

## **Mohsin Ebad**

### **What are your interests and how do you find them in Bertrange?**

Back in 2019, I moved to Luxembourg and started living in Bertrange, which was a completely new experience for me as I was born and raised in Pakistan. Bertrange is a beautiful place surrounded by fields and forests, offering a breath of fresh air and natural beauty. At that time, Bertrange had a very quiet and peaceful atmosphere, as the neighbourhood was still developing and only a few people were living there. Thanks to the excellent amenities such as shops, healthcare services, sports facilities, and lush green public parks, my wife and I soon felt very well integrated into the community. We discovered that Bertrange is a truly multicultural town, and the presence of the local school and *maison relais* has given our children a great opportunity to grow up in an inclusive environment. Bertrange is well connected to all parts of Luxembourg by public transport, and its access to the motorway makes commuting very convenient for residents. One of the things I like most about Bertrange is the mix of modern architecture and historical buildings, such as the historic church of Bertrange, which is more than 270 years old and has evidence of its existence for over 1,500 years. These historic structures always capture my attention, while the beautiful walking paths and forests give us a feeling of being close to nature. The sports facilities for all ages and cultural events like the International Bazaar offer great opportunities to connect with people from different cultures. Bertrange has a rich history — a journey of transformation from two small villages to one of the richest and most modern communes in Luxembourg. Unfortunately, many residents are not aware of this. To help people learn more about the town's past, I believe more steps should be taken. A library or reading area alone may not be enough, as fewer people tend to read books nowadays due to the internet. I would suggest creating a museum of local history, which would not only present Bertrange's development over the past decades but also attract both local visitors and tourists.

### **Why did you become a member of the CSV?**

Although I was new to Luxembourg, I had always had a deep interest in international politics. In my early years here, the Prime Minister of Luxembourg was from the DP. I studied the policies of different political parties, especially the major ones, and I found that the CSV is based on solid and respectable principles that are compatible with people of all religions. Moreover, the young leadership of the CSV inspired me — at that time, the party had two members in the European Parliament, most of whom were young and energetic. This motivated me to take my first step into politics by joining the CSV. I personally believe that the youth are the future of Luxembourg, so I always encourage the younger generation to take an active part in politics. For me, the CSV is the best platform to do so.

### **What are some things you would like to help improve or change in Bertrange?**

As I mentioned earlier, I moved to Luxembourg six years ago. During this time, the world has changed rapidly — we have faced a pandemic, lockdowns, wars, issues of illegal migration, an increase in crime, and, most importantly, the rise of artificial intelligence. We need to assess how Bertrange is prepared to deal with these changes and what we have learned so far. I would like to see Bertrange become a commune that has sufficient resources to handle such challenges. Unfortunately, there is no hospital in Bertrange. Although a large healthcare facility may not be necessary for a community of around 10,000 people, it would be highly beneficial to have a group medical practice with physiotherapists and other aftercare specialists.

### **Increase in Break-ins and Robberies**

I consider this to be a matter of great importance. The core values of Luxembourg — discipline, cleanliness, and safety — are essential to our way of life. However, the recent rise in irregular migration appears to be challenging these values in certain parts of the country. While illegal immigration and crime are not yet major issues in Bertrange, we can already observe concerning developments in other areas of Luxembourg, such as Luxembourg City (particularly the Station district), Esch-sur-Alzette, and elsewhere. This highlights the importance of preventive measures. To ensure that Bertrange remains a safe and

welcoming community, we should work together to develop clear and effective policies that promote security, prevent drug abuse, and protect the well-being of all residents.

**Inclusion and Education.**

As half of Bertrange's population comes from different countries, there is an increasing need for Luxembourgish language programs. Establishing local language clubs and promoting the use of learning apps could be very helpful in supporting integration. The development of Helfent Park is also very important. A dedicated dog park would be a great addition, as many residents are dog owners. Shaded huts and a barbecue area are much needed as well, providing families with a pleasant space for picnics and gatherings within the community. In addition, a public library would be a valuable asset for Bertrange, offering residents a place for reading, learning, and social connection.