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Germany issues cheap public transport ticket – 4th May 2023

## Level 0

Public transport is important for work and for visiting people. It can be expensive. Transport companies in Germany are selling a new ticket. It lets people use local and regional transportation for 49 euros a month. People cannot use it for long-distance intercity trains.

The new ticket is better for the environment. People will use trains and buses more. Germany's Chancellor said the ticket was cheap. He said it would help Germany hit climate targets. Germany wants to be carbon neutral by 2050. Other countries may create a similar ticket.

## Level 1

Public transport is important. We use it to go to work, visit friends, and for our daily business. Trains, buses and subways can be expensive. Transport companies created the Germany Ticket. This lets people use local and regional transportation for just 49 euros (\$54) a month. The ticket is for all public transport in Germany except long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets have been sold.

The Germany Ticket is better for the environment. People will use environmentally-friendly trains and buses more. Germany's Chancellor was happy with the new ticket. He said it was easy and cheap. He added it would help Germany hit climate targets and be carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said more people should use trains and buses. Other countries may create a similar ticket.

## Level 2

Public transport is important in our lives. We use it to go to work, visit friends, go sightseeing and go about our daily business. In many countries, trains, buses and subways are expensive. Germany has launched a scheme to make getting around easier. Transport companies have created the Germany Ticket. This allows people to use local and regional transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$54) a month. The ticket is valid for all public transport in Germany except long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets sold on the day of the launch.

The new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. People will leave their cars at home and use environmentally-friendly trains and buses. Germany's Chancellor welcomed the new ticket. He said "this easy and cheap offer will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate goals". Germany aims to be carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses". Other countries in Europe may also start a similar ticket.

## Level 3

Public transport is an important part of many peoples' lives. We need it to go to work, visit family and friends, go sightseeing and go about our daily business. However, in many countries, trains, buses and subways are very expensive. A new scheme in Germany has been launched to make getting around easier. Transport companies have got together to create the Germany Ticket. This allows people who buy it to use all local and regional transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$53.90) a month. The ticket is valid for all forms of public transport in Germany except for long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets were sold on the day of the launch.

Transportation bosses hope the new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. They want more people to leave their cars at home and use more environmentally friendly forms of transportation. Germany's Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, welcomed the new ticket. He said it is "an easy and cheap offer that will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate goals". Germany aims to become carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said the Germany Ticket was a "revolution" for Germany. He said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses". Another analyst hopes other countries will start a similar ticket.