



Political platform

Local elections, 14 October 2018

A better life in Ixelles is possible.

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Objectif XL is a **citizens' list, based on humanist and democratic values**, running in local elections in Ixelles on 14 October 2018.

We are **citizens that are active** in our neighbourhoods or associations, with a common **ambition to improve our daily living conditions**.

We believe that every citizen can be an **actor of change** and we believe in **collective intelligence**.

We can improve the quality of life and well-being in our Commune through **ethical policies** that make use of **common sense** and enable citizens' **engagement**.

That is why, beyond any ideology, our intention is to put **the citizens of Ixelles, their concerns and their experience at the heart of local politics**. This will take time and so those who are elected must devote all their attention to their tasks. That is why, on our own initiative and before the introduction of any legal requirement, those elected from the Objectif XL list will hold no more than one office.

With **Geoffroy Kensier** heading the list and **Julie de Groote** boosting it from the end, our 43 candidates embody the dynamism, renewal, experience and alternative that Ixelles really needs.

With Objectif XL, we wish to build a common project, with clear, ambitious and realistic objectives to make a better Ixelles!

1. New governance — Citizens' participation — Budget

Our Objectives XL:

- **To ban the holding of more than one office** taking account of parliamentary and local executive functions: Mayor/Alderman (Échevin)/CPAS President and to reduce the number of **elected representatives in Brussels**;
- **To ensure transparency** by publishing on the Commune's website municipal decisions, the detailed agenda and minutes of Council meetings, the remuneration received by elected representatives, the award of public contracts, etc.;
- To revise the system for allocating **subsidies** to associations, so that it is done on the basis of transparent calls for projects, with the award made by an **independent panel**;
- To carry out an **audit of all communal non-profit associations** to make sure that rules of good governance and management are applied and to publish their accounts on the Commune's website;
- **To modernise the administration** to make it an effective and user-friendly service for citizens, with shorter waiting times that it must stick to;
- To accept the **division of powers between the local and regional** levels and to stop blaming another level of authority, to develop a **consultation mechanism** between the Region and adjacent Communes by organising regular meetings to explain the realities of life in Ixelles (coordination of public works, refuse collection, etc.), to establish partnerships with other Communes to exchange relevant equipment;
- To consult residents **on the Commune's main guidelines** and on the strategic choices (public works, the redesigning of public spaces, new buildings) to be carried out in order to achieve a **common vision**;
- To organise regular **information and consultation meetings in each area** in the presence of local representatives (general meetings and

meetings on specific topics— security, cleanliness, mobility) and to publish the conclusions of these meetings;

- **To enable citizens to submit written contributions** to the College on items on the Council's agenda and to circulate them to all local councillors;
- To provide citizens **with the right to participate** by developing **advisory councils** and **citizens' panels**;
- **Not to increase municipal taxes** : the communal part of income tax and property tax;
- To increase the participation of the commune in **regional, federal and international calls for projects** ;
- To implement **participatory budgets**, the allocation of which will be decided by citizens ;
- To establish a **tool to explain the Commune's budget** and to organise an explanatory session before the budget is finally adopted;
- To encourage **EU nationals to participate in local life** and to suggest that they be included on the electoral register when they register in the commune.

2. Security

Our Objectives XL:

- To carry out an audit with residents in order to **identify sources of insecurity** and areas considered to be at risk, and to take appropriate measures (e.g. public lighting, road signs, road markings). Specific attention must be paid to places where drug trafficking and prostitution take place;
- To install **cameras** to increase the security of the most sensitive locations;
- **To increase the visibility of the local police** in our streets, increasing in particular the number of police officers on bikes and horses, and by developing the links between the police and neighbourhood wardens;
- To fight against assaults, incivility and public nuisances (graffiti, damage to property, the illegal dumping of waste, excessive noise at night) by means **of proportionate municipal administrative sanctions**;
- To **ensure that road safety rules are complied with** in our streets by redesigning roads, but also by means of speed controls;
- To appoint **an honest broker for night life - a “night life ombudsman”** - to help reduce the tensions that exist between residents, bar-owners and revelers and to propose acceptable and sustainable solutions to ensure that all can live together;
- To adopt a **“Good night Charter”** associating local residents, shops, relevant associations, the commune and the local police;
- **To invest** in associations active in **preventing incivility**;
- To promote the **organisation of first aid training** in partnership with associations, such as the Belgian Red Cross, to teach first aid in schools, sports clubs and associations and to increase the number of defibrillators in public spaces.

3. Cleanliness

Our Objectives XL:

- To clean the streets more **quickly and more efficiently**, with effective sanctions, and to organise regular **full-on cleaning operations**;
- To tackle effectively **illegal dumping of waste**, in particular close to bottle banks, with a camera and alert system to ensure rapid intervention to deal with the problem, and to provide more bins and to sanction incivilities;
- To increase the staff and resources of the **street-cleaning service**, to re-organise their presence on the ground in particular in busy sectors in order to ensure systematic cleaning during weekends and the day after public holidays and sunny days;
- To install **public toilets, smart bins** and ensure that other public bins are **emptied regularly**;
- To set up and implement **a local street-cleaning plan with precise indicators** and permanent monitoring, and to assess the advisability of **privatising cleaning** in certain areas;
- To organise and support **“spring”** cleaning operations of public spaces by volunteers;
- To **organise specialised training** (master composter, etc.) **and public awareness campaigns** on keeping the streets clean, waste management and selective sorting, including in schools;
- **To reduce waste generation by means of concrete measures:**
 - (1) To promote the “Stop Pub” sticker on letter boxes;
 - (2) To develop a systematic information strategy on “Zero Waste”, including sorting, for all residents and in particular for those arriving in the Commune;
 - (3) To develop a network of “Zero Waste” training courses (manufacture of cleaning products, manufacture of reusable bags, etc.);

(4) To make events organised by the municipality or subject to municipal authorisation 'zero waste' (e.g. reusable food utensils, sorting of waste, etc.);

(5) To raise awareness in schools on how to repair and share, and on waste sorting;

- **To promote a 'Zero waste'** approach at the level of households and municipal services under three headings:
 - (1) The reduction of the waste produced by the local council and the CPAS;
 - (2) To become involved in the process of giving the "Eco-dynamic companies" label, organized by Bruxelles Environnement;
 - (3) To develop actions to promote 'Zero Waste' to citizens and to maximise re-use and sorting.

4. Mobility

Our Objectives XL:

- To adopt, after a public consultation, a **multiannual plan for public works** in Ixelles by establishing a “**contract for the term of office**” between the local council and the Brussels Region and then provide information on the schedule of work for the next 6 years;
- To coordinate **roadworks** in such a way as to minimise the impact on the flow of traffic, the accessibility of shops and homes and to inform users;
- To undertake **roadworks only if they are really necessary, useful and requested by residents**, ensuring more space for those who are vulnerable (including those with pushchairs and persons with reduced mobility);
- To develop a **plan for mobility and road safety** in which pedestrians, cyclists and motorists co-exist peacefully and in mutual respect and in consultation with neighbouring municipalities;
- To introduce **areas with a 30km/h speed-limits** and ensure that they are respected with a view to strengthening **protection for those who are vulnerable**;
- To increase the conversion of the narrow and animated streets (rather than the main axes) into **pedestrian zones** and ensure their accessibility;
- To implement a '**bicycle on a daily basis**' plan, including the secure layout of cycle routes, more bicycle parking facilities, so as not to block pavements, increasing the number of secure boxes, the organisation of cycling classes in schools, etc.;
- To develop small local **shuttles and pensioners' taxis** to local shopping areas, hospitals or communal services for parents with children, elderly people or people with reduced mobility;
- To coordinate **parking areas** with adjacent communes in order to get rid of the inconsistencies that penalise residents;

- To reduce the charges for **underground car parks**, which create less nuisance than street parking, systematically provide for an immediate on-line payment mechanism, to step up **agreements with businesses and supermarkets** so that their parking spaces can be used by residents during evenings and weekends;
- To encourage the establishment of **new players in the area of mobility**;
- To increase the **number of charging stations** throughout the territory of the commune.

5. Environment

Our Objectives XL:

- To conduct an **environmental policy by and for the citizen in a participatory and inclusive way**;
- **To work for a better environment in all its dimensions:** Food, green areas, air quality, waste, noise, and ensure that our action **addresses all living areas:** housing, local areas, places of work or leisure, etc.;
- **To give priority to making sure that Nature has its place on the territory of the municipality** through the planting of trees, shrubs and plants; to invest in the quality of green areas by supporting the preservation of garden spaces, by introducing greenery in schools and collective areas, by making sure that building projects have good quality green spaces around them;
- **To improve the management and maintenance of parks and green areas** by transferring it to the Brussels Region, in particular the **Ixelles Ponds**, in **order to maintain the green and blue connection** between the Jardins of the Abbaye de la Cambre, the Jardin du Roi, the Ixelles Ponds and the Place Flagey;
- To encourage **neighbourhood composting sites**;
- **To reduce visual pollution** by limiting advertisements in public spaces;
- **To implement the GoodFood strategy** for quality and sustainable food at local level: **sourcing food locally, collective urban gardens, GoodFood canteens in crèches and schools, support for urban farmers, combating food waste**;
- To become involved in the work of the Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change with Citizens, in the **energy transition and renewable energy** through the installation of photovoltaic panels on local council buildings and social housing, to measure the energy performance of buildings and to establish a municipal energy office to support citizens in this transition;

- To set up a **“Clean Air” commune**, which develops “low-emissions areas” around schools, ensures a change in the local council car stock, provides information in conjunction with the Region on air quality, and promotes alternative mobility (walking, cycling);
- **To educate children from pre-primary about the environment** by developing training sessions on respecting nature on the energy transition and sustainable development, and to encourage all schools to obtain the ‘ECO-SCHOOLS’ labels;
- **To continue the fight against the intensive overflying of the Brussels Region** and to publish on the local council’s website the results of the sound level meters.

6. Urban planning — housing

Our Objectives XL:

- **To preserve, defend and promote building heritage as well as our environment** against property promoters that ruin our Commune (e.g. the former Delhaize Molière in the chaussée de Waterloo), the Baltimore residence (rue Saint-George), the convent in the area Washington — Hector Denis — Abbaye, the Matonge area, the Ixelles barracks (Usquare), and the reassignment of the site of the Abbaye de la Cambre (following the move of the IGN).
- **To speed up the time taken to process urban planning dossiers** (planning permission, etc.), to stop interpreting strictly the requests for information laid down by law;
- To encourage **converting into homes office buildings unused public properties**, in particular the floors above shops, through calls for projects with conversion premiums;
- To continue and strengthen the **renovation of public housing** in order to give everyone access to high-quality accommodation particularly through the use of dedicated regional support;
- To launching at least one call for projects per term of office **to promote the development of intergenerational housing and to enhance mixed neighbourhoods and public spaces**;
- **To encourage middle classes to purchase homes in so-called 'social' neighbourhoods** in order to promote social diversity. This can be achieved through partnerships with the Housing Fund or by using the SISF in order to manage mixed housing projects;
- To develop solutions that allow separate ownership of the **property from that of the land** in order to facilitate access to property (leaseholder's system, Community Land Trust regime, etc.);

- To encourage the construction or renovation of **adaptable housing for people with reduced mobility and the elderly**;
- **To encourage the management of private housing** by social housing agencies by means of a supplementary communal subsidy;
- **To increase the number of places in temporary accommodation for people in difficulty** in the commune;
- To tackle unoccupied spaces by developing a platform that lists empty places for **temporary occupation**, fight **illegal tourist accommodation** and slum landlords.

7. Associations

Our Objectives XL:

- To ensure **equal treatment of** all associations irrespective of their ideological affiliation and to adopt **objective and public rules** for the granting of grants and subsidies;
- To guarantee the **transparency of public subsidies** and support granted to associations;
- **To maintain the independence of the voluntary sector** and avoid interference by the public authorities in their management (while evaluating the results obtained);
- To adopt a **local Charter of associations** at the beginning of the term, laying down the principles of subsidiarity, consultation, transparency, evaluation and equality of treatment between the associations of the Commune and to implement it in all the policies pursued by the Commune;
- To support associations and youth groups through **concrete assistance**: free loan for equipment, promotion of joint initiatives, provision of premises and infrastructure, etc.;
- **To simplify the administrative procedures** to be followed by associations and to create a support point for locally active associations, including youth organisations;
- To establish a **participatory budget** supporting the development of citizens' initiatives and associations;
- To foster **civic engagement on the** part of the residents by supporting the creation of associations;
- To create a **digital platform for volunteering** that lists all associations and their fields of action, linking the voluntary sector, volunteers and those who are in need of assistance.

8. Early childhood

Our Objectives XL:

- **To draw up a plan for the creation of reception places**, by the municipality itself and in partnership with the associations, public institutions and the private sector; to include in the major real estate projects the requirement to create childcare spaces;
- To establish **in all municipal crèches** an **inclusion plan** to foster access of children with **disabilities**;
- To ensure **full transparency in the provision of crèche places**, provide clear and precise information enabling parents to plan ahead and to ensure **equal treatment by** the municipal authority of the subsidised reception areas;
- To adapt the working hours of the municipal crèches to **provide more flexibility for children whose parents work early in** the morning or late in the evening;
- To encourage childcare structures to take part in the **Goodfood programme** for the quality of food;
- To develop “**Family Corners**” as places of exchange between parents in order to prevent isolation and the risks of parental burnout;
- To establish a **genuine local coordination** in the Commune to guide parents, which would include all those active in child care: crèches run by the commune or by associations, childminders, etc.;
- To extend the opening hours, ensure the regular maintenance and increase the number, of **playgrounds in Ixelles** in particular by creating a playground area in the Parc du Viaduc, the Place Fernand Cocq and in the vicinity of the Ixelles Cemetery;
- **To assess the impact of each municipal policy on families.**

9. Education

Our Objectives XL:

- To create **new places** in schools in order to respond to demographic pressure;
- To deploy the **Pact for excellence in teaching** by enabling each school to set up its own educational plan, by strengthening basic knowledge (reading, calculation, etc.) and by developing a personalised approach to each child while at the same time strengthening the remedial action at school;
- To ensure a **minimum and sufficient possibilities for linguistic immersion** and broaden children's awareness of other languages from nursery school onwards;
- To put in place a **strategy to promote educational success** by supporting and developing the **homework schools** and by introducing the voluntary mentoring system especially for a system where pupils help pupils; to develop the sense of work, effort and rigour;
- To put in place schools open to **active or alternative pedagogies**, meeting the expectations of parents and children;
- **To develop the provision of cultural and sporting activities within schools** and to conclude partnerships between schools of all types and sports clubs, music academies, youth organisations and local economic or cultural actors in order to integrate schools into their living environment;
- To establish a **School Mobility Pact** including making areas around schools safer, the introduction of cycling classes and the creation of a cycling certificate to teach pupils to ride safely;
- **To reduce the cost of the after-school childcare**, to strengthen the management of childcare staff, to put in place a range of affordable after-school activities.

10. Economy and employment

Our Objectives XL:

- To strengthen partnerships and synergies between key players in the field of employment by adopting a **local employment charter** bringing together local businesses, training providers and the communal educational sector;
- To support the development **of initiatives for training and support for getting into the world of work**;
- To set up a **virtual portal** to be attached to the website of the Commune and/or of the Job Centre, which would be a focal point for all the vacancies in the commune;
- **To direct the work of the CPAS to encourage the long-term unemployed to get (back) into the job market, in particular through “Article 60” training courses and jobs**;
- **To organise** training and job fairs **for young entrepreneurs, trainees, women returning to the labour market, etc.**;
- To encourage new initiatives in the **social economy** to bring back to the world of work those who are far from the job market — titres-service, activities linked to the environment, the circular economy, such as small repairs;
- To stimulate the **initiatives of**, and accompany, **local entrepreneurs** as they set up business in Ixelles by creating a **one-stop shop** for self-employed workers and businesses (support for setting up, administrative simplification, guide to subsidies);
- To organise a presentation of innovative young entrepreneurs in schools to **stimulate entrepreneurship** and support the development of mini-companies by organising an information and promotion evening.

11. Elderly

Our Objectives XL:

- To develop a specific policy on 'the Elderly, actors in local life' by setting up a **municipal advisory council for senior citizens (CCCA)**, to gather opinions and initiatives;
- **To support** the development of **associations** active in the field of **community-based services and support/home care**, including through the CPAS to maintain the autonomy of older people;
- **To maintain local shops** and the **quality of public spaces for all users (lights, pavements, benches, green areas, etc.)**;
- To include the elderly in local life by supporting the **creation of networks for solidarity and exchanges of services between generations**, by stimulating the introduction of "kangaroo" houses and shared housing;
- **To promote exchanges** within the "Maisons de quartier" or "social restaurants";
- **To evaluate the impact of each** municipal policy **on the elderly**.

12. Social actions;

Our Objectives XL:

- **To help** all residents make the most of their lives, in particular people in difficulty, by giving them the wherewithal to be autonomous;
- To ensure **greater effectiveness of social assistance policies by bringing** together the communal services and the CPAS, in particular for support functions, or even by promoting collaborations between the CPAS of several communes;
- To support the participation of all in the local life, including **disabled children and adults**, to develop an inclusive approach for the disabled in all municipal policies (cf. Charter handstreaming);
- To promote **gender equality** tirelessly at all levels and all actions in the Commune;
- To establish a help-desk **to support people in difficulty** in their administrative formalities and ensure they receive the **social protection** to which they are entitled. This would also provide access to basic services such as the enrolment of children in schools, the provision of a debt mediation service, the provision of accommodation, etc.;
- To foster food assistance services, such as **social grocery stores**, to combat **food poverty** and to provide access to healthy and affordable food for all;
- **To support single parent families**, in particular by providing enough crèche places and adapting their opening hours, informing parents of their rights in terms of food support or mobility;
- To provide for **facilitated access to temporary accommodation** managed at communal level, to address the phenomenon of **homelessness**. Access must be provided by social workers to make sure that the social situation of the tenants actually improves;
- To make Ixelles a **welcoming municipality**, to improve the reception and stay of first-time arrivals and refugees by ensuring that courses in one of our national languages and literacy are provided

systematically, while at the same time supporting local and civic initiatives of solidarity.

13. Culture

Our Objectives XL:

- To turn Ixelles into **a major cultural centre** in the Brussels Region, using its assets: Flagey, Ixelles Museum, Chapelle de Boondael, Abbaye de la Cambre, etc.;
- **To stimulate cultural projects in crèches and schools** through reading, theatre, arts and music workshops in conjunction with the academies and libraries and to encourage the “Culture/School contracts” to strengthen links with theatre for young people;
- To promote access for artists and cultural operators to schools through the **temporary artists’ residences** with targeted themes;
- To encourage **cultural school trips** to raise awareness and facilitate access to cultural venues: art trips and visits to the library in the context of after-school care, partnerships with cultural venues;
- **To support those active in the Commune in the field of culture** by making available public premises or providing technical and/or financial assistance for public performances;
- To promote **the works of the artists residing in Ixelles in public spaces**;
- To set up a **“Artists’ Trail”** (for performing and plastic arts) throughout the Commune.

14. Sport

Our Objectives XL:

- **To draft a Sport strategy** (indoor and outdoor) by developing: neighbourhood infrastructure (basketball courts for teenagers), the practice of intergenerational sports activities, support for sports clubs, and by including individual sport and family sport in green areas;
- To renovate and adapt the sports infrastructure of the **Albert Demuyter Sports Centre** ;
- To expand the **opening hours of the Ixelles swimming pool** ;
- To assist in the coordination of the activities of associations and clubs **in order to optimise the use of the available infrastructures** and ensure that there are activities throughout the year;
- **To publish the prices of sports stages and the cost of membership of sport clubs, as well as the recurring or non-recurring subsidies granted by the municipality to the various clubs.**

15. Europe and Tourism

Our Objectives XL:

- To establish **partnerships with the European institutions** (Europe Day on 9 May —debate for the European elections, visit to the institutions, etc.);
- To develop **educational links between schools** and the **European institutions** ;
- **To promote Ixelles** in the context of official visits of third-country delegations to Brussels and within the institutions;
- To make Ixelles **more attractive to tourists**.



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*Mieux vivre Ixelles,
c'est possible!*



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