

Tournoi des Finances Parc Hosingen

(Ried BM Romain Wester)

Häerzlech wëllkomm, léif sportlech Verrieder vun de Finanz-, Steier- an
Douanesadministratiounen hei vu Lëtzebuerg, aus Däitschland, aus Éisträich, aus
Frankräich an aus Ungarn,

Bienvenue, Herzlich willkommen, Grüß Gott, Seretettel üdwözöljük!

Following my welcome address to our Hungarian friends, I'm sure you'll forgive me
for continuing my speech in English.

On behalf of the Municipality of Parc Hosingen, I would like to extend a warm
welcome to you all to this 69th International Finance Tournament here in Parc
Hosingen. This is the first time since Luxembourg first took part in this prestigious
tournament in 1960 that the competition is being held in the beautiful countryside
of the north of Luxembourg, and we are therefore particularly honoured that the
Luxembourg Ministry of Finance has chosen our Parc Housen as the venue.

Indeed, over the past 30 years, the municipalities of Parc Hosingen and Putscheid –
which together have a population of just under 5,700 – have developed a wide range
of facilities on this site, which covers some 160 hectares, making Parc Hosingen an
ideal venue for this tournament:

In addition to modern educational and childcare facilities for around 600
schoolchildren aged between 3 and 12, Parc Hosingen also boasts three sportshalls,
a multi-purpose sports hall, an indoor tennis hall, a gymnastics hall, outdoor tennis
and padel courts, the football pitches at the 'Stade Georges Wohlfart', where we
stand right now, and our AquaNat'Our sports and leisure swimming pool with its
fitness and wellness areas, which, with around 200,000 visitors a year, is one of the
country's largest indoor attractions.

In addition, Parc Hosingen comprises a facility providing care and work for about 130
people with mental disabilities, as well as a state-run nature, culture, tourism and
sports centre with accommodation, a canteen, and conference and seminar rooms,

which also houses the headquarters of the Our Nature Reserve.

So, if you find yourself with a little spare time between the upcoming sporting events, I warmly invite you to enjoy the wonderful natural landscape of the Our River Valley on a trip along one of the many cycling or walking trails around Parc Hosingen, or to discover some of our charming tourist towns such as Clervaux, Vianden, Bourscheid or Wiltz.

Meanwhile, I wish the 69th International Finance Tournament every success and I hope it will be characterised by friendship, fairness and team spirit amongst the participating nations – values that have been at the heart of this competition since its inception in 1954 and which seem more important than ever in today's world!

Thank you, merci, Dankeschön, Kössönöm!