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“The future of Luxembourg”
Carlo Thelen,
Cercle Cité, 6 February 2013

The origin of the initiative

A personal view on the necessity of this initiative

- On the one hand…
  - Stalling growth
  - Growing social, societal and economic challenges
  - Other “burning” topics not truly addressed
- On the other hand…
  - Lack of new ideas
  - Lack of a comprehensive set of policy actions
- However…
  - Solutions do exist

➔ Origin of “2030.lu – Ambition for the future”

“2030.lu – Ambition for the future”: a direct and unprecedented form of interaction

Unite the civil society around an open and participative project

- 2030.lu is an initiative whose aim is to address:
  - the future of Luxembourg
  - the challenges faced by our country
- 2030.lu takes the form of a broad public debate. It is an open debate:
  - everybody can join, participate and speak up
  - each participant decides on his/her level of implication

The what and how of “2030.lu – Ambition for the future”

Do not close your eyes on the country’s future. And first and foremost: speak up and help prepare the future!

- 2030.lu wants
  - to reunite a large number of people
  - that wish to engage in a discussion about the future of our country
- 2030.lu offers
  - interested participants an interactive an novel platform...
    - to discuss,
    - to debate and
    - to contribute

in shaping a strategic vision for Luxembourg

Who “owns” “2030.lu – Ambition for the future” ? (1)

- 2030.lu is an initiative enabling the civil society to express itself and to discuss policy proposals and actions
- 2030.lu has the sole ambition to depict a vision for the country. 2030.lu is not the ownership of an organisation, but is “owned” by the civil society at large

➔ **2030.lu puts ideas at the centre of its action**

➔ **2030.lu is not owned by the people *offering* the platform, but by those who *make* the platform**

Who “owns” “2030.lu – Ambition for the future” ? (2)

- 2030.lu enjoys the active support and participation of people representing all viewpoints and schools of thought
- Participants should be single individuals and not act as representatives of organisations
- 2030.lu enjoys the physical support of the Chamber of Commerce of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

➔ **2030.lu is a unique and novel initiative. It aims to kick-start an inclusive discussion about the future of Luxembourg**

What are the necessary steps to get things going?

- In 2012, numerous interviews with economic and social leaders, with trade unionists, students, academics and NGO leaders took place
- They enabled us to identify the main priorities for Luxembourg
- Working groups have contributed to this momentum as well
- The relevance of these insights has been corroborated by a representative opinion poll

Time has now come to move to a second stage.

Thus 2030.lu has emerged as an open and participative platform for debate

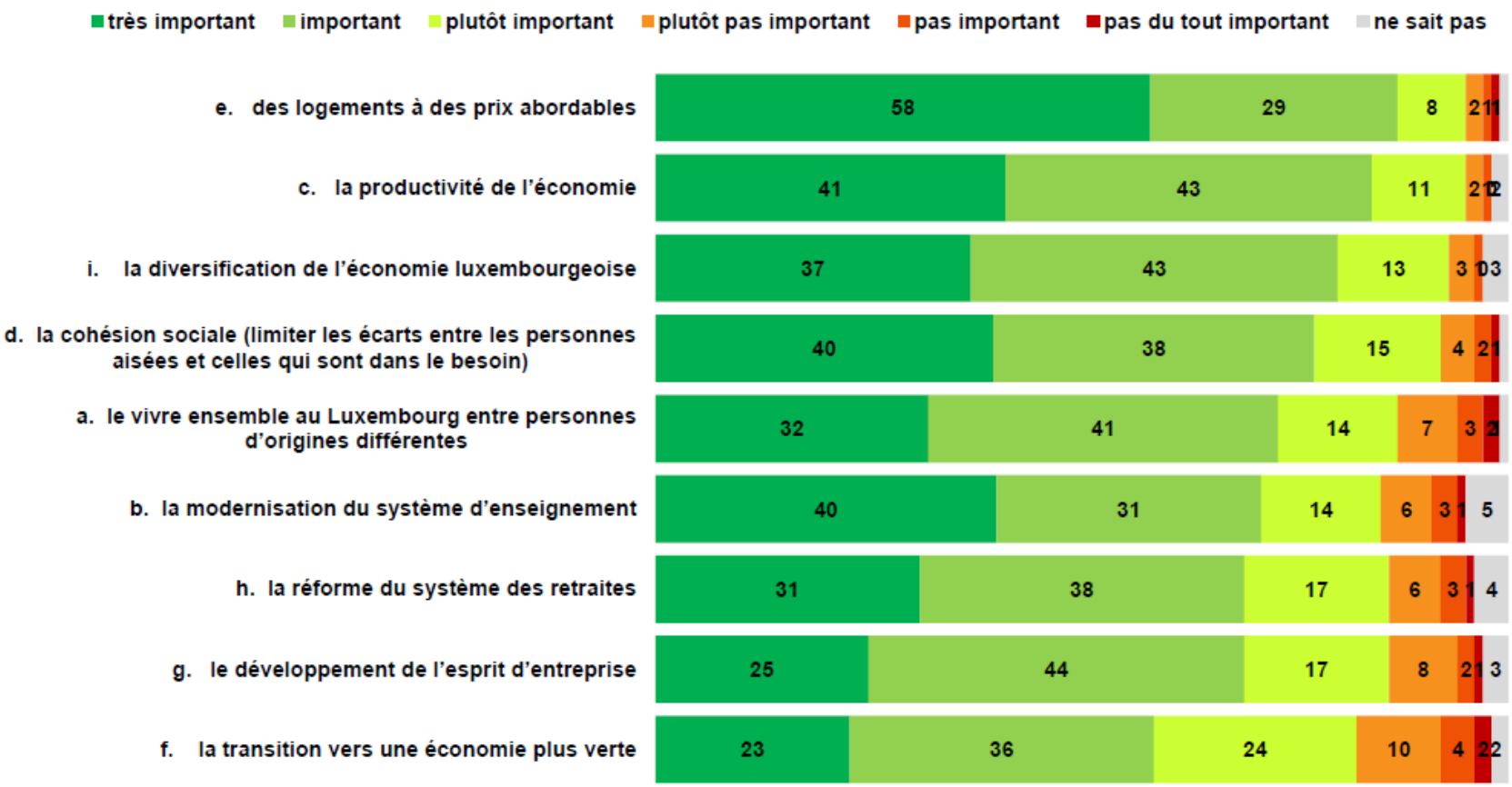
To wrap up…

- 2030.lu is an initiative with the aim to gather as many stakeholders as possible in order to…
- **… reach a consensus on the major challenges faced by Luxembourg in the future:**
  - Raise awareness for the challenges faced by the country among the public at large
  - Depart from traditional stakes and break the *status quo*
- **… spark and stir public debate about the future paths the country should follow, by**
  - Developing a vision of what a “better future” means for Luxembourg
  - Encouraging policy-makers, economic actors and civil society stakeholders to enter the debate and to position themselves in that debate.

The objective: maintain our quality of life

- **The key ingredients are as follows:**
  - a sustained high and fair distribution of standard of living
  - a diversified economic fabric
  - a proper social cohesion
  - an inclusive education system
  - a fair and well-managed social security system
  - an environmentally sustainable way of living and working
  - a financially sound and politically independent country

The priorities in the view of the population

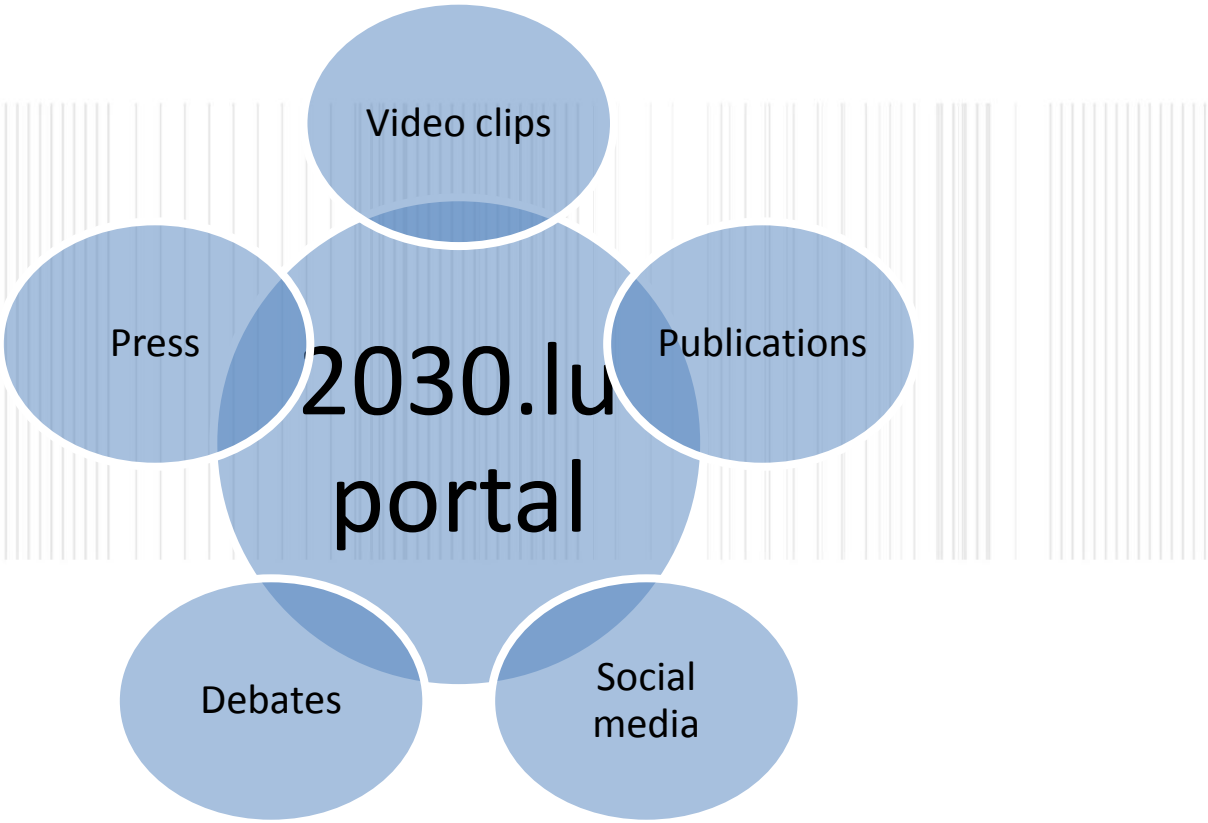


Source: Representative opinion poll in the Luxembourg population

The 10 priorities of 2030.lu

- Living together: integration of foreigners and commuters
- Reviving societal solidarity
- Modernising the education system
- Boosting productivity accross sectors
- Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship
- Accelerating the transition towards a greener economy
- Lowering housing prices and rents
- Adapting infrastrucutres to the needs of the society
- Increasing the number of people contributing to growth
- Ensuring financial independance

How do we want to move along?



The rules of the game (1)

- 2030.lu is an open platform. Participation is open to all those who are interested
- Participation is free of charge and unpaid

The rules of the game (2)

- The individual participants' level of implication or investment in the project is flexible
- It is possible to either contribute to the project
  - as a whole or
  - to focus on specific issues or themes only

- Every participant can freely express their opinions
- Constructive dialogue and respect of other participants' viewpoints are key

“2030.lu – Ambition for the future”: how to express your ideas? (1)

- 2030.lu cannot pretend to deliver “all the solutions” to “all our problems”, but...
  - There are number of ways enabling Luxembourg to continue prospering
  - 2030.lu should contribute to shape a common vision for our country

Everyone can contribute. Your opinion matters, the future of Luxembourg lies also in your hands!

"2030.lu – Ambition for the future": how to express your ideas? (2)

Your are cordially invited to contribute. You might...

- Talk about 2030.lu to your friends and colleagues
- **As of now**, subscribe to the 2030.lu newsletter on www.2030.lu
- Watch, share and comment the videos and read the publications on www.2030.lu (as of March, 6th)
- Share your ideas and opinions in the discussion forum available on www.2030.lu (as of March, 6th)
- Participate at the conferences and workshops organised throughout 2013
- Submit contributions via www.2030.lu or by e-mail (as of now, info@2030.lu) in order to feed into the final report and the Manifest to be published in autumn
- Participate throughout 2013 in our online polls on www.2030.lu

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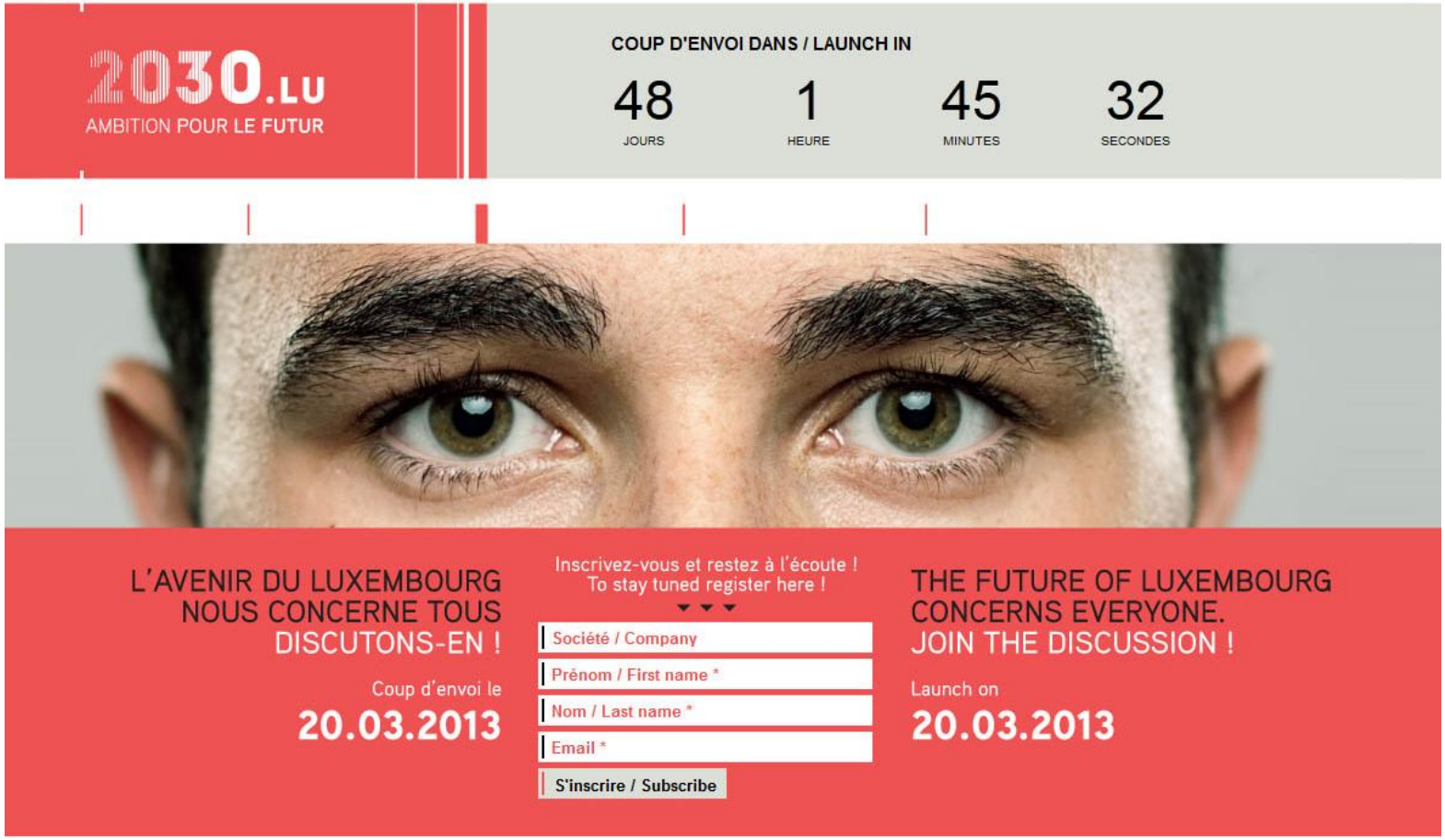

Provisional planning

Date	Event	Theme
20 March	Launch conference	Presentation of the platform, the issues at stake and the overall process
April	First Debate	Energy, environment, green economy Infrastructures, housing
May	Second Debate	Education, innovation, entrepreneurship Integration, solidarity
June	Third Debate	Financial indep., productivity, wealth creation Lux. international & European position
Octobre	Closing conference	Synthesis

In a nutshell...

The future of our country is also ours.

Impossible is not Luxembourg!

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Thank you for your attention!

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