

How to vote

To vote in the European elections in Germany as an EU citizen, you need to follow a few steps.

Here's a simple guide in eight steps:

1) Check the requirements

You must be a citizen of an EU country and have been registered in Germany for at least three months. Also, you must be at least 16 years old by June 9, 2024, to be eligible to vote.

2) Register

You need to enrol in the voter registry for the European elections. This is important because your registration does not happen automatically. To do this, you have to submit an application to your municipal administration. We have linked the application form for you here.

3) Fill out the form

Unfortunately, the form is only available in German (and yes, we are just as frustrated as you are about it). Therefore, we have translated for you what needs to be entered in the form.

4) Send the form

You must send the completed form in its original form to your municipal authority. You can easily find this on the internet with the words "Eintragung ins Wählerverzeichnis" and the name of your city. For example: "Eintragung ins Wählerverzeichnis Köln." You can either bring the form in person or send it by mail. If you prefer to send the form by mail, we have written a template for the cover letter for you here:

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Attention! Replace your name, date of birth, and address. After "Mit freundlichen Grüßen," you must personally sign.

Guten Tag,

mein Name ist "Marie Mustermann", geboren am 1.1.2000 und wohne in der Max-Str.12, 10115 Berlin. Hiermit möchte ich mich in das Wählerverzeichnis eintragen lassen. Das ausgefüllte Formular finden Sie anbei.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

M. Mustermann

Marie Mustermann

5) Note the deadlines

The registration form must reach your municipality no later than May 19, 2024. Therefore, send the letter a few days before or go to the office in person.

6) Prepare for the election

If you are registered in the voter registry, you will receive a letter from your competent authority by May 19. This letter contains all the information you need for the election. For example, how to apply for postal voting, or where the polling station is located where you can personally cast your vote on election day.

7) Go to the election

On election day, go to your assigned polling station. There, you will be asked to present your ID card or passport to confirm your identity.

8) Vote

Make your mark for the party you believe should be the best representatives in the European Parliament. What Volt, for example, stands for can be found <u>here</u>.

Done!

Congratulations! You have successfully participated in the European elections in Germany.

If you have any further questions about the process, feel free to contact us by email: info@voltdeutschland.org - and stay informed through our newsletter.

