



What future for Coppet?

**For the referendum on 15 May, the
supporting committee recommends to
vote YES.**

The facts: In September 2021, in response to **the significant deterioration of the Commune's financial situation**, the Municipality put forward a proposal to the Communal Council to raise the communal tax for 2022 by 6 points.

In appraising the overall situation, and because of the urgent need to respond to a rapidly worsening state of affairs, the Council's Finance Commission concluded that an increase of 8 points would be necessary. **The Communal Council endorsed that recommendation and supported the increase (as amended : +8), by 45 votes against 12, with one abstention.**

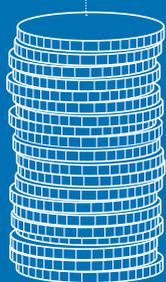
A referendum committee was thereafter constituted to counter that decision. You will be invited on 15 May to make **your own choice about what future you wish for Coppet.**



Why is it **imperative** to raise the communal tax?

It is important to understand what constitutes the communal budget

85.-
goes to the Canton and inter-communal expenses



15.-
goes to the Commune



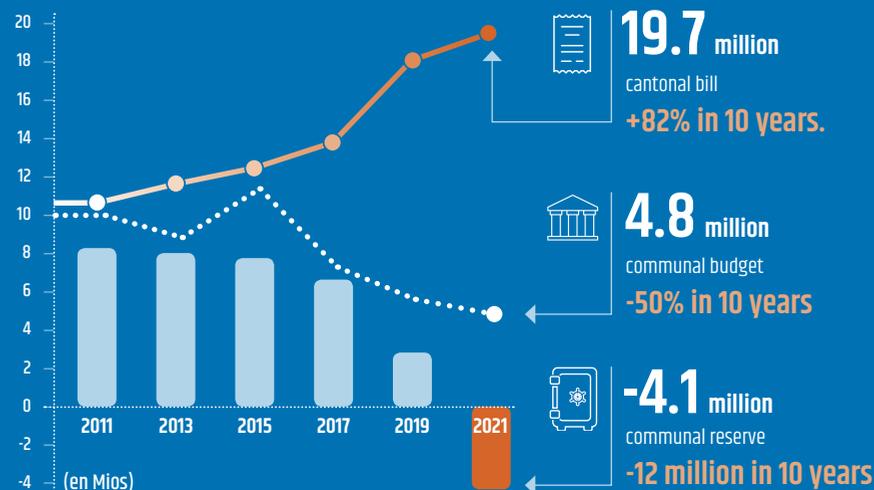
For each CHF 100 paid in communal tax

This means that out of its CHF 30.1 million budget (including inter-communal expenses), the Municipality has 4.8 million available to administer the Commune, and only within that amount can it make potential savings. Without a tax increase, the 2022 budget forecasts a loss of CHF 4.5 million.

The Commune is engaged with 12 other communes to obtain a change in this breakdown.

How did we get to this point?

A significant increase of the cantonal tax share



Given the **cantonal bill's significant increase**, linked to the growth of the population's needs, and without an appropriate increase of the communal tax, the Municipality has had no other option than to draw from its reserves to pay for the running costs of the Commune. **The year-end results for 2021 show a loss of CHF 4 million.**

In practical terms, what does the tax increase represent?

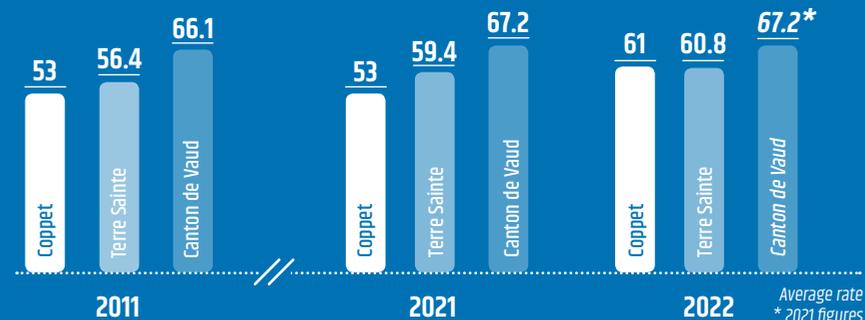
For a yearly taxable income of:



50.000.-	+ 278.-/p.y.	+ 226.-/p.y.	+ 183.-/p.y.
100.000.-	+ 709.-/p.y.	+ 573.-/p.y.	+ 494.-/p.y.
150.000.-	+ 1'217.-/p.y.	+ 992.-/p.y.	+ 848.-/p.y.

Important note: the tax down-payments that you have been asked to pay for 2022 already integrate the 8 point communal tax increase

The tax rate in Coppet has not changed for 10 years, and remains attractive despite the rise



Let's consider **actual facts**

The referendum committee made public some statements in November 2021 that need to be corrected and explained:

The referendum committee (RC) calls for "No to a 15 % tax increase"
The supporting committee (SC) says **this is wrong**: your actual tax bill **will increase by 3.8 %**, with the cantonal tax representing 75 % of your bill

RC: "Why do 25 % of Copétans pay no tax?"

SC: it's very simple, they are the people whose income **is not sufficient to be included in the tax-paying** population of Coppet (students, elderly, people with part-time jobs, the unemployed, etc.)

RC: "Coppet has one of the highest tax rates in Terre Sainte"

SC: to be precise, the rate that was voted (61 points) **is 0.2 point higher** than the Terre Sainte average (60.8 points). This level can also be explained by the fact that in 2010, Coppet reduced its tax rate from 60 to 53, with no increase since then.

RC: "Electric vehicle charging stations are being provided for the use of visiting tourists"

SC: the Municipality will be installing charging stations in a move to **initiate the ecological transition** decided upon by the Confederation and supported by the Commune. They will be used by the many inhabitants in Terre Sainte who drive to Coppet, and of course all electric car users, whether locals or tourists, will pay for the electricity they consume, **generating income for the Commune.**

RC: "Works carried out to upgrade the main street... the credit voted by the Communal Council reached CHF 3.57 million"

SC: **a credit is not a cost!** Having sought and obtained subsidies from the Confederation, the Canton and the Region, for a total of CHF 1.89 million, the final cost of those works to the Commune, which incidentally had a legal obligation to take such measures to limit the traffic noise, will reach **CHF 1.68 million** (the work has not yet been completed).

The point we are making is that one has to forge an opinion based on precise and correct information. More information can be found on Coppet's financial data on www.coppet.ch

What **will happen** if the tax raise is rejected?

Against the current critical financial situation (the need to save CHF 4 million out of a CHF 6 million budget), there are few options to avoid the forecast deficit and the Commune's growing debt. The Municipality has limited options:

1. Decrease the tax level and **forfeit a number of services provided by the Commune**

(security, maintenance, support to local associations, local trade, service and access to local population – e.g. opening hours of the Commune's offices –, support to the elderly, the youth and families).

2. Further **raise the debt** and stop new investments!

Contrary to income-generating investments (e.g. building new lodgings), financing the communal deficit through debt is risky since it does not result in any income but only creates new debt and leads to rising charges.

3. Seek **new income!**

create new taxes, cancel free services or preferential treatment for local population (CFF, rental of communal space,...)

They urge you to **vote YES**

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