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Strengthening Community Living

Family, Children, Youth and Seniors

We are committed to a future-oriented policy that meets the needs of younger generations and supports seniors in their daily lives. Additionally, it is a priority for the DP (Democratic Party) to foster a strong connection between family, education and employment.

We want families and children to feel comfortable. The municipality of Contern should be a welcoming place for young families with children. To enhance the quality of life, we will:

- Establish diverse, inclusive and adapted (thematic) playgrounds in all villages.
- Build a forest playground.
- Implement traffic-calmed play streets.
- Introduce children's bookshelves to promote passion for reading. These bookshelves will be placed in playgrounds and the lower section of book cabinets will be reserved for children's books.
- Set up an (online) platform that facilitates and maintains up-to-date information about babysitting service, private lessons and care service for sick children. The DP will continue to support babysitting courses and strive to expand the offerings in this field.
- Expand the services of the Club Bus, which transports children to their leisure activities, making it accessible also to children who are not registered at the Maison Relais. The same should apply to school holiday activities.
- Establish dog parks in our villages.

Attentive to the Youth. We want to listen to young people on their path to adulthood and support them by:

- Encouraging dialogue and taking their ideas seriously. This will be facilitated through the Youth Club (Jugendhaus) and the youth commission.
- Creating spaces for young people to relax, socialize and implement their own projects, including the construction of a skatepark.
- Enhancing youth-friendly mobility by offering more (night) buses for regional youth events.
- Recognizing and supporting youth work of all associations through fair financial assistance. Additionally, the DP acknowledges the training and work of caregivers and provides them with additional financial recognition.
- Collaborating with the Youth Club, youth commission, local businesses and the municipality to create opportunities for young people to learn about the professional world, such as through summer jobs, mini-internships, or job shadowing.

Our Seniors and their Life Experience. In recent years and decades, various support measures for the elderly have been introduced, including initiatives taken by us, such as the Senior Club, Meals on Wheels (Repas sur roues) and the Telealarm system. The DP will continue to implement measures that enable our older citizens to live independently and enjoy a good quality of life for as long as possible:

- Offering neighborhood assistance to elderly citizens, enabling them to live at home as long as possible. This assistance includes preventive home visits, promoting social connections and providing assistance with administrative tasks.
- Optimizing the Conti Bus service.

- Providing age-appropriate exercise and sports programs.
- Appointing a dedicated contact person for the elderly in the administration.
- Expanding digital literacy programs. Many people still face challenges with new technologies, with new devices and apps emerging daily. Therefore, we aim to expand the course offerings in this area.
- Enhancing collaboration with the senior center in Contern and the CIPA Gréngewald in Niederanven.

Education, Childcare and School

For the DP, equal opportunities are a central point and therefore we want to provide optimal educational opportunities for all students.

Diverse and well-equipped schools and childcare structures. Our children and students should be taught in modern and well-equipped buildings. To achieve this, we want to:

- Ensure that the expansion of the school and Maison Relais in Contern meets the needs of children and young people and that the facilities are friendly and motivating. High-quality educational materials should also be available.
- Ensure that all classrooms receive the latest IT equipment to ensure contemporary teaching and modern learning.
- Expand the Wi-Fi network and access to Eduroam throughout the campus.
- Proactively search for a second school campus with a Maison Relais in Mutfort or Oetrange. Due to the anticipated growth in the coming years, even after the expansion at the "um Ewent" location, the capacity limit will be reached. A new location would shorten the travel distance for many children and reduce traffic. This would also contribute to the revitalization of other villages.

Childcare structures where children feel comfortable. To balance work and family life, many young families depend on childcare structures. To ensure that this happens under the best possible conditions, we will:

- Continue to invest in early childcare, allowing parents to choose between municipal and private childcare and ensuring that sufficient places are available.
- Place great importance on the diversity of different educational focuses, such as a forest childcare center.
- Make the opening hours of childcare and Maison Relais more flexible to accommodate parents with irregular working hours.
- Expand the Club Bus service that transports children to their leisure activities and make it accessible to children who are not registered at the Maison Relais.
- Advocate for our children at the Maison Relais to continue receiving healthy and balanced meals prepared with the best regional and seasonal ingredients.
- Promote collaboration between schools, Maison Relais, music schools and other recreational activities so that children can benefit from a wide range of leisure options that contribute to their personal development.

Safe journeys to school. We want to continue investing in safe streets to school or bus stops by:

- Creating wide, clear and well-lit pedestrian and cycling paths.
- Ensuring proper connectivity of the "op der Haangels" and "an de Steng" streets in Contern.
- Organizing regular awareness campaigns for all road users.
- Promoting the Pedibus.

Promoting an attractive social and community life

We aim to foster inclusive and intercultural coexistence, encouraging newcomers to actively participate in community life. Therefore, we will continue to actively support sports, culture and volunteering.

Creating spaces for encounters everywhere. In an inclusive society, it is important for people to be able to meet informally. The DP wants to provide the right conditions by:

- Maintaining and creating beautiful spaces in our villages to promote cohabitation and exchanges among all citizens, regardless of age or nationality.
- Establishing equipped barbecue areas in our municipality.
- Making National Day celebrations more multicultural which reflects our society.
- Organizing Poter Cafés in collaboration with the Integration Committee.
- Further expanding support for neighborhood celebrations.

Volunteerism and community involvement. The DP advocates for concrete and substantial support for local associations and the associated volunteerism, as it is essential for harmonious community living. We aim to support community life by:

- Providing high-quality infrastructure, such as training and rehearsal rooms for our associations.
- Supplying modern equipment to our associations. In addition to a new dishwashing cart, we plan to install a grill cart and a toilet cart.
- Encouraging youth engagement. To strengthen volunteerism, projects benefiting the common good can be presented in schools and at social events. Projects targeting or organized by young people should receive additional support from the municipality.
- Offering equal measures of support to all our associations, as described in the "Sports and Culture" section.

Coexistence and equality. The DP is committed to respectful and tolerant interaction, promoting the social participation of all citizens. Our priorities include:

- Consistently expanding barrier-free access in municipal buildings and public spaces.
- Broadening the offering of Luxembourgish language courses.
- Introducing inclusive communication practices.
- Providing free menstrual products and contraceptives in public buildings.
- Installing changing tables wherever both men and women have access.

Sport and Culture

The diverse sports and cultural offerings bring life to the municipality of Contern and are an integral part of community life. The DP will expand the offerings in these areas.

Sports in clubs and leisure activities. The DP advocates for an adapted and diverse sports offering. To expand this offering, we intend to collaborate closely with the Sports Commission:

- Provide appropriate sports infrastructure to clubs to support their valuable work with children, youth and competitive levels. A significant pillar in this regard is the new sports hall "Um Ewent."
- Continue supporting volunteering and youth work, such as covering training costs in this area.
- Improve the offerings for recreational sports. In addition to maintaining the beach volleyball courts and the bouldrome, we envision additional infrastructure such as a skate park, a squash wall, or a wider range of fitness equipment in the fitness trail and villages.
- Create a network of hiking trails and build new trails.
- Uniformly mark hiking trails.
- Equip all hiking trails with sufficient benches and trash bins.
- Establish themed trails, such as those highlighting the history of our villages or comics (BD).

Strengthening cultural offerings. Our clubs are an essential part of the cultural offering in the municipality of Contern. With these projects, we aim to diversify the cultural offerings:

- Make the Am Henkes culture center in Contern available to our clubs and citizens as soon as possible.
- The old sports hall in Contern is an important part of the cultural life in Contern. In addition to the Comic Festival (BD Festival) and theater, numerous other cultural events are organized there throughout the year. We oppose the idea of destroying this space as an alternative once the new sports hall is completed. We want to explore possible options.
- The Comic Festival is a staple of our community's cultural life. We support the creation of a permanent BD library and will continue to support the BD Commission in their efforts, providing stronger administrative support.
- Deepen the ContArt concept even further.
- Continue to provide logistical and financial support to all clubs in their cultural and practical matters.
- Proactively expand further cultural events by providing necessary spaces and additional resources.
- Provide financial support to clubs for their artistic performances during their events.
- Energy-efficient renovation and modernization of the culture center in Mutfort and Oetrange.
- Organize reading groups and discussion clubs through the Cultural Commission.
- Revive the idea of a cultural café.
- Strengthen monument protection, as the material cultural heritage contributes significantly to the attractiveness of our villages. The DP aims to reinforce the monument protection of municipally-owned buildings in collaboration with the "Homme de l'Art" Commission.

Clean and Safe Communities

Safety, including perceived safety, is one of the most important pillars of quality of life. Safety is achieved through a comprehensive package of measures. Cleanliness also plays a significant role because people enjoy spending time in clean environments.

Clean communities. Cleanliness is an important condition for maintaining the livability of our villages and we will implement these measures in consultation with the Environmental Commission:

- The municipality should further expand its pioneering role in waste sorting, especially during big events.
- Install separate trash bins in public spaces to enable waste separation.
- Place more trash bins along hiking trails.
- Reorganize the spring cleaning event in a way that allows working individuals to participate.
- Improve promotion of futti@contern.lu, where our fellow citizens can report repair needs, as well-maintained infrastructures tend to be kept clean.
- Develop an action plan for noise control to prevent negative impacts on quality of life. Ideas include better coordination of construction sites, asphalt paving of our roads, or where possible, transitioning to electric machines.
- Monitor air quality. The air quality in the Contern municipality should be regularly assessed to make decisions regarding potential traffic-related countermeasures.

Safe communities. The safety of our fellow citizens is a top concern for the DP. We are also committed to improving safety through the following measures:

- Priority should be given to planning and constructing a modern fire station for the CIS Mutfort. Currently, vehicles and equipment are distributed across three locations, some of them are situated in flood-prone areas, which is unacceptable.
- Install defibrillators in public spaces and provide regular training on their use.
- Strengthen public health in our village communities. We aim to promote synergies among various stakeholders to ensure comprehensive, high-quality and citizen-oriented healthcare. This includes establishing medical centers in our villages.
- Implement a connected and energy-efficient lighting concept in public spaces, improving both traffic safety and the sense of security.
- Regularly review and, if necessary, adapt municipal police regulations and the security concept.
- Expand the already well-functioning collaboration with the police, whether through prevention work, information campaigns, or citizen meetings on various topics such as burglary prevention, drug-related issues, violence prevention, etc. We will also strive to increase police presence in our villages after expanding the responsibilities of municipal officers, considering the potential need to hire additional officers to better address minor infractions of police regulations.

A future-oriented municipal infrastructure

Mobility

The urban-rural mix of the municipality of Contern poses a major challenge for adequate mobility policy. The proximity to the city results in many commuters passing through our villages on a daily basis to reach their workplaces. On the other hand, the municipality of Contern does not have a single urban area, but activities are spread across four villages, several farms in the surrounding area and a large industry zone that should be connected through efficient sustainable mobility. However, we are also aware that certain projects can only be implemented by the state authorities, but we support all approaches in the right direction.

Transport development plan. In order to make the municipality of Contern future-ready in terms of mobility, we want to create a transport development plan. This should be done in collaboration with various stakeholders in mobility, particularly through the involvement of the mobility commission and active participation of citizens.

Improved coordination and communication at construction sites. Construction sites are inevitable for decent roads and pathways. However, it is important to minimize the impact on daily life. We desire more consistent planning at construction sites to avoid multiple consecutive road excavations, better coordination during the construction phase and improved communication on the matter. It should not be the case that a construction site is announced as completed on Friday, only to encounter red traffic lights on Monday, resulting in up to an hour of waiting time.

Relieving the core of Contern village. In order to relieve the traffic in the center of Contern village, we advocate for the following:

- Prioritizing the planned project for a direct connection to the Trier motorway,
- Construction of a new road from the industry zone along Contern and Syren towards France,
- Establishing a direct connection to the Sandweiler bypass behind Chaux de Contern,
- Implementing 30 km/h zones on Syrener and Mutforter street in Contern as soon as possible.

Public transport. Currently, our municipality offers a fairly extensive range of public transportation services, but several improvements are necessary to enhance its attractiveness:

- Restoring direct access from our villages to the city center. We will strive to have multiple bus lines from the east terminate at Rue Heine near Rousegärtchen. At Pariser Platz Pôle d'échange, passengers can continue their journey by tram,
- Optimizing the Conti Bus service,
- Modifying the Club Bus service to allow children who are not registered at Maison Relais to use it,
- Advocating for better bus connections to Medingen,
- Connecting Kréintgeshaff to the national network by extending Line 324 to include a stop,
- Exploring options to integrate the senior care home and the Contern school and sports campus into the national network, for example, through expanding the route and schedule of Line 40U,

- Making bus stops accessible and equipping them with digital displays,
- Expanding the Sunday and evening service.

A safe network of pedestrian and cycling paths and attractive sustainable mobility. The DP aims to consistently expand and connect municipal pedestrian and cycling paths, ensuring their safety and separation from roads whenever possible. We intend to implement the following ideas:

- Expand and connect safe walking, cycling and hiking trails between and within the villages, particularly between Mutfort and Contern and extending to Medingen, creating continuous routes between all our villages,
- Install charging stations for e-bikes,
- Further develop the concept of safe school routes and consider implementing a Pedibus system,
- Ensure all our sidewalks are in good condition,
- Illuminate pedestrian pathways,
- Ensure connectivity to surrounding cities and national cycling routes. Therefore, the cycling paths to Hesperange, Cents and Syren should be rapidly realized,
- Analyze suitable locations for bicycle parking facilities and install them accordingly,
- Advocate for the installation of an m-Box at Oetrange train station,
- Install bicycle stations in our villages where bicycles can be pumped and repaired,
- Collaborate with neighboring municipalities to introduce an e-bike rental system. These stations should be located at our train stations, the industry zone and our villages.

Space for automobiles as well. For the DP, the car remains an important part of the mobility chain, although in a different way than before. The public space should be utilized to accommodate all forms of mobility equally. To achieve this, the DP aims to:

- Establish traffic calming zones in our villages to divert through traffic from our village centers and reduce the speed on main roads, wherever possible, to 30 km/h,
- Advocate increase of speed controls,
- Explore the possibility of using noise abatement asphalt on main roads to enhance quality of life,
- Support the provision of delivery parking spaces on busy roads to minimize traffic disruption,
- Regularly review and adjust the residential parking system as needed,
- Ensure our municipal roads are in good condition,
- Enhance safety at the major intersection in Oetrange and replace outdated traffic lights with modern systems,
- Secure other intersections with mirrors, lights, etc.,
- Promote electric mobility by ensuring the availability of as many charging stations as possible in public parking areas and near shops. The municipal fleet will continue its transition to CO₂-neutral mobility (electric and hydrogen vehicles, E-fuel).

Housing

In the fight against housing shortages, the public sector has a special responsibility, including in the municipality of Contern. The Democratic Party (DP) aims to address the increasing demand for affordable housing by mobilizing and promoting alternative forms of housing more quickly. To meet these challenges, we will work with the help of the "Urban Development" commission to:

- Create affordable housing. The DP wants to expand social housing further. The housing units and land owned by the public sector should primarily benefit young families and households through long-term leases or rentals. It is not acceptable for our municipality to profit from the sale of land.
- Promote alternative forms of housing. The DP aims to adapt the building regulations in the municipality of Contern to allow for alternative housing forms such as co-living arrangements or the construction of tiny houses in our villages.
- Accelerate the procedures for new construction projects at the municipal level as much as possible.
- Strive for a human and healthy growth. While the focus should be on creating a significant amount of new housing, we want this to happen under appropriate conditions. In this way, we aim to create new pleasant meeting places, establish new playgrounds and immediately plan and implement all the necessary additional infrastructure.

A sustainable municipality

Energy and Climate

The DP aims to consistently strengthen climate protection at the municipal level in Contern. The public sector must fulfill its role as a role model in terms of renewable energy and energy efficiency and transition to corresponding technologies. By means of awareness campaigns and targeted support for climate-friendly measures, citizens should be more involved and supported.

Role model in climate protection. We want to highlight everywhere the levers that can be used for sustainable climate protection and implement them in our projects:

- A more sustainable and resource-efficient communication policy, such as the introduction of an electronic newsletter or the Compte Rendu exclusively available by subscription.
- The DP aims for climate- and environmentally-friendly construction. We ensure that all future construction projects meet the highest energy standards. Special attention should be given to environmentally friendly building materials and planning based on the principles of circular economy, particularly for municipal buildings.
- We commit to a comprehensive investment program at all administrative levels with the aim of energetically renovating public facilities and buildings. Urgent action is needed in this regard, particularly for the Mutfort culture center.
- Whenever feasible, municipal buildings should be modernized and renovated in a resource-efficient manner rather than being demolished and rebuilt.
- By consistently expanding the installation and use of photovoltaic systems on the roofs of municipal buildings, we aim to further advance climate-neutral power supply. We also support partnerships with energy cooperatives such as EnerCoop Syrdall, which promotes the energy transition.
- Public buildings should also be equipped with thermal solar collectors for hot water production.
- We aim to harness wind energy to a greater extent, but not in the form of large wind turbines. We see great potential in small wind power installations which can be installed on roofs or next to buildings.
- More rainwater should be collected for reuse.
- Soil sealing should be limited to the necessary minimum and utilize water permeable materials whenever possible.
- Successive transition the public fleet to carbon-neutral vehicles.
- Environmental factors such as eco-friendliness, circular economy, efficient water usage and energy efficiency should be considered in public tenders.
- Convert the entire municipal lighting to energy-efficient LED technology and, where possible, equip it with dimmers and motion sensors.
- Implement climate pact 2.0 measures more consistently.

Continued involvement and awareness-raising of citizens, businesses and associations. In addition to the measures taken by the public authorities, the DP aims to continue supporting the efforts of our citizens, businesses and associations in achieving sustainable climate protection. This can be achieved through:

- Increased involvement in the development of concrete climate policy measures, including within the Environmental Committee.

- Expansion of energy consulting services for households and businesses and support in their implementation.
- Adjusting or introducing municipal subsidies for climate-neutral mobility or energy-efficient household appliances, especially for low-income households and better promotion of diverse funding opportunities.
- Supporting and assisting local associations and committees to ensure that their events align with sustainability criteria in the municipality. The introduction of a mobile dishwashing unit, grill cart and toilet cart helps conserve resources.

Consolidation of environmental protection efforts. The municipality of Contern, together with other municipalities in the upper Syr Valley, has long been a pioneer in environmental protection. Cooperation within SIAS, established nearly 50 years ago, has borne fruit, such as wastewater treatment, recycling centers and energy consulting. We aim to continue working in this direction in the coming years by:

- Promoting the sustainable use of forests. We support sustainable reforestation and forest management, for example, as an energy source for our wood chip heating system.
- Active soil protection. Effective source protection is essential for high-quality drinking water supply.
- Protecting biodiversity, such as reducing the use of pesticides, increasing green spaces in urban areas, planting more trees and preserving and restoring local habitats such as wetlands.
- Enhancing flood protection. We intend to develop a comprehensive flood protection concept in collaboration with experts and relevant authorities and consider the renaturation of watercourses in our municipality.

Sustainable food management. We support all efforts for sustainable food supply and aim to reduce food waste. Specifically, we want to:

- Advance the antigaspi.lu campaign and raise awareness about this issue.
- Reduce food waste through collaboration with Foodsharing Luxembourg.
- Install publicly accessible water fountains in parks, playgrounds, sports halls and other heavily frequented areas.
- Attempt to organize markets in our villages, focusing on local and regional products.

A livable and modern life in the community

Digital, citizen-centric and transparent community

The DP will fully benefit from the potential of digitization and put progress at the service of the citizens. Furthermore, we aim to further enhance citizen participation and work towards a modern administration.

Separating the essential from the non-essential is of great importance to the DP. In this regard, we aim to develop a more modern and efficient communication policy for the municipality of Contern by:

- Making communication more sustainable and resource-efficient, for example, by introducing an electronic newsletter, an e-Gemengebued, or a compte rendu exclusively available to subscribers to reduce paper consumption.
- Focusing more on the municipality itself and highlighting the various projects.
- Making communication more efficient, easily understandable and multilingual. We will make every effort to overcome language barriers in the country and ensure that communication with citizens is as comprehensible as possible across all media.
- Developing diversification in communication through modern, digital, inclusive, interactive and goal-oriented communication. As the DP, we want to promote all forms of communication and adapt them to digital requirements (SMS2Citizen, newsletters, social media, website, municipal and neighborhood app).
- Opening up the Contern Gemengebued to external articles about life in the community.

Listening and promoting collaboration. The DP stands for a policy that is developed together with our citizens, rather than imposed from above. Therefore, we intend to:

- Be a community that listens to its citizens. We consider transparency and accessibility of the mayor and the Schöffenrat to the citizens essential. We will regularly introduce citizen consultations and meetings where citizens can express their concerns, issues and suggestions. We will ensure that each proposal is professionally examined by the administration within a short time.
- Enhance citizen participation and strengthen participatory democracy. In this sense, citizens, associations and businesses should be able to propose new projects that contribute to the beautification and improvement of community life and discuss them with the responsible authorities.
- Strengthen and expand the role of the consultative community commission. This will allow projects to be analyzed and discussed in a broader spectrum. Extended commission meetings should be proposed on specific topics where all citizens can participate. This includes regular exchanges with the Schöffenrat.
- Make every effort to increase the participation of foreign residents in the upcoming elections, for example, by offering foreign residents the opportunity to register for municipal and European elections immediately upon their registration in the community and informing them about the rights and obligations associated with it.

Modern administration and personnel policy. The interaction between municipalities and citizens often occurs through our administration. We want to implement the necessary modern structures and working conditions by:

- Providing adequate and modern working conditions in the municipal building. The current building is only a few years old. Before planning and implementing a new construction for the entire administration, alternatives should be examined first, such as expanding the existing infrastructure. The money saved can be prioritized for other projects.
- Promoting flexible work models. We want to adapt to the changing work environment by meeting the desire of many municipal officials for more flexible work models and better work-life balance. Home office should be possible where it makes sense. We consider the municipal staff as a valuable resource working for the well-being of the community.
- Expanding e-administration. The DP will further expand and accelerate digital administration and make it accessible everywhere. Additionally, all non-personal administrative documents and political decisions should be available on the municipality's website.
- Improving the promotion of futti@contern.lu. Through this address, our citizens can inform the municipality about areas that require urgent attention.
- Installing e-readers in front of the municipal building and in the individual villages.
- Expanding flexible opening hours.

Digital expansion. In our interconnected world, a high-speed internet connection is essential. It must be ensured that everyone can benefit from it. Therefore, we are committed to:

- Obtaining fast access to high-speed internet in all our villages. If this is not possible within a short time through the expansion of the fiber optic network, we will explore alternatives.
- Expanding digitization as quick as possible. An alderman (Schöff) will be designated as responsible for this.
- Having technically trained staff to handle IT within the administration and on the school campus.
- Expanding free internet access. We want to offer free and stable internet in more busy public spaces.
- Expanding digital support. Many people still face challenges with new technologies. New devices and apps emerge every day. Therefore, we want to expand the range of courses in this area.

Enterprises

Small and medium-sized enterprises are the backbone of healthy communities and significantly contribute to the attractiveness and vitality of our villages. In the large industry zone at the doorstep of Contern, there are more people working than residing in the village. This brings about entirely different challenges.

Preservation and promotion of retail. The DP is committed to ensuring that the distance between residents and essential shopping and services remains as short as possible. The trend is increasingly towards shorter distances. To achieve this, we will:

- Preserve retail in our localities,
- Ensure that sufficient commercial space is available in big new development projects,
- Attract new businesses to our localities, particularly in Oetrange,
- Provide financial support to small businesses when their turnover significantly decreases due to big construction projects.

Supporting new and sustainable business models. The barriers to establishing a new company are high, not to mention the financial costs involved. We want to lend a helping hand to new entrepreneurs and support sustainable ideas. To make this possible, we plan to:

- Create coworking spaces. These offer a high potential for innovation and are becoming increasingly relevant as an alternative to traditional workplaces and home offices. Additionally, this helps to reduce transit traffic.
- Support startup companies by providing cost-effective facilities,
- Establish structures for a sharing economy, where citizens can borrow or provide household appliances or machines (drills, lawnmowers, etc.) for lending. The DP supports any local initiative in this regard.
- Further promote the Repair Café. With a focus on resource conservation and circular economy principles, repairing should take precedence over buying new.

Not without our agricultural businesses. Agricultural enterprises are an integral part of rural communities. To assist them in current and future challenges, we aim to:

- Support farms in diversification and development on a voluntary basis,
- Continue to develop and implement joint projects for the common good, such as the corn harvesting machine,
- Deepen the exchange with Farms and the Rural Path Commission.

Strengthening the economic role of the industry zone. The economic role of the industry zone is substantial on different levels. We intend to:

- Deepen the exchange with businesses and contribute together to the economic development of the industry zone,
- Implement an efficient mobility concept for our industry zone, particularly regarding road traffic.

Municipal Finances

The DP of the Contern municipality advocates for responsible and forward-thinking financial policies for the benefit of our citizens, without burdening future generations. To achieve this, we aim to:

- Not finance prestige projects, such as a new municipal building, through the sale of land in the village center. We believe that these should remain in public hands, whether to create new meeting places or housing through long-term leases.
- Implement efficient budget management with effective expenditure policies and responsible debt policies for the Contern municipality.
- Utilize borrowing capacities only when specific investments are necessary for the future of the municipality and its residents.
- Strive for the best possible quality at the best price for every investment.
- Consider alternative financing models where appropriate. Crowdfunding for solar installations or other renewable energy investments will be assessed for feasibility and, if reasonable, implemented. We will explore the potential of public-private financing for investment projects.
- Strengthen the role of the finance commission and involve them, for example, in the development of the multi-year financial plan.
- Monitor the finances of municipal syndicates through our representatives to prevent irregularities, as seen in the case of SIGI.
- Expand intermunicipal collaboration to create synergies, such as the existing partnerships with the nursing home, Syrdall swimming pool in Niederanven and the recycling center in Munsbach.