



The Integration Commission

The Committee:

In its meeting on May 16, 2021, the Magistrate of the City of Nidderau decided to establish an Integration Commission for the remaining term of office of the Foreigners' Advisory Councils in Hessen in accordance with § 72 (4) of the Hessian Local Government Act (HGO) in conjunction with § 89 HGO. The term of the Integration Commission begins with its constitution and ends parallel to the term of office of the City Council. The current term of office extends from 2021 to 2026. The Integration Commission is a commission established for the permanent administration and supervision of a specific area of responsibility within the meaning of § 72. It consists of at least half knowledgeable residents, who are elected by the City Council on the proposal of the migrant representative body. In case sufficient nomination proposals are not submitted, the City Council shall make proposals. The eligibility criteria for this group of individuals are determined in accordance with § 86 (3) and (4) accordingly. Half of the elected members should be female. Furthermore, the election should, as far as possible, consider the plurality of foreign residents as defined in § 84 sentence 1. The mayor (represented by the First City Councilor) chairs the Integration Commission together with a co-chair elected by the group of knowledgeable residents.

Background:

In municipalities with more than 1000 registered foreign residents, the establishment of a Foreigners' Advisory Council is mandatory. The obligation to establish a Foreigners' Advisory Council is waived if a commission for the integration of foreign residents is formed in accordance with § 89. 173 Hessian municipalities are obligated to introduce integration bodies. Of these, 86 municipalities have elected a Foreigners' Advisory Council, while 87 municipalities have introduced an Integration Commission. In municipalities that have opted for a Foreigners' Advisory Council but where the election fails due to a lack of nomination proposals or candidates, the alternative participation form of the Integration Commission becomes mandatory. This ensures that the institutionalized dialogue is conducted statewide in municipalities, as is the case in Nidderau.



Members:

- Mr. Rainer Vogel, First City Councilor (Chair)
- Mr. Arda Oral (Co-Chair)
- Mr. Teclemariam Ghebregergis
- Ms. Lejla Hasanbasic
- Ms. Mahwish Iftikhar
- Ms. Elisabeth Mayer-Gracia
- Mr. Jan Jakobi, City Council Chairman

Tasks of the Integration Commission:

Representation of Interests: The Integration Commission represents the interests of the non-German population in Nidderau.

Advisory Role: It advises the organs of the City of Nidderau on all matters concerning foreign citizens.

Right to Submit Applications: In all important matters concerning foreign citizens, the Integration Commission may submit applications to the City Council; this is done in accordance with § 88 (2) sentence 4 HGO in conjunction with § 58 (5) sentence 3 HGO.

Promotion of Equality: It actively promotes equality between foreign and German citizens of the City of Nidderau and works against prejudices and discrimination.

Support: It supports associations and organizations in organizing intercultural events and integration projects in the City of Nidderau.

Organization of Events: It organizes intercultural events, lectures, and workshops on current topics such as equality, participation, racism, etc.

Key Themes:

- International Weeks Against Racism (IWgR)
- Intercultural Weeks (IKW)

Do you have questions, suggestions or criticism for the members of the Integration Commission? Please send an E-Mail to: integrationskommission@nidderau.de