

Renovation Wave, Decarbonized & Energy Efficiency in Buildings

Nature Based Solutions, Greening, Water Management

Sustainable Urban Agriculture, Healthy Food, Urban Gardens

Education, Jobs & Skills, Innovation Centres, Business Clusters

Climate Change & Energy Transition

### General Socio-economic Profile

Mannheim is located at the heart of the Rhine-Neckar metropolitan region in Southwest Germany. Mannheim and the Rhine-Neckar region are among the strongest economic centres in Europe with around 160,000 companies in total. Mannheim is a vibrant, diverse city, where multinational corporations, SMEs and start-ups work closely together. With a growing high number of patents, the whole region is highly innovative and dynamic. In addition, significant inventions such as the automobile, the bicycle, the tractor, and the rocket plane have come out of Mannheim. The spirit of invention remains active until today and global players as well as SMEs constantly develop new ideas and future-oriented solutions. The City of Mannheim strongly supports the economic and research sector through highly specialised and well-networked clusters in the fields of medical technology, smart production (industry 4.0), creative business, energy, mobility and logistics. With an export rate of around 66%, Mannheim is highly integrated in international markets and has an excellent infrastructure.

# Mannheim



320,010



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### Good Practices

Mannheim wants to be a pilot city for localising the European Green Deal and for sustainable urban transformation. In 2020, the city joined hands with ICLEI to host the 9th European Conference on Sustainable Cities and Towns. The online event drew the participation of more than 1,500 participants from 39 European countries as well as 50 countries outside Europe. Upon closing of the conference, cities across Europe signed the Mannheim Message as a commitment to localise the European Green Deal.

An office for the Local Green Deal Mannheim has been established. Its goal is to develop and implement an action plan for a local green deal in the city by 2027, so as to reach the goal of climate neutrality by 2050. Mannheim will prepare a set of concrete measures for climate-neutral, sustainable, and inclusive urban development. The Local Green Deal Mannheim is a concrete action taken under the Mannheim 2030 model and a local response to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. As a pilot city, Mannheim aims to share its experiences of this innovative process both at home and abroad for a greater impact.

### Preferred Areas of Cooperation

- Mannheim is committed to implementing a Local Green Deal as part of its contribution to the European climate neutrality goal. The main fields of action include clean energy, circular economy, resource conservation, building & living, a pollution-free environment and sustainable mobility.
- One priority of the Mannheim Local Green Deal will be the New European Bauhaus (NEB). Mannheim actively joins the European movement of making urban living space more affordable, accessible and sustainable, and improving the quality of life through innovative solutions. The city has set up a working group to support the NEB initiative and develop project ideas. Mannheim would like to internationalise this process by exchanging practices on the topic of the renovation wave and green solutions.
- Mannheim will host Germany's Federal Garden Show in 2023, which provides an opportunity to transform its existing green spaces and build new ones. The garden show will focus on four themes: climate, environment, energy and food security. Through the event, Mannheim will be able to communicate key environmental issues, such as sustainable food supply and urban gardening, with a wide audience, and engage international partners for mutual benefits.
- The collaboration between the City of Mannheim and the City of Chongqing as pilot cities of the International Urban Cooperation programme (IUC 2016-2020) has yielded significant results. In the new project cycle, Mannheim wishes to deepen the cooperation and take it to a new stage.