

Election Programme CSV

Dear fellow citizens,

On October 8th 2017, you will decide who shall be in charge of our municipality during the coming six years. The CSV is putting forward a strong team for reliable policy making. Five women and six men, each with a different set of experiences and skills, are asking for your vote. Our candidates are committed to working for our community and are ready to take responsibility. Our team has clear ideas how to work for a fair, modern and sustainable community.

We will carry on doing what has worked well in the past and simultaneously introducing new policy, while always being realistic in what can be achieved.

We want to develop new ideas to safeguard and strengthen social cohesion in our community for the future.

In this programme we want to outline our ideas for a municipality that makes living in it worthwhile.

This programme is based on the principle of sustainability, but sustainable development must be built on sound finances.

The priorities of our community can be represented by three key areas: People, nature and infrastructure.

Come along to our meetings, where you can learn about and discuss our programme with our candidates.

Dear citizens, please honour the CSV party with your trust once again. Our community is facing numerous challenges, which the CSV is ready to tackle with all its energy.

Raymond Weydert

Mayor

Sound Municipal Finances

Due to a reform of municipal taxes in 2016, our revenue from corporation tax out of the national budget will be reduced in the future. This new financial situation forces us to choose even more carefully how to spend the money at our disposal and which priorities to set for our resources.

With this in mind, we have set goals for our budget:

- to budget in a way that is both sustainable and forward-looking
- to improve the transparency of our municipal budget
- to ensure investments are regularly reviewed for efficiency and the achievement of pre-determined targets, and to keep a close watch on any additional costs
- to make sure that running costs do not exceed our revenue
- to examine options for development of new industrial estates carefully, bearing in mind that our corporation tax revenue from the national budget has been capped and that new business areas involve additional burdens on infrastructure for our municipality
- to support start-ups e.g. by putting shared office space at their disposal

Sustainable Development

The 2016 General Development Plan serves as our guideline for planning municipal development in the best possible way. We need a clear strategy in order to shape municipal development that is sustainable and carbon-neutral.

The CSV stands for moderate population growth (1.5% per annum as outlined in 2008 by the municipality in the “pacte logement”) so that the necessary infrastructure can be procured in an acceptable timeframe and within the confines of sound budgeting.

Housing policy

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to develop housing in existing developments, by ensuring vacant lots are used up
- to preserve the historical character of our municipality when renovating or extending listed buildings
- to financially support the restoration of existing historical buildings
- to encourage the energy-efficient renovation of existing buildings and promote other energy saving measures in the municipality.

New housing developments

On land earmarked for development, an area of 50 hectares has not yet been used for construction. Construction in this area should proceed in a long-term phased approach.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to establish a project management team, to coordinate the more complex elements of development from planning to construction

- to expand construction of social housing
- to construct housing for younger people, to give them the chance to remain in our municipality
- to implement multi-generational housing projects
- to further develop sustainable and carbon-neutral housing
- to build attractive parks and green spaces, and introduce traffic calming measures in new housing developments

People

Social life

Our community is facing a profound demographic change: on the one hand there are ever more elderly people and on the other hand our community has become very multicultural.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to promote social cohesion across age groups
- to promote the integration of immigrants, this can only be achieved in co-operation with our citizens
- to promote inclusion of all, independent of age, sex, origin or income
- to create a sense of belonging for all, which means ensuring every person, disabled or not, can participate: at school, at work, in residential areas and at leisure activities
- to support the social office (CENTREST) to help people in need
- to expand our cooperation with the AIS (Agence Immobilière Sociale) to create affordable housing for disadvantaged families or refugees
- to continue to offer Luxembourgish classes

Families, Children, Youngsters, Elderly People

Families are the basis for the development of our municipality. The CSV stands for a policy that involves all generations.

Child Care

Our new Maison Relais, which includes a day-care centre, allows us to offer flexible day-care for children in the municipality.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to create additional places for children in our day care centre
- to strengthen the social and educational aptitude of our Maison Relais, and to ensure that our Maison Relais is as inclusive as possible
- to involve children and parents in the planning of safe play areas

Primary school

This school is an important component for successful learning and for the future.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to complete the renovation and extension of the former primary school “am Sand”, as well as to implement the energy efficient transformation of the building.
- to promote inclusion in the teaching of children
- to continue our financial support for homework supervision
- to encourage school sports
- to continue to promote the use of new technology in the school

Youngsters

Youth work is principally provided by our “Jugendhaus” and our local clubs. Working with youngsters ranks very highly among our priorities, be it in the field of sports, culture or other social activities.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to promote ongoing political participation among young people
- to prepare young people for the world of work by encouraging them to visit local businesses.
- to help youngsters resolve conflicts through mediation
- to continue supporting local clubs, especially those working with youngsters
- to continue offering summer jobs to students during school holidays

Elderly people

The achievements of our elderly generation deserve to be recognised by society as a whole.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to enable elderly people to remain as long as possible in their home environment
- to continue providing social assistance programmes at home (soins à domicile, repas sur roues), and also the services offered by CIGR for people above the age of 60
- to construct sheltered housing
- to implement the renovation of the “Syrdallheim” in an age-adapted manner.
- to extend facilities for people with dementia, and also the restaurant of the CIPA “Grengevald”

Integration

For many years, the municipality of Niederanven has been home to people from many different nationalities and origins. Integration has to be reciprocal and has to involve society as a whole; the integration of refugees into society has to be part of this.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to encourage togetherness in the municipality; in neighbourhoods, in day-care centres, in schools, in play areas, in clubs and associations

- to develop a spirit of welcoming and involving others (e.g. Multi-Kulti-events and neighbourhood street parties)
- to promote language classes for newcomers and to introduce a “parrainage linguistique”
- to provide housing for refugees and encourage them to get involved in the life of our community

Health

Physical activity, be it swimming, walking, cycling or running keeps us mentally fit and promotes good health. Sport is the best medicine for young and old alike.

In view of an aging population and the threat of a shortage of GPs, it is important to find ways of encouraging young doctors to settle in our municipality.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to run awareness campaigns, to help prevent lifestyle-related diseases and to encourage healthier eating habits
- to provide comprehensive medical care, as well as home visits to patients
- to consider purchasing or renting facilities to house a team of doctors

Clubs

An active, associative life is key for promoting cohesion in our community.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to continue encouraging and supporting local clubs
- to provide good facilities for sports and cultural associations
- to push toward completing the renovation of the “old” sports hall “Am Sand”
- to complete the multi-purpose hall next to the municipality for use by cultural clubs
- to start the transformation of the “Loisi” “am Sand”

Leisure activities

Leisure is an important part of our life. The CSV wants to ensure a large number of activities for all ages are available.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to continue offering a wide range of activities through the “Club senior”
- to continue encouraging the availability of sports activities (e.g. running, cycling, walking, swimming, roller skating, gymnastics for the elderly, dancing)
- to continue to support sports and cultural clubs financially, as well as supporting the music school for children and youngsters
- to continue to provides classes in languages, arts and crafts, drawing, IT, cooking, and expanding these activities further
- to promote tourist activities: e.g. walking, cycling, picnics through the newly established regional tourist office (Office Régional du Tourisme)

- to provide allotments for hobby gardeners within the municipality

Security and Public Order

Safety and ensuring a sense of security of our citizens rank very high in local politics.

All people in our community should be able to move freely and safely anywhere and at any time. The police and the municipal safety team (municipal traffic wardens?) play an important role in this respect.

The rescue services, in the form of the 'Centre d'Intervention et de Secours Niederrhein-Schuttrange', are an integral part of our safety strategy.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to ensure a continued police presence within our municipality
- to extend staff and services funding for the police
- to keep our police force readily available within the local area
- to reinforce the role of the "agent municipal"
- to improve road safety and prevent accidents, through mobile speed indicators
- to maintain the present high standard of our volunteer fire brigade and to support the "first responder"
- to optimise the cooperation between the fire brigade and the other rescue services within the framework of the "établissement public CGDIS"
- to construct a new fire station for the CISNS
- to encourage young people to join the voluntary fire brigade

Administration

As far as the administration of our municipality is concerned, we want to focus on the needs of our citizens.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to improve the digital communication, in order to enable citizens to better access online information and procedures
- to provide wifi in all municipality buildings and to plan the introduction of wifi hotspots
- to provide communal services "close to the citizen"
- to familiarise children with local politics and to enable them to represent their own views and interests in the children's council "Niedz4kidz"
- to promote and expand (in the framework of syndicates) inter-communal cooperation so as to improve efficiency and to reduce costs
- to continue encouraging our staff to work in a motivated and independent way
- to support transparency in administrative procedures

Citizen participation

We aim to have a municipality in which citizens have an active role to play. We want to create a lively community of citizens, we would like people to help shape our policies.

We wish to strengthen the part of citizens in our advisory committees. Therefore we are campaigning for a system in which every political party nominates one single representative (in addition to the chairman, who should be a member of the municipal council). The other representatives are to be nominated by the council, following a public call for nominations.

We want to reduce the number of committees to improve the way they work.

Apart from the legally required committees (education committee, rent assessment committee, integration committee), we would like to establish advisory committees for the following fields

- Municipal Finances
- Leisure time activities (sports and culture)
- Generations (youth, elderly people, social problems)
- Environment (sustainability, climate team)
- Housing

NATURE

Environmental policies

The protection of nature and the environment is fundamental for a worthwhile future and for the promotion of people's health. The municipality aims to set an example in this respect and works together closely with the biological section of the intercommunal syndicate SIAS.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to implement compensatory measures for building in and around villages
- to preserve, promote and care for orchard meadows, public green spaces and fields containing flowers
- to ensure conservation is promoted in residential areas
- to prevent the cultivation of genetically modified plants (GMO)

Climate change and energy

Climate change is threatening a lot of animal and plant species and represents a danger for mankind. A reduction in energy consumption is a first step towards protecting our climate. This is why our municipality has joined the Climate Pact.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to fully exploit all means of energy-reduction within the framework of the existing energy-consulting agency and of the municipal energy management
- to expand energy advice for private households
- to support the expansion of renewable energies, e.g. eco-power
- to create a regional co-operative which enables the inhabitants of the SIAS-municipalities to invest in renewable energies
- to equip public buildings with low-energy bulbs
- to encourage innovative energy strategies in new housing developments

- to introduce electric charging stations for cars as well as for e-bikes
- to help fund the modernisation of private buildings with regards to energy efficiency
- to expand local and district heating through decentralized facilities (wood or biogas)
- to continue and even extend the financial support of e-bikes
- to continue subsidising low-energy appliances
- to commence shifting the municipal vehicle fleet towards electric or hybrid propulsion methods
- to focus on the introduction of hybrid buses
- to encourage a shift towards products originating from regional or fair trade

Sustainable mobility

The impact of traffic on the environment and on human health is considerable. Therefore, a modern-day traffic and environmental policy must work hand in hand with the environment. We should attempt to combine the convenience of mobility with environmentally friendly technologies, such as electric vehicles and other innovations.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to develop an overall urban planning programme within the municipality as well as an efficient transport link to regional and national infrastructure
- to create optimum links of buses and bicycles to the new Tram due to run in Luxembourg City
- to study and possibly implement concepts like “car-sharing” and “car-pooling”
- to rely more on public transport and “soft” (carfree) mobility in the field of school transport

Water and waste water

Water is a vital and precious resource, but its management is cost-intensive.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to implement long-term and sustainable concepts for the protection of springs , as well as groundwater and streams
- to develop additional sources of drinking water within our municipality
- to build an additional water storage container on the site of the former shooting range in Senningerberg
- to build a new water storage container, in co-operation with the Government, near the airport
- to realise a comprehensive shift towards smart meters, which will result in much easier measurement of water consumption
- to push forward, together with the inter-communal SİDEST syndicate, the extension of the sewage treatment plant in Uebersyren
- to review water charges regularly to ensure that they continue to cover costs

Waste management

Waste management represents an important responsibility for the municipality. Waste disposal tends to be expensive and the reduction of waste is a target that is worth aiming for.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- to introduce the principle of cost recovery as far as residual waste (grey bin) is concerned, including a weighing system
- to extend the “recycling Centre” in Munsbach, in co-operation with SIAS, and to use it in a more sustainable way
- to modernise the green waste centre in Senningerberg and equip it with a barrier, to control entry
- to expand the door-to-door collection of glass, paper and, on request, bulky waste
- to widen the range of contents of the “Valorlux” bags
- to introduce a consulting agency “waste prevention, waste reduction”
- to back initiatives in the field of the “circular economy” and set an example as a municipality

INFRASTRUCTURE

Municipal buildings and infrastructure

The consistent modernisation or transformation of existing municipal buildings as well as the creation of new buildings is of crucial importance to us.

We propose the following for our municipality:

- in Oberanven:
 - to transform and redesign the “Loisi”
 - to complete the renovation work in the “old” sports hall
 - to expedite the expansion work on the dementia wing and the restaurant in the CIPA Grengewald
 - to equip the “Syrdallheim” with facilities adapted to the needs of elderly people
 - to convert the BHKW (cogeneration plant) to the use of wood pellets for the production of heat and electricity
 - to improve the footpath along the “Syrdallschwemm”, the “Centre les Arcades” up to the “route de Trèves” and to improve its safety profile.
- in Niederanven:
 - to redevelop, together with the Public Roads Department, the crossroads “route de Trèves, rue de Munsbach and “rue Laach”, in order to improve traffic safety
 - to create additional pedestrian crossings and introduce other road- safety measures
 - to implement the planned work on a walking and cycle path along the CR-132 Niederanven-Munsbach
- in Senningen:
 - to reclassify the “rue du Château” and make it a 30 km/h zone
 - to improve the appearance of the village square next to the “former” school
 - to redevelop the “rue de la Montagne”
 - to implement road safety measures within the village.
- in Senningerberg:
 - to push forward the construction of the new “voirie” building and of a new water storage tank on the site of the former shooting range

- to push, in co-operation with the Public Roads Department, for the construction of a new water storage tank at “Findel”
- to make sure that the traffic situation is improved and that measures in terms of construction are taken to achieve a clear separation between the village and “Höhenhof”
- to create separate bus, cycling and pedestrian lanes for the road section Senningerberg-Findel
- to build a noise barrier for the motorway and the airport
- in Hostert:
 - to introduce traffic calming measures in the “rue Andethana” through alternate-side parking
 - to build a new morgue and public lavatories at the cemetery
 - to renovate the listed historical chapel at the cemetery and turn it into a meditation room
 - to redevelop the square “op der Bunn” and create housing there
- in Rameldange:
 - to create a walking- and cycling path from the “Rëtsch” to the “Beiebiereg”
 - to initiate additional road safety measures
- in Ernster:
 - to implement new road safety and traffic-calming measures
 - to create new parking spaces in the village centre
 - to build a sports ground behind the children’s play area.