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Léif Frënn vun der Minett UNESCO Biosphere,

Two interreg projects in which Minett Biosphere is involved have been launched in recent weeks. We would like to present both projects to you in this newsletter. The first is more regionally orientated, the second with partners from all over north-west Europe and both projects are **directly related to our 'Mission Zéro Carbone'**.

International cooperation as a biosphere reserve also arises through the UNESCO network 'Man and the Biosphere', of which we have been a member since 2020. **EuroMAB 2024, the congress of European UNESCO biosphères, took place in Luthertsadt-Wittenberg** at the beginning of June and was attended by representatives from 41 countries. The Minett Biosphere was there for Luxembourg.

We are currently working with the city of Rumelange and the Spektrum cultural centre to create Luxembourg's first '**Aire Terrestre Éducative**' on the territory of our biosphere. This pilot project, in which school classes from Rumelange are appropriating and positively changing a natural space, is also presented in this newsletter.

We also tell you about the **activities planned over the next few weeks in our 'MINËLL - Minett Natur an Emwelt Léier Lab'** in order to get to know and understand nature in Luxembourg's only biosphere reserve.

We wish you an interesting read and look forward to your visit to the Minett UNESCO Biosphere.

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INTERREG : Two rojects to combat climate change

In April 2023, the **'Mission Zéro Carbone'** was launched in the Minett Biosphere Reserve. Our eleven member municipalities are now working together to significantly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. **As part of this ambitious project**, which is supported at national level by the Ministry of Spatial Development and the Climate Agency, **two Interreg projects in which we are involved have been launched** in recent weeks.

The first is called **ATRACT-AB (Accompagner la TRansition du secteur Culturel dans le territoire transfrontalier Alzette-Belval)**. It aims to promote regional cooperation as a legacy of Esch2022. One component of the project is the creation of a cross-border cultural programme, a second is to support the cultural sector in its decarbonisation processes and a third is to improve networking between cultural actors on both sides of the border.

DETAILS OF THE ATRACT-AB PROJECT

The second project **'Cool Neighbourhoods'** is a collaboration of 12 partners from Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Luxembourg with the aim of developing concrete and effective measures against heat islands in urban areas in order to actively tackle the growing challenges of climate change in our cities.

The Minett Biosphere is collaborating **with the city of Differdange** to install a green wall on a school building facing a public square in the city center.

DISCOVER THE 'COOL NEIGHBOURHOODS'

EUROMAB 2024 : Meeting of the european biosphere reserves

EuroMAB is held every two years in a different country. This **regional congress of biosphere reserves from Europe and North America** focuses on the exchange of ideas and projects, international cooperation and the further development of UNESCO's 'Man and the Biosphere' programme.

The 2024 meeting, which took place in early June in the Elbe River Landscape Biosphere Reserve, also focused on developing joint demands for the World Congress of UNESCO Biospheres, which will take place in China in 2025. The **new Global Plan of Action and Strategy for UNESCO Biosphere Reserves** will be adopted there in September next year.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EUROMAB 2024

AIRE TERRESTRE EDUCATIVE : Pilot project in Rumelange

The educational **pilot project 'Aire terrestre éducative' (ATE)**, which started in January 2023 with the participation of two primary school classes from Rumelange, will end this July.

The concept, which originated in France, **aims to integrate nature excursions into the regular school timetable**. The pupils themselves decide and democratically vote on the activities they want to do in nature. These excursions are organised in collaboration with the Minett Biosphere.

On 25 September, a public presentation will be organised in Rumelange in the Activnatum and in the bars lieu 'Spektrum'.

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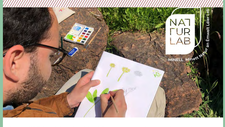
MINËLL : Summer workshops for adults



Our next MINËLL workshops for adults will focus on botany and floristry, edible plants of the summer forest and botanical drawing.

A natural floristry workshop will take place on **Saturday 6 July**. Participants will receive an introduction to plant identification and be introduced to different species and families of wild plants. They will also learn how to use wildflowers for creative projects, such as tying wildflower bouquets or preserving plants for creative herbariums.

DETAILS AND FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE NATURAL FLORISTRY WORKSHOP

On **Saturday 10 August** we offer our popular activity **'De Bëlsch schmaacken'**. Which plants are edible in the summer forest? How can you recognise them and what can you cook with them? Herbalist Christiane Laures will answer all these questions during the workshop.

COME AND TASTE THE SUMMER FOREST

On **Saturday 7 September**, we invite you to the workshop **'Nature studies'**. Together with the artist Ann-Kathrin Wirth we will observe and draw nature in Ellergrünn. We will learn techniques for drawing and painting nature outdoors.

DETAILS AND FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE 'NATURE STUDIES' WORKSHOP

MINI-SCHMELZ : CNCI Summer School

From 15 to 19 July, our partner CNCI (Centre National de la Culture Industrielle) is organising a summer school for children aged 8 to 11.

For one week, the children will take on the role of workers and will learn in an educational and creative way about the work **that characterised our region in the 19th and 20th centuries.** From the extraction of minette in the mine to the production of iron and the operation of the blast furnaces, the children will spend a week immersed in this fascinating world.

DISCOVER THE CNCI SUMMER SCHOOL HERE

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