

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE

### HOW DO THE GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WORK?

All citizens eligible to vote will receive a polling card in the post by September 01 at the latest. This contains all the important information, for example the address of the polling station.



#### VOTING AT THE POLLING STATION:

You can cast your vote at the polling station on September 22. It is sufficient to bring along your identity card!

**ABSENTEE VOTING BY POST:** Simply post your completed polling card to the appropriate electoral office. You will then receive your ballot paper along with a voting card. Complete the documentation and return it. You can also request the documentation for postal voting at short notice: simply contact your electoral office.



**ABSENTEE VOTING AT THE ELECTORAL OFFICE:** As soon as you receive your ballot paper you can cast your vote at the electoral office, even before Election Day. Electoral offices are often located in local town halls or citizen centres.

### YOUR VOTE FOR THE SPD

You can cast two votes on your voting card: the first is a direct vote for your preferred candidate, whilst the second indicates the party of your choice.

The SPD logo consists of the letters "SPD" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid red square.

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**1 MAKING WORK PAY:** through decent wages for honest work. The SPD will increase standard wages and enforce a legal minimum wage of €8.50 across the board. And: equal pay for equal work. For men and women, contract workers and permanent staff.

**2 A GOOD EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE:** by investing a further €20 billion, which will go towards school facilities and more teachers, among other things. We will also increase collaboration between the federal and state governments within the education sector. And we will make an education a basic right for everyone.

**3 SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.** Children need the best support possible. The SPD will expand the provision of daytime supervision at day-care centres and schools, to provide enough places for everyone. Families with low income will receive better support through our “new child allowance“ scheme. Family working hours will enable parents to combine a career and children.

**4 FAIR TAXATION AND CAPITAL MARKET CONTROLS.** The SPD will ensure that the banks and capital markets are brought under control, to prevent speculators from causing financial crises. With higher taxes for the rich and combating tax evasion we will finance better education and infrastructure – and reduce the national debt.

**5 SOCIAL SECURITY IN OLD AGE.** Anyone who has paid their national insurance contributions for 45 years will receive a full pension as of the age of 63. No deductions for reduced earning capacity. The solidarity pension of €850 will leave many people better off than ever before. And citizens insurance will do away with the 2-tier system in the health and care sector.

**6 MODERN ECONOMY.** The SPD will press ahead with the fourth Industrial Revolution by strengthening industrial centres and providing the fastest possible Internet connectivity everywhere in the country. Every schoolchild needs a laptop and digitalisation will be placed right at the top of the curriculum. We want to promote a new pioneer spirit throughout Germany: it's all about good ideas!

**7 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.** We work on behalf of everyone in our country. We want an open-minded and diverse society free of discrimination. We need good education free of charge for all, job opportunities and fair wages, dual citizenship and better recognition of qualifications.