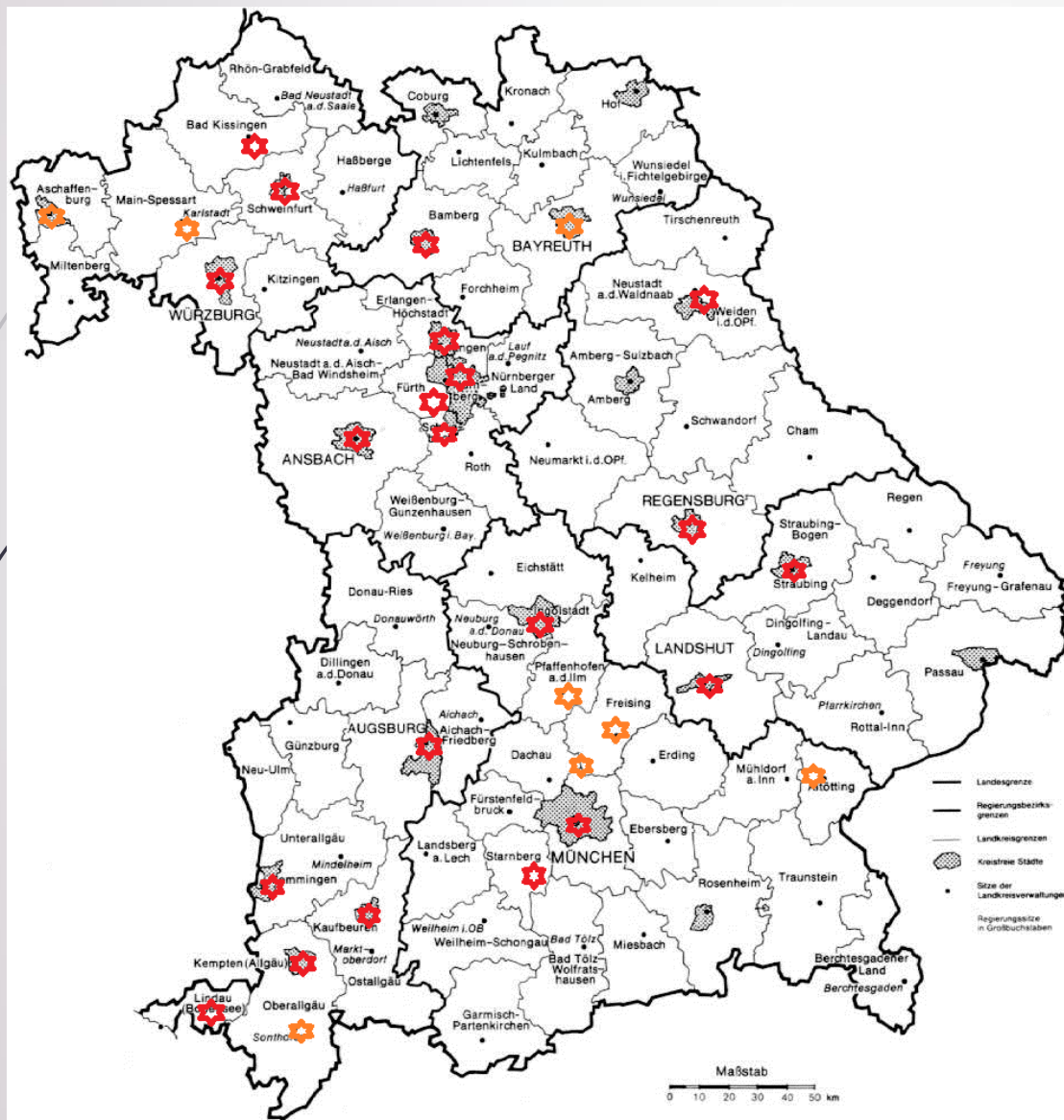


POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN BAVARIA

Structures, campaigns and positions of the Working Committee
of the Councils of Immigrants in Bavaria (AGABY)

IMMIGRANTS & FOREIGNERS IN BAVARIA



- Population: 12,9 M
- Immigrants: 3 M / 23%
 - 1,5 M Foreigners
 - About 12%
 - Mostly in cities: 20-25%
- 30 Councils of Immigrants in Bavaria
- Representing 90% of the immigrants in Bavaria
- Some cities are planning to establish a Council in the near Future

COUNCILS OF IMMIGRANTS

- Local Parliaments of Immigrants (like local city councils, parallel structure, advisory body)
- (Bei)Rat = (advisory) council
- Different terms & names
- Councils of Foreigners / Immigrants / Integration

PRINCIPLES OF WORK

- ➡ Empowerment
- ➡ Networking
- ➡ Participation

COUNCILS OF IMMIGRANTS IN BAVARIA 2

- No obligation on the federal level, legally not binding
- But an option to establish Councils of Immigrant in the municipality
 - different structures (within the decision making procedures in the local government)
 - different rights (right to vote, right to advise on a matter)
 - different resources: human resources and budgets
- Counter examples: federal states of Hessen and Rhineland Pfalz, Baden Württemberg

ROLES AND COMPETENCIES OF THE COUNCILS OF IMMIGRANTS 1

- Council or advisory council
- PARTICIPATION
- ALL immigrant groups
- Interest group / lobby group of ALL immigrants
- Contact point and information center
- Bridge between immigrants and country nationals
- Financial support
- Networking

ROLES AND COMPETENCES OF THE COUNCILS OF IMMIGRANTS 2

- Political body
- Expert body
- responsibility for the whole society
- Cross-sectional, multi-disciplinary
- advises the city council, the mayor, the city administration
 - on all aspects of policy and projects related to migration and integration

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCILS OF IMMIGRANTS 1

- Statements and expert opinions directly on the local level
- Participation in the working committees of the local government
- Monitoring of the integration related issues in the whole city
- Exchanging opinions and interests between the immigrant communities and the country nationals

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCILS OF IMMIGRANTS 2

- Organizing events
- supporting inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue
- Representation of immigrants
- Critical observer
- Think-tank of local integration policy
- Initiatives and start-ups

THEMES AND TARGET GROUPS

- One-voice of ALL immigrant groups
- Refugees – biggest challenge, one focus but not the only one, Council of Refugees and Pro Asyl
- Fight against racism, discrimination and foreign hatred
- Fight against right-wing extremism and populism
- Right to vote at the Municipal level (for third country citizens)
- Women's policy
- Labor policy, recognition of foreign degrees and qualifications
- Youth, school, language development, bilingual education
- Housing policy

AGABY – THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF THE INTEGRATION COUNCILS

Councils of Immigrants

- Working group
- Empowerment and qualification
- Policy coordination
- Campaigns, demonstrations
- Platform for the exchange of information
- Best-practice
- Advisory body

Municipal government

- Consulting
- Supervision
- Monitoring und evaluation
- Establishing new councils of immigrants
- Integration processes

State of Bavaria

- Represents interests of all immigrants in Bavaria at the state level,
- but is independent of the Bavarian Government
- Lobby
- One voice
- Partner and infrastructure for dialogue
- Promoting the democratic procedures of integration policy
- Democratic legitimacy
- The only cross-national, cross-cultural and inter-religious migrant organization in Bavaria

HANDBOOK FOR THE WORK IN THE INTEGRATION COUNCILS

HANDBUCH
ERFOLGREICH ARBEITEN
IM INTEGRATIONSBEIRAT
Materialien, Tipps & Hilfen

➡ [Handbook](#)

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FURTHER ORGANISTIONS INITIATED BEI AGABY

- Network of Migrant Women
- Network against Racism and Discrimination in Bavaria

CHALLENGES OF THE WORK OF THE INTEGRATION COUNCILS

powerless

Internal
conflicts

transparency

passives

Lack of self-esteem

Shortage of
resources

Voluntary
work

unprofessional

Different
interest groups

Competitive
situation

CAMPAIGN FOR „RESPEKT“

- 22 cities
- more than 2000 people
- on 21 March 2015, international day against racism
- a street campaign of the councils of immigrants of Bavaria
 - and their cooperation partners
- a tradition was established

RESPEKT

IN NÜRNBERG / NUREMBERG ...



CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE AT THE MUNICIPAL LEVEL FOR THIRD COUNTRY CITIZENS

- Lobby Campaign
- In Bavaria
- All Councils of Integration & cooperation partners
- Political campaign
- Public campaign



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PHOTO CAMPAIGN ON FACEBOOK



"Das kommunale Wahlrecht für alle Migranten, die hier leben, wäre ein ganz wichtiges Signal für die Anerkennung und Wertschätzung ihrer Integrationsbemühungen. Integration heißt auch politische Teilhabe."

Lütfiye Yaver - Vorsitzende des Ausländer- und Integrationsbeirats Erlangen

DEMO BRAUCHT JEDE!
KRATIE STIMME ■

MUNICIPAL RIGHT TO VOTE (EU)

15 von 28 EU-Mitgliedstaaten erlauben bestimmten Gruppen vom im Land lebenden Drittstaatsangehörigen die Teilnahme an kommunalen Wahlen:



Deutschland
Bulgarien
Frankreich
Griechenland
Italien
Kroatien
Lettland
Malta
Österreich
Polen
Rumänien
Tschechische Republik
Zypern

Drittstaatsangehörige
dürfen wählen

aktiv

Estland
Litauen
Slowenien
Ungarn

aktiv und passiv

Belgien
Slowakei
Dänemark
Finnland
Irland
Luxemburg
Niederlande
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Spanien
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Vereinigtes
Königreich

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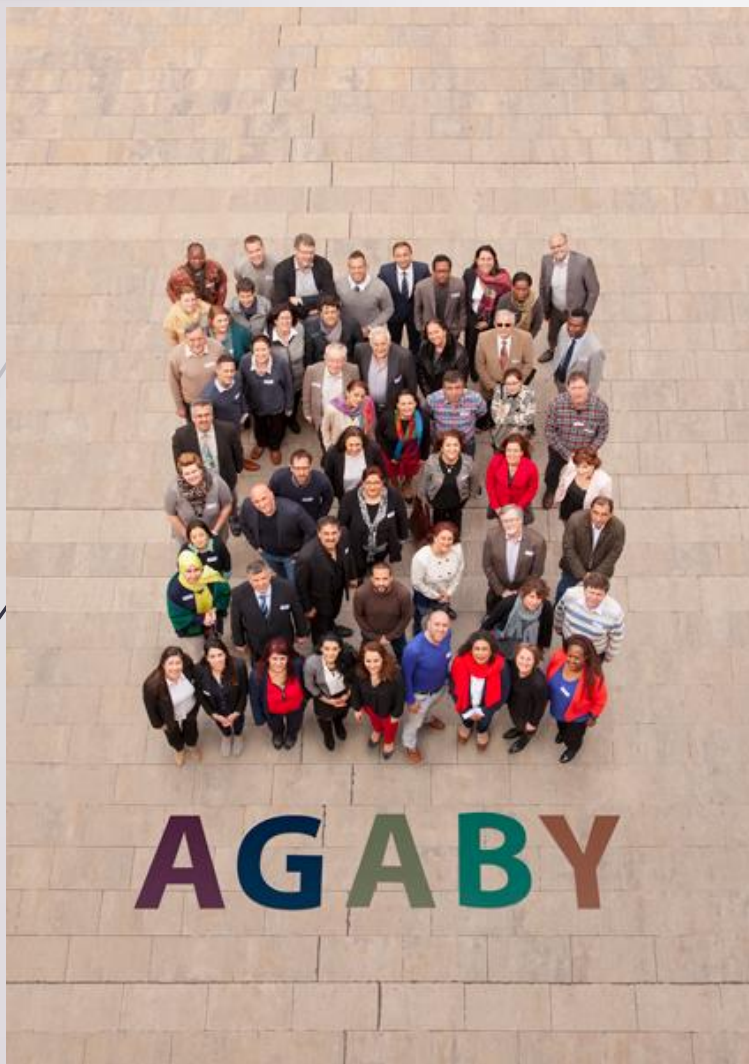
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