



# Vienna is a reliable partner for EUROCITIES

Europe's future will be decided in the metropolises. As one of the most liveable cities, Vienna can make a major contribution here.

Vienna has been a member of EUROCITIES, our family of major European cities, since 1995 – something we are very proud of! We value this collaboration because it gives us more weight when it comes to advocating for our interests at EU level, and this is more important than ever. Because across the EU, roughly two thirds of the population live in cities and three quarters of the jobs are in cities. We will continue to strive for strong municipal services and companies, sustainable public investments, and equality between men and women because these factors are decisive for ensuring a high quality of life for everyone. We want to continue our involvement in EUROCITIES and are therefore once again applying for a seat on the Executive Committee – we hope that you will place your trust in us.



“Cities are places of innovation, research, education, and culture. They are engines for the regional and national economy. First and foremost, they are a living space for people with a wide range of needs and dreams. Their concerns have to be heard and taken into account in the European legislative process.”

Michael Ludwig, Mayor



#### CHALLENGES FOR CITIES

Questions about social, political and economic stability, energy, mobility, and environmental problems can no longer be answered at the national level alone. 40 Viennese experts are active in EUROCITIES and exchange knowledge about many issues at the European level.



#### HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT

Vienna's core competency in social housing is recognised throughout Europe. Affordable housing for all prevents the formation of ghettos, promotes solidarity, and stimulates the economy. Thus, housing should be considered a human right that must be implemented on local level.



#### RELIABLE UTILITIES

Whether water, waste or traffic – in Vienna, the utilities are provided by the City of Vienna. This contributes largely to the high quality of life. Therefore, Vienna is campaigning to ensure that every city will still be able to decide how to organise municipal services themselves in future.



“Only an active, long-term investment policy can contribute to securing the quality of life – and thus social cohesion and peaceful coexistence – in our cities. Public investments benefit the people and the real economy.”

Peter Hanke, Executive City Councillor for Finance, Business, Digital Innovation, and International Affairs



#### EUROPE – FOR THE PEOPLE

In 14 city partnerships for the EU's Urban Agenda, the EUROCITIES member cities work to make sure that cities' concerns are better heard by the EU institutions. Vienna successfully coordinated the “Affordable Housing” partnership.



#### THE CITY – A WOMAN'S PLACE

Vienna has been focusing on gender mainstreaming for years and supports the exchange of knowledge with other cities with the FemCities network. We want to use this platform even more effectively in future to boost the lobbying for women's concerns at the EU level.



#### WORLD CHAMPION IN QUALITY OF LIFE

When it comes to quality of life, utilities, innovation, and cultural diversity, Vienna is at the top of the list in many rankings. The international consulting firm Mercer, for example, rated Vienna number one for the tenth time. For us, this is both motivation and a mandate.