



STATEMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF ALDERMEN AND MAYOR

CSV – Déi Gréng

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In the coming legislative period, it will be important to set the course for the future by establishing a solid programme, while remaining flexible and open to new political challenges.

We have identified **3 major goals** for the **next 6 years**:

1. **expanding services for residents**
2. **promoting harmonious living together**
3. **achieving climate neutrality**

1. Expanding services for residents

a. Health services

The construction of a **medical centre** on the site of the former police station next to the Commune building (a joint practice with several general practitioners and specialists) is a top priority, in order to ensure quick and efficient access to medical services for residents of all ages. In addition, we will provide for the possibility of setting up a **”sports medicine”** department within the medical centre, which will be responsible for issuing licences to athletes.

We are also committed to relocating the **pharmacy** near the medical centre to consolidate and modernise all health-related services in one place.

In addition to medical care, we will place more emphasis on **preventive** health care by organising, among other things, activities and information weeks related to this topic, such as mental health, physical activity, addiction prevention, prevention of different types of cancer, alternative medicine, ... Furthermore, we will not only initiate **measures** that contribute to improving **health** and **hygiene** in our commune (e.g. by planning classical or special first aid courses for babies, toddlers or related to mental health, as well as courses on the use of defibrillators), but also implement concrete projects, such as the free provision of hygiene articles in public toilets, the placement of baby changing tables in ladies' and men's lavatories, sun cream dispensers in cooperation with the Cancer Foundation, an offering of healthy food in vending machines, ...

b. Services in the neighbourhood

Although the shopping centre "**Les Arcades**" is privately held, we will actively contribute to the modernisation of this site. By adapting the PAG, we will work to create more space on the site for shops for daily household needs as well as housing (flats for young and elderly people) by converting the current parking spaces into an underground car park. This will not only help solve the problem of the lack of small flats in the centre of the commune but also attract new businesses (e.g. fitness centre, sports shop, clothing and shoe shop, flower shop, organic food shop, snack take-away, pop-up or concept store, ...).

It goes without saying that the existing shops will continue to operate throughout the conversion phase (e.g. in temporary modular structures).

The Commune will actively participate in the modernisation of this central location in order to promote local shops close to "Am Sand" and develop this space for the benefit of all residents.

In the short term, we will support the organisation of a **summer sale** to give greater visibility to the local business offering. Other initiatives will also be launched to promote **cooperation with local businesses**, such as career information evenings for young people, measures to increase the visibility of local businesses on the commune's website, a local job board, ...

As a Commune, we will join the "**Letzshop**" platform to support the digitalisation of local trade.

c. Horeca sector

We will ensure that the **gastronomical sector** in our Commune continues to diversify.

The **restaurant "Waldhaff"** will be modernised and become an agreeable meeting place for all lovers of nature and traditional Luxembourgish cuisine. It will be complemented by an ecological playground that respects the surrounding nature.

An all-day **literature café** is planned in the multi-generational housing project in Rue Laach.

The ageing farmhouse next to the playground in **Ernster** will be modernised, enlarged and rented to the sheltered workshop of the Ligue HMC, which will grow fruit and vegetables there. This local production will be sold on the premises in a farm shop with an adjacent café.

We are considering running a **kiosk in the skate park** during the summer months (e.g. with drinks, ice cream, ...). We will design a project (possibly in the form of a mini-company or an innovation camp) in which young people can be actively involved.

We are identifying locations for **food-truck** parking, which will enliven life in the village centres and diversify the catering offering.

We will transform the **old water tower** in Senningerberg into an out-of-the-ordinary "bed and bike" accommodation with financial support from the Ministry of Tourism.

d. Sports

In cooperation with the commune's sports coordinator and the various sports clubs based in the commune, we will design a comprehensive "**Nied2move**" exercise programme for all age groups, whether in the form of sports weeks or small Olympiads for young people or in preparation for sports competitions for adults. The sports offering should also be expanded for senior citizens as well as for small children. We support the establishment of a fitness centre in the commune and the creation of a course premises for yoga, aerobics, etc.

We will expand the project "**Maison Relais a Bewegung**" as well as the project "**Sport ouni Drock**" of the youth centre to promote physical activity among children and young people.

The **supervision of young people** in the sports clubs must become more professionalised, as required by the public authorities. In order to absorb the associated increase in costs, we will significantly increase the related commune subsidies.

To encourage physical activity and spontaneous neighbourhood meetings, **public sports facilities** are being created in the villages of our commune, e.g. an additional multi-purpose sports field, a streetball field, a "pumptrack" (track for bicycles), ...

In the **swimming pool** we are planning an additional pool to expand the course offering and to be able to offer swimming lessons for all age groups. We will also look into the possibility of installing a natural swimming pool.

We will review all our **hiking trails**, create a **self-hiking trail** especially for children and designate a trail for **mountain bikes** and **horse riders**.

e. Culture

We will rebuild the cultural centre "Loisi" and at the same time plan a square for festivities in front of this new **cultural centre**.

In addition to expanding the range of **music lessons** currently offered by the Syrdall Regional Music School, we will analyse the availability of alternative musical instruction that does not require prior instruction in musical theory.

Similar to the appointment of a sports coordinator, we will designate a **cultural and social coordinator** to provide the best possible support to clubs involved in our cultural or social programmes. This coordinator will be responsible for creating a commune cultural programme in cooperation with local stakeholders and for managing the calendar of events in order to coordinate all events in the commune, thus avoiding overlaps.

We will also make public space more attractive through innovative alternative culture projects such as **urban art/street art**, which may also take place in cooperation with private individuals who would like to make their facade available for the realisation of artwork.

f. Children and youth

We will continue to foster the integration of children and youth into community life (**Niedz4Kidz**) and will designate a **special coordinator for "Children and Youth"**.

For children and youth we would like to establish a **children's office** within the framework of Niedz4Kidz, which will offer help and advice and serve as a contact spot. This office will make use of socio-educational professionals employed by the Commune.

We will transform the existing communication platform between the actors around the school and the Maison Relais into a regular **educational platform**, with quarterly exchanges between the school, the Maison Relais, parents and the Commune.

After the Commune's external services have moved to new premises, we will plan to **develop the area near the town hall** by setting up a **youth hostel** there, which will not only offer accommodation for young people, but also a **brasserie** near the "Parc de l'Europe" and a room that can be rented for birthday and similar events. There will be an **indoor playground** as well as a **bowling alley**.

We will support the development of the **Parents' Forum** and join the **BabyPlus** programme of the "Liewensufank" initiative. We will organise an annual information evening about the Luxembourg school system.

By creating a common facility in nature (**Outdoorkids Niederanven**), we aim to create a quality **educational landscape** with different actors, from crèche to lifelong learning.

Our **school infrastructure** needs to be expanded quickly to accommodate the growing number of schoolchildren. For Cycle 1, we will construct a new building to be shared with the Maison Relais. A future expansion of the school infrastructure for the other cycles is planned.

We will provide **crèche** facilities at various locations in our commune. Next to the scouts' house in **Senningerberg**, a **forest crèche** will be set up as an additional childcare facility. Dormitories for the scouts will also be set up.

We will encourage the Maison Relais to provide healthy, balanced, vegetarian and, if possible, organic meals for the children.

We will ensure that the playgrounds are inclusive by also installing accessible play equipment.

g. Seniors

We will set up a platform through a working group **Niedz4Seniors** to coordinate all services for senior citizens.

Seniors will also be involved in the implementation of the **multi-generational project in Rue Laach** through workshops.

The appointment of a special **"seniors" coordinator** for the Commune will further develop these services.

We intend to commission a study on the **future needs of CIPA** in order to be able to provide a sufficient number of rooms.

For those who have not been born into the digital age, we will offer **courses and support for specific technical questions** as well as assistance with the use of digital tools (e.g. fixed office hours, ...).

h. Digitalisation

We will work to make the **Commune's website** more attractive and user-friendly to ensure faster access to information.

This will include the ability to receive communications from the Commune in printed or digital form. A regular **newsletter** will be sent to all interested parties by email.

The **Commune app** will be developed into a multilingual application to broaden resident participation by quickly registering their ideas or suggestions. We will also develop a module for carpooling in our commune. The feedback service for citizens "Report it" will be improved and further developed. The official digital notice board ("e-Reider") will also be offered via the app.

We are developing a **comprehensive digitalisation strategy** for our Commune, so that all services can be offered in digital form. The usual services will of course be retained, but will also be further developed and supplemented with the possibility of easily completing administrative procedures online (e.g. tracking monthly water consumption or the weight of garbage collection bins). This digitalisation strategy will lead to a significant reduction in paper consumption.

Under the Wifi4EU programme, we are promoting the **expansion of free public Wi-Fi** and the installation of hotspots at strategic locations in the commune. In the commune buildings, the existing WLAN network will be perfected.

i. Resident involvement

We will encourage the involvement of all our residents by organising **resident workshops** prior to the launching of every major project. Depending on the project, flexible working groups will be set up without language constraints or age restrictions.

We will upgrade the existing **advisory committees** by providing each committee with two commune representatives to support the implementation of planned measures.

We will introduce regular **'hours of availability'** for contact by residents with the mayor. These will be able to take place both by telephone and online at fixed office hours so that all citizens can have direct contact with the Commune executive.

The **Commune budget** will be communicated transparently on the Commune's website. Residents will also have the opportunity to be involved in the preparation of the various items of the budget through groups called "project teams", which will be given their own budget.

j. Human Resources / Social Dialogue

In order to best serve our dynamic and diverse community and ensure quality commune services, we care deeply about good working conditions and the well-being of our staff who perform them on a daily basis.

Social dialogue is more than just a conversation; it is at the heart of our collaborative approach. By fostering an open and constructive exchange with social partners and each individual employee, we strengthen trust and harmony within our departments. Through this dialogue, we can shape policies and projects that meet the needs and aspirations of each individual. However, social dialogue can only flourish in an environment where every individual feels valued and respected. That is why the well-being of our employees is an unwavering priority for us. With this in mind, we will continue to invest in optimal working conditions, enhanced training initiatives, and work-life balance.

With this in mind, we will also encourage our employees to actively engage, share their ideas and participate in initiatives that help to continuously improve our services to the commune. We believe that social dialogue and the well-being of our employees are a solid foundation for an effective and efficient local government, centred on the resident who is our customer.

k. Safety

We will conduct **awareness campaigns** in cooperation with the police to reduce the number of burglaries in our commune.

By building a new regional police station on Route de Trèves, we will ensure an increased police presence in the commune. We will request a complement of police officers for this station that is sufficient to allow a much greater police presence on the ground.

Residents will thus have the opportunity of reporting any planned prolonged absences to the police so that an increased police presence can be provided during these periods in the streets concerned.

The competencies of our **commune constables** will be expanded. The recruitment of an additional constable will expand operational coverage, especially in the evenings and at weekends. This will increase the presence of our commune constables on the ground and increase direct contact with residents.

In highly frequented places, as is already the case in the "Skatepark", we will introduce camera surveillance to increase security and curb vandalism. If necessary, we will consider the presence of external security services. In cooperation with the police, we will explore the possibility of installing **surveillance cameras** on the main roads or at the main entrances to residential areas in order to be able to identify or track any suspicious movements in case of burglary. Surveillance will be carried out in strict compliance with the applicable legal framework in order to protect the privacy of residents.

In order to make traffic safer in the commune, we will request the police to ensure that regular **speed checks** are carried out. We will also contact the relevant government authorities to look into the

possibility of installing fixed speed cameras on the main roads: Route de Trèves and Rue du Grünewald.

In the case of emergencies, qualified help must arrive at the scene quickly. To this end, we will do our utmost to support the fire brigade's "**First Responder**" programme and, in cooperation with the Commune of Schuttrange, push for the construction of an inter-commune firestation.

To improve the safety of pets, we would like to set up a central contact location where runaway or found animals can be reported.

I. Cemeteries

The **cemeteries in Senningen and Ernster** will be modernised on the model of the cemetery in Hostert. We will also be studying the creation of a forest cemetery belonging to the municipality.

2. Promoting harmonious coexistence

a. Housing

Young people today have difficulty finding housing in our commune. Another group that may be concerned about finding a new home are **senior citizens** whose homes may become too large for them.

We will establish an **affordable-housing office** to assist all our residents, whether young, old or socially disadvantaged, in finding suitable and affordable housing. Housing available for sale will be available on the website of the Commune of Niederanven at all times.

We will create affordable housing by implementing a project for "Tiny Houses" as well as a project for shared flats. We will also plan housing **for young people** "Jugendwunnen".

We would like to enable young people who have grown up in our commune to be able to remain there (e.g. through lower rents that allow them to build up equity and qualify for a mortgage loan to buy their rented flat at a later stage). We will continue to promote affordable housing and initiatives that strengthen the culture of saving.

Together with SNHBM, we will build a **multi-generational quarter** next to an ageing farmhouse in Rue Laach, which will present flats for young families as well as for older people, including a caretaker service. An attractive "literature café" for all age groups is planned in the modernised farmhouse, with an all-day offering of food and beverages. Cultural workshops will also be offered in these premises and space for social, musical and artistic activities will be created. Rooms for Club 50 Plus and Club Senior will also be set up to bundle the services for seniors. Offices for start-ups with coworking spaces will also be offered under this same roof.

We will support **communal forms of living** for older people; as an example we will set up an inter-generational housing project behind the new police station.

There is currently a shortage of **small flats** in our commune, both for young and older people. Without these, we cannot implement the above priorities. In central locations, such as the local commercial centre, we will therefore encourage the development of buildings with greater density and height, which will require a change to our general development plan.

After the roads department "Op der Bunn" moves to its new location, we will develop a project for commune housing there.

In order to increase the supply of housing, the Commune of Niederaanven will offer housing projects on commune land on a ground lease with strict conditions to prevent speculation. Neglected buildings and land held back for speculation must be subject to a regularly increased **commune property tax rate**.

Diesel generators are often used on construction sites for new buildings, with have a significant impact on the environment and a source of noise pollution for the neighbourhood and wildlife. We will amend the commune's building code to require every construction site to connect to the electricity network before construction begins.

The Commune is taking an initiative for **urban consolidation** as part of the implementation of the PAP Cité Jardin.

In order to anticipate future developments, we will prepare a **comprehensive master plan for the centre "Am Sand"**, which aims to ensure the availability of space required for public infrastructure (school, Maison Relais, sports infrastructure, music school, cultural centre, CIPA, Syrdall Heem, senior housing, ...) and the development of the commercial area into a mixed-use area that also includes housing.

b. Volunteer work

Various **clubs** contribute significantly to the social life in our commune; therefore we will support them in their varied tasks in the best possible way.

We will establish a regular exchange between the sports clubs and the sports coordinator in order to continually assess the current situation of the clubs and develop appropriate policies. The same exchange will also take place between the cultural, social and environmental associations via the cultural coordinator.

Administrative procedures can be a great burden for associations. We will provide support in this area by promoting, among other things, digital platforms to simplify these procedures (such as membership administration or financial management). We also support the establishment of a digital storage system ("cloud") that provides IT infrastructure for associations.

For associations with a high **administrative burden**, we will provide a flat-rate subsidy, e.g. to subsidise the hiring of a person responsible for the administrative tasks of the association.

We will also give more recognition to the efforts of associations in the field of **sustainable development**.

Since the associations contribute significantly to the **integration** of all our residents, they must continue to be supported in this area.

Many of our cultural associations are struggling with recruitment problems. We will launch a “We NIED you” programme to attract new members for them. As sports clubs often lack **volunteers**, a campaign to recruit volunteers will also be launched. In addition, we will support the digital visibility of clubs.

In order to honour volunteering and promote cooperation between clubs, we will organise an « **Evening of Volunteering** » every year and introduce an **Order of Merit for volunteers**.

To develop and sustain volunteering, we will promote the establishment of a **local volunteering platform** in cooperation with the National Volunteer Agency, where on the one hand associations and other institutions (such as CIPA or “Syrdall-Heem”) can request volunteer support and on the other individuals can respond to volunteering opportunities on an occasional or regular basis. Volunteering offers an attractive perspective for people who are in the transition phase between working life and retirement.

We will also increase **communication** about volunteering and launch campaigns to recruit residents to become more involved locally.

c. Integration

Our **Pact for Living Together** covers all aspects of living together harmoniously in our commune.

Since the focus for us is on living together, we want to facilitate more contact between residents. In order to also use the digital possibilities in this area, we will join the mobile neighbourhood application **HOPLR** to promote the development of a local community, where people can network and help each other in their local area. The organisation of neighbourhood parties can also be promoted using this tool.

Our commitment to the reception and integration of **refugees** will be strengthened by providing accommodation and sponsorship.

For new residents we will publish a **brochure** with all-important information about life in the commune.

We will regularly host a “**Sunday Brunch**” event, where all residents can meet.

In addition to the language café, **language sponsorships** will be introduced and **ambassadors will be sought to introduce new residents to our commune in the best possible way**.

In order to integrate the international community more strongly into our commune and to consistently expand contacts with our partner twinning-towns, we will set up an independent working group for the “**Douzelage**” (the 27 towns with which we are twinned in the European Union), which will be open to all interested residents. We would also like to establish and develop twinning with towns in non-EU countries. We support the use of an app to make our Douzelage better known and to give the residents of our commune the opportunity to get in touch with the residents of other twinned towns. It will also post travel tips from insiders or post-secondary study opportunities for youth. The aim is to revive the Douzelage and facilitate contact between the residents of all participating towns.

d. Places to meet

In order to promote an optimal living together, we need places to meet.

A first project in this direction is the **village square in Senningen**. We will carry out the redesign of the village centre of Ernster following a similar model and improve the quality of life in the villages by redesigning the **Rue Principale in Rameldange/Hostert and the Route de Trèves in Niederanven**.

In **Senningerberg**, the redesign of the road network in the Cité Gromscheid as a “shared space” is planned in cooperation with residents, in order to become a model for other parts of our commune. In order to give dog owners the opportunity to meet and allow their dogs to play together, two **dog play areas with dog toilets** are planned.

An **intergenerational park** is planned behind CIPA and we will make more use of the park near the culture house, especially in summer.

3. Achieving climate neutrality

a. Mobility

We will develop a **comprehensive mobility concept** for our commune, including a direct bus connection to the tram and measures to reduce traffic speed in our villages.

Our commune and especially **Senningerberg** and the area around the airport are in the midst of significant change. The advent of the tram connection of Héienhaff and the airport lends itself to a reorganisation of public transport in our commune. We will make travel by bus even more attractive by negotiating an increase in its frequency, realising the construction of additional bus shelters and placing **mBoxes** at strategic points to allow bicycles to be left securely while continuing on the bus.

We would like to ensure that residents can reach the **Héienhaff interchange** from every village as directly as possible via an optimal connection. Especially in **Senningen**, which is currently not well served by public transport, the situation needs to be improved. We would like to promote local public transport by providing accurate information about current timetables, delays, etc.

To this end, we will establish a **ring bus route** within our commune, which will serve both the transport hub “Heienhaff” and the centre Am Sand.

We will continue our efforts to make **bus stops** and **pedestrian crossings** compliant with barrier-free design.

The regional bus “**Ruffbus Syrdall**” will also be expanded to meet increasing demand. In addition to being able to book by phone, bookings will also be made possible via an application.

We will continue to expand the **vel’OH** bike rent system so that short distances can be covered by bicycle while ensuring an easy connection to bus lines. We also support the connection of the vel’OH system to the neighbouring communes and thus the connection of Niederanven to the rail stations in Roodt/Syre and Munsbach. We will also introduce a vel’OH station near the new Heienhaff interchange, which will be connected to a bicycle path.

In order to increase parking capacity in the Am Sand centre on the Niederaanven side and to compensate for the loss of parking spaces for the festivity square in front of the "Loisi" cultural centre, we will build a **multi-storey car park** opposite the Syrdall Schwemm with direct access to both the CIPA and the cultural centre. The car park will be equipped with a photovoltaic system as well as charging stations for electric cars. This will also increase safety around the school and the public infrastructures.

In order to return a more village-like character to the village of Niederaanven and to ensure safety and space for pedestrians and cyclists, one of our priorities is the **reconstruction of the national road N1 (Trier Road) in Niederaanven**.

A safe **cycle and pedestrian path** to the centre Am Sand is to be created from the shopping centre.

Likewise, the **Rue du Grünewald** is to be redesigned, including a direct pedestrian path and bicycle path connection to the football pitch and the national bicycle path.

We would like to reduce traffic on **Rue Laach and Rue Andethana** and integrate bicycle lanes wherever possible.

In **Rameldange, Hostert and Oberanven** we will create safe pedestrian and bicycle paths. Considering the particular topography of the commune, we need to look at innovative ideas such as a bicycle lift.

A **30 km/h speed zone** will be established in the entire village of **Senningen**, which will also include the redesign of Rue du Château and the green spaces. A 30 km/h speed limit should also be introduced in the rest of the commune, where this is possible through optimal signage and ground markings. We are actively campaigning for the introduction of a 30 km/h zone on national roads.

To reduce road traffic as much as possible, we will apply parking restrictions for cars throughout the commune, except for local residents. The existing **parking system for residents** will therefore be further developed and adjusted selectively, for example by increasing the parking time in certain parking spaces to 5 hours.

We will promote **carpooling** and the installation of **additional charging stations** for electric cars including the development of an overall electric mobility concept for the commune.

We will request updated **strategic noise maps** in order to be able to analyse noise pollution from traffic junctions and changing flight paths.

b. Energy transition

Our goal for 2030 is to achieve **100% climate-neutral energy consumption** by private households. Therefore, we will launch a **massive photovoltaic package** and to seriously consider the installation of wind turbines. One wind turbine produces electricity for 2500 households, which is currently the size of our entire commune. This is reason enough to consider this possibility concretely. Residents will be involved in the planning from the very beginning. If a wind turbine is to be installed, residents should be allowed to participate in the investment.

To this end, a **special commission** will be established, whose main task will be to draw up a commune plan for the energy transition. This commission will also be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this plan.

The **installation of a photovoltaic system will be mandatory** for all new buildings. We will give the best possible advice to existing businesses to use their roof surfaces efficiently for photovoltaics, but also increase the subsidies for private households that decide to install photovoltaic systems.

We will build a **photovoltaic production system that will cover the car park in front of the Maison Relais Am Sand**, providing sustainable energy generation and shade for the car park in summer. We will also analyse the possibility of installing charging stations for electric buses in order to completely electrify the school bus fleet.

We will explore the possibility of creating **virtual energy communities** aimed at mutualising the generation of electrical energy.

Campaigns to raise awareness about home insulation to optimise energy efficiency in existing homes are planned.

A major challenge is heat supply, especially **electrification through the use of heat pumps**. We will analyse the possibility of low-temperature heat networks for neighbourhoods to be energy-efficient and energy self-sufficient.

Each **regional energy cooperative** will be given additional roof space for photovoltaic systems (e.g. the entire roof of CIPA or the swimming pool). All residents as well as CIPA residents and their families will have the opportunity to join the cooperative that operates the roof. We will also support the professionalisation of energy cooperatives.

Our long-term goal is to generate an energy surplus in the commune. This is the only way to achieve climate neutrality worldwide. Above all, we would like to show our support for the countries of the South and **support additional energy projects** outside our existing cooperation projects.

We are presenting an **ambitious renovation package** for commune buildings.

We would like to create a **digital platform for renting and sharing** equipment and other tools, which will also involve local businesses.

Only as a community can we meet the enormous challenge of climate change. Therefore, we will organise an **annual commune climate forum** and set concrete goals that we would like to implement together.

An **intelligent digital management system** is to be introduced for the energy management of commune buildings, which monitors and controls the entire energy consumption of the buildings. Every resident should be able to view this energy production and consumption data on the Commune's website.

After converting all commune roads to LED lighting, we would like to use **smart lighting systems** in residential areas to further reduce electricity consumption. In existing residential areas, we would like to achieve further savings by reducing or switching off LED lighting at night.

Every commune project will undergo a **climate check** before being put to a vote. Similarly, we will ensure that projects are accessible to all in their entirety.

c. Resources

A **modern resource centre** (instead of the recycling centre) is another top priority, which will include an expanded second-hand area ("second hand shop") and a repair workshop where consumer goods can be repaired and sold at a modest price.

We would like to strengthen **local economic cycles** by supporting the exchange between the different economic actors and helping them to ensure good waste management.

We have to become aware that our society wastes too many resources. From now on, we need to focus on a **sustainable economy** based on the consistent reuse of materials instead of treating them as waste to be disposed of. We need sustainable offerings of local and regional origin in retail, tourism, crafts and industry.

We will promote **sustainable construction** with reusable materials (Cradle to Cradle/ LENOZ criteria, ...) and pay attention to the optimal use of existing infrastructure. For new projects, we will include a total cost of ownership assessment in public procurement and tenders.

A **system for waste separation** in public spaces is foreseen.

In order to prevent **littering** at the edges of the highways, we would like to advocate special nets at the entrances and exits of highways into which bottles, cans, etc. can be thrown, as it is already common in the Netherlands.

In addition, the introduction of a **white bin** for Valorlux waste must be examined.

To ensure an **optimal water supply in Senningerberg**, we will install a **new water pipeline** to the airport and a **stand-alone water tank at the airport**.

To avoid water crisis situations during the summer months and to ensure access to clean drinking water in all circumstances, we will tap **additional available sources** within the commune.

The **commune drinking water distribution network** will be renovated and digitalised to prevent leakage.

We need to educate residents on the use/consumption of drinking water and set up **local drinking water stations** in public places, in and around commune buildings to provide convenient access to drinking water for all, including our pets. We will encourage our local shops, bars and restaurants to participate in the "Refill" drinking water campaign.

To ensure sustainable use of drinking water, we will revise commune taxes and introduce a **progressive tax rate** (comparable to the polluter pays principle in the waste sector).

The installation of a **mandatory rainwater harvesting system** for all new buildings and will be considered.

The **sewage treatment plant** in Übersyren urgently needs to be upgraded to keep up with the growing population.

We are committed to revitalising and expanding our monthly **marketplace** to make it more attractive, especially in winter, by covering it and moving it to the new central square **Am Sand**.

We advocate the regular organisation of a **second-hand market / flea market** and a market for used bicycles.

We will support **farms** in taking over themselves the direct marketing of their local quality products by selling them at the commune market or directly from the farm.

We would like to support initiatives to implement **sustainable and alternative forms of farming** in relation to fruit and vegetable production such as community gardens (example: Aanwensgaart), cooperatives such as TERRA, community farming projects and farms run by employment initiatives. We need an agriculture that focuses more on organic farming.

We can propose the use of **local shopping vouchers**, distributed by the Commune to residents on specific occasions or in the context of a recognition or award, redeemable only at local retail and Horeca businesses.

d. Nature

An **intact environment** is vital for all species and organisms in nature and is also crucial for the survival and well-being of humans. Protecting nature also means protecting people.

Climate change is real and we need to adapt to it today. To improve the **quality of life** in our villages, we are not only tackling the development of a climate adaptation concept and an emergency plan for extreme weather, but also the consistent implementation of the Pact for Nature. In this context, we will also implement more environmentally friendly mowing along rural roads, for example.

To reduce the **risk of flooding** due to heavy rainfall, we are planning multifunctional and natural retention basins. In addition, residents will be informed about water retention options on private property (green roofs, rainwater collection systems).

In cooperation with the SIAS biological station, advice in the case of a **wasp nest** will be improved.

We support the **revitalisation** of streams, the creation of a **natural recreation area Am Sand** and an inter-generational park behind the CIPA, which will benefit both nature and residents.

For events organised by the Commune and associations, we support the criteria for "**Green Events**".

We will draw up an action plan to combat **light pollution**.

In order to increase green areas and reduce extreme temperatures, especially in summer, we plan to have **100 new trees planted each year** within the villages (on playgrounds, village squares, along roads, ...) and a sponsorship system for these trees is foreseen. More public benches will be installed for which a sponsorship system can also be set up.

To prevent heat islands, we will ensure that the existence of **fresh air corridors** is assured when planning buildings.

Areas of shade must be systematically created in all our localities by planting shrubs, hedges and tall trees and creating green strips along roads and pavements. Due to more frequent hot spells, we will encourage the planting of avenues of ornamental trees in housing estates and along footpaths.

We will participate in projects such as **urban gardening** by planting fruit trees in public spaces, and we will establish a **commune school orchard**.

We will support the **greening of facades and roofs** through subsidies.

At the same time, we must take measures against **increasing soil sealing**, e.g. in the context of new housing development projects, on car parks and in front gardens.

Finally, in order to optimise the winter service and avoid **wasting salt**, it is important to take into account the great difference in altitude between the localities in the municipality and to set up a specific bad weather warning plan for each locality.

Funding

In this legislative period, **important investments** will be necessary to prepare our commune for the future.

To ensure that our Commune continues to have **stable finances**, we are drawing up a detailed multi-year financial plan for the years up to 2030. After capping our revenues, especially in the context of business tax, we also need to look for other ways to generate revenue (e.g. by increasing property tax for businesses, from which the commune can benefit directly).

Departments

Fréd TERNES, mayor

- Human resources and organisation of the commune
- Security, Health and Emergency Services
- Education, children, youth and further education
- Senior Citizens and Intergenerational Projects
- Spatial planning and housing
- Worship
- Communication and Civic Participation

Josselijn DE VRIES, alderwoman

- Finance
- Climate and Energy, Water and Waste
- Nature and Environment
- Mobility
- Integration and Coexistence
- Culture and music
- Town Twinning

Jacques BAUER, alderman

- Economy (Commerce, businesses, Horeca, tourism)
 - Voluntary and associative life
 - Sports
 - Equal opportunity and social affairs
 - Aid for development
 - Commune buildings
 - Digitalisation
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