

Integration - We need your opinion!

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Dear fellow citizen,

The parliament has drawn you: You can become a member of the Citizens Assembly!

Sign up and meet around 29 other citizens drawn by lot. Together you will have the opportunity to express your opinion to the politicians on the topic "Integration of People with a Migrant Background in East Belgium."

In about 5 sessions, you and the other members will get briefed (i.e., by hearing experts), discuss and then formulate recommendations to politicians.

The meetings are expected to take place on Saturdays in Early 2023, probably alternating between the North (at the Parliament in Eupen) and the South of East Belgium. You will find out the exact meeting dates and locations after registration¹. You will be given an expense allowance and travel allowance for attending the meetings.

Everyone can participate: No special knowledge is required!

You will receive information material and get to listen to experts to familiarize yourself with the topic. The idea is for ordinary citizens to express their opinions. The discussion is accompanied by a professional moderator so that everyone gets a chance to speak.

Afterwards, some participants would present the recommendations developed by the citizens' assembly to the politicians. The politicians then explain in a public meeting how they will implement the recommendations. One year later, politicians are monitored to see if they have fulfilled their commitments. **So, the citizens' dialogue can have a direct influence on East Belgian politics!**

If you want to be part of it, **please fill out the attached** "Interessenbekundung" (expression of Interest) **form** and send it back to me by mail, fax, or e-mail **by February 15th, 2023**. We will then draw lots to determine the final participants from among all the responses received. If you have any questions or concerns of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact me

Please find attached additional explanations of the responsibilities of the Citizens' Assembly.

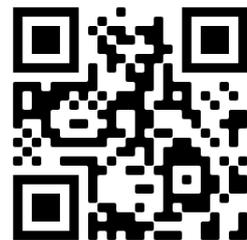
¹ The following dates are being considered so far: 01/04; 15/04; 29/4;13/05 and 03/06.

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Let our politicians know what you think about the topic "Integration" and contribute to significantly improving the Integration of People with a Migrant Background in East Belgium.

I look forward to your response!

Kind regards

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Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium

Notice:

If you are serving in a mandate, office, or function from the following list², you are unfortunately not allowed to participate in the citizens' assembly.

- a. Member of the Parliament of the German-speaking Community, the Chamber of Deputies, the Senate, the Walloon Parliament, and the European Parliament,
- b. Member of the federal government, a community government, or a regional government,
- c. Provincial governor, deputy governor, associate governor, or provincial governor,
- d. Member of the Liege Provincial Council,
- e. District commissioner,
- f. Holder of an office of judicial status,
- g. State councillor, legislative department assessor, or member of the board of auditors, the coordinating office, or the office of the state council,
- h. Judge, law clerk, or Greffier at the Constitutional Court,
- i. Member of the Court of Audit,
- j. any mandate in a public or private entity exercised as a representative of the State, a community, a region, a province or a municipality, provided that more powers are attached to said mandate than simple membership in the General Assembly or the Board of Directors of said entity,
- k. Mayor, juror, president of a Public Benefit Society, municipal council member, or Public Benefit Society council member,
- l. Office or function under the direct supervision of the Legislature or the government, except for community education staff members,
- m. executive function in an institution of public interest of the German-speaking Community.

² Decree of February 25th, 2019, establishing a Permanent Citizens' Dialogue in the German-speaking Community, Art. 3 §4.