

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022



Dear friends of the Minett UNESCO Biosphere,

Autumn has begun: the days are getting shorter, fog is gathering in the mornings, mushrooms are sprouting and the Minett UNESCO Biosphere team continues to work on the development of Luxembourg's only biosphere reserve. In this newsletter, we are pleased to give you a glimpse at our projects from the past few weeks.

An important part of this work is the definition of a common territorial development strategy for the 11 municipalities of the PRO-SUD syndicate, which together form the Minett UNESCO Biosphere. This process was kicked off by two meetings that took place at the beginning of October.

For us, as a young biosphere reserve, it is just as important to actively reach out to young people. For a good month now, Mahmoud Hashoush, a young scientist, has been strengthening our team. You can find out more about him in this newsletter.

UNESCO's "Man and the Biosphere programme", to which 738 biosphere Reserves in 134 different countries now belong, is the pillar of our biosphere. Hence, in September, a delegation from Luxembourg took part in the EuroMAB2022 in Bad Kleinkirchheim.

Another forcus of our work is the promotion of local food. With this newsletter, we would like to inform you about two actions in this context.

Enjoy the autumn with all its facets and maybe even with local products from Luxembourg's biosphere reserve.

Your Minett UNESCO Biosphere Team

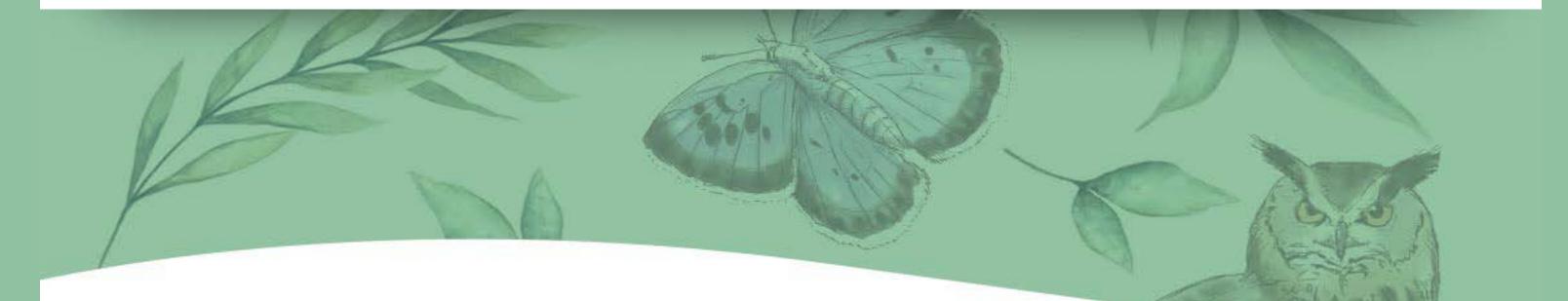
A JOINT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR OUR REGION



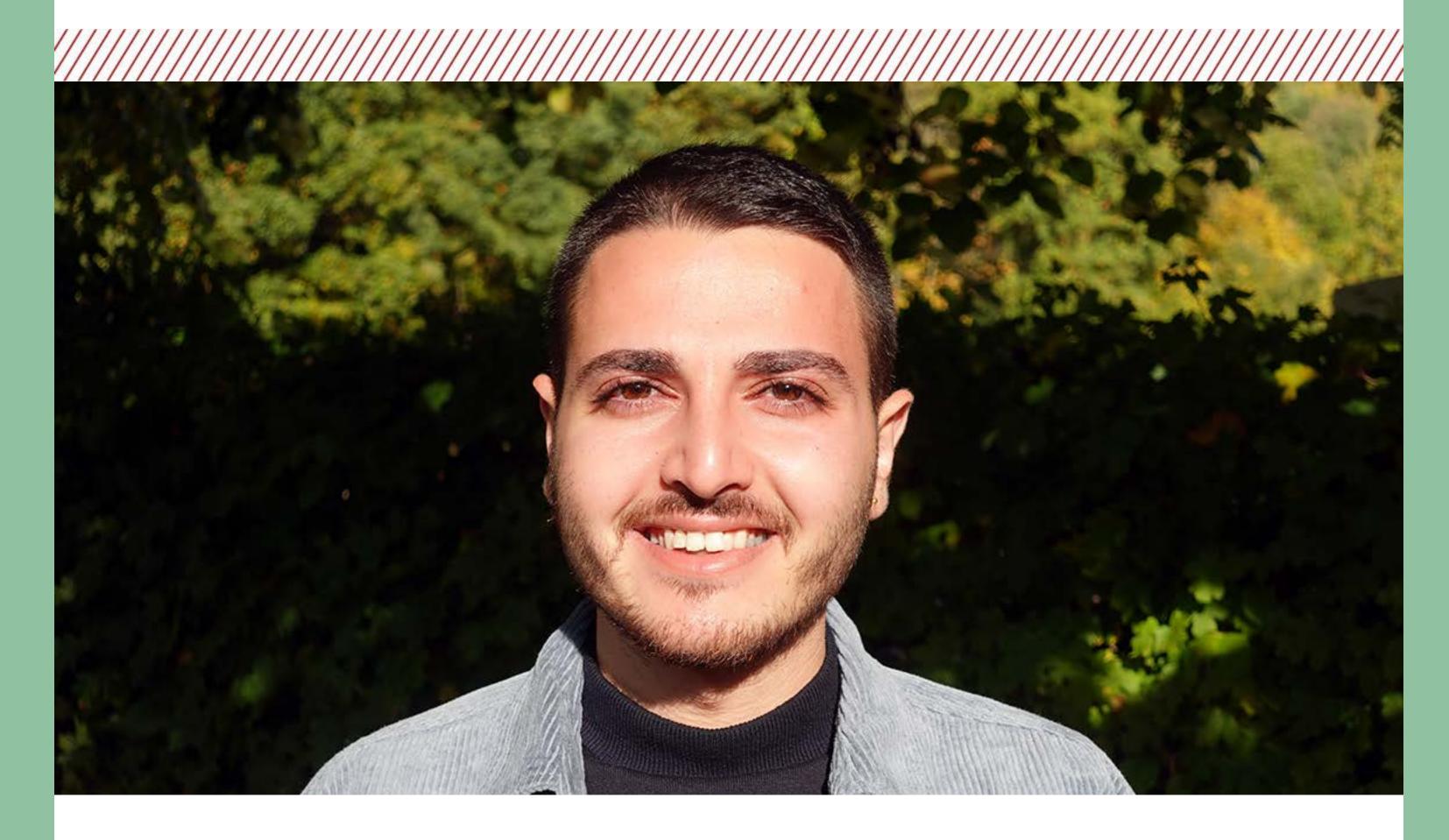
On the 5th and 6th of October 2022, the political decision-makers of the PRO-SUD syndicate of municipalities met to work together on the definition and implementation of a joint regional development strategy for the southern region.

The political leaders of the Syndicate of Municipalities for the Promotion and Development of the Southern Region, founded in 2003, expressed their will to implement a coherent development strategy in order to be able to propose concrete paths and projects for the sustainable development of the Minett **UNESCO Biosphere** both to the inhabitants and the local economy.

DISCOVER THE STRATEGY



A YOUNG SCIENTIST AT THE OFFICE



Since September, a new intern has been working in the Minett UNESCO Biosphere team. His name is Mahmoud Hashoush and he is an aspiring environmental scientist and researcher.

While working as the Youth Action and Research Project Coordinator, he will be leading a research project investigating the environmental impact of past mining in the region and looking for ways to engage local youth with science and the environment.

MEET MAHMOUD



For more than 30 years, biosphere reserve's staff from Europe and North America have been meeting every two years to exchange ideas and projects and to network better with each other.

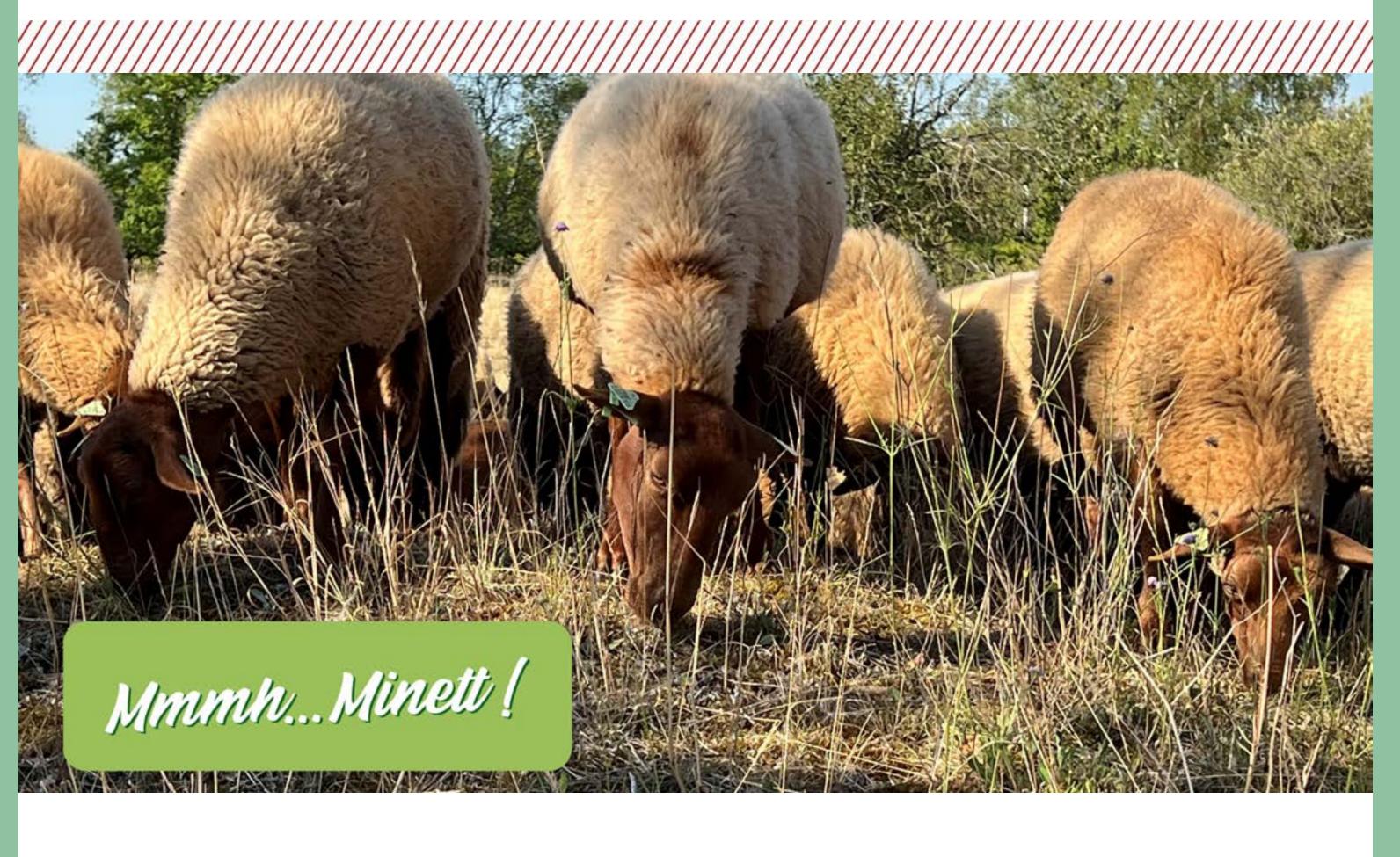
UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere network functions, among other things, through pluridisciplinary cooperation within the biosphere reserve, but also through scientific exchange among its members.

Luxembourg was officially represented at the EuroMAB for the first time after the Minett UNESCO Biosphere joined the network in 2020.

EUROMAB 2022 IN BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM



EAT LOCALLY AND SEASONALLY



Since this summer, the meat of the "Minetter Schof", who have been responsible for the maintenance of the large dry grassland areas in the old open-cast mining areas through transhumance grazing for about 20 years, is commercially available. In addition to the sheep meat, you can now also find honey from southern Luxembourg nature reserves on the market.

To further support local food producers, Minett UNESCO Biosphere also co-organised the regional market "Au Goût du Terroir" in Käerjeng in early October. A market that was very well received by the public.

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LOCAL PRODUCTS FROM THE BIOSPHERE

REVIEW OF THE "AU GOÛT DU TERROIR" MARKET

