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The Focus on people: Change agenda of CDU Saar and Tobias Hans - This is how the future works.

Our Saarland faces major changes and challenges in the next five years. The conversion of the entire economy to digitalisation, automation and electromobility. The changeover to more sustainability in many areas of daily life. But also the concerns of the people and their need for safety, cohesion and security - especially in times of change.

We - the CDU Saar and Tobias Hans as Saarland's leader - want to guide our homeland into a good future. We want to secure the quality of life and seize future opportunities. To this end, we have clear ideas, clear concepts for action and, above all, a clear attitude: we do not reject change, we create change! That's how we have always done it, and that's how we will continue in the future! Our goal is a modern Saarland where all citizens can live well and safely and where cohesion and humanity still have some value. Therefore, we make politics in the Saarland and for the Saarland.

Part of our identity is sticking together in times of great challenges. Just as we have done again in the Covid pandemic. The vast majority of people support the necessary protective measures. The doctors and our nursing staff are doing an outstanding job in protecting us from this disease. And the public health workers are also working around the clock for this federal state and its citizens. This is how we have achieved a nationwide top position in vaccinations and thus the way back to normality. We owe our thanks and respect to all those who contribute and have contributed to this - especially to the employees in our health care system, who prevented even greater pandemic damage through their sacrificial efforts. This public spirit, this solidarity are typical of our Saarland. Many thanks for that - that's how future works!

The pandemic has shown: When it counts, we work together. But the pandemic has also shown where we have to "pull the lever" in the future and for a good future of our federal state. It has shown us: If everything has to be good, we have to be prepared to change certain things. We have to be ready for modernisation of our country - on the economic, social and administrative level:

- Living well and safely in Saarland today: The citizens of Saarland can rely on it: Tobias Hans and the CDU Saar ensure efficient municipalities, functioning infrastructures and a modern citizen-oriented administration. We ensure an efficient police force and judiciary so that people feel safe and can trust in the rule of law. Security is a very important goal for us as the CDU Saar: In order to be able to live well and safely here in Saarland also in the future, we need more affordable living space, we need attractive cities, communities and villages, we need a supply of climate-friendly energy that is as safe as it is affordable. Security, however, also means good social coexistence, voluntary work and a diverse cultural life. Security and cohesion that is our programme! Therefore, we are now consistently implementing the decade of investment and modernisation. We are shaping social change in our country. Because: This is how future works!
- New ideas and innovative concepts for Saarland of tomorrow: Our Saarland has a future when the ideas, innovations and investments of many courageous, hard-working and creative people give rise to a new economic dynamism. That is why we will make Saarland a model region for the digitalisation of the economy, administration, schools and society. With our Q+ education concept, we want to create the best school system in Germany and further expand the excellent level and the "flagships" of our research and university landscape. With our innovation and digitisation strategy, we want to create a new start-up dynamic and make our state internationally known as an attractive business and science location. This is how we manage economic structural change, this is how we attract young people to the state, and this is how we attract many others from all over the world. This is how future works!

The basis of our strategy for the future is and remains a solid budgetary policy, which has been the brand of CDU-led state governments for years. Only with the debt brake and the reduction of our previous debt have we created the financial flexibility to be able to launch the protective shields and stabilisation measures of the last two years of Covid and simultaneously usher in the decade of investment. Now we are investing massively in the infrastructures of our state - from schools to roads, broadband expansion and public buildings. With the Saarland Pact, we are taking the municipalities with us on this path to the future. Our aim is to ensure that all citizens of Saarland can continue in the future to live well and safely in their homeland. Only if we maintain our high quality of life will our children and young people see their personal future here in the state. This is the only way to ensure a good future!

The CDU Saar and Tobias Hans hereby present their future plan for the Saarland of today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. We want a modern and humane Saarland. With confidence and strength, we will tackle the associated tasks. For this, we ask for the trust of the citizens of Saarland on 27 March 2022.

### 5 good reasons to vote for the CDU Saar and Tobias Hans

# 1. Strong economy, good work - this is how future works:

**New settlements are a top priority!** For example: SVolt in Überherrn, Nobilia in Saarlouis, Kettler in St. Ingbert or the ZF laboratory for artificial intelligence and autonomous driving. Intelligence and autonomous driving at the university.

**Saarland becomes a start-up hotspot!** With our new funding from the *SaarTech-Cycle-Fonds* and the *SaarTech-Gründer-Fonds*, we are supporting innovative start-ups.

Full backing for the steel and automotive industries! We are fighting for more than €400 million for the transition to industrial hydrogen technology - in Brussels and in Berlin.

# 2. <u>Best education, good care - this is how future works:</u>

**Implementation of the Q+ education concept:** Computer science from grade 5, new curricula, more teachers, higher quality, more time and more profile in all types of schools. **School refurbishment programme** and the best digital equipment! Then digital education will also work.

**Top childcare:** Without daycare fees, but with reliable care even in off-peak hours and with additional places.

### 3. Yes to climate protection, but please make it affordable - this is how future works:

# Energy transition with a social component:

Climate bonus programme of the federal state for the replacement of old oil heating systems and pressure for a reduction of the mineral oil tax and the electricity tax.

Saarland becomes a solar state! With our climate bonus programme we are promoting photovoltaic systems on Saarland's roofs with up to € 2,000 each.

Climate protection with a sense of proportion: We involve the citizens - through transparency and local cooperatives. With us, there will be no uncontrolled growth of wind power, especially not in historic old-growth forests.

#### 4. Live safely - that's how future works:

**Home security:** An immediate programme against housebreaking, full support for our security forces, more staff for our police on the streets and more judges and prosecutors for a defensible and capable constitutional state.

**Methods against new crime**. Examples: Special cybercrime unit, confiscation of criminally obtained assets and recovery for victims and society, upgrading digital investigation work against child pornography.

New competence centre for disaster control and civil protection: New staff, optimal technical equipment, networking of volunteer forces, new construction of the federal state fire brigade school.

# 5. <u>Living well in Saarland - that's how future works:</u>

Gigabit strategy for the entire federal state: Comprehensive fibre-optic expansion also in rural areas, closing of 5G coverage gaps in the area, best network connection of schools, businesses and administrations.

More local quality of life: Buy-out and redevelopment of vacant properties, strong investment programme for public infrastructures, financially capable municipalities through the Saarland Pact.

**Spectacular events in new locations:** New trade fair and congress centre in the city centre of Saarbrücken and the new *Saarlandhalle* for top international acts.