



WHAT IS MATCH'IN

AND WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE PART?

The project

As scientists from the universities in Hildesheim and Erlangen-Nuremberg, we work with

- the Hessian Ministry for Social Affairs and Integration and with the Giessen Regional Council
- the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Family Affairs, Women, Culture and Integration (MFFKI), the Rhineland-Palatinate Supervisory and Service Directorate (ADD) and the Diakonisches Werk
- the Lower Saxony Ministry of the Interior and Sport
- the North Rhine-Westphalian Ministry for Children, Youth, Family, Equality, Refugees and Integration

to help you find a suitable place to live in Germany.

Distribution – what happens normally, outside the new and voluntary Match'In procedure?

The authorities will assign you to a place

- in Hesse
- in Lower Saxony
- in North Rhine-Westphalia
- in Rhineland-Palatinate.

This will be a place where you are likely to live for a longer period of time.

The decision as to where you will go next is made by people who work in the authorities. The authorities always try to find the most suitable place for you. Normally, however, they cannot know exactly which place would be a good fit for you because a sufficiently long interview cannot take place in the normal procedure.

Match'In - what is different when you take part in this project?

With the Match'In project, we want to offer you the opportunity to take part in a longer survey before the authorities decide where you will move to next.

The interview takes about an hour and takes place in the consultation room here on site (see last page for contact details).

We pass the information on to the authorities, who decide which location you will go to. To do this, we have developed a computer program that compares all your details with selected locations. Our aim is to suggest to the authorities the most suitable location for you.

To help us find a suitable place for you to live, we have compiled information on a number of locations

- in Hesse
- in Lower Saxony
- in North Rhine-Westphalia
- in Rhineland-Palatinate,

for example about healthcare or the availability of housing and jobs.

If you would like to take part in our project, please complete a questionnaire so that we have the necessary information about you. For example, you can indicate whether you need certain health services or a specific language course, or what you like to do at this location on a daily basis. By comparing your details with the characteristics of the places of residence, the probability increases that the place to which you are assigned will be a good match for your characteristics and wishes. However, we cannot promise you that this **will** be **the** case.

The following locations in Hesse are taking part in the project:

- Darmstadt
- District of Groß-Gerau
- District of Hersfeld-Rotenburg
- District of Hochtaunuskreis
- Main-Taunus district

The following locations in Lower Saxony are taking part in the project:

- District of Aurich
- District of Helmstedt
- Göttingen district
- Hanover Region
- Hanseatic City of Lüneburg

The following locations in North Rhine-Westphalia are taking part in the project:

- Düsseldorf
- Krefeld
- Town of Preußisch Oldendorf in the Minden-Lübbecke district
- City of Troisdorf in the Rhein-Sieg district
- Wuppertal

The following locations in Rhineland-Palatinate are taking part in the project:

- Birkenfeld district
- Donnersberg district
- Kaiserslautern
- Koblenz
- County of Mainz-Bingen
- Pirmasens

This means that if you take part in our project, the locations in the list will be compared. If there is a good "match" for you, you will move to the location that best suits you based on your details. It may be that none of these locations suit you. In this case, you may be moved to another location

- in Hesse
- in Lower Saxony
- in North Rhine-Westphalia
- in Rhineland-Palatinate

because the authorities consider this location to be more suitable.

Can I take part in Match'In?

As the project is brand new, unfortunately not everyone can take part at the moment.

- ✓ *You can take part if you*
- *are at least 18 years old and*
 - *are traveling alone - i.e. are in this institution without a spouse or family and*
 - *are in the regular asylum procedure.*

- ⊘ - *Unfortunately, you cannot currently participate in the Match'In project if you*
- *are younger than 18 years old or*
 - *are here at the facility with your family or spouse, or*
 - *are in an asylum procedure other than the regular asylum procedure.*

If you are not sure whether you are allowed to participate, please contact the advice center. The contact details are on the last page.

In the future, we would like to offer the project to more people and also to families. We ask for your understanding if you are not yet able to participate.

I'm not sure if I want to take part:

Participation in this project is voluntary for you. If you do not participate, this will have no negative impact on your asylum procedure or other official decisions. Participation or non-participation only affects the question of where you will move to next.

You can also seek advice beforehand as to whether participation is a good fit for you. Please use the contact details below.

You have two options:

- ✓ *I am taking part in the Match'In project*

If you would like to take part in the matching process, you will need to answer a few questions. The information you give us will help us to find the best possible match for you. It is therefore important that you answer the questions honestly. The data will not be passed on without your consent and will not be used in your asylum procedure. Participation has no influence on how soon you will move.

- ⊘ *I am not taking part in the Match'In project*

If you do not wish to participate in the matching procedure, you will be allocated according to the usual procedure. Only some of your wishes and needs will be taken into account, but more

municipalities will be available. The municipality to which you are allocated can then be any of the cities or smaller rural towns anywhere

- in Hesse
- in Lower Saxony
- in North Rhine-Westphalia
- in Rhineland-Palatinate .

You cannot choose the location here either.

Further information

If you would like to discuss the possibility of participating in the project with someone before you decide, you can contact the following advice center. This advice center will also carry out the interview for the matching process if you decide to participate.