

PLATTFORM FÜR MIGRATIONS- UND INTEGRATIONSAUFGABEN FÜR DAS BUNDESLAND SALZBURG („INTEGRATIONSPLATTFORM“)

Preamble

Integration is to be considered as a cross-sectional issue in all situations of life. The "Platform for Migration and Integration Tasks for the Province of Salzburg, abbreviated to: Integration Platform", with all its potential and commitment, is therefore to be seen as a complement to political action.

Its primary task is to advise the Salzburg state government on matters of migration and integration and to make recommendations for improving structures in society as a whole. In doing so, it makes use of locally regionally rotating working meetings as well as events with public participation.

It takes a stand on important issues in the general public in the sense of a factual and differentiated debate, raises awareness, educates and creates consciousness as a counterweight to unobjective, undifferentiated and populist propaganda. The integration platform takes up topics and questions that it considers important on the basis of its expertise and experience, points out new ways that prove valuable for living together and for the improvement of life chances and opportunities for migrants and takes action to promote understanding and dialogue.

§ 1 – Setup

(1) For the purpose of exchanging information with and advising the Salzburg provincial government in migration and integration matters, an "integration platform" shall be created, which shall have as its permanent members representatives from organizations that are organized and defined as migrant ("associations"), representatives from organizations that deal with the issue but are not defined as migrant ("NGOs") and representatives from the Office of the Salzburg State Government responsible for integration matters, the Austrian Integration Fund and the Integration Office of the Municipality of the City of Salzburg. Furthermore, other important institutions in the province of Salzburg will be consulted on a topic-specific basis.

(1) The members of the "Integration Platform" according to paragraph 1 are elected by a delegates meeting (§ 4) for a period of two years. The term of office shall begin with the constituent meeting.

(2) The chairmanship of the "Integration Platform" shall be determined from among the members themselves. The head of the office responsible for matters of integration at the Office of the Salzburg State Government, which is also responsible for the affairs of the "Integration Platform", shall participate in the consultations as a member.

(3) The detailed provisions on the rules of procedure of the "Integration Platform" shall be drawn up by the platform itself. They shall be brought to the attention of the State Government of Salzburg.

§ 2 – Tasks

(1) The "integration platform" has to

(a) exchange information and advice with the Salzburg State Government with regard to an overall social improvement in this subject area; it can propose measures in this field

(b) advise the administration of the State of Salzburg on issues relating to integration, which also includes the issue of asylum,

(c) use their expertise and experience to observe political processes, decisions and developments in the state of Salzburg, taking into account the supra-regional/general context,

(d) represent the interests of people, groups, communities,... with a migration background and their living conditions towards decision makers and political power,

(e) act as a voice for groups and individuals who have little to no voice and provide them with the opportunity to express their desires, concerns, and needs

(2) In the matters referred to in subsection 1, the "Integration Platform" may submit proposals to the government of the state of Salzburg.

(3) In order to implement proposals and recommendations, the "Integration Platform" may take measures of its own accord or on behalf of the provincial government or individual members of the provincial government, which comply with the criteria of economic efficiency, expediency and frugality. This includes, for example, information campaigns or events with public participation. To this end, it can organize and conduct workshops, events or the like. Conventional funding structures remain unaffected by the measures of the "Integration Platform".

§ 3 – Composition

(1) The "Integration Platform" shall consist of 10 voting and 7 non-voting members. Experts are also involved in the work of the "Integration Platform" on a topic-specific basis.

(2) The permanent members shall include:

(a) 10 representatives from "associations" (§ 1 para. 1), whereby there must be at least 1 representative from each district, with voting rights,

(b) one representative of the Integration Office of the Municipality of the City of Salzburg without voting rights,

(c) one representative of the Austrian Integration Fund without voting rights,

(d) a representative of the responsible organizational unit of the Office of the Salzburg State Government without voting rights,

(e) a representative of the responsible organizational unit of the Office of the Salzburg State Government as managing body without voting rights,

(f) 3 representatives without voting rights of "NGOs" (§ 1 para. 1) that are resident and active in the federal state

(3) The member of the state government responsible for the department shall be invited to each meeting.

(4) The integration spokespersons of the political parties represented in the Landtag shall be invited to a meeting at least once a year.

(5) In addition the Conference of Mayors of the districts is invited to send a representative.

(6) Furthermore, experts shall be called in for topic-specific consultations and discussions at the meetings.

§ 4 - Assembly of Delegates and Election

(1) The election of the "Integration Platform" is the responsibility of a delegates meeting.

(2) The Assembly of Delegates shall consist of representatives of associations, networks, working groups, communities or similar associations ("Associations" § 1 para. 1), which are demonstrably active in an integrative manner and, after registration with the competent organizational unit of the Office of the Salzburg State Government, are placed by the latter on the list of participants in the Assembly of Delegates. This list shall be publicly viewable on the Internet.

(3) A delegates' meeting shall also be held for the NGO sector ("NGO" § 1 para. 1) analogous to § 4 para. 2.

(4) The participants of the Assembly of Delegates may nominate candidates for the election to the "Integration Platform". The Assembly of Delegates shall elect the members of the "Integration Platform" from among the nominated candidates by secret ballot. Two ballots are to be held. In the first ballot, one person from each region is elected (6 members). The remaining 4 members are elected in the 2nd ballot.

(5) A gender balance shall be ensured in the election.

§ 5 - Resources

For the implementation of the recommendations of the "Integration Platform", financial resources are made available in accordance with the Office of the State Government of Salzburg, which is responsible for integration matters, will provide financial resources for the implementation of the recommendations of the "Integration Platform" in accordance with the state budget. Conventional funding structures remain unaffected by this. For the implementation of the recommendations the "Integration Platform" shall as far as possible use the structures of its members (e.g. networks, channels for advertising events, disseminating information, people who provide voluntary support at events, etc.). The business of the "Integration Platform" is managed by the office responsible for integration matters at the Office of the Salzburg State Government. Business activities include:

1. Die Aussendung der Einladungen für die Sitzungen auf Vorgabe des Vorsitzes.
2. Drafting and sending out minutes of the meetings within a reasonable time.
3. Support of the "Integration Platform" and the Chair in the implementation of measures according to § 2 (3).

§ 6 – Rechte & Pflichten

(1) The "Integration Platform" shall operate in accordance with the principle of transparency. It shall therefore make all its activities known to the general public in an appropriate form

(2) The members of the "Integration Platform" (and their deputies) undertake to promote the work of the Platform to the best of their ability, in particular to participate in the meetings and public events

(3) The "Integration Platform" shall publish an annual written report on its activities.