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## **Belgian countrywomen visited Bocholt**

### **Deputy Mayor Kroesen welcomed guests from the twin town**

19 countrywomen from the twin town of the same name visited the European City of Bocholt from 1 to 2 June 2023. Deputy Mayor Elisabeth Kroesen officially welcomed the group at the Stadthotel Bocholt.

For the group, it was the first visit of this kind to Bocholt. However, some members had already been here last year for the 800th anniversary of the city of Bocholt. They came to the European town festival and sang at the big partnership concert "Europe sings!" in St. George's Church.

### **Versatile Bocholt**

The deputy mayor introduced Bocholt to the Belgian guests as a former textile location and today's industrial town. Just as in Belgian Bocholt, the bicycle is the number one means of transport in German Bocholt. "The city cycling campaign, in which you could collect kilometres individually and in teams, has just come to an end," said Kroesen. The proximity to the Netherlands is appreciated in Bocholt, she continued. The people of Bocholt like to go shopping there. But they also see many Dutch people.

### **Guided tour of the town and weekly market**

Besides a visit to the weekly market, a guided tour of the town was on the programme of the Belgian countrywomen. Afterwards, they had the opportunity to explore the city on their own. The next day they visited the LWL-TextilWerk Bocholt. The rural women would like to establish contact with a local rural women's group during their next visit. Petra Taubach, the European Commissioner of the city of Bocholt, is sure that this can be made possible.





*The countrywomen's group from the Belgian twin town of Bocholt*  
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