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READY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Yes, Perchtoldsdorf is a wonderful place to live. But that cannot be taken for granted. In recent years, the black-green coalition has done little to set the course for positive future development. The town is at a standstill, dominated by small-mindedness and living in the past. We can change that. Next year, we all have the chance to make a decision to ensure that Perchtoldsdorf remains a place worth living in and is well equipped for the coming years. **NEOS offers a future view to all of you who are optimistic.**

To ensure that Perchtoldsdorf remains such an attractive place in the coming years, we need to set the course NOW - we need the **courage to make real reforms**. On the following pages, we would like to present our vision for Perchtoldsdorf in 2030. Perchtoldsdorf should remain an attractive place for all residents and businesses - newcomers and those who have been here for generations.

This requires local planning and building regulations that allow creating more affordable living space without destroying the townscape and character of Perchtoldsdorf. We need a comprehensive concept for dealing with the increasing traffic in our town. The goal is ensuring that everyone can move around town and beyond safely and comfortably, with or without a car. We need an efficient, modern and service-orientated administration so that the tasks can be managed with the available human and financial resources. And we need a childcare programme, especially for the under-2s, that gives parents true freedom of choice as to how they want to reconcile family and career.

All of this will only be possible once we regain financial room to manoeuvre. Simply muddling along as before and hoping that the state will step in financially is not enough. There will be no 'business as usual' with us when it comes to the budget. We NEOS are ready to tackle and implement necessary reforms in Perchtoldsdorf. We are ready to renew **Perchtoldsdorf.**

Tony Platt

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Faction Chairman, top candidate for the municipal council elections 2025

KEEP PERCHTOLDSDORF WORTH LIVING IN

Preserving the character of the village and the townscape while at the same time enabling contemporary development is the challenge for the revision of the local planning and building regulations in the coming year.



One task is to create affordable living space. We NEOS want to create opportunities for several smaller residential units to be built on existing building land without sealing additional ground. This can be achieved through intelligent building regulations. To ensure that affordable living space can be created in Perchtoldsdorf under the given

circumstances, the municipality can encourage that affordable living space is built by negotiating a framework of agreements with property developers. NEOS do not want the town to be 'paved over' - nor can it be our goal to turn our market town into a museum village.

We want to give the market square and Wienergase the attention that they deserve - because they are the heart of our liveable town. **Our market square has what it takes to become a real 'piazza'.** The successful examples of some gastronomy businesses are the proof. This requires a well thought out policy and coordinated measures such as active town and vacancy management, traffic calming and car park management, the creation of consumption-free zones, attractive street furniture, greenery and shade, etc., so that people enjoy spending time in the market square. The square can fulfil its role as a lively, economically active and liveable town centre - it is clearly too good to be just a car park.

But there is also a lot to do in terms of mobility: not everyone in Perchtoldsdorf will want or will be able to do without a car in the future. At the same time, an attractive public transport system is needed, especially an improved connection to the Liesing S-Bahn station and the U6 underground line. We want to use the money spent on the local bus in its current form and the unsuccessful Postbus shuttle - almost EUR 300,000 this year – for solutions that are tailored towards the transportation needs of the



people. Also, cooperations with neighbouring municipalities need to be considered. After 20 years in which the Greens have been in charge of mobility with little tangible outcomes, fresh thinking is needed.

Within the city, cycling is the mode of transport of choice for more and more citizens. We have listed numerous examples of how cycling in the town can be made safer and therefore more attractive with little money. Although these suggestions have been taken up by the responsible Green deputy mayor, implementation has been rather hesitant. NEOS have the necessary open-mindedness and drive to implement future-orientated transport services for our town.

Sabine Schober und Tony Platt

Candidates for the municipal council elections 2025



ECONOMICAL PERCHTOLDSDORF

In election campaign times, money does not seem to count for many political competitors. Do you also ask yourself who is going to pay for all this? NEOS asks ourselves exactly this question every time we propose a new project. We consider whether it is actually sensible and necessary and where the money for it will come from. **Our approach is future-orientated and realistic instead of populistic and serving clientele politics.**

The municipality's financial room to manoeuvre has decreased dramatically due to rising expenditure and stagnating income. In figures (www.offener-haushalt.at): The municipality's net result is in the red this year at EUR 2.26 million. In 2023 it was still plus EUR 3.97 million. A deficit of EUR 2.13 million is expected for the coming year, while a deficit of EUR 4.21 million and EUR 5.04 million is expected for 2026 and 2027 respectively. This is simply unacceptable and a wake-up call to finally tackle structural reforms. In the municipal council committees, NEOS does not see that this necessity has trickled down to all political leaders.

Nevertheless, we have to consider necessary investments for the future and, of course, ensure the operation of the municipality. What does this mean in concrete terms for Perchtoldsdorf? We need to create financial room to manoeuvre in order to make future projects and investments possible. **'Orchid projects' or plugging budget holes by charging citizens excessive fees are out of the question for us.** We are therefore taking a closer look at the expenditure side in particular. In the future, the budgets for current expenditure and projects must be based on the financial strength of the municipality instead of wanting to fulfil wishes frivolously. With NEOS at the helm, there will be a cash audit. Every expenditure item will be critically scrutinised: what is necessary, what makes sense, is the amount justified? We will have to have the courage to question even cherished traditions.

We see considerable potential in increasing the efficiency of the municipal administration and in consistent digitalisation. Where inefficiencies are uncovered, processes are optimised, creating space for new or more tasks. This will enable you as a citizen to utilise municipal services more quickly and easily.

There is also potential on the revenue side. We can make the town more attractive for businesses to set up in vacant business and commercial premises and actively promote them - because new businesses bring in new revenue.

There are ways to improve Perchtoldsdorf's ailing finances. This requires courage to tackle things - NEOS have it. We want to ensure that the municipality's money - your money - is used in the most effective and efficient way.

Roman Nossal

Candidate for the municipal council elections 2025



SMART PERCHTOLDSDORF

Lifting the wings of every child - this goal has guided NEOS since our foundation in 2012. We pursue this goal at federal and state level. In Perchtoldsdorf, too, we have repeatedly pointed out over the past five years where there is a need for improvement in the education sector and how we can make the already well-developed childcare infrastructure even better. It is obvious for us that Perchtoldsdorf can and must set itself **the goal of becoming Lower Austria's most education-friendly municipality.** But there is still a long way to go.

- Extended opening hours: Why should parents have to choose between work and family? We want longer opening hours and fewer closing days in kindergartens in order to create real freedom of choice and make it possible to reconcile family and career.
- More childcare for young children: The increasing demand requires more space for children up to the age of 2. We are committed to ensuring that every child can fully develop their talents.
- Expansion of all-day programmes: We need more all-day programmes not only in kindergartens, but also in Perchtoldsdorf's compulsory schools. We want to take this path step by step and support the wishes of many parents in our community.
- **Customised learning opportunities:** Every child deserves customised support. We want to ensure that every child can realise their full potential, regardless of their parents' financial

situation, by increasing cooperation between schools, associations and private initiatives.

- Cultural and sports programmes: Perchtoldsdorf should be a place of development and freedom. By expanding cultural and sports programmes especially for children and young people, we create valuable experiences. strenathen the community and make Perchtoldsdorf even more attractive for young families.
- Children's and youth parliament: We want to make democracy a tangible experience for our youngest citizens too. With a children's and youth parliament based on the Viennese model,

where children can have a say in which projects are implemented, we are giving the younger generation a voice to actively help shape their environment.

Martina von Künsberg Sarre und Christoph Müller

Candidates for the municipal council elections 2025

STAND BY FOR PERCHTOLDSDORF

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Use your right to vote

Voting for the municipal council is very easy. You can do this from the beginning of January with a polling card. Polling stations will be open from 8 am to 4 pm on 26 January.

By the way: Citizens from EU countries with their main residence in Perchtoldsdorf are entitled to vote in the municipal council elections.

PLEASE make use of your democratic right to vote!



THE NEOS PERCHTOLDSDORF **CANDIDATES**

NEOS are THE momentum for reforms in Perchtoldsdorf. These are only possible with an active and diverse team! We are running 23 candidates in the municipal elections. Among them you will find on the ballot paper:

- GR Tony Platt
- Sabine Schober
- GR Christoph Mueller
- GRⁱⁿ Claudia Buchanan
 Margarete Platt
- Roman Nossal NR-Abg.
 Franz Pleterski
- Sarre
- Hans-Holger Herrnfeld
- Zsolt Janos
- Maximilian Mader
- Stephanie Moser
- Martina von Kuensberg
 GR a.D. Günter Ringhofer

and many more!



TREES FOR THE BEGRISCH PARK

The storms in September also left their mark on Perchtoldsdorf. Although our village got off very lightly in comparison, numerous trees were uprooted or so badly damaged by the gale-force winds that they had to be felled.

The municipality is planning replacement planting and NEOS local councillors Claudia Buchanan, Christoph Müueler and Tony Platt have taken on tree sponsorships for three lime trees, helping to ensure that the damage can be repaired as quickly as possible.

By the way: the municipality is happy about every additional tree sponsorship. If you are interested, simply contact wirtschaftshof@perchtoldsdorf.at.



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What do the NEOS say about this?

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Happy holidays

We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends during the upcoming holidays and a happy new year!

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