

Petition 1584, submitted by Sabine and Serge Tonnar-Stoltz on May 1, 2020

Title:

Ons nei Heemecht

Better Living in Luxembourg

Purpose of the petition:

The signatories of this petition would like to see quality of life, solidarity, health and sustainability declared as incompressible priorities for political action in Luxembourg. They want change and are willing to adopt a responsible way of life in order to ensure a better life today and for the future generations. They want the ten principles of this petition to be adopted by all political actors and, following a broad democratic consultation, to lead to measures and mechanisms to put them into practice. Finally, they want these principles to be laid down in a pact between the State and civil society.

With this petition, the signatories want the following ten fundamental principles to be recognised:

1. **a just and humane education:** equal opportunities for all children is the primary objective of the education system; the individual potential of children is explored, cultivated and valued; language is no longer a factor of exclusion; the notions of performance and competitiveness give way to ethics, creativity, physical well-being and teaching of the respect of nature;
2. **fair and flexible working conditions:** jobs that are essential to the proper functioning of society, particularly in the health sector, are upvalued; salaries are fair; teleworking and flexible working hours are encouraged;
3. **people come before the economy:** all economic actors respect the health and well-being of individuals and support sustainable development in an altruistic way; the financial sector is transparent and supportive and is committed to promoting sustainable investments; policy is evaluated according to the quality of life of the inhabitants;
4. **the right to housing:** housing in Luxembourg becomes affordable; real estate speculation is sanctioned; new models of cohabitation are introduced;
5. **responsible mobility:** the use - private and professional - of individual means of transport is subordinated to the quality of life and safety of all; priority is given to the weakest users; the attractiveness of public transport is developed; saving resources becomes a priority in tourism and the transport of goods;
6. **solidarity-based production and consumption:** a local, regional, fair and sustainable approach is promoted and encouraged in food, trade, industry, agriculture, construction and energy; the fight against waste is intensified; the circular economy is supported;
7. **better coexistence:** mechanisms are put in place to give civil society more influence in the orientation of government policy; intergenerational solidarity is consolidated; shared parental responsibility is valued; more responsibility is given to women in all sectors; intercultural dialogue is systematically encouraged ;
8. **encourage regional creation:** in supporting arts and culture, priority is given to regional creators; the emphasis is placed on content and not on event business; culture becomes more accessible; cultural practices are valued beyond a consumer perspective;
9. **shorter administrative channels:** administrative procedures are streamlined; digitisation of procedures is developed, particularly in the administrations and the justice system;
10. **international solidarity:** foreign policy, in Europe and in the world, is humanist, humanitarian and pacifist; it promotes respect for international solidarity, the ecosystemcoexistence, human rights and peace.

Motivation of the general interest of the petition

The signatories of this petition believe that it is in the general interest to revive the public debate on the fundamental principles on which all political action is based. To this end, they call for a commitment by the Chamber of Deputies, the government and the parties to the ten principles set out in the "Ons nei Heemecht" petition.