



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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### **ATOZ FOUNDATION SUPPORT TO EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS WITH 200.000€ OF GRANTS**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Mr. Christian Schaack, president of the ATOZ Foundation, created under the aegis of the Fondation de Luxembourg, was pleased to introduce the three philanthropic projects supported by the foundation, less than one year after its launch. The ATOZ Chair at the Université de Luxembourg, the Kannerland center from Elisabeth Stiftung and the Dys-positif service of Caritas are all supported with financial and voluntary contributions. Mr. Schaack took this opportunity to also thank the Fondation de Luxembourg, represented by its director general, Ms Tonika Hirdman, for having accepted to host our foundation and for their tremendous assistance in the development of the projects. The ATOZ Foundation is willing to engage in long-term support of a limited number of educational projects and it aims to distribute grants to other specific projects linked to education, as well as to provide scholarships on the longer term.

Prof. Alexander Rust, the head of the ATOZ Chair for European and International Taxation and Prof. Stefan Braum, the dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, both represented the University. Since 2009 the ATOZ Chair, initially with financial support from ATOZ and now from the ATOZ Foundation, has developed research activities and promoted education of high quality in international and European tax law. Prof. Rust enthusiastically presented the outcome of this project, such as the creation of a master program in European and International Tax Law, the presentation of numerous research papers at international conferences or the editing of publications on dedicated taxation topics.

Mr. Willy De Jong, general director of Elisabeth Stéftung and Mr. Michel Kier, director of Kannerland Foyer in Limpertsberg were also present. Mr. Kier expressed his gratitude for the financial support the center benefits from the ATOZ Foundation, which has enabled the center to recruit a second teacher dedicated to ensure individual tutoring for the sheltered children. The majority of these children find a home at Kannerland, due to complicated personal and family situations. The individual tutoring sponsored by the foundation helps them focus on their education and improve their results in school, improving progressively their future prospects.

Last but not least, Mrs. Claudia Barthels – Schroeder, responsible of the Dys-positif service of Caritas Jeunes et Familles asbl, and Mr. François Jacobs, general director of Caritas were present to share their experience and their mission within the association. “Dys-positiv”, a project supported in collaboration with Caritas Luxembourg, offers comprehensive care services for children suffering from the wide range of dys-functions (dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysphasia, to name a few) providing a diagnosis,

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followed by professional therapeutic help from psychologists and educators. The ATOZ Foundation's financial support for this project allows low income families to co-finance the costs of diagnosis and therapy for their children, in order to provide the later with the strategies they so need in order to overcome their learning difficulties.

The presentation of the projects was marked by the handing over of symbolic checks which was followed by a cocktail reception.

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### **About ATOZ Foundation**

The Foundation's objective is to support educational projects both at an academic level in the fields of international taxation, economics and law and finance, and at an undergraduate level in Luxembourg and beyond. Besides educational projects, the ATOZ Foundation, under the aegis of the Fondation de Luxembourg, intends to support projects promoting social cohesion, with the aim of improving the living conditions of disadvantaged youth or people affected by disease.

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