

The Luxembourg Tennis Federation and BGL BNP Paribas are teaming up to support responsible tennis

Tennis is the world's fourth-most polluting sport, with over 300 million balls used each year. Although Luxembourg isn't at the top of the list, it nevertheless consumes 200,000 balls – 11 tonnes – annually.

The ubiquitous yellow ball is 82% made from rubber. Although rubber can be recycled, Luxembourg doesn't currently have a recovery facility.

Therefore, the Luxembourg Tennis Federation together with BGL BNP Paribas has launched the "Responsible Tennis" project. The plan involves recovering used tennis balls and transforming them into sports flooring via a five-stage process: the balls are first collected from tennis clubs in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg before being crushed at a special facility at Passel in France; the new material is then transported to Bad Berleburg in Germany, where it is transformed into watertight flooring; finally, the new flooring is installed in sports halls and playgrounds, etc.

"I'm excited to be teaming up with the Luxembourg Tennis Federation, which is a good illustration of our desire to help build a more sustainable future for society as a whole," says Yves Nosbusch, member of the Executive Committee of BGL BNP Paribas.

Claude Lamberty, President of the Luxembourg Tennis Federation, adds: "We're delighted to have a solid partner such as BGL BNP Paribas to support us in our aim of making tennis more sustainable. We strongly believe in leading the way and showing responsibility, and this project enables us to take the Luxembourg tennis world to new horizons."

About Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Tennis (FLT)

The FLT's goal is to promote, organise and develop tennis in Luxembourg, including club tennis, teaching and training, as well as individual and team competition.

The Federation also represents Luxembourg by sending teams to international events (Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, Olympics, etc.) and organising ITF tournaments.

The FLT in figures: 50 clubs / 265 courts / 5,000 A licence holders / 16,000 active players.

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