

NEWSLETTER

With heart and soul for the community of Schengen

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Dear fellow citizens,

Why am I writing this letter?

Because it is very important to me to give you a brief review of the last two years from my perspective and to present my political approach for the future.



Tom BELLION | Schengen Municipal Councillor

As an independent councillor, I have been working hard since the beginning of July 2025 to represent the interests of the citizens of the merged municipality of Schengen. My focus is clearly on taking constructive initiatives and providing goal-oriented impetus to advance the municipality of Schengen.

As you know, in the run-up to the first proportional representation elections in the municipality of Schengen (2023), I was one of the initiators of the "Besser Zesammen" citizens' list. The goal was simple: to offer an alternative list to the ruling majority in order to give citizens a choice in the first place. This new political offering was very well received by voters, winning 4 out of 11 seats. On this basis, "Besser Zesammen" began its work in opposition.



A BRIEF REVIEW

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May 2022 – June 2023: Election campaign

Together with many supporters the

election campaign was organised by "Besser Zesummen" and the list of candidates was drawn up. In addition to a number of events, the focus was naturally on the election programme. We spent many hours working to offer voters a strong alternative to the ruling majority.

July 2023 – June 2025: First steps

In line with its election promises, the opposition has accompanied, moved and achieved a great deal in a short space of time.

- Introduction of live broadcasts of local council meetings
- Publish meeting reports in a timely manner
- Conducting public relations work for the opposition in the press
- Promoting exchange with citizens
- Enhancing consultative commissions
- Increase subsidies for associations
- Increase subsidies for pupils
- Increase cost-of-living allowances
- Optimise administrative processes and procedures
- Introduce participatory budgeting

- Living citizen participation
- Create a sports coordinator
- Sign a manifesto for open borders together with Perl (Germany) and Apach (France)
- Bring truck traffic into the national debate
- Critically examine the expansion of the sports hall in Elvange
- Keep an eye on the Baggerweiler campus mega-project
- Actively support the tourist development of Schengen

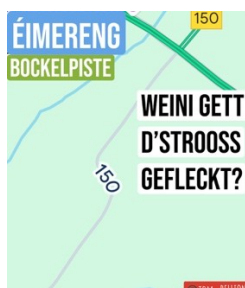
However, it is with great regret that within "Besser Zesummen" we had increasingly realised since the end of 2024 that sustainable cooperation in the existing constellation is no longer possible. The views were too different, especially with regard to the content, form, scope and dynamics of political action. Therefore, in June 2025, we mutually agreed to part ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the activists, supporters and sympathisers of the "Besser Zesummen" citizens' list for their joint efforts.

Always forward! For me, goal-oriented opposition politics consists of continuously taking constructive initiatives, delivering progressive political ideas and critically accompanying and questioning the projects of the majority.

Since July 2025, I have already submitted numerous oral and written questions, as well as several initiatives and proposals [www.bellion.lu].

Oral questions



Written questions

- Status of ongoing projects
- A13 motorway: partial closure and border controls
- Student subsidies: statistics
- Mobility week: Municipal action plan for 2025

- Impact of public sector pay review on municipal finances
- Europe Museum: visitor numbers
- Purchase of the MS Princess Marie-Astrid Europa: Accounting procedures
- Survey on existing cultural institutions: calling for municipal participation
- Sécher Spillplazen: certification
- Blue Valorlux bags
- Church in Wellenstein: digital bells?

Initiatives and proposals

- Budget planning for 2026
- Heatwave plan
- Affordable housing
- Subsidies for municipal infrastructure projects
- Alliance of Luxembourg municipalities against nuclear energy: accession
- Sports coordinator: action plan
- Safer school week in the municipality of Schengen: development
- Risks and insurance: analysis
- "Wäin- und Kulturpad" (Wine and Culture Trail): Revision and digitisation
- Establish a municipal mediation centre

MOVING SCHENGEN FORWARD



The learning process of operating politically within a proportional representation system is far from complete in our merged municipality of Schengen, and a new culture of debate is gradually finding its way into the municipal council.

Political actors must not lose sight of the big picture and, in particular, the common good of the population. Ultimately, the aim is to shape and advance the municipality of Schengen in a long-term and sustainable manner in the interests of its residents and businesses!



Tom BELLION | *Schengen Municipal Councillor*

TRANSPARENCY ALSO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Since my candidacy for the Schengen municipal council, I have always made it clear that the LSAP is my political home. My political work is based on the fundamental values of the LSAP: freedom, justice, solidarity and security.

Together with our section executive and members, as president of the „Dräilännereck“ section, I am constantly striving to strengthen the LSAP's local roots.

As treasurer of the LSAP East, I am part of the district executive committee. In addition, I am actively involved in various national LSAP committees: the national control commission, the Gemengeforum and the General Council.

In the 2023 national elections, I was one of seven LSAP candidates for the East district.



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