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Léif Frënn vun der Minett UNESCO Biosphere,

This autumn, it's all about discovery at the Minett UNESCO Biosphere!

Rekindle your love for cycling: Why not cycle to work, be active and save greenhouse gases?

Delve into our unique geological heritage: Visit the innermost part of Minett UNESCO Biosphere and learn how Minett's iron ore was formed and the conditions under which it was mined at the former Doihl mine.

Explore our biodiversity: Want to taste our forests? Discover with a herbalist the plants that grow in the forests of Minett and learn which of them are delicious food.

(Re-)Discover an old steelworks: Witness the transformation of a once-abandoned steelworks into a modern, climate-neutral district in Dudelange. You can explore the Nei Schmelz district even before the groundbreaking begins.

These captivating themes await you in this newsletter.

The Minett UNESCO Biosphere team hopes that your
journey of discovery is filled with delight and wonder.

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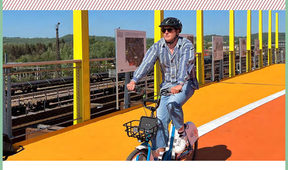

The transportation sector, with a focus on road transport, remains a significant source of air pollution, especially concerning fine particulate matter. As an integral part of our **dedication to decarbonize our region**, we aim to champion an eco-conscious mode of transportation that yields benefits for all: the bicycle!

Join us in our mission to endorse cycling throughout the South and **explore ways to enhance the appeal of cycling** within the Minett UNESCO Biosphere as a commuting option.

Participate in our brief survey and share your insights, whether you're a seasoned cyclist or not. Your input matters.

FILL IN THE SHORT SURVEY

UNESCO GEODIVERSITY DAYS 2023

In 2001, UNESCO designated the 6th of October as **International Geodiversity Day**.

This year in Luxembourg, from the 6th to the 8th of October, a series of exciting events has been planned to offer everyone an insight into the vast geodiversity that graces our country. These events will span across various locations, including the city of Luxembourg, the UNESCO Global Geopark Mëllerdall, the UNESCO Biosphere Minett, and the slate quarries of Martelange.

Within our biosphere reserve, on the **7th of October**, we invite you to embark on a captivating journey to an ancient iron ore mine. **Explore the historic Doihl mine aboard an historical mining train** and let AGL expert, Romain Meyer, and learn from AGL expert Romain Meyer how iron ore found its way into the soil of our region.

GO UNDERGROUND WITH US

MINELL - DE BËSCH SCHMAACHEN

During a casual stroll, **it's easy to overlook the myriad treasures the forest conceals**. Amidst the foliage of our autumn woodlands lie **edible plants that hold the potential to create delightful culinary experiences**.

Join us on the **7th of October**, as a skilled herbalist unveils the **gastronomic wonders concealed within our forests**, guiding you in crafting an unusual meal.

Don't miss this opportunity to savour the essence of the forest.

COME AND TASTE THE FOREST

MINETT MASH-UP - THE "NEI SCHMELZ"-PROJECT

In the new episode of our walking podcast "Minett Mash-Up", we take **a look at the future of Dudelange**.

The Fonds du Logement, through its ambitious **"Nei Schmelz" project**, is poised to transform the former Dudelange steelworks site, spanning approximately 33 hectares, into a vibrant community featuring 1,600 housing units, set to welcome over 3,500 new residents.

Construction activities at the site are scheduled to start this October, with the **inaugural homes projected to be completed by 2028**. Michel Gira, the driving force behind this transformative project at the Fonds du Logement, joined our podcast to provide further insights.

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