

## Republicans Abroad

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Republicans Abroad (RA) Germany is a Country Chapter of Republicans Abroad International. RAI was established in 1978 following the passage of the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975. This legislation gave U.S. citizens living abroad the right to vote in federal elections by casting an absentee ballot in the state of their last U.S. residence. From its Washington, D.C. global headquarters, RAI coordinates the activities of over 50 RA chapters throughout the world. In addition, the country chapter of RA Germany has local chapters.

As a volunteer organization RA Germany members are dedicated to the goals of: conducting non-partisan voter registration for U.S. citizens residing in Germany, including assistance with absentee ballots for U.S. federal elections; voter outreach including providing information about Republican policies and candidates; promoting the principles of the U.S. Republican Party through hosting events, fundraising and public outreach; representing U.S. citizens living in Germany in the political process in the United States; and strengthening German-American relations through intercultural exchange and dialogue, including working closely with German organizations and media outlets. Note: See also our Public & Media Outreach page

With over 200,000 U.S. citizens residing in Germany, RA Germany relies solely upon the voluntary support and financial contributions of members and donors to carry out the above activities. Unlike in many other countries, Americans living in Germany are not overwhelmingly located in one capital city (e.g. London, Paris, Rome), but are geographically dispersed throughout the country. Therefore, RA Germany has a number of local city and regional sub-chapters to help U.S. citizens stay abreast of political developments and to reach out to the local population. Next to registering voters for U.S. federal elections including for the mid-term elections this November, one of our most important goals is to provide intellectual safe harbor for those wishing to discuss politics and just network.

We also welcome involvement and participation in RA Germany activities by non-U.S. citizens who share the ideals of the Republican Party. Non U.S. citizens and U.S. citizens not residing in Germany may even join RA Germany as Associate Members and are also encouraged to support our partner organization, GOP Europe. Members of GOP Europe and RA Germany enjoy reciprocal membership benefits.