

CHARTER



FAIR METROPOLIS RUHR 2030

A FAIR CONSTITUTION FOR THE RUHR AREA

We, one of the 53 cities, municipalities and four districts of the Metropolis Ruhr, identify with and act upon the 17 United Nation's sustainable development goals (in short: SDGs). The SDGs emphasise municipalities as special actors to take responsibility and contribute their competence (SDG 11).

For us, the development goals to promote decent work as well as sustainable consumption and production patterns have a special relevance (SDGs 8 and 12). Climate protection must be considered in all our activities (SDG 13).

The Ruhr Area stands in the tradition of hard-won employees' rights and a socially just and equitable form of industrialisation. However, more people than ever are globally producing goods under conditions that violate human rights – including for municipalities in the Ruhr Area. Solidarity among people from different cultures is the basis of peaceful coexistence- locally and globally.

In 2010, the "Magna Charter Ruhr against exploitative child labour" obliged all 53 cities, municipalities, and districts to ban all products from public procurement that have been produced using child labour.

As Metropolis Ruhr we want to continue advocating against the exploitation of people and nature with this Fair constitution.

We require companies whose products we buy to take responsibility in their supply chain and to demonstrate credibly that international human and labour rights are respected.

We review our public procurement with regards to eco-social criteria and align it as far as possible according to the Principles of Fair Trade.

We motivate and empower people in the region to advocate for decent working conditions worldwide.

To fulfil our responsibilities,

- I. we increase the share of products in our public procurement that comply with the ILO (International Labour Organisation) core labour standards and, if possible, comply with further ILO labour standards.
- II. we increase the share of products that further comply with the Principles of Fair Trade.
- III. we actively support the Fairtrade-Towns-Campaign, we create awareness for Fair Trade, we strengthen the topic in our city marketing, and we increase the share of fairly traded products at communal events.
- IV. we provide economic support through regional and local business development programs to projects by businesses which promote Fair Trade.
- V. we increase the share of Fairtrade-Schools, Fair Kindergartens, Fairtrade-Universities as well as Fair Youth Centres in the Metropolis Ruhr.
- VI. we use our international town partnerships to create awareness for Fair Trade and Fair public procurement beyond the borders of the Ruhr Area.
- VII. we appoint at least one contact person in our municipality who is responsible for Fair Trade/Fair public procurement.

We cooperate with civil society organisations as indispensable partners for the implementation of this charter in order to achieve our common goals.

We publish the resolution of this charter and individually concretise the above listed goals in the associated appendix, the Catalogue of Actions.

We, as one of the 53 cities, municipalities and four districts of the Metropolis Ruhr, understand the Charter as a joint call for action for ourselves and the world.

Municipality/District:

According to the council/district council resolution of:

Place and date:

Name and signature: