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## Who will be the next Minister of Construction with licence to make a "Building Code" for Luxembourg?

It is a matter of setting up a proper building code that is structured and hierarchised and that provides coherence for all the texts in this matter.

Let's take inspiration from the "Code du Travail" which guarantees that every new text is coherent with the existing frame.

We now need a building law, literally: a right to build. And not a framework that prevents it.

Texts must not stifle the creativity of architects and engineers with their innovations!

We can no longer do without a Minister of Construction who will have the competences in this area in the interest of all.

It is not a question of all administrations and procedures being under his/her responsibility, but there should be a single coherent response from the public sector to the clients as well as the actors in the building sector: a digital Guichet unique.

This means less but better laws, with a concrete input from the private sector.

And above all, let's strengthen standardisation on the initiative of the construction sector.

Let's also adapt the process of projects to the requirements and current knowledge.

Builders must be aware that detailed programming in advance, followed by an integral design according to the "Maîtrise d'œuvre OAI" approach, is a prerequisite for an efficient, fast and economic implementation in line with the financial commitment, which at the same time allows a sustainable and quality living environment.

It should be avoided to change the project once construction has started.

It is also necessary that the developers provide the necessary funds for the conceptualisation.

Finally, the procedures for public procurement need to be modernized, following the "best-bid" criteria, if we really mean to build sustainably.

With our partners from the building sector, we will remind the future government that the public sector must ensure its role as an exemplary builder by setting up, at the same time as the building code, a code on "Architectural and Technical Quality" that also allows experimental and simple building!

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