

# ELECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS - NO BEI DIR

# I. <u>STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY LIFE IN THE</u> <u>MUNICIPALITY</u>

## Youth, Education, Childcare and School

**Children's and young people's council.** We are setting up a children's and young people's council, in which young people can express and formulate their ideas and demands for a municipality where life is good and where their needs are considered.

**Support for committed and deserving pupils.** Pupils who distinguish themselves through good performance or particularly interesting projects should be rewarded with financial support.

**More flexible opening hours for childcare facilities.** We want municipal childcare facilities to offer flexible and extended opening hours to meet the needs of parents with irregular working hours and single-parent families. We also advocate that facilities remain open during school holidays.

**Plan the construction of schools according to the needs of citizens.** The construction of a new school complex must be adapted to local conditions and the well-being of children. Therefore, we are committed to having the plans for the construction of the new school in Warken reviewed and the school provided with a swimming pool. This way, long journeys to swimming pools in the neighboring municipalities can be avoided and the time saved can be invested in learning to swim. Swimming is not only an important physical exercise but can also be vital.

Outside school hours, local associations should be able to use the facilities on the school site if possible. In this way the school campus could develop into an attractive and lively center of Warken.

## Senior citizens and social issues

**Voluntary work against isolation of the elderly.** Volunteer work, for example in the intergenerational field - reading with and helping children with their homework - is an ideal way to prevent the isolation of older people. Voluntary work allows older people to remain active and involved in society. Conversely, young people can also share their knowledge and expertise with older people, for example

in the digital field - installing applications on mobile phones or tablets, surfing the web securely or doing digital administrative work - thus ensuring an exchange between generations that benefits everyone.

#### **Attractive living-together**

A lively shopping street. We want tables and benches, plants and trees along the shopping street and in the public squares where people can meet, older citizens can rest, and parents can stop with their children. A lively and welcoming shopping street is also an advantage for our business community.

**Provide attractive dog-friendly spaces.** We want a dog park, a fenced area with a water fountain and a lawn. Dogs can run around here - mostly off-leash - without being hindered or threatened by traffic or other hazards.

### Sport and culture

A wide range of sports and physical activities. We want to ensure that clubs and all citizens who are keen on sports but not members of a sports club can benefit from a modern infrastructure. Outdoor sports and leisure facilities at locations accessible to all keep people fit and are an ideal place to meet.

**Recruitment of a sports coordinator.** We intend to recruit a full-time sports coordinator who will be responsible for organising and improving the cooperation and coordination between the various actors (school, children, parents, school sports and sports associations).

**The new library to strengthen the cultural offer.** The central location of the new library is to be used to give the more disadvantaged citizens easy access to the cultural offer. In particular, children of parents who do not yet speak the usual languages of the country should be able to benefit from non-formal education, including activities organised in cooperation with the library.

### Living together and equal opportunities

**Enhance the value of the municipal advisory committees.** We want to make use of the expertise of the municipal advisory committees and invite them to discuss their projects and proposals in the municipal council twice a year.

Accessibility. We are committed to ensuring that the new law on the accessibility of public areas for people with disabilities is implemented as soon as possible. People with disabilities, the elderly, people with strollers and people with temporary disabilities must be able to move around independently and lead an independent life.

*Tiers-lieu*, **Repair-Café and neighbourhood application.** In addition to the public places outside, we are creating a place where people can meet inside and do small repairs together. In combination with a neighbourhood application, a 'tiers-lieu' (meeting place) and a repair café can thus strengthen and promote the community's sense of togetherness. New citizens can make contacts more quickly and people who live alone are less isolated.

**Café and grocery shop in Warken.** A grocery shop, in combination with a café, is the ideal place for people to do their shopping and to meet, get to know and exchange ideas at the same time. The management of this place by an association or a cooperative strengthens social cohesion and promotes living together.

## **Clean and safe municipalities**

**A clean municipality.** We organise awareness-raising campaigns to inform citizens about good practices that guarantee harmonious living together.

**Lighting in public spaces.** We advocate an energy-efficient, interconnected lighting concept that increases road safety and the feeling of security without increasing light pollution.

Municipal police. We are committed to the re-establishment of a municipal police force.

**More streetworkers.** Not only should the number of streetworkers be increased, but also the resources allocated to them.

**More prevention in youth centres.** Youth centres not only offer meaningful leisure activities, but also provide youth work and prevention in the areas of education, drugs, crime, physical and mental violence, sexuality and mobbing, etc.

## II. A FUTURE-ORIENTED INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **Mobility**

**Road safety.** We advocate the extension of 30 km/h zones on all municipal roads, and 20 km/h zones near schools. The installation of signs is not enough. We need the installation of speed cameras ("You are travelling at 44 km/h"), speed bumps and traffic islands to slow down the traffic.

**Lighting of pedestrian crossings.** We want to ensure that all paths where pedestrians have priority are sufficiently lit and that pedestrians are clearly visible.

**Safe traffic for pedestrians and cyclists.** We want safe, continuous, and exclusive communal cycle paths, separated from both roads and footpaths. All key locations should be made accessible to bicycles and linked to surrounding municipalities and national cycle routes. Only in this way can cycling be seen as a real alternative to the car.

**Smart Parking.** We want to install parking meters that allow you to pay only for the time you actually occupy a parking space. We also want to expand the free short-term parking system with digital parking meters.

#### **Housing**

**Creating affordable housing.** We want to increase the construction of social housing. The housing created and the building land in public hands should be made available to young families and households as a matter of priority, either on a leasehold basis (emphyteusis) or rental.

**Housing for young people.** We want to create more housing for young people who are unable to afford housing under normal market conditions. Small studios at affordable rents should make it easier for young people to become independent adults.

## III. <u>A SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPALITY</u>

## Energy and climate

**More light, less energy.** We are prepared to convert all municipal lighting to LEDs and, if possible, to equip them with dimming and motion sensors, without compromising the safety and sense of security of the citizens.

"Greening" the municipality. Appropriate greening helps to reduce the temperature in public areas, especially during the summer, and thus improves the quality of life of citizens. We encourage the greening of buildings and roofs wherever possible.

**Developing climate-neutral power supply.** We want to exploit the municipality's renewable energy potential to the full. All public buildings (municipal administration, schools, sports centres, etc.) should be supplied with electricity from local production as soon as possible. To this end, we will consistently expand the installation and use of photovoltaic panels on the roofs of municipal buildings. Any surpluses can, where appropriate, be sold and fed into the grid.

**Drinking water fountains.** We will install freely accessible drinking water fountains in public places, such as in the pedestrian zone and on playgrounds.

# IV. <u>A MODERN ENVIRONMENT WHERE IT IS GOOD TO</u> LIVE

## A digital, citizen-friendly and transparent municipality

**Optimal working conditions for the municipal staff in order to serve the citizens in the best possible way.** We want to organise the services of the municipality in such a way that they can carry out their tasks in the service of the citizens in an adequate and reliable way. In order to cope with the many tasks, we intend to invest in the professionalisation and vocational training of all municipal staff.

**Understandable and multilingual communication.** Communication today must be digital, inclusive, interactive and targeted if it is to reach the maximum number of people. We are committed to making communication with citizens as simple and understandable as possible. This includes making the municipality's website accessible to all and available in several languages.

**Support courses in digital technology.** Many citizens find it difficult to adapt to new technologies. To prevent them from being left behind, we want to familiarise them with the digital world by organising courses for them - possibly in collaboration with an association.

**Promote online administrative services.** All types of non-private administrative documents and political decisions should be accessible on the municipality's website.

**Increase the participation of foreign residents in municipal elections.** We will offer foreign residents, as soon as they are registered, the opportunity to register on the municipal or European electoral roll (for EU nationals), informing them of their rights and obligations.

#### **Businesses**

**Maintaining retail businesses.** We are committed to ensuring that citizens maintain the greatest possible proximity to basic purchases and services.

**Supporting start-ups.** The Nordstad - including Ettelbruck - is an attractive and ideal place to offer innovative and progressive services. We want to make parts of municipal business parks and office space available to young, innovative start-ups and local handicraft businesses at a favourable price.

**Expand the supply of co-working spaces.** Co-working spaces are seen as places with a high potential for innovation and are becoming increasingly important as an alternative to working from home or the traditional workplace. In addition, these spaces allow a drastic reduction in commuting traffic. We intend to fully exploit the potential of this new form of collaboration and develop it further.