

Who and what is the Migrant's Council?

The Migrant's Council is an important community board which represents the interests of inhabitants of foreign origin and ethnic German immigrants in our town. The number of board members is set in the constitution of the Migrant's Council. There are nine members entitled to vote who are being elected. There can be four more as consultative members. These will be assigned by decision of the Migrant's Council as representative of other associations. The board members are elected from the migrant population for five years.

The work of the Migrant's Council is complimentary.

What are the responsibilities of the Migrant's Council?

The responsibilities, the rights and the duties of the Migrant's Council of the Hanseatic City of Rostock are laid down in its constitution. It has the special obligation to campaign for the understanding and a peaceful living together of all inhabitants of the Hanseatic City and to develop recommendations and positions in relation to it.

The Migrant's Council has to support the informational, advisory and cultural work of inhabitants with foreign origin as well as ethnic German immigrants in cooperation with the community administration.

Why is taking part in the election so important?

You can support the democratic representation of inhabitants with foreign origin as well as ethnic German im-migrants with a high voter participation.

Therefore, please take part and vote!

You can strengthen with your vote the position of the Migrant's Council and therefore the role of immigrants in our town.

Who can vote?

All foreign residents who are not Germans or German nationals within the context of Article 116 paragraph 1 of the Basic Law and who on the day of the election

- Have turned 16 years and
- Have been registered for more than three months without interruption as having their main residence in the Hanseatic and university city of Rostock

Also, eligible to vote:

- German citizens who have at least one other nationality
- Naturalized
- Late repatriates and their family members

Dual nationals, naturalized citizens and late repatriates have to submit an application for acceptance into the voters' register to the voter registration and postal voting office by 29.05.2020 (12 pm). The form is available from the Office for Integration, the Migrants Council, local authorities and the Immigration Office and can be downloaded from www.rostock.de/wahlen. The application can also be made in person during the indicated opening hours by sending the required documents to:

Hanse- und Universitätsstadt Rostock
Der Wahlleiter
Wählerverzeichnis- und Briefwahlstelle
Beratungsraum 1a, Rathaus-Anbau
Neuer Markt 1, 18055 Rostock

Monday	25/05/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00
Tuesday	26/05/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 18.00
Thursday	28/05/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 16.00
Friday	29/05/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00

The Voters' Register and Postal Voting Office can be reached under Tel. 0381 381-1191.

Only those who are registered on the voters' register are entitled to vote.

Who can get elected?

There are the same regulations for becoming a member of the Migrant's Council as there are for the right to vote with the exception that the candidate has to be at least 18 years old at the day of the election, and that he or she has to live in principal residence in the Hanseatic City for at least one year.

Who must not vote?

- Whose residence is only tolerated (“Duldung”)
- Who is in Rostock by order of his home country
- Who possesses no valid residence title according to the German law

Proposals for candidates

Candidates may be proposed until 27th of April 2020 4 pm to

Hanse- und Universitätsstadt Rostock
Migrantenrat der Hanse- und Universitätsstadt Rostock
Waldemarstraße 33, 18057 Rostock

Candidates may be proposed from individuals but also from groups of inhabitants of foreign origin and ethnic German immigrants.

Each proposer can put forward only one proposal. The proposal of a group may contain only up to nine candidates.

Information about the conduct of elections

All persons eligible to vote will receive the necessary election materials by post with information (ballot, ballot paper) no later than on Saturday 24 May 2020. It also includes instructions on how to conduct a postal ballot voting. This information is also available in various languages at www.migrantenrat.de.

How will be elected (voting by post)?

The election will be conducted by postal ballot voting.

All eligible voters entered on the electoral roll will be sent the necessary documents (polling card, return envelope, ballot paper, ballot envelope).

Votes are submitted by crossing the box as well as clearly indicating the desired proposals on the ballot paper. This must be done personally and without being observed by third parties.

Persons entitled to vote who cannot read or write or who are physically handicapped to submit their votes alone. They also may use the assistance of another person. In this case the instructions on the ballot paper must be followed.

Persons entitled to vote have 3 votes. These can all be given to one person on the ballot paper or distributed among up to 3 different persons. It is also possible to submit less than 3 votes. However, if more than 3 votes are submitted, then all votes are invalid!

The ballot paper is then placed in the ballot envelope and sealed.

The signed ballot paper is then placed in the ballot envelope together with the postal envelope and sealed. It can be sent free of charge by post to the address printed on the envelope or handed in directly there.

Voting by post (local polling station)

The documents that are sent can be handed over during the above-mentioned opening hours of the voters' register and postal voting office (Rathaus, Neuer Markt 1, Rathaus-Anbau, Beratungsraum 1a) and also during the times specified below.

Tuesday	02/06/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 18.00
Thursday	04/06/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 19.00
Friday	05/06/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00
Monday	08/06/2020	From 10.00 to 15.00
Tuesday	09/06/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 19.00
Wednesday	10/06/2020	From 09.00 to 12.00

For the postal voting on site, all documents have to be carried along!

The ballot envelopes received by 10.06.2020, 12 pm will be collected and kept in safe place. They will be handed over to the postal ballot committee to determine the results. The public announcement of results will take place on 11.06.2020 in the election committee. There will be a celebration with the (elected) candidates in the Town hall from 5:00 pm.

For further information

Migrantenrat der Hanse- und Universitätsstadt
Rostock, Geschäftsstelle
Waldemarstraße 33, 18057 Rostock
Telefon: 0381 4591001
E-Mail: abro-@t-online.de

Hanse- und Universitätsstadt Rostock, Der
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Neuer Markt 1, Raum 1.11, 18055 Rostock
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