

# What Thuringia Has Achieved

Thuringia has developed well. Many people contributed to this. We can take pride in 100 commercial leaders on the world stage; in the accomplishments brought to us by our handwork. And we can be especially proud of women who not only work in the service industry, nursing, hospitals and doctors' offices, but who also master family life. We can be proud of the agriculture and forestry workers, of those who get us from A to B. Of teachers and researchers, artists and culture-creators, of athletes. For our good life we thank the administrators, volunteers and all honest taxpayers.

Let's talk about how we can make our free state even better—for all who call it home. **Together, we will bring our Thuringia forward: Human. Strong. Just.**

## Good Work and a Strong Economy

Thuringia always thrived on the diligence of many, both the Thuringia born-and-bred and those who have joined us. These people gifted the world with discoveries that everyone knows—Skat, the toothbrush. Zeiss Jena made history as did Weimar's Bauhaus.

Today, everyone knows we need future-proof industry and professionals.

Only proper pay, good work and co-determination opportunities will bring them here. A functional infrastructure requires that children receive only the best care in kindergartens and schools, that a doctor is nearby and that internet connection is quick. Science and research are indispensable for new settlement and investment.

We need agriculture that strengthens regional distribution and secures jobs. We will protect our land from buyouts wherever we can.

## Affordable Heating and Energy

Must the residents in our free state fear their energy bills? We say: No! Electricity and heating must remain affordable. Communal suppliers, district heating and energy cooperatives are important to this pursuit. Our plan is to keep wind and solar earnings in the regions that generate them.

If there's one thing we know for sure, it's that the energy transition is only possible together. Step by step, and from each according to their circumstance, we will reach our goal—or we will fall short. We reject poorly thought-out plans from Berlin that ignore the realities of life in our state, and to this we will stay true in the federal council.



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## Socially Just and Secure

Families—in particular, family women—must summon a great deal of strength to keep up with week after week of work, childcare and daily household tasks. We bring relief through no-fee kindergartens, adequate housing and rent prices, and through many social programs that provide stability and security in daily life, but especially in critical situations.

Each must have enough to live well and with dignity in our society—this is clear to us—but, even in Thuringia, we have a long way to go. Lives are not going to improve if the coalition in Berlin cuts the means—our taxpayer money—of supporting a welfare state. Therefore, we say a clear 'No!' to raising the retirement age. We are the socially just voice among the parties—especially for the East!

## Mobility Guarantee

People of a vast state such as Thuringia must be mobile. Roads grow long when the neighbourhood grocer or handworker disappears, let alone medical specialists—all become unreachable in rural areas without a car. Realising a good quality of life in the furthest corners of Thuringia in the future will require a mix of electric cars, more buses and railways, carsharing, communal rides and interlinked transit schedules. Our plan: all this, affordable and local!

## Medicine and Care

Healthcare doesn't belong in the stock exchange—nonetheless, that's where it is. Corporations and private investors decide what happens in many clinics and choose the price tags in pharmacies. Our long-term goal is that healthcare be returned to the hands of the public. Currently, our aim is to improve working conditions in the industry.

Workers need more time off and better pay. We don't see how closures benefit patients—every hospital counts! Our plan: clinics and pharmacies must be accessible. And, where that's not possible, a community nurse will be available.



## Here to stay

Too many Thuringians have left the state since 1989. They are missed—by family and the economy. Throughout history, when something new began here, people came from other regions to do their part. Were it not for this force of attraction (think of Goethe and Schiller), there would be no literary classics. The Bauhaus in Weimar and the University of Jena were, after all, international hotspots.



Whether in medicine and care or in hospitality, we need as many hands as possible to make Thuringia function—possible through good training and education, affordable housing, higher wages and easier commutes for those who come to us. But above all, each and every person needs to feel welcomed, seen and respected.

## A Good Education

Thuringia's future is its children. Anyone who doesn't understand that shouldn't govern the state. Our plan: Education must be free of charge—from nursery to Master (be it university degree or tradesmanship certification). We want longer learning together and shorter routes to school. All children must receive the same opportunities. To achieve this, we need attractive school environments in good locations with functioning infrastructure. New, young teachers will follow—and stay.

It's important to us that schools and sports facilities are safe places for our children. When the staff are well-educated, everyone looks out for one another, acts with trustworthiness and treats each other with respect, parents can feel good about leaving them under the supervision of others. To us, care is not a new invention, but rather a rule for humanitarian coexistence. The last years have brought about much insecurity. Nevertheless, all of us here in Thuringia haven't given in. For this, we are grateful, and it is what we will build our future on; **So that Thuringia be a better place—for all who call this free state home!**