



**Perchtolds-
dorf sets
course for
the future**

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Dear readers,

The majority of Perchtoldsdorf residents have expressed their confidence in the new 'Future Coalition' of ÖVP and NEOS. This is both a mandate and motivation.

The coalition is focussing on realistic budgeting and focused savings in order to create financial leeway for smart investments with a focus on the future.

Education and childcare are key issues for the future. We want to further improve the already high quality of childcare by providing customised and inclusive support for children. The lifelong learning approach will also be strengthened. Our ambition is for Perchtoldsdorf to become a model community for education in Lower Austria.

We are also focusing on strengthening the local economy and **revitalising the town centre**. With initiatives such as the introduction of a town manager, traffic-reducing concepts and the promotion of local businesses, our historic town centre should regain the importance it deserves. A balance between increasing density and preserving the charming character of the town centre is also a priority.

A **comprehensive mobility policy**, ranging from bicycles to local buses, and sustainable environmental measures form another pillar of the coalition. The expansion of environmentally friendly infrastructure - such as public e-charging stations - is intended to make Perchtoldsdorf not only more modern, but also ecologically sustainable.

And even if it is the last point here, **democratic participation and transparency** are top priorities for the coalition. Further expanding the digital availability of information should intensify the dialogue between citizens and the administration. After all, openness and co-determination strengthen trust in local politics.

The 'Coalition for the Future' is far more than just a catalogue of measures. It is a commitment to a vibrant, modern and inclusive municipality. With an integrative approach that encompasses economic as well as social and ecological aspects. It is the foundation for future-oriented development. The coalition shows that Perchtoldsdorf is ready to tackle the challenges of the future with vision and drive, always placing the value of the community at the centre.

We will tackle it, I promise.

Tony Platt
Deputy Mayor



The programme of
the Future Coalition
can be found in full
on our website.



EUROPE DAY ON 9TH MAY

Europe Day promotes awareness of peace, unity and cooperation in Europe. It is a reminder of the EU's fundamental values such as democracy and solidarity. European decisions also have a beneficial impact on daily life in the community. This year we are celebrating the common, cosmopolitan Europe on the market square with an event organized jointly by all of Perchtoldsdorf's European Councillors.

The details will be announced on the municipal website and in our newsletter.



WE HAVE STARTED THE RACE TO CATCH UP IN EDUCATION!

Looking at the work programme of the first federal government involving NEOS in the area of education, you are probably asking yourself these questions: Will children be better prepared when they leave kindergarten for school in the future? Will they be better prepared for life while at school? Are we getting closer to the big goal of spreading every child's wings? The answer to all of these questions is a resounding 'yes'. We have started the race to catch up in education.

Kindergarten is the first educational institution

Additional funding will ensure a genuine quality and development offensive in early childhood education. Upgrading kindergarten to a first educational institution and the compulsory second year of kindergarten are important milestones. In addition to ensuring the necessary German language skills, this will above all improve families' freedom of choice when it comes to combining children and work.

We also succeeded in the negotiations in finally tackling an improvement in staff-child ratios by increasing the number of specialized staff. Legally mandated step-by-step plans to reduce group sizes and ensure the guarantee of a full-day childcare place are currently being developed.



Federal opportunity bonus and more autonomy

The introduction of a federal opportunity bonus for schools will make it possible in the future to better address the specific challenges faced by schools. This is a completely new approach and has always been an important request from NEOS. Schools will be strengthened financially and given more autonomy. This is because school principals know best what is necessary. The additional funds can be used autonomously by the school: funding psychologists, social workers, additional teachers, tutoring, remedial teaching or further training.



Spreading the wings of all children

I am particularly glad that we will finally implement a legal entitlement to an 11th and 12th school year for children with disabilities and that we will significantly increase the cap on special educational support.

Education is a centrepiece of this government

All of this is only the beginning, the start of a race to catch up in education, making nurseries and schools a real launch pad for a successful life. I'll be honest, implementing all these plans will be a rough ride. But I can promise you that Christoph Wiederkehr in his role as Education Minister and I as Education Spokesperson in the National Council will set the pace and - hopefully also jointly with the opposition - will make things happen.

By the way: we also agreed on an ambitious work programme in the education sector in Perchtoldsdorf - more on this in the next NEOSletter.

TRANSPARENT POLITICS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR DEMOCRACY

In times of rapid change, transparency in politics is of particular importance. Also at a municipal level. Transparency creates trust, ensures equal treatment and thus strengthens democracy. Perchtoldsdorf is on the right track. In the Transparency International ranking, our town is one of the top 3 municipalities in Lower Austria and ranks 12th in Austria.

Transparency implies that political **decisions are comprehensible and their basis is disclosed**. This is the only way to preserve the trust of citizens. Clear communication prevents secret agreements and promotes acceptance. Those who understand why measures are necessary are more willing to get involved.

Transparent policies ensure that **everyone is treated equally**. However, lobby groups often push through their interests and privilege individuals. Transparency ensures that decisions are made in the interests of all and do not only benefit a few.

Transparency alone does not solve problems. However, it is the **prerequisite for fact-based discussions** in which different points of view become visible. This is the only way to make well-founded decisions for the future.

Whether climate protection, social justice or technological change, transparency allows for fair debates and lays the **foundation for joint solutions**. It is not an option, but a prerequisite for planning security, which not only entrepreneurs need, but also the smallest economic unit, families.



We will meet at **Heurigen Georg Sommerbauer**, Hochstraße 78a, on **Sunday, 29 June 2025, from 17:30**. As always, our local councillors will be available to answer questions and provide up-to-date information in an informal atmosphere.
Just drop by!

OUR TEAM IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



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What do the NEOS have to say?

In our blog, we discuss current topics in the town.

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