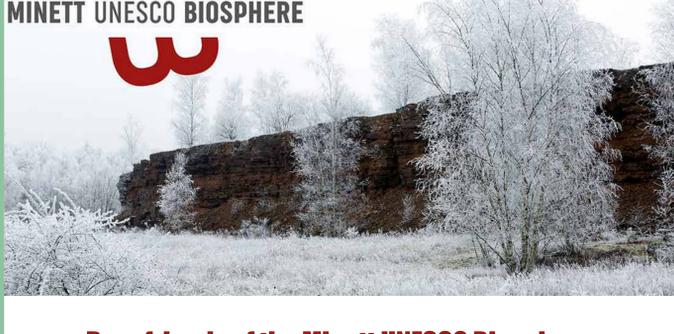




# NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021



## Dear friends of the Minett UNESCO Biosphere,

The year 2021 is rapidly coming to an end. In this last newsletter for this calendar year, we take you back to the past when the Minett was still being actively mined in our region.

We report on the official visit of the British Ambassador to the Minett UNESCO Biosphere and look ahead to Esch 2022 - European Capital of Culture. This project unites the whole Minett UNESCO Biosphere and brings it closer to the neighbouring French communities of the CCPHVA.

Finally, we would like to wish you a happy and healthy end of the year.

We hope that you can enjoy the upcoming holidays in the company of your friends and family and we look forward to continuing our collaborative work on the Minett UNESCO Biosphere in 2022.

Your Minett UNESCO Biosphere team

## 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Exactly 40 years ago, the history of 'minette' mining in Luxembourg came to an end. On the 27 November 1981, the Thillenberg mine, the last iron ore mine in the country, was closed down.

Historian Denis Klein from the «Musée National des Mines de Fer» in Rumelange looks back on the history of iron ore in Luxembourg. He explains the beginnings, the peak and the end of open-cast mining, as well as the mines in the 1970s and 1980s.

[THE COMPLETE ARTICLE](#)

## Minett Mash-Up: Lisa Junius



The second episode of «Minett Mash-Up» takes us to the Gaalgebierg in Esch.

In the park's kiosk, the hosts of the podcast, presented by the Minett UNESCO Biosphere in collaboration with MUAR and Ik-CNCI, spoke with the artist Lisa Junius, who has transformed this kiosk using her typical style.

The artist reveals how it is to live as a freelance artist in Luxembourg and what the Minett, and especially the Gaalgebierg in Esch, means to her.

[LISTEN TO THE PODCAST](#)

## Official visit



On the 12 November, Her Excellency Fleur Thomas, the Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Luxembourg, paid an official visit to the Minett UNESCO Biosphere.

Have a look at the pictures of this visit, during which Mrs Thomas also met the Minister for Spatial Planning, Claude Turmes, in Lasauvage.

[PICTURES OF THE VISIT](#)

## Zoom MINETT - a travel guide for Esch2022



On Thursday, 8 weeks before the start of the European Capital of Culture, a new guide of our region will be published by Esch2022.

In this guide you will be presented with a clear overview of nearly 60 different attractions to be discovered in our region, so that you can (re)discover the Minett next year.

We are happy to offer you a first glimpse of the guide, to be published in English, French and German, on our website:

[PREVIEW ZOOM MINETT](#)



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