

Information on the European elections

On Sunday, 9 June 2024, the European elections will take place in Germany, in which the members of the European Parliament will be elected for a term of office of five years.

In Bocholt, around **58,000 eligible voters** will be able to cast their vote in the European elections. The Bocholt electoral office will set up **48 polling stations**. **Voting by post** will also be possible again.

The election will take place on 9 June between 8 am and 6 pm.

Information for EU citizens

In addition to German voters, citizens of other EU member states (EU citizens) living in the Federal Republic of Germany can also vote in the European Parliament elections. They can decide whether to exercise their right to vote in the European Parliament in Germany or in their country of origin. However, the right to vote may only be exercised once and only in person.

EU citizens who wish to vote in the 2024 European elections in Germany must be entered in the electoral register of their German place of residence.

Anyone who was already entered on a voters' register in the Federal Republic of Germany for the 1999 European elections or a later election to the European Parliament does not need to submit a new application and will be automatically entered on the voters' register, provided that the other requirements under electoral law are met.

All other EU citizens who wish to participate in the election of Members of the European Parliament from the Federal Republic of Germany must submit an **application for entry in the electoral roll** to the city/municipal administration of their place of residence. The original signed application must be received there by **19 May 2024** at the latest.

Information for Germans abroad

Germans living abroad who are not registered in Germany (Germans living abroad) are not automatically entered in a voters' register. If Germans living abroad wish to vote in European elections, they must submit a formal application to be entered on the electoral roll before each election.

Application forms and information for Germans living abroad and EU citizens for the 2024 European elections at:
<https://www.bundeswahlleiterin.de/europawahlen/2024/informationen-waehler.html>




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Election worker activity



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To ensure a smooth election process, the city of Bocholt relies on around 500 volunteers on election Sunday.

A prerequisite for volunteering is that poll workers are **eligible to vote**; they must therefore be **at least 16 years old**.


Polling assistants hand out the ballot papers, for example, ensure that the election is conducted properly and count the ballot papers later. Polling assistants are trained by the city of Bocholt in the run-up to the election. They receive a refreshment allowance of 50 euros for their work on election day.

The election will take place on 9 June from 8 am to 6 pm. The electoral boards will meet at 7.30 a.m. in the allocated polling stations, as close to home as possible. At this time at the latest, arrangements are made for the morning and afternoon shifts. The time required is therefore less than it appears at first glance.

The postal ballot boards meet at 3 pm. From 6 p.m. onwards, the election boards will jointly determine the election results.

Applications to work as a polling officer for the 2024 European elections are accepted by the Bocholt electoral office by **emailing [wahlamt\(at\)bocholt\(dot\)de](mailto:wahlamt(at)bocholt(dot)de)** or **calling 02871 / 953-2111**.

Interesting links on the 2024 European elections

Background information on the 2024 European elections with **explanatory videos for electoral assistants** and "How the European elections work" on the [website of the Ministry of the Interior of North Rhine-Westphalia](#) .

Easy language

Together with Lebenshilfe Main-Taunus e.V., the State Centre for Political Education and the Chair of European Integration and European Politics at the University of Duisburg-Essen have produced the brochure **"European Elections 2024 - Knowing how to vote"** to provide information about the European elections in so-called "Easy Language".

The brochure can be used in many different contexts relating to "Voting". It is available as a PDF document at this link:

[Brochure "European Elections 2024 - Know how to vote"](#) 

Information in plain language can also be found on the European Parliament's website: [European Elections 2024 - Easy Language](#) 

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Note : The electoral office is not yet open. Postal voting is not yet possible. The city of Bocholt will announce the dates in good time.

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