



Election program 2023

I. Culture, school and sport

New premises for the "Conservatoire du Nord": We want to realize a modern infrastructure for music lessons in Diekirch, preferably in the rue de l'Hôpital very close to the new Maison relais. This location should be able to be used for other pedagogical purposes - if necessary - to optimize the use of the premises in question.

Creation of the position of sports coordinator: We plead for a professional coordinator to support the sports actors in their activities and to take care of the distribution and reservation of spaces and infrastructures. In addition, this coordinator should network the different actors of the city in the field of leisure to improve communication about their work and strengthen intercultural cooperation.

School expansion: The current central school in Diekirch is reaching its maximum capacity. We advocate for the construction of an additional school building.

The sports infrastructures (the sports hall and the swimming pool) must be renewed, supplemented, and diversified. These infrastructures must be accessible to all. We also support the efforts to find a suitable location for a new modern swimming pool.

The work in the service of the associations and clubs will continue to be promoted: We especially support the associations and their important work for the youth and the integration of new citizens.

Vacation jobs for young people: Offer vacation jobs for our youth in local businesses and support placement efforts in this area.

Creation of a place dedicated to languages and multicultural exchanges between fellow citizens: we also want to create a place where our fellow citizens can meet, exchange and practice a new language.

Establish a children's library: We will create a place where kids and parents can meet and exchange ideas, no matter where they come from or what their native language is.

More attractive playgrounds that are connected to nature and open to all:

- Expand fitness equipment for adults
- Swings for people who use wheelchairs to get around

- Seating for parents and seniors
- Green spaces in the spirit of greater biodiversity

II. Housing developments, cemeteries, and construction sites.

Ensure communication/information about public works and construction sites: Diekirch is currently littered with major and minor construction sites. In the future, we expect in-depth and complete information about construction sites and clear signage in current and future work areas so that citizens can better orient themselves.

Redesign of the cemeteries: More green spaces and more benches in the cemeteries. There are no special resting places for the elderly and people with limited mobility. We call for more vegetation that provides shade and promotes biodiversity. In addition, we support the idea of creating a forest cemetery in the Nordstad.

Renewal of several residential streets (rue Vannerus, Promenade de la Sûre, etc.), reconstruction of the parking behind the old Scala, etc.

III. Living, climate and work

Affordable housing: Expand affordable housing efforts. For example, the community should rent old private homes to sublet.

Less traffic in residential areas: We want to ensure that certain places in Diekirch are no longer used as shortcuts or racetracks for vehicles. That's why we advocate for "passage traversant" type help (like in rue du Palais) in other places in the city.

More green in Diekirch: Improve the urban climate in residential areas by promoting greenery e.g. on roofs or in certain public places. This has a positive effect for the eye, for our environment, and serves to reduce high temperatures in summer.

Improved energy retrofitting of municipal buildings: Wherever possible, solar panels should be installed on municipal buildings.

Plants instead of concrete: To increase biodiversity, we will financially support the most innovative green facades and natural gardens.

Wildflowers: To maintain and expand biodiversity, we advocate the cultivation of wildflowers along paths and traffic circles.

Repair Shops: We propose a place ("Repair Cafe") where people who do not own tools themselves can repair things with the help of others.

IV. Mobility

A safe way to school: Whether on foot, by bike or on the sidewalk, we want children to get to school safely. This includes well-lit and cleared sidewalks. An information and awareness campaign is needed for this.

The **parking situation needs to change**. Some parking lots need to be redesigned (especially on rue Vannerus). We welcome the construction of a large parking house at the train station and examine the construction of an additional parking house for Diekirch residents behind *Scala*.

Finally implement the mobility concept:

- Optimize bicycle and car traffic to ensure more safety for cyclists and pedestrians in residential streets (soft mobility).
- Get an overview of the "Louis" bus to improve its service. Have the "Louis" express run to the Diekirch train station and the Ackerbauschule (Agricultural School) or increase it during peak hours.
- Provide additional parking spaces or lockable boxes for bicycles.

Introduce a parking guidance system: Motorists should know better where free parking spaces are located. This will help avoid minor congestion and save time.

Promote EcoParking: For new parking lots, efforts must be made to avoid soil sealing.

Make the pedestrian zone more attractive: The pedestrian zone, especially Place de la Libération, must be made more attractive to citizens and local businesses (new surfacing, new and child-friendly furnishings, water fountains, etc.).

Become cyclist and pedestrian friendly: We propose small bike repair stations, e.g. along the Sûre River. These include an air pump and tools to fix a burst inner tube. We also advocate for new bike parking and wash stations with water dispensers in public places.

V. Living together and quality of life

Improved access to information and transparency of municipal politics: We would like the plenary sessions of the municipal council to be broadcast as a livestream on the info channel. In this way, citizens will be better informed and municipal politics will be more transparent.

In exchange with the youth center, create a **suitable recreational space for young people**.

- Redesign of the skate park
- Select special places for graffiti

Day care center for the elderly: We advocate for a "foyer" where older people who are no longer mobile can be cared for throughout the day and meet in an active and creative way.

Provide selective neighborhood assistance: The city must offer help to older people so that they can stay in their own homes as long as possible - preventive home visits, promotion of social contacts, help with visits to authorities and shopping.

Neighborhood app "Hoplr": Hoplr is a kind of social network where people can communicate with their neighbors. The city administration, local associations and businesses can also publish information here.

Digital help: We will propose a place where citizens can be helped to better navigate the digital world (courses, digital advisors, citizens helping citizens, young people helping older people, ...).

Digital lay judge: The digital world is becoming increasingly important and should therefore be combined in one area of responsibility, which will then be taken care of by a lay judge.

Medical center for Diekirch: We are analyzing with local doctors the possible creation of an easily accessible medical center that will improve outpatient care in the town. In this way, we want to attract new doctors, especially family doctors.

VI. Equality

Implement the **new law on accessibility quickly and specifically**. We propose a general inventory in which we can isolate the problems and propose solutions. It is essential to make the "Louis" Bus, the technical service of the city and various pedestrian bridges in Diekirch more accessible to people in wheelchairs.

Information and participation: Many foreign citizens do not know that they can enjoy the right to vote. More actively invite them to register on the electoral lists.

Access to information for all: The municipality's information must be accessible to all - important information should be provided in simple language, in Luxembourgish, German, French and English. In addition, the municipality's internet presence must be easily available to everyone.

Promote women's visibility and diversity in society: For gender equality, women need to be more visible in public places, e.g. also choose women's names for new streets and squares.

A community needs strong citizen participation, especially at the political level. By involving residents in local and political decisions, they gain acceptance and

legitimacy. For citizen participation to work well, the municipality must provide communication platforms through which citizens can exchange ideas.

VII. Intercommunal cooperation

Strengthening the cooperation between the communes of Diekirch Canton: Promoting synergies in various fields: mobility, regional crafts, attracting start-ups, infrastructure projects (swimming pools, leisure facilities, etc.), joint purchase of expensive machinery, design of urban areas, ...

We want to develop and expand shared office spaces, so-called "co-working spaces", to bring work and residence closer together.

Promote decentralization: Strengthen and develop the Nordstad pole as a counterweight to the center and Esch/Alzette as an administrative and educational center.

Merging all Nordstad municipalities in one fell swoop is not a priority at this time. In the interest of the citizens, any merger in the Nordstad area must be well prepared and thought through.