

A Lively Commune for All

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Dear fellow citizens of Leudelange,

In the summary of our work, you could see what has been realised in recent years and, above all, what has not.

In our programme you can see in pictures and text what Zesumme fir Leideleng has planned, should we take over responsibility. All our projects aim to **improve the quality of life** in our commune and to strengthen the local community.

We have projects for youth, families, the elderly, education, mobility, safety, living in our commune, living together, sports and leisure. This also includes major infrastructure work. We attach great importance to the sustainability of all our projects. We are not indifferent to future generations. Our motivated team is committed to accomplish the projects we present here and thus creating **a lively commune for all.**



Lou Linster

Lead candidate

Local councillor



A Modern Commune

A modern commune does not only include an **attractive village centre** and **good cycle paths**. A modern commune is one that serves and listens to its citizens. We will work to make the commune more **active in the housing market** to provide affordable housing for our youth. Our commune should and must continue to develop in this spirit, in order to **avoid becoming a dead commune**. In new quarters, unlike in the past, the focus should be **on people and no longer on cars**. Leudelage should not suffocate in traffic.

Infrastructure and Big Communal Projects

The basis of a modern and liveable commune is **good infrastructure**. As far as the centre of Leudelage is concerned, much has been promised in the past, but only little has been successfully implemented. We are determined to finally tackle this project. We want to **calm the heavy traffic**, introduce more cycle paths and invest in the much-needed **flood protection**.



► Shared Space

In order to calm the traffic in the centre of the village and to fill this centre with life again, we are committed to finally carry out the long-promised **shared space**. However, the shared space is not a bypass. It will **hardly reduce traffic**, rather **slow it down**. Unfortunately, a bypass is not affordable for the commune.

Businesses, especially a **grocery shop** and a **restaurant**, should **give the centre a new dynamic**. We will also lobby the Ministry of Health to give Leudelange a **pharmacy**. **Affordable housing** will be built around the Place du Lavoir. Priority will be given to Leudelange residents. The Place du Lavoir should become a meeting place where people enjoy spending time.

Part of Rue Eich and the parking lot in front of the commune will also become part of the shared space. The **terrace of the Brasserie** an der Eech will be redesigned. A new operator of the Brasserie an der Eech should be found as soon as possible so that it can reopen its doors.



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► Flood Protection

The Schlewenhof was particularly affected by flooding during the last heavy rainfall events. In cooperation with the Administration de Gestion de l'Eau, the planned **flood protection measures** should be implemented as soon as possible. During heavy rains, the water should be held back from the streams and flow through the agglomeration in a controlled manner.

► Road Works

We are committed to carry out the following infrastructure works:

- Redesign of the **Rue de la Montée** (with renewal of the canal). **1**
- Renewal of the sewer connection in **Domaine Op Hals**.
- Redesign of **Rue Eich** and **Rue du Lavoir** (parts of which will belong to the shared space). **2**



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► Traffic Calming

We are committed to implement the following traffic calming measures:

- **Rue de Cessange** will be narrowed at the entrance to the village. **3**
- **Rue de la Gare** on Schlewenhof should be partly narrowed. **4**
- **Display boards** (“You are driving at xx km/h”) will be installed throughout the village, not only at the entrances.

As part of the national project “Fast Tram to Esch” **5**, **Rue de Luxembourg** and **Rue d’Esch** **6** will be traffic-calmed. The **motorway interchanges** “Leudelange Nord” and “Leudelange Sud” will be rebuilt, resulting in significantly less traffic on this axis. In advance of this, we will lobby to ensure that:

- The Rue **de la Montée / Rue de Luxembourg intersection** is equipped with a traffic light.
- Rue de Luxembourg is **narrowed** at the entrance to the village.





► New Cycle Paths

In the short term, a **cycle path between the Rue de la Vallée and the “Bowent”** country lane should become a reality. At the same time, the path “Bowent” should be connected to the path coming from the Rue Belle-Vue and to the entrance of the “Berkebësch”.

In the medium term, we want to create a safe **cycle path between Leudelage and Luxembourg City**. This should run from Place du Lavoir through the new “Bommert” neighbourhood, then on to the «Am Bann» activity zone. Along the Grasbësch, the route will cross the existing cycle path. The crossing leading to Cessange needs to be secured so that it can be crossed by bicycle.

Another **cycle path** should be introduced **between Leudelage and Leudelage-Gare**.

► Suitable Premises for the Associations

For years, the **rehearsal room of the Leidelenger Musek** has been too small and thanks to good youth work, the association will continue to grow. Together with the club, we will determine the best solution and implement it.

Simultaneously, we will ensure that the **Club des Jeunes** is provided with **adequate premises**. Currently, they are housed in the former post office building, which will be demolished.



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► **Creation of a Nursing Home**

We will work to ensure that the **nursing home** at Geierbieregg is built as soon as possible.

► **Communal Finances**

We favour a more **efficient spending policy**. Not only the ordinary revenues, but also the ordinary expenditures of the commune have increased by 50% in the last six years. These are yearly revenues and expenditures. In order to be able to finance the various extraordinary projects, it is necessary to ensure that **ordinary expenditure increases less rapidly in the future**. We will therefore examine for each budget item whether it is necessary to maintain it in this form. The aim is to keep the commune's **debt level under control**.

Mobility

As a peripheral commune of Luxembourg City, Leudelange is heavily burdened by traffic. A modern commune is one where the focus is **on people, not cars**. Leudelange alone will not tackle the national traffic problem, but we will implement all measures we can as a commune.

► Expansion of the vel'OH! Network and Set up of an mBox

We will lobby for **more vel'OH! stations** to be built, this on **Schlewenhof** and at the **Schwéngsweed**. We will lobby the CFL to build an **mBox** at Leudelange station so that everyone can safely leave their bike there.



► Introduction of a Call Bus (“Ruffbus”)

We are committed to introduce an electric **call bus**. It can be used to go shopping, to the pharmacy, to the doctor or to use the sports facilities of the commune of Bettembourg.

► Promotion of Low-Car Neighbourhoods

We will promote the creation of **low-car neighbourhoods**. In new neighbourhoods, **soundproof silo parking** will be created at the edge of the neighbourhood. Residents no longer need to drive through the neighbourhood every day. At the same time, the **parking key will be reduced**, i.e., not every new flat will have two parking spaces. Consequently, we will issue **significantly fewer parking vignettes** in new neighbourhoods. This is how we want to prevent more and more cars from coming to Leudelange.

► Residents' Parking

We remain in favour of the residents' parking principle, with **room for improvement** in some areas. The parking key should be reduced for new building projects in the activity zones, with the aim to motivate commuters that work in Leudelange, to **turn to public transportation** to get to work.

A Commune at the Service of its Citizens

The commune is at the service of the citizens of Leudelange. It is important to us that they are **taken seriously** and that their concerns are dealt with as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, this has not always been the case in the past. The **opening hours** of the commune should be adapted to the needs of the people.

► E-Administration

The **commune's digital services** should be expanded so that people only have to physically come to the commune for certain procedures, such as issuing a passport. In addition, non-personal administrative documents and political decisions should be made accessible online. Naturally, it will still be possible to **physically come to the commune** to complete the various administrative procedures.

► Comprehensible Communication

The communication of the commune will be improved. For example, an **app** will be introduced on which the most important information is available at a glance. The **commune's website** will be revised, updated more regularly and be **multilingual**. The **"Gemengebuet"** will also be available **completely in English** in the future.

► Encourage Citizen Participation

We want to further promote **citizen participation** and strengthen participatory democracy. Citizens and associations should be able to propose ideas for improvement and projects via an **"idea mailbox"** that we want to introduce. Together with the citizens, we want to evaluate how public streets and squares can be made greener and **residents should be involved** when their street is renewed.



► A Commune with an Open Ear

It is important to us that the College of mayor and aldermen is accessible to citizens. Therefore, we will introduce a **citizens' consultation hour** where people can discuss their concerns with the College of mayor and aldermen by appointment. The new app we want to introduce will have a **"Report-It" button** so that anyone can quickly and easily report a problem to the commune.

► Livestream of Local Council Meetings

All interested citizens must have the opportunity to **follow what is discussed in the local council**. We will ensure that the local council meetings and information meetings are available **live, as well as time-delayed, online**. This will make the individual decisions more **transparent**.

Housing

Luxembourg is in a **housing crisis**. Many young people are leaving our commune because they **cannot find suitable housing**. The commune of Leudelange alone will not solve the national housing crisis. Nevertheless, we will **implement several measures**.

► **Creation of Affordable Housing**

We will ensure that **affordable housing** is created around Place du Lavoir, among others. **Leudelange residents** should have **priority**. We will continue to proactively acquire land to introduce affordable housing.

► **General Development Plan (PAG) & Building Regulations**

In practice, some **weaknesses** in the new **PAG of Leudelange** have become apparent. It should therefore be revised and improved **in certain areas**. The rural charm of the commune will be preserved. The **existing building perimeter** will not be expanded. We will ensure that new neighbourhoods are well integrated into the existing development.

► **Tiny Houses & Alternative Housing**

The **PAG and the building regulations** will be amended to make it possible to put up **Tiny Houses** in Leudelange. We also want to make this possible on already developed plots. We also support other **alternative forms of housing**, such as **shared flats**.



► **Acceleration of the Procedures**

Lengthy procedures are one of the main reasons why housing construction in Luxembourg is slow. We will ensure that the **procedures** for which the commune is responsible **are accelerated to the maximum**.

A Liveable Commune

A liveable commune is one in which everyone feels comfortable, safe and all can **actively participate in living together**. We will therefore work for a **safer pathway to school, highly visible zebra crossings** and an **optimisation of the lighting** in the commune. We also want to make commune **information more accessible** and further promote intercultural life. We want to continue to **actively support** volunteering, sport, and culture.

Education

Children are our future. We must therefore give them the chance to grow up in a **child and youth-friendly commune**. They should have access to a wide range of opportunities to develop and that in a free and safe manner. **Young people** should not be forgotten and they should get the right support by the commune in their **further education and development**.



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► Parking near the School and Kiss & Go

The safety of our children comes first. Therefore, measures will be implemented in the parking lot in front of the school to ensure **better safety** for school children. As part of the shared space, this parking lot will disappear altogether. In parallel, a **Kiss & Go** will be implemented in **Rue du Lavoisier** for the children who are brought to school or the Maison Relais by car.

► Parents' Corner

Often it is not worth it for parents to go home in between when they bring their children to their leisure activities. That is why the **parents' corner**, which already exists in the "An der Eech" building, **should be expanded**. A user-friendly parents' corner allows parents and everyone accompanying the children, to gather with others and have an exchange and get informed.



► Water Play Area

Water playgrounds are very popular with the children. Despite the many play attractions here in Leudelage, there is still no place where children **can cool off** and have fun during warmer temperatures. We therefore want to build a sustainable and **environmentally friendly water playground** in our commune.

► Municipal Crèche

We will examine the possibility to create a **municipal crèche** in cooperation with another commune.

► Internships & Holiday Jobs at Local Businesses

The young people should be supported on their educational path. The commune should therefore establish contact between them and the companies so that they can do their **internships or holiday jobs** there.



Living Together & Equal Opportunities

Respectful and tolerant coexistence contributes to an attractive social life. We want to further promote intercultural life and encourage everyone to actively participate in the **social life** of the commune.

► Easy Access to Information

We are committed to ensure that everyone has access to all information from the commune. Special emphasis should be placed on **inclusive communication**. Important information for citizens should be made available in **“easy language”** and a translation into French and English should be guaranteed at information meetings of the commune.

► Promote Accessibility

People with disabilities should also feel comfortable and be able to move **freely and independently** in the commune. We want to further improve the **accessibility** of public structures and services and enable everyone to live a **self-determined life**.

► Club Senior

We are pleased to announce that a **Club Senior** has been set up in collaboration with the commune of Bettembourg. A **shuttle bus** will provide transport to Bettembourg. We will advocate to organise **activities in Leudelange** as well.



► “Pakt vum Zesummeliwwen”

Respectful and harmonious coexistence is only possible if every individual can actively participate in public life in the commune. In order to promote **cultural exchange** and **social cohesion**, we are committed to coherently implement the measures from the “Pakt vum Zesummeliwwen”. These measures include the regular organisation of the “**International Afterwork**” and the introduction of an **integration lunch**.

► Welcome Package

In order to simplify the **integration** of new citizens to **our community**, we want to offer them a welcome package with **essential information** (including practical information and information about festivities in Leudelange) when they register. We also want to set up a section for new residents on the commune’s website.

► Expand the Offer of Luxembourgish Courses

Nowadays, many people who have a different mother tongue want to **learn Luxembourgish** in order to better participate in the life of the commune. Thus, we want to expand the current offer of Luxembourgish courses of beginners’ courses (level A1-A2) to additional **advanced courses (level B1)**.

► “Les rues au féminin”

To further strengthen **equality between men and women**, it is important to make women more visible in public spaces. Accordingly, we want to further expand the action “Les rues au féminin” and ensure that new streets are regularly **named after women**.

► Help for Ukraine

We condemn the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine. We are committed to **continue to support** the Ukrainian refugees here in Leudelange and the families who have taken them in during the terrible war in Ukraine.

Sport, Leisure & Culture

A **wide range of sports and cultural activities** enlivens a commune and is an important part of social cohesion. Therefore, this offer should be maintained and the **clubs**, which are the motor of social cohesion, must be adequately supported.

► Support for the Local Clubs

In order to support the local clubs even better, we want to **adapt the club subsidies** to the needs of the clubs. In addition, the clubs should be better supported in **advertising their events** and be given additional help in the **organization** of their events.

► Preserve the Cultural Offer

Culture brings people together and encourages them to exchange ideas. We want to **maintain the cultural offer** in our commune and ensure everyone has access to it.

► Expand the Sports Offer

Sport is not only important for physical health, but also for mental health and strengthens the local community. We are committed to **improving the sports offer** in the commune, within the framework of the Sport-Loisir with the commune of Bettembourg.

► Twinning

In cooperation with the European Union, we will strive for a village **twinning** with a European commune. In this way, the school classes and local associations will have the opportunity to come into regular contact with the school classes and associations of our **partner commune**. Political cooperation with the partner commune will be planned.

► Holiday at Home

In Leudelange, people should not only live and work, but also be able to relax in **nature during their leisure time**. We therefore want to create more cycle paths (see also the chapter “Infrastructure”) and **better signpost** the existing hiking trails. In the forests, **running trails** should be signposted and a theme trail should be created. The forest path near the old water tower will be repaired. In addition, the creation of a **local recreation area** will be examined.



Safety

A commune in which one is and feels safe ensures a higher quality of life. The commune **shares responsibility for the safety** and protection of its citizens and should regularly analyse and adapt its **security concept**.

► Increase Police Presence

In order to increase security in the commune and especially to reduce the **number of burglaries**, we advocate for a **higher police presence**. The activity zones must be safe at night and should not be a place where **illegal car races** are organised.

► Strengthen Prevention and Raise Public Awareness

More security is not only achieved through controls, but also through prevention work and awareness-raising. We want to further strengthen **social youth and prevention work** at school and inform the public about **burglary protection** and **road safety**.

► Create More and Safer Zebra Crossings

In order for people to walk safely in the commune and especially for children to get to school safely, **zebra crossings need to be easily recognisable** and more visible. Every zebra crossing in the commune should be equipped with blue and white **guide cylinders**. A zebra crossing should be created in Rue Ehs. We want to ensure that the zebra crossing at the intersection of Rue de la Gare / Rue de la Forêt is secured with a **traffic light**. We will also analyse whether it makes sense to secure further zebra crossings on the way to school **with one person**.



► Optimise Lighting in Public Spaces

We will develop a **lighting master plan** for Leudelange. This will provide **adequate street lighting**, but without increasing light pollution. In the activity zones, street lighting can already be **dimmed**. We will examine whether this is also useful in other residential areas. In order to maintain safety, **motion detectors** will ensure that the street lighting lights up 100% when a person walks by. We will also ensure that at the end of the legislature all communal roads are equipped with **LED lamps**.

A Sustainable Commune

To **slow down climate change**, everyone must pull together. Especially the communes must take on a pioneering role here. By expanding **renewable energies**, renovating existing buildings and increasing energy efficiency, we will make the communal administration **climate neutral** in the medium term. The measures from the **Climate Pact 2.0** will be implemented consistently. In addition, we want to conserve our resources by focusing on the **circular economy**.

► Photovoltaics

We will ensure that various existing communal buildings, such as the old school or the town hall, are equipped with **photovoltaic modules**. The same applies to **any new communal building**. In addition, we will enable citizens of Leudelange to **invest** in these photovoltaic installations themselves.





► Circular Economy

The construction industry is responsible for over 20% of global CO₂ emissions. New communal buildings should therefore be built according to the principles of the **circular economy**. This means that, they should be **dismountable**, so that various construction elements can be reused. The communal buildings should also be built largely from wood.

► Energy Restoration of Existing Communal Buildings

For existing communal buildings, we will investigate which **energy renovation measures** make sense and implement them.

► Grants for the Promotion of Renewable Energy

In order to further motivate our citizens to switch from fossil to **renewable energy sources**, a **communal aid** will be introduced for the installation of a heat pump, solar thermal energy and photovoltaics.

► Electric Mobility

The communal vehicle fleet will gradually be converted to **electric mobility** where technically possible. The school bus and the call bus will also be electrified. We will introduce a communal aid for the installation of **private charging stations**. We will ensure that more charging stations are installed in **public spaces**, both for cars and for pedelecs.



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► Nature Protection

We will invest in **nature conservation** and promote the **creation of ponds**, for example. **Wildflower meadows** will be planted along the streets and around the playgrounds. Public green spaces will be partially maintained according to the principle of “fauchage tardif” in order to promote biodiversity. New bus stops will be **covered with grass** and equipped with photovoltaic modules.

► Sustainable Forests

Our forests should be **managed sustainably** and made **climate resilient**. Deadwood should be left in the forest in some places because this promotes **biodiversity**. We will investigate whether it makes sense to intervene less in the forest from the outside.



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► Community Garden

A **community garden** will be made available to interested citizens. This small garden will be maintained **together** and primarily **peasant seeds** will be grown. In this context, training courses on the topic of “ecological gardening” will also be offered.

► Drinking Water Dispenser

Drinking water dispensers will be installed at various locations throughout the commune.



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► Recycling Centre

We will lobby for Leudelange to be **connected** to a **large recycling centre** in another commune. Thus, more different kinds of waste can be disposed of than before. As planned, a new **local branch** will be created in the activity zone “Am Bann”. For example, green waste, glass, or paper/cardboard can be disposed there. At the same time, the **frequency of paper/cardboard collection** is to be increased.



Our Candidates for the Local Elections of the 11th of June 2023



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31 years
Lead candidate, Local
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Vanessa Baldassarri
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40 years
Lawyer at the Ombudsman



Patrick Calmus
55 years
Local councillor, Expert
in metal construction,
Secondary school teacher



**Denise Copette ép.
Conrardy**
50 years
Chartered accountant,
Economic advisor



Nathalie Entringer
30 years
Linguist at the Centre for
Luxembourgish (PhD in
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Marcel Jakobs
68 years
Local councillor,
Civil servant (retired)



Sandrine Pompidou
42 years
Lawyer, Deputy CEO
Car Avenue Luxembourg



Jean-Pierre Roemen
26 years
Local councillor, Lawyer



Dr. Philippe Wilmes
42 years
Orthopaedic surgeon,
Vice-president AMMD

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