

PRESS RELEASE

GÉRARD CLAUDE, WINNER OF THE 2023 SCULPTURING COMPETITION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STEINFORT

Steinfort, 5 May 2023 - The municipality of Steinfort, in cooperation with the non-profit organisation Aktikulti, launched the 6th edition of its sculpture competition at the beginning of the year with a call for entries.

The sculptures created for the sculpture competition, which has been running since 2009, are installed in the various villages of the municipality, namely Steinfort, Kleinbetingen, Hagen and Grass. This year's winning sculpture will be placed in the ZARO trade area in Grass in June 2024. The budget for this project is €30,000. The work will have to fit into the historical, cultural and natural context of the village.

Interested artists were able to submit their projects in the form of detailed plans and a model until 21 April 2023. The artists recently had the opportunity to present their project to a 7-member jury, consisting of 3 representatives of the municipality and 4 professional artists.

Among the 7 projects presented, the jury voted for the fascinating project by the Luxembourg artist Gérard Claude called "GrenzGras(s)", a sculpture that allows a purely abstract reading by touching the grace of its stems, tapering in elegant curves towards the sky, contrasted by a red horizontal. A more concrete reading is also possible. The material chosen is Corten iron, referring to the municipality's steel-making past. The steel rods, welded in such a way that they taper upwards, represent the grass from which Grass takes its name. The horizontal red line represents the border with Belgium, which makes Grass a semi-enclave. Pedestrians will have the opportunity to sit and rest on the red part of the installation.

The winner was announced and congratulated by the jury at a reception in the Al Schmelz Cultural Centre on Saturday 22 April 2023 in the presence of representatives of the municipality and the non-profit organisation AKTIKULTI, the jury, the artists taking part in the competition and all guests. During the whole weekend, the residents of the municipality had the opportunity to view the various models on display. The model of the winning project will soon be on display at the entrance of the Steinfort town hall.

About the community of Steinfort: a very daring community with an exemplary quality of life on all levels

The municipality of Steinfort, consisting of the villages of Steinfort, Kleinbettingen, Hagen and Grass, has developed into one of the modern residential and business centres in the west of the Grand Duchy and covers an area of 12.2 km². At present, the municipality has almost 6,000 inhabitants of some 90 different nationalities. Thanks to the numerous shops, associations, events and a wide range of leisure activities, Steinfort is a very active municipality, but it also offers many ways to relax, e.g. by following one of the many footpaths that recall the cultural heritage of the municipality or by taking a ride on one of the cycle paths. Steinfort is located in the canton of Capellen and is in the immediate vicinity of the A6 motorway to the Belgian border and Luxembourg City. The municipality is also committed to a good quality of the environment in order to guarantee the health, well-being and quality of life of all its citizens. More information on www.steinfort.lu - #mirsistengefort

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