State Government of North Rhine-Westphalia Policy Priorities for Europe



I. Towards a forward-looking Europe in times of crisis

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Safeguarding energy supply and advancing the green transition

- Finding a European answer to the energy crisis and reducing energy dependencies
- Expanding cross-border infrastructure and stimulating the use of hydrogen
- Implementing the European Green Deal and becoming pioneers of sustainable mobility

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Fostering economic recovery and resilience

- Cushioning the economic impact of the crisis
- ▶ Abiding by the principles of sound budgets, flexibility and effective correction mechanisms
- ► Realising the potential of joint EU funds and strengthening the economy

II. Towards a strategically sovereign Europe

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Turning the European Union into a determined geopolitical player

- Supporting and rebuilding Ukraine and bringing it closer to the EU
- ▶ Strengthening strategic dialogue, both within Europe and with like-minded countries worldwide
- Deepening European defence cooperation and ensuring military mobility

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Safeguarding the open strategic autonomy of European industry

- ▶ Diversifying supply chains, reducing dependencies and setting global standards
- ▶ Ensuring security of supply in critical sectors such as computer chips and raw materials
- Safeguarding food supply and assisting the farming sector with the green transition

III. Towards a strategically sovereign Europe

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Promoting social cohesion

- ▶ Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights and supporting workers during the crisis
- Adapting labour law to new forms of employment and increased mobility
- Establishing a migration and integration system marked by fairness and solidarity

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Making democracy in Europe more resilient

- ▶ ORegulating online platforms and artificial intelligence and combatting disinformation
- Advancing EU reform and promoting citizen engagement
- ▶ Defending and helping defend the rule of law

IV. Towards an integrated, resilient and secure Europe

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Strengthening cross-border cooperation and the Single Market

- ▶ Deepening the living, working and economic space shared with Belgium and the Netherlands
- ► Fostering cross-border research and promoting the Einstein-Telescope
- Making the European Single Market crisis-proof

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Intensifying crisis management, public safety and security cooperation

- ▶ Increasing climate resilience and strengthening joint emergency response capacities
- ▶ Protecting critical infrastructures and combatting cross-border crime
- Strengthening the resilience of health systems in Member States