



Dear Frankfurt citizens,

on March 14, Frankfurt is having general elections: For the city council (“Stadtverordnetenversammlung”), for the local advisory boards (“Ortsbeiräte”) and the municipal representation of non-German residents (“Kommunale Ausländerinnen- und Ausländervertretung”). These bodies will decide during the next 5 years on how we live and work. They will discuss and decide on issues like climate-protection, the development of the local mobility-infrastructures, planning the city and promotion of arts and culture, about social offerings, child-care and schools, issues of gender-equality and an open society as well as all other aspects of local politics.

The elections come at a point of profound changes: The corona-crisis and its consequences are challenging, we need to fight the climate-crisis much more rigorously and the growth of our city is putting severe pressure on the housing-market and our infrastructure. Many people are uncertain about their future and populism is growing while populists make use of fears to fight our freedom and attack individual groups of people. We will fight back on such populist attacks and work to grab the opportunities and strengths of our diverse city to actively shape our future and the necessary changes.

We will reinvent Frankfurt in a climate-friendly manner and make it more resilient. We will provide more affordable housing and build homes for the times to come. We will speed up the change to a sustainable, human-friendly mobility-infrastructure. We will defend our cities’ diversity and offer equal opportunities to all. We will improve gender-equality. We will help arts and culture to survive the current crisis and give them more room. We will strengthen both businesses and employees. And we will leave no one behind – because we all are Frankfurt.

We thank you for your interest in our political ideas. Get in touch with our candidates and challenge our plans. If you are convinced that green ideas will make for a better future, we value your support – and your votes for GREEN candidates and lists. Let us work together towards a future for Frankfurt!

## **LIFE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

### **CLIMATE AND HOUSING: TWO TOPICS THAT CANNOT BE THOUGHT OF SEPARATELY**

Like all big German cities, Frankfurt is growing at a fast pace. This drives up housing prices and makes the lack of affordable housing a problem of social justice. At the same time, climate change forces us to change our consumption of resources and our land use. The GREEN Party environmental and housing policies aim to fight climate change in a socially just manner.

In 2019, we have established the “Climate Alliance for Frankfurt” (Klimaallianz für Frankfurt). It aims at transitioning to 100 % renewable energies, ending coal combustion, swiftly transforming our transport sector, saving heating energy and water, and the unsealing of public spaces.

The Climate Alliance has agreed that all new projects take into consideration their impact on the climate. We will make sure to contribute our share in reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement.

All future planning has to center around the thought of maintaining and protecting green spaces, while new housing space has to be affordable. We reject plans that do not satisfy these criteria and are thus for example committed to radically change the current plans for the “Günthersburghöfe”, where we demand only already sealed spaces to be considered for further planning.

We want to extend the Climate Alliance’s promises by another goal: we want the entire

administration of Frankfurt to be climate neutral until 2030 and the whole city to become climate neutral until 2035. Therefore, we will commission a yearly audit to evaluate the town's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, found an advisory panel of experts that will council the town on questions of climate protection and strengthen the Environmental Department.

We will also strengthen the successful climate adaption program "Frankfurt freshens up" (Frankfurt frischt auf) and will promote adaptation initiatives for private tenants and property owners. With the support of a new Climate Protection Fund (Klimaschutzfonds) we furthermore facilitate private investments in measures that will reduce energy consumption in buildings.

### **Implementing the energy transition locally**

We will as quickly as possible transform the power supply of all public and administrative buildings, the public transport sector, as well as all public enterprises, so that they can run on 100 % green electricity. Also, we will draw up renovation plans for all public buildings and will evaluate the legal possibilities to implement a mandatory installation of photovoltaic systems for all non-housing new buildings.

We will end hard coal combustion at the thermal power station "Heizkraftwerk West" until the middle of this decade and will negotiate with the local industry to quickly move away from coal towards renewable energies. We will evaluate the purchase of renewable energies from surrounding municipalities and will fund a subsidy program for green IT companies.

Together with local energy suppliers we will draw up subsidy programs to further photovoltaics and solar thermal systems as well as efficiency strategies for heating systems. These programs will be co-financed through the Frankfurt Climate Protection Fund.

### **Developing the city - climate friendly and socially responsible**

We want to counter urban overheating by desealing surfaces, planting trees, greening facades, roofs, streets, public spaces and by more surface water. For that, we will draft up an ambitious urban forestation program and will also expand the already existing Baumpatenschaften (tree sponsorship) program.

For all quarters, the following guidelines shall apply: All green spaces are recreational areas, the planning of which considers aspects like biodiversity and the formation of cool and fresh air. All parts of the city should be easily accessible by public transportation and by bike, and contain a high percentage of subsidized and social housing.

We will start a research project titled Grüne Stadt der Zukunft (Green city of the future). Together with experts and citizens, we want to develop concepts for a climate resilient city. We will further promote urban gardening and community supported agricultural initiatives that provide a sustainable local supply of food.

### **Unsealing and greening - building sustainably**

We will draft a plan for the development of free spaces in order to register all green spaces relevant to the climatic situation. The quality of already existing green spaces will be enhanced by integrating them into the existing surroundings. We will use the cooling abilities of water by directing streams and positioning wells within densely developed areas without wasting any drinking water.

The cooling and silencing effect of greened facades is of high importance for a metropolis like Frankfurt. Together with partners from the Frankfurt University of Applied Science and others, we will offer advice on the installation of greened facades on new, existing, and especially on high-rise buildings.

The building sector needs to significantly improve its resource consumption. We will develop strategies for a more considerate consumption of resources and improved recycling and we'll consider introducing circular economy-elements into building processes, such as recycling-concrete for new municipal buildings, a building materials warehouse or wood from the cities' forest.

### **Housing must not be a luxury - creating affordable housing**

We see housing as a basic need and a fundamental right. Therefore, we will create a Bündnis für bezahlbaren Wohnraum (Alliance for affordable housing) for Frankfurt, which will bring together housing cooperatives, initiatives for communal housing, housing companies, private proprietors, foundations, churches and corporations that share the goal of developing affordable housing in the city.

We aim at increasing communal and cooperative housing in Frankfurt, because apart from the luxury-segment, there are too few apartments. To this end, we will form an Agency in Frankfurt that has the right of first refusal in Milieuschutzgebieten (milieu protection areas) and can act as a broker for housing cooperatives or communal projects.

We cannot solve the problem of affordable housing without new buildings. We want to change the Baulandbeschluss in order to increase the mandatory quota for affordable housing in new housing projects from 30 to 60 per cent.

### **Establishing a new land policy**

As a matter of principle, the city should no longer sell land in the future, and it should only make its land available for housing construction on a leasehold basis. We want to lower the long lease rate depending on the concept and give priority to allocating our own land in a concept-based process, e.g. for affordable housing, cultural and social infrastructure or small businesses.

The city will increase its strategic acquisition of building spaces, e.g. spaces for retail, services and urban business, and will to this end extend the Liegenschaftsfonds (property funds) and make more use of its right of first refusal. We pledge to enable the right of first refusal at a price which precludes speculative gain.

Those who want to build should also be required to green the city – be it in the form of green roofs, greened facades, or public green spaces. We want to evaluate and adapt the municipal by-laws in this respect. A new management of service water, more passive houses as well as Energy-Plus-Houses need to be part of a “new” Frankfurt.

### **Preserving affordable rents**

We are committed to make sure that the federal government will sharpen the Mietpreisbremse (rent brake) and make it a more effective tool. We want to fight speculative vacancies and the speculative use of urban spaces, maintain the existing low rents and extend milieu protection areas. We want to tighten the declarations of aversion and be able to act in the event of sales or vacancies for luxury refurbishment purposes.

For the short-term creation of affordable housing, we will continue the program for the acquisition of occupancy rights and increase its funding. We will offer more building sites to non-profit cooperatives for which they can apply with concepts aiming to create affordable housing.

We want to end the practice of sheltering refugees, homeless people and young adults in collective living quarters and hotels within the next five years and offer them adequate housing.

Corresponding to these goals, we will draw up contracts with municipal housing cooperatives as well as the Nassauische Heimstätte and develop funding guidelines accordingly.

## **PROMOTING DIVERSE QUARTERS**

Every quarter in Frankfurt has its own history, its architectural features, and its likable quirks. We want to actively develop these quarters while maintaining their characteristic buildings, structure, and places. For controversial projects, we want to effectively involve all stakeholders.

We want to support non-commercial voluntary initiatives, which actively promote social life, in a more direct and unbureaucratic manner. We want to counteract the Bahnhofsviertel’s gentrification by supporting social and communal housing and promoting medium and small businesses as well as socio-cultural institutions.

In the realization of high rise buildings, social and ecological aspects have to be taken more into account. Already existing high-rise buildings should undergo an energetic restoration in the near future. In the future, high rise buildings should include public spaces on the lower lying floors as well as housing.

### **Making compatible use of the potential in inner development**

We can create some of the urgently needed additional housing by extending roofs, adding stories to existing buildings or closing gaps between buildings. Any increase in building density, any new construction, reconstruction and road building – including schools, daycare centers and sports fields – must be accompanied by a significant improvement in the green situation.

To this end, we are undertaking a systematic review of the old “framework development plans” of the City of Frankfurt. In particular, the potential for redensification is to be examined. In this way, we

are developing a redensification register that goes beyond the building gap atlas.

However, redensification can only succeed with the neighborhood. That's why we involve residents from the outset and are looking into a subsidy program to overcome obstacles to increasing the density of housing estates. Trees and open spaces must be preserved in all redensification projects. To this end, we are creating an open space design statute.

## **Renewing the relationship with the region**

We want to reshape cooperation with the region and are advocating an incentive program from the state for cooperation in the RhineMain region. This is particularly about environmental, climate protection and mobility issues, securing regional green corridors, developing housing and commercial construction, and limiting rents, but also about migration, education and training and the issue of sustainable water supply.

We support the state government's Frankfurter Grüner Bogen (Greater Frankfurt Arc) initiative to develop residential areas along rail lines that link the region with Frankfurt. Together with the region, we also want to prepare an International Building Exhibition that focuses on the challenges posed by growth and climate change.

## **New ideas for the city center**

In light of the Corona-Crisis and its consequences for the retail sector, we will refine the Innenstadtkonzept (concept for the inner city). The transformation of public spaces will contribute to a revival. In order to increase the attractiveness of the city center, we will set up a public WiFi network and create public spaces, which will invite city dwellers to meet, enjoy and spend time without the need to consume anything.

Before deciding if and where new high-rise buildings should be built in Frankfurt, citizens should be extensively involved in the planning process. In general, we are sceptical towards new high-rise buildings and advocate restraint in the discussion about new building sites.

## **CLIMATE-FRIENDLY CITY: ACCELERATING THE ENERGY AND HEATING TURNAROUND**

To make Frankfurt climate-neutral by 2035, we need to transform energy and heat generation and make it much more efficient. We need significantly more power generation on rooftops and transportation buildings, and we need to use waste heat from industrial operations and data centers as well as waste heat from wastewater or geothermal energy.

To this end, we are developing a waste heat register, driving forward the use of waste heat and examining the possibility of local heat networks, e.g. for consumers such as swimming pools. We are simplifying regulations on waste heat use and examining the use of the wastewater network for local heat transport.

Private residential and commercial buildings must also become climate neutral. We support owners in installing more energy-efficient heating systems, improving the energy efficiency of building shells and using heating fuels from more climate-friendly sources. The costs must not be passed on to tenants.

## **Promoting sustainable construction methods and focusing on sustainability**

We will promote building with renewable raw materials as well as innovative, deconstruction-friendly and recyclable construction methods. The construction sector is responsible for 53 % of waste, and concrete production alone causes 8 % of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions worldwide. We need to close material cycles in the construction sector and reduce waste volumes and resource consumption.

We are committed to actively promoting timber construction in Frankfurt. It relieves the climate by temporarily storing atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> in the buildings for decades. In Hesse, almost 40 % of the land area is forested. A proactive timber construction culture is thus not only a contribution to climate protection, but also to local value creation and strengthens the tradition of craftsmanship.

We will establish an Energy Plus House standard and will be testing it with the ABG and other housing associations. We use sustainable insulation materials in new municipal buildings and also advise private developers in this regard. We want to reach agreements with them that go beyond the legal requirements and support the goal of climate neutrality by 2035 at the latest.

# A GREENER FRANKFURT: WITH EVERYONE AND FOR EVERYONE

Almost 60 % of the city's surface are green spaces. However, these spaces are not distributed equally. We want to expand the green spaces in such a way that every inhabitant can reach these retreats on foot. For an improved quality of life of city-dwellers, we also need more areas for wildflowers and biotopes which contribute to biodiversity.

We will develop and expand the GrünGürtel (green belt) so that it is connected by green spaces to other green spaces in the surrounding areas. We want to connect inner city green spaces in a similar way. Green spaces in parks, squares and public spaces with trees will be maintained, and new parks will be created. They promise a relaxing environment and contribute to climate protection and biodiversity.

We will expand the program Stadtgrün sucht dich (The city's green is seeking you) which allows for the sponsorship of trees, tree beds, public flowerpots and will also promote urban gardening initiatives. In development areas, we will promote the installation of public gardens and biotopes in accordance with BUND (Bund Umwelt- und Naturschutz – German League of the Environment and the protection of nature) guidelines.

## **Protecting biodiversity and maintaining agriculture in Frankfurt**

There are about 5.000 hectares (approx. 12.400 acres) of agricultural area in Frankfurt and the Ökomodellregion Rhein-Main (ecological model-region Rhein-Main) offers a great potential for ecologically and locally produced foods. Together with farmers, consumers, members of agricultural cooperatives and the Ernährungsrat Frankfurt (Nutrition council Frankfurt), we want to make use of these spaces by supporting cooperatives and other agricultural initiatives.

We want to make sure that 10 % of agricultural area are kept as living and breeding spaces for all kinds of animals – thereby ensuring that these spaces contribute to the protection of our biodiversity. We will negotiate with public foundations that spaces are allocated in accordance with ecological and sustainability standards. The use of glyphosate should be prohibited.

We want to develop and renew existing bodies of water, so that their shores can act as biotopes for various kinds of plants and animals. When renovating buildings, nesting sites of protected species must be maintained. Together with BUND (Bund Umwelt- und Naturschutz – German League of the Environment and the protection of nature), NABU (Naturschutzbund Deutschland – Nature Protection League Germany) and others we will start the project vogelfreundliche Fassadengestaltung (bird friendly facade design).

## **Making the urban forest into a climate-forest**

The climate crisis has already led to some devastating destruction in our urban forest. Therefore, our forest must become a climate-forest and be strengthened with a reforestation program. There ought to be more forest rangers and reforestation should focus on European tree species which need to be tested regarding their climate resilience.

Through purchases and reforestation, we want to enlarge the urban forest and protect it as a valuable carbon-sink. We want the forest management to be conducted according to the principles of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft naturgemäße Waldwirtschaft (Workgroup natural forest management). Also, we want to evaluate, in how far the urban forest can become part of a local circular economy.

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Criteria of sustainability and health should be considered in the evaluation of all city development projects, architectural design competitions and peer review processes. These criteria are – among others – grey energy, operational CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the recycling capacity of building materials, approaches towards a circular economy and measures which are beneficial to the human health, like the supply with fresh air.

For the allocation of building projects without a previous competition, we will adjust the awarding criteria according to these sustainability standards.

## **Avoid waste, improve recycling, conserve water**

We will significantly increase the recycling quota in Frankfurt by introducing a new recycling bin, new recycling and repair-sites, as well as new drop-off points for large size plastic waste. We will reduce the littering of the city by expanding the #cleanffm project, installing new trash cans, and naming

new Sauberkeitsbotschafter\*innen (cleanliness ambassadors).

Considering the ban of single-use plastic dishes, cutlery and cups in 2021, we support clubs and event organizers in the acquisition of affordable and viable alternatives. Moreover, we initiate a pilot project for a pizza carton deposit.

We need to better manage our drinking and process water, e.g. for the watering of trees and public green spaces, and we need more publicly available free drinking water which will contribute to the populations health in times of intense heat. Through information campaigns and reimbursement programs, we want to promote the conservation of water.

## **IMPROVED PARTICIPATION: INVOLVING CHILDREN, THE YOUTH AND WOMEN**

We want to promote citizen participation in the discussion about the redesigning of buildings, quarters, and public spaces. We want to discuss current projects, for which there has been no competition, with an advisory board for design. All structural data concerning urban development will be made publicly available online.

With administrative institutions, citizens, and experts, we will develop municipal participation guidelines on how to better involve children, the youth and other underrepresented groups, so that they can introduce their interests and competencies. Urban development should always strive to be child-friendly.

Like everywhere else on this planet, 50 % of our city's population is female, yet women's needs and views are by far not equally represented accordingly in urban development. We will ensure increased participation of women in projectplanning, since in this respect, their needs also differ from those of men.

## **MOBILITY FOR PEOPLE**

### **REDISTRIBUTING URBAN SPACE**

Mobility in our society is changing and we are experiencing shifts from individual transportation using private cars to flexible combinations using different means of transportation. Instead of owning vehicles, we increasingly share them and use them only temporarily. We want to redistribute urban space and give back space that is currently attributed to car traffic (and parking) to the people.

We seek to improve the linkage of the different means of transportation and promote sharing mobility, so that both Frankfurters and commuters can reach their destinations quickly and ecologically. When building new districts, we ensure that there is sustainable mobility infrastructure and more open spaces provided. We want children to be able to play safely in front of their houses again.

In summer 2020, our "City at the river Main" ("Stadt am Main") project has presented a comprehensive concept regarding the inner city and Sachsenhausen: well-established connections for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport, an attractive environment for retail, the food service industry, the cultural scene and residents, and a car free Mainkai. We seek to further expand this concept and also implement comparable concepts in other districts.

Ultimately, the city will not work without the presence of some cars. But with new engine technologies and more speed limits we can design road traffic in a more environmentally and people friendly way. A rethinking regarding engine technologies is not only necessary due to climate change, but also in order to increase the attractiveness of the available space in the city as well to improve air quality and reduce noise levels.

By time, free parking will only be available at certain so-called mobility points along the city's border, in order to facilitate commuting by train. In the city center as well as in the districts, we will create largely car free zones and green pedestrianized areas which will create benefits for local businesses, trade, services, the food service industry and cultural sites.

### **Using opportunities created by interconnection and digitalization**

So far, our traffic systems are not well connected. Digitalization and sharing concepts will bring great opportunities to this area. We will extend the supply of park & ride and bike & ride facilities as well as mobility-on-demand systems for commuters and local residents alike.

Furthermore, we need central mobility points, created e.g. through the conversion of rail network hubs to hubs for interconnected mobility. We will make the services provided by all types of mobility providers centrally accessible and simplify the fare systems. This will make possible the purchase of tickets from A to B and back – irrespective of the means of transportation.

We provide clarity on the costs of different means of transportation and ensure a just distribution of these costs. Environmentally friendly means of transportation will provide more benefits; the costs of the car traffic hitherto borne by the public however will be financed according to the costs-by-cause principle.

## **Expanding and promoting bicycle and pedestrian traffic**

With the “Radentscheid”, roughly 40,000 Frankfurters have proven that they are serious about changes in traffic policy. Almost half of households in Frankfurt do not own a car. One third of all routes are done on foot, 16 % by bike. Nevertheless, car traffic prevails the cityscape.

We will implement and further develop the Radentscheid agreements. At the same time, the bike lane network will be designed in a way so that the bicycle can become a commonly used means of transport for commuters. On that account, we will establish continuous east-west and north-south cycle superhighways connecting surrounding areas to the city. We ensure that despite the expansion of rail networks, for example on the S6, attractive connections between the districts will be retained or created. We are also considering the option of subsidizing particularly climate friendly services such as (hire) bikes.

We prefer proper bike lanes that are physically separated from roads and footpaths to the current practice of differently marked bike lanes. We will implement people’s wish to build the “Frankfurt bicycle boulevard”. Traffic lights on main roads will be aligned with the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and public transport. On the nation-state level, we will advocate for an accelerated introduction of turn-off assistants for trucks and upgrade the communal truck fleet accordingly as fast as possible. It is our goal to achieve “Vision zero”: zero traffic related deaths in our city.

We have witnessed great successes in Frankfurt with the office for bicycle traffic. Therefore, we will similarly create a contact point for pedestrians – to build accessible and safe footpaths, as footpaths and bike lanes full of parked cars or E-scooters are not only annoying, but also dangerous. Together with the traffic service providers, we will elaborate on and implement a station-based service with charging points for the E-scooters. Thus, this proliferation will be contained.

## **Making public transport more efficient and less expensive**

In 2018, almost 250 million passengers in Frankfurt have travelled a total of 1 billion kilometers. In addition, there is also a countless number of kilometers travelled by external commuters – of which 60 % are still travelling by car. With better and cheaper provision of public transport we seek to shift this to rail traffic and convince even more people to use public transport. Minimising the fare boundaries and the sudden surges of fares will be the first step.

Alongside and for the purposes of the further expansion of rail and bus connections, (bus and rail) networks have to be converted too. We seek to accelerate the planning and construction of rail networks and create new bus connections, thus improving the accessibility of the surrounding areas and creating more cross connections among the districts with specific district lines. Additionally, we must increase the regularity, particularly in the suburbs and at nighttime.

Ultimately, fares are also a decisive factor when it comes to the choice between different means of transportation. We seek to extend the group of people that can be granted the Hesse 365 €-ticket. As a first step we will offer students tickets with full reimbursement to all pupils and free public transport to senior citizens. As a next step, we want a 365 €-ticket to be made available to everyone in Frankfurt. Through new offerings, the job ticket needs to become more attractive again, and new citizens of Frankfurt ought to be welcomed with a free monthly ticket.

## **THE CAR IN THE CITY: INDIVIDUAL, SHARED, SUSTAINABLE**

Station-based carsharing is a sustainably reasonable form of car use because it reduces the amount of space required and makes the transition to alternative forms of propulsion easier. 50,000 Frankfurters are already using this promising form of individual mobility. We seek to further support carsharing, especially if cars are powered by renewable energies.

We seek to pool the different sharing systems (bicycle, cargo bike, e-scooter, carsharing) as much as possible and make them affordable and accessible – firstly by introducing sharing hubs at bus

stops and train stations. We want to examine the ecological effects of different transport services in this area and, together with providers, improve them.

The transition to electric vehicles needs to be speeded up considerably. Hence, we urgently need to develop the charging infrastructure for electric cars – with electricity coming from renewable sources, of course. In order to make all municipal services climate neutral by 2030, we will also need to make buses and all other municipal vehicles CO<sub>2</sub> neutral.

We advocate a speed limit amounting to 80 km/h on urban motorways and 40 km/h on main roads. On densely inhabited main roads, in most cases 30 km/h should be the applied speed limit at nighttime and in areas where low car traffic is planned, we want to achieve 20 km/h as a speed limit. We will issue noise exposure maps and initiate measures to reduce noise at hotspots.

We oppose the further development of motorways in Frankfurt and are critical toward the expansions of the A661 and A5, based on the sealing of soils and obstruction of cold airstreams that can be expected. The national government, as principal of projects such as this, needs to guarantee that the effects on the city's climate are minimised. We therefore seek to investigate alternatives with sustainable means of transportation when considering development projects.

## **Logistics in the 21st Century**

Not just people are mobile, but also goods and commodities – and more than 70 % of transportation is still done on roads. In collaboration with the sectors of economy and the sciences, we will develop and test concepts to create an infrastructure of local distribution points with the goal to facilitate an environmentally friendly distribution of goods which would replace trucks driving door to door.

We support urban delivery traffic by providing cargo bikes and will set up a sponsorship scheme for privately used cargo bikes. We support community supported agriculture initiatives, agricultural cooperatives and other regional and ecological agricultural businesses searching for warehouses to supply local customers.

Moreover, we support multimodal concepts which will reduce traffic and pollution and will guarantee that commodities travel as little as possible on roads and as much as possible by rail or ship.

## **A FUTURE FOR THE AIRPORT**

Day and night far too many people throughout the region suffer substantially from air traffic. Among other issues, the hazards of significantly increased fine dust pollution require countermeasures. On the other hand, the airport contributes to the internationality and economic strength of the city and the region and creates many jobs. We seek to develop the airport in a way compatible with the climate and regional concerns and develop it to be both more environmentally acceptable and resilient to future crises while keeping it as a factor for the labor market and the economy.

We support Fraport on their transition from an air traffic supplier to a sustainable mobility company. The airport ought to become a sustainable and modern site through the introduction of a proper ban on night flights, an improved linkage with public transport and a climate neutral operation of the infrastructure by 2035. However, we will not accept a further expansion of the airport.

Furthermore, along with the economic sector, the Hesse government and with scientists, we support the research that is being conducted on sustainable air traffic with renewable, regionally produced fuels as well as climate-friendly and low-noise airplanes and technologies. In particular, research activities regarding the health effects of air traffic emissions are to be continued. The “House of Logistics and Mobility” represents an ideal nucleus for these activities.

## **AN INCLUSIVE MOBILITY FOR EVERYONE**

Just like urban planning, the following applies to traffic policy: all people are affected, but currently not everyone is included in decision-making to the same extent. We will therefore look to include citizens more actively in planning and decision-making, particularly regarding complex projects like the implementation of our vision “Stadt am Main” and similar concepts in the different districts and areas.

The perspective of women is also indispensable here. We will therefore establish gender mainstreaming in traffic policy and specifically support women when it comes to traffic planning and administration. The same applies for the inclusion of disabled people and the accessibility they require: Mobility-impaired people and their representatives will be included actively in traffic policy too.

# **WHEN WE SAY “WE”, WE MEAN ALL OF US**

## **STANDING TOGETHER IN A DIVERSE URBAN SOCIETY – DIVERSITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY**

We see Frankfurt’s diversity as an enrichment and as a part of our identity. That is why we fight for the right to vote in local elections for all Frankfurt residents over the age of 16, and the right to vote at the state and federal level for EU citizens. We want to give more weight to the issue of integration – with concepts against racism, Anti-semitism, Islamophobia, Anti-ziganism and other forms of misanthropy – and with a more visible integration department.

In 2020, our city council coalition adopted an action plan against racism, which we will consistently implement and expand. We will expand the Integration Award to include a category to honor activities against discrimination, strengthen the counseling center against hate and violence on the Internet, and strengthen the municipal representation of non-German residents (the Kommunale Ausländerinnen- und Ausländervertretung). During police training, the topics of racism and discrimination must also be more strongly addressed, and the proportion of people with an immigrant background in the police force must increase – we are actively advocating for this at the state of Hesse.

We are also examining the need for further support services for people who want to break away from the far-right scene, religious extremism, or cults – including preventive and deradicalization services for youth and young adults.

Frankfurt must also face up to its Nazi past, keep the memory alive and oppose right-wing violence, nationalism, and historical revisionism. To this end, we will support memorial and educational work. We also want the critical examination of Germany’s colonial history to be given appropriate space in the curriculum and to be visible in the cityscape.

### **Refugees need help**

Migrants and refugees need self-managed spaces as meeting centers, for culture and education, and as places of retreat. We want to support the search for suitable spaces, strengthen intercultural district work and expand it to include digital offerings. In addition, the foreigners authority (Ausländerbehörde) must change into a welcome authority and, for example, establish branch offices at universities. Multilingual counseling services and training courses to strengthen digital skills must be created for older people, and integration work in daycare centers and schools must be expanded for the youngest.

We want Frankfurt to declare itself a safe haven without restrictions, and to join the European forum “Solidarity Cities”. We advocate that municipalities should be able to decide for themselves whether to accept refugees. We will evaluate their accommodation and revise municipal standards, strengthening in particular the protection of women, children and LGBT\*IQ people, as well as their integration into education, work and the housing market. We will continue to support projects such as “Rainbow Refugees”. We will remove barriers to access for women to German courses and educational programs.

### **I am what I am: for acceptance and visibility**

We will supplement the Hessian Action Plan for Acceptance and Diversity with a Frankfurt Action Plan with the participation of the LGBT\*IQ communities. We want to equip and support the active counseling, education, violence prevention and anti-discrimination offices according to their needs and expand the services for trans\* and inter\* people. We ensure that municipal forms include “diverse” as a gender option and develop guidelines for the adequate linguistic expression of sexual and gender diversity.

The topic of sexual and gender diversity is also to become part of municipal administrative training and further education on diversity. Toilets and changing rooms are to be designed to be non-discriminatory in new and renovated public buildings, schools, and sports facilities. In addition, we want to create a contact point for inter\* and trans\* children under the age of 14, so that they can meet peers and receive qualified advice.

We will offer a prize for lesbian visibility and develop measures to improve the visibility of lesbian girls and women in a participatory process. We are pushing ahead with research into discrimination against lesbian mothers through custody revocation. The lesbian information and counseling center

and the MainCheck competence center will be expanded, and family counseling will be established for rainbow families. And we will examine the need for a queer senior citizens' home or queer housing projects. In the context of sports funding, we will apply for funds for the prevention of sexualized, homophobic, and transphobic violence at major sporting events and consider Frankfurt's application to host EuroPride.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND FAMILIES**

Children and young people are our future, and families with children – regardless of the type of family – are important for cohesion in our city. However, children's opportunities for participation, education and employment depend largely on the financial circumstances of their families. Particularly children of single parents are at a structural disadvantage here. We ensure that all children, young people, and families in Frankfurt can participate and feel comfortable.

### **Good education and care are the basis for a just society**

Frankfurt is growing and so is the need for daycare centers and schools. We will drive forward their refurbishment and new construction effectively and efficiently and expand their offerings quantitatively and qualitatively. One focus here will be on all-day care for elementary school children, as they will have a legal right to this from 2025. We need a variety of solutions and will also support elementary schools in their application for the “Pact for the Afternoon”.

However, sufficient places and proper equipment are only the basis for a modern and reliable education system. In addition, we need to significantly improve the provision of WiFi networks and terminals, of specialists and of pedagogical offerings in media education. For daycare centers and school cafeterias, we also want to work with the Food Advisory Council to develop concepts for healthy, sustainable and regional nutrition and support them, for example, in setting up vegetable gardens. Every school is to be given a “green classroom” with the help of a funding program.

### **Shaping together: motivated, involved, and safe**

To increase the participation of young people, we are promoting the creation of a youth parliament that has the right to make motions and speak in municipal bodies and will depict “young Frankfurt” on the city's website. We will also increase visibility in the city with a comprehensive network of meeting opportunities and competitions for young people.

To revitalize Frankfurt's nightlife and prevent conflicts, we will designate a Night Mayor as a point of contact between event organizers, residents, and politicians and administrators. A model project of schools and police will fight cyber bullying and we will initiate a campaign for the reporting platform “Hesse against incitement” and a round table with media experts.

In order to give more visibility and appreciation to the important educational work at schools, we are offering a school award on the topic of sustainability, the criteria of which will be determined by the City Pupils' Council and the City Parents' Advisory Council. We want to involve the City Pupils' Council and the City Parents' Advisory Council more closely in education policy issues in general and also support the establishment of a City Parents' Advisory Council for Daycare Centers. We also want to upgrade the profession of kindergarten teacher and make it more attractive by advocating for better pay, exploiting the possibilities of collective bargaining and introducing professional development opportunities.

## **SPORTS CITY: DIVERSE, ACCESSIBLE, WITH EVERYONE**

Whether Eintracht, Skyliners or Lions, whether individual sports, chess, or eSports: We want to promote all these activities, both at the top and in the broadest sense. After all, sports must be accessible and should have a unifying effect. To this end, we will work with clubs, institutions, and volunteers from the fields of sports, health and education and create a sports development plan. In doing so, we will promote gender equality, the participation of women and girls and the acceptance of diversity.

In addition, we want to provide more non-club, low-threshold and free outdoor sports facilities, and we are reviewing the use and occupancy times in gymnasiums. We are realizing together with the Goethe University a swimming sports center and every child from a family with a Frankfurt Pass receives a voucher for a free swimming course. The city of Frankfurt applies to host the “Host-Town-Program” of the Special Olympics 2023 and is expanding its “Active to 100” network for dementia

patients.

We are looking into creating sports opportunities for LGBT\*IQ children and youth that provide them with empowerment and protection against stigmatization, and the application of Frankfurt for the “Gay Games”. We want to support volunteers from the “Sport and Refugees” program with expense allowances, material resources and qualifications. We are also evaluating the experience with eSport and examine opportunities for supporting it.

## **SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH: RELIABLE, TARGETED, FOR ALL**

Anyone who is dependent on support – be it temporary or permanent – must be able to participate regardless of age, origin, gender, or status. The Frankfurt Pass offers nondiscriminatory support for people in difficult economic circumstances. We will expand it further to ensure access to cultural, sporting, social and social and mobility services.

### **Child poverty endangers the future**

We will adjust the income limits for the Frankfurt Pass to the development of average incomes and pensions. Pass holders should be granted free admission to municipal facilities museums, the zoo and swimming pools, and use public transport free of charge. Children from families with a Frankfurt Pass should be able to take part at a vacation camp once a year free of charge. Frankfurt children and young people should also receive benefits from the education and participation package without bureaucratic hurdles. For the active care and support of children and young people, we will significantly expand the infrastructure of open youth work and the “pedagogical lunch table” in all districts.

### **Expanding services for special needs**

Participation also refers to the right to housing. For homeless people who are acutely ill or recovering from an illness, we want to provide a care apartment with medical and psychosocial care. We want to significantly expand the offer of transitional facilities and social housing. The support for citizens without health insurance or a secure residence status must also be expanded, e.g. as part of the model project for an anonymous health insurance voucher. We will expand the range of early support services (“Netzwerk Frühe Hilfen”), particularly for children of parents with mental illnesses or addictions.

### **Facilitating inclusion**

The inclusion of people with disabilities is a mandatory task. In exchange with experts from associations, institutions, and with self-advocates, we want to further implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the municipal level, among other things through barrier-free communication on the city’s website and barrier-free offers in public services. The barrier-free design of schools must also become standard.

We will set up competence centers in social counseling centers, where people with disabilities and their parents can obtain help from a single source. We are examining the introduction of inclusion commissioners in the city districts, who will represent the interests of people with disabilities in the local and the city administration. For women with disabilities, we will develop a counseling service and a violence protection program. And for children and young people with chronically ill parents or parents in need of care, we will design psychological and social services.

### **Aging: supported, in dignity and in community**

Aging in cities is a challenge for many: social networks are lacking, economic opportunities are diminishing and the anonymity of the big city is becoming a problem. Through neighborhood concepts, we want to create a livable environment into old age – with shopping facilities, public toilets, seating areas, subsidized senior housing and culturally sensitive outpatient care and neighborhood assistance.

We will significantly increase the share of subsidized housing suitable for the elderly in all neighborhoods and review the situation in retirement homes with the welfare associations in order to improve the offerings. Frankfurt should also improve the image of so-called “care professions”, ensure common standards and good working conditions for them, massively expand apprenticeships, and increase the proportion of men in these professions.

### **Learning from Corona: strengthening public offerings**

Corona has shown, not least, that the public health service is indispensable. We will strengthen it in terms of personnel and funding, while taking advantage of the opportunities offered by digitization. We also want to drive forward occupational health management together with health insurers, business associations and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

To prevent people with relatively minor complaints from visiting emergency rooms, we will support cross-sector emergency care services. We want to improve community-based and socio-psychiatric care for Frankfurt's population by involving all stakeholders and expanding district-based health conferences and prevention projects. We will set up retreats in public buildings for women who are breastfeeding.

### **Nutrition: a crucial building block for healthy living**

The city will institutionally support the Nutrition Council and develop a municipal nutrition strategy with it. It will also set up a contact point for initiatives, institutions, and citizens on the topic of nutrition. A minimum share of regionally produced organic products will be specified in tenders for catering in municipal facilities, and the guidelines for service providers will be supplemented with specifications for healthy regional foods.

A "House of Food" will offer training on healthy regional, sustainable and organic nutrition and food processing for restaurateurs and students. More vegetarian and vegan options will be offered in communal catering, and municipal food inspections will check more meat products for excessive antibiotic levels so that action can be taken if the limits are exceeded.

### **Drug Policy: Continuing the Frankfurt Way**

We stick to the Frankfurt Way in drug policy: we put people at the center of our drug policy. Addiction is a disease and drug users need differentiated support services. The consumption room at the Eastside crisis center will be open around the clock in the future, and we are developing a project that integrates help for addicts and psychiatric care without making abstinence a prerequisite.

We will introduce a concept for containing conflicts in public spaces. We want to strengthen outreach work in the streets, squares, and underground-levels of Frankfurt's station district in order to increase the sense of security among residents and passers-by. We will implement an innovative participation format for neighborhood development with all stakeholders.

In addition, we want to test the controlled distribution of crack cocaine to severely addicted persons and offers for low-threshold heroin substitution and distribution. This is the only way we can prevent users from drifting further into misery and crime. We also support the efforts of the state of Hesse to test drug checking of party drugs as a model and want to take the initiative for a cross-city cannabis model project to achieve consumer protection and regulated access for adults. In order to improve the integration of the judicial and social systems, we are launching a model project that directly supports released drug users with medical and social assistance.

## **EQUAL BY RIGHTS!**

### **EQUALITY AT WORK AND COMPATIBILITY OF FAMILY AND WORK**

As long as having a family and working are poorly compatible, women draw the shorter straw. They often interrupt their careers or entirely give up on working life in order to care for children or other family members. This leads to financial downsides, possibly even old-age poverty. We want to convince men, employers, and businesses that family time is a matter not only for women.

We want to create more places and extend personnel in city-run child-care facilities, to improve the compatibility of family and working life. Additionally, we want to empower girls and women planning for their lives and jobs and prevent old-age poverty by offering better information sources. We want young women to be passionate about STEM jobs and young men to be passionate about working in the care, domestic and health sectors.

We advocate for transparency in senior level hiring and women's quotas, in public services and city-owned corporations. The Frankfurt business community should be incentivized to engage with and create greater equality. In addition, we will continue to implement the European Equality Charter and the action plan "More just Frankfurt - Women in work".

## **VISIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION FOR WOMEN**

Role models model roles. Despite a female chancellor, women struggle harder, not just in politics. They write music, plays and academic papers, they sculpt, build bridges and power stations, drive bin lorries and underground trains and captain ships. We want to make their achievements both visible and a matter of course. Visibility of lesbian girls and women has to be increased to counteract their double discrimination.

Municipal cultural institutions should increase the visibility of female artists working on “beacon” projects and support women’s equality in general. We will actively involve women in traffic and city planning, because we aim to plan “with” and “by” women, not just “for” them. We want to systematically collect and analyze gender specific data and women’s perspectives with the aim of equality in all areas of policy. Women perform the majority of care work needed in society – without visibility or recompense. We will honor these contributions by presenting the gender equity in economic performance and value creation.

## **FIGHTING AGAINST SEXISM, HATRED AND VIOLENCE**

Sexism, hatred and violence towards girls and women are attacks on human dignity. By implementing the Istanbul Convention in Frankfurt, we will guarantee and expand assistance for emergency situations as well as pre- and post-care. This includes disabled girls and women, those from refugee communities, and women and children from disadvantaged families. Women at risk of violence should be enabled to safely leave their spouses without having to fear extradition.

We will develop a gendered youth assistance plan, based on a study of girls life circumstances and experiences of violence. This extends into the digital sphere, where women, LGBT\*IQ individuals and other targets of bigotry are attacked. We want to create a municipal outreach center, which offers assistance to those affected and their relatives and guardians. Further, we will extend effective prevention and anti-violence programs for perpetrators, and address and discuss gender-specific violence in all youth facilities.

A council of experts will be installed within the Women’s Department, to implement the Istanbul Convention. Communication campaigns should inform girls and women about the options afforded to them by the Prevention of Violence Act. We will continue the institutional support of facilities dealing with gender specific violence prevention protection. We consider the relevant expenditures to be essential; they should be budgeted long-term.

## **ENSURING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

Reproductive autonomy is an elementary human right. The alliance “Frankfurt for Women’s Rights” was founded by us Greens and many other committed people and institutions to ensure continued access to sexual and pregnancy advice – against the pressure of self-proclaimed pro-life activists.

Protected areas will ensure unencumbered access to sexual and pregnancy conflict advice centers. Additionally, we will support advice centers for reproductive self-determination.

We will guarantee access to prescription contraceptives and associated costs, as well as the cost of the “morning after pill” for women and girls who may not be able to afford it.

We will support city initiatives in relation to availability of midwives, particularly with regards to the care of vulnerable groups.

## **CULTURE - LABORATORY OF OUR FUTURE, WITNESS OF OUR PRESENT AND PAST**

### **LESSONS FROM CORONA: CRISIS-PROOFING CULTURE**

Frankfurt is a cultural capital: in envelops everything from Opera, Schauspiel (theatre) and Städel museum; studio theatres and open workshops; street art, jazz, rap, and arts cinemas all the way to the Book Fair and National Library. The Corona crisis has laid bare the structural weaknesses and lack of funding of parts of our cultural landscape. We will learn from this and provide more appreciation, sustainable infrastructure, and financial support for the culture sector – thereby making it more resilient in the face of future crises. We will develop a “culture development plan” in cooperation between those working in the sector, institutions, and members of the public, naming specific actions for cultural funding in the community.

To achieve this, we are promoting the networking within the open cultural sphere, as well between the open sphere and established cultural institutions. We will promote digitization in the culture

sector by building competencies and increasing visibility of innovative formats. We will guarantee “living wage” funding for cultural institutions and are looking at introducing a crisis fund. We will also introduce minimum wages in city-funded cultural venues and projects.

## **MAKING ROOM AND GIVING SPACE**

Frankfurt’s lively cultural scene does not have enough room. We will support artists and performers in their search for affordable space to produce and perform. This includes exploring opportunities for temporary uses and arts and culture in public and private spaces in collaboration with businesses and property owners.

We want cultural venues to be able to plan for the long term and invest in sustainable solutions. We will provide funding to support energy efficiency optimization and restorations as well as reliable jobs. We will review the relationship between institutional and project-related support.

A new, multi-lingual advice center will provide support with grant requests and serve as a center of excellence for culture facilitation. We will support our regional creative industries through targeted public procurement. And we will investigate opportunities for co-operation with “Wirtschaftsförderung Frankfurt”, the city’s economic development body, in collaboration with artists and performers.

### **The independent arts scene and community cultural centers**

We represent reliable support of the independent theatre scene’s groups and stages via multi-year support schemes and increase project funding. In conjunction with stakeholders, we are developing the concept for a venue for the independent scene to host dance, performance and theatre and will identify possible locations and financing approaches.

We continue to support cultural social centers and will ensure their space. We particularly protect alternative culture centers, such as “Klapperfeld”, “Au” and “Café Exzess”; as they make valuable contributions to our city’s community: cultural, social and inclusive. We oppose their evictions or alternative uses of these spaces.

### **Municipal stages and the Kulturcampus**

We believe that Willy Brandt Square should remain the location of the “Städtische Bühnen” (City Stages). The square has well-earned reputation for first-rate theatre and opera and politically and socially conscious productions, provocations, and the freedom of the arts. We want to find a solution for the city’s stages which carries these traditions into the future and at the same time considers the environment, the climate and sustainability. We also want to revive the grand tradition of modern dance theatre in Frankfurt.

We reliably support the city of Frankfurt’s “Kulturcampus” (campus of culture) conversion plan for the Campus Bockenheimer location. We will provide space for the independent scene via the “Open House of Cultures” and public institutions such as the Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts. We will continue to engage with the interested public through planning workshops.

In addition, we are looking to establish an international and collaborative children and youth theatre in Frankfurt, which is going to cooperate with both independent theatres and artists as well as municipal stages.

### **Invigorating all of Frankfurt’s forms**

Frankfurt’s confined space contains a literary universe. We will strengthen the literary infrastructure of renowned venues such as Romanfabrik (the novel factory), Literaturhaus (House of Literature), Literaturforum im Mousonturm (Literary Forum at the Mouson Tower) and support independent literary stages and initiatives such as “Frankfurt reads a book”. Additionally, we want to guide literary festivals such as Open Books and Bookfest towards a financially sound future.

We will secure and support the “Pupille” cinema as a venue for non-commercial cinema, in an effort to strengthen community film venues. Additionally, we will promote and support non-commercial festivals, the city’s movie events, and the “Filmhaus Frankfurt” (Frankfurt Film House). We are investigating partnership opportunities with commercial organizations.

We will assist musicians in their search for affordable rehearsal spaces and improve access to classrooms for music lessons. We will support non-commercial, youth-focused club culture initiatives. They offer ways to experiment and make club culture accessible for those who are blocked from accessing commercial offerings, either at the door or at the cashiers.

We will develop a differentiated support system to benefit visual artists – including a grant scheme and better access to studio space which will allow for support beyond the costs of materials. Project-driven support will be made available after the Corona crisis to simplify re-starting their work.

## **STRENGTHENING CULTURAL EDUCATION – ENABLING AVENUES FOR ACCESS**

Culture creates participation in society. It expands one's lived experience, strengthens maturity and judgement, and facilitates involvement with societal developments. As such, culture enables the democratic exchange of views and strengthens solidarity. This, however, requires arts and culture to be accessible for everyone.

We will support collaboration between artists and performers and schools and care facilities, ensuring access to culture at an early age. We will create a cultural education fund for Frankfurt schools and, working with artists and performers, establish open studios in which young people will be able to experiment.

We want to ensure that “Culture for all” is actually being lived and to make good on the claim of inclusion. In order to achieve this, we will strengthen and expand existing, successful concepts, such as educational offers, construction and participatory projects and provide fresh impulses for proactive and progressive culture policies.

## **LEADING COMMEMORATIVE CULTURE INTO THE FUTURE**

There is no recollection without commemoration; and without commemoration there is no conscience. Our future is shaped by our lived commemorative culture. As such, every period has to find its own way to keep recollection and history alive. We want to strengthen and lead our commemorative culture into the future, by working with initiatives, clubs, and educational and research institutions.

The remembrance of victims of Nazi crimes is a cornerstone of our society. Therefore, we will maintain and highlight the locations of Nazi crimes in Frankfurt, e.g. by establishing a memorial for the “KZ Adlerwerke”. We also want to make sure that the former synagogue in Höchst and Jewish life in general, which has shaped and enriched our city, are visible again. And we support initiatives like the “Stolpersteine” (stumbling blocks), the Fritz Bauer institute, the Anne Frank education center and many more.

We will also increase the visibility of crimes conducted towards Sinti and Roma during Nazism, by supporting the Roma Support society, the care and maintenance of victims' graves and an appropriate form of public reflection. In addition, we want to create a “House of Democracy” as a living hub for both past and future and support schools' innovative project ideas which reflect important locations and events.

## **THE CITY IS WHAT WE MAKE OF IT**

### **STRONG ECONOMY, STRONG COMMUNITY**

Like almost every other city, Frankfurt is an important service hub, but has more to offer than just banks and insurance-companies: transport and logistics as well as health and social services make up for the majority of employees. Moreover, the information and telecommunications industries, the creative and cultural industries as well as science and research play an important role in Frankfurt.

Retail and gastronomic businesses have suffered immensely from the Corona crisis. We want to massively improve the quality of life, which will also benefit local companies. We will advocate that, in crisis periods, also self-employed persons and small and medium sized entities in all sectors will receive sufficient support.

The Frankfurter Messe (Frankfurt Fair) belongs to Frankfurt – we want to assist the Fair in coping with the consequences of the crisis and in adapting to future challenges.

### **A diverse and strong industry**

The chemical and manufacturing industry is an important employer and taxpayer in Frankfurt. We want to maintain and develop those companies in an economically and ecologically sustainable manner. Therefore, we support the local crosslinking with universities and research institutions in order to integrate new developments and educate professionals.

Also in industrial parks, the future lies with ecological, climate-friendly buildings and intermodal logistics. We will conduct an analysis of urban deficiencies in industrial parks. We will intensify the corresponding consultation given to the city's administration and offensively implement climate protection targets in this sector. The focus for this must lie on large companies.

## **A vibrant retail business**

We will further support local retail businesses, local craftspeople, and business associations in the quarters of Frankfurt, among others by a dedicated city management with full-time contact persons ("Zentrenkümmerer"). Given digitalization, a network of local Online-commerce and regional delivery services could provide for a common platform.

In order to improve local access to goods and quality of living, we want to consider the interest of the retail business equally with other interests when quarters are being developed. We want to achieve that housing associations gradually provide for stores for daily needs, thereby contributing to a better supply in the quarters.

Within our concept for the "City at the river Main" ("Stadt am Main") and comparable concepts for the all quarters, we will enlarge the outdoor spaces for the gastronomy and other usages and notably improve their quality of stay, e.g. by improving design of public spaces, reducing traffic and increasing vegetation. Moreover, we want to facilitate more art and culture in public spaces and thereby allow for even more urbanity.

## **Promoting the future: supporting founders**

Frankfurt is an attractive location for founders. We want to carry forward the funds for founders ("Gründer\*innenfonds"), to develop the offerings of the center for founders ("Gründer\*innenzentrum") and continue the support for successful institutions. We will strengthen the linkage within the region and the state and will improve refinancing conditions for young companies.

In order to distribute the funds for business development in a non-discriminating manner, we will introduce gender reporting. In addition, we will foster diversity in origins and backgrounds in business foundations – by multilingual support and an improved recognition of international professional qualifications, school-leaving qualifications and college or university degrees.

We will establish a center of competence for development funds with the finance department ("Kämmerei"), in order to improve access to funds from development programs on federal state level, national level or EU-level. This center of competence shall also consult private institutions and companies in acquiring funds for in particular sustainable projects and measures.

## **Ecological and social: sustainable out of responsibility**

We want to support the increasing demand in Frankfurt for locally sourced foods by promoting local horticultural businesses and the transformation to organic farming. We will promote initiatives for cooperative farming as well as non-commercial organizations for saving food.

We will support small and medium sized entities in reaching climate protection goals, extend consultation on sustainability, and we will grant them access to development funds from the municipal climate protection fund. We will supplement the price for founders ("Förder\*innenpreis") with a new dedicated category "Sustainability of the foundation".

We will develop the procurement of the city and civic companies to be more fair and sustainable by protecting the environment and human rights alongside the production and supply chain, by purchasing locally to the extent possible and by taking into account social and ecological aspects in any cost-/benefit calculation. We are proud to say that Frankfurt is labelled a Fair-Trade city.

## **Industrial parks for the future**

We plan for a concentration of buildings in the industrial parks and for an intensified utilization of less occupied areas. The goal is a renewal that takes advantage of synergies, establishes good conditions for the companies, utilizes fallow land and concentrates usages, e.g. by stacking companies and areas instead of warehouses side by side at ground level. Good extensions of and additions for existing usages will be supported.

Frankfurt's "Osthafen" is an important and fully developed harbor at the river Main and we offer companies at that site long-term planning security. With the train near the river and being close to the city center, it is indispensable for the transformation of transport and traffic ("Verkehrswende").

The Osthafen shall be strengthened as a logistic hub between water, railway and the street, for e.g. distribution of goods, recycling of waste or concrete factories.

## **Creative industries and digitalization as an opportunity**

Within a master plan for the creative industry, we will extend activities for the support of the creative and cultural industry; create a central creative space in Frankfurt for experimenting, contact, and exchange in order to support digital transformation and improve the surroundings for start-ups.

We want to use the application for the World Design Capital 2026 as an opportunity to push forward ideas for the social, urban, and cultural development of the city together with pupils, citizens, creative actors and designers. We want to strengthen our region and develop Frankfurt into the first “Creative Green City”.

## **Developing the digital infrastructure**

We want to strengthen Frankfurt as a location for digitalization. Therefore, we lay the focus on E-Learning, Innovative City and the digital creative industry, and we will investigate on the opportunities for a public fair for this. The Fair shall generally also be aligned to regional, small and medium sized entrepreneurs and shall contribute to sustainability and variety of digital offerings.

Companies, employees, and all Frankfurt inhabitants would immensely profit from a relief of the traffic infrastructure by the use of home offices – as the times of Corona have demonstrated. We will set a good example with the city of Frankfurt as employer and extend existing models for mobile working or teleworking.

## **POLITICS, AUTHORITIES, AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

Frankfurt has always profited from civil commitment. However, many initiatives failed due to missing networks or contact persons. Therefore, we will establish a central “pilot service” (“Lotsenstelle”) for civil commitment, which will join ideas, arrange contacts, and link the multiple competences of citizens, foundations, and other actors.

We will increasingly conduct digital participations of all citizens and will transparently document participation processes on websites of the city of Frankfurt. Therefore, we will also modernize the Online-platform “Frankfurt asks me” (“Frankfurt fragt mich”), strengthen communication with the public and foster digital exchange between citizens and municipal politicians.

## **It is your city: accessible, inclusive civil participation**

We will provide all information for citizens concerning city politics, measures and plans as well as possibilities for participation also in simple language (“Leichte Sprache”) and other languages depending on the respective needs. Beyond already established formats, we will develop new formats to reach people who are underrepresented up to now.

We want to extend the streaming of sittings of the city council (“Stadtverordnetenversammlung”) to streaming of sittings of committees and other public bodies and also offer these as an archived version in the future to ensure to the extent possible the transparency of municipal decisions.

We want to better inform the citizens of Frankfurt about incomes and expenses of the city and expand the possibilities for participation. Citizens shall be able to participate in politics by proposals for expenses and funding. Moreover, we will provide a central list of projects online to inform all citizens about planned and ongoing measures.

## **The city as employer: diverse, digital, transparent**

Our public administration needs to reflect the multicultural and diverse population of our city, it needs to guarantee compatibility of family and work and it needs to actively and preventively oppose racism and discrimination. We will raise the share of women and people with a diverse background, particularly within leading positions of civic institutions.

Currently, not all administrative processes that are digitally possible are offered digitally. We need to change this quickly; moreover, we want to improve information about proceedings and interim results. We will intensify the provision of open data ([www.offenedaten.frankfurt.de](http://www.offenedaten.frankfurt.de)) and will increasingly oblige the administration (Fachämter) accordingly.

For software being developed for the city or on its behalf, we will to the extent possible proceed according to the open-source-model, provide the sources openly and build on respectively licensed software. In doing so, we will consider data confidentiality issues and promote participation of

municipal experts within the IT community.

## **Sustainable, solidary fiscal policy**

In view of the Corona crisis, we adhere to a business tax rate of 460 points. After the recovery of the economy, we deem a rate of 490 points reasonable and socially just. We want to end the competition between locations via tax rates and aim for a cooperative behavior within the region also in terms of economic and settlement policy.

We advocate for a sustainable municipal investment policy of a “green zero” (“grüne Null”). The green zero permits that beyond the previous debt cap funding is raised for sustainable investments by which, in the future, resources, energy and thus costs can be saved. Thereby, they do not impose any additional loads on municipal households.

We want to expand gender budgeting to make transparent how many public funds are provided to men or women and change this in accordance with the goal of equality. We will supplement the budget reporting of the city of Frankfurt by integrated environment and social balances, thereby establishing an effective control tool for a sustainable municipal fiscal policy.

We will intensify withdrawal of public investments from areas which contradict climate protection goals or violate ethical and social standards, respectively, e.g. the ban of child labor or illegal export of weapons. In addition, financial services for the city of Frankfurt must be sustainable according to EU taxonomy.

We will make use of the evaluation of the municipal financial compensation for the identification of additional financial needs for Frankfurt’s function as a metropolis and will stand up for an appropriate adjustment. We will improve the evaluation of the effect of projects financed by the city of Frankfurt by increasing the numbers of samples taken, thereby enhancing transparency of public spending.

## **GLOBALLY LINKED, GLOBALLY RESPONSIBLE**

Frankfurt is a globally linked city: we currently have 17 partnerships and 7 co-operations with cities around the world. We will cultivate this interlinkage and utilize it to establish contacts and build trust and understanding not only on official level, but also between people and civic institutions.

We fully commit ourselves to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, use our partnerships for the exchange with human rights activists, environmental activists and other civic actors for global peace and justice, and promote educational work for sustainable development und global learning.

We will at least conclude one new partnership to a city south of the Sahara, which takes up historic and current connections and tackles common challenges. We will also strengthen public relations work on European politics and the involvement of the civil society by the existing (also financial) possibilities.

*This is the translated and abbreviated version of the complete GREEN manifesto for the communal elections on March 14, 2021. The complete, german, manifesto including all proposed goals and measures can be found [here](#).*