# Review







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Miscellaneous		
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Conti Bus	8002 20 20	www.flexibus.lu
Munsbach Recycling Centre	34 72 80	www.rc-munsbach.lu



#### Dear citizens,

The year 2022 is over and will not be forgotten soon – with a pandemic that is almost over and an inhumane war in Ukraine, but also with some positive things, like the immense solidarity and humanity that prevails in our Contern district.

We were the first district in Luxembourg to spontaneously set up a collection centre. And thanks to many extremely committed residents from Contern and the neighbouring districts, we were able to provide as many as 1,000 people a day with basic essentials every day for four months. Many residents from our district even accommodated a family in their home or gave them a flat. And, for a period of three months, we also opened the doors of our cultural centre in Moutfort to give 145 Ukrainian refugees a place to stay.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who made this possible and who showed so much humanity in their spare time all these months by helping other people in need.

In addition to all of this, we as district officials, together with our entire staff, have done our very best to help you with your everyday problems, to maintain and beautify our villages and make them safer. It is impossible to list everything here, so please find below a brief summary reviewing all the things that were achieved in Contern district in 2022.

Besides the initiative to get a pharmacy in our community - which is great news for all of us this Cabinet has also launched many construction sites, with the aim of renewing and upgrading decades-old infrastructure. All these works ensure clean drinking water, electricity and gas in all homes, as well as fast broadband. A wastewater system was also built and flood control measures adopted. Regarding safety and traffic calming, we will continue to make investments to improve the quality of life and the well-being of our fellow citizens.

Due to the growing number of new residents in the years to come, it is absolutely necessary to plan and implement the extension of the school campus, consisting of our primary school and our Maison relais daycare centre, and the construction of a new sports hall. We will also enlarge the Spillkëscht crèche in Moutfort in the new year. Unfortunately, all these projects are one year behind schedule due to the problems that the whole world is facing.

So, dear residents, a lot happened last year, and I would like to thank you all for the great experiences, achievements, conversations and discussions in 2022. Thank you for the many constructive, positive ideas and proposals that you regularly approach us with. This is the only way to let us know what the issues are and for us to work in your interest.

Dear readers, even if not everything is always possible or feasible – because there will always be constraints, laws, regulations and procedures that must be complied with – we will continue to do our best to help you and provide advice when you need us.

Contern is a vibrant district that continues to evolve and does not stand still. In the new year, we will continue to do everything we can to promote the development of our beautiful district and prepare it for the future. At the same time, we are very committed to preserving the rural character and beautiful nature of our four villages Contern, Moutfort, Oetrange and Medingen, and continuing to protect our environment.

On behalf of the district council, I wish you and your loved ones a beautiful and peaceful New Year with many exciting moments and in perfect health!



#### **Road works**

Whether sewage and infrastructure works, new rainwater overflow basins, higher pavements and roads, new speed bumps and traffic lights, a redesigned bus stop and a Kiss&Go drop-off area at the Um Ewent school campus, a widened pavement in Rue de Syren or new village gateways – in 2022 Contern district council implemented plenty of measures for your safety and quality of life!



## **Residential parking**

In order to counter the parking problems in Contern district, the district council implemented a residential parking scheme in Moutfort and Oetrange on 1 January 2022, introducing a parking permit and hiring a municipal agent. After the first year, a further assessment was made and the new changes will be communicated to you shortly.

For further details, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/stationnement-residentiel





## The new Gemeng Conter application

After a new communication concept was drawn up in 2021, our new Gemeng Conter application was finally released at the beginning of 2022. It gives you access to all important district information, 24/7 and from anywhere in the world, and direct, interactive contact with the district administration. You can download it in the Google Play Store and the App Store.

You can download the app by scanning the QR code or visiting tinyurl.com/application-conter



#### Wifi4EU

Since 10 January 2022, Wifi4EU provides you with free WiFi access on your mobile phone, tablet or laptop in the following public places: at the old school in Contern, inside the gymnasium and on the two cafeteria terraces at the Um Ewent sports hall; in Prince Charles Park in Oetrange; in Moutfort park; and at the Medingen cultural centre.



#### New photovoltaic system

At the beginning of 2022, a photovoltaic system was installed on the Musekhaus music school's roof in Oetrange. It is managed by the EnerCoop Syrdall energy cooperative. Interested persons had the opportunity to invest a minimum of 500 euros in the project. This is one of many actions through which Contern district council is actively mitigating climate change. We will let you know as soon as similar new projects are implemented.



## Installation of the 1000th nesting box

On 11 February 2022, the 1000th nesting box across the five member districts in the leweschte Syrdall natur&ëmwelt initiative was installed in Moutfort, in the presence of Carole Dieschbourg, Environment Minister, Roby Biwer, chair of natur&ëmwelt, and Jean-Pierre Schmitz, chair of Vulleschutzliga (Bird Protection League).



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#### Inauguration of the Henkeshaus

At the beginning of 2022, the second phase in the renovation of the district-owned building "An Henkes" in Contern was completed. The Les Villageois choir now has a new rehearsal room, the CdJ Contern hall was modernised, and the AB Contern fan club and the Contern fire brigade now each have a stunning meeting room. The district council extended invitations to the building's inauguration on 6 March 2022.



#### Support for Ukraine

On 9 March 2022, the district council opened a collection centre to help Ukrainian refugees seeking protection in our country. Thanks to this measure, which was only possible due to the help of our generous volunteers and donors, several hundred Ukrainian refugees could be provided with urgentlyneeded relief items. Many thanks to everyone for their valuable help!



## Flood control study

After the severe flooding in 2021, the district council commissioned a feasibility study to evaluate which flood control measures can be implemented to prevent the streets in Moutfort and in Oetrange being flooded due to the river Syre overflowing. The results were presented to our residents on 10 March 2022.

For further details, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/mesures-anti-crues



#### Phone box school library

Borrow a book, read it, then return this or another book - phone box libraries are very popular in Luxembourg. So, in 2021, four phone box libraries were installed in Contern district: at the church in Contern, at the Medingen and Oetrange cultural centres and in Moutfort park. Since mid-March 2022, our district has had a fifth phone box library: kids and their parents can now borrow books on the Um Ewent school campus. Here you will find a large selection of books tailored particularly to the needs of children and parents.



#### Conti Bus and Night Rider

To offer citizens the best possible service and transportation solutions, the Conti Bus concept has been adapted at the request of the district council: the Conti Bus pass was introduced for our residents and, since 15 March 2022, the bus also serves the Jangeli daycare centre in Hesperange where you also find a bank, a post office, etc.

In addition, since mid-March 2022 you can also apply for a Night Rider pass to use on the Night Rider night bus. As part of this great initiative, the district council offers the first ten rides for free to everyone who applies for a Night Rider pass.



## Big clean-up ("Grouss Botz")

On 1 April 2022, Contern district organised its "big clean-up". Together with 332 children from the Um Ewent school, employees of local businesses and residents, the district council helped pick up the litter that other people throw away, spoiling our nature and our villages. In the afternoon, the children were able to take part in educational workshops about waste and sustainability.





#### Swallow nests in Contern district

In April 2022, Technical Services put up new nests in Moutfort and Oetrange to give swallows a place to overwinter. Moutfort is home to one of the largest house martin colonies in Luxembourg.



#### New CGDIS carport

The square in front of the CGDIS building was completely renewed in 2021 and a carport was constructed for the fire brigade vehicles in Moutfort.



## Les 12 besoins non matériels

Together with Jugendhaus Mutfert (Moutfort youth centre), the district council organised the Les 12 besoins non matériels exhibition in Moutfort – an exhibition about basic human needs, put on by young people for young people. As part of this exhibition, Jugendhaus Mutfert and the Um Ewent school also held an educational workshop for the Cycle 4 classes.

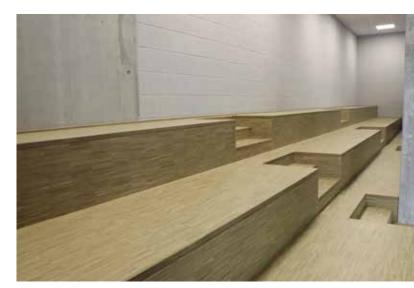
#### **Greater biodiversity**

In May 2022 Contern district, together with the SIAS municipal syndicate, presented a project aiming to increase biodiversity and create wildlife habitats in the Um Weiergewan industrial park. Various measures were implemented, such as sowing flower meadows and installing new insect hotels.



## New stands for the Aurore club

New stands with seating for up to 60 people were installed in the gym of the Aurore gymnastics club. On 31 May, they were inaugurated by the Cabinet, the district council and Aurore chair Jos Schmitz.



#### **PAP Contern Sud**

In 2021, the Cabinet presented the PAP Contern Sud project, whose aim is to increase the supply of affordable housing and to help young people to stay in our district. In this context, we sold five terraced houses, each with a living area of 140 m2, on a leasehold basis. On 31 May, a groundbreaking ceremony took place to officially launch the project.



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#### Nuit du Sport

On 11 June, the local clubs, Jugendhaus Mutfert and the Sports Committee invited all residents to a great day of sports and fun. There was a wide range of different sports available.



#### **Sports Merit Day**

On Saturday 11 June, the Cabinet honoured the athletes of Aurore Oetrange gymnastics club, Routa Moutfort-Medingen fishing club, FC US Moutfort-Medingen, AB Contern and T.d.T. Oetrange-Waldbredimus for their sporting achievements, as part of our Sports Merit Day. Congratulations!



#### **Bistro An Henkes**

As the An Henkes cultural centre was no longer used much, the district council wanted a restaurant to open again in the village. Restaurateur Christian Desforges has been running the An Henkes bistro since June 2022.

#### Chatten, chillen, chargen

Since 15 June 2022, a number of solar benches, each with two mobile phone chargers and two USB ports, can be found throughout our district: in front of the town hall in Contern, at the Um Ewent school in Contern, in Moutfort park, at the cultural centre in Medingen, and in Prince Charles Park in Oetrange.



#### National Day

In 2022, our district could finally celebrate the national holiday in its usual form again. After the official part, a big fair took place in Moutfort park, with music and food stalls to keep everyone happy and entertained. One of the highlights to end the day was an LED Drum Show.



#### Language Café

You want to learn a foreign language or improve your language skills? Then join us for our Potercafé, which is taking place once a month again after a long, pandemic-related break. The languages spoken are: Luxembourgish, German, Spanish, French and English.





#### **Bédéric Monument**

Since 8 July 2022, Bédéric has had his place in Contern. This monument, which was inaugurated by the Cabinet, the district council, the Comic Festival Committee and Tourism Minister Lex Delles, celebrates the Village de la BD's mascot. Of course, the celebrations were also joined by Bédéric's "father", the artist Andy Genen.



#### New flower meadows

Last year, the Green Spaces Services sowed some additional flower meadows throughout the district - for example in Rue de la Source in Millbech at the beginning of September and at the two roundabouts in the Contern industrial area in April 2022. Through this initiative, Contern district administration is aiming to preserve our bees, bumblebees and butterflies, and to make our landscape more beautiful.



#### **Comic Festival**

On the weekend of 16 and 17 July 2022, Contern was finally back in a comic mood. After the 2021 Comic Festival edition had to be smaller, comic fans were able to enjoy their favourite festival again as usual. In 2022, it even boasted an extra highlight: since the beginning of July 2022, a monument to comics has embellished our Contern district!

## New school year: Croissants and coffee

The first day of school after the summer holidays is a very special day for many children: while many of the little ones look forward to seeing their friends again, others begin a new phase of their lives. On 15 September 2022, the Cabinet and the School Services accompanied the parents on this first day of school and answered their questions over coffee and croissants.



## A walk and a Fairtrade picnic

On 17 September 2022, the district council and the Fairtrade team cordially invited all Contern residents to a walking tour including a Fairtrade picnic. After a beautiful walk "Op der Heed" with explanations about our district's flora and fauna, the event ended with a picnic featuring fair and regional products.



## **Big Bike Day**

The Big Bike Day, which we organised on 19 September 2022 together with the districts of Weiler-la-Tour and Hesperange, was a great success. Throughout the event, the roads CR132 (Syren - Moutfort - Contern), CR154 (Syren - Alzingen) and CR226 (Itzig - Contern - Syren) were closed to normal traffic and only open for soft mobility forms of transport.





## Visit of CIPA Gréngewald

Together with our Third-Age Committee, Contern district administration invited our senior citizens for a visit to CIPA Gréngewald on 22 September 2022. Over a jovial lunch, the Contern CIPA residents shared their experiences about life in the nursing home with the visitors. Afterwards, there was a tour with viewings of residents' personal rooms, the restaurant and the common rooms.



## Dinner for the various committees

On 22 September, the Cabinet invited the members of the various committees to a dinner party at the Delicious restaurant to thank them for their tireless work. We are looking forward to continuing this excellent collaboration.



## Distribution of croissants and bananas

On the morning of 23 September 2022, the Cabinet, the district council and the members of the Mobility Committee thanked public transport users by distributing croissants and fair-trade bananas at various bus stops throughout our district.

## South Collective Agreement

Mayor Marion Zovilé-Braquet signed the new South Collective Agreement at the beginning of October 2022. This two-year contract comprises several new items, including a one-percent bonus on the 2022-2024 total annual income and an increase of the oncall compensation. "The contract has been adapted to the current situation, in particular, because many people are uncertain about their (financial) future. It shows that we support our employees in times of crisis," said Mayor Marion Zovilé-Braquet.



#### New Residents' Night

On 5 October 2022, the inaugural edition of the New Residents' Night took place at Moutfort cultural centre. Many new residents attended this warm welcoming party. During the event and the reception, they could get to know each other in a convivial ambiance and learn more about the functioning of the district and life in Contern.







## **Commemoration Day**

Commemoration Day was observed on 9 October 2022. This day serves to remember the difficult times that the Luxembourg people underwent in the years 1940– 45. The programme included a gathering in front of the War Memorial at Ons Jongen square in Moutfort, where, among other things, the district's choirs sang a patriotic song and the Cabinet laid a wreath. More wreaths were laid at the War Memorial in Oetrange, at the À nos morts War Memorial in Contern and on the Sentier de la Résistance et de la jeunesse sacrifiée 1940–45 path in the Contern industrial area.



# ÉCONOMIES D'ÉNERGIE:

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At the end of October 2022, every household received a voucher for an eco-kit in their letterbox to swap for an energy-saving eco kit until the end of January 2023. This free kit contained various items to actively save electricity, water and energy at home. Use it and save up to 59 m<sup>3</sup> of water, 3,706 kWh of electricity and 329 kg of CO2 per year. Visit the web site lets-save-energy.lu and find out how you can save energy.



## New pharmacy

After the Cabinet had campaigned for a long time to get a pharmacy in Contern district, this has finally happened and the new pharmacy has opened its doors! It is located at 2, rue des Sports in Contern. Its opening hours are: Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. For further details call: 26 35 24 03.



## Third Age Ceremony

To mark the Third Age Ceremony in style, the Cabinet decided to do something special on 10 November 2022 and booked the Marie-Astrid cruise ship for a whole day. During this leisurely tour, our fellow elderly citizens enjoyed a delicious lunch, dancing, and each other's company. Sandy Botsch provided the musical accompaniment.

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#### **Tree Day**

On 19 November 2022, the Cabinet extended invitations to the Tree Day organised for all new-born babies. Together with our Green Space Services team, our Environment Committee and CTF Moutfort-Medingen, a total of 22 parents planted a tree and a metre of hedge for each Contern child born in 2021. After the planting, the participants were treated to hot chocolate and mulled wine.



#### RepairCafé

On 26 November 2022, the first edition of the Repair Café, which was organised together with CELL in our district, was a great success. The talented volunteers got almost everything up and running again. Furthermore, everyone who dropped by had the opportunity to spend a great morning together, enjoying fair trade food and drinks provided by the Fairtrade team.



#### Parking in Contern

The first construction phase of the new car park in Rue Roger Leiner, with 26 parking bays, was completed at the end of 2022. Works on the parking lot, which will offer 45 parking bays once finished, were delayed due to INRA excavation works. As soon as INRA has completed its work, the second phase of the project will begin.





#### Christmas market

At the beginning of December, it was with great pleasure that the Cabinet invited all Contern residents to our Christmas market. Held on 2 December, the new After Work Party with the band Gondelrocker was a great success. Over the weekend, Contern residents thronged to the Christmas market in Moutfort park, boasting many cosy Christmas chalets run by local clubs. Another special treat - and a surprise for the little ones - was a visit from Saint Nicholas himself!



#### ContArt

At the beginning of December, Mayor Marion Zovilé-Braquet and Yves Loose, chair of the Cultural Committee, were able to welcome many people to the opening of the winter-themed ContArt art exhibition. Throughout the weekend, visitors to the Christmas market and ContArt had the opportunity to view and buy unique winter-themed works by local artists. Be it handicrafts, photographs or decorative items – the market and exhibition offered something for everyone!



## Cultural and Special Merit Day

On the Cultural and Special Merit Day, held on 3 December 2022 at the festively decorated Moutfort cultural centre, the Cabinet honoured numerous Contern residents for their cultural achievements. It also paid homage to the volunteers who helped at our collection centre for Ukrainian refugees in Contern in 2022.

## Saint Nicholas visits Um Ewent school

On 5 December 2022, Saint Nicholas and his helper Houseker visited our Um Ewent school, bearing a basket full of gifts. The little ones, who were impatiently waiting for him to show up, sang beautiful songs and had drawn many pictures.



#### New flats to rent

In 2022, the district administration purchased the building located at 3, rue de l'Eglise in Oetrange in order to construct an identical new building. The plans were designed by Medinger Architecture. A total of six rental flats, ranging in size from 50 to 100 m2, are planned. The project was developed together with, and approved by, the National Institute for Architectural Heritage (Sites et Monuments). Works started at the end of 2022.



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