



## **CSV Wincrange Electoral programme for the municipal elections 2023**

### **Preface**

In 2005, the municipality of Wincrange introduced the list system with proportional representation. Since then, the CSV has appointed Mr. Marcel Thommes as Mayor of the municipality of Wincrange. We would like to thank Marcel for his many years of commitment to our municipality, and if the voters give us their confidence in our work on 11 June, we promise him that he will continue to lead the municipality in the spirit of his ideals.

For me, it was trivial to assist Marcel in his work, first as a member of the municipal council and from 2015 on as an alderman. My municipality is also very close to my heart.

For the municipal elections of 11 June 2023, the CSV Wincrange is running with a competent and motivated team. A mixture of young candidates with a lot of dynamism and candidates with a lot of experience is a good basis for the future challenges we want to face.

And these challenges are manifold.

A number of projects have been planned and implemented by the current council of aldermen; others are not yet fully completed. This makes it all the more important that the financial situation of the Wincrange community is sound. By the end of 2023, the debt will amount to 3.7 million euros, which corresponds to a per capita debt of 760 euros. Through responsible financial management over the past years since 2017, we have been able to reduce the municipality's debt by 3 million euros. The financial risk associated with a major project such as the House of Education has been significantly reduced from €6.7 million to €3.7 million, allowing us to tackle this project. We will remain true to our principle of only taking out a bank loan for the House of Education and the water treatment plants. We intend to finance all other projects through the ordinary budget.

Coming back to our election programme, which we have been working on over the past weeks and months with the support of many residents to move our municipality forward. We have planned a number of large-scale projects without neglecting smaller ones, to improve the quality of life of all our residents.

Education, housing, health care, drinking water supply, sewage treatment plants, nature and climate protection - these are just a few of the issues we will tackle in the coming years.

There are many reasons to vote for CSV List 4. If you feel the same way, please vote for us on 11 June.

*Luss Meyers*

*Alderman of the municipality of Wincrange and head of the CSV Wincrange list.*



## 1. CSV Wincrange is committed to modern education and care for our children

*For the CSV, the education of children is at the centre of our concerns. We want to support children and their parents as much as possible in their learning and education and offer them the best possible care.*

### What has been achieved in the past six years?

- ✓ Since 2014, we have been working on the concept of the House of Education (Primary School & Maison Relais);
- ✓ Wincrange School became a "Nature Park School";
- ✓ Due to the increased demand, the early education class in Boxhorn was moved to the new building "al Schwemm" in Wincrange;
- ✓ With the support of the board of lay assessors, which always has a sympathetic ear, the collaboration between the Fundamental School and the Maison Relais was intensified;
- ✓ The capacity of the kitchen and the children's group was increased;
- ✓ The menus offered by the Maison Relais kitchen include more and more regional and seasonal products;
- ✓ The music school was moved to the new building "al Schwemm" so that as many children as possible can benefit from music lessons;
- ✓ As part of the "School-Guide" project, we help children and their families with their homework;
- ✓ A mini-crèche is planned and will open in October 2023.

### Our goals for the coming six years:

- The concept of the House of Education in Wincrange will be implemented, providing a house where education and care work hand in hand in the same building;
- The capacity of the Primary School and the Maison Relais will be increased by 50% of the number of children;
- If necessary, the nursery in Wincrange should be expanded to accommodate enough children;
- Additional mini-nurseries will be established if necessary;
- The construction of the House of Education will improve the security of the school yard, which will be fenced;
- The House of Education will have a modern reception area and a parent café for out-of-schools hours;
- We believe it is important that parents and children are free to choose whether to go home for lunch or to stay at the Maison Relais;
- The collaboration of the Primary School and the Maison Relais with the associations must be strengthened in order to save parents unnecessary journeys and to give the children the opportunity to practice their hobby without limitations;
- New jobs will be created at the school and the Maison Relais;
- If necessary, the opening hours of the Maison Relais can be adapted;
- We will continue to support the good cooperation between the Primary School, the Maison Relais and the Commune of Wincrange.



## 2. CSV Wincrange is committed to climate protection and the promotion of renewable energy

*A lot has already been achieved in the field of climate protection and energy in recent years and this is very important to us. In the municipality of Wincrange we produce much more renewable energy than we consume.*

### What has been achieved over the past six years?

- ✓ As a municipality that has joined the "Climate pact", Wincrange was awarded "Gold" status in December 2022, which means that the municipality receives around 200,000 euros in funding per year;
- ✓ Together with our climate consultants, we have developed a strategy that is consistently implemented in all projects;
- ✓ In all road projects, the lighting has been converted to LED;
- ✓ Many old fossil-fuel heating systems were replaced;
- ✓ Photovoltaic systems have been installed on various buildings;
- ✓ The heaters in churches have been set to a lower temperature and are only switched on when needed;
- ✓ Timers have been installed on the heaters in various halls so that they return to normal temperature after a certain time. This reduces energy consumption by 30%;
- ✓ The lighting of churches and monuments was switched off;
- ✓ Subsidies for electric bicycles and energy-saving household appliances have been adjusted at the municipal level;
- ✓ Wincrange is a fair-trade municipality and follows the objectives of this concept;
- ✓ A sustainability audit for our municipality was carried out in 2022.

### Our goals for the coming six years:

- We plan to adjust subsidies for heat pumps and other energy-saving devices;
- The project "Mam Vëlo op Wëntger" is to be revived and all our villages should be connected by bicycle lanes;
- A bicycle "parking area" should be built on the Wincrange site, including the possibility to charge electric bicycles;
- Green events will be supported;
- A Repair Café is to be opened in Wincrange where defective appliances can be repaired instead of being thrown away;
- The old heating systems in the municipal buildings are to be replaced by heat pumps, starting with the largest buildings;
- A new heating concept must be developed for the Wincrange site in order to avoid the use of natural gas;
- Photovoltaic panels are to be installed on municipal buildings;
- Street lighting will consist of LED or solar lamps;
- All municipal buildings are to be equipped with LED lighting;
- The goals of the Climate pact are to be consistently pursued and certification at the highest level is to be sought;



- Rainwater is to be collected and used in new projects, such as the House of Education;
- We want to follow the principles of the circular economy and use sustainable materials;
- For the new municipal vehicles, we will have to opt for electric cars.



### **3. CSV Winccrange is committed to good communication with the citizens and new services in the municipality**

*As CSV Winccrange, we attach great importance to the transparency of municipal work. To keep up with the times, the municipality must always offer its residents the best and most modern services.*

#### **What has been achieved over the past six years?**

- ✓ Since 2006, the Winccrange municipal bulletin has been published three times a year with detailed reports on the meetings of the municipal council and on all the activities of the municipality;
- ✓ The municipality of Winccrange has set up a new website and is active on Facebook and Instagram;
- ✓ Information sessions were organised by the aldermen's committee;
- ✓ The local population has always been able to participate in the planning of municipal centres;
- ✓ The waste service was reorganised;
- ✓ A digital information terminal was placed near the Medical Centre;
- ✓ The Bummelbus, Late-Night-Bus and Night-Rider services were supported;
- ✓ Since the public transport reform, all villages are connected to Winccrange;
- ✓ Public toilets accessible to disabled people have been installed near the Medical Centre. They can also be used by bus drivers;
- ✓ Charging stations for electric cars have been installed near the town hall in Winccrange, in the Maison Relais car park and in Hoffelt near the Barteshaus;
- ✓ The municipality has hired a number of highly qualified staff in administrative and technical services to improve service to residents.
- ✓ "Resonord" is supported by the municipality both financially and by providing infrastructure.

#### **Our objectives for the coming six years:**

- A community application should be developed to provide up-to-date information about the municipality (waste, calendar, news, etc.);
- An e-mail address should be set up so that residents can contact the aldermen's committee directly with their complaints;
- We would like to hire a mediator who can intervene as a neutral person, e.g., in case of a neighborhood conflict or conflicts with the municipality;
- The municipality will continue to support the CGDIS in the implementation of its tasks;
- We want to build a barbecue hut that associations and residents can rent;
- A forest cemetery will be built;
- We are committed to the establishment of an ATM in our municipality;
- Services such as the "Landakademie" and the "Club Haus op der Heed" will be supported;
- Cooperation with "Resonord" will be strengthened in various areas;
- Dispensers for dog waste will be set up.



#### 4. CSV Wincrange stands for modern infrastructure and a modern community

*In this area, many projects have been completed in the past six years. However, in order to remain a beautiful and attractive municipality, that can offer everything to its citizens, it is necessary stick to our commitments.*

##### **What has been achieved over the past six years?**

- ✓ After the renovation of the "al Schwemm" building, the judo club, the dance school, the music school of the canton of Clervaux and the early childhood education have found a new home there;
- ✓ The village venues in Troine and Oberwampach were renewed;
- ✓ The Medical Centre has been expanded;
- ✓ A new hall for the technical service is under construction;
- ✓ Affordable housing was created in Hoffelt with the construction of 5 houses;
- ✓ The Barteshaus in Hoffelt was renovated and turned into a holiday home. The café was reopened;
- ✓ The "Féitsch" roundabout is currently under construction;
- ✓ Road construction projects were completed in Boevange and Niederwampach;
- ✓ Shelters were built at the cemeteries in Niederwampach and Stockem.

##### **Our objectives for the coming six years:**

- In Asselborn, a new village hall will be built in the Weiergaart;
- An extension with kitchen and toilets is added to the village hall in Brachtenbach;
- Affordable housing will be created by building 10 houses in Hamiville;
- As soon as a national legal basis for "Tiny-Houses" is available, we would like to support this housing model in our municipality as well;
- In Boxhorn, a car park and a building with 4 flats will be built near the village square;
- The "Reiteschhaus" in Hoffelt is to be renovated in cooperation with a partner to create social housing;
- The road projects are:
  - In Boxhorn: renovation of the main road and the streets "Om Gissel" and "An de Pétzen";
  - In Brachtenbach: complete renovation of the "Groussgaass";
  - Other road projects will be carried out in Derenbach, Doennange and Sassel;
- We advocate for the construction of a third football field next to the existing one;
- In 2024, the Lentzweiler roundabout will be built in collaboration with the Ponts & Chaussées;
- A shelter will be built at the cemetery in Rumlange.



## 5. CSV Wincrange is committed to quality health services and professional care for the elderly

*Health services in the north and especially in our region are in danger of deteriorating. More and more services are being transferred to Ettelbruck or Luxembourg City. For the CSV, this centralisation is a mistake.*

### **What has been achieved over the past six years?**

- ✓ In 2018, the Centre Médical de Wincrange opened its doors and offers general medicine, physiotherapy, pedicure, psychomotricity, ALA, Resonord and a medical analysis laboratory;
- ✓ We have analysed the current situation with a working group in order to identify the needs of the residents and better target the assistance to be provided;
- ✓ The popular "Mëttesdësch" project will be continued;
- ✓ The municipality of Wincrange contributes to the "Résidence des Ardennes" retirement home in Clervaux. Currently, 30 people from our municipality live there;
- ✓ In 2018, 10 places were acquired at the "Home St. François" retirement centre, which have since then been reserved for residents of the municipality;
- ✓ Every year, a Seniors' Day is organised, where information on various relevant topics is presented and the elderly spend an enjoyable afternoon together.
- ✓ The municipality of Wincrange supports the association "Déi Junk vo Fréier".

### **Our objectives for the coming six years:**

- The Medical Centre in Wincrange is to be expanded, in order to provide additional services for residents. The presence of a dentist and a pediatrician would be important in Wincrange;
- We plan to hire a Health Coordinator to advise and support people of all ages on health matters;
- We are committed to providing "on-call" pharmacy services in the cantons of Wiltz and Clervaux;
- Access for people with reduced mobility must be guaranteed in all building conversions, renovations, and new constructions;
- We want to create communities for people with special needs (assisted living/dementia) with the support of qualified partners.



## 6. CSV Wincrange is committed to community life and a high quality of life

*Our picturesque villages must remain villages, in which we can maintain a high quality of life and live in solidarity. The integration of new citizens is very important.*

### What has been achieved over the past six years?

- ✓ The new venues in Troine and Oberwampach allow residents to meet and celebrate their events;
- ✓ In Lullange, a new community garden was created in collaboration with the Foyer Éisleker Heem. Following the success of this first garden, a second garden will open behind the "Barteshaus" in Hoffelt;
- ✓ New playgrounds were created, in Hamiville, Hoffelt and Doennange. In Doennange, a small chalet will become the new village meeting place;
- ✓ The playgrounds in Boxhorn and Hachiville were extended or renovated;
- ✓ A new room was created in the former school in Boxhorn where local associations can meet and celebrate;
- ✓ The associations have been continuously supported by the municipality. They are often the reason for successful integration of new citizens;
- ✓ In 2022, the Integration Commission successfully organised the "Festival of Tastes" on the occasion of Europe Day;
- ✓ The maintenance of all churches is guaranteed.

### Our goals for the coming six years:

- A new meeting place for young and old is being created in Asselborn, in the middle of the children's playground that includes meeting points for associations;
- New community gardens will be created. They will be places of exchange and meeting.
- New playgrounds will be built, for instance in Boevange and Troine;
- Associations will be actively supported;
- Benches will be installed in the villages as meeting places;
- We want to support initiatives that provide for village halls to be opened occasionally during the week to offer residents a public meeting place where they can exchange ideas, play board games or even have a Sunday aperitif together.





## 7. CSV Wincrange promotes the work of clubs, youth, and sports

*In order to give young people every opportunity to meet, do sports and celebrate, the municipality of Wincrange has invested a lot in recent years.*

*Sports facilities have been built, village squares laid out and clubs have been financially supported in their youth work.*

### **What has been achieved over the past six years?**

- ✓ Venues for the youth clubs have been built in Troine, Boxhorn and now also in Oberwampach.
- ✓ The local youth council, which works for the interests of young people, has been founded;
- ✓ New fences and safety nets were installed around the football pitch and the pitch has been fenced in;
- ✓ The synthetic football pitch has been renovated;
- ✓ A beach volleyball court was built;
- ✓ A grandstand was installed in the cultural centre and the acoustics were improved;
- ✓ The sports hall was equipped with an LED screen;
- ✓ A mini-café was set up in the entrance area of the swimming pool and sports hall for parents waiting for their children, including a coffee machine;
- ✓ Sports clubs are supported by grants for their youth work;
- ✓ The "*Fit a Gesond Wëntger*" initiative was launched;
- ✓ The "*Night of Sports*" is organised every year;
- ✓ An award ceremony is held to honour the best sportsmen and women in the municipality;
- ✓ The Youth Centre North is supported by the municipality through the SICLER.

### **Our objectives for the coming six years:**

- A sports coordinator should be hired to ensure better coordination between the primary school, the Maison Relais and the clubs. This person should develop new projects and get the children moving;
- After the opening of the House of Education, the Youth Centre North will be moved to Wincrange in one of the former kindergarten buildings. This wait will be accessible for all young people by public transport;
- In the future, a recreation area will be built next to the House of Education. A number of sports facilities will be set up in collaboration with the clubs;
- The 24 Stonne Vëlo Wëntger and other events and associations will of course be supported by the municipality;
- A jogging path should be established in Féitsch.



## 8. CSV Wincrange is committed to agriculture and nature conservation

*For CSV Wincrange, agriculture is a very important sector. There are more than 100 farmers in our municipality, all of whom produce quality products. Under the new "Pact Nature", the municipality takes responsibility and is committed to biodiversity conservation and species protection.*

### What has been done over the past six years?

- ✓ A project was set up to bring together local producers and form a cooperative;
- ✓ A sales chalet has been set up on the municipality's premises where local producers can sell their products;
- ✓ The collaboration of local producers with the Maison Relais Wincrange is being strengthened, which is why a larger quantity of local products is used;
- ✓ Collaboration with the Chamber of Agriculture has been strengthened. The Chamber advises farmers on the use of pesticides and fertilisers.
- ✓ A container is available for farmers to drop off their waste in the form of string, nets and plastic round bales free of charge;
- ✓ The municipality of Wincrange maintains the road and path networks in good condition;
- ✓ At the first Nature Pact audit in November 2022, the municipality of Wincrange received basic certification;
- ✓ In recent years, the municipality of Wincrange has reforested 38 ha of forest at the Féitsch and has acquired 7 ha of forest land for sustainable reforestation;
- ✓ The trees in the municipality are FSC and PEFC certified;
- ✓ A nature protection strategy has been set up as part of the Pact Nature;
- ✓ The municipality of Wincrange works without pesticides;
- ✓ The renaturation of the rivers around the Neimillen and in Troine has been completed.

### Our goals for the coming six years:

- It is important for us to strengthen the new cooperative for local products, with the aim of creating a local grocery shop on the Wincrange site, offering a wider range of products from our region;
- Once the production of regional products has been developed, the collaboration with the Maison Relais kitchen can be further intensified;
- A local market organised a few times a year will allow our producers to present their products to a wider public and increase their sales;
- Investment in the rural path network must be maintained at the current level;
- Efforts under the Nature Pact will continue to improve the sustainable development of our community;
- Further renaturation should be planned and carried out.



## 9. CSV Wincrange is committed to sustainable tourism and regional cooperation

*Sustainable tourism is essential in such a beautiful rural area. In cooperation with the Nature Park Our and the ORT (Eislek Regional Tourist Board), a number of excellent initiatives have been implemented, underlining the importance of good regional cooperation.*

### What has been achieved in the past six years?

- ✓ The Barteshaus in Hoffelt was rebuilt and is now rented out by an agency as a holiday home with 24 beds;
- ✓ For the "Leekaulen" project (shale quarries) in Eimeschbaach, a development concept was drawn up in cooperation with all stakeholders in the region and a professional agency;
- ✓ Cooperation with the Lëllger Gaart and the Park Sënnesräich in Lullange was strengthened. They will act as managers of the "Leekaulen" in Eimeschbaach.
- ✓ With the support of the Nature Park, a new "Lauschtour" (audio guide) was developed, leading to the Asselborn Mill, the Lerresmillen and the quarries in Eimeschbaach. This audio tour was awarded the title "Quality Hiking Trail";
- ✓ All 15 hiking trails, as well as the "Escapardenne", are regularly maintained by the CNDS;
- ✓ The "Zeitreise - Journey through time" project was realised with the help of ORT Eislek at the canal in Hoffelt. With the help of a QR code, one can discover the origin of the canal in Hoffelt and the state of the village at that time;
- ✓ Under the chairmanship of Marcel Thommes, the LEADER Eislek period was successfully concluded and a new strategy for the coming years was elaborated;
- ✓ The municipality is involved in the SICLER (Syndicat intercommunal du Canton de Clervaux) with projects such as the music school, the youth center, the Guichet Unique PME, the common industrial zone, Europe Direct, etc.

### Our objectives for the coming six years:

- The "Leekaulen" project is to be implemented according to an attractive concept. The building should be renovated, and the quarries themselves are to be opened to the public;
- The Park Sënnesräich in Lullange will continue to be supported by the municipality;
- Cooperation with the Nature Park Our will be strengthened;
- SICLER will be developed out of five northern municipalities, in order for them to cooperate even closer
- The hiking trails are to be extended and new benches and litter bins are to be installed;
- We want to make cycling tourism more attractive.



## 10. CSV Winchange is committed to the safety of drinking water supplies and water purification

*It is important to ensure that residents have a high-quality supply of drinking water, that the waste water is professionally purified and that it can be returned to nature.*

### What has been achieved in the past six years?

- ✓ Projects that have been completed:
  - Troine and Brachtenbach wastewater treatment plant;
  - Brachtenbach retention basin;
  - Asselborn, Sassel and Eimeschbaach retention basins.
  
- ✓ Projects that are under construction:
  - The Sassel sewage treatment plant;
  - The Derenbach retention basin was connected to the Brachtenbach sewage treatment plant;
  - The Hamiville retention basin was built and connected to the Boevange wastewater treatment plant via a pressure line;
  - The Asselborn, Sassel and Eimeschbach retention basins are under construction;

### Our objectives for the coming six years:

- Drinking water:
  - In order to modernise and guarantee drinking water supply to the villages of Féitsch, Allerborn, Troine-Route, Troine, Crendal and Hamiville, a larger water reservoir will be built in Féitsch;
  - To ensure and modernise the drinking water supply to Boxhorn and Rumlange, a new water pipeline will be laid in cooperation with the DEA;
  - The spring in Hachiville near the "Klaus" will be rebuilt and the pipes adapted to the drinking water network;
  - The spring in Troine has been placed under protection in cooperation with the DEA as part of a spring protection programme. Efforts will be made to use this water again in the near future.
  
- Water purification:
  - The construction of the water treatment plant in Sassel will be completed;
  - The retention basins in Eimeschbaach, Asselborn and Sassel will be completed and connected to the Sassel wastewater treatment plant;
  - As part of the road construction work, two retention basins will be built in Boxhorn and connected to Sassel;



- In Stockem and Rumlage, retention basins will be built and connected to Sassel;
- In Schimpach, a new wastewater treatment plant will be built for the villages of Schimpach, Niederwampach and Oberwampach;
- A retention basin will be built in Schimpach and Oberwampach and get connected to the Schimpach sewage treatment plant;
- In our opinion and that of SIDEN, retention basins will be built in Hachiville, Hoffelt and Weiler and connected to the wastewater treatment plant in Sassel via the retention basin in Eimeschbaach.

Finally, in 2029, all villages in the municipality will be connected to a modern and efficient sewage treatment plant. To protect our environment, we believe that all these important projects should be implemented.