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ELECTION OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL



State Advisory Council for Participation

What is the National Advisory Council for Participation?

The **State Advisory Council for Participation** (formerly the State Advisory Council for Integration and Migration Issues) advises the Senate, with the participation of civil society, on all issues relating to the participation and involvement of people with a migration history.

The Council is both a body of elected representatives of Berliners with a migration history and an expert body for questions of migration and participation.

The State Advisory Council is involved in the selection process of the Commissioner for Participation and Migration.



State Advisory Council for Participation

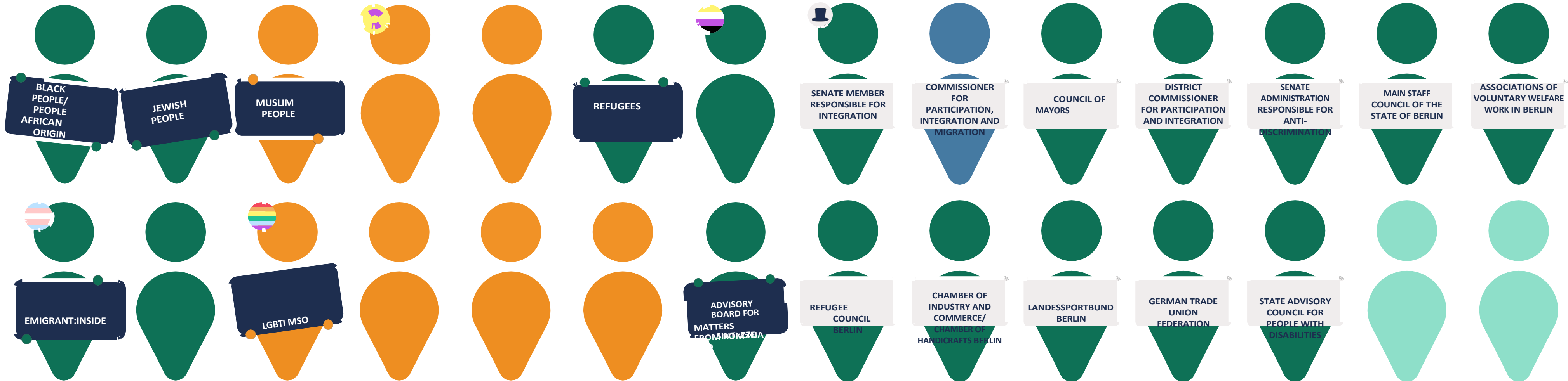
With the amendment of the Participation Act, new regulations apply to the State Advisory Council, which are to be implemented in the upcoming election:

- The number of elected members with a migration history was increased to 13 (+ 13 deputies).
- an office supports the State Advisory Council in carrying out its tasks and in consultations with the administration and politicians.
- An important goal of the new composition of **the** advisory board is to reflect the **diversity of people with a migration history in Berlin's urban society and the diversity of gender identities**.
- The members are no longer elected according to a regional proportional representation, but line up with issues they want to represent on the advisory board or represent groups particularly discriminated against by racism.



STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PARTICIPATION

An alternate must be elected/appointed for each member.



Admission of further advisory members! possible

What is the composition of the National Advisory Council?

Representatives of people with a migration history, representatives of relevant organisations in the field of migration and representatives of the Berlin Senate administrations and districts work together in the State Advisory Council for Participation.

Voting members

- 1 -13 elected representatives of people with a migration history
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 - 1 appointed representative of the Advisory Council for Rom:nja and Sinti:zze Affairs
 - 12 appointed representatives of the senate and district administrations as well as relevant professional organisations and associations

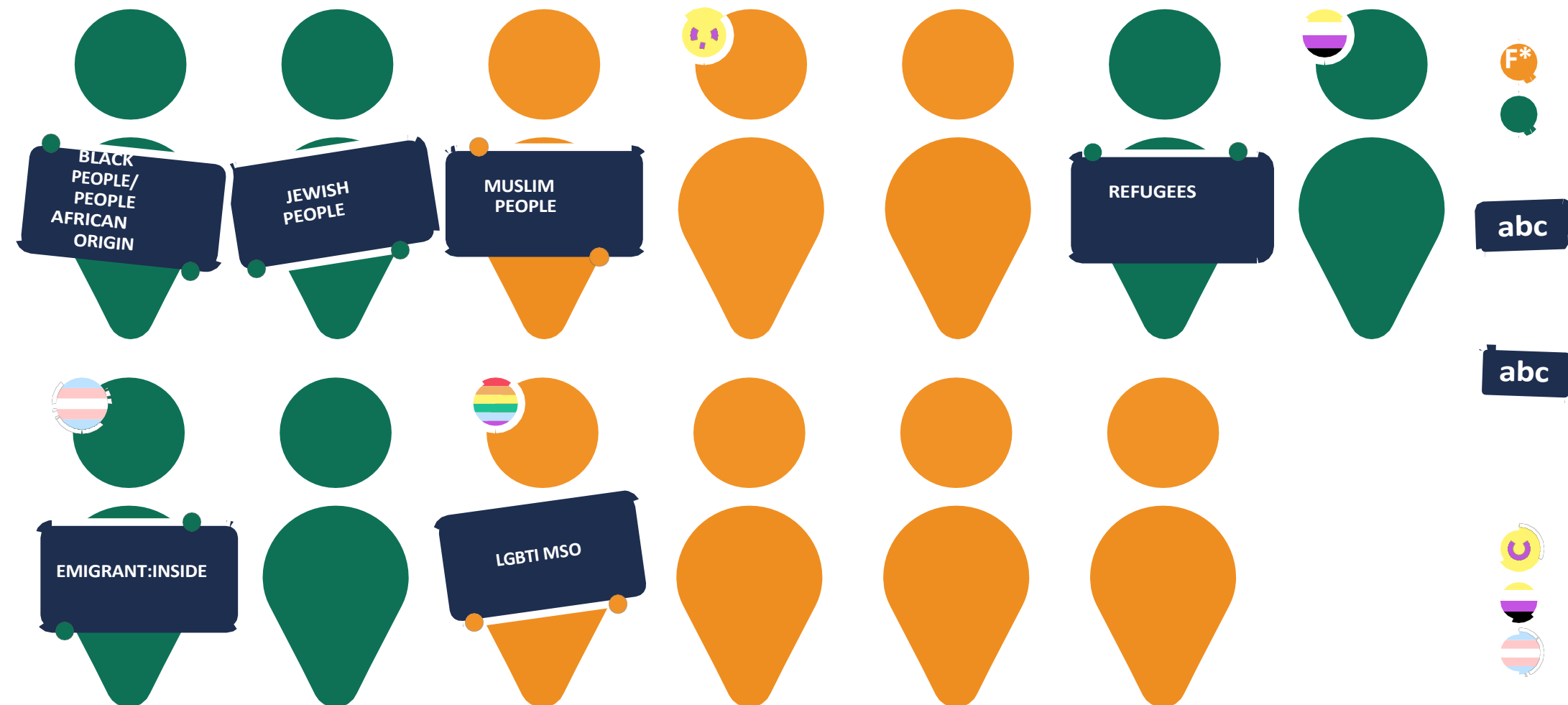
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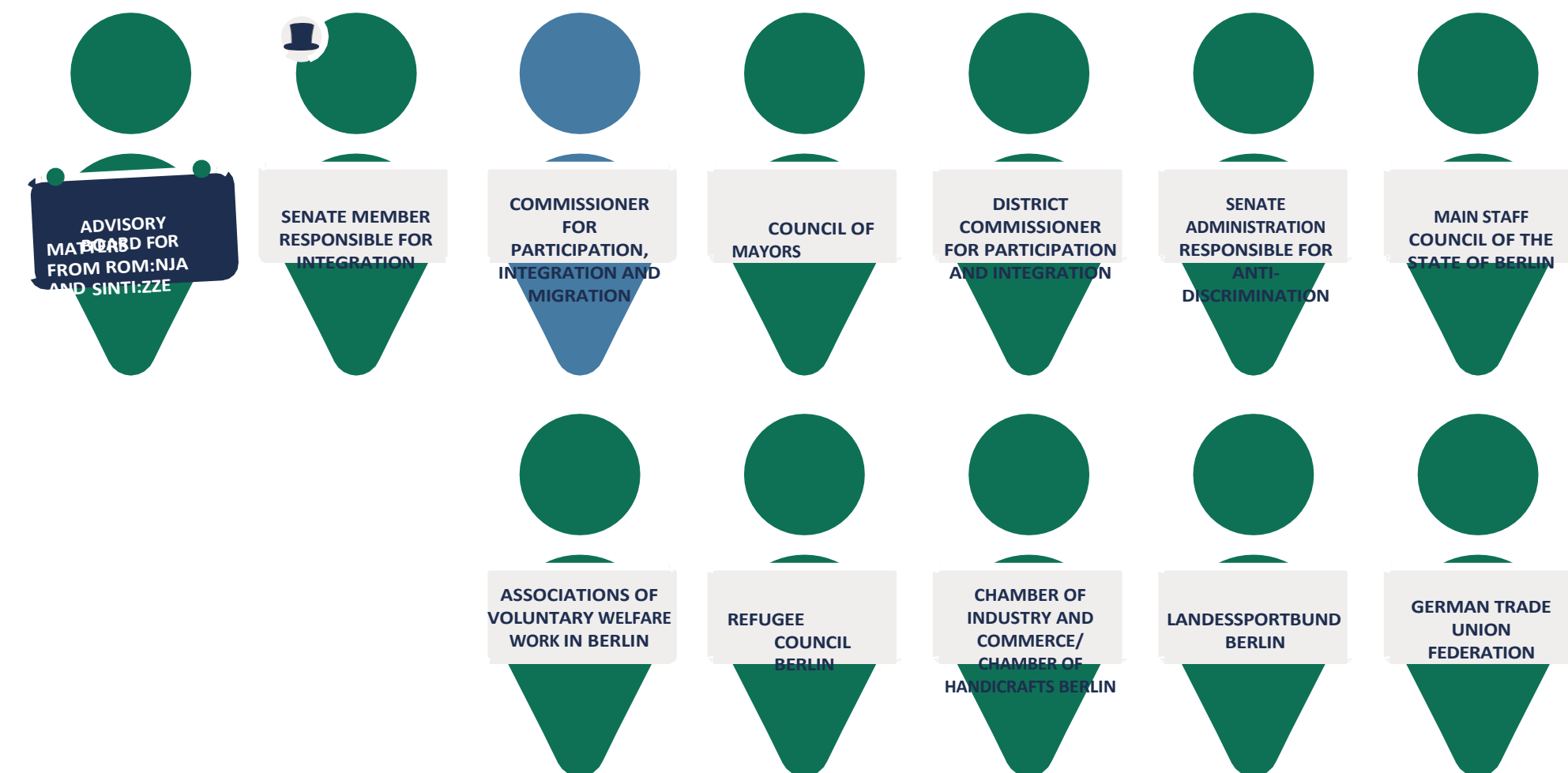
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 - 1 appointed representative of the State Advisory Council for People with Disabilities
 - The State Advisory Council for Participation may decide to admit further advisory members.

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13 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

An alternate must be elected for each member.





The representation of Romn:ja and Sinti:zze is appointed by the Advisory Council for Roma and Sinti Affairs.

The member of the Senate responsible for integration chairs the advisory board.

The respective senate administrations participate in the meetings of the State Advisory Council. Participation is to take place at the level of the state secretaries.



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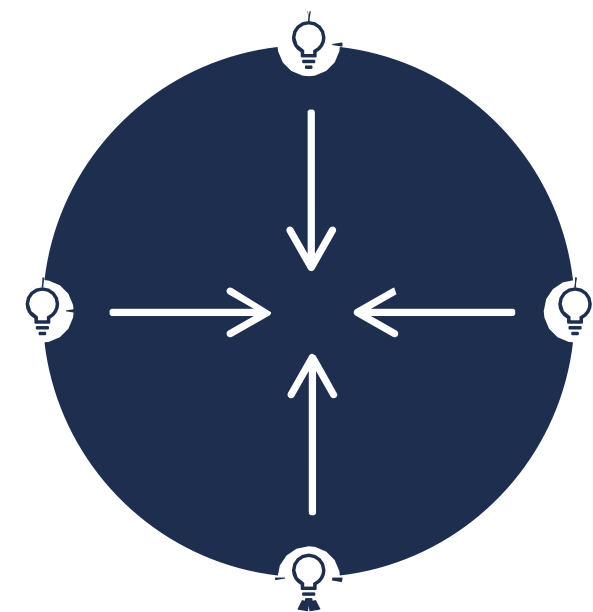
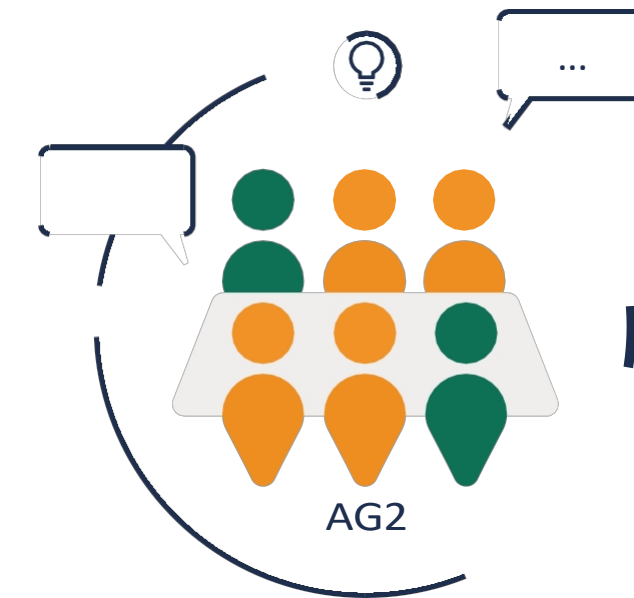
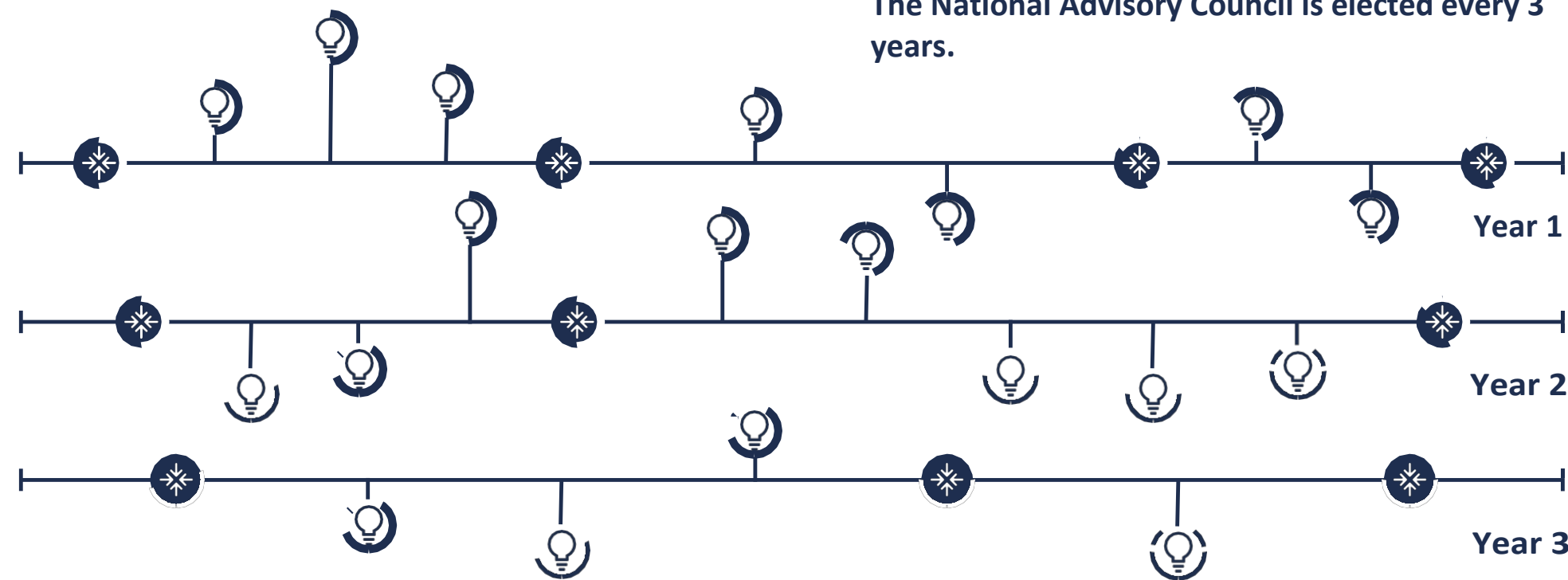
How does the National Advisory Council work?



The National Advisory Council meets 3-4 times a year on issues that can be raised by all members. It has thematic working groups (WG) that meet between the advisory board meetings.

External representatives of civil society and experts can also participate in the working groups upon invitation.

The National Advisory Council is elected every 3 years.



Who is entitled to elect the National Advisory Council?

Eligible to vote are

- **Self-organisations of people with a migration history that are** registered in a public list with the Berlin Senate Commissioner for Participation, Integration and Migration;
- **Representation of people with a migration history** in the district advisory councils for participation and integration.

How is the right to vote exercised?

The organisations of people with a migration history (MSO) as well as representatives of people with a migration history of the district advisory councils each send one member to exercise the right to vote.



HOW IS AN MSO DEFINED?



Associations of people with a migration history can be entered on the public list if they are

- have their **headquarters in Berlin** and are oriented towards state or district politics, implement projects in Berlin or are involved in Berlin committees,
- have a board of directors made up of **a majority of people with a migration history and** in whose internal structures and processes, as well as in their representation to the outside world, people with a migration history play a considerable role,
- pursue, according to their statutes, **migration-social and participation-political goals** in the sense of promoting equality and equal participation of people with migration history,
- have a **recognisable self-image as self-advocacy**, such as publicly visible self-description, a community-based approach to self-efficacy, or goals and activities for which members' own migration experience or experiential knowledge through migration history is central.

In order to participate in the election, the associations must be entered in the public list no later than 6 weeks after the announcement of the election in the official gazette. They can apply for this at the Senate Department for Integration.



Electoral lists and quotas

The composition of the representatives should reflect the diversity of people with a migration history and gender diversity.

Electoral lists

There are 4 electoral lists for substitutes and 4 electoral lists for alternates:

Agencies

- 1. General list
- 2. list of black people/
People of African origin
- 3. list of Jewish people
- 4. List of Muslim people

Substitutions

- 5. General list
- 6. List of Black People/ People of
African Origin
- 7. List of Jewish people
- 8. List of Muslim people



Electoral lists and quotas

The diagram illustrates the structure of the survey form, showing four overlapping sections:

- List of Muslim people:** Contains a vertical list of 10 checkboxes. The third checkbox is marked with an 'X'. Each checkbox is followed by a horizontal line for a name.
- List of Jewish people:** Contains a vertical list of 10 checkboxes. The second checkbox is marked with an 'X'. Each checkbox is followed by a horizontal line for a name.
- List of Black People / People of African Origin:** Contains a vertical list of 10 checkboxes. The seventh checkbox is marked with an 'X'. Each checkbox is followed by a horizontal line for a name.
- General list:** Contains a vertical list of 10 checkboxes. The first, second, third, fourth, seventh, eighth, and ninth checkboxes are marked with an 'X'. Each checkbox is followed by a horizontal line for a name.

Selection of the electoral lists

One can run on **a list** of representations **and/or** a list of substitutions.

For the list of Jewish and Muslim people, what matters is their self-attribution, regardless of religiosity or membership in a religious community.

To be eligible for quotation, candidates indicate on which list they wish to be nominated and as a representative of which group they can be quoted. The quotation is only made on the general list.

A Ranking according to number the!voices

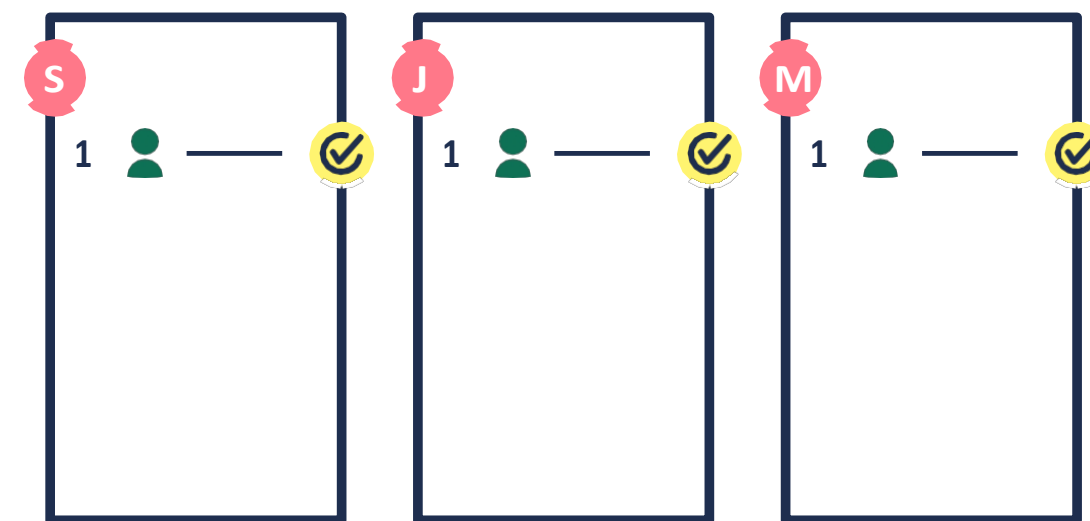
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ELECTORAL LIST AND RANKING

An alternate must be elected for each member.

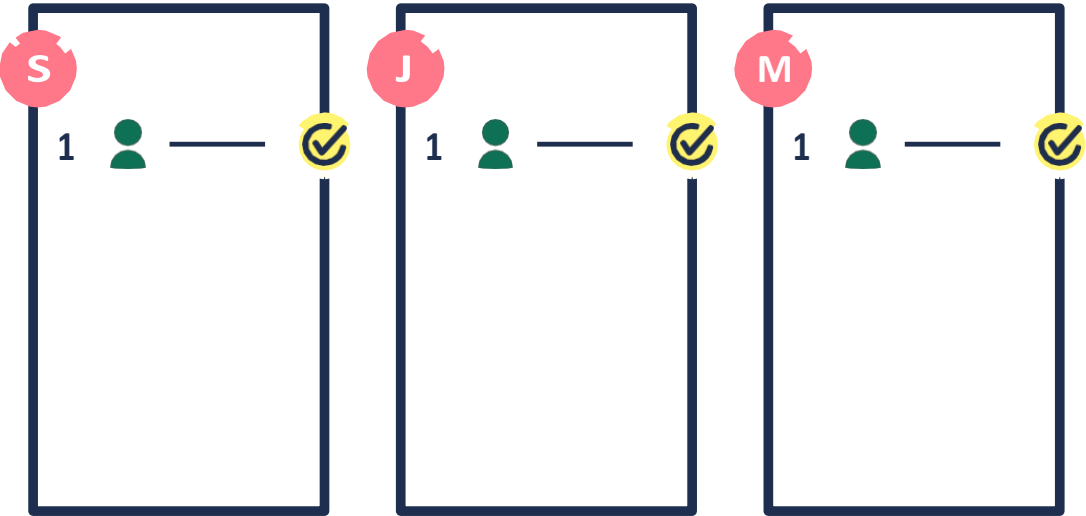
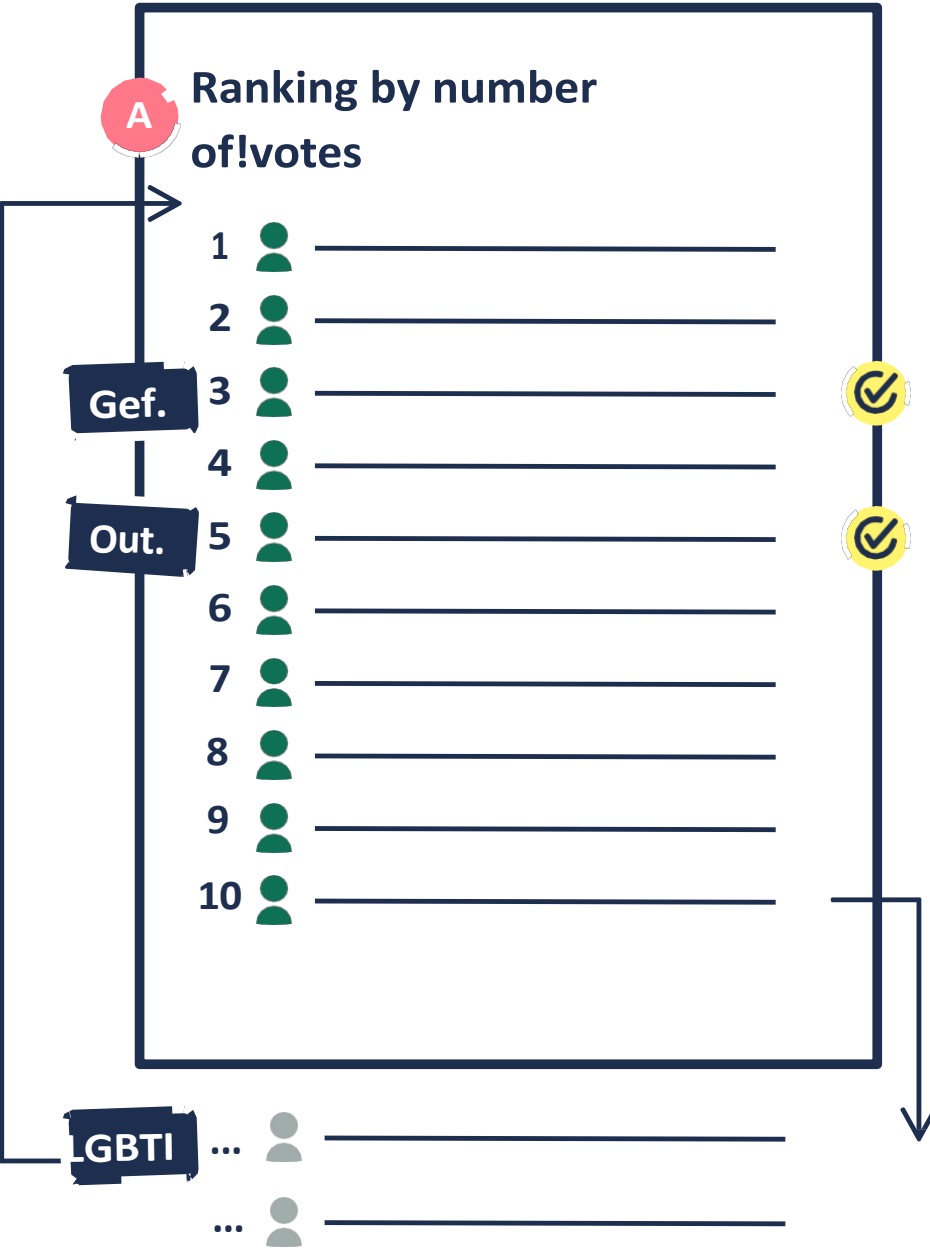


There are 10 places to be filled on the **general list**. All votes are counted and a ranking order shall be established. In the event of a tie, the decision shall be made by drawing lots.

With the three lists for representation of **groups particularly discriminated against by racism**. The advisory board also ensures that they contribute their experience as experts to the work of the advisory board.

One seat is to be filled on each of these three lists. Whoever has the most votes receives the respective list the seat on the advisory council. There is no quota system on these lists.



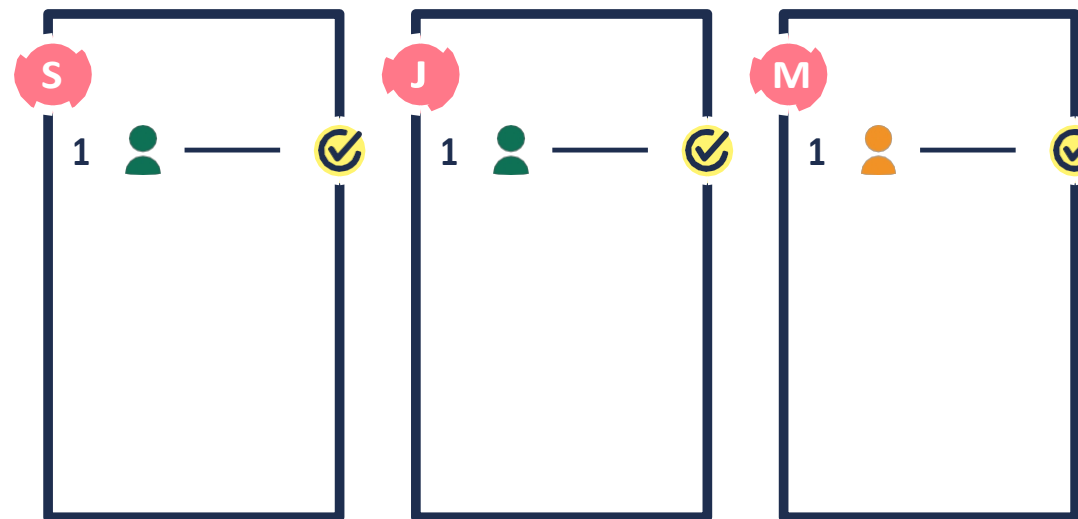
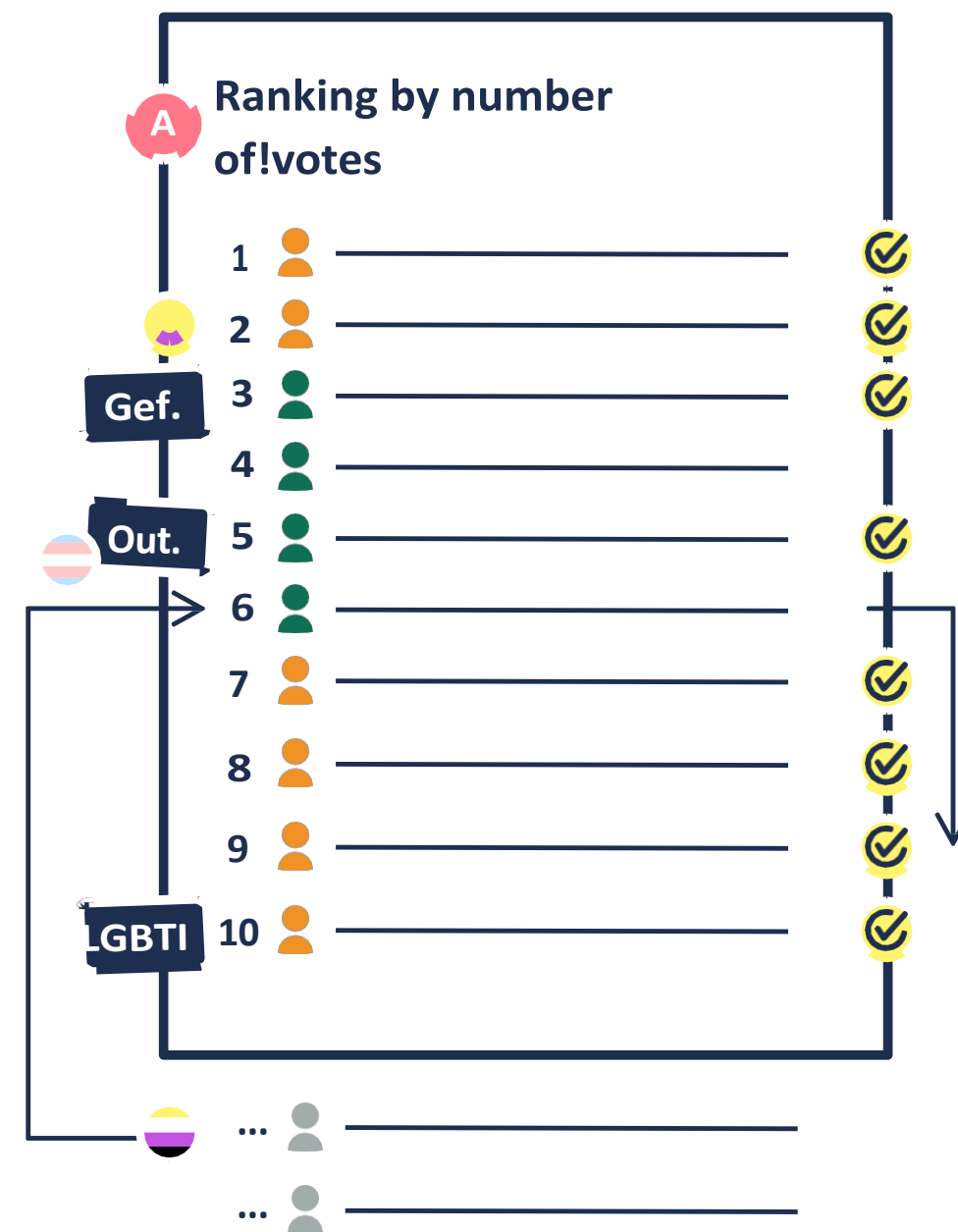


In a second step, it is determined whether among the 10 places on the general list refugees, ethnic German immigrants and a representative of an LGBTI MSO are already represented. If no, the person with the highest number of votes that can secure the representation moves up and receives the seat on the advisory board.



QUOTA OF WOMEN* AND TRANS / INTER / NON-BINARY

An alternate must be elected for each member.



In a third step, it is determined whether at least 7 women* are represented. If not, the woman with the highest number of votes that can secure representation moves up and gets the seat on the advisory board.

Finally, it is determined whether at least one intersex, one non-binary and one transgender person is represented. If not, the person with the highest number of votes, who is the representation can secure, up and gets the seat on the advisory board.

If the representation of refugees, ethnic German immigrants, the representation of an LGBTI MSO or women* is not represented in the advisory board after the quota system, these seats remain vacant and must be re-elected.

Who can apply?

Berliners with a migration history can apply for the state advisory board.

Content of the application

The content of the application must comply with the objectives and principles of the PartMigG, which are, inter alia!

- Promoting participation, strengthening integration as a task for society as a whole and enforcing the equal participation of persons with a migration history.
- Berlin's urban society is characterised by diversity and migration (migration society).
- The law counteracts any form of racism, anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination and works towards the elimination of existing disadvantages for persons with a migration history.
- The state of Berlin values the social, cultural, economic and linguistic potential of people with a migration history as well as linguistic, religious, ideological and cultural diversity.

Applications can be submitted up to 4 weeks after the election has been announced in the official gazette. Candidates can submit their application with a picture and text on the commissioner's website and in person at the election event.

APPLICATION FORM

Necessary information for the application



- Name, first name
- Self-disclosure of own migration history
- Justification of the application
(Who am I, why am I applying, what do I want to achieve on the advisory board/ what topic am I interested in...)
- Topic to be dealt with in the advisory board

On which list would I like to stand?



1. general list **or**
2. list of black people/people of African origin **or**
3. list of Jewish people **or**
4. list of Muslim people

The same applies to substitutions.



Information on affiliations (voluntary and confidential information on quotation)

- Refugee:r **or**
- Resettler:in **or**
- from an LGBTI organisation of people with a migration history
- -woman* **and/or**
- Intersex person **and/or**
- Non-binary person **and/or**
- Transgender person

All information on affiliations is voluntary self-disclosure. They are used for quota purposes, are treated confidentially and are only seen by the election committees. Candidates are free to publicly disclose affiliations and experience when justifying their candidature.





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