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Sustainable Consumption – how does it work?

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The trade sector has always connected people, markets and cultures. It is the indispensable element of our daily life and one of the most important economic sectors at the same time. In Germany, for example, the trade sector and the wholesale for consumer goods generate an annual turnover in the amount of 800 billion Euro with over 5 million employees. Together with the German Trade Federation (HDE) and the Federation of German Wholesale, Foreign Trade and Services (BGA), METRO GROUP wants to make the trade sector more visible, both in political and social life.

In the spirit of Berlin's salon culture we have successfully established the "Wednesday Social", that has already taken place more than 30 times in Berlin, Brussels and Düsseldorf. We want to illustrate the diversity, innovation and performance of the world of trade and to show that issues that move us all have great relevance for politics, economics and society. For that we benefit from unusual perspectives and use different forms of presentation. We want to analyze correlations, show interdependencies and gain new insights. It is your opinion that we are particularly interested in. We believe that our guests with their different experiences can make a crucial contribution to the debate. This is why we would like to invite you to the 2nd Düsseldorfer Wednesday Social and to discuss the topic of the evening as well as the arguments put forward by Renate Künast. For your registration please fill out the enclosed reply card. If you would like to comment on the topic and the arguments in advance please visit

politik.metrogroup.de

You can also participate in the discussion ahead of the event via email. Please send your questions to the chair of the Düsseldorfer Wednesday Social, Dr. Detlef Fechtner, Börsen-Zeitung: duesseldorf@metro.de

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2nd Düsseldorfer Wednesday Social. Help us to shape the evening and to continue the discussion about the trade sector. After the discussion you are kindly invited to join our BBQ.

Michael Wedell Group Director Public Policy METRO GROUP **Dr. Peter Achten** Hauptgeschäftsführer Handelsverband NRW RA Michael Grütering Geschäftsführer Groß- und Außenhandelsverband NRW

INVITATION

METRO GROUP in cooperation with the Trade Association NRW and the Wholesale and Foreign Trade Association NRW would like to cordially invite you to the:

2nd Düsseldorfer Wednesday Social Wednesday, 8 June 2016

Doors open: 3.00 p.m., start: 3.30 p.m. Bridge 13, Room Deutschland, Metrostr. 1, 40235 Düsseldorf

Welcome **Heiko Hutmacher** Member of the Management Board of METRO AG

Moderation **Dr. Detlef Fechtner** Börsen-Zeitung

Presentation and discussion [German/English – simultaneous interpretation available]

Sustainable Consumption – how does it work?

Renate Künast, born in 1955, studied social work. Later she subsequently studied law and graduated as a lawyer, completing her second state examination in 1985.

During the red-green coalition in 1989/90 in the state of Berlin she acted as parliamentary group chairwoman. From June 2000 to March 2001 Renate Künast was elected chairwoman of the federal executive board of the party Alliance 90/The Greens. She was Federal Minister of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture from January 2001 to the 4th October 2005 and chairwoman of the parliamentary group Alliance 90/The Greens from October 2005 to 2013.

Since January 2014 is Renate Künast chairwoman of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Consumer Protection.

This invitation is personal and non-transferable. For more information please have a look at politik.metrogroup.de

METRO GROUP

METRO GROUP is one of the most important international trade companies. In the fiscal year 2014/15, it generated sales of 59 billion Euros. The company operates in 29 countries at approximately 2,000 locations and employs about 230,000 people. METRO GROUP's performance is based on the strength of its sales brands operating independently on the market: METRO/ MAKRO Cash & Carry – international leaders in cash & carry wholesale, Media Markt and Saturn – market leaders in consumer electronics retailing in Europe, as well as Real hypermarkets. METRO GROUP trains in more than 20 professions and ensures an appropriate training to offer permanent employment to the majority of graduates. Standards for a sustainabile economic development, which are mandatory across the group, are set by a sustainability council.

Trade Association NRW

The Trade Association NRW is an employers and industrial association on the national level. It represents the interests of more than 100,000 retail enterprises of any size or business form in dealings with the national regulation authorities, third parties, public authorities and the general public. In North Rhine-Westphalia the retail sector generates an annual turnover of some 100 billion Euro - nearly a quarter of the whole German retail sales. It is the third strongest economic power in the state. With more than 750,000 employees and apprentices the North Rhine-Westphalian retail sector is one of the most important employers and supporters of young talent in the country: every tenth workplace is provided by the sector in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Wholesale and Foreign Trade Association NRW

Wholesale and Foreign Trade are the service center of the North Rhine-Westphalian economy. It provides industry, trade and the retail sector with materials of all types. The Wholesale of North Rhine-Westphalia only purchases some 120 billion Euro from the industry and finances 60 billion Euro at its customers. The association represents 40,000 businesses of wholesale and trade in North Rhine-Westphalia as well as corporate-related service providers with some 500,000 employees and 15,000 apprentices. They generate an annual turnover of over 630,000 billion Euro. Our network brings know-how together from nine regional employers association. We support our companies not only locally and regionally but also in more than 160 organizations.

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☐ I will attend.

I will be unable to attend.

RSVP by 1 June 2016.