



DORTMUND

## INNOVATION AND CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



*between*

*The City of Dortmund, Germany  
and*

*The City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States of America*

hereinafter called ,”Parties”,  
hereby have agreed upon the following:

### **Article 1. Objectives**

For the purpose of further developing friendship and cooperation relations between the two cities and promoting mutual understanding and friendship between the inhabitants of Dortmund, Germany, and the inhabitants of Pittsburgh, United States of America through friendly consultations, the Parties have reached a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) on the establishment of a cooperation relationship in accordance with their competencies and the legislation in force in United States of America and Germany.

The two sides agree to make concerted efforts, on the basis of equality and reciprocity, to promote friendly contacts between their inhabitants and exchange of good practices and experiences regarding the future development of the two cities.

### **Article 2. Areas of cooperation**

This cooperation will take all forms established by mutual agreements in the following areas. In particular, the cooperation is based on the 17 UN Sustainability Goals and the goals set by both cities.

#### **Climate technologies:**

- The parties will facilitate dialogue that includes the city governments, as well as different actors, for example, universities, research institutions, and companies, from the climate technological (and mobility) sector from Dortmund and Pittsburgh in order to establish and strengthen professional relationships. Sample topics could include hydrogen, mobility, and energy.

#### **Economy:**

- The parties will facilitate conversations to cooperate with the specialized clusters and companies for joint solutions in the field of smart city solutions
- The parties will work in good faith to connect companies with startups to find solutions for their own needs
- The parties will expand existing administrative exchange between both Economic Development Departments

### **Administration exchange:**

- The parties will expand existing administrative exchanges in as many areas as possible in order to be able to learn from one another

### **Article 3. International cooperation**

In organizing the common projects related to the above-mentioned areas of interest, the policy makers and the inhabitants of the two cities will respect each other's traditions and culture, understanding the importance of a partnership based on trust and mutual understanding. Cooperation must be done in compliance with the national legislation framework of both countries, European directives and international treaties.

It is also planned that both cities support each other in their projects in order to strengthen the voices of the cities. Joint events, possibly with other cities, are also being considered on current topics.

### **Article 4. Financial aspects**

In the case of the invited delegations the principle of reciprocity will be applied. Each party shall provide international transportation for its own delegates. Each common project or program shall specify the financial aspects to which the parties are obliged.

### **Article 5. Competent authorities**

The competent authorities are the Mayor and the City Council of Dortmund and the Mayor and the City Council of Pittsburgh.


### **Article 6. Amending the Memorandum of Understanding**


The MOU will be amended or supplemented through written agreement of the parties. The party that takes the initiative of amending the MOU shall send the other Party the written proposal for analysis.

### **Article 7. Entry into force, duration and termination**

The MOU shall be signed by the parties and expire on December 31, 2025, though the parties may decide at any time to extend the MOU. The MOU shall enter into force on the date of signature.

Each Party may terminate the MOU by written notice sent to the other party, therefore the MOU shall be terminated on the date of receipt of such notification. The termination of the MOU will not affect the implementation of programs and projects initiated during its validity, unless so agreed by the parties.

  
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Mayor Thomas Westphal  
City of Dortmund  
9/9/2022  
Date

  
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Mayor Edward Gainey  
City of Pittsburgh  
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