

## Launching the 'Low-Traffic Campus' Initiative

Dear students and staff,

On 31 March 2025, we're launching our 'Low-Traffic Campus' initiative to make the Saarbrücken Campus a more pedestrian- and bike-friendly space.

The aim of this important new development is to promote sustainability while creating an inclusive and vibrant campus environment. We want to enhance the on-campus experience for students and staff by creating additional green spaces, introducing new spaces to teach and learn, establishing exercise, relaxation and recreation areas, and installing new seating areas and bike parking spaces.

The first location to undergo redevelopment will be the 'Französischer Platz' – the large square situated in front of the 'Audimax' building (B4 1) – which will be available as a bookable event space from April 2025 onward. Booking information will be available on the Marketing and Communication web page.

From 31 March 2025, the Französischer Platz will be closed to car traffic (though loading/unloading will still be permitted). Permission to park in this area will be limited to persons with mobility issues who have a parking permit issued in accordance with the provisions of the German Social Welfare Code.

To ensure that emergency access and rescue routes are kept clear, and that traffic can flow freely in other parts of the campus, the university will be implementing regular campus-wide patrols from the start of the summer semester, backed by increased towing of any unauthorized or illegally parked vehicles. Please note that alternative parking spaces are available in car park P1 ('Uni Mitte'). Tip: Your UdS Card also entitles you to the <u>free use of buses within the campus area</u>.

Thank you for helping to make our campus a more sustainable, low-traffic environment. With best regards,

Ludger Santen

President of Saarland University