

# MIR SCHAFFEN ZUKUNFT

NOUS CONSTRUISONS L'AVENIR  
NÓS CONSTRUÍMOS O FUTURO  
WE ARE SHAPING THE FUTURE



> Our Manifesto for the Commune of Contern



Dear fellow citizens,

On June 11th, we have the opportunity as voters to shape the future of our commune with our vote.

As déi gréng, we have critically but constructively accompanied the policy of the alderman's council and its majority over the past six years. As an opposition party, it was not our intention to be simply against decisions, but to engage in constructive work for the benefit of all citizens.

Our candidates are highly motivated and have extensive experience and knowledge in various areas. They all stand for a common goal: to shape a better future for our commune and its citizens.

We see many good reasons why you should vote for déi gréng in our commune.

We stand for environmental protection, renewable energy, and sustainable infrastructure at the local level. Also, we advocate for social justice, affordable housing, better education, and public transportation.

We want to make our commune ready for the future and offer a high quality of life, with energy-efficient construction, climate-friendly mobility, and vibrant villages. We stand for an open and tolerant society and aim to create a respectful coexistence for all people in our community.

In our manifesto, you will find ten topic areas based on our main election manifesto. You will find our proposals and ideas for the next six years to implement our vision of a better future for all people.

We hope for your votes on June 11th and look forward to shaping a green future - together with you - based on a sustainable, social, and just society.

déi gréng Center

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**Jean-Jacques dit Ari  
ARRENSDORFF**

Conseiller communal  
Employé de banque e.r.  
62 ans  
Moutfort



**Anja  
COUTELIER**

Femme au foyer  
51 ans  
Contern



**Lydie  
ARRENSDORFF-DUMONT**

Retraitée  
62 ans  
Moutfort



**Eric  
CORRIGNAN**

Conseiller Environnemental  
45 ans  
Moutfort



**Thierry  
COUTELIER**

Ingénieur  
54 ans  
Contern



**Natalie  
EBERT**

Gérante Administration de Fonds  
45 ans  
Moutfort



**Anna  
FOX**

Employée privée  
54 ans  
Moutfort



**Toinon  
HAAN-SCHMIT**

Professeure  
41 ans  
Oetrange



**Frédéric  
JUSTE**

Fonctionnaire de l'UE  
53 ans  
Moutfort



**Alina  
RACHIERU**

Logistics Business Manager  
43 ans  
Moutfort



**Ewald  
RÖLL**

Comptable e.r.  
71 ans  
Oetrange



## 1. Shaping the future with a clean, safe and affordable energy supply

déi gréng aim to fully harness the potential of renewable energy and actively involve our citizens in the climate transition by planning for energy efficiency, energy autonomy, and climate neutrality.

In addition to the energy-efficient renovation of municipal buildings, we will expand financial support for citizens.

Through targeted measures such as a carbon-neutral school campus and the promotion of educational activities on sustainable development for children and young people, we aim to promote more resource-efficient behaviour in our commune.

Our measures include:

- Intelligently controlled LED street lighting
- Improvement of the commune's energy management
- Fully utilizing the potential for solar and wind energy, i.e. balcony and micro-installations
- Making municipal surfaces available for community photovoltaic installations
- Financial support for households in the area of renewable energy, in addition to national incentives
- Creating a guide on all possible financial incentives offered by the commune to citizens.

## 2. Shaping the future by protecting against the consequences of the climate crisis

Given the climate crisis, it is crucial to take action to protect ourselves and our environment from the impacts of climate change. To achieve our climate goals, we need to drastically reduce our emissions and promote renewable energy sources.

To protect ourselves from the consequences of climate change, such as droughts, floods, and natural disasters, we want to create municipal planning instruments that can be quickly implemented when needed.

Our measures include:

- Consequently implement the measures proposed in the commune of Contern's concept for climate adaptation
- Create a participatory vision of "Gemeng Contern 2050" linked to the climate issue
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% every 5 years, as stipulated in the Climate Alliance 2.0
- Establish an in-depth balance sheet of the commune's emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases
- Create cooling relief areas through consistent greening of public spaces
- Establishing natural flood areas, near-natural water retention basins, overflow basins, and other infrastructure according to the "sponge city" principle
- Putting up a heat action plan and a strategy to prevent forest fires
- Creating a flood protection plan and investing in specialized materials for flood protection

### 3. Shaping the future with green urbanism, affordable housing and clean mobility

Quality of life equals more nature in our villages, more space for people, and inviting public spaces.

We apply the highest ecological, energy, and health standards in the planning and construction of new residential areas and public construction projects while being cost-conscious.

We mobilize the commune-owned land and housing potentials to create affordable housing.

Our measures include:

- The Commune actively participates in the national inventory of monument protection and selectively acquires protected houses to convert them into social/affordable housing or other public or non-profit use after energy-efficient renovation.
- Smart densification and mobilizing of vacant housing and building gaps to create affordable housing
- We want to distribute the commune's investments more fairly across all villages.
- Enable modular buildings and Tiny Houses
- Support both housing groups and cooperatives as well as promote shared living and multi-generational houses
- Long-term structural measures to keep speeds down
- Create shared spaces in Moutfort and Medingen
- Provide enough bike-friendly infrastructure
- Convert the commune's vehicle fleet to 100% electric vehicles
- Install more public charging infrastructure for electric vehicles
- Rely on regional collaboration to provide e-bike rental stations
- Support car-sharing and car-pooling, as well as other alternatives to owning a car

### 4. Shaping the future with local circular economies and with diverse and attractive businesses

We actively promote local sustainable economic development and strive for a circular economy based on a zero-waste strategy and the cradle-to-cradle principle as a guiding principle. We place great emphasis on conserving resources and avoiding waste.

Our measures include:

- The commune should act as the first customer to promote the local and organic production of food by supporting small producers.
- The commune gives preference to organic, seasonal, and regional food as well as sustainable and fair trade goods.
- Taking into account the reparability of devices in procurement
- Supporting the conversion of the SIAS recycling park into a resource center with second-hand and repair café structures
- Promoting local tool rental and creating contact points for repair and reuse offerings
- Creating a free "search/offer" section for citizens in the "Connect"
- Supporting initiatives and organizations that promote circular economy and waste prevention
- Creating a concept for implementing legal requirements for waste prevention and separation in apartment buildings.
- We want to ensure that the commune continues to maintain the Fairtrade certification and thus supports fair trade.

## 5. Shaping the future by conserving our natural resources

### 5.1. We preserve the plant and animal diversity within our villages by consistently greening public spaces.

An intact nature is the foundation for all living beings. To maintain clean drinking water, clean air to breathe, and fresh fruits and vegetables for healthy nutrition, we must better protect our natural environment and water resources.

Public spaces such as playgrounds, schoolyards, and parking lots are designed in a nature-oriented manner by integrating hedges and dry stone walls to promote the diversity of flora and fauna. We particularly emphasize on sensitizing children to nature conservation and want to create nature and culture paths.

To allow the cultivation of one's own vegetables and fruits in urban environments, we support projects of solidarity agriculture to promote a sustainable supply with regional products.

To protect our environment, we do not carry out a blanket expansion of our building perimeter and prevent unnecessary additional surface sealing. We create green belts around our villages and protect communal forests.

To monitor the effects of the climate crisis on our forest stock, we implement a monitoring and take targeted measures within the framework of climate and nature pacts.

Our measures include:

- Protecting valuable trees in urban areas by means of a tree register
- Allowing citizens to take on tree or green space sponsorships, which they manage biologically, in order to establish projects such as "urban gardening" and the "edible city"
- Creating flower and wildflower beds or meadows on as many larger and smaller public spaces as possible and thus ensuring large-scale, nature-oriented greening according to established guidelines
- Planting fruit and nut trees on public spaces and allowing citizens to benefit from them within the framework of the "Gielt Band" initiative
- Expanding school gardens and raised beds for herbs as well as promoting events such as the "Dag am Bësch"
- Dismantling the commune's gravel gardens and supporting citizens in dismantling their existing gravel gardens for an environmentally friendly alternative
- Designating natural forest reserves and continuing to certify communal forests with the FSC label
- Establish a specific section on nature conservation in the "Connect"

### 5.2. We conserve important resources through modern waste and water management and improve water quality.

We strive for a sustainable and safe supply of drinking water and modern, resilient wastewater treatment plants. To achieve this, we strengthen our infrastructure and invest in modern technologies, as well as in the renaturation of rivers, streams and riverbanks.

To track our waste reduction strategy, we conduct regular monitoring. At all municipal facilities and events such as community festivals or sporting events, we implement exemplary waste reduction and sorting.

At the same time, we are committed to responsible water consumption and continuously work on the renovation and digitization of our municipal water supply network.

Our measures include:

- Protecting municipal drinking water springs through consistent reduction of pesticides and chlorine use while examining the reactivation of the "Stouwelsboesch" spring
- Continuously promoting the use of rainwater
- Reducing the use of road salt in public spaces
- The commune only uses natural fertilizers, plant material without pesticides, and seed without problematic coatings
- Making sure that the granting of financial support complies with the criteria of our climate charter, which is based on the recommendations of the "Green Events" guide
- Encouraging citizens to save water through information campaigns
- Implementing measures to reduce the commune's own water consumption at all levels

## 6. Shaping the future with a good way of life and strong healthcare provision

A healthy living environment with clean air, as well as peaceful and attractive recreational areas, is important for our health and well-being.

We want to support our local sports clubs

A regional assistance program should offer elderly people support at home to live independently. Together we can build a community where each individual can fulfil their needs.

Our measures include:

- Improving local air quality through greening and tree planting
- Sensitization initiatives and noise protection measures along busy roads
- Abolishing gasoline leaf blowers
- Promoting walks, hikes, and outdoor sports
- Supporting initiatives against loneliness and gradual loss of autonomy in old age
- Supporting the development of a centrally located medical center
- Introducing a pilot project for a "community health nurse"
- Incorporating mental health first aid courses into traditional first aid courses

## 7. Shaping the future with child- and family-friendly municipalities

Dei greng are committed to creating a child- and family-friendly commune. Providing an optimal environment for all children to develop and supporting parents in their role is equally important to us. We advocate for barrier-free and inclusive schools, as well as sufficient childcare places. Healthy food in canteens and Maison Relais is important to us.

Networking between care facilities and local actors facilitates the implementation of the "Plan de Développement Scolaire" and creates synergies. The well-being and future of children and young people are our top priorities.

Our measures include:

- Offering more flexible childcare options for parents working in shifts and ensuring support for single parents
- Working with the newly created regional parents' forum and networking it with municipal contacts in the children and youth sector
- Offering healthy, seasonal, regional, vegan, and vegetarian food without genetically modified organisms in our canteens and favoring certified organic and fair trade products
- Actively fighting against food waste in the commune
- Promoting access to culture, sports, music schools, and nature through joint projects and initiatives between care facilities and local associations
- Offering inclusive and nature-based summer activities
- Promoting interactive playgrounds, natural and green schoolyards with sufficient shade, and good inclusive sports infrastructure
- Supporting and expanding pedagogical concepts or approaches in schools, based on nature and using the forest as a valuable educational place to learn in and with nature
- Actively promoting traffic education in childcare facilities and schools
- Creating exchange forums and democratic participation opportunities such as children/youth municipal councils, youth forums, or workshops for our younger citizens and accompanying and supporting initiatives of our young citizens
- Ensuring that children and young people from low-income households can also participate in social, sports, and cultural activities
- Organizing multilingual events more frequently

## 8. Shaping the future with a strong element of social cohesion

déi gréng strive for a socially just and inclusive society, in which we guarantee all people a dignified and safe home and offer them supportive care for new opportunities in life.

We want to help everyone find employment and prevent poverty and social emergencies by offering advice and financial support, as well as ensuring equal opportunities and equal participation in social life. We stand for togetherness in a multicultural society where gender equality and protection against discrimination are taken for granted.

We are committed to keeping seniors healthy, mobile, and autonomous as they age, enabling them to actively participate in social and cultural life. We want to promote a vibrant club life and diverse cultural, sports, and leisure activities for all.

Our measures:

- Investing in social rental housing
- Prioritizing leasehold contracts in housing construction by the commune
- assist in the placement of private social housing and cooperate with certified private players active in the field of housing assistance.
- The commune takes responsibility for targeting youth unemployment
- Drawing up a municipal social plan through an autonomous social commission with the aim of preventing exclusion and poverty
- Ensuring transparency, low bureaucracy, and coherence in social assistance through the regional social office, and providing information on services and important contacts in multiple languages
- Ensuring accessibility in public spaces and commune-owned buildings
- Creating jobs in administration and technical services to employ job seekers with disabilities

- Signing the "Pact of Living Together" and promoting systematic exchanges and encounters among all citizens through cultural activities, festivals, regular meetings, and language cafes.
- Always communicating in multiple languages
- Ensuring an attractive and dignified implementation of secular ceremonies
- Providing free hygiene products such as tampons and pads, as well as contraceptives such as condoms in public toilets
- Naming streets, buildings, or infrastructures after women
- Expanding targeted sports, movement, and cultural activities for seniors, while taking into account their mobility needs
- Including seniors in planning and decision-making processes
- Recognizing the importance of clubs for our village life, including awarding and supporting club activities with subsidies and project funding based on transparent criteria.
- Offering adequate infrastructure and meeting rooms, as well as a place in local communication platforms including the internet
- Developing a municipal cultural development plan
- Continuing to support the International Comic Festival in Contern as an internationally outstanding cultural highlight.
- Supporting the establishment of a public comic library and the creation of a National Centre for Comics.
- Hiring a librarian/archivist for the comic library and the municipal archive
- Promoting cultural activities in primary schools, care structures, and youth centres.

## 9. Shaping the future in a safe environment and with good neighbourliness

déi gréng stand for a free, secure, open, and democratic society in which the safety and physical integrity of everyone is guaranteed.

The protection of our fundamental rights is particularly important to us.

Preventive measures and expansion of social and common services are important to prevent crime and strengthen the sense of security.

Our measures include:

- Enhancing good neighbourly relations by deliberately creating opportunities and places where neighbours can get to know each other (e.g., village or street festivals, "Noperschaftsfest")
- Implementing a project to create designated dog playgrounds in public green spaces with the aim of preserving fun, social contacts, and the safety of other park areas
- Providing mediators to resolve neighbourhood conflicts
- Establishing a local security plan ("Plan local de sécurité")
- Adapting the commune's "Règlement de police" to the enlarged area of responsibility of the "agents municipaux"
- Establishing a municipal regulation, taking into account the "right to be forgotten" for the surveillance cameras and installing lawful signage.
- Restructuring unsafe public places to avoid areas of fear.
- Creating a modern, functional emergency centre for the CGDIS.

## 10. Shaping the future with people-friendly local authorities and participative democracy

A lively democracy means that each and every one of us can participate in political decisions affecting our lives.

A fundamental prerequisite for genuine and successful citizen participation is transparent, open, and inclusive communication to inform citizens comprehensively and in a timely manner, particularly by making use of digital means to provide up-to-date information.

This enables citizens to actively participate in political processes and represent their interests and needs.

Our measures include:

- Creating representative citizen councils, staffed according to age, gender, and nationality, that directly and regularly exchange views with political and administrative representatives of the commune
- Advisory commissions should have equal representation and make sure that, in addition to political representatives, local associations and interested citizens are also involved
- A citizen's budget allows residents to propose and decide on their own projects of general interest for improving the living environment and coexistence
- The solvency of the commune within a stable municipal budget should be ensured by sufficient free reserves in the ordinary budget
- The finance commission should be involved in the preparation of the municipal budget and should carry out a quarterly monitoring of the municipal budget
- Supporting citizen initiatives, such as local transition movements, community initiatives, cooperatives, and others
- Creating incentives for political participation
- Organizing multilingual citizen assemblies early on about important questions or projects and publishing important documents on the commune's website
- The opening hours of the administration are tailored to the needs of the population
- Providing extensive information on the work of the mayor and alderman council, the municipal council, the advisory commissions, and the municipal services
- All decisions and reports of the municipal council should be available on the commune's website in several languages, as well as in easy language
- Guaranteeing a real analytical report of the Council sessions
- Making reports from advisory commissions accessible online
- Assigning a participatory editorial team with the creation of the "Connect"
- Grant the various political parties the opportunity to express themselves on given topics according to established rules in the "Connect"

