

Election programme dei gréng Mamer

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1. Energy and protection against climate crisis

Déi gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a climate-neutral commune, while respecting the objectives of the Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP);

We will promote, 100 % renewable energy, reduction of local energy consumption and exploitation of full potential of the renewable energy use and storage in Mamer;

- **In order to become energy self-sufficient, we recommend the installation of two wind turbines in our commune by supporting the model of an energy cooperative to directly involve the residents of our commune;**
- The commune, through its energy advisor, will play a proactive role in advising households, particularly the low-income households, on how to renovate their houses and buy more energy-efficient household appliances, in particular as regards municipal subsidies and how to apply for these subsidies.
- **We will involve citizens in the climate transition** by making municipal land available for collective projects (e.g., cooperatives) and by encouraging renewable energy communities within the commune and beyond. Households will receive municipal financial support for the installation of photovoltaic panels on roofs, balconies and facades.
- **We will adapt outdated municipal building and other related regulations to bring them in line with the requirements of the energy transition.** We will adapt them to the current renewable energy technological possibilities and remove

barriers to the use of these technologies, for example in the case of solar photovoltaic panels installed on private roofs.

- **We will supervise new building development projects to ensure that they are climate neutral, energy self-sufficient and as energy efficient as possible.**
- We will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency by establishing a concept of sustainable energy renovation of all municipal buildings.
- **We will support educational action in the field of sustainable development** among young people and children in our commune.

2. Nature conservation and biodiversity protection

Over the next six years, déi gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a nature friendly commune. We will implement the Nature Pact, signed on 10 December 2021 by the municipal council. We will fight against the destruction of natural habitats, and do our utmost in preserving our natural resources and our biodiversity.

- We will not endorse any **extension of the building perimeter, except in cases of greater general interest.**
- **We will systematically create green spaces in our localities**, with more shrubs, hedges and tall trees as well as more quality green verges along streets and pavements.
- **We will make sure to respect the nature when designing public spaces such as playgrounds, school yards and parking lots**, by planting native and site-appropriate shade-providing shrubs, bushes, hedges and full-sized trees. We will use a tree registry to protect valuable trees in urban areas and offer the citizens with possibilities to sponsor trees and plants.
- **We will give more space to our rivers and streams by renaturing them.** If necessary, we will repurpose land to create additional natural floodplains, design natural water retention basins and nature-friendly infrastructure. We will install stormwater overflow basins, as required by wastewater management.
- **We will integrate biotopes, such as hedges and dry-stone walls, into public spaces.** We will create flowerbeds and/or meadows of wild and planted flowers in small as well as large public areas, for example along the pavements, bicycle lanes and streets, in round-about islands, on playgrounds and in cemeteries. We will do this by preferring the use of native plants and nature-friendly crops. We will install nesting aids for birds and bats in their habitat and create breeding opportunities for wild bees, hedgehogs and salamanders as well as install insect hotels and beehives.
- **We will take part in projects such as *Urban Gardening* and *Essbare Stadt (edible city)***, developing municipal community gardens, school gardens and raised

herbs beds, planting fruit and nut trees on public land and making them available to our citizens as part of the *Gielt Band* (yellow ribbon) campaign.

- **We will support cooperative farming projects** and provide land for organic/bio cultivation.
- **We will prevent unnecessary waterproofing of additional areas by amending municipal regulations.**
- **We will contribute to the protection of national nature reserves and will designate important local areas as municipal conservation areas.** We will proactively support the protection of flora and fauna, for example by actively participating in the implementation of Natura 2000 management plans and action plans for endangered species and habitats. We will also create a land pool within the commune for compensation and land swaps with landowners of areas or biotopes which are important for nature conservation.
- We will offer **advice to households, farmers and businesses in industrial and economic areas on the development of nature friendly green spaces** and about available financial support.
- **We will take action against light pollution.** By using energy and luminous efficient lighting as well as motion detectors, we will reduce electricity consumption and be more environmentally friendly. We will also reduce decorative lighting of buildings and monuments.
- **We will fight littering in public space.** We will increase the number of waste bins with separation system in public areas. In addition, we will organize public information and awareness-raising campaigns. We will involve volunteers and committed citizens in our efforts through clean up actions.
- **We will put in place a local waste prevention strategy:** our long-term goal is to achieve a circular economy, where resources currently thrown away will be reused. We will reward businesses and citizens who reduce their waste.
- **We will carry out exemplary waste prevention and sorting in all municipal facilities and at community festivals or sports events.** We will support local associations' events by providing public facilities (e.g. dishwashing carts). At the same time, we will make financial support conditional on compliance with the criteria of the Municipal Charter, which follows the recommendations of the *Green Events* Guide, for climate-friendly and environmentally-friendly events.

3. Housing, urban planning and infrastructure

Over the next six years, dei gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a green commune where it is good to live:

- Over the next six years, dei gréng Mamer will implement the "**housing pact**" to significantly increase the number of affordable housing in our commune.

- **We will create social and affordable housing by repurposing all potential building land and housing owned by the commune** within the building perimeter (vacant lots, buildings and vacant houses/apartments). We will simplify the requirements of the PAG (Plan d'aménagement général - general development plan) concerning the creation of affordable housing in terms of housing density, volume and mix coefficients. We will work with national agencies (Fonds de logement, Société nationale des habitations à bon marché, Agence immobilière sociale) to provide
 - o Shared housing (Wohngemeinschaft – WG); projects for young people aged 18-27 based on the Jugendwunnen model;
 - o social and affordable houses/apartments of different sizes, an offer adapted to all family situations, including, for example, shared housing projects for single people;
 - o "Housing first", emergency and permanent housing for vulnerable people.
- **We will promote modular buildings and *tiny houses***, in particular on vacant lots and temporarily unoccupied building sites, by adapting municipal construction regulations, simplifying administrative procedures and ensuring that a residence can be registered with the commune on these semi-temporary housing solutions.
- **We will promote shared housing and multi-generational houses**, as well as integrated housing. We will adapt local development plans and building regulations to enable these alternative forms of housing.
- We will set up **a housing service** assisted by **a housing counsellor** to support the commune in the development and implementation of a local housing strategy, the "PAL".
- We will make a provision for **around 15 % of the "extraordinary budget" of the commune to be utilized for the creation and purchase of affordable housing** in Partial Development Plans (PAP - Plans d'aménagement particuliers) and for the energy renovation of these buildings.
- **We will demonstrate that we take our commune's responsibility for protecting historical buildings, village centres and neighbourhoods seriously** by taking action within the framework of the general development plan. We will ensure that the commune buys listed/protected houses in a targeted way in order to convert them into social/affordable housing or to develop in other public use premises (third places, small organic food shops, offices, etc.). To boost people's appreciation of our cultural heritage, we will inform people of their rights, obligations and opportunities concerning the protection of listed buildings and sites.
- **We will ensure more efficient land use through smart densification**, release of vacant units in the market and the development of unbuilt plots in our localities and neighborhoods. We will revise the development plans and building regulations with a view of avoiding the need for excavation works or at least to investigate the possibility of, or prescribing, the re-use of excavated material on site.
- **We will adapt parking space management and the proportion of parking spaces required to the number of housing units to today's needs.** In new and alternative projects, we will reduce the number of parking spaces per housing unit and

thus the number of parking spaces while grouping parking spaces in carports. Rather than building underground car parks requiring extensive excavation work, we will give priority to multi-storey above-ground car parks. These are much cheaper and can be used for other purposes if necessary, and the building components can be re-used.

- **We will install water dispensers in and around public buildings to provide convenient access to drinking water for all on a daily basis.**

4. Mobility

Over the next six years, dei gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a commune with safe and inter-connected bicycle and pedestrian lanes, and low speed zones in residential neighbourhoods and village centres.

- **We will ensure that traffic in residential areas is slowed down** by creating zones of 30 km/h, shared space and cycling streets as well as by reducing unnecessary transit traffic. We will promote **the implementation of shared-space areas in the centres of the 3 villages of our communes.** The aim is to enable children and the elderly in particular to travel safely in public space.
- **We will leave much more space for cyclists and pedestrians, thus significantly increasing their safety.** To this end, we will create a coherent municipal and regional network of safe bicycle and pedestrian lanes, separated as far as possible from motorised traffic and connected to the national bicycle lane network. We will make the local bicycle paths an integral part of the commune's PAG. We will put in place directional signposting of bicycle routes.
- We will **set minimum quotas for bicycle parking in residences** and quality bicycle parking spaces in all public establishments, i.e. sheltered from the weather or indoors; offer showers and changing rooms with lockers in the same establishments.
- We will redesign **public spaces according to the "design for all" concept** and ensure that public places comply with the law on accessibility for persons with reduced mobility as soon as possible.
- **We will introduce an item for pedestrian and bicycle paths in the municipal budget,** enabling the municipal administration to react quickly and without red tape to user complaints and to make selective improvements to pedestrian and bicycle lanes.
- **We will ensure safe, dry and lockable bicycle parking spaces near** all public buildings, sports grounds, social services and train stations and in residential areas. We will also provide, in the municipal regulations, for parking spaces for bicycles at new commercial and residential buildings, as well as within the economic activity zones, and will ensure clear signage of bicycle routes to the important facilities, services, stores, tourist attractions, etc.
- **At construction sites and road works, we will systematically think of cyclists and pedestrians** by ensuring that safe diversions are properly marked and

signposted. In winter and in bad weather, we will ensure that the snow clearance service proceeds with the snow removal and clearing of pavements and bicycle paths without delay.

- We will set up '**vélos- bus**' to supplement the 'pedi-bus' offer
- **We will provide sufficient electric charging stations for electric bicycles and cars in public spaces**, including on parking bays for people with disabilities.
- **We will promote car-sharing and car-pooling concepts in our commune** by, for example, providing car-sharing vehicles at central locations of the commune and in residential areas, clearly marking car-pooling parking spaces, and thus creating attractive alternatives to owning a car.

5. Local economy

Déi gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a commune that strengthens local economic circuits, by supporting diversified and attractive local craft, commercial and industrial activities and firmly focusing on the circular economy as a model for the future:

- **We will strengthen local economic circuits** by supporting exchanges between different economic players and helping them, for example, in waste management.
- **We will support innovative start-ups and initiatives**, especially in sustainability and circular economy, by providing space, support and helping them to harness synergies with local cultural and creative players.
- **We will support restaurants, cafés and cultural institutions** by providing public spaces for the organisation of temporary eco-friendly events.
- **We will develop the possibilities of repairing, borrowing, exchanging and donating products in our commune.** We will transform recycling centres into resource centres, with second hand and Repair Café structures. In addition, we will support local "libraries" offering tools (e.g. drills) that citizens can borrow.

6. Family, Education, Children and Youth

Déi Gréng Mamer will work hard for a commune that meets the needs of children and parents. We will provide children with an environment that allows them to develop optimally and support parents in their important roles:

- We will adapt the buildings of the Capellen primary School to the growing number of children and examine an extension with view of maintaining the local cultural heritage context.

- We will support parents by offering **more flexible childcare options at local/regional level (parental assistant/Daageselteren) to parents working in shifts.**
- We will organise special first aid courses geared to baby and toddler care.
- We will work closely with the newly created regional parents' forum and link it with the municipal contact persons in the field of children and youth.
- **We will create a diverse range of counselling and continuous education opportunities for families** by funding and raising awareness of initiatives such as family support, parenting schools and counselling opportunities for young parents, such as BabyPlus.
- **We will guarantee the creation of sufficient childcare places.** By planning smart buildings based on pedagogical principles, we will also create short distances and synergies between schools and care structures.
- **Using a well-thought-out contract with potential service providers, we will ensure that children are offered healthy, seasonal, regional, vegetarian and organic GMO-free food options in our school canteens and Maisons Relais (SEA); for non-regional products (e.g. cocoa), we will use fair trade products.** In general, we will also take action against food waste in public canteens. Children will have a choice of menus.

We will support inclusive and accessible schools for people with disabilities and pay attention to infrastructure elements such as *Design for all*, flexibility of use, soundproofing, sufficient outdoor light, outdoor classrooms, places of retreat, multifunctional rooms, equipment such as Airtramp, spaces designed for Snoezelen (controlled multi-sensory stimulation practice), psychomotor rooms, school libraries, music and theatre rooms, workshops, creative spaces and multimedia libraries.

- **We will support schools and childcare** facilities in organising projects that enable children to discover local businesses, shops and the services sector and attract interest in related professions.
- **We will strengthen links between childcare facilities and local associations** and facilitate access to culture, sport, music schools and nature through joint initiatives and projects. When childcare facilities want to organise visits to nature and forest with their groups or classes, we will guarantee and fund their transport of such trips.
- **We will offer inclusive, nature-friendly and participatory vacation activities during the summer holidays,** building on synergies and cooperation with the institutions, services, businesses and associations of the commune.
- **We will assist teaching and management staff in implementing the PDS** (School Development Plan - "Plan de développement scolaire") and we will ensure that the commune is involved as a constructive partner. At the same time, we will strengthen the links between formal and non-formal education.
- **We will systematically focus on physical, play and learning activities outdoors.** Interactive, green, nature-based school playgrounds with sufficient shade,

sports facilities and high-quality sports infrastructure are all essential elements to encourage physical activity.

- **We will explore the possibility of establishing inclusive outdoor kindergartens or childcare facilities while** creating smaller and nature-based learning spaces in primary schools to enable learning in and with nature (forest classrooms, school gardens, etc.).
- **We will actively promote traffic education in childcare facilities and at school**, to increase children's awareness of safety and sustainable mobility issues.
- **We take the mental and physical well-being of children and young people very seriously** and we will ensure the best conditions for high-quality "médecine scolaire". We will expand the provision of first aid and violence prevention courses, raising awareness about the importance of mental health and providing information about help services.
- We take the needs and rights of children and young people seriously and create forums for exchange and democratic participation opportunities for our younger citizens in the form of **children/youth community councils, youth forums or interactive workshops**.
- **We will provide special support to children and young people from low-income households** to ensure that they can participate in social, sporting and cultural activities.
- **We will support associations active in youth work and we will encourage projects and initiatives dedicated to sustainable development, creativity, social cohesion and democracy**. We will focus on ideas and initiatives emanating from children and young people themselves by providing support and assistance in terms of practical implementation.

Over the next six years, déi Gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a health-promoting commune:

- **We will ensure air quality** and the **right to peace and quiet**: Overall, we will reduce motorised individual traffic in our localities, relying on low-car and car-free zones, on speed limitation to 30 km/h, shared spaces and better cycling infrastructure.
- **We will maintain and expand attractive community-based amenity areas, parks and woodland** to encourage outdoor physical activity. For example, we will create fitness trails to encourage "cardio" activities in the open air for those who want to keep fit.
- **We will support our local sports clubs without neglecting recreational sports activities**. We will offer a wide range of recreational sports activities and courses, especially for children and senior citizens. The new school swimming pool will be open to the public outside school hours. Certain time slots will be reserved for seniors and swimming lessons.

7. Living together, good neighbourliness and social inclusion

Over the next six years, déi gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a commune that enables people to live with dignity and participate in a diverse society.

- **We will invest in the creation of social rental housing** and support social housing projects. To do so, the commune will make use of available state aid.
- **We will help people get social private housing** and work with AIS (Agence Immobilière Sociale - Social Real Estate Agency) and other associations and organisations active in the field of housing assistance. At the same time, we will keep an inventory of vacant houses, while putting their owners in touch with AIS.
- **We will show solidarity with those who have had to flee their homeland** and provide suitable facilities to accommodate refugees. We will encourage volunteers' efforts to assist them. To facilitate the integration of children, we will provide the necessary premises and hire additional educational staff.
- **We will support, through the Social Office, the professional integration of beneficiaries of the Social Inclusion Income (REVIS – Revenu d'Inclusion sociale)** by providing stabilisation measures and a sufficient amount of work of collective utility.
- **We will develop a municipal social plan aimed at preventing exclusion and poverty.** This plan will include stocktaking of the social situation and specific needs in the various neighbourhoods or localities and will list the specific aid and instruments offered to people in difficult situations, while providing for a broad information policy on the social benefits existing in the commune, as well as a municipal programme to prevent and combat poverty.
- **We will provide, through the Social Office, transparent, coherent and unbureaucratic administrative support.** The commune will provide comprehensive, multilingual and easily understandable information on the services offered and the main contact points, including at regional and national level.
- We will help set up a social grocery shop ("Épicerie sociale") or a "Cent Buttek" shop in our commune or region to reduce food expenses for low-income households, and we will provide them with continuous support.
- **We will remove physical barriers in public space and buildings to make them accessible to people with reduced mobility.** We will also place great emphasis on barrier-free communication for people visually or hearing impaired. The main documents and forms will be translated into several languages and also into easy language.
- **We will sign *the Pakt vum Zesummeliewen (pact of living together)*** and we will initiate systematic exchanges and meetings in the commune between all citizens, for example in the context of cultural visits or local festivals, or by creating meeting places, conversation tables and language cafés.

- The commune will provide information in several languages and, **at public events, will offer simultaneous interpreting.**
- **We will guarantee a dignified and attractive setting for secular ceremonies,** such as PACS (civil partnerships) ceremonies, weddings in alternative locations or funerals at a woodland burial site; we will also make sure that these ceremonies can take place on weekends.
- We will formulate guidelines for “gender mainstreaming” with a view to the gender-sensitive planning of public spaces that takes into account the needs of all citizens.
- We will promote in schools, care facilities and youth centres, the organisation of information projects and actions on gender identity, sexual orientation and gender equality.
- We will ensure that **hygiene products**, such as tampons or sanitary pads, and contraceptives such as condoms are made available free of charge in all public toilets.
- We will ensure that **streets, buildings or infrastructure** are also named after women.
- **We acknowledge the enormous importance of clubs and associations for local life and will support their activities through grants and project funds** which will be allocated according to transparent criteria. We will also support our associations by providing them with appropriate facilities and meeting rooms and by ensuring their visibility in local communications, including on the Internet.
- **We will draw up a municipal cultural development plan** and create synergies between the municipal service responsible for culture, the Committee on Cultural Affairs and associations and structures. We will ensure that all levels of society, along with schools, care structures, youth centres and artists are involved in the process, and will focus on inter-municipal cooperation and regional exchanges.

Over the next six years, déi gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a safe commune, strengthening prevention work, guaranteeing public order and making public space safe:

- **We will formulate a local security plan for our commune** in collaboration with the police, the relevant municipal services and municipal agents (“agents municipaux”) in particular. We will identify possible risk factors and will adapt the plan regularly.
- **We will strengthen good neighbourliness:** we will increase citizens’ sense of security by promoting initiatives aimed at creating places and opportunities for neighbours to get to know each other (e.g. *Duerfstuff* or *Quartiersstuff*, i.e. meeting places for the inhabitants of a village or neighbourhood, neighbourhood parties or *Noperschaftsfest*, i.e. Neighbours’ Day).
- **We will systematically restructure unsafe public spaces so that there are no places where people feel unsafe.** We will increase the attractiveness of these public places to make them more animated, and will ensure their good maintenance, adequate lighting and visibility.

8. Citizen service, communication and participation

Over the next six years, déi gréng Mamer will work decisively towards a transparent commune that listens to citizens, where citizen participation is a top priority and the opportunities offered by digitalisation are used to serve citizens well:

- **We will promote innovative forms of direct citizen participation** by creating representative citizens councils, staffed according to criteria relating to age, gender and nationality, which will exchange information directly and regularly with representatives of the council executive (the municipal council and local officials - Collège des bourgmestre et échevins), and which will be involved in decision-making.
- **As part of the municipal budget, we will reserve financial resources for a citizens' budget** enabling residents to propose their own projects of general interest aimed at improving living conditions and living together, and to decide by voting for their favourite projects.
- **We will support citizens' personal engagement and new forms of citizens' initiatives**, such as local transition movements, community initiatives, cooperatives, etc., by providing them with financial and administrative support.
- **We will involve the population at an early stage in major projects, such as construction projects or the introduction of new regulations.** To this end, we will organise citizens' meetings and publish important documents on the commune's website.
- **We will take into account the linguistic diversity and preferences of the local population**, ensuring that all communications and publications of the commune are available in several languages and that information sessions are likewise held in several languages.
- **We will expand the range of Luxembourgish language courses.**
- **We will ensure that the commune's information and communications are accessible to people with sensory, cognitive or motor impairments;** to this end, we will, for example, ensure the accessibility of public buildings and municipal documents and websites by adapting them to people's needs and making systematic use of easy language or subtitling.
- **We will guarantee full transparency and detailed information** on the work of the College of Mayor and Aldermen, the municipal council, the advisory committees and municipal services. In doing so, we will take account of all segments of the population by systematically using electronic means of communication (Internet, sms2citizen, etc.) and social networks alongside traditional printed material and information sessions.
- **We will ensure that decisions and reports of municipal council meetings are published on the commune's website without delay and in a way that is easily accessible to the public**, and that they are available in several languages

and in “easy” language. The meetings of the municipal council will be broadcast “live” on the commune’s website. We will hold public sessions of the municipal council preferably outside normal working hours, with live streaming on the internet, in order to make them more easily accessible to citizens.