

Conseil supérieur du vivre-ensemble interculturel

Minutes of the plenary session of 17th June 2025, 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

In-person meeting

Agenda

Part 1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation by CEFIS on the results of its study on the participation of foreigners in the 2023 municipal elections and the 2024 European elections.
(~~Annick Jacobs, Jessica Lopes~~, Nénad Dubajic CEFIS) (1 hour)

Part 2

3. Follow-up on the BUREX meeting of May 27, 2025
4. Biergerpakt Working Group (GT BP): Feedback from the meeting of April 30
5. Study(ies) to be commissioned by the CSVEI (2025/2026):
Brief presentation of two proposed studies followed by a vote by the members:
Topic 1: “The rise of extremism in Europe: what impact on living together in Luxembourg?”
Topic 2: As a complement to the study “Electoral participation of foreigners. 2023 municipal elections. 2024 European elections.” by CEFIS, which will be presented during the plenary session of June 17, 2025, conduct a study on the electoral participation of foreigners by focusing on specific foreign communities.
6. Other
 - Postponement of the plenary session from September 23 to October 28, 2025, with the presentation of the draft National Action Plan for Intercultural Living Together (PAN VEI)

Members present

Representatives of ministries, municipalities, associations and SYVICOL:

BALDASSARRI Vanessa (Leudelange), BOUSSATA Allal (CLAE), CHEUNG Sing-Loon (Differdange), CHIBAEFF Cyrielle (Croix-Rouge), CICONTE Antonella (Walferdange), DE OLIVERIA Marco (MENJE), DIOP Caty (Schieren), ERPELDING Nadine (MCULT), GEIER Claire (ASTI), GIARMANA Virginie (Inter-Actions), GIRIENS RAKINTSEV Nadine (Strassen), HARPES Christiane (Useldange), JACOBS Annick (CEFIS), MARCELET Alexandra (MT), MOUSSA Mahmoud (Bettembourg), PICHOU Maria (Kopstal), POLOOGADOO Raginée (Clervaux), POON Siu-Yin (Junglinster), RAMDEDOVIC Munir (Esch-sur-Alzette), REITER Nadine (Leudelange), ROMEO Franca (Sanem), SCHANK Flore (SYVICOL)

MFSVA representatives: BORMANN Daisy, DAEMS Anne, HEUERTZ Conny

Guest speaker : DUBAJIC Nénad (CEFIS)

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Members excused

BLISS Alain (MAINT), CONRARDY Nadine (Croix-Rouge), EL KHOURY Victoria (Junglinster), ETGEN Rajesh (SYVICOL), KETTMANN Sonja (Rambrouch), KIRPACH Spencer (MEGA), MARGUE Charles (Lintgen), SCHRANTZ Philippe (HUT), VALENTI Mattia (Kopstal), WOLFF Lynn (HUT)

Part 1

The President of the CSVEI, Anne Daems, welcomed all participants to the fourth plenary session of the CSVEI and reminded everyone that live translation is available in French and English.

The plenary assembly adopted the agenda.

Mr. Dubajic from CEFIS presented the **results of the study on the participation of foreigners in the 2023 municipal elections and the 2024 European elections**. After explaining the methodology and the legal framework in Luxembourg related to this study, he presented key data from the 2023 local elections. Regarding voter registration, it was observed that outside of election periods, there are very few registrations. The registration rate among foreign communities varies based on **three factors**: the similarity of the political and electoral system they know with Luxembourg's, the ability of certain communities to mobilize people, migration history.

For example: Germans easily find their place among political parties in Luxembourg, as party names are similar to those in Germany. Indian and Cape Verdean communities have a strong capacity for mobilization.

Main challenges for the 2029 elections:

- Encourage newcomers (less than 10 years in the country) to register on electoral lists.
- Reach young people: only 10% of foreigners aged 25–34 are registered.
- Avoid limiting awareness campaigns to just before elections. Two major peaks in registration were observed: around the national registration day and the registration deadline.

Online registration via MyGuichet was highly appreciated, with a 50% usage rate.

Recommendations to increase registration rates:

- Ensure a welcoming environment in municipalities: flexible hours, provide information during municipal registration, etc.
- Maintain an online presence.
- Organize events and activities.
- Make continuous and long-term efforts.

The PDF version of the study is available on the CEFIS website and is freely accessible: [RED n°24, Participation électorale des étrangers – CEFIS](#).

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Several clarifications were provided at the end of the presentation. It was clarified that once a person obtains Luxembourgish nationality, even if they have dual nationality, they are statistically counted as Luxembourgish.

In response to a question about the growing number of citizen lists, Mr. Dubajic confirmed that their number has indeed increased since the 2017 elections.

A question was raised about the possibility of conducting studies on youth values in Luxembourg, similar to one published in Germany in 2024 to assess young people's political interest. A youth report is indeed published every four years by the University of Luxembourg.

Regarding the need to be registered on electoral lists to participate in referendums, one must be registered no later than the day of the referendum. This question arose in light of a likely referendum on the Nordstad merger in 2027.

Anne Daems noted that materials from the *I Can Vote* campaign, such as flyers and booths, have been updated and are now available without any date indication.

Finally, it was reminded that the Box platform is used as a tool to facilitate document sharing related to the CSVEI with its members. The access link will be sent to members.

Part 2

- **BUR.EX**

At the BUR.EX meeting on May 27, 2025, it was agreed to propose two training sessions for CSVEI members. One on general intercultural living-together terminology and another one to explain the instruments of living together (*Gemeengepakt*, *Biergerpakt*) and to represent the CSVEI at events.

- **Biergerpakt Working Group (GT BP): Feedback from the April 30 meeting**

Mr. Cheung, member of the GT BP, reported that the group reflected on how to make the *Biergerpakt* more attractive.

The different modules offered within the BP can also impact cultural deserts. It is important to offer different modules to different groups. With this in mind, the GT decided to work in person during the June 30 meeting on developing *personas*. They will represent typical profiles of certain groups and their needs. Another meeting is scheduled for September 8 in hybrid format to work on the concept of rewards.

Anne Daems reminded everyone that the GT is open to anyone interested.

- **Studies to be conducted for CSVEI (2025/2026)**

It was decided to carry out a study on the rise of extremism. However, members did not approve the proposed title: "*The Rise of Extremism in Europe: What Impact on Living Together in Luxembourg?*" Instead, it was proposed to work on: "*The Rise of Extremism in Europe: Can Living Together Face or Oppose It?*"

A working group could be formed to oversee the study. **Charles Margue** is willing to work on this study and draft the terms of reference together with the members of the WG.

Regarding the second proposal (a study on electoral participation of foreigners focusing on specific communities), **Annick Jacobs (CEFIS)** informed members that CEFIS has the data to provide statistics on electoral participation of specific communities.

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- **Miscellaneous**

- The CSVEI plenary session originally scheduled for September 23 has been postponed to October 28, 2025. It will be dedicated to presenting the National Action Plan for Intercultural Living Together (PAN VEI).
- One of the training sessions may be held on September 23 and will be open to both full and substitute members.
- The European Union has launched a public consultation on the **EU Anti-Racism Strategy for 2026–2030**. All EU citizens, residents, and organizations are invited to complete an online questionnaire to share their views by July 8, 2025. [Anti-racism Strategy](#)
- As part of the consultation on **the National Action Plan for the prevention and fight against poverty**, an online consultation is available. Since only one response per institution is requested, the CSVEI secretariat will compile members' responses into a single document. A PDF version of the questions will be sent to members, who are free to respond and return them to the secretariat by July 15.