The Integration Council of Cologne consists of:
- 22 directly elected citizens from Cologne with a migrant background
- 11 members of the City Council
- Institutions, associations and initiatives as members with advisory capacities.

The Integration Council is re-elected every five years on the day of the local elections. The next election will be in autumn in 2020.

All members of the Integration Council work as volunteers.

The Integration Council meetings are open to the public and take place at the Cologne City Hall.

Meeting documents and protocols are available at:
https://www.stadt-koeln.de/leben-in-koeln/soziales/integrationsrat/

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The Integration Council of Cologne is a member of the National Integration Council of North-Rhine Westphalia
https://landesintegrationsrat.nrw/

Cologne, December 2019
The integration Council is committed to the following objectives:

- Introduction of the right to vote in municipal elections for all non-EU citizens who have lived here for a long time
- Equal, political, social and cultural participation of immigrants in our city should be self-evident
- Promotion of cross-culture orientation and City administration hospitality and openness in a city that is home to people from many countries
- Implementation of projects that prevent exclusion, discrimination or racism in our city
- Creation of a differentiated and true picture of migration in our city including its causes, effects and opportunities
- Financial support and promotion of cross-cultural centres and migrant organisations in the city
- Decent accommodation and care for refugees in our city

The Integration Council has the right ask questions to the city administration and to formulate proposals to implement concrete projects.

Integration Council initiatives

- Establishment of an Office for Integration and Diversity
- For candidates who apply for jobs at offices of the City of Cologne, intercultural competence is now a criterion in the selection of suitable applicants.
- Adoption of the Key Issues Paper regarding the integration of immigrant children and young people in Cologne's schools
- The municipal budget now includes an integration budget
- A monument to the victims of the NSU attacks in Keupstrasse and in Probsteigasse is planned
- An Immigration Society House will be established in Cologne
- For the first time a budget has been created for the establishment of 22 bilingual groups at nursery schools
- The City Council funds interpreters, translators and integration advisors for immigrants
- The City of Cologne belongs to the registered organisation “European Cities Coalition Against Racism”
- The Cologne Association of European Primary Schools was founded
- The Multilingualism and Integration Centre was founded in Cologne
- A Health Guide for migrants will be created
- In addition, the Integration Council regularly organises various events on topics such as multilingualism, racism prevention, etc...