

Conseil supérieur du vivre-ensemble

Minutes of the plenary session of 25th March, 2025 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

In-person meeting

Agenda:

Part1

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation of the first results of the Study on living together in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg ELIR-OMEVI 2024 (Dr. Pierre Weiss, DVEI) (1h)

Part 2

3. Recap of the BUREX meeting held on 4 March 2025
4. Budget 2025 (voted) and 2026 (requested from IGF)
5. Biergerpakt Working Group (GT BP): feedback from the first meeting to the plenary meeting and validation of the composition of the GT BP
6. Fête des voisins
7. Other:
 - Review of the first meeting of the INLL Advisory Board on 20 March
 - Sergio Ferreira represents CSVEI @ ALIA
 - Changes to the composition of the CSVEI
 - Exchange/sharing of CSVEI members' e-mail addresses
 - Interest of an association representative in joining BUREX
 - Feedback on the meeting with the organizer of “la plus grande table du monde” in France
 - Representation material for the CSVEI at events
 - Presence of the CSVEI at events linked to living together

Members present

Representatives of ministries, municipalities, associations and SYVICOL:

BALDASSARRI Vanessa (Leudelange), BLISS Alain (MAINT), BOUSSATA Allal (CLAE), CASSARINO Astrid (Bettembourg), 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), INGHELRAM-MAEYENS Margaretha (SYVICOL), JACOBS Annick (CEFIS), KIRPACH Spencer (MEGA), MARCELET Alexandra (MT), MARGUE Charles (Lintgen), MENHAL Zina (Roeser), POLOOGADOO Raginée (Clervaux), REITER Nadine (Leudelange), ROMEO Franca (Sanem), SCHRANTZ Philippe (HUT), TONG SAM Jimmy (Junglinster), VALENTI Mattia (Kopstal)

MFSVA representatives: : BORMANN Daisy, DAEMS Anne, HEUERTZ Conny

Members excused

EL KHOURY Victoria (Junglinster), ETGEN Rajesh (SYVICOL), HARPES Christiane (Useldange), KETTMANN Sonja (Rambrouch), LOURENCO Angelo (Roeser), MULLER Kim (Ell), POON Siu-Yin (Junglinster), SCHANK Flore (SYVICOL), WILLIERE Laure (Grosbous-Wahl)

Part 1

The president of CSVEI, Anne Daems, welcomed all participants to the first plenary session of 2025 and thanked them for their presence.

The plenary assembly adopted the agenda.

Dr. Pierre Weiss from the Living Together Division began with a **presentation of the preliminary results of the study on living together in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**, commissioned by MFSVA and conducted by LISER.

This is a longitudinal study, meaning it spans several years. The first wave began in 2024, with a second and third wave planned for 2025 and 2026 with newcomers from the previous year.

This presentation includes the results of a selection of questions asked during the survey. The first wave includes adult newcomers from 2023, with a participation rate of 26.1%, which is relatively high compared to other online surveys. This is likely due to the fact that participation was rewarded with a voucher.

Of the 3472 participants, 2921 agreed to be recontacted, and an interconnection of administrative data, notably from MENEJ, INLL, ADEM, and IGSS, with the survey data.

The second questionnaire with cohort 1 will be launched this year to evaluate the evolution of certain elements and to collect additional data. In the spirit of a longitudinal study, a second wave will be launched in 2026 with the cohort of new arrivals from 2024 and 2025. Simultaneously, a third questionnaire will be proposed to cohort 1.

The cohort was divided into a treatment group and a control group. The treatment group received detailed information about the Biergerpakt, while the control group did not. With this targeted communication, there would be a 7.5% increase in Biergerpakt memberships. 81% of people in the treatment group would like to receive more information about the Biergerpakt. 11.4% of respondents have already joined the Biergerpakt. 56.2% of those surveyed were unaware that joining it would be considered when applying for Luxembourgish nationality or long-term resident status.

Among the most important elements for newcomers are information on participating in local life and workshops for practicing official languages.

Questions

At this stage, there is no mapping data from the survey yet, but there will be breakdowns for 2025.

Since the BP is open to any adult, Ms. Geier inquired about the possibility of studying the angle of those who are not newcomers to encourage them to join the BP.

This is methodologically possible, but it will come later.

Mr. Cheung suggested transmitting the survey data to municipal commissions to determine the concerns of people living in the municipality.

The breakdown by place of residence is planned for 2025, but GDPR must be considered (if the cells are too small, they must be re-aggregated).

In view of the upcoming municipal and European elections in 2029, Ms. Daems suggested including the "I can vote" campaign in the 2027 wave to encourage political participation, including registration on the electoral roll. This would allow the topic to be revisited with the second questionnaire in 2028 by asking participants if they have already registered, and then in 2029 asking if they have actually voted. Thus, there would be a promotion that complements the "I can vote" campaign. Following this idea, Ms. Romeo noted that newcomers should be informed about the possibility of registering on the electoral lists at the population office upon their arrival in the municipality.

Ms. Diop took advantage of the discussion to inquire about the progress of the anti-racism PAN. This PAN will be presented at the end of this year. Civil society, as well as the various bodies working on human rights, will be consulted ahead, and implementation can begin next year.

Finally, Ms. Daems proposed to follow up on this study at the end of the year, or when the LISER report is finalized.

Part 2

- **BUR.EX**

The points discussed at the BUREX meeting of March 4, 2025:

- The budget was already discussed at the BUREX meeting, as the budget had to be submitted internally by March 10.
- Presence of CSVEI with a stand at the Migration Festival and other events in Luxembourg related to living together.
- Order of hydraulic counters and roll-ups with the CSVEI graphic charter to be used at events.

- **Budget**

2025 = 30.000€

- ± 500€ for translation during plenary sessions= ±2000€ per year
- Representation material

Other ideas :

- Invite a speaker on a topic related to intercultural living together to inform and train CSVEI members

2026 = 53.000€

- Translations
- Possibly training sessions for regular and substitute members
- Possibly consultation fees for a lawyer to provide a statement
- Launch studies (2 topics* have already been discussed but are to be discussed)

Request €100,000 in the long term (from **2027**)

*1) Impact of vulnerability on living together

2) Rise of extremism in Europe: what impact on living together in Luxembourg?

These studies are planned for 2026 but could be started in 2025 (with the 2025 budget).

→ Other ideas are welcome.

Budget **proposals**:

- Provide caps to participants of Neighbors' Day (Ms. Romeo)
- It might be interesting to conduct studies on specific groups, such as youth, women, specific foreign communities, those who do not exercise their right to vote (Luxembourgish and non-Luxembourgish) (Ms. Jacobs/CEFIS)
- CSVEI could also get involved in living together in public spaces, for example regarding the ban on begging (Ms. Jacobs)

- **Biergerpakt Working Group, presented by Ms. Geier**

Validation of the current composition unanimously: Sing-Loon Cheung (Differdange), Nadine Erpelding (MC), Sérgio Ferreira (ASTI), Claire Geier (ASTI), Annick Jacobs (CEFIS), Jessica Lopes (CEFIS), Sandrine Pompidou (Leudelange), Siu-Yin Poon (Junglinster), Flore Schank (Syvicol)

Functioning:

The first meeting was on March 18, with the goal of agreeing on the functioning of the Biergerpakt WG. The **secretariat** will be provided by Daisy Bormann from the Living Together Division of MFSVA.

The **reporters** will be in contact with CSVEI, as it is the decision maker. The role of reporter can change.

The WG is **self-managed** with the support of the Living Together Division.

Missions:

- Provide CSVEI with information on the Biergerpakt
- Participate in the promotion of the Biergerpakt (when it is implemented)
- Work on Biergerpakt indicators and make adjustments. This also involves regularly reviewing indicators and modules, so it is a long-term working group.

All CSVEI members are invited to join the WG at any time to share their ideas and discuss them, even if it is a limited-time participation.

Reports will be sent to CSVEI members but will not be published publicly as is the case for CSVEI plenary session reports.

The **second meeting** is scheduled for April **30 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM in a hybrid format**, to discuss expectations for BP and start working on concrete matters.

Following Ms. Diop's question about the implementation of WGs in general, Ms. Daems reminds that WGs can be formed at any time as indicated in the CSVEI ROI. They allow for in-depth work on a topic.

Regarding the functioning of working groups, Mr. Cheung would appreciate the possibility of presenting his ideas to different WGs, even without being part of them, through the secretariat. However, as discussed during Biergerpakt WG, this could disrupt the group's functioning and give the person wishing to share their ideas the impression of not being heard.

- **Fête des voisins**

The ALSP association has contributed to organizing Neighbors' Day in recent years by providing communication toolkits. However, this project is mainly managed by volunteers, and the work is becoming too much to handle. In this context, there was a meeting with representatives of ALSP, ASTI, BUREX members, and the Living Together Division to **consider collaboration** for future editions. CSVEI should therefore consider possible collaboration. Collaboration could, for example, take place within a GT to which experts (ALSP and ASTI) would be added.

- **Miscellaneous**

- Ms. Geier (ASTI) has joined the **INLL Council** as CSVEI representative. This first meeting mainly served to introduce the members. Ms. Heuertz takes advantage of the topic to briefly inform about the existence of the **practical language guide** (guide pratique des langues), developed on the initiative of the Ministry of Education in collaboration with ASTI and MFSVA, and which has been distributed to CSVEI members. This guide is available online and can voluntarily be shared with municipalities, municipal commissions, etc.
- Mr. Sergio Ferreira (ASTI) has been designated as CSVEI **representative to ALIA**.
- Ms. Daems specifies that these two bodies explicitly requested a representative from an association.
- **Changes in CSVEI composition:** the former president of CLAE, Ms. Zaourou, resigned from her position. As provided by the ROI, the substitute member, Mr. Boussata, became a regular member, and a new substitute member, Ms. Dahm-Do Rosario, joined CSVEI. Similarly, for the Ministry of Labor, Ms. Dionisio takes the role of regular member, and Ms. Marcelet becomes a substitute member. This is also the first meeting for HUT, with Mr. Schrantz as a regular member. Ms. Erpelding from the Ministry of Culture became a regular member, and a new substitute member will be appointed. Ms. Daems reminds that only one member of each pair can attend meetings, but there is no obligation for it to be the regular member.
- Request for agreement to **share email addresses**
- There is still a **vacant position at BUREX** for associations. There is no obligation for this position to be filled. Interested associations can contact the secretariat (conseil.zesummeliwen@fm.etat.lu).
- The point on "**la plus grande table du monde**" is postponed to the next session.

The president closes the session by thanking everyone and reminding that the next CSVEI plenary session will take place on June 17, 2025. On this occasion, CEFIS will present the study on the electoral participation of foreigners, distributed at the beginning of the session.