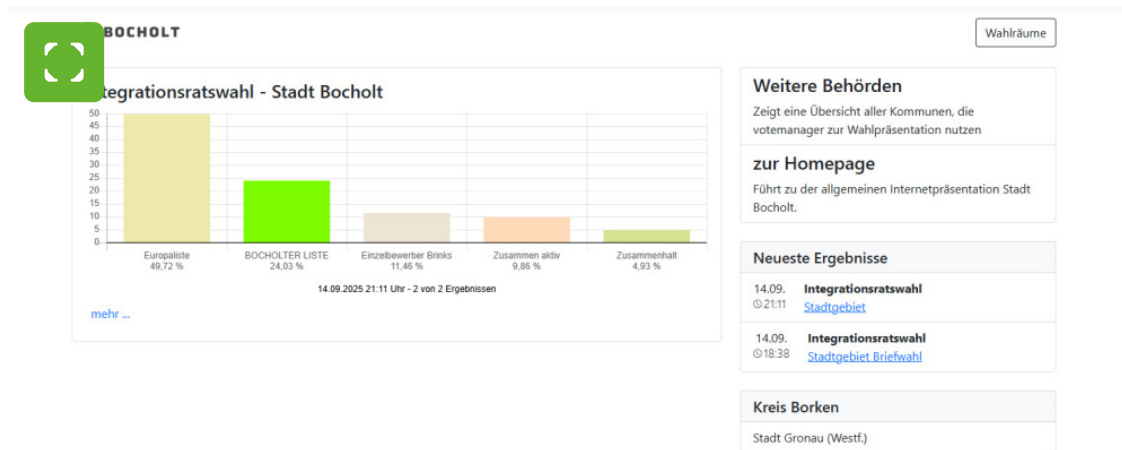


The Committee for Equal Opportunities and Integration (formerly: Integration Council)

Bocholt has elected the new integration council



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Bocholt elected the new Integration Council on 14 September 2025. The results can be found here:

<https://wahlen.citeq.de/20250914i/05554008/presentation/index.html>

Juan Lopez Casanova, Ivica Mazar, Gül Balci, Carmelo Nairi, Selda Koldamca and Donik Krasniqi from the European list, Abdulkadir Kis, Gültekin Izgi and Akan Üstüngör from the Bocholt list, individual candidate Carsten Brinks, as well as Ataf Chaudhry from Zusammen aktiv and Khaled Aidy from the "Zusammenhalt" list were elected.

The Committee for Equal Opportunities and Integration would like to



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The members of the municipal integration council

- to further promote and advance the peaceful and fruitful coexistence of different cultures in Bocholt.
- to form a forum for exchange and consultation with committed associations, institutions, companies, interest groups, citizens and the public administration.

Guiding principles

The Integration Council is committed to ensuring that colourful diversity in Bocholt is recognised by the city and its citizens as a matter of course. In the long term, it should be perceived by the population as a matter of course that all people in this city respect and recognise each other in their diversity. They do not have to explain or justify their uniqueness; they are not seen as (cultural) strangers, but as members of a community, as Bocholters.

Different ways and styles of life, provided they conform to the constitution, are perceived as an enrichment of living together. In order to put these ideas on a broad basis in Bocholt, the Integration Council supports campaigns and events in this sense.

The Integration Council considers it necessary to guarantee access to important resources such as education, training, work, culture, leisure and health for all Bocholt residents with an international family history. Likewise, participation in the spatial and social organisation of the city should be possible for everyone, thus creating a common urban culture that does not draw artificial boundaries between people from different regions of the world and does not construct ethnically homogeneous groups. It recognises that people's affiliations are diverse and overlap with others.



"Let's join forces in the area of integration work and welcome all new fellow citizens together with the statement Bocholt for all - Welcome"



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Series: Inside ACI (formerly: Us at IR!)

From time to time, here in the 'Inside ACI' series (formerly ["We in the IR"](#) ) , we introduce the members of the Committee for Equal Opportunities and Integration (ACI). We launched the series in 2019 during the previous legislative term with **Juan Lopez Casanava**, Chair of the Bocholt City Integration Council. We have now selected three members of the ACI - Selda Koldamca, Zeyneb Mohammady and Gültekin Izgi - who have not previously served on the Integration Council.



Selda Koldamca ►



Zeyneb Mohammady ►



Gültekin Izgi ►

Tasks and responsibilities

- The Integration Council represents the interests of residents of the city of Bocholt with a migration background.
- The Integration Council addresses their social, educational, professional and economic concerns,
- The Integration Council discusses ways and means of integration in Bocholt and makes public proposals

Extract from Section 27 of the North Rhine-Westphalia Municipal Code:



"The Committee for Equal Opportunities and Integration (ACI) can deal with all matters of the municipality - over and above voting with the Council."

Background information on the integration council election



When is the Integration Council elected?

Like the elections to the city council, elections to the Integration Council take place every five years. The current election took place on **14 September 2025**, at the same time as the municipal elections.

- [Results from 14 September 2025](#)
- and for comparison:
- [Results from 13 September 2020](#)



How, when and where can I vote?

Information on "How", "When" and "Where" for the integration council election

- **Dates**
 - 3 August 2025: Creation of the electoral roll
 - By 24 August 2025: Dispatch of the election notifications
 - 25 - 29 August 2025: Opportunity to inspect the electoral roll
 - 24 August - 2 September 2025: Application for entry in the electoral roll
- **Voters' register**

The voters' register will be created on 3 August 2025 and kept electronically. All persons with a foreign nationality will be automatically entered on the electoral roll. Naturalised Germans are not automatically registered, so it is necessary to register on the electoral roll if they wish to vote. The relevant form is available [here](#). However, before submitting the application, please wait until 24 August 2025 and, if you have not received an election notification, submit the application for entry in the electoral register by 2 September.

- **Election notifications**

Election notifications will be issued on the basis of the electoral roll and will be delivered by 24 August.

The electoral roll is available for inspection at the electoral office from 25 - 29 August to give eligible voters the opportunity to check their entry in the electoral roll.

- **Postal voting**

The electoral office will start "postal voting" around mid-August at the electoral office on the premises of the Mariengymnasium on Schleusenwall.

After registering in the electoral roll, you can vote directly on site at the electoral office, or alternatively you can apply for a postal vote before election day and vote at home in peace and quiet. All you have to do is request the postal voting documents, which can also be done online, or collect them from the electoral office. Of course, once you have been entered on the electoral roll, you also have the option of casting your vote(s) at your polling station on election day itself, 14 September 2025.



Who can I vote for?



Integrationsratswahl

Stimmzettel

für die Wahl des Integrationsrates in der Stadt Bocholt am 14. September 2025

Nur **einen** Wahlvorschlag ankreuzen, sonst ist Ihre Stimme ungültig.

Hier ankreuzen



1	EUROPALISTE Juan Lopez Casanava, Ivica Mažar, Gül Balci, Carmelo Nairi, Selda Koldamca	EUROPALISTE	☐
2	BOCHOLTER LISTE Abdulkadir Kis, Gültekin Izgi, Akan Üstüngör, Zeyneb Mohammady, Bolat Cura	BOCHOLTER LISTE	☐
3	Einzelbewerber Carsten Brinks	Einzelbewerber	☐
4	ZUSAMMEN AKTIV Ataf Chaudhry, Rosina Giorgio, Karina Can, Lukas Özdemir, Muhammad Aslam	ZUSAMMEN AKTIV	☐
5	ZUSAMMENHALT Khaled Aidy, Al Mahdi Al Mhimd	ZUSAMMENHALT	☐

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On 10 July 2025, the Election Committee of the City Council of Bocholt decided to approve a total of five election proposals for the Integration Council elections on 14 September 2025, four lists and one individual candidate. There are many new faces, and we have highlighted in bold the people with an international family history who are already represented on the Integration Council.

1. **European list** with **Juan Lopez Casanava**, **Ivica Mazar**, Gül Balci, Carmelo Nairi, Selda Koldamca, Donik Krasniqi, Redouane Besbassi, Ebtessam Sawiros, Anosh Moradi, Adnan Ali, Dimitrios Karamoussanlis, Irina Fendel, **Juliana Berger**, Anastasiya Mironava, Teuta Dervishi, Sefa Kormaz, Apanoup Girgis, Miguel Benitez and Khalil Mounir
2. **Bocholt list** with **Abdulkadir Kis**, Gültekin Izgi, **Akan Üstüngör**, Zeyneb Mohammady, Bolat Cura, Selahaddin Öztemiz, Serkan Gürbüz, Nazim Cinar and Erman Elmacicegi
3. **Active Together** list with **Ataf Chaudhry**, **Rosina Giorgio**, Karina Can, Lukas Özdemir, Muhammad Aslam and Ermias Giorgio
4. Cohesion list with Khaled Aidy (deputy: Mohammad Hammoud) and Al Mahdi Al Mhimd (deputy: Ammar Saler)
5. Individual candidate: Carsten Brinks



Form "Entry in the dialling directory"

As a naturalised person with an international family history, you can use this form to apply for entry in the electoral register if you have not received a voter's notification for the integration council election by 24 August. Please wait until 24 August 2025 and, if you have not received an election notification, apply for entry in the electoral register by 2 September.

Application form



What is the composition of the Integration Council?

The Integration Council is made up of **twelve directly elected representatives of people with an international family history from Bocholt** as well as **six city councillors**. All 18 members have voting rights on the Integration Council and elect a chairperson and deputy chairperson from among their number.



Who is on the board of the Integration Council?

Juan Lopez Casanova is currently in his second term as Chairman. His deputies are currently Ataf Chaudhry, Memet Cinar and Abdulkadir Kis. The constituent meeting of the new Integration Council will take place at the end of November / beginning of December. At this meeting, the chairman and his deputies will be newly elected.

Faces: This is the Integration Council

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