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Intercultural Living Together Commission

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This report follows the meeting of 07/10/2024. It reports on the follow-up of the points discussed, the conclusions and the actions to be taken to advance the commission's projects.

1. ACCEUIL ET INTRODUCTION		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>1.004</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2024 were reviewed and validated without comments. 	All	For info
<u>1.005</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The municipal administration informed the commission that a new round of invitations had been carried out for all existing commissions, and it undertakes to keep this commission informed in the event of new registrations. 	All	For info
2. PRESENTATION DE PROJETS POTENTIELS		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>2.002</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various activities that could serve as connecting points between different groups and cultures were presented, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The organization of an intercultural day focusing on gastronomy, music and culture in general. ○ The organization of a mini-world cup where the different nationalities present in the town would be represented (adults/children). ○ The integration of activities of cultural interest into larger events such as the Konstsfestival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ All of these points were reviewed, and the conclusions from the discussions are detailed further down in the report. 	All	For info
<u>2.003</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A questionnaire prepared by another municipality in the country as part of the municipal pact for intercultural living together was presented as a possible approach to consider for the commission's project. It was specified that a survey had already been conducted among the population in two thousand and nineteen, by the consultative integration commission set up following the elections of two thousand and seventeen. The results and conclusions of this survey were published by the municipality of Kiischpelt via a multilingual brochure printed in January two thousand and twenty-three. It should be noted that the work of the previous commission was interrupted following the Covid-19 pandemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ Following the analysis of the results of the survey carried out in 2019, several observations emerged, presented below in the report. 	All	For info

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3. DISCUSSIONS DES PROPOSITIONS		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>3.002</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual analysis should be carried out by each member before the next meeting, if possible, to allow for a discussion of the individual conclusions. The analysis of the responses and conclusions of the survey conducted in 2019 may provide indications on the actions to be undertaken by this committee, with the aim of involving and involving as many citizens as possible in the choice of community activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ It was noted that the gap between Luxembourg and non-Luxembourg residents in the questionnaire was not always taken into account in a consistent manner, sometimes generating biased interpretations. ↳ A central question concerns the ability to integrate through an official language: is it sufficient to participate fully in society and in municipal decisions? ↳ Some residents regret that local communications are exclusively in Luxembourgish. The committee questions the ability to fully integrate and participate in decisions by mastering only one official language. It is proposed to send a letter to local associations to encourage multilingual communication (Luxembourgish/English/French), thus facilitating the participation of all residents, in order to promote the inclusion of non-Luxembourgish people. The letter is to be validated by the committee before its distribution. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.004</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The method of communicating with the population has yet to be determined. One suggestion is to contact families directly. However, this type of targeted communication could lead to misunderstandings for those who are not contacted. Another suggestion is to send a preliminary letter to assess the level of interest among residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ All communications from the commission to residents will be managed by the municipal administration. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.005</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey, as a snapshot of 2019, may no longer be representative of the intercultural reality of 2024. The commission proposes a simple community meeting to gauge current public opinion and identify the real needs of residents. To encourage meaningful participation, two dates are being considered for this event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International Women's Day (March 8), in line with 2019 findings showing lower perceived integration among women. ○ Universal Children's Day (November 20), which can strengthen family engagement. <p>The details remain to be defined.</p> 	All	Next meeting

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<u>3.006</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strong interest in learning Luxembourgish has been identified. The 2019 survey indicates that 55% of foreign residents were potentially interested in acquiring nationality in the coming years, highlighting a desire for integration. Conversation tables had been set up by the municipal administration, but were interrupted due to a lack of participants. The commission wishes to reintroduce language courses in September 2025. A survey will be distributed by the municipal administration in spring 2025 to assess the number of interested parties and adapt the training offer according to the expected levels. 	All	March 2025
<u>3.007</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In light of the results of the survey and the discussions held, the commission proposes to organize three <i>welcome evenings</i> per year for new arrivals in the municipality. These meetings aim to create a friendly and conducive environment for exchanges between old and new residents, in order to facilitate their integration into the community. The modalities of this event remain to be defined. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.008</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commission wants to organize an intercultural sporting event in the form of a "Mini World Cup", which would be held on a Sunday during the winter of 2024 for better organization and optimal participation. The details remain to be clarified. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.009</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal for a stand with snacks and drinks representing different cultures, in collaboration with the Konstfestival, is being re-discussed. The commission intends to consult the organising committee to determine the feasibility of this stand. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.010</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The availability of a judo trainer to run classes was mentioned as a way to increase community ties. However, current slots at the sports hall are limited, so a follow-up will be conducted to review future availability. 	All	Next meeting

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4. CONCLUSION ET SUITE DES ACTIONS		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>4.002</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A letter will be drafted and submitted to the commission for validation, in order to encourage local associations to include English and/or French in their communications.	All	Week 47
<u>4.003</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A survey will be conducted in spring 2025 to prepare for the launch of courses in September 2025.	All	March 2025
<u>4.004</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The commission will discuss the modalities for launching the “Welcome Evenings” events.	All	Next meeting
<u>4.005</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussions on the projects of the intercultural stand, the mini World Cup and judo courses as well as other open points will continue at the next meeting.	All	Next meeting

Agenda for the next meeting:

- Welcome and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- Miscellaneous questions
- Presentation of potential projects
- Discussion of current projects and actions
- Conclusions and further actions

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