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Support for Magdeburg´s application to host EuroPride 2025

Dear board members of CSD Magdeburg e.V.,

EuroPride has to come to Magdeburg. And the CSD Magdeburg e.V. is the* right organizer* to organize it here. We, the political party DIE LINKE, have been attending Christopher Street Day for many years at the invitation of the CSD e.V. We have always experienced the preparation as professional, binding and careful. The trusted cooperation makes us stronger, more confident and more sensitive.

With the decision for Magdeburg, EuroPride would come to East Germany for the first time. The state capital of the federal state of Saxony-Anhalt is a good place for this, in the midst of a rural and small-town environment. Many people here have been waiting for a symbol like the EuroPride and its important accompanying events. They would seize the opportunity to show themselves, to celebrate, to be part of something self-evident. They would bring with them the courage they build on, each and every day, living their lives self-reliant in their villages and communities. A big parade would shine even beyond the federal state, far and wide into the east of Germany and Europe.

It would also bring color and light to the places associated with fear and pain. In the 1990s, Neo-Nazis murdered people in Magdeburg and chased them through the city during the "Ascension Day Riots". Even today there is violence and discrimination. At the same time there was and is resistance and self-confident diversity. Magdeburg - as one of the largest cities in the federal state - is a destination for immigration, a university location, a party city and a tourist attraction. It's time to show that East Germany is more than demolition and waiting: transformation must become emancipation.

DIE LINKE knows a little bit about what it means to be in the minority. We fight to ensure that the freedom which this society postulates for everyone is actually redeemed. We know that we need each other to create a world where one can be different without having to fear.

Kind regards,

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