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MISCELLANEOUS

26/6 Launch of the campaign »Know your rights, claim compensation« by the project Justice at Last

5/6 Press release for KOK's 20th anniversary

20/6 Press release on the publication of the second GRETA evaluation report on Germany

27/6 Short version of the joint position statement issued by ado e.V., bff, KOK and VBRG on the planned amendments to social compensation claims

Study »Review of the Media Framing of Human Trafficking in Germany« commissioned by the Council of the Baltic Sea States

EVENT KOK

5/6 Celebration of the 20th anniversary of KOK in the presence of Federal Minister Franziska Giffey in Berlin

6-7/6 KOK networking event in Berlin on diversity and transgender victims of trafficking in human beings

25-26/6 Workshop organised by the German Federal Criminal Police Office's project »Combatting trafficking in human beings and exploitation of children, young people and young adults in Germany and Europe – THB LIBERI«

26/6 Expert discussion on global compacts on migration and displacement, organised by the German Bishop Conference's Migration Committee, with a speech by Sophia Wirsching

JUNE 2019

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2/7 First KOK webinar: »Introduction to trafficking in human beings and opportunities for action for counselling and support structure staff supporting displaced persons«

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AUGUST 2019

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4/11 Public hearing on a bill on social compensation law before the Bundestag's Committee for Labour and Social Affairs

25/11 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

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Dear readers,

The German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings has been a registered organisation for 20 years now. Last summer, we took advantage of this anniversary to celebrate our journey in the House of Democracy and Human Rights in Berlin with our members, cooperation partners and many others who have accompanied us along the way. Franziska Giffey, the Federal Minister of Family Affairs, confirmed in a speech that "to efficiently combat trafficking in human beings in all its forms, we must know what the situation is like on the ground. What is the practical impact of the measures we decide at federal level? [...] Through their work, the German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings provides answers. They are a valuable partner for our Ministry."

Our anniversary happened during an eventful year. Once again, many new bills were debated in parliament. KOK took a critical stance on the proposed German Code of Criminal Procedure reform and on the fact that the mandate of the authorities in charge of monitoring illegal employment ("Finanzkontrolle Schwarzarbeit") was extended and now includes the identification of cases of trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation.

The "Displacement and trafficking in human beings" project produced a study which confirms the worrying developments observed by specialised counselling centres. Indeed, particularly vulnerable persons in need of protection and who have been victims of exploitation and trafficking in human beings in another EU member state are increasingly ordered to leave the country, exposing them to yet more risks.

In its second evaluation report on Germany's efforts to implement the Council of Europe's June 2019 Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, GRETA highlighted that notable progress had been made in the past three years, citing for example the criminal law reform or the improved access to benefits for trafficked persons with a legal residence permit. Nevertheless, major issues remain, not only at the interface between displacement and trafficking in human beings. Many specialised counselling centres are also inadequately funded. In most cases, too, it is impossible to obtain compensation and legal redress for victims.

These are the issues we are tackling with our member organisations. This annual review aims to offer you some insight into the work of our organisation.

We thank you for your interest in our work and hope you enjoy reading this brochure.

Sophia Wirsching, KOK Office

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**17/12 KOK Information Service:
»The implementation of the EU
Directive on combatting trafficking
in human beings in Germany –
taking stock two years on«**

**20/12 Position statement on the bill
on combatting abuse on the labour
market, illegal employment and child
allowance and social benefit fraud**

**4-5/12 Meeting of the EU Civil
Society Platform in Brussels**

**4-5/12 Meeting of the joint
Government-Länder Working Group
on the protection of children and
young people against sexual violence
and exploitation**

DECEMBER 2018

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**7/1 Publication of the UNODC Global
Report on Trafficking**

**28/1 Publication of the KOK
symposium documentation:
»Trafficking in human beings and
exploitation in Germany –
taking stock two years after
implementation of the EU Directive«**

**17/1 Joint position statement issued
by ado, bff, KOK and VBRG on the bill
on regulating social compensation
claims**

**23/1 Expert discussion organised
by Weisser Ring on »Victim
compensation in Germany«**

**25/1 Training course for staff of the
Violence against Women support
hotline,**

given by Sophia Wirsching and
Behshid Najafi (agisra e.V.)

**29/1 KOK webinar: »Introduction
to trafficking in human beings –
understanding the context,
identifying and protecting trafficked
persons«.**

For officers in charge of the registration
procedure as per the German Act on
Sex Worker Protection

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**14/2 Policy paper on compensation
for trafficked persons issued by the
European project Justice at Last**

**21/2 Meeting with the initiative for
the right to refuse to give evidence
before court, led by Paritätischer
Gesamtverband**

**25-26/2 First KOK general meeting in
Berlin**

Discussions included topics such as the
changes to criminal statutory offences on
trafficking in human beings

**27/2 Expert discussion on the
protection of displaced women from
violence, at the Federal Chancellery
with the Federal Government
Commissioner for Migration and
Refugees**

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**21/3 Position statement on the bill
regarding the 11 June 2014 Protocol
of the ILO Forced Labour Convention
(No. 29) of 28 June 1930**

8/3 International Women's Day

**15/3 Forum on trafficking in human
beings, along with a meeting of the
joint Government-Länder Working
Group on trafficking in human beings,
the joint Government-Länder Working
Group on trafficking in human beings/
labour exploitation and the joint
Government-Länder Working Group
on the protection of children and
young people from sexual violence
and exploitation**

**19/3 Joint parliamentary evening on
labour inspection organised by trade
unions and Justitia et Pax**

**20/3 Evening parliamentary reception
of the Bundestag Committee on
human rights and humanitarian aid**

**28/3 Second KOK webinar:
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MARCH 2019

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**17/4 Adoption by the Federal Cabinet
of the bill improving enforcement of
the obligation to leave the country
(Law on the Orderly Return)**

3/4 KOK newsletter 1/2019

**3/4 Joint open letter by 250 civil
society organisations addressed to
the Chancellor regarding boat people
and the situation in Syria**

**KOK factsheets on trafficking in
human beings**

**8/4 Plenary session of
Forum Menschenrechte**

APRIL 2019

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**3/5 Updated position statement on
the »Bill against illegal employment
and social benefit fraud«**

**6/5 Hearing on the »Bill against
illegal employment and social benefit
fraud« before the Bundestag Finance
Committee.**

KOK as expert was represented by
Eva Küblbeck

**11/5 PICUM General Assembly,
Brussels**

**13/5 Expert discussion organised
by the parliamentary group
Bündnis 90/Die Grünen on
»Logistics, harvesting, care work & co.:
fair work conditions for all«**

**20/5 Training course on »Cross-border
crime: the example of trafficking
in human beings – tasks and
opportunities for police collaboration
at the border«**

Talk and workshop for German and
Polish police officers given by
Sophia Wirsching and Barbara Eritt
(KOK Board/IN VIA Berlin)

**20-21/5 Joint information stand with
IN VIA Berlin/Brandenburg at the 24th
German Prevention Day in Berlin**

**27-28/5 International Exchange
Seminar on compensation organised
by the project Justice at Last**

MAY 2019