

Integration Council Election 2025

Who is eligible to vote?

- Foreign nationals who have a permanent residence permit or temporary residence permit
- Non-German EU citizens
- Germans who also have another nationality
- Persons who have been naturalized in Germany
- Children of foreign parents who became German citizens by birth
- Ethnic German repatriates
- Stateless persons
- Refugees who have been granted protection status

IN ADDITION, on election day you must...

- be 16 years old,
- have been living in Germany for one year,
- have been living in the city where you have your main residence since August 29, 2025.

Explanations*

Committee:

A group that deals with specific topics and tasks.

City council:

A gathering of elected politicians in a city. They discuss how people should live together and decide how money should be spent.

Council member:

A member of the city council, i.e. a politician. Council members are elected by the citizens.

Enquiry:

A question about the state of a situation, e.g. "How many kindergarten places are there in the city?" Or a question about what the city council is planning in the area of integration. It can be asked in writing or verbally.

Motion:

A request to the city council, e.g. 'We request that a bilingual kindergarten be established!'

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THE INTEGRATION COUNCIL IN YOUR CITY

Your interests are represented here!

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What is the Integration Council?

The Integration Council is a democratically elected **committee***. It is part of city politics. Members of the **city council*** and directly elected members of the international community work together in this committee.

The aim is to promote harmonious coexistence in the city. Above all, however, it is about political participation and co-determination! The Integration Council therefore also represents your concerns and interests.

The composition

The Integration Council always consists of members of the city council and directly elected members. These are elected by people with an international family history in the city.

The elected members are always in the majority. This means that their votes carry more weight when important decisions are made in the Integration Council.



* You can find explanations of the terms on the back.



Help shape urban policy

Through cooperation with **council members*** the decisions of the Integration Council are incorporated into city policy. This is done, for example, by submitting **inquiries*** and **motins*** to the city council.

In addition, the city council must consult the Integration Council on certain issues.

The topics

The Integration Council deals with all issues affecting people with an international family background in the city.

For example::

- Political participation
- Education
- Work
- Social and cultural participation
- Measures against racism
- Integration of new immigrants
- Equal opportunities
- Promotion of potential

Would you like to know how political participation works in your city?

Do you require assistance...

- in political and cultural participation?
- in your living conditions?
- in access to education and employment?
- in exclusion and racism?

Elect your integration council!



Get in touch with us!

