

# 2017-2023 Declaration of the Council of Aldermen

On 8 October last, 1,853 of the 2,042 registered voters of the municipality of Schuttrange voted. Based on the election results, for the next six (6) years the municipal council will be composed as follows:

- ✓ “déi Gréng” won one (1) seat with 12.6% of the vote,
- ✓ The LSAP, with 12.9% of the vote, has one (1) representative on the municipal council,
- ✓ The CSV obtained 14% of the vote, and as such it also has one (1) representative,
- ✓ The DP won four (4) seats by obtaining 32.1% of the vote,
- ✓ With 28.4% of the vote, “Schëtter Bierger” also have four (4) representatives on the municipal council.

The newly elected councillors are Serge Eicher, Nora Forgiarini, Jérôme Lehnertz and Serge Thein.

I would like to congratulate all of you on this election result and, on behalf of our Council of Aldermen, we look forward to working collaboratively with you over the next six (6) years. Each of us has a role to play in this municipal council and we would like to thank you for any supportive comments as well as any constructive criticism you may have.

After the elections, “**Schëtter Bierger**”, the LSAP and “**déi Gréng**” have agreed to a coalition for the next six (6) years.

The Council of Aldermen is composed as follows for this legislature.

Mayor: Jean-Paul Jost, Citizens of Schuttrange, responsible for

- the administration of the municipality
- social matters and equal opportunity
- the finances and the budget
- schools and childcare facilities
- the development plan
- infrastructure and buildings.

First Alderman: Claude Marson, LSAP, for three (3) years, then Nora Forgiarini, the Green Party, will take over this post which includes responsibility for

- the environment and energy
- agriculture and forestry
- traffic
- transportation
- the security services.

Second Alderman: Vic Back, “Schëtter Bierger”, responsible for

- youth
- seniors
- associations
- sports
- the maintenance of municipal buildings.

Today, our municipality has 4,100 residents and we are very lucky to be located amid the pleasant surroundings of the Syre Valley, and at the same time close to the capital. Our business area blends seamlessly with nature, and it is where dynamic companies have chosen to establish themselves, companies to which we owe a large part of our prosperity. Our finances are healthy and we are able to offer our citizens an infrastructure that they expect from a municipality located in the direct vicinity of the City of Luxembourg.

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This sounds as if we are living in the best of worlds. Indeed, we do not have any reason to complain but significant challenges lie ahead for us. In a country where STATEC, the statistics office, estimates growth at 2.5% for this year and 3% for next year, municipalities are facing more and more challenges.

Already today, we have a lot to do with the traffic passing through the villages towards the City of Luxembourg. In the meantime, not only is the main road affected, but the secondary roads are also heavily burdened during peak hours. Besides the traffic, the enormous pressure of urbanisation weighing on our country is indeed an issue which both the state and municipalities are powerless to handle.

To achieve moderate growth as defined jointly with our residents, based on citizen participation, is far from simple. And whatever the construction level in our country, prices are continuing to climb, which means that very few of our young residents and families can afford to live in our municipality without any help from parents or the state. Losing them means, we are losing a part of our identity.

Similarly, the pressure on our environment continues to grow. We are very lucky to be located between various protected areas, a guarantee that nature will be protected and preserved in the Syre Valley. However, not far from us, Findel Airport continues to expand, the project to extend the Uebersyren sewage treatment plant is not progressing as desired and each year, untreated wastewater is being discharged into the Syre.

We find pesticides in our drinking water and its high nitrates content makes part of our precious water unusable. After decades of discussions, a source protection area was finally defined and we need to work with concerned owners and farmers to find ways to protect our water for the future.

Here are just some of our future challenges. We were elected to lead the Municipality of Schuttrange for the next six (6) years in the direction desired by its residents by adapting constantly to the new requirements. Our environment is indeed changing at an ever faster pace and that is what we have been experiencing over the last few years. Currently, no one can predict what our country and our community will be like in six (6) years.

We have agreed on a coalition programme from which we prepared this declaration of the Council of Aldermen.

We have set the following objectives for the next six (6) years:

**The citizens of our municipality, regardless of their age and nationality, shall be, as far as possible, an integral part of our decision-making procedures and may participate in this way in the development of our municipality.**

## **We shall**

- inform them regularly of the municipality's future decisions and actions through electronic media such as our newsletter, electronic messages to citizens (SMS to Citizen) a municipality app, etc.
- inform them about the virtual municipality display concerning the development plans, current construction sites, detours, changes in public transport, etc., and regularly publish the results of our water analyses and the measurement of air pollutants,
- organise information sessions for the major projects and publish the related documents on our website,
- include advisory committees upstream as to important decisions.

## **We propose the following committees for the next legislative period:**

- 1) Family, Seniors and Social Affairs Committee
- 2) Youth Committee
- 3) Sports and Recreation Committee
- 4) Environment and Sustainable Development Committee

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- 5) Cultural Affairs Committee
- 6) Buildings and Municipal Development Committee
- 7) Financial Committee
- 8) Transportation, Traffic and Public Safety Committee
- 9) Agricultural, Forestry and Rural Development Committee.

## **Committees prescribed for by law:**

- 10) Integration and Equal Opportunity Committee (Act of 16 December 2008)
- 11) Education Committee (Act of 6 February 2009)
- 12) Rents Committee (Act as modified of 21 September 2006)

In the future, it is expected that the Environment Committee will be an integral part of the Climate Team as a whole and not only its President as has been the case thus far. Given that other members of the municipal council sit on the Climate Team, it should also function independently in order to be able to advise the municipal council on important matters.

As far as possible, men and women should be equally represented on all committees and our fellow non-Luxembourg citizens shall also be included.

Our committees are encouraged to develop and implement their own initiatives after consulting with the Council of Aldermen and the municipal council.

**Almost half of our residents are not from Luxembourg. Multiculturalism and multilingualism define our Lëtzebuerg. In order to integrate all our fellow citizens and to strengthen our social cohesion, we shall**

- draw up and implement a municipal integration plan,
- support even more the cultural dialogue and exchange among fellow Luxembourg and non-Luxembourg citizens through local fetes, regular meeting places like our pub (*estaminet*), cultural excursions, etc.,
- offer a wider range of language and continuing education courses in the future,
- maintain the social diversity in our villages by building affordable housing,
- ensure that a majority of citizens have access to digital media by making relevant courses available to them,
- provide material and financial support to associations and groups that work on a voluntary basis according to integration,
- strengthen the exchange with our municipal partner,
- support as much as possible collaborative initiatives of our fellow citizens,
- make regular adjustments to our Mediation Department based on the needs of our fellow citizens,
- provide our residents with regular updates on public safety, such as violence prevention, cybercrime, private home security, etc.

## **Municipal development**

**As already mentioned above, we live in a beautiful municipality and this is about preserving the quality of life. Moderated growth, a seamless integration of new construction plans and the extension of soft mobility in public transport are all important prerequisites for our new General Development Plan (plan d'aménagement général - PAG) and hence for the future.**

**We shall**

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- finalise the general development plan in close collaboration with the municipal council and try to start the procedure by the middle of next year.

### As part of this plan, we wish

- to reinforce sealing as a priority within the perimeter and allow PAG extensions only where they fit into an existing concept,
- preserve and enhance the buildings of historical origin and the current structures in our villages,
- reduce the waterproofing of surfaces to a minimum,
- plan and license new residential neighbourhoods based on social, environmental and transportation technology criteria, thereby reducing any additional traffic to a minimum,
- allow small businesses covering local needs in the different neighbourhoods,
- allow new forms of residence such as community housing, car-free housing, etc.,
- approve carports rather than garages, limit the number of parking spaces at office buildings and impose bicycle parking spaces in all commercial and residential buildings,
- as part of the new development plan, also resort to the legal means provided by the Housing Agreement Act (Loi sur le Pacte Logement) to restrict speculation,
- determine social and sustainable criteria for the drawing up of new development plans (plans d'aménagements - PAPs). It is essential to ensure a balanced social mix and, as part of the Climate Accord (Pacte Climat), healthy and recyclable materials should be used, energy and soil consumption should be limited and the connection to public transport should be ensured.

### School and childcare structures

**We want to continue to remain an attractive municipality for families and children. Our wish is for our children to attend school in modern and functional educational facilities and to receive the best possible education for their careers. The necessary childcare facilities are supposed to allow parents to maintain a balance between family and professional life.**

### We shall

- as part of the Extracurricular Supervision Plan (Plan d'Encadrement Périscolaire - PEP), continuously improve the collaboration between the school, the Maison Relais, the Youth Centre, parents and local associations,
- ensure that, in the future, we will provide the necessary structures so that children in difficulty can be assisted in a targeted way,
- once the building sites in the main street are finished, resign the schoolchildren's route and introduce the Pedibus lines,
- continue to guarantee that every child in the municipality has a place in the Maison Relais from the age of 3,
- based on the current number of schoolchildren and the growth objectives of the municipality, determine the future need for school infrastructure and set up a plan for the medium-term extension of the "An der Dällt" school campus,
- renovate the existing primary school while ensuring that the premises are child-friendly, that environmentally friendly and recyclable materials are used and that the necessary measures are taken to save energy and water,
- complete the child-friendly school playgrounds project and create and implement a concept to secure the school campus,

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- improve the flow of traffic around the school campus in the interest of schoolchildren. In this context, we will also complete the 30 zone project as planned for part of the main street,
- support educational projects that help stimulate schoolchildren outside school in areas such as sports, culture, the media, nature and the environment,
- in the interest of the health of our school age children, increase the share of regional, organic and fairtrade products in our school canteen,
- motivate children in school to exercise, eat a healthy diet and continue to implement the fruit programme at school (Schoul-Uebst),
- educate our children to adopt a responsible attitude towards the environment by implementing the waste prevention and recycling project at the school campus,
- continue to support the North-South and Transfair projects so that our young people are aware that we must also respect those who produce the products we often consume in a carefree way,
- organise a school garden jointly with the SIAS so that our children learn how to grow food and what they can do with it afterward.

### **Social cohabitation**

**We would like to offer the same opportunity to all our fellow citizens so that they feel as though they are part of our community.**

**Not everyone in our municipality is financially comfortable. There are also people and families who have to find a way to make ends meet at the end of the month.**

**To support them, we shall**

- continue to remain active in the housing market in order to be able to rent houses or apartments to low-income families,
- collaborate in the future again intensively with the Social Services Office to be able to help quickly and in a non-bureaucratic way those who need it,
- advise and support, together with the Social Services Office and the regional energy council, low-income households to educate them on how to reduce their energy consumption as much as possible,
- help them optimally to benefit from state programmes against energy poverty and provide them with special help to offset these costs,
- ensure, together with the Social Services Office, how to simplify central access to social services and inform people in an understandable way and in several languages of the existing services they can use,
- testify in the future, our solidarity with those who are forced to leave their homeland against their will and welcome some of them to our municipality, jointly with our fellow citizens.

**Our associations play an important role in the life of our municipality and help to strengthen greatly the social glue.**

**We shall**

- give our local associations a boost in financing their future activities, rework the subsidy regulations and adjust the award criteria,
- try to provide them with the necessary infrastructure so that they can organise their activities in the best possible conditions,
- build an extension to the scout cottage to support the local scout group "Castors",

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- tackle a new Cultural Centre where cultural events, including opportunities for the Choir and Harmony group to rehearse and meet,
- also plan and erect a multi-purpose hall with a kitchen that can host balls, small animal shows or private parties.

**In the future, our young people must be included more actively in municipal policy decisions.**

**We shall**

- in order to rework the municipal youth plan jointly with our young people,
- try, together with the Youth Centre and the Youth Club, to set up a municipal council for children and a youth forum,
- include young people in the municipality's development policy and even involve them in the planning of playgrounds and sports facilities,
- plan, jointly with young people showing interest, alternative housing projects where young people can live communally, in shared housing,
- attempt with young people to cover their specific mobility needs through footpaths and bike paths, a safe school path, special bus services such as Syri, Latenightbus or others.

**try to help young people find a job by**

- collaborating with the relevant state administrations, organizations, local businesses and the solidarity economy to create jobs and training positions for our young people,
- continuing, as a municipality, to employ young people in state programmes to make it easier for them to commence their working life,
- still assigning students to our Maison Relais and our technical services for them to accumulate valuable experience for their future entry into the labour market.

**We also plan to take into account the needs of our older fellow citizens that are also changing at the same time as the society as a whole.**

**For this purpose, we shall**

- develop a municipal plan for seniors, jointly with all stakeholders. We expect this plan to take into account the multiplicity of our fellow citizens, ensure that no one is lonely and forgotten at home but that everyone is motivated to participate in the social, cultural and political life,
- support more forms of housing such as dwellings that both old and young people can share,
- verify jointly with our neighbouring municipalities if there is a sufficiently wide offer of housing suitable for the elderly and possibly envisage a construction project in our municipality,
- continue to provide regular information on all the services offered in our municipality for the elderly to make their daily life easier,
- as part of the redevelopment of the Schuttrange [Community] Centre, to create the municipality's cultural and social [community] centre where our seniors will find their place and where they will be able to socialise regularly with families and young people,
- by planning new housing projects, take into account the needs of older generations, promote intergenerational dialogue and provide space for this in the new community centre.

**To ensure access to services and public buildings for people with special needs, we will**

- provide easily accessible web pages that include data in plain language that is easily understood
- avoid any obstacle to accessibility to public space and, to a large extent, remove these obstacles,
- also provide weekend bus call service.

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All these actions are undertaken in collaboration with stakeholders such as Committees, representatives of the Parent/Student Association, schools, Amiperas, disabled associations, etc.

**We will try to expand our cultural programmes in the future to reach all our fellow citizens. In this way, we are also trying to consolidate cohesion in our village community.**

### As such

- we will collaborate with the school, the Maison Relais, the Youth Centre and all the cultural associations as well as people interested in culture,
- we do regular exchanges with our neighbouring municipalities and inform them about the regional offer,
- we support art and creativity in children and young people,
- we build infrastructure adapted to the new village centre and the rehearsal rooms that our cultural associations need,
- we are now leading the architectural competition for the redevelopment of the Schuttrange Centre to recreate an attractive place where all the municipality's residents can meet. Next to the Munsbach Education and Sports Centre, the municipality's social and environment is planned for Schuttrange,
- we will ensure that activities are organised at this centre such as exhibitions, a weekly market, concerts, etc., and that it is an attractive village centre where all generations can meet and feel at ease,
- we will ensure that the municipality's archives are created where all the documents on the history of the municipality will be professionally stored,
- we will mark certain buildings and historic sites and explain their history, create a cultural trail and walks in nature, so as to keep our past alive,
- we will also develop small squares in the different neighbourhoods of the agglomeration, where small cultural activities can be organised such as street parties, concerts, etc., which will also contribute to cohesion between neighbours. Small businesses are also expected to see the day in the localities.

**We are aware of the important role played by sports these days. We are moving less and less into our workplace and many of our children spend most of their time behind their electronic devices.**

**In terms of sports facilities, our municipality is well equipped. Over the next few years, we would like to restore these facilities and extend them if necessary.**

### We shall

- support youth sport work in a targeted way,
- if need be, consult with the neighbouring municipalities to use our sports facilities optimally,
- replace the football clubhouse by a new phased-in infrastructure with the current sustainability requirements,
- develop an artificial turf next to the existing football field so that the club can offer our young people better training options,
- when renovating public squares or roads, ensure that opportunities are created for sports activities and we will try to install a few pieces of fitness equipment everywhere,
- provide trails for mountain bikes and install appropriate signage,
- better report our hiking and biking trails on maps, our home page on the Internet or through a special application and also try to link them to national networks.

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## Gender

- We will try to create a gender balanced workforce structure in our administration and services divisions.
- We will work to reverse the traditional roles and stereotypes attributed to each gender and encourage fathers to take parental leave.
- The names of streets, buildings, etc., will in the future also be chosen among those of women.

## Environment

**As a municipality belonging to the Climate Alliance (Klimabündnis) and the Climate Accord, the environment and protecting nature is a priority for us.**

### We wish to

- conserve and promote species diversity within and outside communities,
- reduce CO2 emissions to a minimum,
- pursue a sustainable energy policy and include and motivate citizens, associations and businesses to make the best efforts in this area,
- obtain a 75% certification under the Climate Accord by no later than 2019,
- plant green areas and trees in different construction zones and localities,
- link these green areas with each other and with nature outside localities to promote biodiversity and improve the quality of housing and life,
- set a goal to ensure that our municipality is free of GMOs and pesticides and launch related information campaigns. We will discontinue the use of GMOs in our gardening business and purchase GMO-free foodstuff for use in school canteens,
- inform individuals of the risk of using pesticides and offer them alternatives,
- achieve better air quality and less noise by promoting environmental mobility and reducing personal motorised traffic, by continuing to implement traffic calming measures and by developing 30 zones on the main street,
- actively support the implementation of the National Action Plan for Sound Protection and the National Air Quality Agenda, participate in the state air quality measurement campaign, and commit to sound insulation along the railway corridor,
- combat light pollution, adapt public lighting and design decent public buildings,
- when constructing and renovating municipal buildings, childcare centres, schools, etc., take ecological construction measures to avoid sources of chemical, biological or physical pollution and take into account any health risks,
- support the efforts of the local foresters, the SIAS Biological Station and Conservation Associations to assist in the preservation and promotion of biodiversity, also outside communities,
- publicise the 'Schlammwiss' nature reserve to our residents,
- reduce the winter service, and to this end, develop a concept with the technical service to reduce the use of salt to a minimum, without endangering the safety of citizens in public spaces.

### Water quality

#### *Uebersyren water treatment plant*

- The municipality will push for, together with the various actors, sustainable solutions to be found to counter the serious problems that arise sporadically in the municipality of Schuttrange due to

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wastewater from the Findel Airport and that these solutions are put into practice as soon as possible.

## **Save water**

- For the future too, we would like to use awareness campaigns and insist that households and businesses find ways to reduce their water use.
- We would want to advise on the correct behaviour and appropriate techniques to be adapted to achieve our goal. Based on appropriate indicators, we will measure our results and adapt our resources accordingly.
- An increase in the price of water based on consumption, while not necessarily signifying an increase in the price of water, can be introduced alongside a modified regulation on wastewater.

## **Drinking water and protecting water**

- To protect the municipality's drinking water sources, and thereby guarantee the quality of water, we would want to implement the framework directives on water policy. These measures also benefit surface water.
- Where sources of drinking water are identified, we would like to implement appropriate measures for source protection. An action that will be carried out together with the state administrations, neighbouring municipalities and above all with the companies and farmers concerned.
- We would want to reduce the risk of flooding by adopting the following measures: rainwater infiltration must become more consistent, some surfaces made watertight should be reversed as much as possible, we need to partially renature watercourses and guarantee maintenance of the natural flood zones, and last but not least, the construction of retention ponds must be continued.

## **Waste management**

- We are planning to implement the new waste management concept with a focus on waste avoidance and adapting our tax regulations to ensure that the polluter-payer principle is respected as much as possible. This principle is based on information from the weighing of garbage cans. Less waste in the grey bin means less to be paid.
- To achieve this, we would want to give the necessary advice for both waste reduction and composting.
- We need a general understanding of the waste problem and how to prevent it, and to this end, we plan to do extensive public relations to ensure that everyone manages to save resources from the time of purchase and that the responsible management of materials becomes a reality.

## **In this respect, it is also essential that the municipality sets an example.**

- We will adopt an exemplary waste prevention attitude and help organise the sorting of waste optimally in terms of the municipality's buildings as well as at public parties and sporting events.
- In terms of active waste prevention, we would like to offer alternatives to disposable cups and cutlery and advise and support our associations in terms of logistics when organizing their events.
- We will support the fight against food waste and also, specifically in our school canteen, all continue to ensure responsible food processing.

## **Recycling**

- Where materials are at stake, they must come back as perfectly as possible in the cycle of reuse. The crucial point is therefore a high-performance recycling centre to which we aspire, either by a

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new construction or by extending the existing structure. In order to further extend the concept of material recycling and reuse, we would want to come up in the future to also offer possibilities for exchange or repair. Of course, it will be necessary to pay attention, already when extending the infrastructure, to a way of building sparing resources.

- We want to go even further by investing in the renovation and construction of the municipality's buildings and housing, in the sense of the circular economy, on the use of recyclable and ecological materials.
- We would like to make both businesses and households aware of how to generate the least amount of construction waste as possible.

### Climate Accord

- As part of the Climate Accord, we would like to have regular exchanges with local businesses. Possible environmental protection and energy conservation measures within the local business community will be defined and implemented together. The municipality will ensure that professional advice will be available to those who seek it.
- By following the example of 'transition towns', our aim is to promote local and regional initiatives consistently in terms of the different housing types (eg housing cooperatives), new forms of savings (circular economy by repairs), decentralised energy production (energy cooperative) as well as local food production (community garden).
- It is planned that municipal land and buildings will be made available for innovative projects and decentralised energy production.
- The municipality will be guided by ecological, social and ethical criteria when acquiring goods and services. Upon subscription, these criteria must already be observed in the specifications and must constantly be the basis for orders and acquisitions, the management of municipal funds, grants to associations, etc.
- To achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda, the municipality provides its contribution by organising regularly campaigns and evening information sessions on the North-South issue.

### Renewable energies

- The municipality's energy concept, including the measures required for this purpose, will be implemented to achieve the objectives of the Paris Conference (COP21). This is why we continue to commit to energy savings measures with businesses and private households and rely on competent advice on this matter. By relevant monitoring, we shall control total energy consumption and refine the energy concept.
- The potential for an alternative energy production should be analysed systematically and exploited as soon as possible (wind farm energy, wood production, solar registry, biomass, etc.).
- The municipality continues to vote in favour of photovoltaic energy, currently more efficient and much more economical, by installing panels on all municipality roofs that lend themselves to it, according to the solar registry. Interested citizens are encouraged to participate, particularly in energy cooperatives. These measures also help the municipality significantly in becoming energy independent.
- On this point, the municipality still serves as an example, as mentioned earlier. That is why all the buildings are constructed based on the best type of energy possible. The right energy savings technique must become the norm (lighting, other electrical uses, etc.). Moreover, it is crucial that organic and ecological construction materials are used and that a subsequent reassignment of a building is facilitated and made possible.

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- When constructing both new residential buildings and business areas, efficient energy planning should be a criterion (building orientation, shady side, nearby heat network, etc.). Moreover, building owners must be informed when the state makes new instruments available for household sanitation and receive advice under the climate accord (climate bank, and sustainable construction).
- We promote electromobility by acquiring e-bikes, e-scooters, e-autos for the municipality's automotive fleet and the development of charging stations for private e-mobility.
- The municipality supports and continues to participate in legal steps against atomic energy.

### Traffic

**The location of our municipality, at an intersection to the east of the country results in the fact that we must have a strong public transport in place.**

**Projects such as the planned redevelopment of the Robert Schaffner Roundabout (Rond-point Irrgäertchen) into a 'turbo roundabout' will hardly result in large-scale traffic reduction for the localities of the municipality of Schuttrange.**

**We will continue to commit to approaches with the relevant ministries and authorities to explain local and regional issues and find solutions for the current situation difficult from the point of view of traffic technicality.**

**Motorised vehicle measures are not only related to our legislative period, but the promotion of soft mobility is still part of our most essential tasks.**

#### **For this reason, we plan**

- to develop jointly with our fellow citizens and implement traffic reduction and speed limit measures in localities,
- there where it is feasible, to develop additional 30 zones in the various village cores,
- once construction on the main street has been completed and after the 30 zone has been introduced near the school campus, to ensure that pedibus lines are introduced so that schoolchildren living near the campus can walk to school accompanied by adults,
- when constructing road construction projects and planning public places, systematically integrate bike paths, total accessibility, pedestrian crosswalks and proper pavements,
- as part of the aerial region, to rework, in collaboration with neighbouring municipalities and administrations, the regional concept of mobility and to achieve the objectives of the MoDu (Global Strategy for Sustainable Mobility) concept,
- develop a concept for bicycles (paths) for the municipality of Schuttrange and include it in the development plan and install adequate parking for bicycles in public squares and municipal infrastructure,
- renew pedestrian walkways and bike paths, develop locally new hiking and bike trails and improve the links to the regional bike paths as much as possible,
- promote public transportation by developing safe and unhindered access to the Munsbach Station and bus stops and install as many covered bike stations and bike boxes as possible with this infrastructure,
- let our residents know about the car sharing system planned by the national railway as soon as it is up and running and motivate them to use it,
- promote regular contact with our police commissions in the Syre Valley, in the interest of our fellow citizens, safety in everyday life and on the roads.

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## Regional collaboration

**As the Municipality of Schuttrange, we will continue in the future to value regional collaboration and not close ourselves to inter-municipal planning for any large-scale project.**

### We wish to

- organise a regular regional exchange of ideas with our neighbouring municipalities,
- work actively with our neighbouring municipalities when planning public transport mobility (regional bus lines) and inter-municipal bike paths,
- ensure that our inter-municipal business area remains attractive for companies and, in our efforts to attract new businesses to regional business parks, ensure, jointly with the municipalities concerned, that the companies that come to set up business here are forward-looking and innovative in the research and/or environmental technologies sectors,
- initiate steps with the government to advance the construction of the intervention centre planned for the emergency services of the municipalities of Niederanven and Schuttrange in order to provide this service with an adapted infrastructure,
- do not automatically close the door on merger discussions without first considering all advantages and disadvantages. This will then be up to our fellow citizens, during round table discussions, to explain their point of view and, in case of a large consensus, it will be up to them to decide on the future of our municipality through a referendum.

**All our plans for the future can of course only be implemented if we have the necessary competent staff and financial means. The ratio of income and expenditure will always have to be balanced so that we can make the necessary investments on the one hand and, on the other hand, we will be able to support the related costs. We are pleased to have the opportunity to be able to rely on competent staff, while being aware that the human resources will have to be adequate to perform the tasks.**

### We shall

- in the years to come, restructure and strengthen the municipality's staff based on an existing analysis,
- hire a municipal officer - a country guard who will ensure that the general police regulations, the parking regulations, and in general, other regulations are enforced,
- invest in our human resources and in their knowledge by sending them for regular training,
- ensure that our staff can oversee and manage those services that we may subcontract,
- control regularly our expenditure, try to reduce our energy consumption, clean up our buildings and change our fleet to use low-emission vehicles. Apart from energy savings that this measure will incur, this will also allow us to consider our commitments under the Climate Accord,
- enlarge our technical service space so that our staff can work in a suitable and safe environment,
- under the five (5)-year financing plan, regularly check the incidental costs and the medium-term financial and ecological side effects,
- in the end, make efforts in all areas of the Climate Accord but especially with regard to energy consumption reduction and the use of local energy sources, based on our energy concept.

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**With respect to the maintenance and extension of our infrastructure, we have not purposely listed each road and site construction project where we are moving or renovating infrastructure in this programme.**

**You will find these projects under the budget that we will present within eight (8) days as well as in our five (5)-year financial plan that we will deliver early next year.**

**We are convinced that this programme is in every way in the best interest of our fellow citizens and as such, we will be able to conserve and improve the quality of life that we have here in Schuttrange.**

**I would like to thank you for listening to me.**

**The discussion about this Declaration of the Council of Aldermen will be held today in eight (8).**