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## LE PARTI POPULAIRE CHRÉTIEN-SOCIAL (CSV) DIVERSITÉ, ÉQUILIBRE, CENTRE

The Christian Social People's Party is guided by the Christian view of humanity.

For us, **Christian** means equality for all individuals, free personality development, tolerance and solidarity. It implies a commitment to the welfare of our people and involves taking responsibility for life on earth.

For us, **Social** translates into social justice and security, equal opportunities and distributive justice for all, and particularly the support and integration of the socially disadvantaged members of our society.

**People's Party** stands for a broad democratic movement of the political centre. For us, People's Party means demonstrating a sense of responsibility when it comes to shaping our society within Luxembourg, Europe and the world. It also means demonstrating understanding, courage and respect in an open society that fosters cooperation.

Our **core values** are: freedom and justice, responsibility and togetherness. Our **core principles** are: solidarity and subsidiarity, sustainability and public welfare.

We see our core values and core principles as binding political and moral commitments.

As Christian democrats, we equate Christian social policies with the fostering of an open, fair and solidly united society, in which the main focus is on our people and their concerns. Christian social stands for all Christian-inspired values, principles and guidelines, which are derived from the Christian social doctrine and evolve dynamically in dialogue with time and the real world. We want people to act according to their own values.

The CSV sees people work together irrespective of their religion, ideology, origin, gender, age or language. The CSV is open to anyone wanting to dedicate themselves to humanistic ideals and goals. The Christian Social People's Party addresses all the people of Luxembourg and invites them to devote themselves to the service of a responsible, sustainable and liveable society in which every single individual counts. In which **“Jidder Eenzelen zielt”**.



## **HUMAN BEING AND DIGNITY PRIORITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY**

The central focus of our policy is the individual as a human being. Human beings are by nature free and unique. And yet it is only in togetherness with other individuals, they are fully human. The individual is never just a means to an end. We acknowledge the inviolable dignity of each and every individual. To us, respecting the life of the human being also means setting ethical boundaries.

The first community experienced by individuals is that of the family. It is the cornerstone of every society. We want to further promote and strengthen family life in all its diversity. For children, the family is the first school of life and of togetherness. Its role is to provide humans with love and protection, and to provide society with support and a future. Strong families play a key role in ensuring that a community becomes a society.

This is why families continue to be our top political priority. The reconciliation of family and working life as well as the welfare of children form the key elements of our family policy. This policy must also take into account the needs of our senior citizens.

We believe that family life is complemented by school life. School is above all a workshop of equal opportunities. Our education policy focuses on a balance of knowledge and skills, different educational paths as well as lifelong continuing education, aimed at empowering each and every one of us to provide for our own living as a fully-fledged member of society. été.



## JUSTICE AND SOLIDARITY SOCIETY AS A COMMUNITY

We strive for a just society. We seek equal opportunities for all. Work and performance should be rewarded and lead to ownership, with the awareness that the right to personal property comes with a duty of solidarity.

Every individual has both a duty and a right to solidarity. We wish to further develop our welfare state. This is what forms the foundation of freedom and security. We need as much personal responsibility as possible and as much state input as necessary.

With a new social contract, we seek to grow our society of coexistence into a community of togetherness, and not only in a material sense. This is why we advocate a people-centric culture of togetherness. Civil society associations, aid organisations and religious communities all make an indispensable contribution to this togetherness, since they unite people and set a direct example of solidarity.

We stand for equal cohesion among women and men, among young and old, healthy and sick people, people suffering from disabilities or with specific needs. Solidarity is the key design principle underpinning the cohesion between all individuals in our society. Social security plays a particularly important role in this, within an increasingly globalised economy and the demographic change of our society. At the same time, we accentuate solidarity between generations.

When dealing with religious communities, here too the state must take responsibility. We believe that, in contrast to faith, religion is not a private matter. In line with the freedoms and rights of their fellow human beings, all individuals should be able to openly practise their religion or ideology and to do so freely within a community. Both as a reinforcement of social cohesion and in keeping with ideological diversity, Solidarity is what sets us apart from individualistic ideologies.



## **FREEDOM AND SUBSIDIARITY THE STATE AS A SERVICE PROVIDER, THE NATION AS A COMMUNITY OF VALUES**

Humans can only be human if they are free. Their freedom is restricted only by the freedom of others. Freedom also implies a free choice of life models. We advocate a self-determination and self-realisation of the individual that is as free as possible. We take an unequivocal stand against discrimination of any kind.

Subsidiarity and the rule of law protect the freedom of the individual. Society and the state help people help themselves. Individuals can and should do whatever they are capable of doing of their own strength. The same applies to all community groups and all decision levels within the state. We wish to make political decisions that are close to the people. Freedom and subsidiarity must not occur at the expense of justice and solidarity. Subsidiarity is what sets us apart from collectivist ideologies.

The state is there for the individual, rather than the other way round. The state must grant individuals plenty of space, while also being at their side when necessary. Subsidiarity is what makes the state more efficient.

We believe in an open and enduring nation as an intellectual and historical community of values, which provides individuals with a sense of unity and identity. We want an active civil society. Our democracy calls for exchange and openness, inclusion and integration, as well as tolerance and respect.

Through ensuring stable framework conditions, we endorse legal certainty and safeguard the effective functioning of our legal system. The individual and collective security of our people must be guaranteed.

Unrestricted access to the Internet forms an essential part of people's livelihood, encouraging a diversity of opinions and active civic participation. Nevertheless, individuals' privacy and human dignity must also be protected on the web.



## **RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY**

For us, sustainability is conceivable only as an integral responsibility. For us, this means taking active responsibility for both the society of today and the generations of tomorrow. We therefore want to see a policy of sustainable development in the field of economic, social and ecological affairs.

Businesses, liberal professions, crafts and trades, the middle classes, commerce and industry alongside agriculture and viticulture are the foundation and backbone of the Luxembourg economy. The role of the state is to create a functioning infrastructure and framework conditions that stimulate the performance and innovation potential of the economy. Businesses must be given the necessary free space in terms of personal responsibility and at their own risk, for the purpose of strengthening the competitiveness of the economic hub that is Luxembourg.

We endorse the relation between labour and capital and support the human being and public welfare taking precedence over the economy. In this age of globalisation, we wish to further develop the sustainable social market economy as an economic and social model based on Christian social values and, in doing so, forge a third way between neoliberalism and collectivism, within ethical boundaries. With an improved balance between fair pay and fair profit. Our focus is increasingly on improving quality of life and not just on economic growth. We wish to provide this economic model with more clear-cut rules of play and an ethical framework.

The objective of our economic policy remains the provision for basic human needs as well as the creation of work, prosperity and a state of well-being for all. This, to us, is the meaning of social. Because humans have a right to work. Even in times of upheaval in the working world, our objective remains to achieve full employment. Work is more than just gainful employment. It bolsters people's dignity.

More than ever, sustainable responsibility also encompasses climate, environmental and animal protection. We wish to respect the natural limits to growth. This entails a sustainable use of finite resources as well as a progressive and consistent transition to renewable energies. As a networking principle, sustainability is the central Christian social principle of the future.



## **TOGETHERNESS AND PUBLIC WELFARE EUROPE AS A UNION OF VALUES AND THE HUMAN FAMILY**

For us, the purpose of society is public welfare. Public welfare is more than just the sum of its individual social parts. We want to strike a balance between individual and public welfare.

For us, a united Europe is a political, economic and social undertaking. The European Union has made peace and freedom, prosperity and security possible for us. This is where citizens and regions, nations and states can together achieve self-realisation. The diversity of Europe's nations should therefore be respected and their uniqueness fostered. The European Union must not become a centralised unitary state. We believe in a federal Europe.

The European Union is more than a single market. It is founded on common values and mutual commitments. The inviolable dignity of the individual, freedom, equality, solidarity and subsidiarity form the clear and crucial compass of the European Union. Accordingly, the CSV places special emphasis on the building of a social Europe. The political principles of democracy and the rule of law are equally essential. Europe pledges to demand and support the worldwide respect and realisation of universal human and children's rights.

On an international level, we are committed to cooperating and closely coordinating with our European partners. Global challenges can be addressed only through joint problem solving. This is why we advocate a multipolar world order. For the dialogue between civili-

sations. For the rule of law and democracy. For a world of peace, without hunger, war and terrorism. For a new world ethos. This is why we need a fair global financial system and fair world trade. Cooperation aid remains crucial.



## **POLICIES AT THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE CULTIVATION OF COURAGE, HOPE, CONFIDENCE**

We understand policies as a service to the people. We wish to concretely guarantee the free development of the individual. Not least through the pursuit of social justice. Only then is self-realisation achievable.

For us, policies also offer meaning. They must provide individuals with support and with intellectual and moral guidance. They must provide people with courage and hope. We believe in the individual and the future of the individual. In a joint Luxembourg. In a solidly united Europe. In a more human world. In a future, in which every individual counts!

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