

THE MAYOR



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Statement of Commitments by the City of Heidelberg

Dear sir or madam,

as part of its GNAFCC application (and in line with what we live and practice), the City of Heidelberg hereby undertakes to continue to focus on, to support and to strengthen the emphasis on the needs of older and old persons in our local community.

In particular, the City of Heidelberg feels committed to actively upholding the values and principles of the network.

- ✓ **Respecting Diversity:**
Regardless of the socio-economic, ethnic and health background of (older) people, we respect and value each and every person's individual biography; in particular, we focus on their respective resources, abilities as well as potential and/or life experience. To ensure autonomy for as long as possible, we promote competences needed in daily life, enable participation and provide a diverse range of options for getting involved.
- ✓ **Justice:**
We support our citizens in leading an active life adapted to their respective needs with different measures like our Heidelberg Pass, which offers numerous reductions for disadvantaged people, local lunch tables for older persons at very affordable prices, creating affordable living spaces, and many more.
- ✓ **Participation:**
We promote and support older persons' opportunities for participation among others by providing a broad variety of offers for older people, options for getting involved and close ties with the university's infrastructure while at the same time successfully closing the gap between research and urban practice. We think it is important to make use of older persons' know-how and experience, and to provide a diverse range of options for getting involved.
- ✓ **Rights:**
We respect the rights, wishes and needs of older persons and adapt our offers according to these requirements and/or we try as well as create new concepts.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eckart Würzner', written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Dr. Eckart Würzner
Mayor