



European  
Joint  
Support Unit

# Living in Munster

Munster





## WELCOME TO MÜNSTER

This handbook is designed to give you as much advice, help and information as possible about the local area. Though by no means exhaustive, its intent is to help you prior to your arrival and during your time in Münster.

Your tour here in Germany will offer you lots of great opportunities with regards to travel, recreation and a whole lot more. The customs, culture and way of life here are significantly different from what you may be accustomed to and shopping, driving and dining are all a different experience. Some people may find this a little daunting at first but embracing the culture, food and people you meet will help ease the transition.

We understand that moving yourself and your family to a new country can be extremely stressful so our EJSU staff are here to help you adjust and get settled. You will also be allocated a sponsor before your arrival who is there to aid your arrival and help orientation in the local area.

### Münster

Münster is in the northern part of the state and is considered to be the cultural centre of the Westphalia region. It is also capital of the local government region Münsterland. Münster was the location of the Anabaptist rebellion during the Protestant Reformation and the site of the signing of the Treaty of Westphalia ending the Thirty Years' War in 1648. Today it is known as the bicycle capital of Germany. Münster gained the status of a Großstadt (major city) with more than 100,000 inhabitants in 1915. As of 2014, there are 300,000 people living in the city, with about 61,500 students.

Münster's Central Station is on the Wanne-Eickel–Hamburg railway. The city is connected by Intercity trains to many other major cities in Germany.

Learning the language or just the basics will go a long way. Guten Tag (good day), Morgen (morning) and Tschüss (bye) are handy words to know. It can be considered impolite not to say 'good day' or 'goodbye' when entering or leaving shops or establishments. Shaking hands is also seen as an expression of politeness.

### Headquarters 1 (German/Netherlands) Corps

1 (German/Netherlands) Corps in Münster is one of NATO's High Readiness Forces Headquarters. We are capable of directing any mission of up to 60,000 troops at short notice – flexible forces including land, sea and air elements ready to move quickly to wherever needed. Multinational cooperation is an inherent part of our DNA. Germany and the Netherlands are our framework nations, but ten other NATO allies contribute personnel. This is why our motto is "Communitate Valemus" -Together Strong!

### Sponsorship

Your line manager will allocate a sponsor to assist with your arrival. Your line-manager will try to allocate someone who lives nearby, whether married or single, and they will be able to show you the local amenities to help you settle in more quickly.

### Host Nation Liaison Officer

We are lucky enough to have a Host Nation Liaison Officer (HNLO) at EJSU Goch, who is available to do translations of documents you receive in German and will also translate English into German where necessary.

LOCAL AREA MAP

