

COMMITTED TO A LIVEABLE MUNICIPALITY

As a rural municipality, Betzdorf has always placed an emphasis on nature-oriented and sustainable urbanisation. An experienced and committed team ensures its sustained implementation.

The “Urbanism and Environment” department of the municipality of Betzdorf was established in 2021 as part of an internal reorganisation to guarantee the harmonisation between local development and nature as well as people.

Marc KRING:
cooperative and effective
team leadership

The team members work hand in hand under the lead of Marc KRING, who has been working for the municipality since 2009. In addition to the team coordination, he is responsible for implementing the decisions of the mayor and aldermen council, liaising with the various ministries and municipal syndicates as well as ensuring that the municipality’s general and special development plans are drawn up accordingly. Other tasks include the processing of land purchases by the municipality and the implementation of the requirements of the “Pacte Logement 2.0”, whose main objective consists in supporting municipalities as the government’s key partner in the development of affordable housing.

Responsible territorial design

Marc KRING points out that the municipality of Betzdorf has always played a pioneering role in many respects when it comes to responsible community management. With the construction of the school, the municipality built one of Luxembourg’s first low-energy buildings for instance, while also creating one of the first nature-inspired schoolyards and



the country’s first forest cemetery on its territory.

The municipal department for “Urbanism and Environment” consistently pursues this philosophy. Marc KRING: “We’ve recently supervised the creation of a photovoltaic park with an output of half a megawatt as well as the conversion of the municipality’s street lighting to energy-efficient LED technology. We are currently supporting the construction of a daycare centre that was designed according to circular economy principles.” Sustainable and low CO₂ construction is something we

are working on on a daily basis as is the implementation of the “Pacte Logement 2.0”, which we are carrying out with the support of an external consultant. The municipality’s aim is to increase the offer of affordable and sustainable housing at a local level, to mobilise the existing building land and housing potential, and to improve the quality of housing.” With such a motivated team, the residents of Betzdorf can rest assured that they will be able to enjoy a liveable environment for a long time to come!



Christophe MOULIN:
Expert in building permits

Christophe MOULIN joined the municipal administration of Betzdorf in 2012. As an expert in building permits, he handles relevant enquiries, informs applicants, upon request, about the documents that need to be submitted, and initiates the processing steps. The most important stage in this process likely consists in checking whether the respective construction project complies with the current legislation and municipal building regulations. Christophe MOULIN explains that “in this regard, we as a municipality take a solution-oriented approach and always endeavour to decide in the interest of the applicant while, of course, taking into account the national and municipal specifications.”

The municipal employee’s other tasks related to building permits include the exchange with developers during the preparation stage of projects and consultations with the mayor. Additionally, Christophe MOULIN assists head of service Marc KRING in the implementation of measures related to the “Pacte logement 2.0”.

Sam BEHLER:
Environmental expert

Sam BEHLER joined the team as a municipal expert for environmental matters in 2021. His responsibilities comprise the implementation of the Climate and Nature Pact requirements. With the support of an external consultant and two advisory committees (the Climate and the Nature Pact team), he ensures that measures outlined by the two pacts are implemented accordingly. These concern mobility, land development and spatial planning, procurement and resource management, relevant adaptations for the Climate Pact as well as species protection and conservation in urban, open, aquatic, and forest habitats for the Nature Pact. Another relevant element is heat planning. The dedicated environmental expert points out that “we are currently looking into the creation of a local heat network here on municipal territory.”

Sam BEHLER’s other areas of responsibility include municipal waste management, his role as the municipal contact person for the Fairtrade and the Climate Alliance Luxembourg initiatives as well as the processing of the increasing number of applications for financial aids regarding the installations using renewable energies, as well as any sustainable energy renovation.



Andreia MENDES:
Community outreach and correspondence

Andreia MENDES supports the environmental team, as well as the technical service department, by handling administrative matters. She responds to citizens’ telephone inquiries, handles written correspondence, revises municipal documents and liaises with the stakeholders for various projects (architectural and engineering offices, notaries, etc.). “I particularly enjoy the exchange with citizens and the diversity of my work,” says Andreia MENDES, who has been working for the municipality of Betzdorf since 2013.

