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## **Wiesbaden – A City That Lives European Values**

Volt envisions Wiesbaden as a confident European city: open, diverse, and connected. We want Europe to be visible and tangible in everyday life – in schools, public administration, urban design, and shared public spaces. European cooperation should directly benefit the people who live here.

### **Our priorities:**

- Make better use of EU funding for schools, civil society organisations, businesses, and start-ups by strengthening EU funding expertise within the city administration and providing transparent access to funding opportunities.
- Celebrate Europe with an annual city-wide Europe Festival around 9 May (Europe Day).
- Make EU-funded projects clearly visible in the city, using signage and QR codes so everyone can see how Europe supports Wiesbaden.

## **A Future-Ready Wiesbaden**

Wiesbaden is changing – and we want to actively shape that change. We stand for climate protection, smart urban development, modern mobility, and a public administration that works efficiently and transparently for everyone.

### **Climate, Energy & Environment**

Wiesbaden should become climate-neutral by 2035 – clean, green, and resilient. We promote renewable energy, sustainable heating systems, and climate-friendly infrastructure across the entire city, using European, federal, and state funding wherever possible.

### **Our goals:**

- Make electricity, heating, and municipal infrastructure climate-neutral by 2035.
- Only develop new land if equivalent areas are unsealed and greened elsewhere.
- Expand green spaces, trees, and water features to cool the city and improve quality of life.
- Reintroduce local funding programmes for solar energy and energy-efficient building renovations.

## Housing & Urban Development

Everyone deserves affordable and dignified housing. We support socially fair, inclusive, and climate-adapted urban development.

### Our goals:

- Plan new neighbourhoods that are socially mixed, inclusive, and well supplied with everyday services.
- Develop the Ostfeld area only with a rail connection and as a mixed residential and working district that remains affordable.
- Support older people and people with disabilities in moving to accessible housing with long-term security.
- Build at least 250 new publicly supported housing units per year and strengthen municipal housing providers.

## Transport & Mobility

We want a city where everyone can move around safely, comfortably, and sustainably – whether on foot, by bike, by public transport, or by car. Fewer cars in the city centre mean more space and better quality of life for people.

### Our goals:

- Introduce 10-minute intervals on major bus routes and expand on-demand public transport in outer districts.
- Create around 100 new safe pedestrian crossings by 2030.
- Double the share of cycling by 2035 through continuous, safe cycling infrastructure and more bicycle-friendly streets.
- Shift commuter traffic from cars to rail by improving and expanding regional train connections.

## Safety & Public Order

Wiesbaden is a safe city, and we want it to stay that way. Security, freedom, and fundamental rights must go hand in hand.

## Our goals:

- Strengthen cooperation between police, justice institutions, and civil society organisations.
- Invest in prevention against violence, bullying, and extremism – especially through schools and community organisations.
- Increase the visible presence of municipal security services and reduce unsafe spaces through better urban design and lighting.
- Modernise fire stations and strengthen professional and volunteer fire services as part of climate and disaster resilience.

## Public Finances

We stand for responsible, transparent, and sustainable public finances. Public money should be used efficiently and strategically for the future.

## Our goals:

- No increases in business or property taxes.
- Review and justify every municipal expense annually to ensure money is spent where it has real impact.
- Reduce administrative costs through digitalisation, better processes, and strong financial oversight.

## A Modern, Digital City Administration

Wiesbaden needs a public administration that is easy to reach, easy to understand, and designed around people's everyday needs.

## Our goals:

- Create a central citizen service office with mobile outreach units across the city.
- Improve accessibility and service hours through flexible working models and digital services.
- Simplify regulations and make official procedures easier to understand.
- Offer public services digitally, accessibly, and in multiple languages, using open data to improve transparency and efficiency.

## Living in Wiesbaden

### Social Cohesion

We want Wiesbaden to be a city where everyone feels they belong. Social justice, inclusion, and solidarity are central to our vision.

#### Our goals:

- Introduce a “Wiesbaden Card” (digital and physical) that bundles social benefits and discounts.
- Create more non-commercial spaces where young people can meet freely.
- Strengthen intergenerational programmes to combat loneliness and support families.
- Secure and expand the “Housing First” approach so people experiencing homelessness receive stable housing first.

### Education

Equal opportunities in education are essential – from early childhood to lifelong learning.

#### Our goals:

- Improve working conditions and staffing in childcare centres and preschools.
- Provide free, healthy, and regionally sourced meals in schools and childcare facilities.
- Anchor civic and democracy education firmly in schools. - Involve universities and students more strongly in city life and expand student housing.

### Culture

Culture connects people and shapes our city. Everyone should be able to experience and create culture in Wiesbaden.

#### Our goals:

- Provide multi-year funding for cultural institutions to enable reliable planning.
- Offer central spaces for cultural projects that bring together people from different backgrounds.

- Redevelop the former sports arena on Langgasse into a lively hub combining culture, business, and gastronomy.

## Health & Wellbeing

Health care should be accessible, local, and fair for everyone.

### Our goals:

- Expand local care services so people can stay in their familiar environment for as long as possible.
- Make health services and information easy to understand and accessible to all.
- Maintain swimming pools and expand swimming lessons as a public health and safety measure.
- Strengthen addiction prevention and create smoke-free public areas, especially to protect young people.

## Working in Wiesbaden

### Economy & Innovation

We support people who want to start and grow businesses – especially those with social and sustainable goals. Wiesbaden should be a hub for innovation and future-oriented work.

### Our goals:

- Expand and promote start-up support services.
- Provide affordable offices, workshops, and testing spaces for young companies.
- Support businesses that operate sustainably and responsibly.
- Strengthen the health sector and social enterprises as key future industries.

## Local Industrial Policy

We want to develop business areas in a climate-friendly and resource-efficient way.

### Our goals:

- Promote circular economy approaches and clean logistics in commercial zones.
- Implement the Commercial Space Development Plan 2040 with clear environmental standards.
- Cooperate with neighbouring municipalities to develop business areas efficiently and sustainably.

## Wiesbaden as an Administrative and Service Centre

Wiesbaden will remain a strong centre for public administration and services.

### Our goals:

- Expand training and apprenticeship opportunities in public administration and service sectors.
- Advance the construction of the new Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) site to secure high-quality jobs and strengthen Wiesbaden's role as a federal administrative centre.

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