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## The tasks of the commissioners and the department



The Senate Commissioner for Integration and Migration is concerned with the integration of migrants in Berlin on an interdepartmental basis. The institution was founded in 1981.

Previous Senate Commissioners for Integration and Migration:

- 1981 – 2003 – Barbara John
- 2003 – 2012 – Günter Piening
- 2012 – 2015 – Dr. Monika Lücke
- 2015 – 2019 – Andreas Germershausen
- seit 01.05.2019 – Katarina Niewiedzialow

### Concept of Berlin's integration and migration policy

The main task of the Senate Commissioner for Integration and Migration is to help shape the Senate of Berlin's migration and integration policy and to coordinate it with other administrations in the state of Berlin. Since integration is a cross-sectional task, all policy areas and thus all Senate administrations bear equal responsibility for their field, the Senate Commissioner for Integration and Migration is responsible for the strategic coordination of Berlin's entire integration policy.

## Other key areas of work

Other key areas of work include:

- Cooperation with and support for migrant organizations
- Intercultural opening of administration
- [Advice](#) on immigration and integration law as well as social issues
- Information and counseling services at the [Welcome Center Berlin](#) for all new immigrants on topics concerning their arrival and stay in Berlin
- Migration and refugee policy
- Human rights and ethnic minorities
- Fundamental questions of social and societal integration of the so called “Spätaussiedler”
- Office of the [State Advisory Council for Integration and Migration](#) Issues, founded in 2003, in which representatives of migrant organizations critically accompany and further develop the Senate's migration policy alongside representatives of Senate administrations, the business community and welfare institutions
- Information and public relations work

## Social infrastructure for migrants

The Senate of Berlin promotes the legal and social equality of immigrant groups with a variety of information and public relations activities. In this context, the Senate Commissioner for Integration and Migration promotes migrant organizations whose radius of action extends throughout Berlin with the aim of strengthening the participation of migrants. This includes the promotion of state-wide associations in migrant work and of associations, as well as providing financial assistance.

## Polonia Representative in the State of Berlin

The Berlin Senate Commissioner for Integration and Migration is also the Polonia Commissioner in the State of Berlin. She has a classic ombudsman function and is committed to the concerns and rights of more than 100,000 people with Polish immigration history who live, study and work in Berlin. Among other things, the Polonia Representative focuses on ensuring fair conditions for employees.

The Polonia Representative also strives to make people with Polish immigration history visible in Berlin. Representation and participation are strengthened by promoting the work of migrant organizations that have a connection to the Polish community or in which people with a Polish immigration history are involved.

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