILLION EURO IN STATE FUNDS FOR NEW GREENHOUSES – BUT CRITERIA FOR SUSTAINABILITY ARE MISSING!

At the beginning of 2025, Agriculture Minister Martine Hansen presented a draft law on agricultural diversification aimed at increasing Luxembourg's low self-sufficiency rate in fruit and vegetables. The ministry planned to provide €20 million in subsidies for new greenhouse facilities to produce tomatoes, strawberries and other plants.

The Mouvement Ecologique welcomed in a statement: (*"State funds for new greenhouses: orientation towards large-scale facilities and a lack of sustainability criteria overshadow the initiative for more fruit and vegetable cultivation in Luxembourg"*) the general willingness to promote fruit and vegetable cultivation through this project. However, the orientation of the draft law was criticised, as it favours large industrial enterprises and neglects small-scale, sustainable agriculture.

Furthermore, any ecological farming criteria were missing. To the Mouvement Ecologique, such an approach appeared absolutely unacceptable and regressive when awarding such high sums of funding.

The statement prompted reactions from the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Fruit Growers' Association, to which the Mouvement Ecologique responded once again, setting the record straight on some misrepresentations.

The Mouvement Ecologique continued to consistently question the fact that the state does not condition the awarding of public funds on the respect of growing conditions (pesticide-free, etc.), which would be easily achievable and in keeping with a forward-looking form of agriculture.

Unfortunately, the project was carried out in its original form.

The Mouvement Ecologique's initiative, however, helped to raise awareness of the issue and was an important cornerstone in the discussions on future agricultural policy.

FILE RESTOPOLIS – PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING, BIODIVERSITY AND HEALTH PREVENTION

For years, the Mouvement Ecologique has been campaigning for the continuation and expansion of the successful Restopolis project, which, through its locally and organically oriented procurement policy (*"Supply4future"*), creates significant added value for Luxembourgish agriculture in school canteens. Surprisingly, this project is supported exclusively by the Ministry of Education and not by the Ministry of Agriculture.

At the end of 2025, there were attempts (including by the Ministry of Agriculture) to weaken the procurement criteria.

Currently, to put it simply, the hierarchy for purchasing food is as follows: organic products, regionality, price. This means that food produced abroad is sometimes given priority over that produced regionally. This situation was criticised by agricultural stakeholders – while the Ecological Movement explicitly supported it.

In a publication, the Mouvement Ecologique explained that, from the perspective of biodiversity and climate protection, as well as health prevention, organic food produced abroad also has advantages over conventionally grown produce.

Furthermore, it should be noted that over 80% of the foodstuffs purchased by Restopolis come from Europe, and particularly from neighbouring countries, and that those from further afield are for the most part not produced here (ginger, rice...).

In a detailed statement, the Mouvement Écologique called on the government in early December to maintain the current regulation and

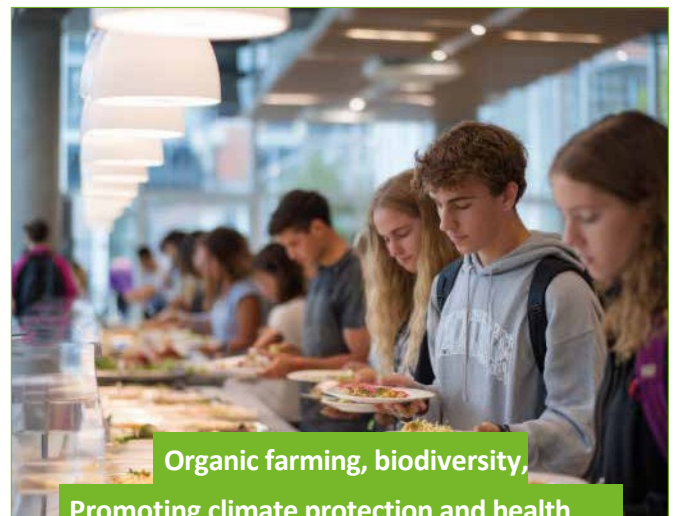
- to extend the successful Restopolis model to all public canteens (hospitals, care homes, the 'State canteen'),
- to present a progressive organic action plan (PAN Bio),
- as well as to strengthen the structures within the Ministry of Agriculture to promote organic farming.

Furthermore, the Mouvement Ecologique addresses the dominant market position of a large company in Luxembourg's food sector, whose influence on national agriculture and food supply must be taken into account politically.

The dossier led to numerous positive responses. Critical voices came mainly from various agricultural circles.

In mid-December, an stimulating discussion took place with Education Minister Claude Meisch. The minister's key message was that he would stick to the current system and that no changes would be made.

The Mouvement Ecologique explicitly welcomed this decision! The commitment had paid off. One can only hope that the Ministry of Agriculture will finally take inspiration from the Ministry of Education and, in a similarly determined manner, ensure that (regional) organic food is also offered in all public canteens (hospitals, care homes...).



Organic farming, biodiversity,
Promoting climate protection and health
prevention:

FOR A CHANGE IN POLITICAL THINKING -
QUESTIONING THE DOMINANCE OF
TODAY'S MARKET MECHANISMS

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Health and Biodiversity

in focus: No to pesticides -

No to eternally chemicals

Thanks to partnerships with European colleagues, the topics of "pesticide use and exposure" and "forever chemicals" were given particular prominence in 2025, not least through a series of analyses of foodstuffs.

The Mouvement Ecologique aims to show how important it is that we take action today! This is not only to protect biodiversity, but also our health.

Acting today also means avoiding uncontrollable burdens in the future.

PESTICIDE CONTAMINATION OF FOOD – ANY PESTICIDE IS ONE TOO MANY!

The Luxembourgish Administration for Food and Veterinary Medicine (ALVA) regularly publishes analyses of food for pesticide residues. In 2022, 608 food samples from Luxembourg, the EU and non-EU countries were examined (fruit, vegetables, cereals, spices, herbs, tea, oilseeds, nuts, tubers and wine). As no more recent data were available and the results are extremely revealing, the Mouvement Écologique published a detailed analysis of these measurements in February 2025, entitled: "Official analyses from the Ministry of Agriculture show: 50% of the food tested contaminated with pesticides - when will the government act"?



These official samples showed impressively how common pesticide residues are in conventionally produced food (in contrast to organically produced food). For only about half of the samples were completely free of pesticide residues – 5.8% of the samples exceeded the legal maximum residue levels and were partially withdrawn from sale. Organic products showed significantly fewer residues than conventionally produced ones.

Particularly worrying was that many foods were contaminated with several pesticides at the same time, so-called 'pesticide cocktails'.

The Mouvement Ecologique regretted that the ALVA did not itself highlight this central point in its report.

Minister Martine Hansen responded to the statement by the Mouvement Ecologique in the press and described the report as "misleading" and downplayed the risks by referring to legal limits and the selection of the samples examined.

The Mouvement Ecologique explicitly disagreed with this interpretation. It is the role of politics, in light of increasing scientific analyses that demonstrate the clear danger to nature and health from pesticides, to react more consistently and to provide better information. When a food product contains several pesticides, one must not pretend that everything is fine simply because there are no legal limits for these cocktails. The ministry must also be far more consistent in informing the public that organic food products are far less contaminated.

Although a direct exchange with the Minister also took place a few weeks later, from the perspective of the Mouvement Écologique little progress could be made.

Information exchange with the ALVA

The issue of pesticide residues was continued in the autumn in a stimulating exchange with the Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA).

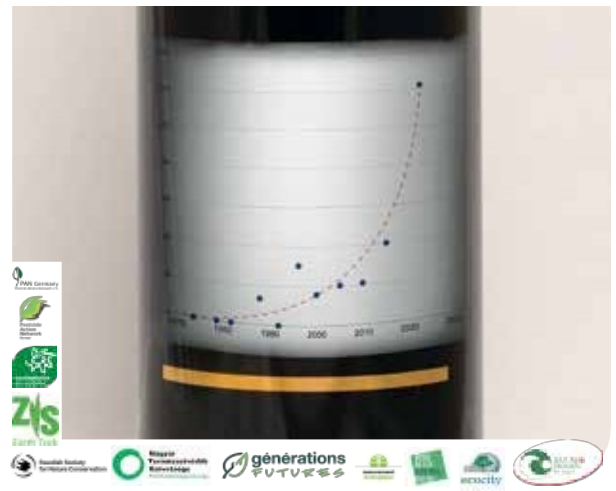
A factual exchange took place regarding the ALVA's competencies and the EU's requirements for such analyses. The ALVA emphasised its neutrality on this issue, as well as the high standards for the professional and scientific quality of the analyses and their complexity.

In parallel, the Mouvement Ecologique pointed to the importance of presenting these analyses in a way that is easily understandable for interested citizens and associations, in which the differences in contamination levels between organic and conventionally produced food are also presented objectively. Furthermore, in anticipation of various forthcoming EU requirements in Luxembourg, the Ministry should place the precautionary principle far more firmly in the spotlight.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOTTLE

The Rapid Rise of TFA Contamination Across the EU



Sonderbeilage

**OFFIZIELLE ANALYSEN DES LANDWIRTSCHAFTSMINISTERIUMS ZEIGEN:
50% DER UNTERSUCHTEN LEBENSMITTEL MIT PESTIZIDEN BELASTET -
WANN HANDELT DIE REGIERUNG?**

PERFLUORONATED CHEMICAL TFA AND FOODSTUFFS: A RISK TO HEALTH AND NATURE – POLITICS MUST ACT

In 2025, the actions of the Mouvement Écologique were particularly consistent in drawing attention to the increasing contamination of nature and food by the eternally persistent chemical TFA (trifluoroacetic acid). The aim is primarily to urge politicians to take action against the further accumulation of this highly polluting substance, which largely originates from agricultural pesticides. At the same time, the public is to be made aware of the issue.

- **"Message from the Bottle": Evidence of rising TFA contamination in wine**

As part of its collaboration with Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe), the Mouvement Ecologique published new analyses in April on the contamination of agricultural products by the 'forever chemical' perfluoroacetic acid (TFA). The subject of the study was wine – mainly because it has a long shelf life, which allowed researchers to investigate whether TFA contamination had increased over recent decades. Unfortunately, it had.

These results confirm investigations from 2024 into the TFA contamination of groundwater, surface water, drinking water and mineral water. Wine stands in for agricultural products in general and illustrates that TFA accumulates in plants, thereby finding its way into the food chain.

Although it was emphasised that there is no immediate cause for alarm, the analyses underline the urgency of measures: setting maximum limits, reducing TFA inputs into the environment and raising public awareness to minimise the intake of this forever chemical through food.

- **Forever chemicals in the food chain – cereals are also contaminated**

Following the study on TFA in wine, a further pan-European campaign was launched with PAN-Europe. The new analyses showed that the forever chemical TFA is also widespread in everyday cereal products – including in Luxembourg (bread, pasta, flour). The measured concentrations are on average 100 times higher than the values previously found in drinking water.

The report makes it clear that diet is a significant route of exposure to TFA. At the same time, adequate limit values are lacking, as politics and science have largely ignored this molecule for decades.

Since TFA is potentially harmful to health and accumulates in the environment, PAN Europe and its member organisations, including the Mouvement Ecologique, called for immediate measures: the establishment of precautionary limits and comprehensive strategies to reduce TFA exposure in food and the environment.

To support the public, the Mouvement Ecologique has also provided a collection of PFAS alternatives for everyday life on its website.

- **Open letter on the ban of PFAS pesticides**

On 3 July 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique sent an open letter to Minister for Agriculture Martine Hansen and Minister for Health Martine Deprez, as well as an appeal to the Luxembourg MEPs. It demanded that the government must commit to a ban on PFAS-containing pesticides at both national and EU level.

The Mouvement Ecologique urged Luxembourg to support the non-renewal of the authorisation for the active substance flutolanil at EU level and, at the same time, to ban PFAS-containing pesticides nationally in order to better protect the environment and health.





- **Conference on PFAS contamination in food:**
"The bath is overflowing, we must turn off the PFAS tap!"

In November, the Mouvement Ecologique organised a well-attended conference at the Oeko-Zentrum Pafendall on the topic of "*Alarming contamination of food by forever chemicals (PFAS)*". Around 70 participants from civil society as well as from administrations, science and politics attended the lecture by Kildine Le Proux de La Rivière, a chemical engineer and PhD in pharmacy at the French NGO Générations Futures.

The speaker clearly explained what PFAS are – extremely stable, persistently remaining chemicals – and why they pose a significant challenge to the environment and health.

Particular emphasis was placed on the urgency of action: even small amounts of food, such as an egg, can cause children to exceed the weekly PFAS maximum levels. The speaker pointed to existing EU examples, such as Denmark and France, which regulate PFAS-containing products, and urged Luxembourg to act proactively as well.

The event stressed that while consumers can take protective measures through organic products and PFAS-free consumption practices, the real change must come from legal regulation and bans to stop further releases of PFAS into the environment. The lecture was filmed and subsequently made available on the website.

EU-WIDE ACTION AGAINST PESTICIDE USE

The Mouvement Ecologique also participated in various actions at EU level:

- **Joint appeal for stricter pesticide regulations:** In October, together with 137 environmental organisations, Mecos signed a letter to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. The aim was to strengthen EU pesticide legislation and prevent dangerous transitional periods that would allow for the temporary use of banned substances.
- **Stop omnibus deregulation:** Together with natur& Umwelt, Greenpeace and other NGOs, the Mouvement Ecologique called on the EU Commission and national ministries in December to stop planned deregulations in the food and feed sector, which would massively weaken pesticide protection.
- **Pesticide reduction and roadmap:** In January 2025, a roadmap for a phased exit from pesticides was developed with over 85 international organisations, which includes the consistent implementation of existing EU regulations and practical measures for farmers.



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Protection of biodiversity

a sustainable agriculture

in the interest of us all

The biodiversity crisis is one of the greatest threats to humanity. At the same time, nature is also essential for our well-being.

In the interest of us all, their protection is therefore an absolute priority for the Mouvement Ecologique, with a particular emphasis on awareness-raising projects in 2025.

Biodiversity is also the foundation for a forward-looking agriculture, and an environmentally friendly, sustainable form of agriculture is in turn necessary for the preservation of biodiversity.

Bringing together biodiversity protection and the promotion of agriculture was therefore also a major concern of the Mouvement Ecologique in 2025.

ON WORLD BIODIVERSITY DAY: ANALYSIS OF LUXEMBOURG'S AGRICULTURAL POLICY: WHERE DOES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BIODIVERSITY CRISIS LIE?

"It is not the silence of the insects, but the silence of politics that should alarm us."

Luxembourg is supporting its agriculture with hundreds of millions of euros; the majority of this funding comes from the EU. In addition to supporting farmers, this money is also intended to be used to combat biodiversity loss and climate change. As part of the EU and national agricultural subsidies for the 2023–2027 funding period, the Mouvement Ecologique commissioned a study to determine whether these funds are genuinely tied to effective biodiversity-enhancing programmes in this country—that is, whether they are invested in the public interest—and where there is still room for improvement.

The analysis by Nadja Kasperczyk (Diploma in Biology, Justus-Liebig University Giessen) was published on the occasion of World Biodiversity Day on 22 May 2025 and showed: Although the state of the natural environment in Luxembourg is alarming and continues to deteriorate, a farming practice that contributes to the worsening situation is currently being subsidised with taxpayers' money.



MORE AND MORE SPEEDY BUILDING - AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OF THE NEW NATURE- THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATURAL PROTECTION ACT ARE UNACCEPTABLE

In 2024, the government proposed an amendment to the Nature Conservation Act, which the Mouvement Ecologique analysed in detail in early 2025. This reform is part of the government's **"Building more and more quickly"** project.

Following more overarching analyses in 2024, this further publication in 2025 specifically addressed individual articles of the reform text and, in a constructive approach, also contained concrete proposals for improvements considered important by the Mouvement Ecologique.

The objectives of the Mouvement Ecologique: procedures should certainly be simplified, but the preservation of biodiversity and green infrastructure in settlements must not be called into question to this extent.

After thorough examination (and also making the necessary enquiries with the Ministry), the Mouvement Ecologique concluded that the draft, in its current form, is not based on scientifically verifiable grounds, **breaches EU nature conservation directives**, could **jeopardise the principle of equality for citizens**, and **neither ensures the preservation of biodiversity nor provides genuine administrative simplification**.

The Mouvement Ecologique reaffirmed its long-standing support for **simplifying procedures in housing construction**, but emphasised that any reform of the Nature Conservation Act must be fully compatible with EU law and protect the quality of life in municipalities for both people and animals. In a constructive approach, concrete textual amendments were proposed.

The reform is not yet complete; the Mouvement Ecologique will continue to oppose any deterioration and will contribute constructively.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU "NATURE RESTORATION REGULATION" IN LUXEMBOURG – PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PLANS

In October 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique took part in an information event organised by the Ministry of the Environment on the **national restoration plans**, which must be submitted to the EU Commission by September 2026 as a consequence of the EU Nature Restoration Regulation.

The Mouvement Ecologique emphasised in the discussion that a **reform of agricultural policy** is essential, as the greatest need for restoration lies on agricultural land. At the same time, the danger was raised that the plans could remain ineffective without concrete implementation support. The Mouvement Ecologique will continue to actively support the process.





NGOs appeal to EU Environment Ministers not to downgrade the wolf's protected status

On 17 December 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with over 200 European environmental organisations, signed an open letter to all EU Environment Ministers. It demanded that the wolf's protection status not be lowered at a national level – even though the EU recently downgraded it from 'strictly protected' to "protected" had been downgraded.

The signatories stressed that this decision contradicts the scientific evidence, as the wolf remains in an unfavourable conservation status in six of the EU's seven biogeographical zones. The European Court of Justice had also confirmed in June 2025 that each member state must independently ensure a favourable conservation status. Instead of politically motivated calls for culling, the NGOs called for cooperative coexistence strategies – including livestock protection, preventive measures and fair compensation arrangements. The wolf, as a conservation success and an important component of European biodiversity, should also continue to be protected in Luxembourg on a science-based basis.

Conference on the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the EU Agriculture

In April, the Mouvement Ecologique organised a well-attended conference on the topic of 'Strategic Dialogue on the Future of Agriculture in the EU'. Around 45 experts from environmental and agricultural

sector, including representatives from NGOs, authorities and research institutions.

The speaker was Faustine Bas-Defossez, Director for Nature, Health and Environment at the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and co-author of the Strategic Dialogue. She presented the key contents of the final report, published in September 2024, and explained the historically significant consensus process between 29 different actors from agriculture, the environment, trade and society.

The conference specifically addressed the organisation and process of the dialogue, the possibilities for compromise in a polarised environment, and the development of shared visions for a sustainable European food system. It was particularly highlighted that the consensus was built on a large number of meetings (approx. 100) over 7 months, including informal exchange formats that fostered a shared understanding.

The discussions following the conference also demonstrated the high willingness of all those present to work constructively together to combine environmental, climate and agricultural objectives. The event was recorded and a podcast was recorded with the speaker.

SCHOOL FRUIT PROGRAMME 2025/2026 – ANOTHER CHANCE MISSED

Until 1 September 2025, the 17th call for tenders from the Ministry of Agriculture for the state-distributed school fruit in Luxembourg for the 2025/2026 school year was open – this involved a considerable 156 tonnes of fruit.

The Mouvement Ecologique once again criticised (*'it's the same old story'*), that the Ministry of Agriculture fails to adequately address environmental and health aspects: Despite the opportunity to promote organic farming, regional products and the reduction of pesticide residues in children, the focus of the tender remains on price and the 'flawlessness' of the fruit.

Restopolis shows, according to the Mouvement Ecologique, that with clear criteria for regional and organic products, organic farming can be promoted and producers can be given planning security. It is baffling why the Ministry of Agriculture is not taking this path with the school fruit programme.



REFORM OF THE CURRENT FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEM

The Ministry of Agriculture had called on stakeholders to formulate their opinion on the further development of food production in Luxembourg.

In May 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique submitted its position paper on this.

The core demands include a realignment of agricultural policy with stronger promotion of organic farming, the protection of agricultural land and a reduction in pesticide use, the expansion of regional marketing structures, and a mandatory offering of organic and regional products in public canteens.

Furthermore, the Mouvement Ecologique called for a broader societal culture of discussion on agriculture and nutrition – beyond the narrow circle of agricultural stakeholders.

EXCHANGE WITH MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, MARTINE HANSEN

In May, a two-hour exchange took place between the Ecological Movement and Minister Martine Hansen, surrounded by a number of senior ministerial officials.

The topics addressed were state subsidies for greenhouses, the contamination of water and wine by eternally persistent chemicals, pesticide residues in food and the reform of the Nature Conservation Act.

The exchange was quite direct and open, although significant differences became apparent during the discussion. The lack of a platform on which agriculture, environmental organisations and consumers could jointly develop solutions was seen as particularly critical.

The Mouvement Ecologique particularly regretted that the Minister – in Mecos's assessment – did not express herself strongly enough in favour of organic farming and the need to reform agriculture from a sustainability perspective. In the Mouvement Ecologique's view, this would lead to the central challenges in agriculture being overlooked, at the expense of biodiversity, health and, ultimately, agriculture itself.

PROPOSALS FOR THE REFORM OF HUNTING PRACTICE

Expert lecture on forest-oriented hunting strategies

On International Day of Forests in March 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with an alliance of nine organisations – including natur&ëmwelt, ProSilva Luxembourg and the Fédération des Syndicats de Chasse du Luxembourg – organised a public conference on forest-oriented hunting strategies. The conference was the logical continuation of joint statements on the issue of hunting from the preceding months.

The focus was on how excessive game populations endanger the natural regeneration of forests, reduce biodiversity and cause significant economic damage. Wildlife ecologist Frank Christian Heute, chairman of the Ecological Hunting Association NRW, demonstrated through concrete examples how animal-welfare-compliant, ecosystem-oriented hunting can secure natural regeneration – and at the same time questioned whether this is achievable under current game-management practice.

The conference was deliberately aimed not only at professionals but at all interested parties, and underlined the need for a fundamental change of mindset – among both forest owners and hunters – in the face of advancing climate change and the pressure on forest ecosystems.

Hunting practice must be reformed

In May 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with seven other organisations – including Lëtzebuerger Privatbësch, Pro Silva Lëtzebuerg, natur&ëmwelt and the Fondation Hëllef fir d'Natur – submitted a comprehensive statement on the reform of hunting practices at a national level. The central concern was the limitation of wildlife density as a prerequisite for the survival of Luxembourg's forests.

The submission comprised 14 concrete demands to reconcile nature conservation, hunting and animal welfare: from the introduction of scientific monitoring instruments in every hunting district and measurable regeneration targets – with the oak as an indicator species – to clear sanctions for non-compliance. Furthermore, a fundamental reform of the hunting-lease system was demanded, with shorter, performance-related contract terms, stricter selection criteria for hunters, and a democratisation of hunting in favour of young, locally-rooted hunters.

Furthermore, the organisations called for enhanced ecological training for hunters, better support for forest owners in damage assessments, and the introduction of minimum standards in lease agreements. The statement emphasised that hunting must in future fulfil a clearly defined societal mandate.





WILD HONEYSUCKLE IN THE EU NOW ON THE RED LIST – APPEAL TO THE COMPETENT MINISTERS

After a European study classified wild honey bees as endangered on the IUCN Red List, the Mouvement Ecologique once again appealed to Minister for Agriculture, Martine Hansen, and Minister for the Environment, Serge Wilmes. They demanded the repeal of a still-in-force legal obligation that prescribes the destruction of wild bee nests – an anachronism that is no longer tenable in light of the decline in biodiversity. A letter on this subject sent in 2022 to the then Minister for Agriculture had gone unanswered.

GET INVOLVED ACTION "HARE ACTION" GOES INTO ITS NEXT ROUND

The Citizen Science action on the brown hare was continued in 2025. In the 'Action Hare' participation campaign, the Mouvement Ecologique called on citizens to report sightings of brown hares via the iNaturalist to report sightings of the brown hare. The aim was to collect distribution data for a species that is scarcely scientifically documented due to the lack of official national monitoring.

The brown hare is representative of numerous species in the agricultural landscape, whose populations have declined due to the loss of structural elements and the increase in monocultures, pesticide use and road traffic.



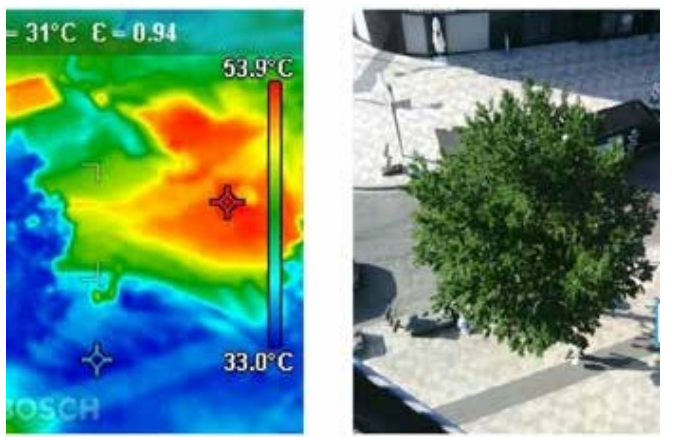
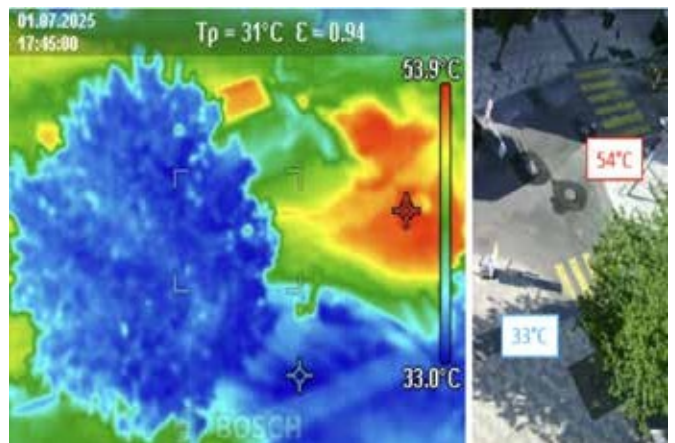
HANEBOSCH FILE ON DÉIFFERDENG: DESTRUCTION OF PROTECTED FOREST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE?

In spring 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique addressed the planned felling of two hectares of the protected 'Stern-mieren-Eichen-Hainbuchenwald' in the Haneboesch near Niederkorn, which is to make way for a growing industrial zone. Although the intervention was fundamentally legal, the Nature Conservation Act stipulates that certain compensatory measures to protect the animal and plant species living there must be implemented before the felling works begin. Following an on-site inspection, the Mouvement Ecologique concluded that these measures had not yet been fully implemented. It then sent a letter from its solicitor to the Ministry of the Environment, threatening immediate legal action in the event of a breach of the nature conservation law.

A TASTE OF THE FUTURE? – THE HEAT SHOWS HOW NECESSARY GREEN PLANNING IS IN LOCAL AREAS

On 2 July 2025, at the height of a heatwave with temperatures reaching up to 38°C, the Mouvement Ecologique published a press release featuring striking thermal images from localities across Luxembourg. In it, he urged municipalities to embark on ambitious, immediate and consistent green planning – because, due to climate change, such heatwaves will occur more frequently and last longer in future.

The Mouvement Ecologique emphasised that vegetation and tree shade not only cool the microclimate and improve the quality of public spaces, but also have positive effects on biodiversity and the health of the population.



EXAMPLE OF AWARENESS-

EXAMPLE OF AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN "AN EAR FOR NATURE"

The chirping of a skylark, the buzz of bees or a hidden snorting and rustling in the leaves: all these sounds tell of a living, diverse nature that surrounds us day after day – often unnoticed and overlaid by everyday noises. Unfortunately, many of these voices are becoming fewer. This is precisely where the campaign

"An Ear for Nature", which the Mouvement Ecologique ran from late April to November 2025 and which was very well received by the public.

During this period, **two short videos** were published each month on endangered animal species from Luxembourgish towns and landscapes – each accompanied by an animal sound puzzle.

The animals presented were chosen so that, at the time of the video's publication, they could actually be heard in the wild. At the end of each video, the voice of the next featured species could already be heard, which had to be guessed. Participants could submit their guess by email or in a comment on Facebook and Instagram; for each video, a voucher for a biological shop was raffled among the correct answers.

In total, 14 animal species were presented, each with an informative fact sheet conveying their habitat, causes of threat and concrete conservation measures:

1. Corn Bunting
2. Hedgehog
3. Barn and House Swallow
4. Field Cricket
5. Midwife toad
6. Dragonflies
7. Long-eared Bat
8. Swallow
9. Marsh grasshopper



LUX: LITTLE BIRDS, LITTLE DARLINGS
LAT: ALAUDA ARVENSIS



Who is singing and chirping so persistently over the field...?

Did you recognise the song of the corn bunting in the clip?

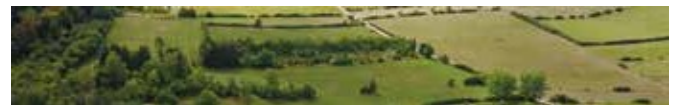
The skylark is particularly known for its long-lasting, steady, melodic song, which it performs during its so-called song flight. During this, the male rises in wide spirals to several dozen metres high into the sky – often so high that it can only be seen as a small dot – and sings there continuously for up to 15 minutes (!). In this way, during the spring breeding season, the male marks out his territory and attracts females. Unlike the skylark, most other songbirds sing from a perch, often for much shorter periods and in a less conspicuous manner.

Keep your eyes and ears open on your next walk from April onwards! Their song can be heard from a distance, but who will spot them in the sky first?

Lifestyle & Requirements

The skylark is highly dependent on open countryside consisting of farmland. However, this should not be too 'uniform', meaning it should not consist solely of very large, intensively farmed fields. The skylark needs variety, e.g. by strips between the fields where grasses and herbs grow, so-called "field margins", or parts of the fields that are not cultivated for a while and lie "fallow". The corn bunting can also occur on lightly sown fields and on very poor, nutrient-poor meadows with low-growing vegetation.

She needs the above-mentioned elements and refuges to be able to build her nest in peace. For she builds her nest on the ground; she is a so-called ground-nester.



10. House Sparrow
11. Short-toed Snake Eagle
12. Hazel Dormouse
13. Wildcat
14. Barn Owl

For each species, an informative **fact sheet** was published, which conveyed its habitat, causes of threat and concrete protection measures (with suggestions for individuals as well).

The campaign aimed to raise awareness of native (threatened) biodiversity in a playful way, to bring lesser-known species to the fore, and to ask the question: what can politicians, and indeed every individual, do specifically to conserve these species and their habitats?



PODCAST "OUERESTËPPLER" - EPISODE 1: "IS OUR FOREST SICK?"

In March 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique launched the podcast "Ouerestëppler". In the first episode, the two biologists and forestry experts Roger Schauls and Jacques Pir addressed the current challenges facing the Luxembourgish forest.

In the discussion, they highlighted the impacts of climate change, drought and excessive wildlife populations on forest ecosystems.

COURSE AND VIDEO SERIES ON NATURAL MEADOW ESTABLISHMENT "SAVE ME THE SPADE"

In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique organised together with the "Krautgaart" the well-attended course for nature-based vegetable growing according to the "No-Dig" principle – that is, vegetable cultivation without digging, chemical fertilisers or pesticides. The course was very well attended and provided practical guidance on how to organise one's own vegetable growing efficiently, sustainably and in a way that is gentle on the soil.

To maximise reach and awareness, the course content was filmed: Four detailed episodes guide through



the different seasons and show planning, seedling propagation, care and harvesting.

Shorter clips offer individual tips and tricks for your own garden (these will continue into 2026). The video series and clips are publicly available to encourage a wider audience to grow vegetables in an environmentally friendly and resource-efficient way.

NATURNO GARDENING TIPS FOR MEMBERS

Throughout the year, the Mouvement Écologique provided its members with practical tips for a nature-friendly approach to gardens, balconies and outdoor spaces. In spring, for example, people were encouraged to create a wildflower meadow using native wildflower mixes.

In autumn, however, the message was: do more by doing nothing – for left-standing perennials and spent plant remains provide insects, birds and mammals with valuable winter quarters and food.

"OUT INTO NATURE!" – VISITTEN 2025

In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with its regional groups, organised a series of nature excursions for its members and other interested parties. All excursions combined nature experiences with knowledge transfer on topics such as biodiversity, forest health and the conservation measures for the habitats visited.

The series kicked off on 13 April with a morning **bird-song excursion** in Rollingen near Mersch, led by ornithologist Max Steinmetz.

Two weeks later, on 27 April, Roger Schauls led a **woodland walk** to the "Plateau Haard" near Mersch, where damage caused by wild animals to trees and concrete solutions were the main focus.

On 18 May, the Mouvement Ecologique, together with the *Association des Biologistes Luxembourgeois* (ABIOL), organised an **orchid excursion** to the "Hêlt" near Rosport, led by biologist Jean-Marie Mangen.



In June, an evening walk with the Service Forêts followed on the "Eechefeld" with a focus on **innovative nature conservation projects** right by the city of Luxembourg, combined with a communal barbecue.

The season concluded with a walk through the **picturesque Eischtal** with Roger Schauls and Marc Schoellen.

VISIT TO THE HISTORIC GARDENS OF AANSEBUERG

In June 2025, the Regional Mersch and Surroundings organised an informative visit to the historic vegetable gardens in Ansemburg. In addition to the magnificent castle garden, larger vegetable gardens were also presented, which are dedicated not only to providing food but above all to the preservation and propagation of old regional and organic seeds – varieties that are sometimes no longer commercially available. The visit was accompanied by Frank Adams, founder of the 'Seed' platform for the preservation of heirloom varieties. The event offered participants the opportunity to experience first-hand the importance of seed diversity, biodiversity and sustainable agriculture, and to gain inspiration for their own gardens or regional projects.

THE BIRD-SCARE-CROW SPEAKS TO US: MAKE ROOM FOR BIODIVERSITY!

On the occasion of the **International Day of Biodiversity** in May 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique's action group sent an unusual ambassador into the field: the **scarecrow** – reinterpreted and this time not there to scare away birds, but to attract biodiversity. The friendly installations appeared at various locations in Luxembourg City, pointing out to passers-by where "nature is still in order" and where it is not at all. This was intended to show that **oases of biodiversity exist in cities and municipalities**, and that it is worth preserving, improving and making them visible.



WORKING ON THE PLATFORM "MY FARMING": NEW ROOTS FOR OUR FARMING - A PLEA FOR A FAIR AND FUTURE-ORIENTED AGRICULTURAL POLICY

On 30 June 2025, the *platform My Agriculture*, of which the Mouvement Ecologique is also a member, published the fourth edition of its agripolitical plea.

The 19 member organisations are calling for a fundamental realignment of agricultural policy based on the principle '*Public money for public goods*' – with eight concrete proposals for greater sustainability, biodiversity, animal welfare and regional value creation.





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Concrete work and environmental policy dossiers

Environmental policy dossiers accompany the Mouvement Ecologique throughout the year. The range is very broad: from municipal politics and transport issues to water protection.

It is precisely these topics that are very close to the hearts of many people.



HOUSEEUROPE!: STOP DEMOLITION – PRIORITY TO THE RENOVATION AND CONVERSION OF HOUSES

... this was the motto of a joint initiative by numerous stakeholders from the fields of architecture, heritage protection, academia, and the environment, including the Mouvement Ecologique, etc.

The shared goal: to drive renovation forward by significantly improving the political framework conditions. Only by renovating more instead of building new can we achieve our climate goals and the necessary resource protection. However, it must also be promoted as a priority from a social, urban planning and cultural perspective.

In the HouseEurope! initiative, the aim was to collect four million signatures across Europe to initiate this crucial change and to make renovation in Luxembourg and throughout Europe easier, more cost-effective and more accessible than demolition.

It kicked off with a joint major event at the "Tramschapp", at which experts highlighted to an audience of over 250 the importance of renovation – but also demonstrated how attractive and contemporary it can be today.

Although it was not possible to collect the required signatures across Europe, the topic of the importance of renovation has become an issue. Now it is essential to keep the pressure on.



In 2024, the government presented its strategy 'Building more and faster'. A key component of this is a national 'règlement des bâtisses' – a national building code that is to be binding on all municipalities. Until now, each municipality has had its own building regulations. The Ministry of the Interior is now drawing up a national building code, which is to be binding on all municipalities.

For numerous reasons, the Mouvement Ecologique welcomes the creation and establishment of such a national regulation (uniform standards across the country, in the interests of citizens, saving time for municipalities, planning certainty, etc.). Why – to take just this one much-cited example – the distance a solar installation must have from a neighbouring building varies from one municipality to another is effectively no longer comprehensible, professionally justifiable or appropriate. A well-thought-out national regulation can therefore lead to substantial improvements and simplifications for everyone.

However, in the view of the Mouvement Ecologique and the Oekozenner Pafendall, it is essential that the process not only involves non-technical adjustments and harmonisations, but also addresses **today's challenges – namely: the urgency of climate and biodiversity protection, climate adaptation, the transport transition, and the efficient use of resources.** Renovating must also be made easier, and the requirements for it can no longer be the same as those for new builds. The draft must also be discussed with all stakeholders.

A joint position paper was drafted and circulated to all stakeholders. It generated positive feedback and sparked numerous discussions.

GOOGLE DATA CENTRE: THE ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES

For a very long time, there was silence around the 'Google data centre' in Bissen.

In 2025, however, the Mouvement Ecologique was made aware that the draft impact study (albeit somewhat "hidden" and accessible under the name "London bridge") on the side of the Ministry of the Environment. There were also positions taken by the various ministries on this project.

These documents were very revealing, as they brought several things to light:

- For years, the Mouvement Ecologique had been pointing out that Google would need 10-15% of Luxembourg's annual water consumption for cooling, yet this water would not be available. How often was it then said by official sources: 'We can manage it all, this is an exaggeration.' And now? The facts are proving the Mouvement Ecologique right! Google is abandoning water cooling and is now opting for air cooling.

- The documents further show that Google must provide far more detailed information if the lack of transparency in the dossier is to finally come to an end. For the dossier on file contains problematic passages and is characterised by insufficient transparency; for instance, it is not known in detail how the cooling will be carried out, and concrete figures and requirements regarding energy consumption and the use of waste heat, etc., are missing. The liberal invocation of trade secrets in the dossier is also open to question.

This is reason enough for the Mouvement Ecologique to intervene with L. Delles, Minister for the Economy, SMEs, Energy and Tourism, and with S. Wilmes, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, to draw attention once again to the importance of the dossier.

WATER MANAGEMENT, WASTE, NOISE, COMODO-INCOMODO FILE, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: AN EVERYDAY COMMITMENT

It goes without saying that environmental policy runs like a red thread through the work of the Ecological Movement. Citizens are supported, for example, if they need information on air quality, want to submit objections as part of operating permits, and so on.

The limited nature of Luxembourg's water resources has also been a frequent topic – the fact that Luxembourg is currently and flagrantly missing its targets in the field of water management; questions on air pollution have been raised, etc.

These questions are incorporated daily into the work of the Mouvement Écologique, into various statements, consultations with citizens, etc.



FOR A FUTURE-ORIENTED LAND-USE PLANNING, MOBILITY AND HOUSING POLICY

In a variety of ways, the Mouvement Écologique advocates for a different form of mobility. The promotion of sustainable mobility and public transport is a key focus. However, it is also about making the private car less attractive (e.g. by limiting the number of available parking spaces). This perspective runs through the various positions of the Mouvement Écologique and forms the basis of its work.

This also applies to national and housing policy. Unfortunately, it must be noted: urban sprawl has not been curbed, the housing problem has long since reached dramatic proportions, and **national planning** is more **neglected** than ever. It is essential that national planning once again provides the framework for housing and mobility policy, and no longer plays catch-up with the growth that has taken place.

The discussions on the guidelines for regional planning, on various aspects of housing construction such as, for example, infill development and new settlements with social spaces and communal green areas, and on the importance of **reducing land consumption** ... are topics in the everyday dossiers of the Ecological Movement.

Where are new settlements sensible? How can a settlement project be made more sustainable? What does attractive, 'denser' and high-quality construction look like? How can **attractive public spaces with a good quality of stay** be created? How much 'green' space must be preserved or newly created, and where? These and other questions occupied the Mouvement Écologique in the year 2025.

The Mouvement Ecologique is also frequently approached by citizens who need assistance with building and settlement projects in their municipality. As a rule, the Mouvement Ecologique does not pursue these cases in detail. There are simply too many of them. Primarily, the people concerned are advised, in the spirit of helping them to help themselves. However, in various cases, the Mouvement Ecologique takes an active role, particularly when the case has particularly far-reaching consequences and there are active Regionals or active members in the municipality/region.

GIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE!

In the public eye, environmental policy is often associated with environmental offences, breaches of threshold values (particularly with regard to air quality) and 'environmental scandals' in the spotlight.

Particular attention must be paid to **preventative environmental protection**, which on the one hand is intended to prevent such developments and on the other to guarantee citizens a high quality of environment. The Mouvement Ecologique works to achieve this in everyday life.

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY GIVES LUXEMBOURG A POOR GRADE!

At the end of September, the European Environment Agency published its 2025 report on the state of the environment in the European Union, which, alongside a global analysis, also includes country-specific chapters on the various EU member states. The analysis for Luxembourg is unfortunately rather sobering: we are missing our sustainability goals in many areas. The Mouvement Écologique published this report.



Close to the people - The Regionals from the Mouvement Ecologique

The Regionals of the Mouvement Ecologique are the important local and regional anchor of the Mouvement Ecologique.

Thanks to the Regionals, national dossiers can be addressed locally, knowledge can be exchanged, and dossiers can be taken up in a municipality or region.

The regional sections are active to varying degrees over the course of a year, depending on the topic and its timeliness.

In principle, the regional activists also participate in national dossiers and contribute their experience there.

REGIONAL SECTIONS - AN IMPORTANT PILLAR OF THE MOUVEMENT ÉCOLOGIQUE

The importance of the regional sections on the ground is very important for the Mouvement Ecologique: for it is precisely at the municipal level or in a region that the ideas of the Mouvement Ecologique can be brought to life, and municipalities can take on an important pioneering role.

It is also important that the Mouvement Ecologique has people on the ground who can get involved, even when controversial issues arise in a municipality.

Then it is important that it is people who live in the community who get involved, develop positive visions and exchange ideas locally.

Have you been inspired to become active in a regional group? Perhaps you're interested in setting one up in your own community.

Then get in touch: meco@oeko.lu.

The Regionals welcome any contribution.



The Regionals of the Mouvement Ecologique:

- Mersch and surroundings

- Mëllerdall

- Nordstad

- Syrdall

- Uelzecht Valley

- City of Luxembourg

- South

The Pafendall Ecocentre

Over 30 years ago, the Mouvement Ecologique established the Oekozenner Pafendall called to life. A whole series of projects - such as "More Greenery in our Localities", "Reuse-Repair-Share" and the "Energy Weeks" - is run by the Mouvement Ecologique together with the Oekozenner.

The Oekozenner Pafendall is committed to sustainability through its practical projects and advisory services.

development, and in several areas: from building & living to energy and resource-saving tips for everyday life (see Oekotopten.lu).

The oekobib media library of the Pafendall Ecocentre offers all bookworms a veritable treasure trove of up-to-date books and magazines on the major challenges of our time.



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Getting something rolling -

The Oekofonds

The Oekofonds Foundation has been promoting projects in the interest of sustainable development for over 30 years and has consequently set many of them in motion.

For the Mouvement Écologique in particular, the support from the foundation is indispensable.

Only thanks to the donations collected, combined with the membership fees, can a certain

The independence of the Mouvement Ecologique from state funding is thus ensured.

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

The Oekofonds Foundation:

Your support for pioneering projects!

In 1987, the Mouvement Ecologique established the charitable foundation Oekofonds. Since then, the foundation has been supporting diverse projects in the interest of sustainable development. In 2025, too, the Oekofonds foundation was once again able to support many important projects thanks to numerous donations. We would like to briefly introduce these projects to you, so that you can see for yourself that every donation is worthwhile. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters very warmly and hope that you will continue to support the foundation.

RETHINKING AND SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER! FOR A STRONG MECO

The Mouvement Écologique is very consistently committed to sustainable development, for today's but especially for future generations.

In doing so, it critically questions current developments, devises concrete solutions—often on a voluntary basis—and implements tangible projects.

In 2025, numerous initiatives were undertaken: from the protection of biodiversity and the greening of our towns and cities, to raising awareness of the pesticide issue, as well as advocating for a socially fair energy transition and questioning the imperative for growth.

All these activities are only possible thanks to the Mouvement Ecologique's certain financial independence from state bodies, and accordingly thanks to its members and the donations to the Oekofonds Foundation.

GIVING NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT A LEGAL VOICE

As important as awareness-raising actions, creative projects, statements, etc. are, in various cases it is also necessary to take legal action.

For example, in the case of Google's data centre in Bissen, where the Mouvement Ecologique is doing everything in its power to ensure that no facts are established before the impact of this facility on the environment has been disclosed and without addressing concerns from

could be cleared away.

But legal assistance is needed not only in the Google dossier.

Legal assistance is also required when, for example, the right to access information is not respected, controversial nature conservation permits are granted, problematic construction projects are planned or ill-conceived reforms of important environmental laws are proposed. In general, legal cases are becoming increasingly important. These naturally involve costs, for which donations are urgently needed.

MOVE – A VIBRANT YOUTH SECTION

The youth movement of the Mouvement Ecologique has been very active since its foundation. Committed young people can work together here for their future. This is on the issues that are close to their hearts, as the members of move. decide freely on the activities they wish to undertake. Topics such as consumption, vegetarian food, agriculture ... are addressed by them through actions, workshops, internships, concrete projects, educational dossiers for schools and more.

FOE – INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

The Mouvement Ecologique is a member of the international alliance "Friends of the Earth". Member organisations from individual countries, especially – but not only – from countries of the South, regularly make appeals to the "financially stronger" organisations, asking for financial support.

These appeals range from requests for assistance with legal cases (e.g. when environmental activists are summoned to court) to support for projects combating climate change, taking action against oil corporations, and so on. In the spirit of global solidarity, it is essential to particularly strengthen the support for these organisations in their work!

OEKOFEST 2025

In 2025, the Oekofestival took place in Pafendall. Once again, hundreds of people were able to meet, exchange, discuss, concerts

enjoy concerts, visit information stands on the theme of 'Transition', take part in guided tours, and so on.

Organising such a festival costs money, so the help of the Oekofonds Foundation was particularly important.

THE MECOSKOP FOR THE 2023-2028 LEGISLATURE: A MEASURE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROMISES FROM THE COALITION AGREEMENT

In 2024, the Mecoskop instrument was launched again. On the trilingual website www.mecoskop.lu, the Mouvement Ecologique regularly analyses the extent to which the government has implemented its own promises on sustainable development made in the coalition agreement and assesses the status of their implementation (www.mecoskop.lu).

There is also a German, French and English version. A total of 77 government statements are examined.

The analysis is carried out objectively on the basis of publicly available facts. The Mecoskop is therefore one of the few objective measurement tools for the government's work and can serve as a guide for any citizen interested in sustainable development.

In 2025, the Mecoskop was updated and took a stance on whether the government is meeting its own self-set standards.

COMMITMENT TO BIODIVERSITY AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE ACT – MORE AND FASTER BUILDING / GREENING IN TOWNSHIPS

Thanks to the support of the Oekofonds Foundation and, in part, in collaboration with the Pafendall Eco-Centre, the Mouvement Ecologique has once again been very committed to the preservation of biodiversity in 2025.

Among other things, it was shown that Luxembourg is lagging far behind its conservation targets, and concrete proposals were drawn up for better protection of our life-supporting foundations.

Furthermore, excursions were held, and a consistent stand was taken against the questioning of the Nature Conservation Act, among other things.

However, the promotion of better greening of towns was also a focus. Not least in light of the climate crisis and the heating of towns, it is extremely important to implement greening measures today so that cities heat up less 'tomorrow'.

FOR A SOCIALLY JUST ENERGETIC TRANSITION / CLIMATE PROTECTION

Social and ecological issues are inextricably linked. This is particularly true in the energy sector.

It is households with fewer financial resources that, on the one hand, suffer most from rising energy prices and, on the other, do not have sufficient funds to, for example, insulate their homes.

Therefore, in 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, also thanks to financial support from the Oekofonds Foundation, placed a special focus on this issue. This was also partly in collaboration with the Chamber of Employees and the trade unions OGBL and LCGB.

One of the central dossiers was the Luxembourg Climate and Social Plan, which our country must draw up due to EU requirements.

In view of the increasing climate catastrophe, numerous activities were also held so that Luxembourg, on the one hand, reduces its ^{CO₂} emissions to the required extent and prepares for EU level for progressive climate protection. This is especially important given the deregulation tendencies at EU level.

NO TO ETERNAL CHEMICALS - NO TO PESTICIDES

In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique, thanks to its network of foreign partner organisations, carried out numerous analyses to determine the extent to which our food is contaminated by forever chemicals and pesticides.

Unfortunately, with a shocking result: the burden of 'forever chemicals' is increasing - that from pesticides is omnipresent.

It is urgent to act now to ensure that these contaminations do not continue to increase, but rather decrease.

In 2025, the Mouvement Ecologique addressed the issues extremely consistently: analyses of foodstuffs, statements, conferences, and discussions.

It succeeded in making these issues a public and political matter. The response to the actions of the Mouvement Écologique was very strong. However, for anything concrete to change, the actions must continue in 2026.

FOR STRONGER SUPPORT FOR ORGANIC FARMING

Through its involvement in the Restopolis dossier, the Mouvement Écologique, with the help of the Oekofonds Foundation, succeeded in securing a new sales market for organic farmers in Luxembourg. This was of outstanding importance.

However, much more must be done to promote organic farming.

For this reason, similar initiatives were also supported in 2025.

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Climate Alliance

For more than 25 years, the member municipalities of Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg, as well as the two umbrella organisations Mouvement Écologique and ASTM, together with their indigenous partners from the Global South, have been committed to local climate protection and global climate justice.

In Luxembourg, 40 municipalities are members of the Climate Alliance and more than two-thirds of the population live in a Climate Alliance municipality.

As our lifestyle directly affects particularly threatened peoples and places on this Earth, the Climate Alliance connects local action with global responsibility.

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

NEW GOVERNING STRUCTURE

Prompted by the new asbl law of 2023, in 2025 there was increased consideration as to whether the current structure of Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg is fit for the future. Particularly with regard to the KB-Luxembourg accounts, which were managed by the Mouvement Ecologique – alongside its own bookkeeping – the question arose as to whether this approach was still appropriate, or whether Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg would have a vested interest in becoming an independent 'personne morale/juridique'. This was combined with all the possibilities offered by such a status, particularly in the areas of financial and personnel policy. In December 2025, the plenary session decided to establish an independent 'asbl Klima-Bündnis Lëtzebuerg', which has been the umbrella organisation for the network of municipalities since 1 January 2026.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE LUXEMBOURG

2025 marks the 30th anniversary of Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg. To mark the occasion, a central event was organised on 4 July, modelled on the 'Climate Day', with conferences, visits, communication activities and awards, in the presence of Environment Minister Serge Wilmes and numerous municipal representatives.

ENERGY CARAVAN

The principle of the Energy Caravan is to make it as simple as possible for citizens to access a free initial energy consultation, by having the energy authority come directly to their homes rather than requiring them to visit the local office. While the contact with citizens and the documentation of the project are supported by Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg, the active on-site energy consultation is provided by the national advisory centre, Klima-Agence.

After energy caravans were successfully carried out or launched in the municipalities of Strassen, Betzdorf, Hesperingen and Junglinster in recent years, this campaign was continued in the municipality of Niederanven in 2025.

SOIL PROTECTION IS CLIMATE PROTECTION

In 2025, Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg organised a seminar "Introduction to Permaculture", for hobby gardeners as well as for animators/project leaders of community gardens.

Thematically, the focus was placed on the careful handling of the soil resource (crop rotation, soil cultivation, compost, etc.). 20 people took part.



GOGO VELO

In 2025, ProVelo asbl and Klima-Bündnis Lëtzebuerg, on behalf of the Ministry of Mobility, ran the new bicycle promotional campaign twice. In early summer, it focused on pupils, and in autumn on the general public. The municipalities/regions had the opportunity to include additional challenges with prize draws. The aim of the campaign remains to encourage more people than before to cycle in their daily lives. At the same time, reliable data on the acceptance of such a campaign are to be gathered. In 2025, nearly 2,000 participants signed up for GoGo Velo and cycled over 630,000 kilometres in total.

KIDS' FEET AROUND THE WORLD 2025

Every two years, Luxembourg takes part in this pan-European campaign, which aims to persuade primary school pupils (and their parents) to leave the parent taxi at home and instead walk, cycle or use the bus/train to get to school, to sports or to music lessons. Every journey the children make by any means other than the car is rewarded with a "green mile" is rewarded. In 2025, around 2,200 children took part.



CO-ORGANISATION OF WORKSHOPS ON THE STRATEGY FOR ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

As a partner organisation of the Climate Pact, Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg was instrumental in organising, planning and carrying out the expert workshops on the National Strategy "Adaptation to Climate Change."

PARTICIPATION IN THE CLIMATE PLATFORM

As a member of the Climate Platform, Klima-Bündnis Luxembourg has repeatedly taken written positions on various studies and strategies, such as the PNEC or the Social Climate Plan.

MUNICIPAL CO₂ - EMISSIONS ACCOUNTING UNDER THE CLIMATE PACT

As part of the convention with the MECDD, so-called baseline inventories were created for all Climate Pact municipalities using the ECOSPEED Region tool, in collaboration with the national energy agency Klima-Agence and other government bodies. The ministry covers the resulting costs, including the purchase of a country licence for ECOSPEED Region, the necessary working hours and the processing of municipal traffic data. The primary interest of KB Luxembourg in such an official mandate remains the improvement of the data situation, both at the municipal and national levels. However, during the year new hurdles to the availability of data, which are essential for calculating transport emissions, have emerged. Together with Klima-Agence and the Ministry of the Environment, worked on overcoming this hurdle.

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