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Intercultural Living Together Commission

This report follows the working meeting of the commission held on March 17, 2025, organized after the session with ASTI on February 12, 2025, which aimed to present the association, its projects, and to explore opportunities for collaboration with the commission. Below is the follow-up of the topics discussed, along with the conclusions and actions to be taken to ensure progress in the commission's projects.

1. ACCEUIL ET INTRODUCTION		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>1.008</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Errors were identified in some email addresses, which will be corrected in a new version of the relevant documents. 	All	For info
<u>1.009</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The names of new members will be added to the commission's section on the municipal website. 	All	For info
<u>1.010</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the invitation from the municipal administration of Parc Hosingen and its Intercultural Living Together Commission to the "A Taste of Culture" event scheduled for March 29, 2025, and after reviewing availability, our commission will be represented by Mr. Gigante, who volunteered. 	All	For info
2. PRESENTATION DE PROJETS POTENTIELS		CONCERNE	DELAI
<u>2.008</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal was made to organize an intercultural gastro rally, aiming to encourage participation and promote intercultural exchange. 	All	For info
<u>2.009</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions were raised about the procedures to implement in order to maximize citizen participation, whether newcomers or long-time residents. It was suggested to develop procedures or a charter of best practices, to build on acquired experience and ensure the sustainability of actions. The concrete implementation modalities, objectives, steps, and evaluation criteria remain to be defined. 	All	For info
<u>2.010</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed to make the contact details of commission members accessible on the commission's website, along with an indication of the languages spoken by each. A flyer could also be prepared and included in the "Welcome Kit" distributed by the municipality to newcomers, enabling them to contact a member of the commission for information or support. 	All	For info

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<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> <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>↳ It was agreed to revisit this point at the start of the next school year (June/July 2025).</p> 	All	Next meeting
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		All	June/July 2025
<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ 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. ↳ During exchanges with ASTI, it was noted that certified trainers—required for issuing certificates—are scarce at the national level. As an alternative, organizing informal activities, such as language cafés, was suggested as a more accessible and potentially more suitable approach. A questionnaire will be sent to residents to gauge their interest in this type of initiative and to present the commission's objectives and actions. 	All	March 2025
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<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ 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. ↳ ASTI presented the Story Circles concept, which relies on active listening and highlighting commonalities between participants. Facilitators can be trained to lead these sessions, although registration for such training has not yet opened. The commission is considering starting with small, intimate welcome evenings for new residents, with the possibility of later extending them to longer-term residents. <p>It would be relevant to identify the signatories of the Citizens' Pact to better target certain actions, subject to compliance with data protection regulations (GDPR). At the same time, an anonymous questionnaire could be distributed to gather residents' interests and their willingness to get involved in the commission's activities.</p> <p>The municipality indicated that it is considering signing the Pakt vum Zesummeliewen. An information session involving a ministry representative, ASTI and other relevant stakeholders is being considered to clarify the commitments of the pact and explore opportunities for collaboration. This point will be further discussed following that meeting.</p> 	All	Next meeting
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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. ↳ As of the meeting date, five registrations had been received. The deadline is extended until March 24. If the minimum threshold of 20 registrations is not reached, the event will be cancelled. In case of cancellation, the commission will analyze the causes of the low participation and consider new approaches, particularly through existing platforms or associations. 	All	Next meeting
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<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"> ↳ The Konstfestival organizing committee still needs to be consulted. Exchanges with the ministry and ASTI will also help to better define the action modalities. 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ The municipality already provides interpreters at certain events, based on prior registration. 	All	Next meeting
<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ The latest versions of the documents will be submitted for publication on the commission's section of the municipal website. The materials developed under point 2.009 will also be uploaded. 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ This point will be merged and addressed as part of point 2.010. 	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↳ The results of the data analysis will be presented in June/July 2025. 	All	Next meeting
		All	June/July 2025

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

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