



## Press Release City of Homberg (Efze)

### *City Walk in Homberg (Efze): Exploring Homberg's City Center Together*

HOMBERG (EFZE) – The city of Homberg (Efze) has been accepted into the urban development program "Social Cohesion." A city walk with residents took place on December 2, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., exploring the area around Freiheit, Ziegenhainer Straße, and Untergasse. Two key questions were addressed during the event: What changes are needed in the area? What ideas are there for improvement? Stops along the walk included Untergasse, the bus station and fire station, Freiheit with the Quartier an der Mauer (Quarter by the Wall), and the town hall.

Mayor Dr. Nico Ritz emphasizes: “The area is to develop into a green and vibrant neighborhood where living, working, and community life are possible for all generations. The funding program aims to promote functional and social networking across generations in Homberg’s city center. The intensive participation of stakeholders and citizens is a key factor for success. The city walk marked the beginning of the diverse opportunities for citizen participation in the process.”

The framework for action and the prerequisite for implementing measures within the funding program is an Integrated Urban Development Concept (ISEK). These measures can include both investment projects, such as renovations, densification, and the enhancement of public spaces, as well as cross-cutting issues like local mobility, accessibility, and the promotion of social participation. Based on this concept, the area is to be sustainably enhanced, and the quality of life for residents improved. The district town of Homberg (Efze) has commissioned the planning office ProjektStadt from Kassel to develop the ISEK.

The ProjektStadt project team has extensive experience in developing Integrated Urban Development Concepts (ISEK) for urban development funding programs. Project manager Marvin Coker emphasizes: “Each funding area presents its own unique challenges. In the ‘Social Cohesion’ program, the active involvement of local residents is crucial for sustainable development. Our goal is to connect stakeholders and collaboratively develop projects for the neighborhood.” Team member Elisabeth Jeckel adds: “The most rewarding aspect of such projects for us is when, at the end of the long process, change, improvement, and a sense of community become visible.”



With its successful inclusion in the “Social Cohesion” urban development program, the city administration is sending a clear signal for the further development and strengthening of community life in Homberg's city center.

*Note:* Online participation is possible until March 8, 2026, on the project website [www.homberg-innenstadt.de](http://www.homberg-innenstadt.de). All further participation events are also announced there.

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