

## Commitment statement 'Global Goals, Local Action' for local authorities

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations<sup>1</sup> are a powerful roadmap for a sustainable and inclusive future. Local authorities are closest to citizens and are therefore essential to achieving these goals. By committing to the SDGs, we are working together to build a healthy living environment and a society based on solidarity.

With this commitment statement:

**we confirm** our commitment to the 2030 Agenda as a framework for our policies and actions;

we commit to integrating the SDGs into our operations in a coherent, transparent and supported manner;

we commit to the following steps, structured in a growth path: we start with a strong foundation and grow step by step towards a far-reaching and integrated SDG policy.

The 2030 Agenda is an overarching but by no means isolated framework within which local authorities chart their course towards sustainable policy.

We are therefore committed to pooling our efforts and strengthening the coherence and visibility of our sustainable policies. We are taking stock of our contribution to related commitments and charters and, where possible, bringing together people, resources, initiatives, follow-up and communication.

Finally, we call on higher authorities to take responsibility and work together – with each other and with local authorities – to achieve the SDGs.

This statement is not an end point, but an invitation to continuous improvement. As a local authority, we are firmly committed to a future in which no one is left behind.

Signed, on behalf of the local council,

## THE FOUNDATION

- We are raising awareness of the SDGs among our employees, political representatives and citizens.
- We use the SDGs as a touchstone in the preparation and implementation of the multi-year plan and/or in the development of at least a few priority projects. In doing so, we ensure policy coherence.
- We are committed to international cooperation and solidarity.

## **FURTHER ALONG**

- We work across departments to develop a sustainable, integrated approach to local policy, for example in the form of a cross-cutting sustainability working group.
- We build bridges with local actors such as schools, associations and businesses – to make progress on the SDGs together.
- We integrate social, economic and environmental sustainability criteria into our procurement, subsidies and partnerships.
- We monitor our progress and impact on the SDGs, for example using indicators.

## **IN-DEPTH INTEGRATION**

- We report on our progress and impact on the SDGs, both internally and to residents.
- We define priority SDGs for our municipality, for example through an SDG impact analysis.
- We systematically map the positive and negative impact of our policies on people and the environment, with a particular focus on young people, women and vulnerable groups.
- We build bridges with international actors such as European twinning partners, city-to-city partnerships and networks of local authorities – to make progress on the SDGs together.