

# What the CDU stands for:



**CDU**

The purpose of the Bundestag elections on 22 September 2013 is to secure a good future for all of us. We want Germany to remain a prosperous and safe country with economic growth, secure jobs and good opportunities for everyone. With decent wages, strong families and higher pensions. With stable finances and debt reduction instead of new debt.

**1. We want everyone to have a secure, well-paid job.**

Our goal is full employment. By providing strategic support to science and research, we promote the development of good ideas into new products. This creates jobs for the future. The Red-Green plans to increase taxes, however, would put hundreds of thousands of jobs at risk.

**2. We want a negotiable minimum wage.**

People all across Germany deserve the opportunity to earn a decent wage. We therefore want to require social partners by law to negotiate a minimum wage when there are no collective agreements in place. The Red-Green alliance wants a politically determined minimum wage. This would put jobs at risk and undermine the established social partnership between labour unions and employers. We reject this.

**3. We want strong, healthy companies.**

Our businesses should continue to enjoy good conditions for growth in order to preserve jobs and create new ones. To this end, we want to keep non-wage labour costs stable and further reduce unnecessary bureaucracy. In contrast, the Red-Green alliance intends to place a massive burden on the economy with higher taxes. Germany needs to remain a competitive industrial country, and affordable energy is particularly important for this to happen. Renewable sources of energy should be able to compete on the market without assistance from the government. At the same time, we want to take measures to support energy-intensive businesses, compensating for disadvantages in international competition.

**4. We want performance to pay.**

When wages are increased, workers should have more money in their pockets. With us, there will be no tax increases. We want to make life easier for people. By raising taxes, however, the Red-Green alliance intends to place a massive burden on families.

**5. We want Germany to remain a safe country where people want to live.**

Be it in the city or in the country, everyone should be able to enjoy a safe and comfortable life wherever they want to be. This requires good schools, childcare facilities and medical care as well as affordable housing, high-speed Internet and a safe everyday environment. We therefore want to offer better protection against burglary and to combat danger hotspots by installing more CCTV cameras. The Red-Green alliance, however, intends to reduce the number of surveillance cameras and legalise more drugs, turning a blind eye to the risk of terrorism and organised crime.

**6. We want solid finances and a stable euro.**

From 2015 onwards, we will not make any more new debt. Instead, we will begin to repay Germany's national debt. Even within Europe, we fight for stable finances and German interests. The Red-Green alliance, in contrast, wants Germany to take on the responsibility for new debts of other EU countries.

**7. We want a country that supports children and families.**

For this reason, we want to provide families with better financial support. We will increase child benefits and pay even closer consideration than before to the cost of raising a family when it comes to taxes. The Red-Green alliance, in contrast, wants to abolish tax splitting for married couples.

**8. We want pensions that better reflect the cost of raising a family.**

For this reason, we also believe that parents whose children were born before 1992 should receive a higher pension. With two children, this would equate to an average pension increase of 650 euros a year. More than eight million parents in our country, especially mothers, stand to benefit from this increase. However, the Red-Green alliance threatens to disrupt the intergenerational contract by moving away from the retirement age of 67.

**9. We want to support people with a migrant background.**

We want to foster their social ambition and willingness to help shape the country. We want to make it easier for people with foreign qualifications to receive recognition for their training. In addition, we want to gain more skilled and motivated workers from other countries. Germany should become even more attractive to them and their families as a place to live and work. We have placed integration policies at the centre of our political activity. The Red-Green alliance has achieved nothing on this front.

**10. We want to make Germany the number-one digital growth market in Europe.**

We therefore want everyone to have fast Internet access. For our children, using modern computer technology should be a part of everyday life. To this end, we intend to equip our schools with new IT equipment so that our children are ready to face the future early in life. We believe in promotion based on performance and modern schools, whereas the Red-Green alliance wants a standardised school system.

**Our country needs security in uncertain times.**

**The CDU and Chancellor Angela Merkel stand for stability and reliability in Germany, Europe and all over the world.**

**For this reason, give both your votes to the CDU on 22 September. Successful together for Germany.**