

## Information related to the persons entitled to vote on the election of the Integration Council of the district town of Euskirchen on 13 September 2020

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District town of Euskirchen

Euskirchen, June 2020

### Election of the Integration Council in the district town of Euskirchen on 13 September 2020

The paragraph 27 of the Municipal Code of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia (GO NRW) regulates the political participation of people with histories of immigration in local authority representation. In accordance with this regulation and in connection with the main statute of the district town of Euskirchen, the integration council of the district town of Euskirchen is made of 15 members. 10 of them are elected directly in accordance with paragraph 27, section 2 GO NRW. The other members are appointed by the council among its members. The integration council has to represent the interests of people with immigration histories living in Euskirchen in the council and administration. This is why the integration council can deal with all affairs of the town, by providing suggestions and by contributing to the district council of Euskirchen with its opinions.

For their voluntary work, the members of the Integration Council are entitled to attendance fees and, if needed, to a compensation for loss of earnings. If this is required by their mandate, they will have a legal right to be exempted by their employer because of their membership in the Integration Council.

#### Who is entitled to vote?

The following persons are entitled to vote (and have an active right to vote)

1. Non-Germans according to article 116, section 1 of the Basic Law,
2. persons of foreign nationality,
3. persons having obtained the German citizenship through naturalization, or
4. persons having obtained the German citizenship according to paragraph 4, section 3 of the Law on Citizenship in its revised version, as published in Federal Law Gazette Part III, classification number 102-1, last amended by article 1 of the Law of 28 August 2013 (Federal Law Gazette I, page 3458), 845 et seq.

For all of them the following applies: on the election day

- they must have reached the age of 16
- they have been legally resident in Germany for at least one year and
- have had their main residence in the district town of Euskirchen at least since the sixteenth day before the election.

The district town of Euskirchen creates a list of the voters and notifies the persons who are entitled to vote. The persons eligible to vote who are not registered in the list can be entered in the list of voters within the twelfth day before the election (1 September 2020). They have to provide a proof of their eligibility to vote.

The following foreigners are **not entitled to vote**:

1. foreigners for whom the Residence Act in the version published on 25 February 2008 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 162), last amended by article 1 of the Law of 12 July 2018 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1147), according to paragraph 1, section 2, numbers 2 and 3 does not apply or
2. asylum seekers.

**All persons eligible to vote will receive a written election notification from 3 August 2020 to 23 August 2020.**

## Who is entitled to be elected?

All persons eligible to vote and all citizens can be elected (passive right to vote) who on the election date

- have reached the age of 18
- have their main residence in the district town of Euskirchen for at least three months.

Persons who have no eligibility or ability to hold a public office because of a court decision of the Federal Republic of Germany on the election date **cannot be elected**.

## Election Process

The members of the Integration Council are elected in a general, direct, free, equal and secret election for the duration of the term (of 5 years) of the Council of the district town of Euskirchen.

The election process is executed by selecting a list or by electing individual applicants. Setting up deputies is also possible.

The paragraph 10 of the election regulation of the district town of Euskirchen will be applied to the election proposal procedure for the election of the members to be directly elected to the Integration Council. The election proposals can be submitted by groups of voters or citizens (list voting proposal) or by individual voters and by citizens (individual applicants) **from now until 16 July 2020, at 6:00 pm (cut-off period)**, at the election manager of the district town of Euskirchen, Kölner Str. 75, 53879 Euskirchen, room 112 or 114. For the election proposals according to lists and for individual applications, substitutes can be nominated. They can be set up in this function for the integration council election as well. In election proposals of individual applicants, a representative can be nominated. This can represent the applicant in the case of her/his election and replace her/him in case of her/his departure.

For the election proposal process, official forms will be required. They are available at the municipal electoral office. To submit the election proposals, an appointment with the electoral office should be made in advance by phone at the numbers indicated below. It is strongly recommended to submit the election proposals well in advance of this date so that any shortcomings affecting the validity of the election proposals can be remedied beforehand.

## Postal Voting

You can also participate in the election for the Integration Council by postal voting. In addition to the information about the location and time of the election, the election notification contains information on how to request postal voting as well. The postal voting documents can be requested verbally, in writing, electronically or in person from 3 August 2020 until 11 September 2020, at 6 pm in the town hall, Kölner Str. 75, room 101 (election office).

## Further Information

You can obtain further information from the Euskirchen town administration, electoral office, Kölner Str. 75, 53879 Euskirchen, rooms 112 or 114, Ms. Eschweiler, Ms. Michels or Mr. Hansen, phone number 02251/14-328, 02251/14-299 or 02251/14-404 or by writing to the email: [wahlen@euskirchen.de](mailto:wahlen@euskirchen.de) as well as: <https://www.euskirchen.de/rathaus/wahlen/integrationswahlen-2020> or <https://integrationsratswahlen.nrw>

The elections to the Integration Council are not nationality elections since the Integration Council should reflect a representative cross-section of people having a history of immigration.

The election regulation of the district town of Euskirchen related to the election of the members to be elected directly to the Integration Council can be found at:

<https://www.euskirchen.de/rathaus/satzungenortsrecht/> (no. 50/9)

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