

# **Florian Czech**

## **Who are you?**

Born in France to German parents, I discovered Luxembourg after my management studies in 2006 – and immediately fell in love with the country... before falling in love with my wife. This led us to live in Lille, France, from 2010 to 2016 before settling in Bertrange. Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to work as a consultant, then in the automotive sector, before joining CFL to develop the Intermodal Terminal. Later, I became Secretary General and now I serve as Head of Sustainable Development, working on projects focused on people and the planet. I'm curious, I enjoy intercultural exchange and diversity of perspectives, but I'm allergic to extremes.

## **What are your interests?**

Nowadays, the well-being of our three children is what occupies most of my time outside work. I love nature, and sustainability is a topic that both fascinates and challenges me in my personal life. Too many people are still unaware of what is happening and fail to see the difference between weather and climate. I also enjoy some physical activity, such as Qi Gong, tennis, or cycling, discovering Europe by train, and following economic and political news. As a catechism instructor, talking with children about God and life brings me real joy.

## **Where do you see potential for improvement in Bertrange?**

We are very lucky to live in Bertrange. Let's be honest: we are privileged to live in one of the wealthiest municipalities in one of the richest countries in the world. The residents of Bertrange deeply love their town, whether they grew up here or not. However, I believe there is room for improvement in several areas, such as environmental protection, solidarity, intergenerational living, participatory democracy, responsible purchasing, and urban planning.

## **Why are you a member of CSV and engaged at the local level?**

When I was asked whether I would be interested in joining the CSV list for the 2023 local elections, I felt honoured to be able, as a non-Luxembourgish resident, to contribute to the life of the community that welcomed us. I was also very curious to discover different projects for the municipality and to get a behind-the-scenes look at local politics – which, to me, should be guided by pragmatism, dialogue, and cooperation in the service of citizens, beyond political labels. Today, I am a member of the Climate Commission as well as the Environment Commission. Other citizens – especially younger ones – might just need, as I once did, a little encouragement to get involved in the political life of our town.