

Responsibility for Germany

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Preamble 1

Responsibility for Germany 2

Germany faces historical challenges. The politics of the coming years will 3 decisively determine whether we will continue to live in a free, secure, just, and 4 prosperous Germany. We are aware of this responsibility and align our actions 5 and our politics accordingly. We do this with the knowledge of the strength of our country and our 6 democracy: Germany can tackle any task on its own and in close cooperation with our 7 partners and friends in the world successfully. 8

Clarity about the right path for the coming years first requires clarity in the 9 location assessment: 10

Externally, the opponents of our liberal democracy are attacking our freedom. Authoritarian powers 11 are gaining strength. The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine also threatens our security. We are experiencing 12 hybrid attacks on our country aimed at destroying cohesion in Germany, undermining our 13 democracy and jeopardizing our security. But even in our country, the 14 democracy is being attacked daily by its opponents. 15

Internally, our economy is in a persistent growth weakness. Life in 16 Germany has become more complicated, more expensive, and more strenuous. At the same time, a 17 protectionist trade policy calls into question the stability and order of the world economy. Irregular 18 migration polarizes our society. The lack of structural reforms has increased the 19 consolidation pressure on public budgets. Trust in the problem-solving ability of the state 20 is declining. Many citizens are dissatisfied. 21

We understand the election result as a mandate for a comprehensive renewal of our country that 22 builds on strengths and addresses weaknesses, creates new security, offers stability, and 23 strengthens cohesion. We are united by the will for a good future for Germany. The history of the 24 Federal Republic shows that our country grows with challenges. The liberal democracy, the 25 social market economy, and the solidarity in society have been, are, and will remain the cornerstones 26 for the success of our country. 27

As parties of the political center, we see ourselves together in responsibility. The next 28 federal government must build on the strengths of our country and properly address the major tasks 29 approach. With reforms and investments, we want to move Germany forward again. The 30 highest expectations we place on ourselves. We must improve so that things can get better in 31 Germany again. As a coalition, we are focusing on the following priorities: 32

We renew the promise of the social market economy – opportunities and "prosperity for all." 33
To achieve this, we create the conditions for a competitive and growing economy. The 34
structural framework conditions for companies and employees will be improved, 35
promote innovations, comprehensively reduce bureaucracy, and make performance equity a 36
guiding principle. The foundation of our economic success is a strong social partnership. 37
To ensure job security, Germany should remain a strong industrial nation. We strengthen 38
the middle class and crafts. In uncertain times, Germany should become a safe haven for 39
researchers, investors, and entrepreneurs from all over the world 40
will be. 41

We strengthen social cohesion. This includes reliable social security systems, more 42
equal opportunities, co-determination, and good wages. The actual equality of women and 43
men in the economy, state, and society and their enforcement is a central concern of our 44
entire government work. 45

We strengthen our defense and deterrence capabilities to secure freedom and peace. 46
Strength is the prerequisite for peace. Therefore, we want to be able to defend ourselves so that we do not 47
have to defend ourselves. With decisions on the future financing and architecture of our 48
security, we have laid the foundation to successfully defend ourselves against any external threat. 49
We stand by the side of Ukraine, which also defends our freedom and the principles of 50
the rules-based order, and we are committed to a just and jointly negotiated peace with Ukraine. 51
negotiated peace. 52

We ensure a capable state. For years, trust in the 53
capability and problem-solving competence of public institutions has been dwindling. We have heard this 54
wake-up call and developed a reform plan. We want a functioning, 55
capable state that works more digitally and efficiently than before. We will ensure with investments 56
in infrastructure that the trains run on time again, that the roads and bridges are back in 57
good condition, that medical care is secured, and that digitalization makes our daily lives 58
easier. 59

We regulate migration and promote integration. To do this, we protect our national borders and 60
decide for ourselves who comes to our country, who may stay, and who must leave our country again 61
must. As an aging society, we depend on immigration. Therefore, we improve legal 62
pathways for orderly immigration into the labor market and strengthen the framework conditions for 63
successful integration. 64

Key contributors and their families are at the center. We work to make life in 65
Germany simpler, more affordable, and fairer. Performance and effort must 66
pay off. Performance deserves respect and recognition, whether in the profession, in the family, or in integration 67

or in volunteer work. Pensions will remain stable beyond the legislative period. Massive investments in daycare centers and 68 schools will significantly increase equality of opportunity in our country. Respect for the 69 freedom of religion and different religious communities that are native to Germany, 70 is part of it for us. 71

We are celebrating 35 years of German unity this year. In the 35 years since reunification, 72 the people in East Germany have achieved extraordinary things. They have not only overcome crises 73 but have confidently shaped far-reaching changes. With courage, 74 perseverance and innovative strength, they have taken on the historical challenge of German 75 unity, also made personal sacrifices, and rebuilt their home regions. The 76 East has long proven that transformation can succeed. We want to build on that. Whoever 77 has already mastered transformation can also shape the future. 78

Coalitions of CDU, CSU, and SPD have always been strong when we dared to take on big answers 79 have. This is also our claim now: We will prove that three parties of the democratic 80 center can successfully shape the country together. In this spirit, we want to guarantee stability 81 create new confidence and comprehensively renew our country. 82

1. New economic growth, good work, 83

joint effort 84

1.1. Economy, industry, tourism 85

Strengthening the German economy 86

Our economic location faces enormous challenges. We want to remain an industrial nation and 87 stay a medium-sized business country, become an AI and start-up nation, and set the course back to growth 88 set. Our goal is to increase potential growth to clearly over one percent again. The 89 will be our clear priority. With the principles of the social market economy and our strengths – 90 creative entrepreneurs and committed employees – 91 workers – we will advance the location of Germany through structural 92 reforms to unleash growth forces and increase prosperity for all. 93

To this end, we will promote investments, innovations, and competition, reduce taxes, 94 lower levies and energy prices, improve work incentives, support decarbonization, 95 reduce bureaucracy and pursue an active trade policy. We support the 96 social partnership and ensure fair wages and good working conditions with our policy. We 97 remain an open and internationally oriented economy, strengthen the European 98 internal market, establish new trade partnerships, and secure our supply chains. 99

Innovation boost for the economy 100

Start-ups are the hidden champions and DAX corporations of tomorrow. To reduce bureaucracy, 101 we are examining a start-up protection zone and want to simplify notarial processes and digital 102 certification processes as well as enable automatic data exchange between notary, tax office, and 103 trade office. We are creating a complete one-stop shop that digitally consolidates all applications and 104 official visits on one platform and enables company formation within 24 105 hours. We will further strengthen employee equity participation through a practical 106 design of tax and social security law. We are establishing Germany 107 as an AI nation. This means massive investments in cloud and AI infrastructure as well as in the 108 connection of AI and robotics. We promote lightweight technology, additive manufacturing, and 3D printing. 109

Investment offensive 110

Investments are the foundation of a strong economy. We will establish a Germany fund 111 set up. This is the umbrella under which we will combine the power of private financial markets with the long-term 112 strategic approach of the state investor. In total, we will provide at least ten 113 billion euros of federal equity through guarantees or financial transactions. With the help of 114

we leverage the fund's resources with private capital and guarantees to at least 100 billion euros and invest them in various modules. This fund is intended to serve as a fund of funds to address existing financing gaps in the area of growth and innovation capital, especially for SMEs and scale-ups. Concrete investment decisions will be made in a entrepreneurial governance, with the investment focus in Germany. The model of the Germany fund can serve as a model for similar funds in the countries.

We will sustain the existing future fund beyond 2030. The goal is that the investments from investors in the WIN initiative will more than double to over 25 billion euros and we will continue to leverage with federal guarantees. The entire start-up financing architecture we will subject to an "efficiency check."

By advocating for a Solvency II amendment and its practical implementation, we activate many billion euros by lowering equity requirements, among other things, for infrastructure projects and venture capital. Where possible, we will eliminate additive national capital buffers.

Public financing programs should also be opened up for security and defense technology to be opened. We want to strengthen the Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovations SPRIND and enable it to also operate in the defense sector. We support moonshot-technologies also through milestone-based financing instruments. Women are underrepresented in start-up foundings. Therefore, we want to place a stronger focus on their support and expand special funding for female founders.

Strengthen Germany as an industrial location

Growth, prosperity, and jobs in Germany are particularly based on a strong and competitive industry. With the electricity price package, we are taking a big step to ensure competitive energy prices for industry. We will abolish the gas storage levy. We will abolish it. Our goal is permanently low and predictable, internationally competitive energy costs. We will adjust as needed. The hydrogen core network must connect the industrial centers nationwide, including in the south and east of Germany. We will accelerate the establishment of a hydrogen economy and design it more pragmatically. In the ramp-up, we must use all colors. We will immediately pass a legislative package that enables the capture and storage of carbon dioxide (CCS) especially for hard-to-avoid emissions from the industrial sector and for gas power plants enabled.

The duration of approval procedures for industrial facilities is a critical factor for the competitiveness as well as for the transformation of the industry. We want to noticeably shorten this and also implement the EU directives concerning industry 1:1. The

Migration of energy-intensive companies due to differing climate protection standards 149
We want to prevent (Carbon Leakage). 150

We support the proposals of the EU Commission within the framework of the omnibus package for 151
actively simplifying the CBAM. We want to make CBAM less bureaucratic and more efficient. We are committed to 152
also advocating for compensation for exports of products covered by the CBAM. Should an 153
effective carbon leakage protection through the CBAM not succeed, we will 154
regulate competitiveness for export-oriented sectors through the free allocation of 155
certificates. We want to create lead markets for climate-friendly 156
or climate-neutral products, for example through quotas for low-emission 157
steel production, a green gas quota or procurement law requirements. We will strengthen the 158
climate club. 159

State aid law must guarantee fair competition within the EU, but in the future prioritize the strengthening 160
of the European economy in global competition. We advocate for faster 161
and leaner aid procedures. In the IPCEI process, we aim for strengthening, simplification 162
and acceleration. Germany is participating in the IPCEI Med4Cure. 163

We will modernize the funding rules and practices for industrial settlements and large projects 164
and reduce bureaucratic hurdles. We will also continue the funding programs for the decarbonization of 165
industry, including climate protection contracts. We will tie this state funding to 166
criteria such as securing locations. We will strengthen industrial AI through a 167
innovation-friendly regulation that improves competitiveness and productivity 168
improved. 169

The steel industry is of central strategic importance for Germany's economic location. 170
We will preserve it and make it future-proof and support it in its transition of 171
production processes towards climate neutrality. To this end, we also want to enable it to 172
utilize CCS technologies. Consistent recycling of steel scrap can also 173
contribute significantly to decarbonization in the short term and therefore requires appropriate support. The 174
Federal Government will advocate for an effective successor solution for the EU safeguards expiring in 2026. 175
Safeguards. 176

We will make Germany the world's most innovative location for chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology 177
Together with countries, companies, and trade unions, we will develop a chemistry agenda 178
for 2045. We reject a total ban on groups of substances. We advocate for a 179
balanced European regulatory framework with a risk-based approach in 180
chemical policy, for example in REACH. We will simplify the approval of facilities in 181
immission control approval procedures and support the 182
circular economy and chemical recycling of plastics. The 183

Framework conditions for the development and production of pharmaceuticals, active ingredients and 184
We will continue to improve medical products and develop the National Pharmaceutical Strategy 185
further develop. 186

Biotechnology is promoted as a key industry and its applications are facilitated regulatory 187
facilitated, also with regard to the new genomic techniques. Start-ups in this area 188
we will support through better conditions for mobilizing venture capital. 189

We will expand Germany as a leading location for microelectronics. To this end, we will 190
continue to promote investments under the European Chips Act and the IPCEI framework. 191

Automotive industry 192

We also want a strong automotive and supplier industry as a key industry in the future and 193
job guarantee for our country. We will continue to promote regional transformation networks and 194
hubs beyond 2025. We clearly commit to 195

the automotive location Germany and its jobs. We rely on 196
technological openness. We want to actively work to fend off penalties due to the 197
fleet limits. The review of CO2 reduction targets for heavy commercial vehicles 198
and trailers is preferable. We generally welcome the electrification of vehicle fleets, but a 199
blanket legal quota we explicitly reject. 200

We will promote e-mobility with purchase incentives. In addition, we will take the following measures: 201
Measures: 202

1. A tax benefit for company cars by increasing the gross price limit for 203
the tax promotion of e-vehicles to 100,000 euros. 204

2. A special depreciation for e-vehicles. 205

3. The exemption from vehicle tax for electric cars until the year 2035. 206

4. A program for households with low and middle incomes from EU funds 207
Climate Social Fund, to specifically support the transition to climate-friendly mobility. 208

5. A promotion of plug-in hybrid technology (PHEVs) and electric vehicles with range-209
extender (EREV) and corresponding regulation at the European level. 210

6. The accelerated expansion and ensuring the financing of a comprehensive, 211
demand-oriented and user-friendly charging network and the fast charging network for cars and trucks 212
and the stronger promotion of commercial depot charging. 213

7. Exemption of zero-emission trucks from toll obligations beyond the year 2026. 214

8. Promotion of a hydrogen charging infrastructure for commercial vehicles. 215

We will create the conditions for autonomous driving to enter regular operation. 216

We will promote the establishment of battery cell manufacturing, including raw material extraction, recycling, and 217 the promotion of machinery and plant engineering. In the steel and automotive industries, we face 218 enormous structural challenges. At the same time, the defense industry must grow very quickly 219 and scale up on a large scale. Therefore, we are examining how the conversion and upgrading 220 of existing plants can be supported for the needs of the defense industry. 221

Space travel 222

Space travel is a future and key technology and is also central to our security and our 223 military capabilities. Therefore, we will strengthen the European Space Agency (ESA) 224 and increase the German contribution to the ESA Ministerial Conference, which will take place in Bremen at the end of 2025 225 will take place, increase. We will also expand our national space program. 226

Astronautical space missions inspire the next generation to achieve excellence. We 227 aim to have a German female astronaut or a German astronaut fly as part of a 228 international mission to the Moon. We will participate in a successor solution for the ISS. We 229 support the launch vehicle sector and initiatives such as a launch platform in the North Sea and the 230 ESA Moon Control Center. Own capabilities for Earth observation and 231 communication (for example, Galileo and IRIS2). We want small and medium-sized enterprises 232 as well as start-ups to participate better in the market for space solutions and aim for the 233 state to act more as a customer. 234

Air traffic 235

Our goal is to shape modernization in the aviation industry and air traffic towards fair 236 competition and decarbonization. The coalition is committed to supporting 237 economic growth by improving the international connectivity of German airports. 238 We will create the Power To Liquid (PtL) quota that goes beyond what is legally necessary in Europe 239 by the year 2025. With suitable instruments, we want to ensure that European 240 airlines are not disadvantaged compared to 241 non-European. By the end of the year, we will develop a strategy that addresses the issues of the civil 242 and military aviation industry as well as the strengthening of the air traffic location in a cohesive manner, 243 and we will implement this in this legislative period. 244

Maritime economy 245

We advocate for a European maritime strategy that strengthens the competitiveness of 246 shipbuilding, shipbuilding suppliers, and maritime technologies. We rely on a 247 competitive port infrastructure with good hinterland connections, which also 248 takes military and energy policy requirements into account. 249

We will support the entry of German shipyards into the production of offshore converter platforms support, for example through guarantees. We will implement the national port strategy with deep-sea and inland ports as a nationwide task and agree with the states on the financing of the measures with the states in the first half of the legislative period. The maritime research program for shipbuilding will be further developed for the future (including decarbonization of drives, underwater robotics, and higher autonomy of ship navigation). We advocate for a uniform tonnage tax for deep-sea shipping in the EU.

Trade and foreign trade

We advocate for a pragmatic and rules-based trade policy at the European level. In trade agreements, the principle of 'EU-only' should apply. We aim to conclude further trade and investment agreements. The already signed framework agreement of the EU with Chile we will ratify promptly. We actively support the EU agreements with Mercosur and Mexico in the Council and will ratify them promptly. We support the conclusion of the ongoing EU free trade negotiations with India, Australia, and the ASEAN states. We aim for a free trade agreement with the USA in the medium term a free trade agreement, in the short term we want to avoid a trade conflict and focus on the reduction of import tariffs on both sides of the Atlantic. As part of a new Africa-strategy, the deepening of our trade relations with African states should be prepared will be. The economic partnership agreements introduced by the previous government in the Bundestag economic partnership agreements with Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Cameroon, and the SADC-WPA states we will ratify by 2025. In addition, we will promptly ratify the investment protection agreements between the EU and Singapore as well as Vietnam. The EU Commission should consider internationally applicable standards when negotiating trade agreements.

We advocate for the preservation of the WTO system, but we also need reforms regarding the rules for industrial subsidies to achieve a global level playing field.

Foreign Trade Act

At the national level, we want to present a revised Foreign Trade Act in a timely manner. We want to accelerate, simplify, and make the testing procedures more applicable. Foreign investments that contradict our national interests in critical infrastructure and in strategically relevant areas, we want to effectively prevent.

In response to the geopolitically changed environment, we will strengthen our economic security and resilience. We will implement the European strategy for economic security in a national strategy. For critical components in our infrastructure, the highest security requirements must apply. In sensitive areas of critical infrastructure, only components from trusted states may be installed. So that our

To better protect small and medium-sized enterprises from cyber attacks, education and support are needed at 284. Cybersecurity measures. We will support our companies in implementing the Cyber 285. Resilience Act support. 286.

We continue to ensure the effective national implementation of sanctions due to the Russian war of aggression 287. remains secure. We support the EU's plans to impose tariffs on the import of 288. fertilizers from Russia and Belarus. 289.

We will simplify and accelerate the export approval processes. Our goal is a 290. paradigm shift. Instead of comprehensive inspections, we aim for random checks 291. connected with severe penalties for violations. A prior export permit would no longer be 292. required. We will strategically align the instruments of foreign trade promotion 293. and strengthen them financially. We will make the climate policy sector guidelines more flexible. With the 294. investor conference of the federal government, we send a welcome signal to innovative foreign companies like 295. also to international investors and talents. 296.

We will revise the China strategy according to the principle of 'de-risking'. We will establish in 297. the Bundestag an expert commission that will analyze, present, and 298. dependencies and vulnerabilities in economic relations in an annual report, and 299. recommend measures for de-risking. 300.

Raw materials 301.

Our goal is to reduce primary raw material consumption as much as possible, to better utilize domestic as well as 302. European resources, diversify raw material imports, and establish trade and 303. raw material partnerships on equal terms. We will pragmatically implement the circular economy strategy 304. and launch a digitalization initiative to close material cycles. 305.

We will support the extraction of domestic raw materials and facilitate the legal 306. approvals, pragmatically while maintaining environmental and social standards. We 307. will support projects for the extraction and processing of critical raw materials in Europe 308. and equip the national raw materials fund with additional resources for this purpose. We 309. will improve the framework conditions for the extraction of strategically important raw materials, such as high-purity 310. salt or lithium, at all levels in the EU. We want to facilitate the stockpiling of important raw materials. 311. we will facilitate. 312.

Economic law 313.

We remain committed to the universal postal service. We want to significantly reduce the bureaucratic burden in the postal sector 314. reduce. To protect employees, we commit to a 20-kilogram limit for packages 315. and will conduct a dialogue process with the industry and 316. employee representatives by mid-2026 at the latest. We are considering the dissolution of 317.

Federal Agency for Post and Telecommunications and the allocation of tasks to others 318
Authorities. Fair competition is essential for the functioning of the social market economy. The 319
Further development of competition and antitrust law is crucial for international 320
competitiveness of Germany and Europe. 321

We want to ensure the effective application of antitrust law and make the procedures faster and 322
more efficient. We support the effective enforcement of the Digital Market Act by the 323
competent authorities at the European level. We want international competitiveness, 324
European sovereignty and security in European competition law, especially in the 325
area of merger control, to be taken into account more than before. An expert commission 326
"Competition and Artificial Intelligence" we implement at the Federal Ministry of Economics. 327

SMEs, crafts, and self-employed 328

We want to support SMEs and crafts with more flexible legal frameworks, 329
simpler procurement procedures and faster approval processes. This includes 330
the greater permeability of training and master exams to studies and the stabilization 331
of training support. Based on experiences with economic promotion in the 332
eastern federal states, we want to achieve an increase in the SME threshold at the European level in 333
Europe. 334

We want to counteract the massive shortage of skilled workers by accelerating work permits for 335
qualified professionals. We are reducing bureaucracy and documentation requirements, 336
simplifying standards and norms suitable for SMEs, reducing the proof of 337
funding and facilitating access to innovation programs. 338

We will implement the reduction of written form requirements, especially in labor law (for example, in 339
fixed-term contracts), we will implement. We will impose an immediate moratorium of at least two 340
years for all new legal statistical obligations. During this period, all 341
statistical obligations must be reviewed. For many years, the regulation on 342
approval fiction has led a shadowy existence in the administrative procedure laws of the federal and 343
states, as this fiction must be specifically mandated by law. Therefore, this fiction should 344
apply in the future unless it is specifically excluded by law. 345

To relieve companies of bureaucracy, we will work with the states to change the collection of 346
import sales tax to a settlement model. In the crafts sector, around 347
125,000 businesses are set to be handed over in the coming years. We support business transfers and 348
start-ups in the crafts. We want to resolve the investment backlog in educational institutions with a 349
reliable funding solution. 350

We want to strengthen the "Central Innovation Program for SMEs", the "Industrial 351 Community Research" as well as "Innovation Competence INNO-KOM" and "SME-innovative" 352 and utilize leeway at KfW as budget-friendly as possible. 353

We will strengthen the self-administration of the liberal professions and the professional pension schemes 354
We will strengthen. Through an effective reform of the status determination procedure, we will create 355 legal certainty for the self-employed and their clients. 356

We will complete the reviews of the disbursed Corona aid promptly to relieve administration 357 and the economy. To this end, we will enable the states to set a threshold 358 below which sampling will suffice. 359

The gaming industry has great cultural, economic, and technological potential. With spill-360 over effects, it drives progress and innovation. Therefore, we want to strengthen the international 361 competitiveness of our gaming location through more predictability and suitability of the 362 funding system. 363

The funding policy of the federal government will undergo consolidation. The programs must 364 be monitored in a funding control. New programs must be consistently aligned with 365 performance indicators and criteria, as outlined in the subsidy policy guidelines, 366 be aligned. 367

Retail 368

We need brick-and-mortar retail for vibrant city centers, economic stability, and 369 social participation. Trade needs fair competitive conditions. 370

We will protect retail from unfair competition due to the flooding of cheap 371 consumer goods from the Far East and enforce a level playing field at the European level, where 372 our standards must be adhered to by all market participants – including from third countries – 373 must. In the negotiations for the reform of the EU customs union, we advocate that the 374 proposals for e-commerce are prioritized. If companies do not fulfill their obligations, 375 the accounts of their online trading platforms will be suspended. 376

Structural policy 377

Our goal is to create equivalent living conditions with the help of the overall German funding system (GFS) 378 and to support structurally weak regions also through the "Joint Task of Improving the 379 regional economic structure (GRW)" for more growth and employment. We 380 will ensure the financial resources at a high level. 381

In the future orientation of structural and regional policy, we will particularly address structurally weak 382 regions. The distribution of funds must also be based on socio-economic 383 indicators. 384

The German coal regions have been in a challenging transformation process since the decision to exit 385 coal-fired power generation. We adhere to the agreed 386 exit paths for lignite power generation by no later than 2038. We uphold the commitments from 387 the Structural Strengthening Act and agreements between the federal government and the affected states 388 we adhere to. A temporal flexibility prevents the possible lapse of funds. 389

Tourism 390

We will develop a new national tourism strategy that considers both economic and 391 sustainable aspects and focuses on the topics of tourism acceptance, living space design, and 392 digitalization. 393

We will leverage the existing economic potentials through the German National Tourist Board (DZT) 394 as best as possible and ensure the institutional support of the DZT, which should be at least at the level of 395 of the year 2024. We strengthen the attractiveness of Germany as a travel destination. 396

We are taking measures to secure the connectivity and connectivity of the travel destination Germany 397 including through the expansion of rail and air traffic. We are also developing 398 the insolvency protection of package tours through the travel security fund while maintaining the 399 security levels and EU legal requirements to reduce the cost contributions for the 400 companies. Financial risks to the federal budget must be excluded. 401

1.2. Work and Social Affairs 402

Labor and Skilled Workforce Security 403

Securing the skilled workforce base is a crucial factor for the economic success of our 404 State. Therefore, we are pulling out all the stops to ensure skilled workforce security succeeds in the coming years. In 405 In cooperation with the states, we want to further develop the federal skilled workforce strategy. The 406 Increasing women's labor force participation is a crucial factor for securing skilled workers. 407 We want to help families better manage the daily balancing act between child-rearing, work, household, care 408 and also recreation. Therefore, we are considering an annual family budget for 409 daily helpers for families with small children and/or dependent relatives with low and 410 medium incomes, which we want to make digitally accessible. With this, we aim to 411 promote social security-relevant employment in household-related services. This helps 412 also in the fight against undeclared work. To increase the attractiveness of professions in this area 413 we want to launch a recognition offensive and enable career changers. 414

Additionally, Germany needs qualified immigration. The demographics, especially in the new 415 federal states, pose particularly great challenges to the labor market. Together with the 416 states, municipalities, and social partners, we will create appropriate instruments for support 417 create. 418

It is important to tear down bureaucratic hurdles, for example through consistent digitization as well as the 419 centralization of processes and an accelerated recognition of professional qualifications. For this 420 we are creating, with the involvement of the Federal Employment Agency, a digital agency for 421 skilled worker immigration – "Work-and-stay Agency" – with a central IT platform as a unified 422 point of contact for foreign skilled workers. The agency consolidates and accelerates, among other things, 423 all processes of labor migration and the recognition of professional and academic qualifications and 424 integrates these with the structures in the states. We facilitate the processes through better 425 employer participation. We advocate for uniform recognition procedures within eight 426 weeks. An ad-hoc working group of the federal and state governments will promptly develop measures to 427 accelerate the recognition procedures and processes and propose how the 428 Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) can be adjusted in structure and organization and 429 possibly supported. We will sustain the recognition and qualification counseling for 430 persons with foreign professional qualifications at the Federal Employment Agency. We 431 want graduates from third countries who have completed training or studies in Germany to stay with us and work here. 432 or have completed a degree, to stay with us and work here. 433

We want to protect workers' rights within the framework of labor migration and combat abuse 434 consistently. We want to provide a needs-based offering of vocational language courses on a permanent basis 435

secure and expand in the area. Barriers for refugees in taking up employment will be 436
we will reduce and limit work bans to a maximum of three months. This does not apply to asylum seekers 437
from safe countries of origin, Dublin cases or individuals who are clearly abusing asylum law 438
abuse. We will promote the rapid and sustainable integration of refugees into the labor market 439
with a combination of previous work experience, part-time language acquisition and 440
permanently advance part-time further education/qualification. 441

Social benefits and a citizen-friendly welfare state 442

Many social benefits are inadequately coordinated. We want to consolidate benefits 443
and better coordinate them, for example by merging 444
housing benefit and child allowance. We want that for recipients of social benefits, 445
especially basic security, there are always incentives to achieve a higher earned income 446
or to take up employment subject to social security contributions. To this end, we will also 447
focus on the interfaces to basic security and reform the additional income rules. 448
This also includes better coordinating the transfer withdrawal rates in the different benefit systems 449
with each other. We want that – wherever possible – benefits and advice are provided from a 450
single source. The processes need to be digitized. The available data should be used 451
to point out possible benefit claims and simplify the application process. 452

However, the complexity of responsibilities and interfaces in our welfare state requires a 453
fundamental review and reform. We are establishing a commission for welfare state reform 454
together with states and municipalities with the mandate to modernize and reduce bureaucracy 455
in the interest of citizens and administrations, which will present results by the end of the fourth quarter 456
of 2025. The commission is to develop recommendations on how, among other things, a 457
massive simplification of laws, faster implementation, increased transparency, the standardization of 458
the concept of income and the merging of social benefits can be achieved. This also includes 459
the possibility of flat-rate benefits. The goal is more citizen-friendly 460
services from a single source. We want to maintain the social protection level. The commission should 461
examine the effectiveness and efficiency of welfare state benefits in this way. 462

We want to effectively combat child poverty and relieve single parents. Benefits should reach those 463
who need them. We are increasing the participation amount of the education and 464
participation package (BuT) from 15 to 20 euros and will examine the feasibility of 465
introducing a child card for all children entitled to child benefits. We will present the 466
report on poverty and wealth. We will expedite the status determination process in the 467
interest of the self-employed, employees and companies more quickly, 468
make it legally secure and transparent, for example also with regard to the effects of the 469
Herrenberg ruling. We want to prevent bogus self-employment. To accelerate this, we will implement a 470

Approval fiction that is implemented as part of the reform of old-age security for the self-employed 471 will be. We will strengthen the self-administration of social insurance, further modernize social elections 472 and enable online elections as a supplement to postal voting. The social law 473 legal areas of housing benefit, BAföG, maintenance advance as well as child and youth welfare according to the 474 SGB VIII we want to appropriately assign to the jurisdiction of social courts. We will 475 ensure that citizens and businesses only have to enter their respective data once when contacting social insurance 476 and administrations only have to enter their respective data once and that these can then be used and processed seamlessly 477 by the federal government, states, and municipalities (Once-Only Principle). Also 478 in the areas of social laws we will conduct practice checks and reduce reporting obligations and 479 data collection as much as possible. 480

Occupational safety 481

We stand for high standards in occupational safety. We want to strengthen the prevention of mental 482 illnesses. We will review all necessary occupational safety instruments for their 483 effectiveness. We will avoid unnecessary multiple checks and enable data exchange 484 We ensure good working conditions for physically demanding professions. 485 For professional drivers, we advocate for higher European occupational safety standards. We want to 486 expand the sanitary infrastructure at parking and rest areas on federal highways with free access 487 We improve working conditions in the courier, express, and parcel service industry. The 488 subcontractor liability for social insurance contributions has proven effective here. We will orient ourselves to these 489 regulations for parcel delivery and introduce a comparable 490 subcontractor liability. 491

Europe 492

The advisory service "Fair Mobility" will be strengthened and adequately funded. Also 493 at the EU level, we support the establishment of an EU-wide advisory network. We support 494 an electronic European social security card with digital EU identity (EUDI-495 Wallet). We want to technically facilitate the posting notification in the EU through the reform of the eDeclaration 496 and aim for a bundling with the so-called A1 procedure. In the future, all should 497 carry the severely disabled and pension ID as well as the A1 certificate digitally and securely 498 can. We reject a European unemployment insurance. 499

Labor market policy and new basic security for job seekers 500

We are transforming the existing citizen's income system into a new basic security for job seekers. 501 Rights and obligations must be bindingly regulated for both sides. We want to ensure 502 that job centers are provided with sufficient resources for integration. We 503 strengthen the placement in work. Every unemployed person must actively seek employment. 504

The Federal Employment Agency (BA) and job centers support you in these efforts by providing each person with a personal offer of counseling, support, and placement.

In the future, each person will receive a personal offer of counseling, support, and placement. For the People who are able to work should be given priority in placement. These people must be placed in work as quickly as possible. For those who cannot access the labor market due to barriers to placement, we will primarily enable a permanent integration into the labor market through qualification and better health promotion and rehabilitation measures.

We will enable integration into the labor market. We will legally anchor and expand the passive-active transfer.

We will eliminate placement barriers, tighten participation obligations and sanctions in the sense of the principle of promoting and demanding. Sanctions must be enforced more quickly, easily and with less bureaucracy. We will take into account the special situation of people with mental illnesses. For people who can work and repeatedly refuse reasonable work, a complete withdrawal of benefits will be implemented. For the tightening of sanctions, we will observe the jurisprudence of the Federal Constitutional Court. We will abolish the waiting period for assets. The amount of exempt assets will be linked to life achievements. We will implement this with minimal bureaucracy. Where there are disproportionately high accommodation costs, the waiting period will be waived. We will return the adjustment mechanism of the standard rates regarding inflation to the legal status before the Corona pandemic.

The incentives to immigrate into the social systems must be significantly reduced. Large-scale abuse of social benefits domestically as well as by people living abroad must be ended.

A complete data exchange between social, financial, and security authorities will be enabled.

We will enable this. We want to further strengthen the financial control of illegal employment and take tougher action against those who engage in illegal employment or work illegally. With a better digital networking, we want to make controls as bureaucratically light and effective as possible. The hairdressing trade is to be included in the catalog of industries in the law against illegal employment.

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The special focus of the Federal Employment Agency and job centers is on the placement of people into gainful employment. We will review and adjust all previous instruments and structures of the Federal Employment Agency and job centers for their effectiveness. The dual vocational training and education is the flagship of Germany. This secures jobs and skilled workers, strengthens the economy, and contributes to participation and integration. The system of accreditation for provider and measure approval will be simplified. We want to support young people in entering the workforce. To this end, we will promote a qualification offensive. To ensure a better transition into working life, we want to work together with the states to ensure that every young person obtains a school diploma and a

Can do training. For this, we will strengthen early career orientation in schools, in cooperation 540
with vocational schools and the Federal Employment Agency, further strengthen, as well as the 541
Youth employment agencies. 542

Labor law 543

Minimum wage and strengthening collective bargaining 544

Good wages are a prerequisite for the acceptance of the social market economy. The statutory 545
Minimum wage is the lower limit. We stand by the statutory minimum wage. The development of the 546
minimum wage must contribute to stronger purchasing power and a stable domestic demand in 547
Germany. We are committed to a strong and independent minimum wage commission. For 548
the further development of the minimum wage will be guided by the minimum wage commission within the framework of a 549
comprehensive assessment based on both collective bargaining developments and 60 percent of the gross median wage of 550
full-time employees. In this way, a minimum wage of 15 euros by the year 2026 is 551
achievable. Our goal is a higher collective bargaining coverage. Collective wages must become the norm again and 552
must not remain the exception. Therefore, we will initiate a federal collective bargaining loyalty law 553
bring. The federal collective bargaining loyalty law applies to contracts at the federal level starting from 50,000 euros and for start-554
ups with innovative services in the first four years after their establishment starting from 100,000 euros. 555
Bureaucracy, documentation requirements, and controls will be limited to an absolute minimum. 556

The world of work is changing. Employees and companies desire more flexibility. 557

Therefore, we want to create the possibility of a weekly instead of a daily maximum working time in accordance with the European Working Time Directive 558

– also and especially in terms of better compatibility of family and work. 559

better compatibility of family and work. For the concrete design, we will conduct a dialogue 560
with the social partners. We will regulate the obligation for electronic recording of 561
working hours in an unbureaucratic manner and provide appropriate 562

transitional rules. Trust-based working hours remain possible without time recording in accordance with the 563
EU Working Time Directive. We will expand the exception catalog according to § 10 of the Working Time Act for Sunday and 564
holiday employment to include the bakery trade. In doing so, we will maintain the high 565
standards in occupational safety and maintain the applicable rest period regulations. No 566
employee may be forced against their will to work longer hours. Therefore, we will 567
exclude abuse. 568

To ensure that overtime pays off, surcharges for overtime that exceed the collectively agreed 569
or contractually oriented full-time work will be exempt from taxes. As 570
full-time work should have a minimum weekly working time of 34 hours for collective agreements, 571
for non-collectively defined or agreed working hours of 40 hours. We will 572
develop a practical solution in close coordination with the social partners 573
develop. We will create a new tax incentive for extending working hours from 574

Creating part-time employment: If employers pay a bonus to extend working hours, we will provide tax benefits for this bonus. We will exclude abuse.

For the increasing challenges of digitalization and artificial intelligence in the world of work, we want to set the right framework conditions so that these are resolved in a social partnership manner. We will further develop co-determination. We enable online-works council meetings and online company meetings as equivalent alternatives to in-person formats. Additionally, the option to vote online should be enshrined in the Works Constitution Act will be. We are supplementing the access rights of trade unions to companies with a digital access that corresponds to their analog rights. The use of AI in companies requires both the qualification of employees and the fair regulation of handling data in the company. We make membership in trade unions more attractive through tax incentives for members.

Pension, old-age security, rehabilitation, social insurance, and self-administration

We will put old-age security for all generations on a reliable footing. Therefore, we will legally secure the pension level at 48 percent by the year 2031. The additional expenses that result from this will be balanced with tax funds. We fundamentally adhere to the sustainability factor. Only a growth-oriented economic policy, a high employment rate and an appropriate wage development make it possible to finance this sustainably. Therefore we will evaluate the actual development of the contribution and the federal subsidy in 2029 with regard to these factors to possibly take further measures. In a pension commission, we will examine a new key figure for a overall provision level across all three pension pillars.

As of January 1, 2026, we want to introduce the early start pension. We want to provide ten euros per month for each child from the sixth to the age of 18 who attends an educational institution in Germany, to be paid into an individual, capital-funded, and privately organized retirement savings account. The amount saved during this time can then be further saved from the age of 18 until retirement through private contributions up to an annual maximum amount. The returns from the account should be tax-free until retirement. The savings capital is protected from state access and will only be paid out upon reaching the standard retirement age.

Additionally, we will strengthen company pension schemes and promote their spread, especially in small and medium-sized enterprises and among low-income earners. The support for low-income earners will be improved. We will digitize, simplify, make more transparent, and reduce bureaucracy. The portability of company pensions for employees when changing employers we want to increase.

A retirement entry without deductions after 45 contribution years will remain possible in the future. At the same time, we are creating additional financial incentives so that voluntary longer working becomes more worthwhile. Instead of further increasing the statutory retirement age, we want more flexibility in the transition from work to retirement. We rely on voluntariness. Working in old age makes us attractive with an active pension. Those who reach the statutory retirement age and continue to work voluntarily, receive their salary up to 2,000 euros per month tax-free. We facilitate the return to the previous employer after reaching the regular retirement age by lifting the prior employment ban and thus enable temporary continued work. In addition, we improve the opportunities for additional earnings with survivor's pensions. We are examining how we can improve additional earning opportunities for pensioners in basic security in old age.

Broken employment biographies and emigration were among the consequences for many people of the collapse of the dilapidated East German economy after 1990.

We strengthen the principle of "prevention before rehabilitation before retirement." We are implementing the over-45 check nationwide. We want to reach those more precisely with rehabilitation services who are already in a temporary disability pension. We will enable a simple, barrier-free, and digital application for as many benefits as possible. We will advance the joint basic application for rehabilitation and participation benefits. We will promote this. We will introduce case management in the Social Code VI based on evaluations of ongoing model projects. We will also examine the expansion to other social codes. We want to make the company integration management better known and strengthen its awareness, especially in due to the increasing mental illnesses. small and medium-sized enterprises. To create clarity and bindingness, we accelerate the determination of earning capacity.

We want to better secure the self-employed for old age. We will include all new self-employed individuals who are not assigned to any mandatory old-age security system, in a founder-friendly manner into the statutory pension insurance. Other forms of retirement provision that ensure reliable security for the self-employed in old age will continue to be possible. We will complete the mother's pension with three pension points for all – regardless of the year of birth of the children – to ensure equal appreciation and recognition for all mothers. The financing is provided from tax funds, as it represents a societal benefit. Our goal is to stabilize the contribution rate of the artists' social insurance. We are examining the simplification of the contribution process for example, through standardization. The increasingly digital exploitation of artistic works must be subject to the artists' social contribution.

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Inclusion 644

We advocate for an inclusive society in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in 645
for people with disabilities to realize their right to full, effective, and equal participation 646
can be realized. To this end, we will improve accessibility in the private and public sectors 647
improve. We are further developing the Disability Equality Act so that, among other things, all 648
publicly accessible buildings of the federal government will be made barrier-free by 2035. Also in the 649
private sector, we are working towards accessibility. We are reviewing existing laws for bureaucratic 650
and legal hurdles. We are establishing a federal competence center for easy language and 651
sign language. We are creating the necessary structures for the quality requirements for 652
assistance dogs and their access rights and ensuring the certification of assistance dogs. 653
We will promote the employment of people with disabilities in the general 654
labor market more strongly. To this end, we will better network the Unified Contact Points for Employers 655
(EAA) with institutions of vocational rehabilitation and the placement activities of the 656
Federal Employment Agency and strengthen the representatives for severely disabled persons. We 657
will improve the permeability between vocational rehabilitation, workshops for disabled 658
people, inclusive businesses, and the general labor market and the access control of the rehab 659
providers. We want to maintain and reform workshops for disabled people. We 660
ensure that more people can transition from a workshop to the labor market. We 661
will align the vocational training sector more closely with the labor market, maintain the compensation for disadvantages 662
even during transitions, and make the budget for work more attractive. We want to improve the 663
workshop remuneration. The subordinate funding of workshops and residential homes for 664
workshop employees from the compensation levy is legally permitted. 665

We will improve the participation opportunities for people with complex disabilities. We 666
want to consider the concerns of people with disabilities in the development of AI systems 667
consider. We support the acquisition of digital skills and a barrier-free digital 668
infrastructure in the labor market as well as in non-company educational institutions. We strengthen the 669
protection against violence in disability assistance. Together with the states and municipalities, we will 670
base the evaluations of the Federal Participation Act on its implementation and design 671
advise. We will identify any need for changes, including for reducing bureaucracy 672
and examine flat rates. We will clarify the relationship between integration assistance 673
and care to close supply gaps. We will clarify the system of rehabilitation and participation 674
in the sense of the principle of "service from a single source" and take into account the 675
specific needs of people with mental impairments. Based on the 676
basis of the evaluation, we will further develop the Complementary Independent Participation Counseling Centers 677
and ensure their funding. 678

1.3. Transport and Infrastructure, Construction and Housing 679

Planning and Approval Acceleration 680

Germany must take bold steps towards planning and construction acceleration. 681

A fundamental revision of planning, construction, environmental, procurement, and 682 is necessary.

(Administrative) procedural law. We will launch a European initiative for planning and 683 approval acceleration; the national "Pact for Planning, Approval, and 684

Implementation Acceleration" will continue. We want to create a uniform procedural law ("one-for-685 many") for infrastructure projects. We will utilize procedural acceleration potentials in the 686

Federal Spatial Planning and the Building Code. We strengthen the multi-coding of areas. 687

Formalized procedures will be made more flexible, procedural stages reduced to eliminate double checks 688

to dismantle. Discussion dates will be optional. The Federal Spatial Planning Law should 689

be strategically aligned with the states and equipped with overriding public interest 690

will be. A procedure is concluded in the law in which it was initiated: We will introduce a 691

binding cut-off date regulation at the earliest possible time in the planning process. The 692

identical, the extended, and the full-page replacement construction for infrastructure projects should be exempt from the 693

obligation of a planning approval procedure. The planning approval should become the 694

standard procedure. Involvement of public interest holders and the public as well as 695

examinations will only take place once. For significant infrastructure projects, early 696

start of measures to maintain a functioning infrastructure in the ongoing 697

planning process is permitted. We facilitate the designation of 698

compensation and replacement measures and the networking of compensation measures (habitat connectivity). 699

In species and nature conservation, a population approach should be applied uniformly across the country. With 700

the states, we will fully digitize the planning and approval processes. With the 701

chambers, we want to expand planning capacities. 702

Construction and Housing 703

We want to make housing affordable, available, and environmentally friendly for all people. All 704

types of housing, whether ownership or rental apartments, in the city and in rural areas are equally 705

valuable. We are boosting housing construction and property formation through an investment, 706

tax relief, and deregulation offensive. To stabilize the housing market 707

social housing will be expanded as an essential component of housing supply. 708

Tenants must be effectively protected from being overwhelmed by ever-increasing rents. We 709

strengthen the urban development of our country, especially in rural areas, 710

combat vacancies in structurally weak regions, strengthen city centers and social infrastructures 711

and adapt them to climate change and accessibility. 712

We will amend the Building Code in two steps. In the first 100 days, we will present a draft law for the introduction of a housing construction turbo, taking into account municipal planning sovereignty and facilitate noise protection regulations; at the same time, the regulations on conversion protection (§ 250 Building Code) and the determination of areas with a tense housing market will be extended by five years. In a second step, we will undertake a fundamental reform to accelerate construction. To avoid a negative impact on the surrounding area, the right of first refusal for municipalities in social protection areas and for dilapidated properties will be strengthened accordingly, the price-limited right of first refusal for such properties simplified and the circumvention of municipal rights of first refusal in share deals prevented.

In social protection areas, projects for the creation of barrier-free access and energy-efficient renovation will be made socially acceptable. We will exempt self-occupying owners from the regulations of social protection. The Technical Instructions for Noise Protection (TA Lärm), the building planning law and the Technical Instructions for Air Quality Control (TA Luft) will be further developed to resolve conflicts of use between housing, commerce, and agriculture. Construction standards will be simplified and building type E secured. The binding effect of regulations by self-administration organizations will be reviewed and reduced to a safety-relevant level. To legally enable building type E, a legal link with the technical building regulations of the states will be established. The deviation from recognized standards of technology will no longer constitute a defect. The independent body for cost consequence testing of DIN standards will be established. Through serial, modular and systemic construction, we unlock acceleration potentials.

For home ownership formation for families ("Start-up assistance for home ownership"), for new construction funding and for the renovation of existing housing, tax measures will be improved, equity-replacing measures will be created and the assumption of state guarantees for mortgages will be examined. The funding programs of KfW will be merged into two central programs and simplified: one program for new construction and one for modernization. In doing so, we create incentives for simple, climate-friendly, and cost-reduced construction. For the allocation of equity and debt capital, a joint investment fund for housing construction should be established in conjunction with public guarantees (for example, from KfW) and private capital, and municipal housing companies will also be supported through equity-relieving measures. We housing companies will be supported through equity-relieving measures. We also want to bring together the favorable financing conditions of the federal government and the expertise of the housing industry for fast and efficient construction and will therefore soon reduce financing costs through federal participation, for example through guarantees, so that together with the housing industry, a large number of apartments in tense

Housing markets can emerge for under 15 EUR per square meter. To expand housing care 748 to expand for federal employees, the Federal Institute for Real Estate Tasks (BImA) can use its own 749 revenues and will also be equipped for this purpose with limited credit capacity 750 equipped. 751

The building sector is central to achieving climate goals. Affordability, technology openness, 752 Supply security and climate protection are our goals for the modernization of 753 heat supply. We will abolish the heating law. We will make the new GEG 754 more technology-open, flexible, and simpler. The achievable CO2 reduction should become the central 755 control variable. We will strengthen the neighborhood approach. We will continue the renovation and 756 heating promotion. We will continue. The costs for energy-efficient renovations of inherited 757 properties will be tax-deductible in the future. We want to temporarily restore the eligibility for the EH55 standard 758 we will restore it temporarily to activate the construction backlog. We will simplify the interlinking of GEG and 759 municipal heat planning. We will simplify. The national building efficiency classes in the GEG 760 will be harmonized with our neighboring countries. We will utilize leeway in the implementation of the European 761 Building Directive (EPBD). We are advocating for an extension of the implementation deadlines 762 for us. 763

We are introducing a waste end regulation in the replacement building materials regulation, enabling necessary 764 facilities for the increased use of recycled building materials. We will create an action plan 765 for bio-based building materials and an action plan for energy-intensive building materials. Investments in 766 social housing will be significantly increased step by step, in this context, the funds for 767 Young Living will be doubled and funds for barrier-free, age-appropriate housing will be made available 768 provided. Sufficient funds for financing will be made available quickly for approved projects 769 provided. 770

To achieve the "WG Guarantee" for trainees and students, we will, in addition to the 771 additional investments in Young Living, open the funding regulations for the occupancy purchase of 772 housing for trainees and students. Consumer protection for the enforcement of 773 tenant rights for young people will be strengthened. So that trainees can also benefit, 774 consultation skills will be bundled in a contact point for trainee housing at the federal level 775 bundled. Housing construction should be exempt from the EU aid regulations. The 776 cooperative housing will continue to be promoted, we want to complement the housing non-profit status with 777 investment grants. Housing benefits will be simplified with the states. 778

The rent control in tight housing markets will be extended for four years. Until 779 December 31, 2026, an expert group with tenant and landlord organizations will work on the harmonization of 780 of tenancy law regulations, a reform to clarify the rent gouging regulation in the 781 Economic Criminal Code and a penalty for non-compliance with the rent control 782

prepare. In tense housing markets, indexed rents will be applied to residential rentals, 783
furnished and short-term rentals are subject to extended regulation. Through a change 784
of the modernization levy, we will ensure that, on the one hand, economic 785
investments in the housing stock are incentivized and, on the other hand, the affordability of 786
rent can be better guaranteed in the future than it is now. This is how we solve the landlord-tenant dilemma 787
up. The value limit for small modernizations will be raised to 20,000 euros by the end of 2025. The 788
additional costs for tenants should be more transparent and easier to understand. 789

To make renting attractive again, the following applies: Those who rent cheaply will be rewarded with tax benefits. A 790
national rent reporting will be introduced. The action plan against homelessness will be 791
implemented. To prevent homelessness, the grace period payment should be able to avert a proper 792
termination (hardship regulation) can be averted. 793

Urban development funding will be modernized and simplified, innovations will be promoted. For 794
Municipalities with fewer than 100,000 inhabitants can regulate integrated urban development concepts 795
regulate. The financial volume of urban development funding will be gradually doubled. We will 796
increase funds for model projects for the further development of urban development funding for the ongoing 797
measures and adjust the time frame. Building Information Modeling (BIM) 798

will be further developed as the central instrument for the digitization of the construction industry. The establishment 799
of a federal research center for climate-neutral and resource-efficient construction will begin 800
together with the states of Saxony and Thuringia, as well as incorporating the competencies of 801
other countries and ensure sustained financing. We adhere to the Berlin/Bonn Law 802
and will conclude an additional agreement. In Halle (Saale), the "Future Center for 803
German Unity and European Transformation" will be established. 804

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Mobility is a social and economic prerequisite for the functioning and prosperity of our 806
country and must be oriented to realities, affordable, available, and environmentally friendly. The 807
infrastructure must be made efficient to strengthen resilience and achieve climate goals. 808
achieve. We enable mobility in urban and rural areas according to the needs of the people. For the 809
transport modes, we want to introduce financing cycles, revenues will benefit the respective 810
transport mode. A three-pillar model of budget funds, user financing, and 811
private capital, for example through public-private partnerships (PPP) to a limited extent. It 812
will guarantee a multi-year, flexible, and reliable financing. The highway company will be 813
limited in creditworthiness and will be provided with truck toll revenues 814

(revenue competence). Financial resources will be made available for the resolution of the backlog of repairs 815
especially for bridges and tunnels. It will be examined how the highway 816

can finance GmbH permanently and stably. Comprehensive parliamentary control of the funds will be ensured. 817
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Investments in the German rail network will be increased. This applies to main and secondary lines 819
as well as the major junctions and the large projects funded by regionalization funds 820
equally. The infrastructure plan will be developed as a legal control instrument and provided with a 821
corresponding, binding financing commitment ("Railway Infrastructure Fund"). This will 822
secure the projects prioritized by the owner. The renovation concept of the 823
high-performance corridors (HPC) will be continuously reviewed and adjusted. The HPC renovation will be financed from 824
the special fund for infrastructure and linked to its duration. This makes the 825
resources of the performance and financing agreement available again for the area. Investments 826
in digitalization will be prioritized with a focus on digital signal boxes and a comprehensive 827
ETCS equipment, we are keeping an eye on the vehicle-side equipment. Electrification is 828
climate protection: We will accelerate it and forgo the cost-benefit ratio. The 829
digitalization and electrification will be financed from the KTF. Programs for the modernization 830
of train stations, to create accessibility and for noise protection will continue. Through 831
targeted expansion and new construction, we will gradually and schedule-oriented establish an integrated 832
stable rhythm between local and long-distance transport, including rail freight transport 833
(Germany timetable) establish. Central parts of the transport infrastructure to Poland and the 834
Czech Republic will be quickly expanded. For this, we will provide planning law and 835
financing securely. European trains with long-distance standards for better connections to all of our 836
European neighboring countries will be deployed. 837

The road is a significant mode of transport and the car is an important means of transportation, especially 838
for people in rural areas. While maintaining high standards, driver training will be 839
reformed to make obtaining a driver's license more affordable. In road traffic, we orient ourselves 840
to the target image of Vision Zero. We will strengthen and promote cycling and pedestrian traffic as part of sustainable mobility 841
and promote. As part of the Eurovignette Directive, it will be examined how multiple burdens 842
of road freight transport can be reduced through CO2 pricing. We are countering the driver shortage 843
by reforming professional driver qualifications and more attractive 844
framework conditions, such as well-equipped truck parking spaces and better controls 845
of social standards. We will expedite the approval of heavy and oversized transports. 846
We want to shift more freight transport from road to rail. 847

For the upgrading of infrastructure from waterways, locks, sea and inland ports, we will 848
organize a sufficient additional financing with planning security for necessary investments 849
. For this, a financing and implementation plan will be developed. We support 850

continuing the transformation of waterways and ports. The National Port Strategy will be implemented. 851

On the existing Federal Transport Infrastructure Plan and the procedures for its establishment and review we emphasize, as well as the principle of "preservation before new construction." The preparatory work continues. 854

We want to reduce the aviation-specific taxes, fees, and charges and reverse the increase of the air traffic tax. We will immediately abolish the Power to Liquid (PtL) quota that exceeds the EU standard We will abolish the quota immediately. We ensure that European airlines are not disadvantaged in the Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) quota compared to non-European ones. Half of the national revenues from aviation-induced European emissions trading (ETS 1) we want to use to promote the market implementation of SAF. We will continue to support regional airports with regard to air traffic control costs. 855
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To ensure that federal funds reach rail infrastructure in the future, the quality of rail transport is significantly improved and jobs are sustainably secured, we want to implement a fundamental railway reform in the medium term. We will further disentangle DB InfraGO from the DB Group within the integrated group. For this, both personnel, legal and organizational measures must be taken. Both at DB Group and at InfraGO, a reorganization of the supervisory board and management is to take place, with the aim of achieving more specialized expertise and achieving a streamlining. The continuation of the control and profit transfer agreement (BEAV) between DB Group and InfraGO will be examined. The intra-group labor market will be maintained. The financing of rail infrastructure should, in addition to the special fund, continue to come from the federal budget, supplemented by revenues from the track fees. We will reform the track pricing system. For DB Cargo, we are examining how their marketability can be restored in the short term. With strategic partners, we will examine and develop the transformation of single wagon traffic combined with a hub system. 862
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To strengthen public transport (ÖPNV), the federal and state governments will establish a new legal basis for ÖPNV financing and start a modernization pact. financing on a new legal basis and initiate a modernization pact. The regionalization funds should primarily be used as ordering funds for local rail passenger transport will be. We will secure the status quo, absorb rising costs, and create leeway for new transport services. We will adjust the dynamization. The 875
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Municipal Transport Financing Act (GVFG) will be simplified and bureaucratic hurdles removed, opened for innovative approaches (for example, magnetic levitation trains) and the barrier-free expansion of stations facilitated. We will gradually significantly increase the GVFG funds and raise the funding rate. The Germany ticket will continue beyond 2025. The share of user financing will be gradually and socially acceptably increased from 2029. To ensure planning security for customers regarding the ticket, but also for the federal and state governments regarding financing, the costs for the ticket will be 880
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divided according to a fixed key. We promote the conversion of fleets to climate-neutral buses in public transport. We are advancing the comprehensive expansion of charging infrastructure for cars and trucks and increase the funding. We include charging at operating yards and depots. For public charging stations, we ensure price transparency and technical standardization. We make Germany the lead market for autonomous driving and will develop and co-finance model regions with the states develop and co-finance. We will reactivate the German Center for Mobility in Munich and further expand the associated network. In order to enable the use of mobility, vehicle, and truck toll data, we will further develop the framework conditions. The mobility offers across different modes of transport will be better interconnected.

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1.4. Climate and Energy 896

Climate Protection 897

We stand by the German and European climate goals, well aware that global warming is a global problem and that the international community must solve it together. To this end, we implement the Paris Climate Agreement and pursue the goal of climate neutrality by 2045 in Germany with an approach that brings together climate protection, economic competitiveness, and social balance and focuses on innovations. We want to remain an industrial nation and become climate-neutral.

We will primarily achieve the German and European climate goals through the reduction of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases in Germany, additionally through the accounting of negative emissions as well as in limited scope through highly qualified and credible CO₂ reductions in non-European partner countries. This is reflected in the European Climate Protection Act as well as in the EU emissions trading. The European climate interim target for 2040 of minus 90 percent compared to 1990, we therefore support with the provision that, firstly, in Germany no more needs to be reduced than what is provided for in the German climate interim target for 2040, secondly besides the priority CO₂ reduction in Germany, also in limited scope, permanent and sustainable negative emissions, and thirdly credible CO₂ reduction through highly qualified, certified, and permanent projects (maximum three percentage points of the 2040 interim target) in non-European partner countries for economically viable reduction of remaining emissions are creditable. In addition, an effective carbon leakage protection must be guaranteed to maintain our industrial value creation.

Emissions Trading 916

The European Green Deal and the Clean Industrial Act must be further developed to bring together competitiveness and climate protection. We adhere to the system of CO₂

Pricing as a central building block in a mix of instruments. We are advancing emissions trading 919 European and international progress and gain more countries for CO2 pricing. Especially 920 we keep the competitiveness of our economy and social acceptance in mind 921 and pursue an economically viable price development. We support the introduction of the 922 ETS 2, to create equal conditions across Europe. In doing so, we want to ensure a smooth transition 923 of the German BEHG into the European emissions trading system (ETS 2) effective from 2027 924 ensure. In doing so, we will advocate for instruments that avoid CO2 price jumps for 925 consumers and businesses. To support particularly 926 burdened households, we also use the funds of the European Climate Social Fund for this purpose. The CO2-927 revenues will be returned to citizens and businesses. To this end, we will also 928 implement unbureaucratic and socially tiered reliefs and subsidies for housing and 929 mobility so that no one is overwhelmed. We will compensate the severely affected 930 economic sectors in competition unbureaucratically. We will not make use of the opt-in for the sector 931 Agriculture in the ETS 2. 932

Energy policy 933

We want to make the energy transition transparent, predictable, and pragmatic for success. In the 934 energy transition, we make the economy and consumers stronger co-creators (among other things through 935 deregulation, tenant power, citizen energy, and energy sharing). We want to utilize all potentials of the 936 renewable energies. This includes solar and wind energy as well as bioenergy, 937 geothermal energy, hydropower, and molecules produced from these. We also strengthen innovative 938 technologies such as wastewater heat, heat recovery, and airborne wind energy. We 939 will commission a monitoring system that will assess the expected 940 electricity demand as well as the status of supply security, grid expansion, the expansion of 941 renewable energies, digitization, and the hydrogen ramp-up as a basis for the 942 further work will be reviewed. We stand for a consistent alignment of all areas towards 943 affordability, cost efficiency, and supply security. Our goal is permanently low and 944 predictable, internationally competitive energy costs. To achieve the goal of cost efficiency, we 945 support a systemic approach through the interplay of expanding the 946 renewable energies, a power plant strategy, targeted and system-serving grid and 947 storage expansion, more flexibility, and efficient grid operation. At the European level, we advocate 948 for an energy union to complete the internal energy market with a powerful 949 cross-border infrastructure and the removal of state aid legal barriers. For equal 950 and fair competitive conditions, we will act decisively to avoid creating new dependencies in key 951 key technologies, such as renewable energies, and to avoid creating new dependencies and 952

to dismantle existing structures and strengthen the resilience of domestic production with appropriate measures 953
strengthen. 954

Energy prices 955

We want to permanently relieve companies and consumers in Germany by at least five cents per 956
kWh with a package of measures. For this, we will immediately reduce the electricity tax 957
for everyone to the European minimum and reduce levies and network charges. To 958
create planning security, our goal is to cap network charges permanently. We will 959
permanently extend electricity price compensation and expand it to other sectors. Also 960
we will include data centers. For those that cannot be further relieved 961

energy-intensive companies, we will introduce a special relief (industrial electricity price) within the framework of state aid law possibilities 962
special relief (industrial electricity price). This also includes relieving energy-intensive consumers 963
without flexibility potential as before. Furthermore, we will abolish the 964
gas storage levy for all. We will introduce appropriate instruments to ensure 965
a secure and cost-effective filling of gas storage. We 966
enable and support long-term, diversified, cheap gas supply contracts with international 967
gas suppliers. The climate goals remain unaffected. We want to utilize the potentials of conventional 968
gas production domestically. 969

Planning and approval acceleration 970

Decisive for the success of the energy transition are deregulation as well as faster and better 971
planning and approval procedures. To this end, we are continuing the federal-state process for the implementation of the 972
Pact for planning, implementation, and approval acceleration resolutely, developing 973
it further and quickly implement the Renewable Energy Directive III. Among other things, we will 974
establish expert pools, expand the fiction of consent and the extended 975
protection for replacement facilities. We will examine to what extent the simplifications from the 976
acceleration areas and other approaches (for example, population approach in species protection, 977
preclusion, principle of presentation/burden of proof), are possible for infrastructure projects of the energy transition 978
are possible, because we want to accelerate the expansion of renewable energies through planning facilitation 979
accelerate. 980

Networks 981

The expansion and modernization of the networks will be advanced cost-effectively and synchronized with the 982
renewable expansion. We will subject the further development to regular 983
monitoring. All measures must be oriented towards realistic needs 984
and coordinated with each other. We strengthen the transmission and distribution networks. Critical 985
energy infrastructure, especially networks and renewable energy facilities, must also be 986

Implementation of the NIS-2 directive to be resilient and optimally protected. We are raising 987
Efficiency potentials in the network, among other things, through freer design and overlay at 988
Network connection point and through the digitization of networks. We will accelerate and simplify the rollout of smart meters in 989
We will accelerate and simplify the distribution network and strengthen dynamic electricity tariffs. The newly 990
to be planned high-voltage direct current transmission networks (HVDC) should, where possible, be implemented as 991
overhead lines. We will particularly consider heavily burdened regions. 992
Through these measures, we can make the network expansion planned by the Federal Network Agency more efficient 993
design. We want to further accelerate the remaining expansion necessary after an inventory 994
accelerate. We want to reduce the costs for network connections for existing business locations on the way 995
to transformation and standardize the approval processes. The 996
possibility of physical direct supply to industry we will spatially expand. We maintain 997
a uniform electricity bidding zone. 998

Flexibilization 999

Barriers to the flexibility of the electricity system must be removed in order to improve the flexible 1000
use of renewable energies across sectors. The expansion of system-serving 1001
storage capacities and the system-serving use of electric car and home storage will be 1002
intensified. We will support bidirectional charging and charging at the workplace. 1003
We will encourage the settlement of large consumers such as storage and large producers 1004
of renewable energies where it benefits the grid. Energy storage will be recognized as in 1005
overriding public interest and also privileged in connection with privileged 1006
renewable energy generation facilities. The multiple burden of 1007
taxes, levies, and fees will be abolished as far as possible. The regional use of otherwise 1008
regulated electricity we want to significantly facilitate. 1009

Financing 1010

For the allocation of equity and debt capital in investments, we want to create an investment fund for energy infrastructure in conjunction with 1011
public guarantees and private capital an investment fund for energy infrastructure 1012
to be established. 1013

Renewable energies 1014

The determined expansion of renewable energies includes the grid-serving expansion of solar 1015
and wind energy, bioenergy, hydropower, and the development of geothermal energy. In addition, we utilize 1016
the potentials of climate-neutral molecules. We aim for renewable energies to 1017
be able to fully refinance in the market in the long term. We want to ensure a secure investment framework for the further ramp-up of 1018
renewables and storage with a secure investment framework while also increasing integration 1019

market-based instruments. The investment framework will be aligned with European 1020 requirements and at the same time optimize the electricity market integration of renewables. 1021

Solar energy 1022

The promotion of solar energy in conjunction with storage should be designed to be system-friendly. 1023 We want to make private households actors in their own energy supply. Operators of 1024 We provide incentives for existing plants for a grid- and system-friendly feed-in and examine the 1025 new provisions of the Solar Peak Law for zero compensation at negative prices and the 1026 Direct marketing. We will simplify registration procedures through digitization and standardization 1027 simplify. We pay attention to land conservation and want to facilitate options for dual use, such as 1028 for example, parking lot, agri- and floating PV. 1029

Wind energy 1030

We continue to expand wind power. The interim targets of the Wind Area Requirement Act for 2027 1031 remain unaffected. We will evaluate the area targets for 2032. In doing so, we will also review the 1032 reference yield model for cost efficiency. For local acceptance, we ensure the control effect 1033 of wind energy areas, in accordance with the existing participation rights of the 1034 municipalities in the expansion of wind power. Additionally, we will examine to what extent we can improve the synchronization 1035 of wind power and grid expansion, for example, by designating temporary bottleneck areas, 1036 can be improved without jeopardizing the expansion targets of wind power. We will also 1037 legally facilitate citizen power and expand the physical direct supply of companies 1038 expand. 1039

For local acceptance, we ensure the control effect of wind energy areas in 1040 accordance with the existing participation rights of municipalities in the expansion of wind power. We 1041 protect the permitting authorities from excessive compensation claims. We 1042 review the reference yield model for cost efficiency, among other things, regarding 1043 uneconomical low-wind sites. The concerns of nature and species protection must be included early 1044 in regional planning. The permissible amount of land rents for plants funded under the EEG 1045 we will limit. In the offshore sector, we will address the so-called 1046 shadowing issues. We will cooperate with other North Sea bordering states, 1047 to develop generation-optimal area backdrops and soon realize the first hybrid offshore 1048 grid connection/interconnector. In addition, we will enable hybrid connections (cable and H2 pipeline) in the Offshore Wind Energy Act 1049 of wind farms. 1050

Bioenergy 1051

Bioenergy plays an important role in heating, transport, and controllable electricity generation. We want to 1052 consistently tap the flexibility potential of biomass. To this end, we will take into account the 1053

Cost efficiency and land use for enabling and reviewing the existing 1054

Caps. We want to make better use of residual materials. We will give biogas plants a 1055 future, especially the specifics of smaller and heat-led plants are more strongly 1056 to be considered. 1057

Hydropower 1058

Existing potentials in small and large hydropower and in pumped storage power plants 1059 we will tap. 1060

Geothermal energy 1061

We will quickly initiate an improved geothermal acceleration law 1062 and introduce suitable instruments for securing the discovery risk. Damage cases 1063 must be fully secured. To mobilize cross-border potentials, 1064 needs there needs to be a common legal framework. 1065

Power plant strategy 1066

We will create reliable conditions for investments in sufficiently secured capacity and supply security through the fastest possible technology-neutral tenders 1067

Framework conditions for investments in sufficiently secured capacity and supply security 1068 create. We want to incentivize the construction of up to 20 GW of gas power plant capacity by 2030 as part of a 1069 quickly to be revised power plant strategy in a technology-neutral manner. The new gas power plants 1070 should primarily be built nationwide at existing power plant sites and regionally according to 1071 needs. Through a technology-neutral and market-based 1072 capacity mechanism, a system-serving technology mix of power plants and 1073 generation facilities (for example, bioenergy and combined heat and power (CHP)), storage and 1074 flexibilities can arise. We want to make greater use of free capacities of industrially used CHP plants 1075 utilize. 1076

A larger energy supply serves to stabilize and reduce electricity costs. For this purpose, 1077 future reserve power plants should not only be used to avoid supply bottlenecks but also to 1078 be used for stabilizing electricity prices. 1079

CCU and CCS 1080

CO2 capture and storage technologies (CCS) and also utilization technologies (CCU) 1081 complement the accelerated expansion of renewable energies as well as energy-efficient 1082 production processes as essential instruments for the goal of climate neutrality. We will 1083 immediately adopt a legislative package that enables the capture, transport, utilization, and 1084 storage of carbon dioxide, especially for hard-to-avoid emissions from 1085 the industrial sector and for gas power plants. We will recognize the overriding public interest 1086

to determine for the construction of these CCS/CCU facilities and pipelines. The ratification of the London-1087 protocol as well as the establishment of bilateral agreements with neighboring countries have the highest 1088 priority. We enable CO2 storage offshore outside the territorial sea in the 1089 exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and the continental shelf of the North Sea as well as onshore, where 1090 geologically suitable and accepted. For this, we want to introduce a country opening clause. In addition, 1091 we see Direct Air Capture as a possible future technology to achieve negative emissions. 1092

Hydrogen 1093

For the rapid ramp-up of the hydrogen economy, we need climate-friendly hydrogen from 1094 various sources. The long-term goal is to switch to climate-neutral hydrogen, based on 1095 a growing share of renewable energies from domestic sources and imports. 1096

For this, we advocate for pragmatic national and European regulations (within the framework of the 1097 European hydrogen strategy) and their swift implementation. Overregulation must 1098 be reduced. We want to enable hydrogen production both through large system-relevant 1099 electrolysis plants and increasingly decentralized and widespread. We will 1100 remain an energy-importing country, and for this, we want energy partnerships and cross-border as well as 1101 necessary domestic infrastructure for imports of hydrogen and its derivatives in all directions 1102 to be consistently expanded. This also includes connections to all German and European ports. 1103 We will use national and European funding instruments, such as H2 Global, IPCEI-1104 projects (Important Projects of Common European Interest) and specific programs for the 1105 SMEs. Germany should take a leading role in a European hydrogen initiative 1106 occupy. A trustworthy and bureaucratically manageable certification system for 1107 climate-friendly energy carriers is crucial to successfully advance their ramp-up. 1108

The hydrogen core network must connect the industrial centers across Germany according to demand, 1109 also in the south and east of Germany. Hydrogen storage must also be taken into account 1110 We will achieve this goal in an expanded planning with additional routes. The 1111 financing conditions must ensure that in an integrated planning the core network 1112 is implemented and that the distribution network is also built 1113

Coal phase-out and structural change 1114

We adhere to the agreed exit paths for lignite power generation by no later than 2038 1115 firmly. We implement the recommendations of the Commission "Growth, Structural Change and Employment" 1116 and provide the promised structural strengthening funds in full until the end of 2038. 1117 A possible decline in funds will be addressed by maintaining the earmarking with appropriate 1118 flexibility. There will be no offsetting with other programs. The schedule, 1119 to take coal-fired power plants offline or into reserve must be based on how quickly it 1120

it succeeds to actually build controllable gas power plants. Outstanding reports from the 1121 Coal Power Phase-Out Act will be submitted immediately. 1122

Combined Heat and Power 1123

The potentials of combined heat and power (CHP) must be consistently and long-term utilized. 1124 For this, the CHP Act will be adapted by 2025 to the challenges of a climate-neutral heat supply, 1125 to flexibilities as well as regarding a capacity mechanism. 1126

Energy efficiency 1127

We will strengthen energy efficiency as a key pillar in achieving climate goals, especially through 1128 tax incentives and market signals. The Energy Efficiency Act and the 1129 Energy Services Act will be revised and simplified and aligned with EU law. 1130 Energy efficiency targets must not hinder the flexibility of electricity consumption. Technically 1131 we will utilize unavoidable waste heat without discrimination and facilitate its feeding into 1132 district heating networks. 1133

Heat 1134

We are developing a roadmap for defossilized energy carriers. For this, gas networks must be maintained 1135 that are necessary for a secure heat supply. The EU Gas Internal Market Directive 1136 we will implement quickly. To enable the necessary investments, we want to strengthen the holders of 1137 infrastructures through a mix of additional public and private capital. To support the 1138 construction of local and district heating networks, federal funding for efficient 1139 heating networks (BEW) will be legally regulated and increased. To create secure investment conditions, we will 1140 create, we will quickly revise the AVB district heating regulation and the heat supply regulation 1141 and modernize while balancing the interests of consumer protection and the 1142 supply companies. We ensure fair and transparent prices and 1143 strengthen price supervision for this. We strengthen transparency, among other things, through a bureaucratic 1144 conciliation body. 1145

State participations 1146

We are examining strategic state participations in the energy sector, including with network operators. The state participations acquired during the 1147 gas crisis will be reverted to strategic shares of the federal government 1148 . 1149

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1.5. Rural Areas, Agriculture, Nutrition, Environment 1151

People in Germany, in cities and rural areas, rightly expect equal living conditions, 1152
a functioning public service, healthy food, and an intact nature and environment. We 1153
advocate for sustainability, including in consumption, and a future-oriented agriculture that we 1154
want to shape based on past and ongoing dialogue processes in the spirit of a societal 1155
consensus. 1156

Agriculture 1157

Farmers and their employees make an important 1158
contribution to supply security and are our natural partners on issues such as environmental, climate-1159
, nature, as well as animal and species protection. Agriculture and forestry deserve respect and recognition 1160
as well as reliable framework conditions – regardless of the size of the farms and the 1161
management form. This applies from small-scale farms to regionally 1162
anchored agricultural businesses and multi-family enterprises. 1163

Rural Regions 1164

The majority of people in Germany live in rural regions. Innovations in 1165
agriculture are implemented in rural areas. With our policy, we want to unlock further 1166
potential for regional value creation and strengthen the community and specifically use 1167
EU, federal, and state funds for this purpose. Even today, a large part of 1168
renewable energy is generated in rural areas. Economy, mobility, climate change, health, transport, environment 1169
and club life are further examples of important areas of action that we must actively shape, 1170
to secure a livable and sustainable future for all generations in rural regions. 1171
Attractive rural areas are important for social cohesion and for the acceptance 1172
of our lived democracy. We want to promote villages of the future as livable and lovable homes 1173
We will strengthen local value creation through targeted investments and create 1174
perspectives for businesses and their employees. Comprehensive mobile phone coverage is an 1175
important factor for the attractiveness of rural areas. We will continue the work of the 1176
mobile infrastructure company. 1177

Environment and Nutrition 1178

We pursue the goals of competitiveness, food security, and 1179
resource conservation equally. We primarily rely on voluntariness, incentives, and 1180
personal responsibility while ensuring the implementation of environmental and climate protection standards. 1181
We create practical regulations and streamlined procedures and are open to innovations. We 1182
protect the self-determined consumer comprehensively and preventively. In all of this, the 1183

mutual connection of people, animals, and the environment as well as our global responsibility 1184 and commitments are the basis of our policy. We will expand both departmental research and 1185 support for research as needed and strengthen networking. 1186

Climate adaptation 1187

We will implement the climate adaptation strategy and utilize the existing funding programs 1188 in a targeted and efficient manner and adjust if necessary. Therefore, we will provide funding for 1189 preventive measures together with the states on solid footing and support the municipalities 1190 in adapting to climate change. To this end, we will establish a special framework plan for nature conservation and 1191 climate adaptation and examine the introduction of a related joint task. We 1192 accelerate flood and coastal protection measures. 1193

Renewable potentials 1194

We want a timely implementation of the Renewable Energy Directive III (RED III), increase the 1195 national greenhouse gas reduction quota (GHG quota) and utilize the possible leeway of the EU-1196 requirements. In doing so, we want to promote the use of alternative fuels, including biofuels. 1197 To protect domestic producers of renewable fuels from unfair practices, we will 1198 combat fraud in the import of renewable fuels and in so-called upstream-1199 emission reduction certificates (UER certificates) more vigorously and expand fraud prevention 1200 expand. We will implement the Industrial Emissions Directive and the EU Air Quality Directive 1:1 and 1201 as lean as possible. We will identify further acceleration potentials in the Federal-1202 Immission Control Act (BImSchG), without jeopardizing the protection goals. The Technical Instructions on Air 1203 (TA-Air) and the Technical Instructions on Noise (TA-Noise) will be revised and simplified. We 1204 will examine how disproportionate area impacts from kerosene emissions can be avoided. 1205

Chemical location Germany 1206

We stand for a modern substance policy and are committed to the chemical location Germany. For us 1207 the risk-based approach in chemical law is the guideline that aligns environmental protection, health protection, and 1208 competitiveness, even in the context of a revision of the European 1209 Chemicals Regulation (REACH). A total ban on entire groups of chemical substances such as per- and 1210 polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) is rejected. Research and development of alternative substances 1211 will be promoted. Where the use of equivalent alternatives is possible, PFAS should be replaced promptly 1212 be replaced. 1213

We are committed to the goals of the German Sustainability Strategy and will further develop them in content 1214 and strategically. We strengthen the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Sustainable 1215 Development. 1216

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Circular Economy 1218

Based on the National Circular Economy Strategy, we will develop a position paper with 1219 short-term implementable measures. We are reforming § 21 of the Packaging Act and implementing 1220 the EU Packaging Regulation in a practical manner. We will integrate chemical recycling into the existing 1221 waste hierarchy. We strengthen strategies for waste prevention, the use of recyclates, and Shared 1222 Economy. For batteries and electrical appliances, we optimize waste collection. In the textile sector, we introduce 1223 an extended producer responsibility. 1224

Nature Conservation 1225

In marine protection, we pay special attention to the fight against pollution, the 1226 preservation of biodiversity, and the removal of munitions contamination. We see ourselves in the 1227 overall state responsibility to continue the immediate program for the recovery of munitions contamination in the North 1228 and Baltic Sea in the long term. We will establish a federal competence center based in the 1229 eastern federal states, where scientific institutions, private industry, and operational 1230 authorities collaborate. 1231

The protection of the Baltic Sea, which is particularly affected by climate change, is a priority for us. 1232 The funds from the marine nature conservation and fisheries component (Wind-Sea Act) are to be used as 1233 an endowment to the German Federal Foundation for the Environment (DBU), marine conservation, and 1234 sustainable fisheries. We support fishing and strengthen its development 1235 in accordance with the recommendations of the Future Commission on Fisheries (ZKF) and the Guideline Commission 1236 on Baltic Sea fishing. We support inland fishing and pond farming. We continue to engage with our 1237 international partners for a precautionary pause in deep-sea mining and for the 1238 exploration of the deep sea. 1239

Equally important to us is the protection and preservation of alpine and mountain farming, especially in the 1240 high mountains. 1241

The action program for natural climate protection and the included peatland protection strategy will be 1242 sustained. We rely on voluntariness, incentives, and rewarding ecosystem services. We 1243 support cooperative models for agriculture, municipalities, and nature conservation. We want to preserve the 1244 Green Belt in the sense of nature conservation and specific memory culture. 1245

We facilitate the designation of compensation and 1246 replacement measures and the networking of compensation measures (habitat connectivity). In measures 1247 for climate and environmental protection as well as climate adaptation, we want to reduce the necessity of 1248 nature conservation compensation. We strengthen smart land use through dual- 1249 and multiple uses (production- and operation-integrated compensation). We strengthen the 1250

Land use (protection through use) and thus improve the nature conservation legal landscape, 1251 to be able to meet international obligations. 1252

We acknowledge our responsibility for the so-called "reunification-related ecological 1253 contaminated sites" and will negotiate with the affected East German states about a continuation of the 1254 jointly borne remediation obligations. 1255

Fruit, vegetable, and wine cultivation 1256

We want to increase the self-sufficiency rate for fruits and vegetables and implement the 1257 "Future Horticulture Action Package" with concrete steps. For this, we need the 1258 use of seasonal workers. In viticulture, we will follow the recommendations of the 1259 High-Level Group of the EU on the future of viticulture and we will examine how the 1260 operational capability of the protection associations in the wine sector can be ensured. Regarding the use of 1261 seasonal workers, we will adjust the regulation for short-term employment to 90 days. The 1262 results of the study "Women in Rural Areas" will be taken into account in our agricultural social policy. 1263 We will ensure an extension of the deadline for the collective supplementary pension for workers in the 1264 agriculture by ten years. 1265

Forestry 1266

We are committed to sustainable forest management and the multifunctionality of forests. We 1267 want to improve the framework conditions for the development of climate-resilient and species-rich 1268 mixed forests with site-appropriate tree species as well as support for forest owners in 1269 improving the provision of ecosystem services. The funding for the forest through the 1270 joint task of agricultural structure and coastal protection (GAK) and the Action Plan for Natural 1271 Climate Protection (ANK) will be continued. 1272

We will advocate at the European level for the forestry sector in Germany to be 1273 relieved in the application of the EU regulation for deforestation-free products through the introduction of a zero-1274 risk variant is immediately relieved. 1275

We are also advocating for relief in the European Restoration Regulation. 1276

In the implementation, we will focus together with land managers and owners on 1277 the practicality of the measures, just as with the National Biodiversity Strategy. 1278

Livestock protection 1279

We support livestock protection and will implement the EU Commission's proposal to downgrade 1280 the protection status of the wolf in the European Flora-Fauna-Habitat Directive immediately into 1281 national law. With the necessary amendments to the Federal Nature Conservation Act (BNatSchG) 1282

we ensure a legally secure removal of wolves. We immediately take the wolf into 1283 hunting law and renew the Federal Hunting Act (BJagdG) in specific areas. 1284

Consumers 1285

Our policy is based on a differentiated image of consumers. Consumers 1286 should be able to make independent decisions. We support them through strong rights, transparency and 1287 information, advice and education, protection and prevention. We strengthen trust between 1288 business and consumers and reliably promote consumer work. We 1289 strengthen preventive consumer protection in consultation with the states, which do not 1290 interest-driven consumer education (nutrition, finance, digital) and a free 1291 debt counseling that excludes no one. We continue to promote the network and the 1292 award consumer school. We strengthen consumer research and examine whether, in addition to the 1293 existing structures, new ones need to be created. We facilitate sustainable 1294 consumption and follow the principle of "Repair instead of Discarding". We advocate for more 1295 transparency regarding hidden price increases. We combat food waste at 1296 all levels and support non-profit organizations like food banks. We increasingly promote 1297 exercise and healthy eating, especially for children and adolescents. 1298

Livestock farming and animal protection 1299

We are committed to agricultural livestock farming and advocate for reliable 1300 framework conditions and planning security. We remove regulatory hurdles in 1301 barn construction and create protection for newly built and remodeled animal welfare barns for at least 20 1302 years and allow for an uncomplicated change of animal species in the Building Code (BauGB). We 1303 introduce a one-time testing and approval process for new barn systems to ensure long-term 1304 investment protection as well as legal and planning security for agriculture. The 1305 regulations of the Federal Immission Control Act should be practically redesigned in the area of agricultural 1306 animal husbandry to be made practical. We provide the necessary funds for 1307 animal welfare-compliant barn construction based on state contracts permanently available. We reform under 1308 involvement of all stakeholders in the entire value chain the 1309 Animal Husbandry Labeling Act fundamentally, to make it practical and focused on 1310 animal welfare. 1311

We will harmonize animal health law and make it practical. We will 1312 further develop the animal health strategy by networking existing databases. The 1313 maximum compensation rates in the event of animal disease will be adjusted appropriately. We 1314 will review video surveillance in slaughterhouses. We will strengthen animal protection and create a 1315 practical legal basis for the control and labeling of dead animals in 1316 processing companies of animal by-products, prohibit the trade in domestic and pet animals in 1317

1318 öffentlichen Raum (unbeschadet Tierbörsen und -märkten) sowie anonym online. Zoologische Gärten
1319 sind wichtige Institutionen des Artenschutzes und der Bildung, deren Arbeit und Investitionen wir
1320 unterstützen. Zusätzliche Haltungsverbote in zoologischen Einrichtungen lehnen wir ab. Ebenso
1321 unterstützen wir Tierheime bei Investitionen.

1322 **Pflanzenschutz**

1323 Der effiziente Einsatz von Pflanzenschutzmitteln ist ein wichtiges Instrument der landwirtschaftlichen
1324 Erzeugung. Wir werden die Zulassungssituation von Pflanzenschutzmitteln verbessern und für
1325 transparente, schnelle und wissenschaftsbasierte Verfahren sowie Effizienz durch Verschlinkung der
1326 behördlichen Zusammenarbeit sorgen. Gleichzeitig reduzieren wir den Umfang und das Risiko beim
1327 Pflanzenschutzmitteleinsatz, unter anderem durch Anreize für die Präzisionslandwirtschaft und
1328 integrierten Pflanzenschutz.

1329 **Wasserstrategie**

1330 Klimawandel, Trockenheit, Wasserknappheit sowie Starkregenereignisse und Hochwasser sind
1331 Herausforderungen in der Wasserwirtschaft. Deshalb setzen wir priorisierte Maßnahmen der
1332 nationalen Wasserstrategie um und entwickeln sie gemeinsam mit den Ländern vor dem Hintergrund
1333 des Klimawandels weiter. Wir wollen die Infrastruktur für Wasserversorgung und Abwasserentsorgung
1334 fördern und sie langfristig preisstabil und bedarfsgerecht gestalten. Modellvorhaben und besonders
1335 energieeffiziente Anlagen wollen wir unterstützen. Wir fördern blau-grüne Infrastruktur, den
1336 Wasserrückhalt in der Fläche und die Grundwasserneubildung. Wir setzen unter Berücksichtigung
1337 regionaler Gegebenheiten und der Verhältnismäßigkeit auf das Verursacherprinzip. Um notwendige
1338 länderübergreifende wasserwirtschaftliche Maßnahmen gegen Wassermangel für betroffene Flüsse
1339 (wie zum Beispiel die Spree) vorzubereiten, werden wir ein Bund-Länder-Gremium einrichten.

1340 Wir prüfen die bessere Finanzierung von notwendigen Infrastrukturmaßnahmen.

1341 **BVVG-Flächen**

1342 Die Regeln der Bodenverwertungs- und -verwaltungs GmbH (BVVG) für die Flächenverpachtung
1343 werden zeitnah überprüft. Zur Herstellung von Planungssicherheit bleiben bestehende Pachtverträge
1344 für ein weiteres Jahr wirksam. Die BVVG-Flächen werden an die Länder zur Verwaltung übertragen.

1345 **EU-Bodengesetz**

1346 Wir lehnen das EU-Bodengesetz ab, um weitere Belastungen zu verhindern.

1347 **Umweltgenehmigungsrecht**

1348 Wir werden das Umweltgenehmigungsrecht vereinfachen, Bürokratie abbauen und Verfahren
1349 beschleunigen – mit klaren Fristen und Typengenehmigungen. Zudem werden wir nach EU-Recht
1350 zulässige Spielräume für die Umweltverträglichkeitsprüfung (UVP) nutzen und diese vereinfachen,

among other things, by raising thresholds for projects subject to environmental impact assessment and a suspension 1351
of the environmental impact assessment preliminary review for amendment approvals. 1352

We are reviewing the Environmental Legal Remedies Act for points that go beyond European law, which we 1353
will adjust. We aim to focus on direct impact in litigation and 1354
participation rights. We are streamlining the Environmental Information Act. 1355

Modern agriculture 1356

We are harnessing the opportunities from digitalization, artificial intelligence, and bioeconomy. We want 1357
to enable the practical use of drones in agriculture, for example in 1358
the application of plant protection products in steep slope viticulture. 1359

Joint Task on Agricultural Structure and Coastal Protection (GAK) 1360

To strengthen rural development as well as flood and coastal protection, we will significantly increase the 1361
financial resources within the framework of the GAK. We pay attention to federal responsibilities 1362
and agree that federal funding programs will be developed in line with the funding offers of the GAK 1363
will be developed. We want to evaluate ongoing causes of difficulties in accessing funds in the GAK 1364
in a timely manner. We are considering promoting multi-risk insurance from GAK funds. 1365
We promote diversely structured agricultural cultural landscapes through flowering areas, hedges, field trees 1366
and green strips and their networking. We create incentives for nature-friendly agroforestry systems. 1367
We are considering a cultural landscape program for the preservation of particularly sensitive cultural landscapes and 1368
promote pasture-based livestock farming. 1369

Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) 1370

We advocate that a corresponding CAP budget is provided for the high demands on the CAP in the next EU financial framework. 1371
We want the CAP to remain an independent policy area, with rural development as an integral part. 1372
The CAP must also be designed to be income-effective, less bureaucratic, more transparent, and more efficient in the first pillar. 1373
We will significantly increase income incentives for providing climate, environmental, and animal welfare services. 1374
Young and new farmers should be supported more strongly. 1375

Equality of conventional and organic farming 1376

For us, conventional and organic farming are
equivalent forms of management. 1377

Organic farming is an important element of sustainable and climate-friendly agriculture and 1378

an important driver of innovation. With a bio-strategy, we will significantly strengthen the expansion of organic farming 1379
by increasing funding for research and education for organic farming, strengthening the Federal Program for Organic Farming (BÖL), and demand impulses, for example through 1380

Standards in community catering. At the same time, we reduce barriers to retention and 1384
Expansion of organic farming. 1385

We will anchor the monitoring agreed with the EU Commission in the Fertilizer Act. We 1386
will abolish the material flow balance regulation. We will create an instrument to exempt particularly 1387
water-saving businesses in red areas from obligations. 1388

We advocate for a comprehensive and ambitious EU protein strategy and strengthen the 1389
domestic cultivation of protein plants to reduce imports. We promote the development and 1390
market introduction of sustainable alternative proteins. 1391

Fair competitive conditions 1392

We support the evaluation and revision of the implementation of the EU directive on unfair 1393
trading practices to enable competition with fair producer prices in the food market to 1394
enable. We will introduce an independent and directive-free ombudsperson. We commit to 1395
the high standards of our agriculture and will therefore advocate for equivalent mirror clauses in food imports within the framework of new WTO 1396
negotiations for equivalent mirror clauses in food imports. With a 1397
modern agricultural export strategy, we will particularly support small and medium-sized enterprises 1398
to tap into purchasing power markets and sustainably increase agricultural exports. We will 1399
create a tax risk compensation reserve as well as further financial incentives for competitiveness 1400
create and expand. 1401

Agricultural diesel refund and alternative fuels 1402

We will fully reintroduce the agricultural diesel refund. We want to exempt the use 1403
of alternative fuels in agriculture and forestry from energy tax. 1404

Bureaucracy reduction 1405

We will standardize agricultural applications together with the states and the profession and 1406
simplify and promote the development of digital applications in agriculture. The 1407
Federal government will advocate at the EU level for a review of reporting obligations in the area of 1408
circular economy and at the national level examine the necessity and appropriateness of 1409
reporting obligations. 1410

We will continue the work of the existing federal-state committee, the 194 proposals of the 1411
states to reassess bureaucracy reduction and introduce bureaucracy practice checks. The 1412
deregulation in agriculture and forestry must not lead to a lowering of the 1413
ambition levels in environmental and climate protection. We will amend the Agricultural Statistics Act 1414
This serves to relieve companies by reducing the already existing burdens on authorities 1415

the available data made usable for statistical surveys and thus duplicate reports 1416
of the companies will be terminated. 1417

In planning and approval procedures, we will further address trivial thresholds 1418
design. We will accelerate the approval processes for flood and coastal protection. 1419

We will eliminate unnecessary duplicate reports and recording obligations, such as in the area of 1420
the veterinary medicine database, and merge databases. Regardless, necessary data 1421
should continue to be collected, unnecessary reports should be abolished or, where sensible, summarized and harmonized to relieve authorities 1422
and the economy should be abolished or, as far as reasonable, summarized and harmonized. 1423

2. Effective relief, stable finances, 1424

efficient state 1425

2.1. Budget, finances, and taxes 1426

Growth and cohesion are the guiding principles of our budget and financial policy. We strengthen 1427 Germany's competitiveness while also guaranteeing external, internal, and social security. 1428

Corporate tax and investments 1429

We will introduce an investment booster in the form of a declining depreciation on 1430 equipment investments of 30 percent in the years 2025, 2026, and 2027. 1431

We will reduce the corporate tax in five steps by one percentage point each, 1432 starting from January 1, 2028. Both decisions will be concluded in a legislative process 1433 concluded together. 1434

The majority of companies in Germany are subject to income tax. To enable a 1435 form-neutral taxation, we will particularly improve the options model according to 1436 § 1a Corporate Tax Act (KStG) and the retention allowance according to § 34a 1437

Income Tax Act (EstG) will be significantly improved. We are examining whether from the year 2027 the 1438 business income of newly founded companies, regardless of their legal form, can fall under the 1439 scope of corporate tax. 1440

Income tax 1441

We will reduce income tax for small and medium incomes by the middle of the legislative term. 1442

We will gradually reduce the gap between the relief effect of child allowances and child benefits 1443 gradually. Through a legal regulation, we ensure that with an increase 1444 of the child allowance, there is also an adequate increase in child benefits. 1445

We will improve the financial situation of single parents by raising or further developing 1446 the single parent relief amount. 1447

The solidarity surcharge remains unchanged. 1448

Trade tax 1449

Municipalities can set their trade tax assessment rates themselves within the framework of legal requirements 1450 which leads to municipal tax rate disparities due to the low minimum assessment rate. 1451 This can provide incentives for companies to merely pretend that they conduct their business activities in 1452 a municipality with a low trade tax assessment rate. We will make all available 1453

take administrative measures to counter such fictitious relocations in 1454
to effectively address trade tax oases. 1455

The minimum trade tax assessment rate is increased from 200 to 280 percent. 1456

Suspension of Global Minimum Tax 1457

We are committed to the minimum tax for large corporations. We support the work on 1458
an international level for a permanent simplification of the minimum tax. At the same time, we are monitoring 1459
the effects on the global tax architecture due to international divergences and will 1460
also advocate at the European level to ensure that this does not result in a disadvantage for our 1461
companies in international competition. 1462

Tax cross-subsidization 1463

We are adjusting the tax legal framework for cross-subsidization to ensure the continued existence of 1464
municipal public services in the long term. 1465

Tax incentives for additional work 1466

Those who want to work more voluntarily should have more net from gross. We will immediately 1467
make overtime bonuses tax-free that exceed the collectively agreed or contractually 1468
oriented full-time work. 1469

Tax incentives for voluntary longer working hours 1470

Additional financial incentives should be created to make voluntary longer working hours more 1471
worthwhile. Those who reach the legal retirement age and continue to work voluntarily will receive their salary up to 1472
2,000 euros per month tax-free. We will avoid disincentives and windfall effects. 1473
We are particularly examining the non-applicability of the regulation for retirements below 1474
the age limit for the regular retirement pension, the restriction of the regulation to income from 1475
social security liable employment relationships and the application of the 1476
progression reservation. 1477

Tax benefits for bonuses to extend working hours 1478

We are creating incentives to extend working hours. If employers pay a 1479
bonus for extending working hours from part-time to permanently full-time based on collective agreements 1480
this bonus will be tax-advantaged. We will avoid disincentives and windfall effects in this regard 1481
avoid. 1482

Commuter allowance 1483

We will permanently increase the commuter allowance to 38 cents from the first kilometer as of 01.01.2026 1484
increase. 1485

Volunteering and Non-Profit 1486

We will raise the coaching allowance to 3,300 euros and the volunteer allowance to 960 euros 1487
increase. We will raise the exemption limit from economic business operations for non-profit organizations 1488
to 50,000 euros. The catalog of non-profit purposes will be modernized. The 1489
Non-profit law will be simplified. Non-profit organizations with revenues up to 100,000 1490
euros will be exempt from the requirement of timely use of funds. If non-profit 1491
corporations from economic activities with less than 50,000 euros in annual revenue, must 1492
no longer require a sphere allocation, whether these revenues come from a purpose operation or from a 1493
taxable economic business operation. 1494

Financial transaction tax 1495

We support a financial transaction tax at the European level. 1496

Value-added tax in the hospitality industry 1497

The value-added tax for food in the hospitality industry will be permanently reduced to seven percent as of 01.01.2026 1498
reduced. 1499

Electricity tax 1500

For quick relief of at least five cents per kWh, we will first reduce the 1501
electricity tax for everyone as quickly as possible to the European minimum and reduce the 1502
transmission network fees. 1503

Agricultural diesel refund 1504

We will fully reintroduce the agricultural diesel refund. 1505

Tax evasion and avoidance 1506

We agree that combating tax evasion and effective tax enforcement are essential for 1507
securing revenues and the state's ability to act are essential. We will 1508

examine necessary further legislative measures. In particular, we will take into account any identified deficiencies in the context of the 1509
evaluation of the existing cash register obligations. 1510

In order to effectively combat tax havens, we also advocate for the consistent 1511
inclusion of uncooperative tax jurisdictions in the EU 'blacklist'. The possibilities 1512
for telephone surveillance in particularly serious cases of organized tax evasion 1513
should be expanded. 1514

To avoid any unjustified benefits in dividend taxation ('Cum-1515
Cum transactions') we will examine further measures. 1516

Finally, we want to strengthen evidence-based policy advice by transferring empirical 1517
Tax research in collaboration with the states into efficient structures. 1518

Financial control of undeclared work 1519

We strengthen the financial control of undeclared work to take tougher action against those who engage in illegal 1520
employment or who work illegally. 1521

Reduce tax bureaucracy 1522

We advocate for tax simplification through standardizations, simplifications, and 1523
flat rates so that our tax system is accepted by citizens. 1524

In this context, we are particularly examining a flat rate for working days, where we can summarize advertising expenses for 1525
employees. We also want to simplify the taxation of 1526

pensioners. In general, these groups should be relieved of reporting obligations as much as possible. 1527

We will pay attention to simplification and digitalization in every tax-relevant legislative process. 1528
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With stronger digitalization and artificial intelligence, we strengthen the financial administration. 1530

At the same time, we will gradually make the digital submission of tax returns mandatory 1531

For simple tax cases, pre-filled and automated tax returns should be gradually expanded. 1532

The goal is also to gradually transition corporations and partnerships to self-assessment. 1533
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Riester pension 1535

We will transform the existing Riester pension into a new retirement product, freeing it from bureaucratic 1536
obstacles and reform it by waiving mandatory guarantees and reducing the 1537

administrative, product, and closing costs. We are examining an expansion of the circle of 1538

eligible beneficiaries. We want to accompany this new product with the simplest possible state 1539

support for recipients of low and middle incomes. The core of the 1540

reformed Riester pension will be an investment product that will also be available in the form of a standard product 1541

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Money laundering prevention and customs investigation 1543

We will decisively combat money laundering and financial crime. To this end, we will consolidate the 1544

federal competencies in the area of financial crime. With regard to the next 1545

review of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), we will make significant improvements in 1546

money laundering prevention. 1547

We particularly want to promote exchange and cooperation between the federal and state governments in the area of 1548

money laundering as well as with national and international organizations, the EU, and the European 1549

Improve the supervisory authority AMLA. We are closing gaps in the transparency register. Are one or 1550 if several beneficial owners cannot be determined, legal transactions of legal entities may not be conducted, 1551 that exceed the amount of 10,000 euros net, by those obligated under anti-money laundering laws not 1552 be carried out. We will create an administrative, constitutionally compliant 1553 asset investigation procedure aimed at ensuring suspicious assets of 1554 significant value, where doubts about a legal acquisition cannot be dispelled 1555 can be (Suspicious Wealth Order). We will further develop the existing asset confiscation instruments 1556 and expand them to include a confiscation procedure for assets of unclear 1557 origin. 1558

Capital market regulation 1559

We perceive a powerful capital market as an industrial policy goal. We want to strengthen the 1560 financial center Germany. To strengthen Europe's competitiveness and to complete the 1561 European internal market for financial services, we are committed to a 1562 uniform European financial regulation and in this context also forgo 1563 gold plating. 1564

We advocate that the EU Commission regularly prepares a report on European 1565 financial market regulation, which compares the local regulation with that in major financial centers outside 1566 the EU in light of growing international divergences and develops options for action regarding 1567 resilience and stability, efficiency and competitiveness of the European 1568 financial markets. We will ensure that the results of these reports are adequately considered in future 1569 regulatory initiatives at the European and national levels. 1570

We will create a legally secure and European competitive framework in capital market law 1571 for investments by funds in infrastructure and renewable energies. Tax regulations must also be 1572 adjusted purposefully. We will further improve the framework conditions for start-ups. 1573 We will further improve. To this end, we will particularly increase the availability of venture capital through better 1574 investment opportunities for institutional investors. 1575

Cash, digital euro, and acceptance of digital payments 1576

We ensure that everyone can continue to decide for themselves how to pay in everyday transactions 1577 paid. We maintain cash as a common form of payment. We advocate for real choice in 1578 payment transactions and want cash and at least one digital 1579 payment option to be offered gradually. 1580

We support a digital euro that provides real value in both wholesale and retail 1581 and complements cash, ensuring the privacy of consumers 1582

protects, is free for consumers to use and does not affect financial stability 1583
impairs. 1584

Old funds national bank levy 1585

We will bring the so-called old funds from the previous bank levy amounting to two billion 1586
euros together with the German banking industry into a medium-sized fund that 1587
leverages up to ten billion euros in equity and debt for the digital and climate-neutral 1588
transformation of large German medium-sized companies with limited access to the capital market 1589
provides. 1590

European Banking Union 1591

We advocate for the further development of the European savings and investment union 1592
or banking and capital market union to strengthen growth financing in Europe 1593
and to create a unified financial market. To maintain our banking system of savings banks, 1594
cooperative banks and private banks, we take into account the concerns of smaller 1595
banks and savings banks in regulatory changes consistently and overall strengthen the 1596
banking and financial location Germany. This also applies to the risk-adequate design of a 1597
European system of deposit insurance, which must take into account the requirements of our three-part 1598
banking system must necessarily consider. A communal European 1599

Deposit Insurance (EDIS) without preconditions is rejected by us. 1600

Regulation of cryptocurrencies, the gray capital market, and shadow banks 1601

We will review the regulation of cryptocurrencies, the gray capital market, and shadow banks for 1602
gaps and close them if necessary. 1603

Basic account fees and overdraft interest 1604

We will examine whether cost caps for enforcing appropriate market-standard fees for 1605
basic account fees and overdraft interest are necessary or whether to maintain the previous legal situation 1606
should be. 1607

Commissions for financial advice 1608

We will maintain fee-based and commission-based financial advice side by side. We want 1609
to examine whether the instruments of misconduct supervision of the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority 1610
(BaFin) are currently sufficient to prevent misincentives in financial advice. 1611

Reform debt brake 1612

We will establish an expert commission involving the German Bundestag and the states 1613
that will develop a proposal for modernizing the debt brake that is permanent 1614

additional investments in strengthening our country. On this basis, we want to 1615
complete the legislation by the end of 2025. 1616

Principles of budget policy – Solid budget policy and general budget reservation for 1617
the entire coalition agreement 1618

Sustainable public finances are essential prerequisites for a functioning state. We 1619
stand for a budget and financial policy that forms the basis for the future viability of our 1620
society. Despite the measures taken with the amendment of the Basic Law, the 1621
federal budget continues to be under high consolidation pressure. 1622

Solid finances are also a requirement of intergenerational justice. 1623

The following guidelines for a forward-looking budget and financial policy are binding for us: 1624

1. We will return to the top-down procedure by setting key figures (Cabinet resolution) in the 1625
framework of the budget preparation. 1626

2. All measures of the coalition agreement are subject to financing reservations. 1627

3. It is crucial that budget consolidation is understood as a task for the entire state. 1628

4. A review of all state-assumed tasks regarding their necessity 1629
we consider to be mandatory. 1630

5. For additional measures outside the approved financial framework, a 1631
complete and permanent counter-financing in the respective budget of the federal budget 1632
must be ensured. 1633

6. Further measures agreed upon by the coalition beyond this coalition agreement can 1634
only be financed if additional financial leeway arises or a 1635
corresponding immediate, complete, and permanent counter-financing is ensured. 1636

7. We will begin a task and expenditure review in 2025 with the following focuses 1637
begin: 1638

a) We will subject all subsidies to a thorough examination. 1639

b) We primarily want to effectively curb the growth of consumptive expenditure residues in the individual plans 1640
effectively contain. 1641

c) In the course of digitalization and with increased use of artificial intelligence, it is important to 1642
tap into possible efficiency potentials. 1643

d) We want to review all funding programs for their targeting and effectiveness 1644
and align the funding framework overall more effectively. 1645

e) We will streamline and standardize the grant law. 1646

f) We are examining the introduction of a goal- and results-oriented budgeting system. 1647

Special fund for infrastructure 1648

A functioning infrastructure is the basis for prosperity, social cohesion, and 1649
the future viability of our country. 1650

Germany therefore needs a booster for infrastructure. This concerns hospitals and 1651
schools as well as bridges and railways. With the special fund for infrastructure, we will systematically modernize our 1652
country in the coming years. We are confident: Germany can solve its 1653
problems on its own. We want to provide this proof as a coalition. 1654

We want to show in the next four years that Germany is moving forward again. 1655

The creation of a special fund for infrastructure and 500 billion euros 1656
climate neutrality is intended to be a crucial turning point for a long-term, positive economic 1657
and social development of Germany. Renovating, building, shaping the future, that is the 1658
order of the hour. Our goal is to achieve a significant increase in 1659
growth and value creation in Germany through a modern intact infrastructure. Current figures show: Investments 1660
in infrastructure can increase value creation at a ratio of one to three, meaning: 1661

Every euro invested in infrastructure increases the gross domestic product by almost three euros. 1662
Growth is a prerequisite for maintaining prosperity in Germany and for 1663
being able to sustainably bear the rising interest payments due to additional debt. It is a 1664
requirement of intergenerational justice to handle money responsibly, to create growth and 1665
to regain trust in the problem-solving competence of the state. For this 1666
we must improve and modernize state decisions, processes, and structures. 1667
Our goal: to lead Germany to new strength at a new speed. 1668

With the establishment law for the special fund, we will define clear goals and investment areas 1669
link success control and leverage private capital where possible. We will carefully and prudently budget the 1670
funds in the annual economic plan. For states and 1671
municipalities that carry out a large part of the investment activity in Germany, a share of 1672
100 billion euros is planned. Another 100 billion euros will be gradually allocated to the climate and 1673
transformation fund. From the federal share of the special fund, measures amounting to a total of around 1674
150 billion euros will be financed from 2025 to 2029. 1675

To make the urgently needed investments with the funds of the temporary special fund 1676
for infrastructure federal/state/municipalities quickly, we will explore the possibilities for 1677

Acceleration of planning and approval, procurement and awarding of infrastructure projects 1678
draw from the special fund. 1679

Budget consolidation 1680

We will make a significant contribution to consolidation in this legislative period. This 1681
consists among other things of: 1682

Reduction of all material administrative expenses of all individual plans (security authorities 1683
excepted) with the aim of a reduction of ten percent by 2029; job cuts in the 1684

federal administration by eight percent (two percent/year) (exception for security authorities); 1685

Reduction of expenses for external consultants in all individual plans; halving of the representatives of the 1686

Federal; savings of a total of one billion euros in the funding programs in 1687

Federal budget overall; cuts in voluntary contributions to international organizations; 1688

Savings on the ODA quota; streamlining, concentrating and cutting funding programs in 1689

Climate and Transformation Fund; savings on citizen income through a reform-related and to 1690
expected better labor market integration. 1691

For tobacco tax, we will continue the applicable growth path beyond the year 2026. We 1692

will also achieve additional revenue through strengthening the financial control of undeclared work, which 1693

involves hiring more auditors at the federal level as well as better IT and measures to curb 1694
VAT fraud. 1695

Renovation of the Climate and Transformation Fund (KTF) 1696

We are focusing the Climate and Transformation Fund on the central challenges on the 1697

path to climate neutrality. We will increase the efficiency of fund allocation and align more closely with the 1698

criteria for CO2 avoidance and social compensation. 1699

We will abolish the existing very high flat-rate reduction targets and 1700

let small programs with a projected funding volume of less than 50 million euros expire. 1701

We will return the revenues from CO2 pricing to consumers and the 1702

economy: through a noticeable relief in electricity prices and by promoting 1703

investments in climate neutrality. 1704

We will allocate around ten billion euros to the KTF from the special fund each year 1705

to it. 1706

All revenues are generally available to the overall budget. 1707

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Parliamentary participation rights 1710

We want to reduce the reporting obligations of the departments to the 1711 in the interest of reducing bureaucracy. Reduce the Budget Committee of the German Bundestag. From past legislative periods 1712 Requested reports should only be maintained if the Budget Committee explicitly decides so 1713. explicitly decides. 1714

The parliamentary control and management of federal companies through the appointment 1715 of members of the German Bundestag to their supervisory boards is what we want to ensure. This 1716 ensures closer monitoring of financial and operational risks by the 1717 Budget legislator. 1718

Streamlining funding 1719

We want to carry out a reform of the Federal Budget Regulation and in the process make the 1720 funding of the federal government more efficient and targeted and simplify it. 1721

We see the states and municipalities as equal partners. As a sign of trusting 1722 cooperation between the levels of government, we will significantly 1723 de-bureaucratize and allocate funds purposefully. Excessive funding regulations, 1724 proofs of use for specific purposes and other formalities will be significantly reduced. We will 1725 therefore allocate more funding in a lump sum. The states and municipalities assure that the funds are used in 1726 the sense of the funding purpose. The principle of "as much as necessary and as little as possible" 1727 is guiding for us in this regard. 1728

Special funds 1729

We want to review all existing special funds for their necessity and 1730 if necessary transfer them to the federal budget. The special fund "Reconstruction Aid 2021" will 1731 be continued. We will fully continue the promised aid. 1732

Defense spending, parliamentary participation, handling of capability assistance 1733

With the exception of defense spending above one percent of GDP from the 1734 debt rule, we have created the basis to take on more responsibility in a changed international 1735 security order permanently. We clearly commit to 1736 our responsibility in NATO and to a strong European security and 1737 defense policy. We will fully meet our international obligations. 1738

We propose a Bundeswehr planning law. This gives a parliamentary 1739 legal framework for an adequate equipment of the Bundeswehr and create the 1740 basis for the provision of the corresponding financial resources in the federal budget. With this we want 1741 to strengthen parliamentary rights as well. Existing parliamentary rights will be preserved. 1742

Strategic further development of the federal participation portfolio 1743

We want to make Germany more crisis-resistant and resilient. To this end, we also want to 1744 strategically further develop the federal participation portfolio. With an overarching strategy for 1745 we will set the framework for the federal participation policy. The safeguarding of our 1746 security interests, crisis preparedness, and supply security are guiding principles for us. 1747 On this basis, we want to examine the possibilities of strategic state 1748 participations in the defense sector and the energy sector. 1749

Federal real estate 1750

The federal government is ready, within its means, to continue supporting the states and municipalities through 1751 the discounted transfer of unneeded land for housing construction and other public 1752 purposes. 1753

Future Pact Federal Government, States, and Municipalities 1754

With a Future Pact between the federal government, states, and municipalities, we will strengthen financial 1755 actionability and conduct a comprehensive review of tasks and costs. We 1756 recognize the central role of municipalities in the implementation of state tasks and advocate for 1757 a fair distribution of tasks and financing between the federal government, states, and municipalities. 1758 In doing so, we ensure that municipal tasks are adequately equipped and new 1759 obligations are accompanied by appropriate financial support. For laws that 1760 affect municipalities, we will immediately examine municipal compatibility with regard to financial 1761 and organizational impacts with the involvement of municipal umbrella organizations. 1762

Federal financial equalization, municipal legacy debts, and AAÜG 1763

To solve the issue of municipal legacy debts, the federal government will contribute in this legislative period with 1764 250 million euros per year to measures by the states that relieve their municipalities through a state-side 1765 assumption of excessive cash loans, financially participating by half. The federal government will 1766 relieve the donor states in federal financial equalization by 400 million euros for the same period 1767 per year. This amount is to be allocated according to the share of each state in the 1768 total net payments in the financial equalization and to be paid directly to it. 1769

The federal government will relieve the eastern German federal states by taking over 1770 claims and entitlements from supplementary and special pension systems of the 1771 accession area (AAÜG) in the cost allocation between the federal government and states by an additional ten 1772 percentage points. 1773

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2.2. Bureaucratic Reduction, State Modernization, and Modern Justice 1775

Modernization needs new impulses. The coalition wants to show in the coming four years, 1776 that Germany is back. To achieve this, we need to improve in many areas and modernize state 1777 decisions, processes, and structures. We want to show as the federal government that 1778 it is possible, and lead the way. We want to strengthen the trust of citizens in our state 1779 strengthen. For this, politics needs a serious and consistent willingness to reform. Through 1780 a fundamental modernization, administrative reform, a comprehensive reduction of bureaucracy, 1781 goal and impact orientation, and through a reliable justice system, we will make our state 1782 capable again. We place citizens and the economy at the center 1783 of our actions. To ensure that investments are effective, we will accompany all state actions with 1784 efficiency increases and digitalization, thereby achieving a modernization return. 1785

State Modernization 1786

Germany needs a real state reform 1787

Fundamental structural reforms are a prerequisite for the success of our government. We 1788 are developing an ambitious modernization agenda for the state and administration in 2025, through which we 1789 will modernize federal administration across departments, introduce an efficiency fund 1790 and think about our state overall from the perspective of citizens. In doing so, we will 1791 particularly take up proposals from the 'Initiative for a Capable State'. 1792

New Guiding Concept for Government and Administration 1793

Our administration should be networked, efficient, and capable, as well as accessible and 1794 user-friendly for everyone. To this end, we want to digitize administrative services and 1795 offer them in an accessible manner. At the center are always the people and businesses we 1796 want to engage with as partners and enablers. This requires a change in mentality. 1797

Digital Administration with Application-Free Procedures 1798

Administrative processes must be oriented towards life situations. We will increasingly 1799 work without applications. For example, after the birth of a child, parents should automatically receive a 1800 child benefit notification. We will generally make the modernization of social benefits 1801 a blueprint. We rely on consistent digitalization and 'Digital-Only': 1802

Administrative services should be easily provided digitally through a central platform ('One-Stop-Shop') 1803 meaning without having to visit authorities or use written forms. Every citizen 1804 will receive a mandatory citizen account and a digital identity. We will provide the EUDI wallet for 1805 citizens and businesses, enabling identification, authentication, and 1806 payments. Those who do not want or cannot take the digital path will receive help on-site. 1807

We create specific access for companies, freelancers, and associations. About 1808

We want to make company formations possible within 24 hours. 1809

Administrative consolidation – task criticism, personnel savings, and administrative reform 1810

We put tasks, institutions, and authorities across agencies to the test. Through 1811

a controlled task and expenditure criticism will allow us to set political priorities better and the 1812
organize the work of the federal administration more efficiently. We must and want to do good work with less staff 1813

good work. We will reduce the staff in the ministerial and Bundestag administration 1814

as well as in certain subordinate authorities by at least eight percent by the year 2029 1815

reduce. We will reduce the extensive federal commission system by about 50 percent. In 1816
the context of a cross-departmental administrative reform, we want to reduce the record number of now 1817

over 950 federal authorities through mergers and by reducing redundancies 1818

reduce. Federal departments should focus on ministerial tasks. The ministerial 1819

legal and technical supervision will be modernized. We will reduce the use of external and costly consultants to a minimum through better management. 1820

we will reduce it to a minimum through better management. 1821

Cross-departmental cooperation 1822

We will overcome silo thinking and reinterpret the departmental principle in our collaboration 1823

interpret. We work through mission orientation in cross-departmental strategies and 1824

tasks and follow the 'Whole of Government' approach. We strengthen inter-ministerial project teams, 1825
that pool expertise and work interdisciplinarily. We will effectively anchor the instrument of strategic foresight 1826

will we effectively anchor. 1827

Consolidated service units instead of duplicate structures 1828

The completion of standardizable tasks such as personnel, IT, data protection, procurement, and acquisitions, 1829

compliance as well as cross-cutting communication measures will be consolidated into efficient 1830

consolidated service units. We consolidate personnel services such as 1831

recruitment processes, personnel planning, personnel development, creation of pool solutions 1832

and uniform assessment standards for the federal administration. 1833

Cultural change and modern leadership 1834

The employees of the public service are stability anchors of the German state. We will 1835

establish and promote a modern and appreciative leadership culture 1836

cross-responsibility thinking, decisiveness, and making full use of 1837

scope for action. We lead through goals and create leeway. For this, the support of the 1838

leaders is essential. We will introduce a cross-departmental program for leadership development 1839

and promote internships to strengthen practical orientation. 1840

Make public service more attractive 1841

We ensure quality and reliability in public service through a skilled workforce offensive. This includes 1842 for us: more women in leadership positions, more flexible working time models, better 1843 opportunities for part-time leadership and a better representation of the diversity of our society in the 1844 public administration. 1845

Modernization of public service law 1846

We will fundamentally reform public service law. We will open the rigid entry and 1847 qualification requirements for administrative career paths to other disciplines 1848 and simplify career changes. We will align career paths and compensation models to 1849 performance-oriented components, greater decisiveness, and contributions to reducing bureaucracy 1850 such as through assessment criteria like "solution-oriented approach" and 1851 "exploitation of existing assessment and discretion margins." In doing so, we will 1852 place greater emphasis on cross-agency or external administrative experience for leadership positions. 1853 We will improve permeability between administration, business, and science. We 1854 will introduce a procedure for the rotation of personnel between federal, 1855 states, municipalities, and the EU. 1856

A more open understanding of data usage in administration and application of AI 1857

We advocate for a more open and positive understanding of data usage. We want to consolidate data for 1858 strategic management, modeling, and impact control and use it better. To this end, 1859 we strengthen data competence and eliminate existing barriers. We will 1860 automate, accelerate, and make administrative processes more efficient – especially with artificial 1861 intelligence. We ensure access to and linking of relevant data. 1862

Goal- and impact-oriented budgeting 1863

We are examining the introduction of a goal- and impact-oriented budgeting system. 1864

Good legislation 1865

We will not create laws, regulations, and rules that do not need to be made. 1866 We will repeal laws that do not or no longer serve their purpose. Good legislation is 1867 thorough, inclusive, and transparent. Our law must be understandable and suitable for digital use. For us 1868 the principle is: First the content, then the paragraphs. Already in the early phase of legislative processes, we will 1869 conduct practical checks and involve those affected as well as enforcement experts from the federal, 1870 states, and municipalities with appropriate deadlines (usually four weeks). To make the 1871 effectiveness of laws verifiable, we will establish success indicators against which the 1872 subsequent enforcement of the law can be measured. Our draft laws include a 1873

Visualization of organizational structures, process flows, and impact models. We will discuss the implementation of applicable laws regularly in the Bundestag.

The Bundestag will regularly discuss the implementation of applicable laws. We will eliminate excessive and ineffective reporting obligations.

We will eliminate ineffective reporting obligations and fundamentally assume recurring reports to be discontinuous.

Assume discontinuity.

Strengthen experimental clauses.

Through opening and experimental clauses in new and existing laws as well as through.

Real laboratories and deviation rights will promote Germany's innovative strength and improve our.

Improve legislation. This particularly serves to strengthen the design options of.

Federal government, states, and municipalities. To prepare a 'Federal Experimental Law', we want.

to immediately launch an ideas competition for states and municipalities after taking office.

Process of reorganizing federal relations.

With a future pact from the federal government, states, and municipalities, we will strengthen financial.

Capacity to act and conduct a comprehensive review of tasks and costs. Independently.

of this initiative, the federal government will take responsibility for selected tasks in the area of digitalization with high.

Standardization and automation potential will take on enforcement responsibility. For this.

we will coordinate with the states to initiate an amendment to Article 91c of the Basic Law.

so that the federal government can regulate digital administrative procedures and standards, establish IT systems.

operate and make available for shared use.

Strengthening representative democracy.

We want to further develop the Bundestag into a more modern legislative body. The.

Bundestag must be able to effectively control the government and the administration. The.

Freedom of Information Act in its current form, we want to reform with added value for citizens.

and citizens and administration. In addition to representative democracy, we will continue.

dialogical participation formats such as civil society citizens' councils of the German Bundestag.

Strengthening the rule of law in society.

We want to anchor our liberal-democratic basic order and the rule of law values more strongly.

in our society. With this focus, we want to strengthen among other things the.

Federal Agency for Civic Education as well as the political foundations and commit to.

Foundation Forum Law in Karlsruhe and Leipzig.

Reduction of bureaucracy.

Immediate program for the reduction of bureaucracy.

As part of a national 'immediate program for the reduction of bureaucracy', we will.

by the end of 2025, especially with regard to small and medium-sized enterprises, obligations to.

Abolish the appointment of operational representatives and the training, further education, and 1907
Significantly reduce documentation efforts. 1908

Furthermore, we are abolishing the national Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG). It will 1909
be replaced by a law on international corporate responsibility that implements the European 1910
Supply Chain Directive (CSDDD) in a bureaucratic and enforcement-friendly manner. The reporting obligation under 1911
the LkSG will be abolished immediately and will be completely eliminated. 1912

The applicable legal due diligence obligations will not be sanctioned until the new law comes into force, with 1913
the exception of massive human rights violations, not sanctioned. We support the 1914
“Omnibus” of the Commission to significantly reduce the extensive requirements for the content of the EU-1915
sustainability reporting, especially for medium-sized businesses, to 1916
reduce and postpone in time. 1917

The Energy Efficiency Act and the Energy Services Act will be revised and simplified 1918
and brought back to EU law. Energy efficiency targets must not hinder the flexibility of electricity consumption 1919
hinder. 1920

We abolish the obligation to issue receipts. For businesses with an annual turnover of over 100,000 euros 1921
we will introduce a cash register obligation from 01.01.2027. 1922

In addition, we will suspend numerous existing statistical obligations. In particular, we will 1923
review the Foreign Trade Statistics Act, the Act on Statistics in the Manufacturing Industry, and the 1924
Trade and Services Statistics Act. For the five most burdensome statistics for the economy 1925
statistics, we will completely eliminate national over-fulfillment of EU requirements. We will 1926
abolish at least 20 percent of federal administrative regulations to give the administration more 1927
decision-making freedom again. 1928

Infrastructure Future Act 1929

Additionally, we claim to quickly implement the important projects from the special fund 1930
and need German speed for all these projects. To quickly meet the urgent 1931
investment needs with the resources of the time-limited special fund for infrastructure 1932
federal/state/municipalities, the possibilities for accelerating planning 1933
and approval, procurement, and awarding of infrastructure projects from the special fund 1934
should be fully utilized and ambitiously regulated in an Infrastructure Future Act. These 1935
projects will be endowed with a significant public interest and thus also 1936
legally prioritized. In this context, the acceleration regulations of the LNG-1937
Acceleration Act should serve as a model and exceptions at the European level in the sense of the EU-1938
Emergency Regulation for accelerated expansion for the use of renewable energies should be created. 1939

Furthermore, we will examine whether large infrastructure projects outside the special fund can also be equipped with a 1940
outstanding public interest. 1941

25 percent reduction target and bureaucracy reduction laws 1942

We will reduce bureaucracy costs for the economy by 25 percent (around 16 billion euros) 1943
and reduce the compliance costs for companies, citizens, and administration by 1944
at least ten billion euros. Each department is responsible for contributing to these goals 1945
among other things, at least in accordance with its respective contribution to the cause and prioritizes 1946
according to relief effect. We will bundle the reduction measures of individual departments in at least one 1947
bureaucracy reduction law per year. We will implement it annually in a department-specific manner 1948
transparent. We will also achieve our goals by increasing thresholds, expanding 1949
discretionary powers, flat rates, cut-off regulations, approval fictions, 1950

preclusion regulations and trivial reservations. Additionally, a legal bureaucracy reduction should take place 1951
occur. Relevant standards in the areas of human rights, civil rights, consumer rights, 1952
employee rights or to prevent tax fraud will not be lowered. 1953

Strengthening the bureaucracy brake 1954

We are eliminating the exceptions to the so-called 'One in, one out' rule and taking into account the 1955
effort from EU requirements, the effort for citizens and administration as well as the 1956
one-time conversion effort, and develop it into a 'One in, two out' rule. 1957

Strengthening the Norm Control Council 1958

We are bringing back the National Norm Control Council (NKR) and the responsibility for national and EU-1959
bureaucracy reduction and better legislation back to the Federal Chancellery. For a real 1960
added value, we will make it more effective. It should also address the bureaucratic burden through subordinate 1961
regulations. In legislative processes, it should be more involved 1962
be. 1963

We identify bureaucracy 1964

We are setting up a digital bureaucracy portal through which bureaucratic obstacles and 1965
suggestions for improvement can be communicated. In addition, each federal ministry conducts several 1966
practical checks per year. In exchange with states, municipalities, social security agencies, and 1967
other standard setters (for example, self-governing bodies), we will develop concrete 1968
proposals to reduce bureaucracy in (sub-)legal regulations beyond the 1969
federal administration. 1970

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Trust instead of regulation and control 1973

We will reduce documentation obligations, especially for crafts, retail, agriculture, 1974
reduce gastronomy and hospitality. To this end, we increasingly rely on sanctioning violations 1975
instead of regular proof obligations. We reduce statistical obligations, data collection and 1976
reports for companies. In addition, we will consistently eliminate duplicate structures at statistical offices 1977
reduce. 1978

Unbureaucratic funding landscape of the federal government 1979

We will review all federal funding programs for target accuracy and efficiency 1980
check. We will simplify application and proof procedures and funding applications 1981
replace as much as possible with flat rates. Funding measures should be fully standardized in the future 1982
and can be processed electronically. We want to introduce a central funding platform of the 1983
federal government. We will accelerate decisions on funding commitments. 1984

De-bureaucratize volunteer work 1985

We are introducing a comprehensive bureaucratic reduction law for associations and volunteer engagement 1986
on the way. We will simplify the non-profit status review for small associations and 1987
exempt in as far as possible from VAT. 1988

We ensure that volunteer engagement brings joy and receives more recognition 1989
experiences. Therefore, we are creating a "Future Pact for Volunteering." We will increase the volunteer and 1990
increase the instructor flat rate. We will also raise the exemption limit for volunteer as well as 1991
economic business and purpose operations, simplify data protection, non-profit, 1992
association and donation law and improve the liability privilege. 1993

EU bureaucratic reduction by the federal government 1994

We are working to ensure that the bureaucracy emanating from the EU level is comprehensively and 1995
effectively reduced. We support the EU Commission in reducing bureaucracy 1996
and demand higher ambitions (for example, "One in, two out" rule, reduction of 1997
adjustment and administrative costs by at least 25 percent or 35 percent for 1998

small and medium-sized enterprises. The federal government will advocate for bureaucratic reduction and avoidance in every EU dossier 1999
and bureaucracy avoidance and take an active role in the EU Council working groups and 2000
committee committees. 2001

We prevent unnecessary burdens from the European level. This includes that the 2002
Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) does not apply due to the introduction of the "zero-risk variant" 2003
is found. In addition, we reject the EU Soil Law to prevent further burdens. Furthermore 2004
we want to avoid excessive regulations for sustainable investments (taxonomy), 2005
sustainability reporting (CSRD), the supply chain due diligence obligation (CSDDD), the CO2-2006

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), conflict minerals or through the overwhelming amount 2007
prevent delegated acts. We support the European omnibus procedure for 2008
Supply Chain Due Diligence (CSDDD), for sustainability reporting (CSRD), taxonomy and CO2-2009
Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and we advocate for a low-bureaucracy solution 2010
especially for small and medium-sized enterprises. We create legal and 2011
planning security and support companies in good legal implementation. 2012

Low-bureaucracy EU law implementation 2013

In implementing EU law into national law, we exclude bureaucratic over-fulfillment. 2014
We reject parallel regulations at the European and national levels. 2015

Modern justice 2016

Pact for the rule of law 2017

We will work with a new pact for the rule of law together with the states to strengthen the judiciary 2018
to make it future-proof. It is based on three pillars: improved digitization, streamlining 2019
and acceleration of procedures and a strengthening of personnel. Only through a 2020
connection of all three elements do we ensure the high quality of jurisprudence and enable 2021
quick decisions. 2022

Digitization of the judiciary 2023

We are consistently continuing the digitization of the judiciary. In modern digital legal transactions, 2024
media breaks must belong to the past. Together with the states, we set standards for the 2025
transmission of digital documents including official files to courts and 2026
public prosecutors. We are implementing the federal justice cloud together with the states. We 2027
are launching a justice portal with a communication platform, enforcement register and other 2028
citizen services (for example, digital legal application office, access to digital legal transactions for 2029
citizens and small businesses). We enable the use of artificial 2030
intelligence in the judiciary. 2031

Access to justice 2032

We will facilitate access to justice and strengthen the judiciary in the regions. Through a 2033
significant increase in the jurisdictional value will strengthen the local courts. The appeal 2034
values will be increased. We will introduce an online procedure in civil jurisdiction. 2035
We want to ensure more effective service of process within Europe. 2036

Reforms of procedural law 2037

We are translating the procedural regulations into the digital age so that procedural platforms can take the place of 2038
classic files and can incorporate digital evidence. We want 2039

Significantly reduce procedural durations in general by, among other things, limiting access to second fact instances. In addition, we create legal foundations for possibilities of judicial procedural structuring, for example through early procedural conferences or guidelines for structuring the parties' presentations. We will extend preclusion deadlines. For the modernization of the Civil Procedure Code, we are taking up impulses from the reform commission "Civil Procedure of the Future," taking further measures to manage so-called mass proceedings and strengthening estimation and flat-rate powers. To ensure effective prosecution and a swift conduct of proceedings, a fundamental revision of the Criminal Procedure Code is indispensable, which is why we are establishing a commission of science and practice involving the states to be appointed. We will improve victim protection in criminal proceedings and particularly facilitate the audiovisual questioning of minor witnesses. We will also amend the Administrative Court Procedure Act and enable an increased use of single judges and examine the introduction of pilot procedures. Administrative courts should focus more on the presented party submissions while maintaining the principle of official investigation on the presented party submissions and on a legality review.

Opening and experimentation clauses

We strengthen the design options of the states through opening and experimentation clauses in the area of court organization, digitization, and judicial jurisdictions.

Simplification of procurement law and strategic procurement management

We will advocate for simplifying procurement law at the national and European levels for deliveries and services of all kinds for the federal government, states, and municipalities, to accelerate and digitize. For us, the principle of SME-friendly procurement applies. We will bring procurement law back to its goal of economic, non-discriminatory, and corruption-free procurement. We create sectoral exemptions from the procurement law, especially in matters of national security and for lead markets for low-emission products in the basic materials industry with a pioneer field for Deutsche Bahn. We aim for the thresholds for public tenders in national law to achieve standardization and we want to raise them especially for direct awards and negotiated awards.

Value limits for direct contracts

At the federal level, we will raise the value limit for direct contracts for supplies and services to 50,000 euros and for start-ups with innovative services in the first four years after their founding to 100,000 euros. We also advocate for a moderate increase at the European level. increase of the thresholds and for a separate consideration of planning services.

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Public Procurement 2075

We will systematically optimize public procurement. We will implement a strategic 2076

Procurement management will be implemented. Authorities should in the future be able to rely on framework agreements from other 2077

public authorities and may rely on central purchasing platforms. The 2078

Federal ordering platform (Federal Department Store) will be turned into a digital marketplace for 2079

federal, state, and municipal governments and consolidate the procurement platforms. We also want to centrally manage the IT procurement of 2080

the federal government centrally and strategically to reduce dependencies on monopolistic providers to 2081

reduce and strengthen the digital location of Germany. Bidders should be able to demonstrate their suitability as 2082

low in bureaucracy, digital, and friendly to small and medium-sized enterprises, for example through verified systems 2083

or self-declarations. We will accelerate the awarding of public contracts by eliminating the 2084

suspensive effect of legal remedies against decisions of the procurement chambers to the 2085

Higher Regional Courts will be eliminated. 2086

Once-Only – no multiple collection of data 2087

For us, the 'Once-Only' principle applies. Citizens and businesses should only have to provide their data 2088

to the state once. To this end, we establish a fundamental 2089

prohibition of double collection and obligations for data exchange within the administration. The 2090

We will advance the modernization of registers by networking federal registers and on 2091

sovereign cloud platforms, continuing the German administrative cloud strategy centrally 2092

maintain. 2093

De-bureaucratizing data protection 2094

We are reforming data protection supervision and consolidating it under the Federal Data Protection Commissioner. 2095

We want to develop solutions considering the fundamental right to informational self-determination and within the 2096

framework of European law to develop solutions to replace cumbersome 2097

consent solutions for more comfortable use of state services with 2098

unbureaucratic objection solutions. 2099

We will anchor the Data Protection Conference (DSK) in the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG) to develop common 2100

standards. We will use all available leeway of the GDPR to ensure 2101

coherence, uniform interpretations, and simplifications for small and medium-sized enterprises, 2102

employees, and volunteer work. At the European level, we want to achieve that non-2103

commercial activities (for example in associations), small and medium-sized enterprises and 2104

low-risk data processing (for example, customer lists of craftsmen) from the 2105

scope of the General Data Protection Regulation to be exempted. In the interest of 2106

the economy, we strive for a bundling of responsibilities and competencies at the 2107

Federal Data Protection Commissioner. She should then be the Federal Commissioner for Data Use, Data Protection 2108

and Freedom of Information. 2109

Acceleration of planning and approval procedures 2110

We will implement the pact for acceleration of planning, approval, and implementation together with 2111 fully implement it with the states in the first half of the legislative period and, among other things, for 2112 further develop industrial projects. 2113

In addition, we will expand cut-off date regulations, examine the extension of pre-qualifications, and 2114 create new framework approvals. In all areas where early 2115 approval can be practically granted without irreparable damage, we want to introduce the so-called 2116 approval fiction. 2117

We want to enshrine the priority of public interests in planning law (privileging 2118 planning projects), especially for public service projects. For objections that were not raised in 2119 administrative procedures in a timely manner, we advocate for the introduction of 2120 material preclusion as well as for a corresponding clause in EU law. 2121

Simplification of infrastructure projects. Furthermore, we want to achieve a 2122 reduction and simplification of the material requirements for infrastructure projects. 2123 We will reform, streamline, and focus the association's right to sue before administrative courts on the 2124 actual impact. We will reduce it to the minimum required by European law 2125 and through initiatives of the federal government aim for further international reduction 2126 We will also utilize permissible leeway under EU law for the 2127

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and simplify it, among other things, by 2128 raising thresholds for projects subject to EIA and examining a suspension of the EIA preliminary review for 2129 amendment approvals. The replacement of dilapidated infrastructures should only occur through a 2130 planning approval, and not through a renewed planning determination. 2131

Our blueprint: Administrative modernization for social benefits 2132

The administration of social benefits is too complicated. Especially in difficult life situations, citizens have 2133 other concerns than to struggle through bureaucracy. Therefore, we will 2134 consistently consolidate and simplify social law foundations, procedures, and responsibilities and 2135 present a concept for simplification by the end of 2025. 2136

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2.3. Digital 2138

Germany – Digital. Sovereign. Ambitious 2139

Our digital policy is focused on sovereignty, innovation, and social progress. 2140

Digital policy is power policy. We want a digitally sovereign Germany. To this end, we will reduce digital 2141 dependencies by developing key technologies, securing standards, and digital 2142

Protecting and expanding infrastructures. We are creating European integrated and resilient 2143
Value chains for key industries, from raw materials to chips to hardware and software. 2144
Digital policy is economic policy 2145

We will put Germany on the digital fast track by improving the conditions for 2146
applied research, founding, and transfer. This will ensure that 2147
value creation increasingly takes place in Germany and Europe. We are expanding computing capacities, 2148
unlocking data treasures and becoming more attractive to talents and IT top professionals. 2149

Digital policy is social policy 2150

We strengthen digital skills to enable all people to participate in society and 2151
to make our democracy more resilient against disinformation and manipulation. Even in the 2152
digital world, we protect our free democratic basic order. People can 2153
rely on a digitally sovereign and capable state. 2154

Germany digital, connected, and resilient 2155

Our guiding principle: a forward-looking, connected, efficient, and user-centered administration – 2156
increasingly application-free, situation-oriented, and purely digital (digital only) with targeted 2157
support offerings. An end-to-end digitization and digitally compatible laws are the key to this 2158
the key. Countries and municipalities will be enabled to use the following solutions, which are prioritized 2159
to be implemented: An interoperable and European-compatible sovereign Germany stack 2160
integrates AI, cloud services, and basic components. In building these structures, we check 2161
whether European providers have already developed corresponding solution models. Not 2162
trustworthy providers will be legally excluded in the future. The federal government strengthens its 2163
core infrastructure, such as networks and data centers. The German Administrative Cloud (DVC) will be implemented with 2164
sovereign standards that ensure interoperability and prevent uncontrolled data leaks 2165
prevent. We are implementing the register modernization, creating access to the administration via the 2166
automatically provided Germany-ID and the secure eID/EUDI wallet. We extensively use automation and AI 2167
We utilize it comprehensively. We make the state the anchor customer for the digital economy and want 2168
to primarily use private IT service providers to strengthen digital sovereignty. To develop the EUDI wallet 2169
an ecosystem should develop. 2170

We ensure our digital sovereignty 2171

We define cross-level open interfaces, open standards, and actively promote Open Source 2172
with private and public actors in the European ecosystem, among other things, 2173
with the Center for Digital Sovereignty (ZenDiS), the Sovereign Tech Agency, the Federal Agency for 2174
Leap Innovations (SPRIND). For this, we strategically align our IT budget and define 2175
ambitious goals for Open Source. We establish a data duplication prohibition (Once-Only) and 2176

eliminate barriers to digitization. We create written form requirements wherever possible, 2177 using a general clause. We rely on data-based management and impact orientation, 2178 strategic foresight, new forms of collaboration and recruitment, open 2179 innovations as well as a culture that stands for a willingness to experiment and responsibility. With the help of 2180 we make laws more implementation-friendly and understandable through digitization. This includes 2181 practicality tests, the visualization of structures and processes, as well as a digital 2182 implementation and uniform terms. 2183

strengthening resilience 2184

We strengthen the resilience of our country by improving IT security, especially in 2185 critical infrastructures, and building robust value chains (including in chip 2186 and semiconductor technology). Skills and products aimed at ensuring protection in cyberspace, 2187 are considered key technologies. We invest in IT security and application-oriented 2188 resilience research. Public IT security is improved through emergency management and preventive 2189 consulting services for small and medium-sized enterprises improved. 2190

Germany as a data center location 2191

We strengthen Germany as a data center location as a beacon of Europe by supporting clusters and 2192 regional and decentralized settlements. We are bringing at least one of the European 2193 "AI Gigafactories" to Germany and promote edge computing. Through a 2194 digitization offensive with power grid operators and more transparency about 2195 grid connection capacities, we facilitate the planning and integration of data centers into the 2196 power grid. We accelerate the construction and expansion of data centers, especially in 2197 Eastern Germany, and facilitate operations through practical design, possibly amending 2198 the relevant regulations. We promote the practical implementation of climate neutrality and 2199 facilitate, for example, the use of waste heat for feeding into district heating networks. 2200

Digital infrastructure 2201

We are advancing our digital infrastructures with the nationwide fiber optic expansion FTTH (to every 2202 every (rental) apartment) significantly. The principle is "market before state". We implement funding programs for mobile 2203 and fiber optic expansion where market-driven expansion is not possible. In doing so, 2204 we take into account the special funding needs of countries with challenging topography and 2205 population density. 2206

The mobile infrastructure company (MIG) will continue at least until the 2207

approved funding projects are completed. We are examining how we can use the expertise built up at MIG in the long term to 2208 apply expertise and competence in the long term to advance the nationwide mobile expansion in previously 2209 unserved or underserved rural areas. 2210

In the promotion of gigabit, we create a sufficient funding provision. We will 2211 quickly introduce an effective acceleration law that defines mobile communications and 2212 fiber optic expansion as a superior public interest. We are consistently reducing expansion barriers and bureaucracy 2213 we are systematically dismantling, for example through fiction regulations. To accelerate the expansion, 2214 we are mandatorily introducing digital application processes (for example, broadband portal). 2215 We are continuously increasing minimum requirements for broadband connections. We aim for a concept 2216 for market- and consumer-friendly migration from copper to fiber optic networks. We will continue the monitoring 2217 of the planning and expansion processes on site. For mobile network expansion, we maintain the 2218 high supply requirements for frequency allocations. These must be verified based on the actual 2219 user experience. We will further develop the legal framework of the advisory board of the 2220 Federal Network Agency. We will support the use of satellite technology for 2221 mobile coverage. In the allocation of UHF frequencies, we advocate for 2222 consideration of all legitimate interests at the European level. 2223

Society – digitally competent, self-determined, and inclusive 2224

The sovereign, secure, and critical handling of digital tools and media increases the resilience 2225 of our society, the defensibility of our democracy, and the competitiveness of our 2226 economy. Therefore, we are launching an age-inclusive digital competence offensive. For this, we use 2227 the diversity of start-ups, businesses, public educational institutions, and social associations to 2228 create innovative and sustainable offerings for all population groups. In an increasingly 2229 connected world, we ensure digital participation for all and strengthen accessibility. We 2230 combat discrimination in the digital space and protect digital fundamental rights. In principle, 2231 we ensure the confidentiality of private communication and anonymity on the internet. 2232

Economy – Growth of Tomorrow with Data and Artificial Intelligence 2233

We want to develop Germany into a strong digital location with a strong digital ecosystem 2234 – from start-ups to SMEs to tech giants. We support the 2235 technology transfer from universities to the economy, from start-ups to established companies. We 2236 make Germany attractive for international talents, especially IT specialists and researchers. 2237

Culture of Data Use and Data Sharing 2238

We want a culture of data use and data sharing that establishes a data economy, based on 2239 innovation and protects fundamental and freedom rights. To this end, we eliminate legal uncertainties, 2240 unlock data treasures, promote data ecosystems, and focus on data sovereignty. We create the 2241 basis to compile regulations that are appropriate into a data code. 2242

We follow the principle of "public money, public data" and ensure through 2243 data trustees trust in data management and high data quality. Where possible, we create 2244

2245 wir einen Rechtsanspruch auf Open Data bei staatlichen Einrichtungen. Wir schaffen eine moderne
2246 Regelung für Mobilitäts-, Gesundheits- und Forschungsdaten. Dabei wahren wir alle berechtigten
2247 Interessen. Wir fördern die breite Anwendung von Privacy Enhancing Technologies.

2248 **Reform des Datenschutzes**

2249 Wir reformieren die Datenschutzaufsicht. Die Datenschutzkonferenz (DSK) verankern wir im
2250 Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (BDSG), um gemeinsame Standards zu erarbeiten. Wir nutzen alle
2251 vorhandenen Spielräume der DSGVO, um beim Datenschutz für Kohärenz, einheitliche Auslegungen
2252 und Vereinfachungen für kleine und mittlere Unternehmen, Beschäftigte und das Ehrenamt zu sorgen.
2253 Im Interesse der Wirtschaft streben wir eine Bündelung der Zuständigkeiten und Kompetenzen bei der
2254 Bundesdatenschutzbeauftragten an. Sie soll dann Bundesbeauftragte für Datennutzung, Datenschutz
2255 und Informationsfreiheit sein.

2256 **Spitzenstandort für Zukunftstechnologien**

2257 Wir stellen Deutschland als Spitzenstandort für digitale Zukunftstechnologien auf und stärken dadurch
2258 unsere Wettbewerbsfähigkeit und digitale Souveränität. Schlüsseltechnologien, wie Künstliche Intelligenz,
2259 Quanten, Robotik, Informations- und Kommunikationstechnologien (IKT), Photonik sowie Mikro- und
2260 Nanoelektronik bieten enormes Potenzial für Transformation. Dabei setzen wir auf die in den Ländern
2261 bestehenden Technologiezentren und Innovationscluster auf. Mit der Förderung und Nutzung von
2262 Schlüsseltechnologien schaffen wir eine Verwaltungsrevolution, Wirtschaftswachstum und
2263 gesellschaftlichen Mehrwert. Wir setzen auf KI-Sprunginnovationen (zum Beispiel branchenspezifische KI-
2264 Sprachmodelle). Wir verbessern den Zugang zu Daten, Kapazitäten für Hochleistungsrechnen und wollen
2265 mehr Fachkräfte, insbesondere Frauen, für die IT-Branche gewinnen. Besonders kleine und mittlere
2266 Unternehmen und Start-ups unterstützen wir durch gezielte Angebote wie KI-Reallabore. Wir stärken den
2267 Transfer in neue Geschäftsmodelle und konkrete Anwendungsfelder, zum Beispiel industrielle Künstliche
2268 Intelligenz, Automobil und Gesundheit sowie soziale Innovationen. Wir wirken darauf hin, dass im Zuge der
2269 technischen und rechtlichen Spezifizierungen des AI-Acts Belastungen für die Wirtschaft abgebaut werden.
2270 Wir stellen sicher, dass die nationale Umsetzung des AI-Acts innovationsfreundlich und bürokratiearm
2271 erfolgt und die Marktaufsicht nicht zersplittert wird. Angesichts der dynamischen Entwicklung in diesem
2272 Bereich werden wir die europäische Digitalrechtsakte entsprechend anpassen. Unternehmen stellen wir
2273 eine zentrale Servicestelle zur Verfügung. Wir stellen eine angemessene Beteiligung der Zivilgesellschaft
2274 und Gewerkschaften sicher. Bei der Entwicklung von Schlüsseltechnologien unterstützen wir die
2275 ökologische, soziale und ökonomische Nachhaltigkeit sowie AI Safety. Wir prüfen, ob und gegebenenfalls
2276 in welcher Form Haftungsregeln mit Blick auf Künstliche Intelligenz auf europäischer Ebene angepasst
2277 werden müssen. Zum Ausbau der digitalen Resilienz stärken wir die EuroStack-Initiative.

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Strengthening the space industry 2279

We will strengthen Germany's space industry, build a resilient satellite infrastructure, 2280
for example, establish capacities for crisis communication and internet connectivity and sovereign capacities 2281
for launching satellites into space from Europe. We advocate for a more efficient 2282
organization of European space activities. To ensure safety in airspace 2283
we are swiftly implementing the U-Space regulation. We also see the seas as a digital opportunity space. 2284

Together – a strong Germany with EU and international partners 2285

We want a cohesive EU legal framework and implement EU digital law in an innovation-friendly manner 2286
and coherently. "Made in Europe" should be a global brand for digital security, data sovereignty, 2287
innovation and fairness. The EU platform laws protect fundamental rights, users 2288
as well as fair competition. We will enforce them consistently so that platforms remove criminal 2289
content and actively address systemic risks such as disinformation. The introduction of a 2290
mandatory identification of bots is being examined. We advocate for a ban on unfair 2291
business practices such as dark patterns and addictive designs. We welcome the development of open 2292
European platform models. We aim for digital policy cooperation agreements 2293
with global partners, including from the Global South. We actively participate in UN, standardization, and 2294
standardization bodies. We advocate for the preservation of a free, fair, 2295
neutral, and open internet. This is our vision for a digital age in which we act sovereignly, 2296
safely and competitively – for the benefit of our society, to protect democratic 2297
values and for growth and prosperity. 2298

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2.4. Education, research, and innovation 2300

Children and young people should be able to realize their potential regardless of their background. As 2301
a resource-poor industrial country, we need a modern education system that considers the individual needs of 2302
students and strengthens democracy. We promote educational equity, 2303
performance, and inclusion. We will strengthen early childhood education and educational transitions 2304
and reduce the number of young people without qualifications. Our recognized training and 2305
continuing education system ensures prosperity, growth, and future skills. We want to better coordinate measures at all 2306
levels, dismantle parallel structures, and manage resources responsibly 2307
steer. 2308

Education, research, and innovation are the key to the future of our country. We are proud of 2309
the outstanding achievements that science has made in the new federal states, through our 2310

joint investments yield. We want to make Germany fit and give education, research and 2311
give innovation a greater importance in our country. To this end, we will invest massively. 2312

Federal-State Cooperation 2313

We are committed to educational federalism. In this context, we want to improve the cooperation of 2314
the federal government, states, and municipalities with jointly supported, overarching educational goals 2315
and make it more efficient. In a commission, the federal government and states should agree on proposals involving 2316
municipalities, particularly proposals for deregulation, for the accelerated implementation of 2317
joint projects and for constructive cooperation. With respect to the respective 2318
responsibilities, we want to agree with the states on relevant and measurable educational goals for the next decade 2319
and establish measurable educational goals and create data-driven school development and the 2320
creation of an educational progress register. We support the introduction of a compatible, 2321
data protection-compliant student ID and enable the linking with the citizen-2322
ID. We strengthen the cross-sector collaboration of schools, youth, and integration assistance 2323
and we interlink federal competencies along the educational biography both organizationally and content-wise 2324
more strongly. 2325

Start Opportunities Program and Multiprofessionalism 2326

We want to reduce the number of primary school children who fail to meet the minimum standards in reading, writing, and arithmetic 2327
and significantly reduce the number of young people without a diploma. To this end, we want to 2328
further develop the Start Opportunities Program with less bureaucracy, expand it to more schools 2329
and use the gained experiences for the entire school system, also for the multiprofessional 2330
collaboration. 2331

Digital Pact 2.0 2332

With the new Digital Pact, we are expanding the digital infrastructure and reliable administration. We 2333
are promoting application-oriented teacher training, digitization-related school and 2334
curriculum development, self-adaptive, AI-supported learning systems, as well as digital-supported 2335
representation concepts. We are extending the billing period for initiated cross-state 2336
measures by two years. We reliably equip needy children with devices 2337
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Democracy and Media Education 2339

We strengthen democracy education, media, and news literacy together with the states. 2340
To this end, we support existing initiatives and the federal program "Culture Makes Strong". 2341
Racism, anti-Semitism, and anti-Israel sentiment have no place in schools and universities. 2342
Schools should benefit more from anti-Semitism research, and teachers should be empowered to 2343
recognize anti-Semitism and take action against it. The effects of screen time and social 2344

We will evaluate media usage scientifically as soon as possible and develop a package of measures 2345 to strengthen health and youth media protection. 2346

School renovation 2347

We are launching an investment program to support the renovation and preservation of schools and 2348 to support the creation of new capacities. 2349

Excellent teacher education 2350

For more reliability and quality in the school system as well as in personnel recruitment, we use the 2351 Future contract for studies and teaching and we are re-launching the "Quality Offensive Teacher Education". 2352

Educational research 2353

In educational research, we focus on educational transitions that 2354 educational organization and implementation research and promote the transfer to practice. 2355 From the joint educational monitoring, practical recommendations should be derived more strongly. 2356

STEM, entrepreneurship education, and education for sustainable development (BNE) 2357

We are expanding early STEM education as well as the competition "Youth Research", supporting the 2358 establishment of student companies and "Education for Sustainable Development" (BNE). 2359

Transitions and career orientation 2360

We are expanding the career orientation program, integrating it with existing measures from the 2361 Federal Employment Agency, from states and social partners, and dismantling parallel structures. With a 2362 joint roadmap, we enable a structured, digital and data-driven 2363 career orientation process. Together with the states, we anchor career choice competence in schools and 2364 strengthen early career planning with youth career agencies and vocational schools. For young people 2365 without professional prospects, we are considering a requirement to register for career counseling, and 2366 create the legal foundations for systematic and data protection-compliant data use 2367 through the youth career agencies. 2368

Modernization of learning locations 2369

For well-equipped learning locations, we invest in the renovation and preservation of 2370 vocational schools and inter-company training centers. We are further developing the pact for vocational schools 2371 we are continuing to develop. 2372

Quality offensive 2373

We will evaluate the Vocational Training Act in 2025, among other things, with regard to the 2374 minimum training remuneration and reserve the right to make corresponding legislative adjustments. 2375 Together with the states, we create more transparency regarding the framework conditions for 2376

practice-integrated dual students. Based on these findings, we examine to what extent collective agreements 2377 solutions can be made available for this group. 2378

We are examining the contribution reductions of social insurances for training remuneration 2379 to adjust according to the transitional area above the mini-job limit. 2380

Equivalence 2381

With the legal establishment of the German Qualifications Framework (DQR), solely as an instrument for 2382 transparency and higher permeability in the public service, we strengthen the equivalence of 2383 vocational and academic education. International mobility, Erasmus+ as well as talent promotion 2384 of trainees we are expanding. We continue the Alliance for Education and Training. 2385

Adjustment of training and further education regulations 2386

We regularly and systematically review the training and further education regulations with the social partners 2387 and adapt them to new requirements in a timely manner. 2388

Advancements through further education and training 2389

With a reform, we want to make the advancement BAföG more attractive and less bureaucratic. We 2390 will introduce fee-free advancement training, gradually expanding support instruments for 2391 part-time measures and make a second advancement training at the same 2392 training level initially eligible for shortage occupations. 2393

Strengthening employability 2394

We strengthen modular, qualification-oriented further education. The large number of people over 25 2395 years without vocational qualifications we want to sustainably integrate into the 2396 labor market. We support the social partners in the sub-legal definition of 2397 standards and processes for the development of partial qualifications within the framework of the 2398 Main Committee of the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training. With a funding program, we introduce a 2399 validation grant. 2400

Further education offensive 2401

We are launching a digital pact for further education and a funding program for digital participation. The 2402 Distance Learning Protection Act (USG) we are modernizing. We are implementing the National Further Education Strategy 2403 with a focus on stronger standardization and transparency of certificates. 2404

We strengthen universities as places of further education and support company training, 2405 among other things through further education mentors. We are developing lifelong learning 2406 more transparently. 2407

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Basic education 2409

Building on the Alpha Decade, we strengthen the structures and networks with the countries. We set 2410 additional focuses on democracy, health, and digital 2411

Basic education. Vocational qualifications 2412

It is important to tear down bureaucratic barriers, for example through consistent digitization as well as 2413 Centralization of processes and an accelerated recognition of vocational qualifications. 2414 We are expanding vocational language courses. We simplify the processes through better 2415 employer participation. We advocate for uniform recognition procedures within eight 2416 weeks. We will sustain the recognition and qualification counseling for individuals with 2417 foreign vocational qualifications at the Federal Employment Agency. 2418

Science 2419

Freedom of science 2420

We maintain Germany as an attractive destination and safe harbor for 2421 freedom of science for researchers from around the world. With a "1,000 Heads Program" we will 2422 attract international talents. Funding decisions follow science-driven criteria. 2423 We want to secure scientifically relevant data sets, whose existence is threatened, worldwide 2424 and keep them accessible. 2425

Career paths in science 2426

We sustainably improve the working conditions for researchers, educators, and students, 2427 make career paths more reliable and reflect this in federal funding. We will revise 2428 the Science Fixed-Term Contract Act by mid-2026. We will introduce minimum contract durations before and after the 2429 PhD and expand protection clauses on third-party funding limitations. With a 2430 Mid-level strategy, we streamline project funding, fundamentally ensuring longer 2431 program durations, create incentives for department structures and for the development of 2432 job profiles. We are expanding the tenure-track program and improving the conditions 2433 for more permanent positions. We want to increase the proportion of women in scientific leadership positions 2434 further – we support the cascade model and strengthen the women professors program. 2435 We design the regulations for time recording at universities to be legally secure and practical. 2436 We create a regulation in the Part-Time and Fixed-Term Employment Act (TzBfG) that exempts employment relationships during 2437 a course of study from the connection ban. 2438

Science communication and dissemination 2439

Science communication must be an integral part of science and research funding 2440 be. We set a goal here within the framework of the PFI and the Academies Program. We are establishing a 2441

independent foundation for science communication and journalism. For science-based 2442
Fact dissemination is important for research museums. 2443

Study financing 2444

We want to modernize the BAföG in a major reform. We will increase the flat rate for housing costs 2445
to the winter semester 2026/27 once to 440 euros per month and review this regularly. The 2446
Exemptions will be dynamized. We will adjust the basic needs for students in two steps (half 2447
to the winter semester 2027/28 and 2028/29) permanently to the basic security level. The 2448
Basic needs for students will be increased by the same percentage. The 2449
Loan caps remain unchanged. We want to further simplify the BAföG reference, 2450
digitize and accelerate. We want to simplify the annual follow-up applications, the application for 2451
the study start assistance we want to integrate into the BAföG application. The additional income limit remains linked to 2452
the mini-job limit. We want to accelerate the implementation of the foreign BAföG 2453
and anchor it centrally in the Federal Office of Administration. For the KfW student loan as a supplement in 2454
in special situations, we advocate for fair conditions and also provide a product with 2455
fixed interest rate available. 2456

Talent promotion and scholarships 2457

We strengthen talent promotion foundations and the Foundation for Talent Promotion in Vocational Education and significantly increase 2458
the funding significantly. In doing so, the complete digitization and 2459
simplification of the application process is important. Scholarships must be expanded in type and scope and 2460
be awarded as unbureaucratically as possible. 2461

University renovation and modernization 2462

We are launching a rapid construction initiative from the federal and state governments for modernization, energy-efficient 2463
renovation and digital upgrading of universities and university hospitals, including cafeterias and 2464
cafeterias as a temporary investment program. 2465

Study and teaching 2466

We systematically strengthen study and teaching and dynamize the "Future Contract for Study and 2467
Teaching Strengthening" even beyond 2028. The Foundation "Innovation in Higher Education" will be further developed based on 2468
the evaluation results. 2469

German Research Foundation (DFG) 2470

We will raise the DFG program flat rates for new applications to 30 percent. Half of the 2471
increase is provided by the DFG. The other half will be covered equally by the federal and state governments. 2472

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University Medicine 2474

To strengthen profile formation in university medicine, to stimulate collaborative research and translation to 2475 promote, we want to create a leading initiative in university medicine from the existing and developing German Centers of 2476 Health Research involving the Helmholtz Association as a top initiative of 2477 to shape university medicine and strengthen its promotion. More clinical research is needed by 2478 the federal government and states to combat major public diseases. The University Medicine Network 2479 we will stabilize with all stakeholders. We will continue to support the goals of the Master Plan for Medical Studies. 2480 A prerequisite is an agreement on the design and financing in a federal-state 2481 Commission. The flat rates for university medicine should be based on actual costs 2482 orient. University medicine should be adequately considered in the transformation fund 2483 be. 2484

Excellence Strategy 2485

We will fundamentally evaluate the Excellence Strategy in the funding lines of Excellence Clusters and Excellence Universities for 2486 a possible funding period starting from 2030. 2487

Internationalization 2488

We will continuously increase the funds from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Alexander von 2489 Humboldt Foundation (AvH) as well as the Max Weber Foundation across departments, 2490 so that they can expand their programs again. We advocate for a continuation of Erasmus+ 2491 and we will further increase the proportion of professionally qualified individuals. We simplify the visa issuance 2492 for professionals from academia and students. 2493

Structural Reforms 2494

We leverage research funds with third parties. We consolidate federal research funding. The 2495 Departmental research is excluded. We reduce bureaucracy and rethink processes from 2496 the ground up. We support non-university research institutions (AuF) in becoming 2497 more complementary and efficient. Research must be considered in its entirety, from 2498 fundamentals to application. Through hub structures, we want to create innovation spaces 2499 create. These should connect research infrastructures and research activities across locations and 2500 stakeholders to ecosystems. 2501

Research and Innovation Funding 2502

We are launching a high-tech agenda for Germany involving the states. We want to 2503 organize technology-open innovation ecosystems and research fields in defined missions 2504 and promote with clear goals and milestones, involving both university and 2505 non-university actors, industry, and startups. In addition to funding programs, the state will also 2506

acting as anchor customer. We prioritize the research and innovation funding of the federal government for the high-tech agenda in a first step 2507 and innovation promotion of the federal government on the following key technologies: 2508

- Artificial Intelligence: We are launching an AI offensive with a 100,000 GPU program (AI-2509 Gigafactory). We provide an excellent infrastructure that enables research and universities through 2510 the establishment and expansion of high and highest performance computing centers access to corresponding 2511 computer infrastructures. We want to establish AI centers of excellence in collaboration. 2512
- Quantum technologies: We are expanding the national quantum ecosystem. Powerful 2513 quantum systems we make available across the board and ensure the accelerated development 2514 of at least two quantum supercomputers in competition. 2515
- Microelectronics: We strengthen the microelectronics location in Germany and consider 2516 research, skilled workers, and manufacturing together – we are establishing a competence center for chip design 2517 . 2518
- Biotechnology: We promote the development of new active ingredients and therapies through 2519 life sciences, molecular biology, and pharmaceutical research as well as agricultural 2520 /nutritional sciences and biodiversity research. We are creating a National Biobank as 2521 the basis for prevention, precision, and personalized medicine. 2522
- Fusion and climate-neutral energy generation: We are advancing novel climate technologies. We 2523 are expanding research in the fields of photovoltaics, wind energy, geothermal energy, hydrogen, and 2524 storage technologies such as batteries. We want to promote fusion research more strongly 2525 promote. Our goal is: The first fusion reactor in the world should be located in Germany. 2526
- Climate-neutral mobility: We are intensifying our research activities for the decarbonization 2527 of land-based mobility as well as shipping and aviation. The reliable establishment and expansion 2528 of battery research through the competence clusters plays a central role just like connected mobility 2529 central role. 2530

Strategic research fields 2531

- Health research: We strengthen health research also with a focus on personalized 2532 medicine. We continue the strategic approach in gene and cell therapy. We support 2533 the efforts of the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) to establish branches, 2534 to improve access to innovations and research nationwide. We are building in the 2535 field of oncological research and clinical care relevant networks (DKTK, 2536 NCT). We promote research on women's health and post-infectious diseases (Long COVID, 2537 ME/CFS and PostVac). 2538
- Marine, climate, and sustainability research: We are renewing the German research fleet and 2539 sustaining the German Alliance for Marine Research. We strengthen research on climate change, 2540

Climate impacts and climate adaptation as well as climate-relevant ecosystems such as forests, coasts, 2541
moorlands, high mountains, and to the circular economy. 2542

- Humanities and social sciences: We strengthen the promotion of social, humanities, and 2543
cultural sciences, especially memory culture, political education, and 2544

democracy research as well as social policy research. We are developing a competence network for 2545
Jewish contemporary research and strengthen antisemitism research. 2546

- Security and defense research as well as dual-use: We are expanding peace and 2547
conflict research as well as regional research (for example on Eastern Europe, China, USA) and 2548
create a funding framework for security and defense research including 2549

cybersecurity and secure infrastructures, to enable cooperation between universities and 2550
non-university research with the Bundeswehr and companies more effectively. 2551

- Aerospace: We are launching an offensive for aerospace and successfully bringing 2552
top research and commercialization together. We are establishing a National 2553
Hyperloop reference track. 2554

Strengthening and accelerating the transfer 2555

We are creating an umbrella brand "Initiative Research & Application" with three pillars: (1) The programs 2556
ZIM, IGF, and INNO-KOM, (2) "Transfer booster" with the transfer programs of the BMBF including DATI-2557
pilot under the consortium leadership of HAW, (3) "German Application Research Community" 2558
(DAFG) with the programs "Research at HAW" and "FH Personnel". The DAFG is to be included in 2559
the Pact for Research and Innovation (PFI). Universities of applied 2560

sciences (HAW) must be adequately involved in the funding revenue of the DFG. We 2561
are expanding the funding programs WIR, RUBIN, and T!Raum. We promote social innovations and 2562
use funds from dormant accounts in a revolving fund for this purpose. 2563

Innovation Freedom Act 2564

We give research more freedom and unleash it from petty funding bureaucracy. We 2565
create sector exemptions for research, among other things, in the Value Added Tax Act and identify 2566
further areas such as in procurement law. We will streamline application logics, proof requirements, and 2567
regulations and accelerate decisions. This includes, for example, a 2568

more flexible management of project funds and streamlining the governance system of the 2569
project sponsors. We regulate fusion power plants outside of nuclear law. We will introduce a 2570
contemporary regulation of cell and gene therapies in research. We create an independent 2571
law for scientific animal experiments. We facilitate data usage (BDSG) and will present a 2572
research data law this year. We will present a national IP strategy (intellectual 2573

property) soon. We enable spin-offs in 24 hours and introduce standardized spin-off contracts at universities and 2574
research institutions that are bindingly standardized spin-off contracts, which particularly 2575

Enable usage rights of intellectual property against a market-standard share. We want 2576
Reduce non-profit barriers along all transfer paths. We ensure that the 2577
The SPRIND agency continues to promote knowledge-driven leap innovations. The prohibition of betterment 2578
for non-profit research institutions, we are making flexible and amending the 2579
Science Freedom Act. 2580

Entrepreneurship 2581

We advocate for a new startup culture at research institutions. We are creating a 2582
Future Fund II with a strong focus on spin-offs and growth in the deep-tech sector and 2583
Biotech. At the Center for School Quality and Teacher Education (ZSL), we complement entrepreneurship 2584
Education as another goal. 2585

Reliability and predictability of research funding 2586

The economy and the state should spend at least 3.5 percent of GDP on research and 2587 annually by 2030
development. We will set the course for a dynamic continuation of the 2588 by 2028
PFI. This creates planning security for the Leibniz Association, Helmholtz-2589
Community, Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer Society, and the German 2590
Research Foundation (DFG). We are raising the funding rate and 2591 for the tax research grant
the assessment base significantly and simplifying the process. Large 2592
Research measures for structural change will open the proven 2593 from 2029
Framework conditions for the regular financing of research funding. 2594

Investments in research infrastructure 2595

Germany should make the necessary investments of the FIS roadmap and thus contribute successfully in the EU 2596
successfully contribute. We are continuously developing the FIS roadmap. We will 2597
sustain activities for the National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI). We are participating in the 2598
competition for a gravitational wave detector. We are initiating a federal-state initiative in the 2599
Research building impulses, including structurally weak regions. We strengthen the 2600
Research building program according to Art. 91b of the Basic Law and incorporate requirements for climate protection 2601
and sustainability. 2602

European and international cooperation 2603

We advocate for an independent, strong EU research framework program and a continued 2604
independent European Research Council (ERC). We support unsuccessful projects in 2605
re-submission of an application rated as excellent by the ERC. We want to expand the Weimar Triangle 2606
to include a science platform and expand scientific relations in the EU, especially 2607
with Central and Eastern Europe. We strengthen established instruments such as the science conference "Building 2608
Bridges for the Next Generation" under the patronage of the Federal President. 2609

Resilience of the science system 2610

We strengthen research security, jointly develop guidelines with the alliance of 2611 Science organizations guidelines for dealing in sensitive international contexts and 2612 improve the consulting infrastructure. We expand research on disinformation activities and 2613 develop a competence network for independent China studies. 2614

2615 **3. Sicheres Zusammenleben, Migration und** 2616 **Integration**

2617 **3.1 Innen**

2618 Wir begegnen den multiplen Bedrohungen von außen und im Innern mit einer Zeitenwende in der
2619 Inneren Sicherheit. Mit gestärkten Sicherheits-, Zivil- und Katastrophenschutzbehörden, zeitgemäßen
2620 digitalen Befugnissen, neuen Fähigkeiten und ausreichend Personal starten wir eine
2621 Sicherheitsoffensive und nutzen dabei auch die neuen Finanzierungsinstrumente zugunsten von Bund
2622 und Ländern.

2623 Wir werden die europa- und verfassungsrechtlichen Spielräume ausschöpfen, um ein Höchstmaß an
2624 Sicherheit für unsere Bürgerinnen und Bürger zu gewährleisten. Das Spannungsverhältnis zwischen
2625 sicherheitspolitischen Erfordernissen und datenschutzrechtlichen Vorgaben muss deshalb neu
2626 austariert werden. Das verlangt auch Sensibilität bei den Sicherheitsbehörden. Diese verdienen die
2627 Unterstützung und das Vertrauen von Politik und Gesellschaft.

2628 **Leistungsfähige Sicherheitsbehörden**

2629 **Befugnisse der Sicherheitsbehörden**

2630 Wir führen eine verhältnismäßige und europa- und verfassungsrechtskonforme dreimonatige
2631 Speicherpflicht für IP-Adressen und Portnummern ein, um diese einem Anschlussinhaber zuordnen zu
2632 können. Im Rahmen ihrer begrenzten Zuständigkeit ermöglichen wir der Bundespolizei zur Bekämpfung
2633 schwerer Straftaten die Quellen-TKÜ ohne Zugriff auf retrograd gespeicherte Daten. Für bestimmte
2634 Zwecke sollen unsere Sicherheitsbehörden, unter Berücksichtigung verfassungsrechtlicher Vorgaben
2635 und digitaler Souveränität, die automatisierte Datenrecherche und -analyse sowie den nachträglichen
2636 biometrischen Abgleich mit öffentlich zugänglichen Internetdaten, auch mittels Künstlicher Intelligenz,
2637 vornehmen können. Wir erlauben zu Strafverfolgungszwecken den Einsatz von automatisierten
2638 Kennzeichenlesesystemen im Aufzeichnungsmodus.

2639 **Kooperation von Sicherheitsbehörden**

2640 Den Datenaustausch unter den Sicherheitsbehörden (insbesondere P20, Verbundspeicherung) sowie
2641 mit zivilen Behörden verbessern wir grundlegend. Der Bund trägt seinen Anteil an einer
2642 auskömmlichen Finanzierung. Zur Verhinderung weiterer Gewalttaten, wie in der jüngsten
2643 Vergangenheit, wollen wir die frühzeitige Erkennung entsprechender Risikopotenziale bei Personen mit
2644 psychischen Auffälligkeiten sicherstellen. Hierzu führen wir eine gemeinsame Risikobewertung und ein
2645 integriertes behördenübergreifendes Risikomanagement ein.

We are pushing for a real European Security Union. 2646

Strengthening of security authorities 2647

We strengthen the Federal Criminal Police Office and the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, especially in the 2648

Combating cybercrime, espionage, and sabotage. We trust the Federal Police and 2649

create a modern Federal Police Act for them with contemporary legal foundations. The federal government 2650

finances its promised share of the capabilities of the state police forces. To 2651

Strengthening our national sovereignty and the operational capabilities of our intelligence services, 2652

and to keep pace with the capabilities of relevant European partner services, 2653

we aim for a fundamental constitutional, systematic revision of the law of the 2654

federal intelligence services, including the legal framework for an 2655

effective and efficient data exchange between the services and other authorities (expansion 2656

of transmission powers and review of deletion periods). We ensure more effective 2657

control structures and more targeted controls according to the respective requirements of the 2658

Federal Constitutional Court, also through the German Bundestag. 2659

Fight against organized crime, gang and so-called clan crime 2660

We are intensifying the fight against organized crime and against gang and so-called 2661

clan crime through a complete reversal of the burden of proof in the confiscation of assets of unclear 2662

origin. 2663

Gun law 2664

We combat illegal possession of firearms and evaluate it with the involvement of all stakeholders and 2665

experts comprehensively and develop the gun law further by 2026, under the conditions, 2666

- to make it more practical and user-friendly and to maintain proportionality, 2667

- to make the procedures more effective and digital and to significantly reduce the duration and 2668

- to ensure even more reliably that especially extremists or people with serious 2669

mental illnesses do not legally possess firearms. 2670

Fight against hybrid threats, "Pact for Civil Protection" 2671

We will make Germany and its population resilient against any form of hybrid and conventional 2672

threats more resilient. To this end, we strengthen the capabilities in the field of cybersecurity, of 2673

civil and disaster protection as well as civil defense. 2674

Cybersecurity 2675

We are developing the National Cybersecurity Strategy with the aim of a clear distribution of roles and 2676

task distribution, strengthen the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) and 2677

expand it into a central office for issues of information and cybersecurity. We harden our 2678

Communication networks, especially for crisis and VS communication. The National Cyber-2679
We are further developing the defense center and intensifying information exchange. As part of the 2680
Within the limits of constitutional law, we are expanding our capabilities for active cyber defense. We 2681
will amend the BSI Act as part of the implementation of the NIS-2 Directive. A focus 2682
for the intelligence services will be the stronger joint focus on cyber and 2683
information space, also through the establishment of a new specialized technical central office 2684
including ZITiS. 2685

Civil and disaster protection 2686

We will strengthen civil protection and the supplementary disaster protection of the federal government and the 2687
utilize new financing instruments for the overall defense of the federal and state governments. We 2688
strengthen the BBK as a central agency and the THW as an operational organization and ensure with a 2689
"Pact for Civil Protection" for sustainable investments in capabilities and equipment and 2690
increase awareness of self-protection through modern agency communication. 2691

Civil defense 2692

By changing the legal situation in civil defense, we enable action capability 2693
even before the state of tension and defense. The overall defense and especially the 2694
implementation of OPLAN Germany will be managed and coordinated as a military and civil task at the level of 2695
the federal government together. The cooperation between security, 2696
civil protection authorities and the Bundeswehr is being expanded. We will promptly adopt a good KRITIS-2697
framework law. 2698

Drone detection and defense 2699

The federal government creates the legal, technical, and financial conditions for effective 2700
drone detection and defense also by the security authorities of the federal and state governments. 2701

Digital radio BOS 2702

The digital radio BOS receives better funding and its own UHF frequency range. 2703

Democratic resilience 2704

The trust of citizens in the functionality of our state is a 2705
cornerstone of our democracy. The coalition parties are aware of their responsibility in this regard. 2706
Responsibility. As for the enemies of democracy, the principle of "zero tolerance" applies. It 2707
is the overall state and societal responsibility to counter any destabilization of our 2708
free democratic basic order and to ensure that our 2709
security authorities are not left alone. 2710

We protect the democratic integrity of our parliaments, the public service, and the 2711 Justice. We want to create a legal basis for the Bundestag police. We will evaluate the law 2712 to accelerate disciplinary proceedings and evaluate its effects in 2027 and 2713 possibly amend it. For better protection, among others, of elected officials, rescue and 2714 emergency services as well as police officers, we will revise the reporting law. 2715

We oppose all anti-constitutional efforts and any violence with the same 2716 determination and consistency – whether it is right-wing extremism, Islamism, foreign-related 2717 extremism or left-wing extremism. 2718

We advocate in the EU for stronger regulation of radicalization-promoting algorithms in the Digital Services Act (DAS) 2719 to regulate more strongly. 2720

With associations and organizations that are controlled by foreign governments or associated with them 2721 organizations and whose members or structures are monitored by 2722 the constitutional protection agencies, there will be no cooperation. We will introduce a 2723 requirement to disclose the funding of these associations and organizations and monitor them. 2724

We combat the spread of right-wing extremist ideologies and right-wing extremist 2725 structures in our society systematically and with all determination. To counter the polarization and 2726 destabilization of our democratic society and values by right-wing populists and 2727 -extremists, we implement a policy of strengthening social cohesion, diversity, 2728 tolerance, and humanity. We are establishing an NSU documentation center in Nuremberg. 2729

We will combat Islamism and develop a federal-state action plan for this purpose. We 2730 are developing the "Task Force for Islamism Prevention" into a permanent body in the 2731 Federal Ministry of the Interior, which deals comprehensively with this area of phenomena and the 2732 action plan. We are developing a strategy with the states for the consistent prosecution and 2733 combating left-wing extremist motivated crimes and structures. 2734

Germany bears a special responsibility in the fight against anti-Semitism and for the protection 2735 of Jewish life. The right to exist of Israel is a German state interest. The security of Jewish 2736 citizens must be guaranteed in both the digital and public space, including in our schools 2737 and universities. We promote the diversity of Jewish life in Germany and 2738 ensure that no organizations and projects are financially supported that promote anti-Semitism 2739 or question the right to exist of Israel. 2740

We are committed to the protection and promotion of national minorities living in Germany. 2741 The cultural and historical heritage of the displaced persons, resettlers, and late resettlers as well as 2742 the German minorities in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the successor states of the Soviet Union is part 2743 of the overall German history. We will promote the German minorities in Central- 2744

and Eastern Europe and the non-European successor states of the Soviet Union continue and the 2745 build trustful dialogue with the countries of origin. The promotion of the German minority 2746 in Ukraine is of particular importance due to the Russian war of aggression and the possible EU accession of the 2747 Ukraine is of special significance. We adhere to the admission of late repatriates and 2748 late repatriates according to the Federal Expellee Act. The legal foundations for the 2749 admission will be reviewed for their practicality and relevance, and we will also take into account the 2750 living reality of the people in the countries of origin. For those born after 2751 born on 31.12.1992 and living in the resettlement areas of German descent 2752 we will examine the possibilities of immigration to Germany. We strengthen the office of the 2753 Commissioner for resettler issues and national minorities and consolidate the responsibilities for 2754 displaced persons, resettlers and late repatriates as well as German minorities back in the 2755 Federal Ministry of the Interior. The Federal Institute for Culture and History of Eastern 2756 Europe remains in Oldenburg. 2757

Churches and religious communities make an indispensable contribution to social 2758 cohesion and the common good. We promote interreligious dialogue and protect the 2759 freedom of religion and belief. 2760

3.2 Law 2761

Civil law 2762

Natural disaster insurance 2763

We introduce that in new business, building insurance will only be offered with 2764 natural disaster coverage, and in existing business, all 2765 building insurances will be extended to include natural disaster insurance as of a cut-off date 2766 will be. We will examine whether this model should be provided with an opt-out solution. To ensure a 2767 long-term reinsurance, we will introduce a state reinsurance for 2768 natural disasters. The insurance conditions will be largely regulated. We will examine how 2769 planning authorities in the countries can be made aware of their responsibility in land-use planning in particularly 2770 hazard-prone areas and specify the 2771 state liability rules of the planning bodies that designate new building areas in previously uninhabited 2772 areas despite these risks. We have taken the concerns of tenants into account in 2773 view. 2774

Smart Contracts 2775

The assertion of compensation or equalization payments should - if the relevant data 2776 based on booking via an app or online is already available to the provider - be processed digitally via 2777

largely pre-filled forms will be possible. In simple cases, for example, in 2778
Refund of ticket prices should be automated. 2779

Reduction of formal requirements 2780

We will reform and restructure the formal requirements §§ 126 ff. in the Civil Code, 2781
simplify and, where necessary, adapt to new technical possibilities. 2782

Reform of the General Terms and Conditions Law 2783

We will reform the law on General Terms and Conditions (AGB) to ensure 2784
that large corporations can rely on § 267 paragraph 3 HGB when they enter into contracts with each other under 2785
using the AGB can rely on that being recognized within the framework of private autonomy 2786
agreed upon is also recognized by the courts. 2787

Construction contract law 2788

We are examining how to better protect consumers from the insolvency of the developer when purchasing real estate. 2789

Secondary ticket market 2790

We want to regulate the secondary ticket market for sports and cultural events more strongly in order to 2791
protect consumers from inflated prices, lack of transparency, and fraudulent sales practices 2792
and to better enable organizers to defend themselves against unfair behavior from 2793
ticket speculators. To this end, we particularly want to enable price caps, 2794
create transparency about the price and the sellers of the tickets and require platforms to 2795
remove reported false statements according to the 'notice and takedown' principle and provide a 2796
reporting system. 2797

Consumer protection 2798

We comprehensively protect consumers and therefore introduce a general 2799
confirmation solution for long-term debt relationships initiated by phone. We advocate at 2800
the European level for consumer interests in the digital space and especially for closing 2801
protection gaps in consumer law. Our goal is that digital offerings are designed to be consumer-friendly 'by design' and 2802
'by default'. 2803

Debt collection 2804

We are evaluating the debt collection reform of 2021 and are taking action against ongoing abuse. 2805

Reform of guardian compensation 2806

We will evaluate the guardian compensation law in a timely manner and adopt a sustainable, performance-based and 2807
responsible reform of the compensation structure. 2808

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Economic Law and Corporate Law 2810

Resolution Defects Law 2811

We are reforming the stock corporation law on resolution defects to strengthen legal certainty and 2812
Competitiveness of Germany as a business location and at the same time curb 2813
opportunities for abuse. 2814

Company with tied assets and reform of cooperative law 2815

We are modernizing cooperative law and want to introduce a new, independent legal form 2816
"Company with tied assets". Characteristics of this legal form are the 2817
immutable asset binding and participation according to membership logic without tax 2818
privileges or discrimination. 2819

Implementation of the SLAPP Directive 2820

We will implement the SLAPP Directive promptly to prevent our rule of law and our judiciary 2821
from being abused for intimidation, for example of journalists and civil society activists, 2822
become. 2823

Copyright 2824

In copyright law, we ensure a fair balance of interests for all stakeholders – creatives, 2825
business, and users. Authors must be fairly compensated for the use of their works necessarily used in the development of generative AI 2826
works. In the digital music market 2827
we require streaming platforms to fairly share revenues with creatives. We 2828
ensure more transparency and traceability in the use of creative content, especially 2829
through an indispensable right to a proper accounting audit. We are examining how the 2830
procedures and compensations in the licensing of collecting societies like GEMA can be 2831
adapted to the legitimate interests of authors in practice to the needs of voluntary and 2832
other non-commercial organizers of, for example, Christmas markets or summer festivals 2833
in kindergartens can be adapted. 2834

Criminal Procedure Law 2835

Investigative powers (§§ 100a et seq. StPO) 2836

We must provide our investigators with the necessary investigative powers. Therefore 2837
we are expanding the catalog of offenses in §§ 100a et seq. StPO as necessary. Among other things 2838
we are removing the time limit on telephone surveillance in cases of burglary and adjusting §§ 100a, 2839
100b StPO accordingly so that no catalog offense is required as a predicate offense for money laundering. 2840
We want to enable cell tower queries more comprehensively again. 2841

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Counter-terrorism 2843

In order to better track terrorist attacks even with everyday objects in advance of the act, 2844 we are particularly expanding the scope of application of § 89a of the Criminal Code to the case where the perpetrator intends to 2845 use no explosives for the act, but rather objects like a knife or a car. 2846

Further investigative powers 2847

The security authorities should receive modern, digital 2848 powers to address today's security policy challenges. 2849

The security authorities should receive a power for certain purposes to carry out a 2850 automated (AI-based) data analysis. Under certain, narrowly defined 2851 conditions for serious crimes, we want to enable law enforcement agencies to conduct a retroactive 2852 biometric remote identification to identify perpetrators. To 2853 subsequent identification of suspected perpetrators, we want video surveillance at 2854 crime hotspots. The Federal Criminal Police Office should receive a legal basis for testing and 2855 training IT products. 2856

Cannabis 2857

In autumn 2025, we will conduct an open-ended evaluation of the law on the legalization of 2858 cannabis. 2859

Criminal law 2860

Protection of emergency services and police officers 2861

We are tightening the criminal protection of emergency and rescue services, police officers, as well as 2862 members of the health professions and are examining an extended protection for local politicians 2863 as well as those working for the common good. 2864

§ 99 of the Criminal Code 2865

For § 99 paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code, a (standard) penalty range of six months to ten years of imprisonment 2866 is introduced and in a new paragraph 2 for unnamed less serious cases a penalty range of 2867 imprisonment of up to five years or a fine is provided. 2868

Environmental crime 2869

Environmental crime is one of the most important areas of activity for organized crime and 2870 threatens our livelihoods. In a National Action Plan, we agree on goals and 2871 measures for a strengthened fight against environmental crime. We are committed to a 2872 strengthened European and international cooperation. 2873

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Criminal asset forfeiture 2875

We regulate that in the future, a complete 2876 will apply when seizing assets of unclear origin.

The burden of proof will be reversed, and we will implement the recommendations of the federal-state working group for optimization 2877.
of the law of asset forfeiture.

Cyber criminal law, deepfakes, criminal liability of platform operators and hacker paragraph 2879.

We are reforming cyber criminal law and closing gaps in criminal liability, for example in cases of image-based 2880.
sexualized violence. In doing so, we also capture deep fakes and close gaps in their 2881.
Accessibility to third parties. We are tightening the sanctions options against 2882.

Platforms, especially in cases of systemic deficiencies in the removal of criminal content. We 2883.
will create legal certainty in computer criminal law for IT security research, while we 2884.
prevent abuse opportunities.

Modernization of criminal law 2886.

We are further developing the Criminal Code and also examining which provisions are unnecessary and can be removed 2887.
can be removed.

Anti-Semitic crimes and incitement to hatred 2889.

As part of strengthening the resilience of our democracy, we regulate the withdrawal of passive voting rights 2890.
in the case of multiple convictions for incitement to hatred. We want to combat terrorism, anti-Semitism, hatred 2891.
and incitement even more intensively and specifically tighten the offense of incitement to hatred 2892.
We are tightening. We are examining to what extent criminal liability for officials and soldiers who in 2893.
connection with the exercise of duty share anti-Semitic and extremist incitement in closed 2894.
chat groups can be introduced.

International law 2896.

We want to send a strong signal for international law and against aggression, and close the existing 2897.
jurisdiction gap for the crime of aggression in the statute of the International Criminal Court 2898.
close.

Combating illegal gambling 2900.

We are improving the fight against illegal gambling together with the states.

Family law 2902.

Family law reform 2903.

In reforms of family law and family procedural law, we will be guided by the welfare of the child 2904.
let ourselves be guided. Domestic violence poses a risk to the welfare of the child and must therefore be taken into account against the 2905.
perpetrator in custody and visitation rights. In future changes 2906.

In maintenance law, we ensure that this does not come at the expense of children or the main providers. Parents go and a stronger integration of maintenance law with tax and social law. include.

Abusive paternity recognition.

We will effectively prevent abusive paternity recognitions.

Name law.

We are structuring and simplifying name law.

Measures against violence against women and vulnerable persons and strengthening of Women's rights.

Violence against women.

We want to combat violent crime and particularly better protect women. Therefore, we are improving the criminal protection of women and particularly vulnerable persons such as children, frail people, and people with disabilities through a new.

Qualification feature in the offenses of murder and we examine this in cases of dangerous. bodily harm and serious robbery. We are tightening the offense of stalking and the. penalty framework for violations of the Protection Against Violence Act and create uniform. Legal bases in the Protection Against Violence Act for the judicial order of electronic ankle bracelets. according to the so-called Spanish model and for mandatory anti-violence training for offenders. The. Use of GPS trackers we include in the stalking paragraph. Manufacturers of tracking apps. should be required to regularly obtain the consent of the device owners.

We check to what extent, in light of the increased violent crime and the. dangerousness of dangerous bodily harm using a weapon or a knife. or by means of a life-threatening treatment will in the future be punished as a crime. can be. For group rapes, we want to fundamentally increase the penalty framework. especially in cases of joint commission of the offense, in rape, and in causing a. pregnancy.

To close gaps in criminal liability, we are examining to what extent criminal protection for targeted. obviously unwanted and significant verbal and non-physical sexual harassment. can be expanded.

Digital Protection Against Violence Act.

We are creating a comprehensive Digital Protection Against Violence Act to improve the legal status of those affected. and to enable the blocking of anonymous hate accounts with criminal content. Platforms should provide interfaces to law enforcement agencies so that relevant data.

can be retrieved automatically and quickly. For reasons of victim and witness protection 2940
we will examine to what extent requests for access to files in criminal proceedings can waive the indication of residential or 2941
address of residence can be waived in certain offenses. 2942

Juvenile criminal law 2943

We want to counteract the rising crime among children and youth. For both the victims and 2944
the offenders, it is important that the acts are adequately processed. Regarding the causes of 2945
increased violence among children and youth, we will commission a study that also 2946
captures legislative options for action. 2947

Need for legal reform in the Infection Protection Act (IfSG) 2948

Due to the existing need for reform, particularly in terms of legal policy and constitutional law 2949
we will revise the Infection Protection Act in collaboration with the states 2950
revise. 2951

AGG Reform 2952

Disadvantages and discrimination are poison for social and economic 2953
development. Therefore, we strengthen and improve discrimination protection. 2954

State liability 2955

We are examining the introduction of a state liability law. 2956

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3.3 Migration and Integration 2958

Germany is an open-minded country and will remain so. We stand by our humanitarian 2959
responsibility. The fundamental right to asylum remains untouched. We want to enable integration. We 2960
want to remain an immigration-friendly country and make qualified immigration to our 2961
labor market attractive. Germany is taking a different, more consistent course in 2962
migration policy. The incentives to immigrate into the social systems must be significantly reduced 2963
will be. We will organize and regulate migration and effectively curb irregular migration 2964
push back. Therefore, we will explicitly reintroduce the goal of "limiting" migration in addition to 2965
"regulating" into the Residence Act. This will also relieve our 2966
municipalities. 2967

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Legal access routes 2971

End voluntary admission programs 2972

We will end voluntary federal admission programs as much as possible (for example 2973 Afghanistan) and will not launch any new programs. 2974

Suspend family reunification 2975

We are temporarily suspending family reunification for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection for two years. Hardship cases 2976 are unaffected by this. After that, we will examine whether a further suspension of the last valid 2977 contingent solution within the framework of the migration situation is necessary and possible. 2978

Migration agreements 2979

In addition, we will increasingly conclude migration agreements to manage legal immigration 2980 and ensure readiness for repatriation. We will continuously increase the number of migration or 2981 repatriation agreements with the relevant countries of origin. 2982

Limit West Balkan regulation 2983

We will limit regular migration to Germany under the so-called West Balkan regulation 2984 to 25,000 people per year. 2985

Limiting migration 2986

Rejection at the state borders 2987

In coordination with our European neighbors, we will carry out rejections at the 2988 common borders even in the case of asylum applications. We want to take all legal measures 2989 to reduce irregular migration. Border controls at all 2990

German borders are to be continued until a functioning external border protection and the 2991 fulfillment of the existing Dublin and GEAS regulations by the European Community. 2992

Therefore, we will strengthen the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Frontex in border protection and in 2993 strengthening repatriations. 2994

Expand the list of safe countries of origin 2995

We will expand the list of safe countries of origin and also utilize the possibilities of the 2996 GEAS reform. We will start with the classification of Algeria, India, Morocco, and 2997

Tunisia. We are continuously reviewing the classification of additional safe countries of origin. 2998

In particular, countries whose recognition rate has been below five percent for at least five years, 2999 will be classified as safe countries of origin. In doing so, we particularly want to enable the classification of safe 3000 countries of origin through legal regulation of the federal government. 3001

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Implement GEAS reform 3003

We will implement GEAS into national law this year and further develop it at the European level 3004
further develop. 3005

Connecting element 3006

At the European level, we are taking initiatives regarding debates on the concept of safe third countries 3007
an initiative to remove the connecting element to enable returns and transfers 3008
enable. 3009

Deportation and return 3010

Deportation 3011

In recent years, we have had to acknowledge unbearable acts and statements in Germany 3012
that have significantly strained or even damaged social cohesion 3013
and therefore have also led to legal changes in deportation law. Anyone 3014
who abuses their stay in Germany by committing significant criminal offenses here or 3015
engaging in violent proxy conflicts on German soil must have their stay terminated 3016
be terminated. In the future, it must be the case that: In the case of serious crimes, a conviction leads to a 3017
prison sentence leads to a standard deportation. This applies particularly to crimes against bodily integrity and life, 3018
against sexual self-determination, incitement to hatred, and anti-Semitic motivated crimes 3019
as well as resistance and physical assault against law enforcement officers. We are examining 3020
the need for amendments in deportation also in cases of public calls for the abolition of the liberal-3021
democratic constitutional order. 3022

Launch a return offensive and hold countries of origin accountable 3023

Rejected asylum seekers must leave our country again. We want to better support voluntary return 3024
by strengthening incentives and return counseling. If this does not happen voluntarily 3025
it must be enforced by the state. This will be done with a coherent 3026
approach by the federal government to achieve better cooperation from all policy areas of the 3027
countries of origin, including visa issuance, development cooperation, 3028
economic and trade relations. The federal government will develop comprehensive legal regulations 3029
to increase the number of returns. We will also address secondary migration 3030
in our focus. We will abolish the mandatory legal assistance provided before the enforcement of deportation 3031
We will abolish that. The federal police should be given the authority to apply for temporary detention or departure custody for foreigners subject to deportation 3032
to ensure their deportation. 3033

We want to create a possibility for permanent departure detention for deportation-risk individuals and 3034
perpetrators of serious crimes after serving their sentences, until voluntary departure or deportation 3035
occurs. We will also exhaust all possibilities to increase the capacities for deportation detention 3036

3037 deutlich zu erhöhen und dafür sorgen, die Möglichkeiten für Haft und Gewahrsam praxisnäher
3038 auszugestalten. Die Möglichkeiten zur Aberkennung des Schutzstatus bei Straftätern wollen wir
3039 konsequenter anwenden. Der Bund soll die Länder auch weiterhin bei der Beschaffung von
3040 Reisepapieren und der Umsetzung von Rückführungen unterstützen und diese Unterstützung weiter
3041 ausbauen. Wir zentralisieren beim Bund die Zuständigkeit für die Durchführung aller Überstellungen
3042 nach der Dublin- beziehungsweise der Asyl-Migrationsmanagementverordnung und steigern so deren
3043 Anzahl. Wir prüfen gemeinsam mit den Ländern die Einrichtung von durch den Bund betriebenen
3044 Bundesausreisezentren mit dem Ziel der Beschleunigung von Ausreisen. Flugunternehmen werden wir
3045 zur Beförderung bei Rückführungen verpflichtet. Nach Afghanistan und Syrien werden wir abschieben
3046 – beginnend mit Straftätern und Gefährdern.

3047 **Leistungen für Ausreisepflichtige**

3048 Wir sorgen für eine konsequente Umsetzung der bestehenden Anspruchseinschränkungen im
3049 Leistungsrecht.

3050 **Integration fördern**

3051 Deutschland als Einwanderungsland ist geprägt von Menschen unterschiedlicher Herkunft. Wir wollen
3052 den sozialen Zusammenhalt stärken. Dabei kommt ehrenamtlichen Organisationen und Initiativen von
3053 Menschen mit Einwanderungsgeschichte eine besondere Rolle zu, da sie Brücken bauen und den
3054 Zugang zu gesellschaftlichen Angeboten erleichtern. Integration muss weiterhin gefördert, aber
3055 intensiver als bisher eingefordert werden. Durch effiziente und zielgerichtete Angebote wollen wir
3056 bessere Startchancen für Bleibeberechtigte schaffen. Die Migrationsberatung für erwachsene
3057 Zugewanderte (MBE) wird fortgeführt und auskömmlich finanziert. Ergänzend verbessern wir die
3058 Zusammenarbeit von Bund, Ländern und Kommunen bei der Integration.

3059 Wir wollen mehr in Integration investieren, Integrationskurse fortsetzen, die Sprach-Kitas wieder
3060 einführen, das Startchancen-Programm fortsetzen und auf Kitas ausweiten. Damit sorgen wir für eine
3061 Integration von Anfang an. Eine verpflichtende Integrationsvereinbarung soll künftig Rechte und
3062 Pflichten definieren. Die Integrationsvereinbarungen erwerbsloser Schutzberechtigter sollen konkrete
3063 Schritte zur Arbeitsmarktintegration (insbesondere Aufnahme einer integrativen Tätigkeit oder
3064 Ausbildung) enthalten. Dafür sollen sie sich auch an den bestehenden und gegebenenfalls neu zu
3065 schaffenden Instrumenten des SGB II orientieren.

3066 Die Wohnsitzregelung entwickeln wir fort. Wir wollen zum einen geflüchtete Frauen besser vor Gewalt
3067 schützen. Für Opfer häuslicher Gewalt wollen wir Erleichterungen bei Residenzpflicht und
3068 Wohnsitzauflage schaffen. Zum anderen werden wir die übrigen Ausnahmetatbestände reduzieren,
3069 damit die Wohnsitzregelung wieder zur Regel wird und nicht die Ausnahme bleibt.

The federal government will continue to financially support the states and, above them, the municipalities in the accommodation of 3070
financially support asylum seekers. 3071

Rights to remain 3072

For tolerated foreigners who are well integrated, who have sufficient German language skills 3073
and who have been securing their livelihood predominantly through an existing, socially insured employment relationship for twelve 3074
months, whose identity is clarified, who have not committed any criminal offenses 3075
(analogous to § 60d paragraph 1 no. 7 Residence Act) and who have resided in Germany continuously since 31.12.2024 for at least 3076
four years without interruption and who do not yet meet the requirements of 3077
of §§ 25a, b Residence Act, we will create a temporary residence permit 3078
. The further design remains subject to the legislative process. The regulation 3079
will expire on 31.12.2027. 3080

Accelerate, digitize, and relieve 3081

Acceleration of asylum procedures, especially court proceedings 3082

We will vigorously continue the digitization of migration administration together with the states 3083
, expand the Central Foreigners' Register, and improve data exchange. A law for 3084
the further development of the digitization of migration administration will be implemented promptly. We 3085
particularly want to editorially revise and deregulate the Residence Act to simplify the 3086
application of the law for everyone. We are aiming for a significant acceleration of the 3087
asylum procedures – both at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees and in 3088
administrative court proceedings. In doing so, we will also focus on the appeals process 3089
and enable the establishment of special administrative courts for asylum law matters. From the 3090
"principle of official investigation" must become the "principle of presentation" in asylum law. After a 3091
expulsion or deportation, a ban on entry and residence should generally be ordered 3092
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Independent asylum procedure counseling 3094

We will evaluate the independent asylum procedure counseling openly. 3095

Nationality law 3096

We will abolish the "turbo naturalization" after three years. Furthermore, we will stick to the reform 3097
of citizenship law. 3098

Change of legal jurisdiction 3099

Refugees with residence rights under the Mass Influx Directive, who entered after 01.04.2025 3100
are to receive benefits under the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act again, provided they 3101
are in need. The need must be demonstrated through consistent and nationwide uniform 3102

Asset audits will be evidenced. The federal government will bear the additional costs incurred by the states and 3103
Municipalities will bear the additional costs. 3104

4. Strong cohesion, steadfast democracy 3105

4.1. Families, women, youth, seniors, and democracy 3106

We put families at the center, ensure a good upbringing for children and adolescents, 3107
strengthen the equal participation of women, support seniors and 3108
defend our democracy. 3109

Language promotion, starting opportunities, and daycare quality 3110

For a good upbringing and equal opportunities for all children in Germany, we will 3111
introduce mandatory participation of all four-year-olds in a nationwide, agreed-upon 3112
diagnosis of language and developmental status. In case of identified support needs, we expect 3113
suitable, mandatory support measures and concepts from the states. For this, we will introduce a 3114
Quality Development Act (QEG) and replace the daycare quality law. As part of the QEG 3115
we want to integrate additional support for language daycares and starting opportunity daycares. For this 3116
we will further develop the concept of language daycares. We want to promote the starting opportunity daycares according to the already 3117
developed social indices in the states with minimal bureaucracy, especially with a 3118
opportunity budget. Reliable childcare requires more professionals. In this regard, the 3119
federal government already supports the states within the framework of the daycare quality law. We want to introduce dual training 3120
for educator professions while maintaining the recognized qualification framework. The 3121
recruitment of international professionals for daycares we want to accelerate, simplify, and expand. 3122

Investments in nurseries and daycares 3123

Children need modern and well-equipped spaces, as the foundation of educational success is 3124
already laid in nurseries and daycares. We will invest in new construction, expansion, renovation, and modernization 3125
(for inclusion, occupational safety, equipment, and digitalization) to enable early childhood 3126
education. 3127

All-day care 3128

We are advancing the expansion of all-day care. We are committed to the expansion goal for all-day care in the 3129
primary school. To this end, we will reduce bureaucratic hurdles. The legal entitlement should 3130
be linked nationwide to a quality development perspective. In the implementation on site, we will 3131
open up more design options for municipalities. Offers from recognized independent 3132
youth work organizations should be able to be involved in fulfilling the legal entitlement and be 3133
strengthened in their role. We will extend the current investment program by two years and 3134
increase the investment funds for all-day care. 3135

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We are further developing parental allowance by providing more incentives for greater partnership, 3138 especially by increasing father involvement in sole responsibility. We achieve this 3139 for example, through increased wage replacement rates and changed number and distribution of 3140 reference months of parental allowance. In particular, with regard to the time after birth, we want to 3141 support families and contribute in the long term to a fairer distribution of care and 3142 employment. We want to significantly raise the income limit as well as the minimum and maximum amount 3143 increase. For the self-employed, we will make the calculation basis for parental allowance more flexible. 3144 We strengthen the rights of foster parents and introduce a parental allowance for them. Our goal is a 3145 consistent end-to-end digitization of parental allowance. 3146

Early Help 3147

The Early Help as an effective and targeted preventive measure for support, 3148 accompaniment and counseling of families from pregnancy we are expanding within the framework of 3149 Federal Foundation Early Help and are testing how they can be extended to children aged four to six 3150 years. 3151

Education and Participation Package 3152

We want to ensure that all children entitled to the Education and Participation Package (BuT) receive the 3153 free lunches in daycare and school. To this end, the existing legal 3154 possibilities, for example through a collective application from the school, should be fully and 3155 comprehensively utilized. In opportunity-starting daycare centers and schools, we want to model a 3156 low-bureaucracy BuT budget for lunch. This also reaches more families 3157 with low earned income who are entitled to child supplement or housing benefit. 3158

Child Supplement and Participation App 3159

We want to further develop and simplify the child supplement. To do this, we will avoid cutoff points 3160 and make regulations for phasing out and income calculation for families more favorable 3161 design. The child supplement should be digitized end-to-end. The necessary 3162 regulations for data transmission and data use will be established. 3163

In Germany, about one in five children is at risk of poverty. To achieve better participation in 3164 social life, we will continue to pursue the idea of providing children with a 3165 Participation App for a non-bureaucratic access to special educational offers as well as sports, 3166 music, culture, and other leisure activities. We want a comprehensive 3167 digital portal for all family benefits, so that families can easily and without bureaucracy find out which 3168

Benefits that are specifically due to them and how they can obtain them. We will utilize the possibilities 3169
Use artificial intelligence to provide families with helpful digital services. 3170

Maintenance advance 3171

In the first step, we will sanction delinquent maintenance debtors with harsher penalties, 3172
for example, by revoking driving licenses, thereby increasing the recovery rate for maintenance advances. 3173
We will tighten the obligation to provide information for maintenance debtors in the Maintenance Advance Act (UVG) 3174
especially by introducing the obligation to provide information during the year. We will 3175
review the exemption limits for maintenance debtors. In the next step, we want to 3176
better support single parents and their children by only partially counting child benefits towards the 3177
maintenance advance. 3178

Child and youth protection 3179

We strengthen child and youth protection. We will further improve interdisciplinary collaboration 3180
improve. We want to ensure that children and young people can navigate safely in the digital world 3181
can move. To this end, we will establish an expert commission to develop a strategy "Child- 3182
and youth protection in the digital world" and to accompany the implementation across departments and levels 3183
in a cross-cutting manner. In particular, parents should be empowered through targeted knowledge transfer 3184
become. We will hold platform operators and providers accountable for effectively implementing digital child- and 3185
youth protection. We advocate for mandatory age verifications and secure 3186
default settings for children and young people on digital devices and services. 3187

We will continue the Fund for Sexual Abuse and the associated supplementary assistance system under 3188
the participation of the affected council. We closely accompany the implementation of the UBSKM Act 3189
(Independent Commissioner for Sexual Child Abuse) in collaboration with states, sponsors 3190
and institutions, especially regarding the right to access files and the obligation of 3191
institutions to process and implement protection concepts. Furthermore, we advocate 3192
that commercial and non-profit providers outside of child and youth welfare also develop and implement protection concepts 3193

We will establish federal funding for Childhood Houses 3194

This will create regional, interdisciplinary, and outpatient contact points for children and 3195
young people who have experienced physical violence or sexual abuse. 3196

Child and Youth Plan 3197

We will further develop the federal Child and Youth Plan. The Child and Youth Plan as 3198
a central financing instrument for child and youth work, we want to initially 3199
improve it by ten percent and then dynamize the funding. We will hold 3200
a national child and youth summit to give young people the opportunity to express their concerns 3201
to articulate, to discuss with politicians, and to set priorities for future child- 3202

and to propose youth policy. In places of youth work, youth leisure and extracurricular 3203 Youth education institutions, family centers or other family education facilities should 3204 be invested. 3205

Mental health 3206

We are developing a strategy "Mental Health for Young People" with a focus on 3207 prevention and early detection of mental illnesses, especially through education and 3208 low-threshold counseling for parents as well as training for educators and professionals. Our goal 3209 is to better interlink the areas of education, youth welfare, and health. 3210

We enable experimental clauses. 3211

We support the processing of the abuse of children during rehabilitation stays between 3212 1950 and 1990 through the "Initiative for Sent Away Children". 3213

Inclusive child and youth welfare 3214

The goal of inclusive child and youth welfare through reducing interfaces should be further pursued 3215 to make it easier for affected families to access services and to relieve the authorities 3216 relieve. We will promptly begin, together with states and municipalities, involving 3217 the extensive participation process to develop a feasible solution for them. 3218

Equality strategy 3219

To achieve equality more quickly, we are implementing the cross-departmental equality strategy 3220 further. We want to optimize the inter-ministerial cooperation of the federal government. The 3221 Federal Foundation for Equality is an important pillar for us. Equality policy actors will 3222 we will continue to support. Women are still underrepresented in politics, especially at the local level. 3223 still underrepresented. We are institutionalizing the Helene Weber Prize. Our goal is a society in 3224 where women and men live equally and respectfully together – in the workplace, in the family 3225 and in politics. We want equal pay for equal work for women and men by 2030 3226 to realize. To this end, we will implement the EU Transparency Directive with minimal bureaucracy into national law 3227 We will establish a commission that will make proposals on this by the end of 2025. A 3228 corresponding legislative process should then be initiated immediately. We want 3229 to eliminate structural disadvantages for women in everyday life and ensure that unpaid 3230 work, such as childcare and care, is distributed more fairly. Our goal is equal participation 3231 of women and men in the economy, science, culture and media, in politics and parliaments. 3232

Leadership Positions Act 3233

The law has led to measurable improvements. We are building on this development. The federal government 3234 must continue to lead by good example. Where underrepresentation exists, we will make improvements. 3235

Leadership in part-time positions in the federal administration should be further expanded. To increase the proportion of 3236 women in leadership positions of federal companies, we will take further 3237 legal steps. We will ensure that violations of the targets 3238 – whether due to the absence of target figures or deadlines or due to insufficient justifications in 3239 a target of zero – will henceforth be consistently and noticeably sanctioned. 3240

We want to improve the representation of East Germans in leadership positions and decision-making bodies in all 3241 areas. We will continue to improve. The federal concept for increasing the proportion of East Germans in 3242 leadership positions in the federal administration will be continued and implemented consistently. 3243

Mother's Recovery Work 3244

We want to secure the Mother's Recovery Work in the long term. We support the expansion, new construction, and 3245 the renovation of mother-child clinics. 3246

Maternity protection for the self-employed 3247

We want to introduce maternity protection for the self-employed similar to the maternity protection periods for employees 3248 We will introduce it. For this, we will promptly examine contribution-financed and other suitable financing models. 3249 In addition, we are developing concepts for the 3250 protection of the affected businesses. We will implement an awareness campaign on maternity protection 3251 to implement. 3252

Supply situation regarding abortions 3253

We want to comprehensively support women who become unintentionally pregnant in this sensitive situation, 3254 to protect the unborn life as best as possible. For women in conflict situations, we want to enable 3255 access to medically safe and local care. We are expanding the 3256 coverage by statutory health insurance beyond the current regulations. 3257 In addition, we will strengthen medical training. 3258

Contraceptives 3259

For us, access to contraceptives is part of reliable health care. 3260 Therefore, we are examining the possibility of providing prescribed 3261 contraceptives for women for an additional two years until the age of 24. 3262

Desire for children 3263

We will continue to support childless couples and expand the federal initiative "Help 3264 and support for unwanted childlessness". 3265

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Violence Protection Strategy 3268

Non-violence is a human right. In implementation of the Istanbul Convention and the EU-3269
We closely accompany the implementation of the Violence Assistance Act with the Violence Protection Directive and develop the 3270
Federal Violence Protection Strategy into a National Action Plan. We are taking further 3271
Protective measures for affected women: Strengthening prevention, education, and perpetrator work 3272
we and strengthen the Coordination Office for Gender-Based Violence in their work. The anonymous 3273
Evidence collection should enable victims to secure evidence without filing a criminal complaint 3274
can. 3275

Prostitution Protection Act 3276

Germany has become a hub for human trafficking. The victims are almost 3277
exclusively women. In light of the evaluation results of the Prostitution Protection Act, we will 3278
make improvements as needed with the support of an independent expert commission. 3279

Senior Policy 3280

Senior policy is a cross-cutting task for us. In a time of profound change, older 3281
people contribute important resources to help shape a livable future for all. We will 3282
strengthen the social participation of older people and reduce digital participation barriers through 3283
support programs like the 'Digital Pact for the Elderly'. We counter age discrimination 3284
we counteract. This includes educational and awareness-raising measures as well as age-friendly 3285
work models and clear regulations to counter discrimination in everyday work. The 3286
We will continue to promote multi-generational houses as important intergenerational meeting places 3287
. To create living spaces for good aging, we will model the development of innovative 3288
and exemplary concepts for intergenerational and communal living arrangements. 3289
We want to improve the living situation of people with dementia and their relatives. To this end, 3290
we will adjust the legal regulations and continue the National Dementia Strategy. 3291

Care of relatives 3292

We aim to merge the Care Time Act and the Family Care Time Act, which 3293
make leave entitlements more flexible and expand the circle of relatives. We are examining 3294
how a family care allowance can be introduced in the future. 3295

Democracy education and democratic participation 3296

In light of our history, we are proud of the democratic institutions and 3297
negotiation processes in our country. They are the foundation of our coexistence and must 3298
be learned from early childhood. 3299

We are concerned about the strengthening of extremism and group-related enmity as 3300
Attacks on our social cohesion and on peaceful and respectful 3301
Coexistence. We are convinced that we must invest more in the resilience of our democracy 3302
must invest. We emphasize the importance of non-profit organizations, committed 3303
associations and civil society actors as central pillars of our society. The support 3304
of projects for democratic participation through the federal program "Living Democracy!" continues 3305
we continue. We will initiate an independent review of this program regarding goal achievement and 3306
impact. Based on the results, we will examine further measures for legally secure, 3307
age-independent work against extremism and group-related enmity. We 3308
continue to ensure the constitutional fidelity of funded projects. 3309

Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency 3310

The work of the Anti-Discrimination Agency will continue. We will reissue the National Action Plan 3311
against racism based on a scientifically based definition of racism to combat 3312
racism in its various forms. 3313

Gender diversity 3314

We continue to commit to protecting queer life from discrimination. It must be natural for all 3315
people, regardless of their sexual orientation, to live equally, 3316
to live free from discrimination and violence. To this end, we want to raise awareness with appropriate measures 3317
create awareness, sensitize, and strengthen cohesion and coexistence. 3318

Self-determination law 3319

We will evaluate the law on self-determination regarding gender registration by no later than 3320
July 31, 2026. We uphold the rights of trans and intersex individuals. In the 3321
evaluation, we place a special focus on the impact on children and adolescents, who 3322
set deadlines for changing the gender entry as well as the effective protection of women. In 3323
the context of the name law reform, we will focus on better traceability of all individuals in 3324
legitimate public interest in name changes. 3325

Voluntary services 3326

We strengthen voluntary services, ensure multi-year funding, and gradually expand the 3327
structures and places. We want to implement a voluntary service for civil protection 3328
in which we will integrate model projects of the voluntary craft year together with the 3329
chambers of crafts. We want to enable young people to choose a voluntary service regardless of the 3330
parents' wallet for a voluntary service. We want to equip welfare associations 3331
according to need. 3332

Loneliness 3333

We will continue to develop the loneliness strategy and support the work of existing networks 3334 support. We will improve data collection and research on the topic of loneliness, especially in 3335 the area of children and adolescents to develop targeted measures to combat 3336 increasing loneliness from childhood to seniors. 3337

Psychosocial centers 3338

Also as a contribution to more security and integration, we continue to support the psychosocial 3339 centers. 3340

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4.2. Health and Care 3342

We want to ensure good, needs-based, and affordable medical and nursing care for 3343 people across the country. For this, we are undertaking profound structural reforms, 3344 stabilize contributions, ensure faster access to appointments, and improve the 3345 working conditions for employees in the healthcare sector. 3346

Stabilization of contribution rates 3347

High deficits currently characterize the financial situation of the statutory health insurance (GKV) and the 3348 social long-term care insurance. Revenue development lags significantly behind the development of 3349 expenditures. Contribution rates are rising. The goal is to stabilize the financial situation and avoid a 3350 further burden for contributors. To this end, we rely on a 3351

comprehensive package of structural adjustments and short-term measures. The goal is to stop the spending dynamics that have been increasing for years 3352

and to close the structural gap between expenditures and 3353 revenues. 3354

We want to stabilize contributions to statutory health insurance in the long term and 3355 at the same time ensure high quality and a high level of services. We want to increase revenues 3356 by increasing the employment level and reducing costs on the expenditure side. 3357

For this task, we will establish a commission involving experts and 3358 social partners. We want the commission to consider the health policy initiatives 3359 of this coalition agreement in their overall impact and to make derivations by spring 2027 3360 and propose specific further measures. 3361

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Prevention 3363

Disease prevention, health promotion, and prevention play an important role for us. We 3364 address people, especially children, in a target group-specific, structured, and low-threshold manner. 3365 The existing U-examinations will be expanded and the invitation system for all 3366 will be further developed. We strengthen voluntary offerings at the municipal level that address vulnerable groups in 3367 take a look. Loneliness, its impact, and how to deal with it, are brought into focus. We 3368 eliminate barriers in favor of better data exchange within the framework of the 3369 Health Data Utilization Act. We are examining how we can continue to support public health services (ÖGD) after the end of the pact for the 3370 Public Health Service (ÖGD) in a joint effort by the federal government, states, and 3371 municipalities can continue to support the ÖGD. 3372

Outpatient care 3373

We specifically improve outpatient care by reducing waiting times, relieving staff in 3374 medical practices and making access to specialists needs-based and 3375 more structured. We will change the telephone sick note so that abuse 3376 is excluded in the future (for example, exclusion of online sick notes through private 3377 online platforms). 3378

For a targeted care of patients and for a faster 3379

appointment allocation, we rely on a binding primary care physician system with free choice of doctors through general practitioners and 3380 pediatricians in the family doctor-centered care and in the collective agreement. Exceptions apply in 3381 ophthalmology and gynecology. For patients with a specific severe 3382 chronic illness, we will develop suitable solutions (for example, 3383 annual referrals or specialist internist as the coordinating primary care physician in individual cases). The primary care physicians 3384 and primary care doctors or the phone number operated by the statutory health insurance associations (KV) 3385 116 117 determine the medically necessary need for a specialist appointment and set the 3386 necessary time frame (appointment guarantee). We require the KV to 3387 mediate. If this is not successful, access to specialists in the hospital will be made available on an outpatient basis for these 3388 patients. In addition, we create the comprehensive possibility of a 3389 structured initial assessment through digital means in connection with telemedicine. 3390

We strengthen cross-sectoral care. In this context, we develop 3391 sector-independent flat rates (Hybrid-DRGs) further and enable them comprehensively. This 3392 intertwines offerings in the outpatient and inpatient sectors. 3393

We are enacting a law to regulate investor-operated medical care centers 3394

(iMVZ Regulation Act), which ensures transparency about the ownership structure as well as the system-compliant 3395
use of contribution funds. 3396

We are changing the fee system in the medical field with the aim of reducing the number of non 3397
need-based doctor contacts (annual flat rates). By flexibilizing the 3398
quarterly reference, we enable new patients to have better access and the 3399
remuneration of practice-patient contacts. We strengthen the competencies of health professions in 3400
the practice. We enable more female and male doctors to complete their training in 3401
general medicine in a doctor's office (two per trainer) and expand the 3402
capacities of training centers for pediatricians. 3403

We strengthen the participation of the states in the admission committees through a decisive vote 3404
and enable a more detailed needs planning. We create a fairness balance between 3405
over- and under-served areas: We are examining a de-budgeting of specialists in 3406
specialists in under-served areas. There, university teaching practices can be simplified 3407
be established. In addition, there are surcharges in (threatened) under-served areas, in 3408
over-served areas (greater than 120 percent) discounts on fees. In doing so, we also define the 3409
care mandate and allow the states to carry out the needs planning for female and male dentists 3410
themselves. 3411

We are creating a legal regulation that allows for social security exemption for female and male doctors 3412
in the standby service of health insurance and are bringing laws for emergency and 3413
rescue service reform on the way. In medical treatments, we strengthen patients against 3414
the treating professionals. We are developing the hospice and palliative care law in the sense of 3415
caring communities further and take into account the special needs of parents of 3416
star children. 3417

Pharmacies 3418

Local pharmacies are often the first point of contact in healthcare. The 3419
prohibition of foreign ownership is reaffirmed and we particularly strengthen pharmacies in rural areas. We 3420
build structures in local pharmacies for preventive services, facilitate the dispensing and 3421
the exchange of medications and relieve them of bureaucracy and documentation obligations. 3422
We abolish zero retroactive payments for formal reasons. We lift the discount prohibition. We increase 3423
the pharmacy packaging fixed fee once to 9.50 euros. Depending on the level of supply, it can 3424
be particularly for rural pharmacies in a corridor up to 11 euros. In the future, the 3425
remuneration between pharmacists and the GKV top association 3426

negotiated. We also standardize the requirements for local pharmacies and mail-order pharmacies, 3427 especially regarding compliance with cold chains and documentation obligations. The pharmacy profession 3428 we are further developing into a healthcare profession. 3429

Healthcare industry 3430

We strengthen the industrial healthcare sector, especially the pharmaceutical industry and 3431 medical technology, as a leading industry. The pharmaceutical dialogue and the pharmaceutical strategy will continue. The 3432 Law for the restructuring of the pharmaceutical market in statutory health insurance (AMNOG) 3433 we are developing with a focus on the 'framework' and on personalized medicine. In doing so, 3434 we enable access to innovative therapies and medicines while ensuring a 3435 sustainable financing. We strengthen supply security by relocating 3436 production sites for critical medicines and medical products back to Germany and 3437 Europe. 3438

Hospital landscape 3439

We are developing a qualitative, needs-based, and practical hospital landscape 3440 building on the hospital reform of the last legislative period and will regulate this legally by 3441 by summer 2025. We enable the states to ensure basic (internal medicine, surgery, 3442 gynecology and obstetrics) and emergency care for people, especially in rural areas 3443 exceptions and extended cooperations. The gap in immediate transformation costs from 3444 the years 2022 and 2023 as well as the share previously allocated for the statutory health insurance for the transformation fund 3445 for hospitals will be financed from the special fund for infrastructure. 3446

We are revising the definition of specialized hospitals with the aim that those existing in the states 3447 and relevant for care can be maintained. The system of 3448 contractual medical care will be maintained and improved without compromising the quality of 3449 service provision. The allocation of service groups will take place on 01.01.2027 based on the 60 3450 NRW service groups plus the special traumatology. The InEK grouper for these 3451 service groups will be used for billing and the service groups will remain until 3452 evaluation is maintained. The interim deadlines for the implementation of the 3453 hospital reform will be adjusted. Where it is medically sensible, the 3454 service groups will be modified regarding their performance and/or quality specifications. This applies in 3455 the same way for the crediting of doctors per service group. As 3456 full-time equivalent is 38.5 hours. The convergence phase is extended from two to three years. 3457 The year 2027 will be designed to be revenue-neutral for all hospitals to transparently show the new 3458 remuneration rules and the effect of reserve financing transparently and 3459

if necessary, to readjust. Subsequently, we will introduce the reserve compensation in two steps. 3460
In the federal states that have assigned the service groups by 31.12.2024, these will remain 3461
legally effective and will be used as the basis for compensation from 2026. This transitional regulation applies 3462
at the latest until 31.12.2030 and does not lead to any disadvantage. 3463

Care reform and federal-state commission 3464

The management of the constantly growing challenges in care and for the 3465
long-term care insurance is a generational task. We also want to meet this challenge with a 3466
mix of short-, medium-, and long-term measures. 3467

The structural long-term challenges will be addressed with a major care reform. 3468
The goals of the reform are to ensure the sustainable financing and affordability of long-term care insurance 3469
as well as to strengthen outpatient and home care. Furthermore, we want to ensure that 3470
services of long-term care insurance can be easily and bureaucratically accessed by those in need of care and their 3471
relatives with minimal bureaucracy. 3472

The foundations of the reform are to be developed by a federal-state working group at ministerial level with the involvement of 3473
the municipal umbrella organizations. The commission's mandate includes 3474
in particular the examination of: 3475

- Scope of services, differentiation of types of services, 3476
- Bundling and focusing of services, 3477
- Opportunities to strengthen family caregivers, 3478
- Creation of services for acute care situations, 3479
- Strengthening cross-sectoral nursing care and taking over 3480
model projects (such as 'stambulant') into standard care, 3481
- Incentives for self-responsible provision, 3482
- Sustainability factors (such as the introduction of a waiting period), 3483
- Location of non-insurance benefits such as pension insurance contributions for caring 3484
relatives and the training levy, 3485
- Limiting care-related co-payments. 3486

The commission will present its results by 2025. 3487

In the short term, we are introducing laws on care competence, care assistance, and the introduction of 3488
'Advanced Practice Nurse' and securing the so-called 'small care contract' 3489
legally. 3490

Reducing bureaucracy in healthcare 3491

Our healthcare system relies on highly qualified professionals who take responsibility for 3492 daily. People carry. We reduce documentation obligations and control densities through a 3493 massive bureaucracy relief law in healthcare, establish a culture of trust and 3494 strengthen the independence and self-responsibility of the professions, instead of paralyzing them with bureaucracy from 3495 legislation and self-administration. We will subject all laws in this area to a 3496 practical check. We review data protection regulations and all reporting and 3497 documentation obligations, especially in SGB XI, for their absolute necessity. Reporting and 3498 documentation obligations that were introduced due to the Corona pandemic, we abolish, 3499 without jeopardizing the precautions for future pandemics. We want to enable AI-supported 3500 treatment and care documentation and aim for a consistently simplified and 3501 digital reporting system. 3502

We introduce a trivial limit of 300 euros for the regression check of practicing female doctors and 3503 doctors. We will also implement corresponding regulations for other service providers 3504 and providers. We will significantly simplify the prescription and billing of medical and assistive devices to the 3505 health insurance companies. We significantly reduce the audit rate for hospitals. 3506 The audit result of the samples is then extrapolated to 100 percent. If an audit 3507 is not regularly conspicuous, the audit frequencies must be adjusted. The tasks of the control bodies in 3508 of care (Medical Service and Home Supervision) we intertwine and eliminate duplicate structures. 3509 We require health insurance companies to fully develop joint contractual and administrative processes. 3510 develop. 3511

All social security or self-governing public law bodies 3512 in healthcare, which are financed from contribution revenues, should reflect the same 3513 salary structure that applies to the employees of the practicing medical profession, the 3514 hospitals and the public health service. In the future, the salaries of the 3515 statutory health insurance, the Medical Service, and other actors should be aligned with the collective agreement for the 3516 Public Service (TVöD). With these measures, we create structural changes 3517 with significant savings potential. 3518

Digitalization 3519

For the future of healthcare, we are leveraging the opportunities of digitalization. By 2025 3520 we will gradually roll out the electronic patient file, from a nationwide test phase to a 3521 mandatory usage with sanctions. We simplify the exchange between the 3522 insurance carriers and the doctors. We avoid double documentation. 3523

Framework conditions and remuneration for video consultations, telemonitoring, and telepharmacy 3524
we improve to ensure comprehensive care. We are developing Gematik GmbH 3525
into a modern agency to better network stakeholders in the field of digitalization. 3526
All providers of software and IT solutions in the health and care sector must ensure a 3527 by 2027
lossless, straightforward, digital data exchange based on uniformly defined standards 3528
ensure. 3529

Health research and target group-oriented care 3530

To improve data usage, we are establishing a registry law and improving data usage at the 3531
Health Research Data Center. At the same time, the protection of sensitive health data is 3532
indispensable. Therefore, we advocate for consistent enforcement of violations. We make 3533
Germany a top location for health research and clinical studies. In the 3534
clinical research, we are removing barriers and harmonizing regulations with other EU countries, 3535
for example, in CAR-T cell therapy. We are simplifying the framework conditions for laboratories of safety level S 1 3536
We simplify. 3537

We support the network of German competence and treatment centers for diseases 3538
caused by highly pathogenic pathogens (STAKOB) in its excellent work and invest in this 3539
context into a cross-border treatment center for infectious diseases in 3540
Central Germany. 3541

We design medical prevention, treatment, and research to be gender- and diversity-sensitive 3542
(including queer people) and take into account the specific needs at every 3543
stage of life of all genders, such as childbirth and menopause, as well as specific 3544
diseases such as endometriosis, breast, and prostate cancer. Access to basic care, 3545
especially in gynecology, obstetrics, and midwifery care, we ensure 3546
comprehensive coverage. In fertility treatment, the co-financing of 3547
artificial insemination for those affected must be appropriate and reliable. We are developing the 3548
healthcare and nursing care to be barrier-free and inclusive. 3549

Psychotherapy 3550

Through low-threshold online counseling in psychotherapy and digital 3551
health applications, we strengthen prevention as well as care in the area and in 3552
acute situations. We adjust remuneration structures to enable needs-based care with regard 3553
to enable short-term therapy, for example. We implement an emergency care 3554
for psychotherapists and implement the suicide prevention law. For better psychosomatic 3555
primary care through general practitioners, we eliminate their regressions and implement psychosomatic 3556
outpatient clinics close to home. We adjust the demand planning with regard to children and 3557

Youth and the improvement of care in rural areas and provide the 3558

Continuing education funding in psychotherapy is secured. The goal is better care and the 3559

Strengthening the resilience of our children and adolescents. 3560

Impact of the Corona pandemic 3561

We are taking further measures to improve the health situation of those affected less frequently 3562

Diseases, for example, to improve through the expansion and strengthening of digitally connected centers. 3563

People suffering from myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome, long and post-COVID, and post-vaccination 3564

sick people continue to need our support. We are strengthening care and 3565

research. We will comprehensively address the Corona pandemic within the framework of an inquiry commission 3566

to process, especially to draw lessons for future pandemic events. 3567

Organ donation 3568

We want to significantly increase the number of organ and tissue donations and improve the conditions for this 3569

improve. Awareness and willingness should be promoted. 3570

Crisis-proof care 3571

We are creating legal frameworks for the health sector and emergency services in 3572

Civil protection as well as defense and alliance cases with coordinated coordination and clear 3573

Responsibilities. We are investing in energy-efficient renovation and digitalization for the 3574

hospital, university clinic, and care infrastructure. 3575

Global health 3576

Global health strengthens security, prosperity, and resilience. Germany is strategically bringing 3577

health expertise into global politics. This includes reforms at WHO and UNAIDS, 3578

increased secondments and more German expertise in key positions. Together with 3579

our partners, we are containing the outbreak and spread of diseases in the Global South 3580

one. We are advancing research on antimicrobial resistance and more sustainable health financing 3581

we are pushing forward. 3582

Addiction and prevention 3583

We take the growing problem of addiction – including new synthetic drugs 3584

– seriously. To counteract the consequences, which can range from health hazards to readiness for violence and 3585

neglect, we are developing bundled measures in a joint effort also with 3586

addiction prevention, assistance, and substitution medicine. We are taking appropriate 3587

preventive measures to protect especially children and adolescents from everyday addictions. 3588

We are presenting a regulation on the distribution of nitrous oxide and GHB/GBL (so-called knockout drops). 3589

Health professions 3590

We increase the appreciation and attractiveness of health professions. We enable the 3591 competency-oriented deployment of skilled personnel and independent practice of healing. This includes 3592 an appropriate staffing assessment in hospitals and in nursing. We strengthen the 3593 self-responsibility in nursing and enhance their self-administration, for example through a fixed 3594 seat with voting rights in the Joint Federal Committee (G-BA). We will achieve suitable 3595 measures to reduce the differences between temporary workers and the 3596 permanent staff. Additional costs for the creation of relief pools as well as corresponding compensation 3597 for the staff will be balanced. The further qualification of experienced 3598 nursing professionals through the DQR recognition process we simplify by means of 3599 competency assessment procedures of the responsible practical instructions. We want a 3600 remuneration structure in the practical year (PJ) to be modernized, which corresponds to at least the BAföG rate 3601 and we want to create a fair and uniform absenteeism regulation. The knowledge test will be 3602 improved, among other things, with a stronger linguistic component and priority access for 3603 the recognition of the training of foreign doctors. The professional laws for occupational and physiotherapy 3604 as well as speech therapy we will reform quickly and future-proof. An exclusive full academization 3605 we reject. We regulate osteopathy by professional law. We support research and 3606 care for naturopathy and integrative medicine to promote prevention. 3607

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4.3. Municipalities, sports, and volunteer work 3609

The functioning state starts at the municipal level. We want our municipalities to be 3610 livable and efficient in the future. However, the situation of the municipalities is serious and is becoming 3611 financially. In particular, the expenditures for personnel, bureaucracy, and social services are driving their deficit 3612 up – they are rising significantly faster than investment expenditures. The municipalities need 3613 action perspectives – both financially and in terms of the feasibility of the tasks assigned to them 3614 assigned tasks. We will improve the decision-making and action capacity of the municipalities 3615 improve. Municipal policy must be able to become faster, simpler, and less bureaucratic. The 3616 trust in the state and social cohesion will be strengthened when the 3617 functionality of the municipalities is guaranteed. 3618

Future Pact of the Federal Government, States, and Municipalities 3619

With a future pact from the federal government, states, and municipalities, we will strengthen the financial 3620 action capacity and conduct a comprehensive review of tasks and costs. 3621

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Causation connectivity 3623

We adhere to the principle of causation connectivity – "Who orders, pays", this also applies 3624 for administrative and personnel expenses. Whoever initiates or expands a service must bear the costs for its 3625 financing. This means that if federal laws or other federal measures lead to additional expenses or reduced revenues for 3626 the states and municipalities, it must be ensured 3627 that the funds reach the executing level. 3628

Municipal revenues 3629

There needs to be a fundamental and systematic improvement of municipal finances beyond 3630 funding programs. We want a stabilization and reliability of municipal revenues and 3631 more municipal financial autonomy and design options. In the case of a 3632 further development of the trade tax, we secure the revenues of the municipalities. 3633

Relief for municipalities 3634

We want to achieve a significant relief for municipalities and will work together with the 3635 states and in coordination with the municipalities to develop solutions to break the spending dynamics. 3636 break. In doing so, we will also improve administrative procedures to reduce bureaucracy 3637 and lower municipal costs. There is a need for monitoring involving the municipal 3638 umbrella organizations to adjust the standards, also with regard to overregulation and contemporary 3639 feasibility. Where sensible and possible, we want to create more flexibility and leeway on the ground, 3640 without undermining the legislative goal. 3641

Support for schools 3642

The support of schools by multiprofessional teams strengthens the individual support of the 3643 individual child and thus the success in school. Individual benefits of the social codes that serve the 3644 support in school will be opened for the summary into flat-rate and 3645 structured support services at schools (pooling). In addition, we will expedite the conclusion 3646 of the evaluation of the Relief for Relatives Act by the end of 2025 to check more quickly whether 3647 a reversal of the burden of proof should be introduced. We will not transfer any new tasks, standards, and 3648 legal obligations to the municipalities. 3649

Municipal funding program structure 3650

We evaluate and concentrate the municipal funding program structure and optimize it with 3651 a focus on goals and effects. We simplify the application and implementation, reduce the 3652 documentation requirements and allow for early start of measures. This must be done completely in the future 3653 digitally. We reduce the control effort through risk-oriented sampling procedures. The 3654

the funds released as a result will be distributed to the municipalities through an appropriate key within the existing 3655 constitutional financial allocations will be distributed directly to the municipalities in a lump sum. 3656

Civil, population, and disaster protection 3657

We need a joint effort from the federal government and the states to support municipalities in 3658 addressing their tasks in the area of civil, population, and disaster protection. 3659

Based on the operational plan Germany, we ensure in cooperation with the states there 3660 for the necessary investments and sustainable financing. In addition, we strengthen the resilience of the 3661 municipalities by increasing the (data) security of critical infrastructures. 3662

Safe municipalities 3663

Our common guiding principle is the "safe municipality." This also concerns safety and order 3664 in public spaces. We advocate for a harmonization of safety regulations from the federal government, 3665 states, and municipalities. 3666

City centers 3667

Our city centers have a high quality of life. Therefore, it is important to effectively address the increasing vacancies in 3668 city centers. For this, we will advocate at the European level for the continuation 3669 of funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) similar to the 3670 successful programs "Resilient City Centers" and "Perspective City Center!" 3671

Equivalent living conditions 3672

We explicitly commit to the constitutional mandate to promote equivalent living conditions 3673 throughout Germany. We ensure adequate financing and 3674 security of the necessary health care structures in the city and in rural areas 3675 secure. It is particularly important that immediate assistance for essential 3676 hospitals is created as a bridge until the hospital reform comes into effect. 3677

Safe public transport 3678

We want a reliable, safe, clean, and digitized public transport system with an attractive pricing 3679 and tariff structure in urban and rural areas. 3680

Municipal enterprises 3681

Municipal enterprises are the backbone of public services. We advocate at the EU 3682 level for them to fall under the SME definition, so that, for example, the 3683 sustainability reporting obligation is waived. We will ensure that the expansion of networks and the expansion 3684 of renewable energies are better coordinated. In municipal 3685 heat planning, feasibility must be considered from the outset. Since it involves investments 3686

For decades, municipalities and energy suppliers need planning security and a 3687 attractive investment framework. 3688

Digital Administration 3689

We aim for a fully digitized administration. A digital citizen account should facilitate access to 3690 government services. To this end, all levels of government harmonize their 3691 procedures. We enable the complete digital submission of documents and 3692 declarations of intent generally without personal appearance. 3693

Sport 3694

Sport should be fun and inspire a desire for performance. It keeps you healthy, conveys values, and provides our 3695 society with the necessary cohesion. It has enormous significance for integration and inclusion 3696 as well as for prevention, health promotion, and rehabilitation. Therefore, we want to strengthen it with 3697 targeted measures – at the top and broadly. We are firmly against 3698 doping, manipulation, as well as any form of violence and abuse. For us, sport stands for 3699 fairness, integrity, and togetherness. 3700

Major sporting events, Olympic and Paralympic Games 3701

We strongly support a German bid for hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games while respecting the autonomy of sports 3702 application for hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games and advocate 3703 especially regarding the selection of competition venues, to make the games a celebration for all of 3704 Germany. The application is embedded in the "National Strategy 3705 Major Sporting Events", which will be continued in cooperation with the sports associations. The goal is to 3706 provide sufficient financial support for major sporting events such as the World 3707 Games in Karlsruhe 2029 as well as support for applications, including for the 3708 Athletics World Championships, Nordic Ski World Championships, and the Women's Football 3709 European Championship. Therefore, we will increase the federal organizational cost subsidy. 3710 "Youth trains for Olympia & Paralympics" and the Federal Youth Games are important institutions, 3711 to inspire children and young people for competitive sports and to introduce them to the idea of competition 3712 to them. 3713

Top-level sports promotion 3714

Top-level sports promotion needs a paradigm shift to make Germany a competitive sports nation 3715 internationally competitive again. We will make the funding more efficient, flexible 3716 and less bureaucratic, aiming for a professionalization, externalization 3717 and a stronger digitization. We are guided by the processes already initiated, 3718 taking into account the sovereignty of the budget legislator and establishing an effective and 3719 success-oriented management of top-level sports. Components of the reform should include the improvement 3720

by framework conditions for athletes through improved social security 3721
and the support of dual careers as well as a competitive structure of the Olympics and 3722
federal training centers. The internationally successful sports support groups of the Bundeswehr, 3723
Federal Police and Customs serve as a model and should be expanded. We will exempt the bonuses for 3724
won medals from taxation. 3725

Coaching offensive 3726

The coaching profession must become more attractive. We want to retain the well-trained coaches 3727
in Germany. Therefore, we are launching a "Coaching Offensive" that includes a clearly improved remuneration 3728
as well as significantly improved labor conditions, also with regard to dual careers, 3729
includes. 3730

Modernization of sports facilities 3731

We assist states, municipalities, and clubs as needed in the modernization and renovation of 3732
sports facilities. For this, we will provide at least one billion euros. We want to 3733
improve the swimming ability of people in our country. Therefore, we will promote not only sports halls 3734
especially swimming pools – including mobile swimming containers – but also sports fields 3735
should be eligible for funding. The creation of accessibility, energy efficiency, and the improvement of 3736
inter-municipal cooperation will be particularly taken into account. It is also important to 3737
examine the sports facility noise protection regulation and, if necessary, adjust it. 3738

Sports sciences 3739

Top athletic performance requires excellent sports science. Therefore, we will strengthen this 3740
and the Institute for Applied Training Science (IAT) as well as the Institute for Research and 3741
Development of Sports Equipment (FES) into institutional funding. In addition, 3742
we will advance digitalization in competitive sports. 3743

Sports and life realities 3744

To enable female athletes in competitive sports to have equal opportunities, we recognize their life realities 3745
– for example, through the establishment of maternity protection and the promotion of gender-specific 3746
training and research. We want to strengthen the visibility of women's sports. 3747

Sports and inclusion 3748

Too many people are not reached by sports. Therefore, we advocate for inclusion so that 3749
more people can participate in sports. We will continue to support the disability sports association and the Special 3750
Olympics. We will improve access to sports offerings for disadvantaged families 3751
improve. 3752

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Sport free from violence and abuse 3754

We are committed at all levels to a sport free from harassment, violence, and 3755 abuse. Therefore, we continue to establish the Safe Sport Center for elite sports and 3756 utilize synergies for grassroots sports. There should be a coordinated responsibility system between the 3757 organized sports and the center. A federal program against extremism and 3758 antisemitism in sports will continue. We continue to support the successful work of 3759 Maccabi Germany. 3760

Victims of GDR forced doping 3761

The victims of GDR forced doping deserve support and still need our help. 3762 Therefore, we will amend the Administrative Rehabilitation Act to also cover the 3763 cases of systematic doping in the GDR are fundamentally recorded. 3764

E-sports 3765

We recognize the non-profit status of e-sports. 3766

Sports and fan culture 3767

To further promote fan culture, the "Coordination Office for Fan Projects" will continue to be supported. 3768

State Minister for Sports and Volunteering 3769

We appoint a State Minister for Sports and Volunteering in the Federal Chancellery. 3770

Volunteering 3771

Our society is supported by volunteer engagement. We ensure that 3772 volunteer engagement brings joy and receives more recognition. 3773

Future Pact for Volunteering 3774

We are creating a "Future Pact for Volunteering." In this, we will increase the volunteer and 3775 trainer allowances. We will also raise the exemption limit for volunteer as well as 3776 economic business and purpose operations, simplify data protection, non-profit, 3777 association and grant law, and improve liability privileges. 3778

Attractive Volunteering 3779

We will also explore ways to make volunteer engagement more attractive for young people 3780 and improve the compatibility of family and volunteering. For the volunteer service 3781 and the Voluntary Social Year, we will provide more positions and more financial resources for a higher 3782 allowance. In addition, clubs should be recognized as educational institutions, so that 3783 funding for training programs for coaches and trainers is possible. 3784

We strengthen and protect voluntary engagement. This is especially true in challenging times for 3786 the "Blue Light Family" as well as the clubs and associations that hold our civil society together. 3787 This includes the further expansion of the successful work of the German Foundation for Engagement and 3788 Volunteering. We will improve the protection of volunteers. Local office holders and 3789 mandate holders support our state. Therefore, we must support and protect them. This also 3790 includes the continuation of the nationwide contact point for the protection of local office holders and 3791 mandate holders. We will punish attacks on those who protect us, among others, in volunteer fire departments and 3792 rescue services more severely and expedite the criminal proceedings. 3793

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4.4. Culture and Media 3795

Our country is a cultural state, rich in traditions and customs, in art, architecture, literature, and 3796 music, history, and religious diversity – in cities and rural areas. Our culture is the foundation 3797 of our freedom. Art inspires, irritates, and opens new perspectives. Without free and powerful 3798 art, what underlies every progress withers: the ability to reflect on our lives and 3799 imagine a better one. Cultural policy is socially relevant. We will nurture the cultural wealth and 3800 diversity of our country, we will maintain, further develop, and defend against every challenge 3801 defend. Federal cultural policy is more than a complement in cooperative cultural federalism 3802 to the cultural sovereignty of the states. 3803

We commit to the special protection and specific promotion of the legally 3804 recognized national minorities in Germany: the Danish minority, the Frisian 3805 ethnic group, the German Sinti and Roma, and the Sorbian people. 3806

Art and culture are free. Promoting them is a public task that the federal government, states, and municipalities 3807 must also jointly fulfill even in economically difficult times. A vibrant cultural 3808 infrastructure is part of public services. Museums, theaters, cinemas, libraries, socio-cultural centers 3809 or galleries also belong in rural areas. They are a prerequisite for equal 3810 living conditions. We want to ensure cultural participation for all people. 3811

Funding conditions, awareness, and personal responsibility 3812

Artistic freedom demands that there should be no content-related requirements from the state for art. We 3813 do not support projects and initiatives that pursue anti-Semitic, racist, and other 3814 inhumane goals. We will ensure this through legally secure funding conditions, 3815 awareness, and personal responsibility. 3816

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Culture connects 3818

Therefore, we want to intensify international cooperation, cultural exchange, cultural diplomacy and 3819 intensify cultural tourism. Our country should be a beacon for free art and culture in the world 3820 be. We also need a strong Creative Europe program in the future. 3821

Reliable partner of culture 3822

We are a reliable partner for cultural institutions, the free scene, and popular culture. The reform of 3823 We will successfully complete the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation. Special investments, 3824 in which the federal government is involved, we will continue. We accelerate construction projects through simplified 3825 planning processes and we will reduce bureaucracy in grant law. We stabilize the funding 3826 of the Federal Cultural Foundation and all eight federal cultural funds. We systematize the funding for 3827 the free arts and take into account minimum fees and 3828

minimum honorariums. We support nationally significant cultural institutions and events 3829 in their development and profiling. We want to intensify the strategic exchange between 3830 public and private cultural sponsors and strengthen institutions of cultural policy 3831 discourse. The cultural offerings we support are diverse and inclusive. We continue the 3832 program "Culture makes strong" and promote the expansion of cultural education and 3833 mediation offers to cultural institutions. We enable public libraries to 3834

open on Sundays and are examining the continuation of the CulturePass. We will specifically strengthen volunteer engagement, such as 3835 tradition, amateur culture and music, for example, will be specifically strengthened. 3836

We will continue the special program for monument protection. The prepared amendment of the 3837 Cultural Property Protection Act will be implemented promptly. The digitization of cultural heritage and the 3838 digital transformation of cultural work requires future-proof funding. 3839

Rural areas 3840

In rural areas, the involvement of cultural actors is essential. Therefore, we continue 3841 funding programs such as Aller.Land, "Culture in rural areas" and BULE. The cultural sector 3842 should work sustainably. Consulting services such as the Green Culture contact point will be evaluated for their 3843 effectiveness and, if necessary, further developed. 3844

Strategy "Culture & AI" 3845

Artificial intelligence greatly enhances the possibilities of human creativity. It offers great 3846 artistic and cultural economic potential, if copyright is respected and artificially 3847 generated content remains recognizable. We are developing a strategy "Culture & AI" with the states. 3848

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Our awareness of the value of freedom and democracy is also based on our 3852
Culture of remembrance. At its core is the engagement with the National Socialist 3853
Reign of crime and the singularity of the Holocaust. In addition, we strengthen the processing of the SED-3854
Dictatorship, including the removal of cultural assets in the Soviet Occupation Zone (SBZ) and GDR. The 3855
corresponding resolutions of the Bundestag require us to implement them concretely. The processing 3856
of colonialism will be intensified. This includes cross-border research on 3857
objects and the return of cultural assets in dialogue with the countries of origin. Special 3858
attention is focused on a dignified place of remembrance and the return of human remains 3859
(Human Remains). 3860

State responsibility 3861

The state bears special responsibility for the return of cultural property seized due to Nazi persecution 3862
Cultural property. We will intensify provenance research, introduce arbitration 3863
and create an effective restitution law. 3864

Memorial sites 3865

We particularly want to enable all young people to visit German and international 3866
memorial sites. Our decentralized memorial landscape faces great 3867
challenges, which we want to master with an investment program for substance preservation, strengthening 3868
networking and cooperation structures, and support for innovative mediation work 3869
we want to master. This also applies to emblematic sites of the Nazi perpetrators, forced labor, and the SED-3870
dictatorship. We will adapt the federal memorial site concept scientifically and in exchange 3871
with the actors to the new challenges and develop a nationwide 3872
competence network with the memorial sites. We support the establishment of a Yad 3873
Vashem Education Centers in Germany. 3874

Digitalization and site development Federal Archives 3875

We will advance the digitalization and site development of the Federal Archives with its 3876
branches of the Stasi documents archive. Positive events and places in 3877
German democratic history are of great significance for remembrance policy. We will, 3878
as well as continue to promote the Foundation Places of German Democratic History. 3879

Cultural heritage of the displaced persons 3880

To promote the cultural heritage of the displaced persons, we will support the Foundation Flight, 3881
Expulsion, Reconciliation, and the Cultural Foundation of the German Displaced Persons on a reliable 3882

establish a financial basis and secure federal funding according to § 96 of the Federal Displaced Persons Act for the future 3883
shape. 3884

Cultural and Creative Industries 3885

The creative economy makes a significant cultural and economic contribution, which we want to strengthen through clear 3886
regulatory framework conditions and tax incentives both broadly and 3887
industry-specific. We want to improve the competitiveness of the film location 3888
Germany through a timely reform of film funding, consisting of a 3889
tax incentive system as well as an investment obligation. We will 3890
further develop in close dialogue with the industry, we will strengthen cinemas through reliable 3891
funding programs for investments and cultural diversity in cities and rural areas and advance the digital 3892
preservation of film heritage. Games are a cultural asset and a driver of innovation, therefore we want 3893
to promote the gaming location through tax incentives and reliable programs. We are committed to 3894
the Initiative Music and other federally funded initiatives for the promotion of the music industry 3895
and pop culture. There is a need for "cultural protection areas" where protection of existing structures applies and clubs are recognized as 3896
cultural sites recognized by the building use regulation and taken into account in the Technical Instructions for the Protection 3897
against noise (TA Lärm). The musical instrument construction needs sector-specific 3898
exceptions. To ensure diversity in the book market, we will examine a 3899
structural publishing support. 3900

Development of fair and transparent remuneration models 3901

We consistently enforce intellectual property rights and protect creative products. 3902
Especially in the digital music market, we help to develop fair and transparent remuneration models 3903
We will strengthen the social security of artists and creatives within 3904
and outside the services of the Artists' Social Security Fund and coordinate more unbureaucratically with the 3905
specific working and living conditions in the arts sector. We want to 3906
broaden the support for cultural work. Cultural sponsorship, patronage, 3907
private foundations and business cooperations can enable more culture. 3908

Strengthen media diversity - secure freedom of expression 3909

Independent and diverse media ensure a free public debate. We advocate in the dual 3910
media system for both a plural public broadcasting service and fair 3911
regulatory and refinancing conditions for private media. We refrain from additional 3912
advertising restrictions. We are considering the introduction of a levy for online platforms that 3913
use media content. The proceeds should benefit the media location. In the interest of 3914
comprehensive provision of journalistic offerings, we create legal certainty with regard to 3915
non-profit status. We want a more intense discourse about media and strengthen 3916

relevant institutions for that. We will discuss the challenges of delivering newspapers with the 3917 publishers. Competition law must be further developed at all levels and integrated with the 3918 media concentration law of the states, also to examine mergers of media companies 3919 with providers of media-relevant infrastructure. Cooperation in public broadcasting should 3920 become the norm according to the current reforms of the states. Therefore, we are creating a 3921 competition law exemption, and cooperation between private media companies should 3922 be facilitated. We protect terrestrial broadcasting as critical infrastructure. The 3923 UHF band is also available to media and culture, the balancing with security needs is 3924 currently being evaluated. 3925

Dealing with disinformation 3926

Targeted influence on elections as well as now everyday disinformation and fake news are 3927 serious threats to our democracy, its institutions, and social 3928 cohesion. The deliberate dissemination of false statements is not covered by the 3929 freedom of expression. Therefore, independent media supervision must act against 3930 freedom of expression based on clear legal provisions against information manipulation and 3931 hate and incitement. Systematically employed manipulative dissemination techniques such as 3932 the mass and coordinated use of bots and fake accounts must be banned. We 3933 will enforce that online platforms fulfill their obligations regarding transparency and participation 3934 to the oversight, as well as examine stricter liability for content. Outlinks to 3935 third-party providers are to be allowed. The Digital Services Act (DSA) must be implemented stringently and 3936 further developed, systemic failures must have consequences in a coordinated process with the EU-3937 Commission. The further development of European media law must take place under 3938 the preservation of the principle of subsidiarity. The leeway of the member states to protect 3939 cultural and media diversity must be preserved in all EU legal acts. We support the establishment of 3940 a European media platform including ARTE. We strengthen Deutsche Welle 3941 and modernize its legal basis as a broadcaster distributed abroad. 3942

Youth protection and media literacy 3943

Growing up with digital media requires media literacy, but also effective child and 3944 youth media protection. A coherent legal framework between Europe, the federal government, and the states offers 3945 the opportunity to dismantle parallel structures and facilitate effective law enforcement. Therefore, 3946 we are designing the Youth Protection Act coherently with the DSA and the Youth Media Protection State Treaty. 3947 Age verification on digital devices should be standard in Europe. 3948

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Working conditions and protection options 3951

We advocate for safe and good working conditions for female and male journalists and 3952
better protect them by enabling them to obtain a blocking notice in the registration register. 3953

5. Responsible foreign policy, united 3954

Europe, secure Germany 3955

5.1 Foreign and defense policy, 3956

Development cooperation and human rights 3957

The goal of our foreign and security policy is to preserve peace in freedom and 3958
Security. To preserve this peace, we must fulfill our responsibility to ensure 3959
our own security. We are guided by the principle: We want to be able to defend ourselves, 3960
so that we do not have to defend ourselves. 3961

Our security is today threatened as strongly as it has not been since the end of the Cold War. The 3962
greatest and most direct threat comes from Russia, which has been waging a brutal and 3963
unlawful war of aggression against Ukraine for the fourth year and continues to massively rearm. The 3964
power ambitions of Vladimir Putin are directed against the rules-based international order. 3965

Prerequisites for a strong German foreign policy are its own economic and 3966
security policy strength as well as the integrated cooperation of foreign, security, and 3967
development policy. We will pay special attention to the area of economic security. 3968
Attention. 3969

For the first time since the end of World War II, Germany and Europe must be able to ensure their 3970
security much more comprehensively on their own. We will create all the prerequisites 3971
so that the Bundeswehr can fully fulfill the task of national and alliance defense 3972
can. Our goal is for the Bundeswehr to make a central contribution to the deterrence and 3973
defense capability of NATO and to become a role model among our allies. The 3974
described threat situation forces us, with the aim of deterrence, to increase our 3975
defense spending. Our long-term goal remains the commitment to arms control and 3976
non-proliferation as well as disarmament. 3977

Our commitment to NATO and the EU remains unwavering. The transatlantic alliance and the close 3978
cooperation with the USA remain of central importance to us. We strengthen the 3979
capability of Europe, deepen existing strategic partnerships, especially build 3980
new ones with countries of the Global South and support multilateral formats with full force. 3981

We will support Ukraine comprehensively so that it can effectively defend itself against the Russian aggressor 3982
and assert itself in negotiations. Our security includes the 3983
preservation and further development of the rules-based international order based on the 3984

International law, the universal applicability of human rights and the Charter of the United Nations. 3985
We will continue to fight against poverty, hunger, and inequality worldwide. 3986
engage and work towards achieving the international sustainability goals as well as the Paris 3987
Climate Protection Agreement. 3988

Coherence in external action 3989

We are developing the Federal Security Council, within the framework of the departmental principle, into a National 3990
Security Council in the Federal Chancellery further. It is to coordinate the essential questions of an integrated 3991
security policy, develop strategies and provide strategic foresight, conduct a 3992
joint situation assessment and thus serve as the body for joint political 3993
decision-making. 3994

For a comprehensive management of crises, Germany needs a federal-state and 3995
cross-departmental National Crisis Staff of the Federal Government and a National Situation Center in the 3996
Federal Chancellery, where a comprehensive situation picture is compiled across departments. 3997

Foreign policy 3998

We want to strengthen multilateral structures. The United Nations (UN) remain the backbone of the 3999
rules-based international order, and we rely on partnerships in the EU, NATO, OSCE, G7 4000
and G20. For this, we bring reforms and German personnel into the relevant bodies. We 4001
advocate for the protection of the UN against all attempts to undermine it. We will 4002
promote Germany's candidacy for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council 2027/28 with 4003
determination. We are committed to including the crime of aggression without 4004
restrictions in the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court. The 4005
Federal Government will further develop the German UN seat in Bonn and seek additional 4006
settlements of UN institutions. 4007

To improve the coordination processes of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) 4008
and to accelerate, we want to enable more qualified majority decisions in the EU Council 4009
to enable. In the further development of the Common Security and Defense Policy 4010
(CSDP) we take on a leadership role. We want to strengthen EU-NATO cooperation. 4011
Furthermore, we will apply intergovernmental formats, such as the 4012
E3 format (France, United Kingdom, and Germany), possibly also including 4013
non-EU states, as a foreign policy action format. 4014

Ukraine as a strong, democratic, and sovereign state that independently and with a euro-4015
Atlantic perspective determines its future, is of central importance for our own 4016
security. Therefore, we will substantially strengthen and reliably continue our military, civilian, and political support for Ukraine 4017
together with partners. We will work closely 4018

Close cooperation with our partners for a common strategy towards a genuine and sustainable peace, in which Ukraine acts from a position of strength and on equal terms acts. This also includes material and political security guarantees for a sovereign Ukraine. Germany will participate in the reconstruction of Ukraine. We are looking for options in coordination with our partners for ways to economically utilize the frozen Russian state assets for financial and military support of Ukraine. We stand by the NATO membership perspective reaffirmed at the Washington NATO summit reaffirmed NATO membership perspective for Ukraine. We support the establishment of a special tribunal to appropriately prosecute and punish the crime of aggression against Ukraine to appropriately prosecute and punish.

Relations with the USA remain of paramount importance. The transatlantic partnership is a great success story for both sides, which must also continue under the new conditions must continue. Therefore, we take on more responsibility for our common security. In trade policy, we seek close cooperation with all of North America. The transatlantic economic area gives us the best conditions together to be successful in global competition to be successful. Canada is a central part of the transatlantic partnership for us, with which connects us with numerous common interests and values.

The United Kingdom is one of the closest partners of the EU and Germany – bilaterally and in the framework of NATO. We aim for a comprehensive bilateral friendship agreement.

The right to exist and the security of Israel are and remain part of Germany's *raison d'état*. We strongly condemn the brutal terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7, 2023, and support Israel in ensuring its own security. At the same time, the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip must be fundamentally improved. The viable perspective for a peaceful coexistence of Israelis and Palestinians is a negotiable two-state solution. The extent of our future support for the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) depends on comprehensive reforms.

Turkey is an important strategic partner within NATO, a neighbor of the EU, and an influential player in the Middle East, with whom we want to jointly address geopolitical challenges from security policy to migration together. A fundamental improvement of the democratic, rule of law, and human rights situation is a central element.

We will intensify bilateral relations with the countries of the Global South and expand into a global network. To address this relationship, we will establish a new North-South Commission. We must also keep channels of communication open with difficult partners within a values-based interest policy and during humanitarian crises

Ensuring support. We pursue our strategic interests in the region of the Near and Middle East based on respect and reciprocity.

We will support Syria in stabilizing and rebuilding the economy of the country and tie this to clear conditions. Thus, we also enable the return of

refugees to their homeland. Central are the protection as well as the social and political participation of all population groups and the safeguarding of human rights, especially women's rights.

We want an Africa policy that does justice to the strategic importance of Africa. Important partner for us is the African Union. We want to support the implementation of the African Free Trade Area. A special focus must be placed on stabilizing the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, especially to combat terrorism and the causes of flight. The Russian and Chinese influence in Africa, we resolutely oppose with our partners.

The expansion of strategic partnerships with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean is of particular importance to us of particular importance. The agreement between the EU and Mercosur must finally be finalized. We want to intensify and deepen the strategic partnership with Brazil as well as cooperation with other partners, especially the largest countries Mexico, Argentina and Colombia, expand.

For Germany and the EU, a stable, free, and secure Indo-Pacific region is of fundamental interest. We will continue to show presence in the region. We aim to deepen the strategic relations with India at all levels, including in the global energy transition and in security policy cooperation. Furthermore, we advocate for the conclusion of a free trade agreement with the EU. Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea are close value partners for Germany and the EU. Our comprehensive strategic partnerships with these and other important countries will be deepened.

With China, we seek cooperation where it is in German and European interest – especially in addressing global challenges. Regarding our trade and investment relations, we urge China to comply with the agreed rules and full reciprocity. We must note that the elements of systemic rivalry have come to the forefront due to China's actions have now come to the forefront. Against this background, we will reduce unilateral dependencies and pursue a policy of de-risking to strengthen our resilience strengthen. We will confront China, where necessary, with confidence and our own strength, which is why a coherent and closely coordinated China policy within the EU and with other partners is essential for us. Based on our One-China policy, we are developing our relations with Taiwan further. Any change in the status quo of Taiwan must only be peaceful and by mutual consent.

Together with our partners France, the United Kingdom, and the USA, we will work towards 4088 ensuring that the Iranian nuclear program is terminated, the destructive role of the regime in the 4089 region is pushed back, and the ballistic program is halted. We support the 4090 international sanctions against the Iranian regime and continue to advocate strongly for 4091 putting the Revolutionary Guards on the EU terrorist list. We will increase pressure by 4092 closing sanction loopholes comprehensively, specifically supporting human rights defenders and especially women 4093 support. 4094

We will strengthen humanitarian aid and provide it reliably, purposefully, and proactively. In doing so, we will examine 4095 a stronger commitment following the withdrawal of other donors in key areas. We want to 4096 review the cooperation with existing networks and new partnerships in crisis regions accordingly 4097 to see how humanitarian aid can be provided in difficult situations. To prevent 4098 crises, we will strengthen early warning systems. In the future, we will ensure adequate funding 4099 for humanitarian aid and crisis prevention. 4100

Foreign cultural and educational policy is a central component of German foreign policy, 4101 an important element of Germany's soft power and thus a strategic tool in the global 4102 competition for reputation, influence, narratives, ideas, and values. It strengthens the science and 4103 economic location of Germany. We will specifically further develop it and the strategic foreign communication 4104 and use it as a geopolitical instrument even more effectively aligned with our values and 4105 interests. 4106

Political foundations make an indispensable contribution to strengthening international 4107 cooperation, to international partnerships, and to the development of democracy. Therefore, we want to 4108 develop and improve the administrative and financial framework for the international work of the 4109 political foundations. We will protect their position abroad. 4110

The important intergenerational and international work of the German War Graves Commission 4111 calls for peace and contributes to it in Europe. The tasks assigned to it 4112 including remembrance and reconciliation work at home and abroad 4113 we support as needed. 4114

We are committed to implementing and further developing UN Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace, Security" and the UN-4115 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women consistently. We advocate for a 4116 EU-wide ratification of the Istanbul Convention as a binding legal standard against violence against women. 4117

Defense policy 4118

NATO is a cornerstone of the transatlantic partnership and essential for European 4119 security. We are committed to strengthening the transatlantic alliance and to 4120 fair burden-sharing. We maintain nuclear participation within NATO. It is integral 4121

Cornerstone of credible deterrence through the alliance. We are committed to further developing the European pillar of NATO with determination and further enhancing EU-NATO cooperation to enhance. Due to its geographical location in Europe, Germany should be developed as a central hub of the NATO should be further expanded. Maritime security in the North and Baltic Seas is also important. European cooperation in armaments must ensure that the equipment becomes simpler and more standardized, and that cost and quality advantages arise from joint orders ("Simplification, Standardization, and Scale"). The permanently stationed German brigade in Lithuania is our central contribution to deterrence and defense on NATO's eastern flank. The establishment, its equipment and financing, as well as its personnel needs, are a priority.

Defense spending must increase significantly and

stringently. The level of our defense spending is determined by the capability goals jointly agreed upon in NATO agreed upon. The cycle of a legislative period is regularly too short for the implementation of far-reaching procurement and armament projects. Therefore, we aim for the

introduction of a multi-year investment plan for defense capability that ensures long-term financial planning security in line with the German Bundestag, to meet the needs of the Bundeswehr and the commitments to NATO as well as their requirements. We will ensure that the Bundeswehr's needs and commitments to NATO as well as their capability requirements are met. We will pass a planning and procurement acceleration law for the Bundeswehr within the first half of government work.

decide.

It is imperative that we increase the readiness of the armed forces in the short term, emphatically, and sustainably. This applies primarily to the troops and forces that are already included in the NATO defense plans and must be fully equipped for their mission.

We focus on the military purpose and benefit to fulfill the core mission and align the military and civilian structures of the Bundeswehr accordingly.

Soldiers deserve our highest recognition. We will anchor our Bundeswehr even more strongly in public life and advocate for strengthening the role of youth officers, who fulfill an important educational mission in schools.

We are creating a new attractive military service that is initially based on voluntariness. For the new design of this service, the criteria are attractiveness, meaningfulness, and contribution to growth capability. Appreciation through demanding service, combined with qualification opportunities, will permanently increase the willingness to serve. We are orienting ourselves to the Swedish military service model. We will create the conditions for military registration and military monitoring this year.

In all personnel matters, the readiness of the Bundeswehr must be the priority . Therefore, we place special importance on the factor of individual readiness

one. We make the Bundeswehr more attractive through flexible service time and career models as well as in matters of 4157 social welfare more attractive. We will adapt the existing working time regime for the Bundeswehr to the 4158 changed needs of the armed forces. We want to increase the proportion of women and people with 4159 migration history in the Bundeswehr. 4160

We want to further strengthen the reserve and homeland security, equipping them according to the mission 4161 and better anchor them structurally and socially. 4162

We are committed to removing barriers that hinder, for example, dual-use research or also civil-4163 military research cooperation, are dismantled. In addition, we want to 4164 decisively and swiftly expand Germany's defense capabilities in space. A national 4165 space security strategy will be published in the first year of government. We will 4166 eliminate the deficit that exists in Germany in the field of strategic security research and 4167 commit ourselves to promoting it in the sense of a networked understanding of security. 4168

The planning and procurement system will be reformed. For individual major projects, but also for 4169 future technology areas that are subject to high innovation dynamics, we will implement new 4170 implementation paths. In particularly critical areas, such as ammunition, we will 4171 intensify work with standby contracts and acceptance guarantees. The availability of 4172 key resources, such as explosives, will be secured. Certifications already completed 4173 and approvals from partner nations will be recognized where possible and we will refrain from a 4174 re-execution. We will accelerate the process of parliamentary involvement in procurement matters 4175 and recommend increasing the threshold amount for procurement proposals. 4176

The already established foundational development of the Future Combat Air System as well as the Main Ground 4177 Combat System will be continued promptly together. 4178

We are increasingly promoting future technologies for the Bundeswehr and introducing them into the armed forces. 4179 This applies particularly to the areas: satellite systems, artificial intelligence, unmanned (also 4180 combat-capable) systems, electronic warfare, cyber, software-defined defense, and cloud-4181 applications as well as hypersonic systems. This also requires simplified access and deeper 4182 exchange with research institutions, the academic environment, start-ups, and industry 4183 necessary. 4184

The competitiveness of the German and European security and defense industry 4185 including the defense technology SMEs is to be strengthened through long-term planable commissions and 4186 simplified access to capital. We are creating more resilient supply chains. This way 4187 we maximize German and European action autonomy. In arms purchases outside 4188 of EU procurement law, we will utilize offset opportunities. If the full 4189 guarantee of Germany's security and defense interests through changes in the 4190 ownership and shareholding structures in key security and 4191

If the defense industry is threatened, we will also consider strategic federal investments 4192 pull. 4193

We are aligning our arms exports more closely with our interests in foreign, economic, and 4194 security policy. We want a strategically oriented arms export policy that provides 4195 the German security and defense industry, its foreign partners, and its customers 4196 reliability. We will expand support for arms exports through Government-to-Government- 4197 agreements. 4198

Export control approvals must be examined more quickly and in a coordinated manner. We aim for a 4199 harmonization of European arms export rules. Arms exports where there is a 4200 significant concrete risk that they may be used for internal repression or in violation of 4201 international law, we fundamentally reject. 4202

The growth and defense capability of the armed forces require a significant increase in 4203 annual investments in military infrastructure. To achieve this, we will simplify the 4204 approval and procurement law as well as the procurement, protection, and dedication of military 4205 areas through procedural exemptions and by granting more self-execution powers to the 4206 Bundeswehr. We will simplify budgetary law in close consultation with 4207 the Bundestag. For military construction projects, we will simplify the needs definition and 4208 approval and create exceptions with a Bundeswehr Infrastructure Acceleration Act 4209 exception regulations in construction, environmental, and procurement law as well as in the protection and dedication of 4210 military areas. The concerns and infrastructure measures for overall defense are to be established as 4211 a superior public interest and to be prioritized in implementation over other 4212 state tasks. 4213

The Bundeswehr and all state and societal actors must be able to work effectively 4214 together to quickly detect attacks on our complex system and to effectively 4215 and effectively combat them. We will comprehensively revise the precautionary and assurance laws against this 4216 background. 4217

To adapt to the changed security situation, we will comprehensively revise the law on 4218 the Military Counterintelligence Service (MAD). With an article law on military 4219 security, we want to improve and significantly accelerate the existing procedures for security checks and sabotage protection 4220 and significantly accelerate. 4221

Economic Cooperation and Development 4222

Our development policy is guided by values and interests. Democracy, the rule of law 4223 and human rights go hand in hand with our foreign, security, and economic policy 4224 interests. We need fundamental changes in development policy that address current 4225

must better reflect and shape geopolitical and economic realities. We want that 4226
Germany and Europe have good relations with the countries of the Global South. We will 4227
strengthen the integrated approach through better cooperation between AA, BMZ, and BMVg, coherently 4228
coordinate with each other and align along our interests. To increase the effectiveness and coherence 4229
of public development services (ODA) of the federal government and thus to make the external appearance 4230
of the federal government more coherent, we will reduce the development policy interfaces 4231
between the departments and bundle the services that do not fall within the classic ODA sectors, 4232
in the BMZ. 4233

In light of our interests, we will focus more on the following strategic priorities: 4234
economic cooperation and securing access to raw materials, 4235
combating the root causes of migration as well as cooperation in the energy sector. We will continue to 4236
engage in the fight against poverty, hunger, and inequality. We focus on promoting 4237
girls and women, especially through the promotion of the right to sexual and reproductive 4238
health and rights. Other key tasks include good education, decent 4239
employment, social security, robust health systems, and good governance. 4240

Our goal is that the awarding of state-funded projects in financial cooperation 4241
is predominantly done by companies from Germany and the EU. Export-oriented and 4242
investment-ready companies receive better financing options and 4243
risk coverage. We are modernizing and expanding the guarantee framework for 4244
the securing of loan disbursements. We will establish a joint contact point for 4245
foreign trade promotion and development cooperation for the German economy 4246
establish. We will align our partnerships for the long term, but will detach ourselves from the 4247
country list. 4248

In implementing our development policy goals through technical cooperation 4249
we create competition and link this with financial cooperation as well as 4250
European development policy. Development cooperation is, alongside visa issuance and 4251
economic and trade relations, a central lever in migration management. We will 4252
provide further support for refugees in their countries of origin and the main host countries 4253
to prevent them from the dangerous flight to Europe and to give them opportunities and perspectives in their homeland 4254
to give opportunities and perspectives. The willingness of partner countries to cooperate in 4255
efforts to limit irregular migration to Europe and to take back their own citizens is a central factor for the extent of bilateral 4256
to take back citizens is a central factor for the scope of bilateral 4257
government cooperation. To this end, we will conclude further migration agreements and implement existing 4258
agreements. This includes an orderly skilled migration while simultaneously promoting 4259
qualification in the country of origin. 4260

The federal government will continue to strengthen civil society actors in countries of the Global South 4261 and advocate for the protection and expansion of their spaces. The 4262 civic engagement in German development cooperation, for example through 4263 churches, non-governmental organizations, trade unions, business associations, and political 4264 foundations we want to further promote. We advocate for a more intensive coordination and 4265 division of labor with other donor countries and institutions, especially in the EU and in the 4266 framework of the UN as well as other multilateral organizations (such as the World Bank). We 4267 advocate for an ambitious post-Agenda 2030 framework. We will provide our fair 4268 share of international climate financing and increasingly rely on the 4269 mobilization of private funds as well as contributions from non-traditional donors. The international 4270 biodiversity protection we will continue and link more closely with international climate protection and the 4271 combating droughts and desertification. 4272

Due to the need to consolidate the budget, an appropriate reduction of the 4273 ODA quota must take place. In addition to public, we will also mobilize private investors even more for 4274 sustainable development financing. We advocate for the effective management of 4275 sovereign debt crises, involving all creditors. We support countries of the Global 4276 South in building their tax systems. 4277

Human rights 4278

The universality, indivisibility, and inalienability of human rights form the foundation of the 4279 rules-based international order. We resolutely oppose all attempts to undermine global freedoms and human rights 4280 to weaken, restrict human rights defenders and civil society, we 4281 firmly oppose. We will effectively counter transnational repression by authoritarian states in Germany 4282 we will effectively address. 4283

We advocate for the global abolition of the death penalty and the prohibition of torture. For the 4284 protection and defense of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, effective 4285 national and international institutions and jurisdictions, such as the German Institute for 4286 Human Rights, are essential. We advocate for the global sanctions rules of the EU 4287 to be applied more specifically and comprehensively in the field of human rights. We aim for the 4288 successful conclusion of negotiations on the EU's accession to the European 4289 Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). We particularly support the Council of Europe and its 4290 Parliamentary Assembly as the guardian of the fundamental values of democracy, human rights, and 4291 the rule of law on our continent. 4292

Freedom of religion and belief is a measure of democracy, the rule of law, and 4293 the validity of human rights. The protection of religious and ideological minorities as well as 4294 especially the protection of the world's largest persecuted group, Christians, is of particular 4295

Meaning. Therefore, the work of the Federal Government's Commissioner for Global Religious Freedom will continue. 4296
and freedom of belief will continue. 4297

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5.2 Europe 4299

The EU is a guarantor of freedom, peace, security, and prosperity. These values are under massive pressure in light of 4300
historical upheavals. Courage, determination, and European responses are 4301
the order of the hour. A good future for our country will only be possible with a strong and 4302
democratic EU. We will exhaust all possibilities to strengthen the EU's capacity for action 4303
and strategic sovereignty of the EU. Now more than ever, the EU needs a strong Germany, 4304
that contributes with European conviction, ideas, and commitment. We are committed to an 4305
effective, coherent, and reliable European policy with a constructive design claim, in the 4306
German and European interest. We defend Europe against its internal and external 4307
enemies. We continue to stand firmly by Ukraine in its struggle for freedom and will support it for as long as 4308
necessary with military, diplomatic, economic, and humanitarian aid. 4309

The Franco-German friendship remains of paramount importance for all of Europe. We 4310
will deepen it based on the groundbreaking Élysée Treaty and its further development through 4311
the Aachen Treaty. We also want to further develop the friendship with our eastern 4312
neighbor Poland. In the Weimar Triangle, we will seek close coordination on all 4313
relevant questions of European policy to act united in the service of the entire EU. In the 4314
'Weimar Plus' format, additional close partners should also be included. Together with the 4315
eastern countries, we will promote cooperation with European neighboring countries on all 4316
social levels such as science, culture, or sports. 4317

Article 2 EU Treaty 4318

We strongly protect the fundamental values from Article 2 of the EU Treaty and will take even more 4319
consistent action against violations of the rule of law. For this, existing protective instruments, from 4320
infringement proceedings to the withholding of EU funds to the suspension of 4321
membership rights, such as voting rights in the EU Council, must be applied much more consistently than 4322
has been so far. We advocate for the further development of the 4323
conditionality mechanism – towards a more comprehensive sanctioning instrument for violations 4324
against the fundamental values of the EU. In the case of withholding funds, options for 4325
direct allocation of funds to beneficiaries such as students under Erasmus+ 4326
should be examined. 4327

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Europe's competitiveness and prosperity 4329

We want to further develop the internal market as the engine of our economic strength. This applies 4330 especially to the areas of energy, medical products, pharmaceuticals, digital, telecommunications 4331 and transport including air traffic. Competition in the internal market must be based on innovation and 4332 performance. We do not want tax dumping or unfair tax competition in 4333 the EU. Therefore, we advocate for a uniform tax base for corporate tax 4334 one. We advocate for better mobilization of private capital and take steps towards 4335 a real savings and investment union (capital market and banking union). In doing so, we protect the 4336 three-pillar model. 4337

We also need a real energy union focused on the development and approval of 4338 common, cross-border energy networks including hydrogen as well as a stronger 4339 networking of national energy markets to enable a competitive industry. On the 4340 path taken by the EU towards climate neutrality by 2050, we consider economic, ecological 4341 and social future viability together. We actively advocate for the EU to remain a strong 4342 industrial location. We create attractive conditions for investments in and after 4343 Europe, especially through the acceleration of approval processes, the modernization of 4344 competition and subsidy law, which we want to align more with transformation requirements and Europe's 4345 global competitiveness, as well as a simplification of the procedures for 4346 Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI). We advocate for a substantial 4347 reduction of bureaucracy in the EU. We welcome that the EU Commission has presented initiatives to 4348 reduce administrative burdens and announced further ones. 4349

For effective technological sovereignty in Europe, we need more focus on education, 4350 research, innovation, and key technologies such as artificial intelligence or space. We 4351 advocate for a research and innovation-friendly EU digital policy as well as a strengthened and 4352 independent tenth framework program for research and innovation. Data protection is of 4353 great importance. Its design must enable digitalization progress as well as research and 4354 innovation. In the EU, primarily the member states and the economy must finally invest three 4355 percent of GDP in research and development. We support the 4356 establishment of the Einstein Telescope in Germany as a European flagship project. 4357

Action-capable Europe 4358

The next Multiannual Financial Framework of the EU (MFF) from 2028, to which Germany will make a 4359 appropriate contribution, must address the historical challenges for Europe and 4360 our claim for a geopolitically action-capable EU and not first orient itself to the 4361 status quo. These include particularly the strengthening of European security and 4362 defense capability as well as increasing the competitiveness of the EU. First and foremost, the 4363

Member States responsible for financing these goals. In the interest of stable finances as well as 4364 in accordance with the European treaties, Germany continues to not be liable for liabilities 4365 of other Member States. Financing outside the EU budget must remain the exception. 4366 At the same time, in the future MFF, repayment for the funds raised under the "Next 4367 Generation EU" program must begin. We call on the EU Commission to present a 4368 corresponding repayment plan as part of its upcoming MFF proposal. The 4369 repayment must not be at the expense of the regular EU budget and its programs. We 4370 advocate for a modernization of the MFF. It must be simpler, more transparent, and more flexible 4371 designed – also to respond to unforeseen events and investment needs using 4372 the available financial instruments under the EU treaties comprehensively and quickly 4373 be able to respond. We support the timeline for the introduction of new own resources and 4374 will constructively examine corresponding proposals. 4375

Cohesion policy is an important pillar of a solidary Europe in times of great challenges 4376 and a central instrument for strengthening competitiveness, innovation capacity, and 4377 the balanced development of all European regions. We advocate for strengthening the regions for a 4378 Cohesion Policy 2028+, which is based on a more adequate allocation of resources in a 4379 independent fund structure developed in cooperation with the regions in the future and primarily implemented by 4380 them. It is important to us to maintain the eligibility for funding of all regions. In particular, 4381 structurally weak regions and those affected by transformation will need a viable 4382 funding structure for cohesion policy in the future. We do not want to leave any region behind. The 4383 European Parliament must maintain its central role in defining the criteria for the allocation of funds and 4384 in monitoring the use of funds. 4385

Cohesion policy should in the future provide even stronger incentives for the implementation of domestic 4386 reforms. Regions must continue to play a central role in the development and implementation of programs as well as the 4387 selection of projects. A centralized cohesion policy is 4388 not compatible with that. 4389

The new rules of the Stability and Growth Pact must be applied consistently. 4390 If necessary, given the security policy challenges, 4391 exception clauses and flexibilities must be utilized. 4392

We are committed to the independence of the European Central Bank and its overarching goal 4393 of monetary value stability. 4394

In light of the geopolitical epochal change, Europe must develop comprehensive strategic sovereignty 4395 . Key technologies, energy security, digital sovereignty including European 4396 platforms, protection of critical infrastructures, resilience, and own capabilities to assert itself in the global 4397 system competition are central to this. We advocate for a European 4398

Defense union to strengthen the European pillar in NATO. We want a real 4399
Internal market for defense goods with common export rules and close cooperation in 4400
Planning, development, and procurement. Closer European coordination in international 4401
Crisis management, a more systematic approach to EU missions, and better integration 4402
of the policies of the EU, member states, and important supranational organizations we want to further 4403
advance. 4404

The expansion of the EU and its capacity to absorb must go hand in hand. Therefore, we need 4405
we need an internal consolidation and reform of the EU by the next expansion at the latest, which strengthens it 4406
institutionally. The consensus principle in the European Council must not become a decision-making brake 4407
become. This also fundamentally applies to the remaining decisions requiring unanimity in the Council 4408
of the EU. 4409

We want to use the so-called "bridge clauses" to make decision-making processes more efficient 4410
design. Necessary reforms that are possible without treaty changes should be fully utilized 4411
be. Where necessary, we are open to treaty changes in accordance with Article 48 of the EU Treaty. We 4412
want to utilize the principle of enhanced cooperation in the sense of the concept of "Europe of 4413
different speeds" more strongly. To protect cohesion in the EU, this cooperation must 4414
always remain open to all member states. 4415

We advocate for the further development of the electoral law for the European Parliament. We are committed to 4416
introducing a threshold clause in European elections that must meet the requirements of the 4417
Federal Constitutional Court. In addition, we want to apply the 4418
D'Hondt counting method. We adjust the participation rights of the 4419
Bundestag, especially to the requirements of the Federal Constitutional Court. We advocate for a 4420
consistent and more effective implementation of the principle of subsidiarity, including early 4421
consideration of the system of local self-government. We support the Committee of the Regions 4422
as the forum of European regions and cities. We advocate for connected and 4423
prosperous border regions. 4424

Social and citizen-friendly Europe 4425

We commit to the goals, values, and principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights. In 4426
this sense, we advocate for an EU that improves the lives of European citizens 4427
ensures fair working conditions, co-determination, and good collective bargaining partnerships 4428
as well as combating social inequalities and poverty. We advocate, within the framework of the applicable 4429
distribution of competencies between the EU and its member states, for effective instruments to 4430
promote fair and well-functioning labor markets and social systems. 4431

We want to make Europe more tangible and strengthen central building blocks for an open, democratic, creative 4432 and strengthen social society. We advocate for a strengthening of Erasmus+ for general and 4433 vocational education, youth and sports as well as an improvement of program access. This includes 4434 also a continuation of the initiative "DiscoverEU", which offers 18-year-olds the opportunity to travel Europe for free 4435 to travel Europe (Interrail). We continue to support "Creative Europe" to promote the 4436 shared cultural identity. A vibrant civil society plays a crucial role in promoting the 4437 human rights, strengthening democracy and the rule of law, as well as free 4438 opinion formation in Europe. Therefore, it must be strengthened. 4439

We support the initiative to introduce a legal form of "European cross-border association" 4440 to enable the establishment of associations in the future according to largely uniform 4441 legal principles. We advocate for greater involvement of citizens and 4442 citizens. Formats such as the EU Youth Dialogue bring Europe closer to the people. 4443 We want to strengthen cross-border exchange on the history of Europe through the development of a 4444 shared European memory culture. We will continue to support memorials, documentation centers, and 4445 educational offerings due to their important function. The 4446 Future Fund with the Czech Republic, Greece, and Italy, as well as the foundation for German-Polish 4447 cooperation we want to strengthen. We advocate for the rapid establishment of a memorial site for 4448 the victims of German aggression and occupation in Poland (1939-1945) at the site of the former 4449 Kroll Opera, as well as the establishment of the German-Polish House as a place of remembrance and encounter 4450 in the center of Berlin. To promote cross-border learning and European friendships, 4451 we will expand the European and bilateral youth works as well as specialized agencies for European and 4452 international youth and professional exchange and significantly strengthen them. 4453

EU in the world 4454

The enlargement policy has high transformative power and is a geopolitical necessity. The 4455 massively changed global situation requires further development of the EU accession process. Through a 4456 performance-based and differentiated approach, individual progress of candidate countries in 4457 approaching European values and standards should be more recognized. The people on the ground 4458 should concretely experience that the path of their countries into the EU is worthwhile. At the same time, the EU 4459 must become expandable by ensuring that the parallel ongoing institutional reform process leads to concrete 4460 results. We advocate for a gradual integration approach for 4461 candidate countries that do not yet meet all accession requirements but are courageously implementing reforms 4462 – without compromising on the criteria or the integrity of the internal market. This may include 4463 in particular a "phasing-in" into EU programs and policies, granting observer status 4464 in the European Parliament and Council of the EU, as well as an associated membership in certain 4465 areas such as the CSDP/CSDP without voting rights. The important EU accession of the six countries 4466

the Western Balkans, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova are in mutual interest. We want 4467
to consistently continue the support efforts of the EU and its member states. This includes 4468
the Berlin Process – because we must provide solid perspectives to the Western Balkan countries, which have long been 4469
waiting for progress, reliable perspectives. The relations between the EU and the 4470
Turkey are of particular strategic importance. We regret that Turkey is increasingly distancing itself from the 4471
value system of the EU. The continuation of the accession process with Georgia 4472
can only be reconsidered when the doubts about the adherence to democratic processes 4473
are resolved. In this, we stand by the pro-European forces. 4474

We must deepen the dialogue and cooperation with neighboring countries and also 4475
utilize the potentials of the European Political Community (EPC). Even after Brexit, the 4476
United Kingdom is one of the closest partners of the EU. For us, the "Global Gateway" initiative of the 4477
EU is an important geopolitical instrument that must also be considered when choosing cooperation partners 4478
must be taken into account. For a coherent and visible external appearance as "Team Europe" 4479
we need a transparent, coordinated, and collaborative action of the EU Commission, the 4480
European External Action Service, and the member states. 4481

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6. Trustful cooperation, successful 4483

Governing 4484

Working methods of the federal government and factions 4485

Cooperation of the parties 4486

This coalition agreement is valid for the duration of the 21st electoral term. The coalition partners commit 4487 themselves to implement this agreement in government action. The partners are jointly responsible for the entire policy 4488 of the coalition. 4489

The coalition partners CDU, CSU, and SPD will continuously coordinate their work in parliament and government 4490 and comprehensively coordinate with each other and reach consensus on procedural, substantive, and personnel issues. 4491

The coalition partners generally meet monthly for coalition talks in the 4492

Coalition Committee. In addition, the Coalition Committee meets at the request of a coalition partner 4493 together. It discusses matters of fundamental importance that must be coordinated between the 4494 coalition partners and reaches consensus in cases of conflict. 4495

The coalition parties will mutually agree on the composition of the Coalition Committee 4496 . 4497

Cooperation of the factions 4498

In the German Bundestag and in all committees it appoints, the coalition factions vote 4499 uniformly. This also applies to questions that are not part of the agreed policy. Changing 4500 majorities are excluded. 4501

Agreement will be reached between the 4502

coalition factions on the procedure and work in parliament. Proposals, legislative initiatives, and inquiries at the faction level 4503 will be submitted jointly or, in exceptional cases, by mutual agreement. 4504

The democratic parties of the political center bear a special responsibility for the 4505 protection and strengthening of the liberal-democratic basic order. The coalition partners 4506 exclude any cooperation with anti-constitutional, 4507

anti-democratic, and far-right parties at all political levels. This includes in parliament, among other things, 4508 joint proposals, electoral agreements, or other forms of cooperation. 4509

The agenda of cabinet meetings should be communicated to the factions in advance. 4510

We will change the existing federal election law: 4511

We want to establish an electoral law commission that will evaluate the electoral law reform 2023 and in 4512 should submit proposals in the year 2025 on how each candidate with a majority of first votes can enter the Bundestag 4513 and the Bundestag can fundamentally remain at 4514, taking into account the second vote results. It can remain at its current size. A corresponding legislative procedure should then be initiated 4515. immediately. It should also be examined how equal representation of women can be ensured 4516. and whether people aged 16 and over should participate in the election 4517. should participate in the election. 4518

We want to reform the rules of procedure of the German Bundestag and will relieve the German 4519 Bundestag and its administration from non-parliamentary tasks. 4520

Work in the federal government 4521

In the cabinet, no coalition partner is overruled in decisions. In all committees of the 4522 cabinet and in all bodies, councils, and committees appointed by the cabinet, the 4523 coalition partners are represented. The appointments are made by mutual agreement. In principle, 4524 all coalition partners are represented, provided that the number of representatives of the federal government allows it. 4525

The work and project planning takes place between the Federal Chancellery and the coordinating department on the A-side 4526. coordinating department. 4527

Early coordination takes place within the entire process in shared responsibility 4528. between the Federal Chancellery, the coordinating department on the A-side, and the leading 4529 department. As part of the early coordination, the leading departments will present all matters of fundamental political significance before initiating 4530 the departmental coordination of all matters of fundamental political significance to the 4531 Federal Chancellery and simultaneously to the coordinating department on the A-side. A project is 4532 of fundamental political significance if it must or should be the subject of cabinet consideration 4533. must or should. The Federal Chancellery checks in close coordination with the coordinating department on the A-side 4534 in general within five working days whether the respective project meets the 4535 objectives of the coalition agreement. After approval of the project by the 4536 Federal Chancellery within the deadline, the leading department initiates the departmental coordination. 4537 If there is no feedback - even after a possible extension of the deadline - the 4538 leading department can initiate the departmental coordination. 4539

The coalition partners make personnel decisions in the federal government by mutual agreement. This 4540 also applies to personnel proposals from the federal government to international organizations and EU-4541 institutions. 4542

European policy coordination 4543

In order to achieve the best possible representation of German interests at the European level, the 4544 Federal Government will present a united front to European partners and institutions 4545.

ensure. For this purpose, the coalition partners within the federal government will closely coordinate and in 4546 vote in advance. 4547

To prevent possible departmental conflicts in EU projects while maintaining departmental responsibility earlier at 4548 to prevent or resolve at the political level, these will be addressed early and weekly 4549 by the head of the Federal Chancellery in the round of civil servant state secretaries ("EU Monitoring") with 4550 set up with the aim of reaching an agreement as soon as possible and – if necessary – at cabinet level 4551 dealt with. 4552

Department distribution 4553

The distribution of departments in the federal government from CDU, CSU, and SPD is established as follows: 4554

The CDU provides the Federal Chancellor. 4555

The SPD provides the Deputy Federal Chancellor according to Article 69 of the Basic Law. 4556

The CDU provides the leadership of the following ministries: 4557

- The head of the Federal Chancellery at the rank of a federal minister 4558
- Economy and Energy 4559
- Foreign Office 4560
- Education, Family, Seniors, Women, and Youth 4561
- Health 4562
- Transport 4563
- Digitalization and State Modernization 4564

The SPD provides the leadership of the following ministries: 4565

- Finance 4566
- Justice and Consumer Protection 4567
- Labor and Social Affairs 4568
- Defense 4569
- Environment, Climate Protection, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety 4570
- Economic Cooperation and Development 4571
- Housing, Urban Development, and Construction 4572

The CSU provides the leadership of the following ministries: 4573

- Interior 4574
- Research, Technology, and Space Travel 4575
- Food, Agriculture, and Home 4576

State Ministers in the Chancellery: The State Minister 4577

for Federal-State Cooperation, the State Minister for Culture and Media, 4578
the State Minister for Sports and Volunteering is provided by the CDU. The 4579
State Minister and Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, 4580
Refugees and Integration is provided by the SPD. 4581

The State Ministers in the Foreign Office are provided by the CDU (2) and CSU (1). 4582

The State Minister and Federal Government Commissioner for East Germany 4583
is provided by the SPD and is part of the Federal Ministry of Finance. 4584

The right to propose candidates for the respective offices lies with the responsible parties. 4585

The right to propose civil servant and parliamentary state secretaries 4586
as well as State Ministers lies with the respective Federal Ministers and 4587
Federal Ministers. 4588