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Next meeting: to be agreed

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Version	Prepared by	Date	Description of the change
0	VAS	06/02/2025	Initial release
1	VAS	23/03/2025	Correction of email addresses

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This report follows the meeting of 15/01/2024. 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>1.006</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The municipal administration announced the registration of three new members to the commission. Two of them attended the meeting and introduced themselves. They will be added to the distribution list for work documents and exchanges. 	All	For info
<u>1.007</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the two previous meetings were reviewed. Errors in dates were identified and will be corrected in a new version of the concerned documents. 	All	For info
2. PRESENTATION DE PROJETS POTENTIELS		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>2.004</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A proposal was made to provide translators during major municipal events if deemed necessary. 	All	For info
<u>2.005</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed to use the space reserved for commissions on the municipal website to store and share working documents and make them accessible to interested parties. 	All	For info
<u>2.006</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another proposal suggested creating a communication channel between residents and the commission, either through a comments box integrated into the website or via a dedicated email address. 	All	For info
<u>2.007</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the participation of commission members in the Meet & Greet event organized by the Clervaux Intercultural Living Together Commission, it was proposed to draw inspiration from the projects discussed there, including the Story Circles organized by ASTI, as part of the organization of welcome evenings. 	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. ↳ The letters were sent to associations at the beginning of the year. The feedback received will help advance this point. 	All	Next meeting
		All	Week 47
		All	For info
<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
		All	For info For memory

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<p><u>3.005</u></p>	<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> <p>↳ As the Buergbrennen event is scheduled for the same weekend in 2025, the initiative initially planned for March 8 is postponed to 2026.</p> <p>↳ Universal Children's Day remains an option. The idea is to create a welcoming environment for discussions and exchanges among citizens, potentially in the school premises. The municipal administration will contact the school administration to assess feasibility.</p> 	<p>All</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
<p><u>3.006</u></p>	<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. <p>↳ A meeting involving ASTI, the municipal administration, and the commission will be organized to discuss the implementation of language courses. The date for this meeting will be communicated later.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>For info</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>March 2025</p>
<p><u>3.007</u></p>	<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. <p>↳ Taking advantage of the ASTI meeting mentioned in point 3.006, and in connection with proposal 2.007, additional information will be sought regarding Story Circles and their potential integration to help newcomers settle in.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>To be defined</p>

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<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ The availability of the sports hall for organizing the intercultural event will be verified. Once the date is confirmed, individual registrations will be opened, and teams will be formed accordingly. 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ Ongoing 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ Due to the absence of an available trainer, the idea of offering courses has been abandoned. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.011</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The debate around the proposal in point 2.004 concerning the provision of translators remains divided. Some see it as a favorable measure to encourage participation, while others fear it could cause disruptions during events. This point will be reconsidered in a future discussion. 	All	For info
<u>3.012</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal in point 2.005 regarding the provision of working documents on the website is seen as a transparency measure and a way to encourage new registrations. The municipal administration will be asked to ensure the updating and storage of relevant documents. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.013</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding the proposal in point 2.006, concerning the creation of a communication channel and managing messages addressed to the commission, it is proposed to limit contributions to residents of the municipality, with prior registration for verification. The modalities will be discussed at a future meeting. 	All	Next meeting
<u>3.014</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A commission member proposes conducting an analysis of available demographic data to identify trends and adapt initiatives accordingly. The results of this analysis will be presented at a future meeting. 	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. ↳ Done. Awaiting feedback from the associations. 	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. ↳ For memory 	All	For info March 2025
<u>4.004</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commission will discuss the modalities for launching the “Welcome Evenings” events. ↳ Les prochaines étapes pour l’organisation des soirées de bienvenue et des cours de langues seront détaillées suite à la réunion avec l’ASTI. 	All	Next meeting 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. ↳ Done. 	All	Next meeting
<u>4.006</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The corrections of incorrect dates in the reports will be made. 	Vítor	Next meeting
<u>4.007</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the discussions in point 3.005, the municipal administration will contact the school administration to assess the feasibility of the initiative. 	Yves	Next meeting
<u>4.008</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the discussions in point 3.008, the availability of the sports hall for organizing the event will be verified. 	Yves	Next meeting
<u>4.009</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the discussions in point 3.009, the Konstfestival organizing committee will be consulted to evaluate possible collaboration. 	Yves	Next meeting

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<u>4.010</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the discussions in point 3.012, the municipal administration will be asked to ensure the updating and storage of relevant documents.	Yves	Next meeting
<u>4.011</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Following the discussions in point 3.012, the municipal administration will be asked to ensure the updating and storage of relevant documents.	Manuel	Next meeting
<u>4.012</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The feasibility of the various events will be assessed based on partner feedback and available resources.	Tous	Next meeting

Agenda for the next meeting:

- Welcome and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
- Presentation of new potential projects
- Discussion of ongoing projects and actions
- Conclusions and follow-up actions

Pintsch, 06/02/2025

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