

EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

3/6 Publication of the first report of the Council of Europe's GRETA expert group on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS no. 197) by Germany

3/6 KOK press release on the first GRETA report on Germany

22-23/6 Second KOK members meeting, various topics including the development of KOK's mission statement and accommodation of trafficked persons have been discussed

7-9/6 Work Session organised by Women's Link Worldwide in Madrid focusing on trafficked persons from Nigeria
Participation of and short presentation by Andrea Hitzke (board of KOK/Mitternachtsmission Dortmund)

8/6 Speech by Naile Taniş at the Alice Salomon University in Berlin, presentation on the work carried out by KOK and its specialised counselling centres

20/6 Short presentation by Valentina Maradjieva (Board of KOK/agisra) during the workshop »Krieg – Zwangsheirat – Menschenhandel« [War – forced marriages – trafficking in human beings] during a symposium for the 100th anniversary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

29/6 Symposium on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation from China organised by the German Federal Criminal Police Office in Wiesbaden
Naile Taniş gave an overview of the work done by KOK and its specialised counselling centres

JUNE 2015

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Declaration of consent to data collection use for trafficked persons, created by KOK as part of the dataCT project in collaboration with data protection experts from the »IT forum for peace and social responsibility« [InformatikerInnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung, IfFF] including a version in simple language

KOK press release on the second World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Publication of the KOK newsletter 02/2015

30/7 World Day against Trafficking in Persons, initiated by the United Nations

3/7 Symposium on child trafficking organised by ISD (German Branch of ISS) in Berlin, with Naile Taniş's participation

6-7/7 »Alliance against Trafficking in Persons« OSCE Conference in Vienna, with KOK's participation

14/7 Training course for »Hilfetelefon Gewalt gegen Frauen« [violence against women support hotline] staff by Naile Taniş and Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA)

24/7 Talk for new police recruits at the »Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht« [Berlin School of Economics and Law] in Berlin by Naile Taniş and Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA)

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»Nein heißt Nein!« [No means no!] campaign in favour of changes to the legislation on sex offences
Cooperation partners in the campaign initiated by bff included KOK, the women's shelter coordination network [Frauenhauskoordination] and the »central information point for autonomous women's shelters« [Zentrale Informationsstelle der autonomen Frauenhäuser]

1/8 The Act redefining the right of abode and termination of residence came into force

13/8 Press conference during the Sziget Rock Festival in Budapest
Participation and short presentation by Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA)

20/8 Working Group on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation in Dortmund
Naile Taniş gave a talk to the members of the Working Group for training purposes

27/8 North Rhine-Westphalia Police Academy in Selm
Training course by Naile Taniş and Valentina Maradjieva on the work done by KOK and its specialised counselling centres, and on their cooperation with prosecuting authorities

AUGUST 2015

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18/9 Discussion at the Thai Embassy with the ambassador and other stakeholders. Short presentation by Naile Taniş on the legal framework relating to trafficking in human beings in Germany

23/9 Meeting of the Federal Working Group on Trafficking in Human Beings in Berlin

7/9 KOK position paper on the draft providing wording advice for the recommendations issued by the Committee for law and customer protection (improving the fight against trafficking in human beings) and completing the 49th Act modifying the Penal Code

11/9 KOK position paper on the bill aiming to regulate prostitution and to protect sex workers

24/9 KOK press release on the Act to accelerate asylum proceedings [»Asylverfahrenbeschleunigungsgesetz«]

2/9 Naile Taniş took part in a Ministry of Foreign Affairs hearing on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the creation of a new national action plan

SEPTEMBER 2015

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18/10 EU Anti-Trafficking Day

Campaign »Für ein Europa der Menschenrechte!« [For a human-rights based Europe!] Call for humanity and solidarity issued by Amnesty International on National Refugee Day on 2/10. The KOK cosigned the call.

Publication of the KOK newsletter 3/15

5/10 Third KOK members meeting
During the meeting, the KOK mission statement elaborated by the Working Group was unanimously adopted

15-16/10 Symposium organised by KOK, »10 Jahre Europaratskonvention gegen Menschenhandel – Stillstand oder Fortschritt?« [10 years of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings – stagnation or progress?] in Berlin, including talks by the UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, the Deputy Co-ordinator, OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings Ruth Freedom Pojman and Helmut Sax, member of the GRETA Commission. The panel discussions also included politicians from all parliamentary groups as well as practitioners.

1-2/10 Symposium »Für die Zukunft Brücken bauen – Ergebnisse des Bundesmodellprojekts Ausstieg aus der Prostitution« [Building bridges for the future – results of the national pilot project »Exiting prostitution«] organised by the Federal Ministry f. Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in Berlin, with Naile Taniş's participation

OCTOBER 2015

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

KOK information brochure »Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation«

KOK information service on legal developments

2-3/11 KOK Networking event focusing on trafficked minors

9/11 Strong Women for a Strong World! – 20th anniversary of the Beijing UN Women's Conference
Organised by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Regional office of Thuringia, with a speech by Naile Taniş

12-13/11 International symposium entitled »Human Trafficking: Global and Local Perspectives«, Innsbruck
Speech by Eva Küblbeck and panel discussion with Monika Cissek-Evans (JADWIGA)

24/11 Event entitled »...from Hurenselbsthilfe e.V. to Aldona e.V. – 25th anniversary« in Saarbrücken
Speech by Naile Taniş

27/11 Kick-off meeting for the elaboration of CEDAW alternative report, with KOK's participation

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INTRODUCTION



Dear readers, friends and supporters,

We are delighted to present the new KOK brochure, which provides an overview of our key activities and events from over the past year.

2015 has been an eventful year for our cause, with political and legislative proposals relating to human trafficking that have kept us busy. Obviously, the current refugee situation in Germany also greatly affects the work of KOK and its members. Many specialised counselling centres are facing new challenges in practice; this also has consequences for KOK's policy work.

The publication of the first GRETA report regarding the situation in Germany was one of the highlights of this past year, along with the legislative proposal to implement the EU Directive 2011/36 on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

These topics were the focus of KOK's symposium in October: "10 years of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings – stagnation or progress?" ("10 Jahre Europaratskonvention gegen Menschenhandel – Stillstand oder Fortschritt?"). The event brought together German and international practitioners, local authority and police representatives, as well as politicians from all parliamentary groups, who joined together in panel discussions on the measures taken by Germany to implement GRETA recommendations, the EU Directive and the coalition contract agreements.

The following annual review provides a concise overview of some key aspects of KOK's work and the relevant political developments that occurred in 2015.

We would like to thank all those who support us in our work. Their help is precisely what enables the KOK Office to pursue its constructive and professional work.

We hope you enjoy reading this brochure.

Naile Tanış, KOK Office

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18/12 Parliamentary breakfast
on trafficking in human beings, organised with the Women's Rights Working Group of Forum Menschenrechte

10/12 Human Rights Day

17/12 KOK brochure on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation

03/12 Practical report
»Aufenthaltsmöglichkeiten für Opfer von Menschenhandel« [Residence opportunities for victims of trafficking in human beings] regarding asylum and trafficking in human beings, written by Christoph Lindner, published by KOK

DECEMBER 2014

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22/01 Training course at the German Federal Criminal Police Office
on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation with a focus on victims' rights, held by Gabi Schmidt (FIM) and Naile Tanış

28-29/01 Workshop on establishing cooperation schemes in the field of trafficked minors
organised jointly by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, ECPAT and KOK

21/01 Revised and shortened version of the position paper on the government bill redefining the right of abode and termination of residence

28/1 Debate with the Bundestag's committee for internal affairs
regarding the bill redefining the right of abode and termination of residence as part of the working group on internal affairs of the Forum Menschenrechte, with Eva Küblbeck's participation

JANUARY 2015

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6-8/2 Internal workshop of KOK Office and board regarding structural development

6/2 Naile Tanış and Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA) gave a talk to new police recruits at the »Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht« [Berlin School of Economics and Law]

25/2 Reception organised by SPD for International Women's Day,
with Naile Tanış's participation

17/2 »Herausforderungen des Datenschutzes in der Politik gegen Menschenhandel – ein Praxisleitfaden« [Data protection challenges in anti-trafficking policies – a practical guide],
published by KOK as part of the datACT project

24/2 First meeting of the Federal Working Group on Trafficking in Human Beings for the purpose of labour exploitation
under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs; with Naile Tanış and Eva Küblbeck's participation

4/2 Meeting of the Federal Working Group on Trafficking in Human Beings
with Naile Tanış and Valentina Maradjieva's (board of KOK/agisra) participation

FEBRUARY 2015

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26/3 Training course at the German Federal Criminal Police Office in Wiesbaden
by Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA) and Naile Tanış on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation

25/3 Congress of Paritätischer Gesamtverband in Potsdam
Speeches by Eva Küblbeck and Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA)

2/3 First KOK members meeting, Berlin

3/3 Meeting of the Mission Statement Working Group
The Working Group brings together representatives of member organisations, the board and the KOK office, and is in charge of developing a mission statement for KOK

6/3 KOK attended the Federal President's reception organised for International Women's Day

6/3 KOK newsletter 01/2015

1/3 The new Asylum-Seekers Benefits Act [Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz] came into force

MARCH 2015

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20/4 Conference on trafficking in human beings organised by the national branch Caritas in Wuppertal/Solingen
Speech by Naile Tanış

15/4 The Federal Cabinet adopted the government bill regarding the implementation of EU Directive 2011/36 on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

27/4 Meeting of the advisory board of the »Gewalt gegen Frauen« [Violence against women] helpline
Meeting in Cologne with Naile Tanış's participation

»Menschenhandel ist ein globales Phänomen« [Trafficking in human beings is a global phenomenon]
Article by Eva Küblbeck in the new Caritas magazine, entitled »Migration und Integration« – Info 2 – April 2015, pp. 2-3

APRIL 2015

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14-15/5 Trinational workshop on trafficking in human beings at the German-speaking Andrassy University in Budapest,
speech by Margarete Mureşan (board of KOK/IN VIA)

19-20/5 Conference of the »STROM – Strengthening the role of Municipalities in the Work against Trafficking in Human Beings in the Baltic Sea Region« project in Riga
Participation and short presentation by Andrea Hitzke (board of KOK/Mitternachtsmission Dortmund)

21-22/5 Fifth meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform against trafficking in human beings in Brussels,
with Naile Tanış's participation

27-29/5 La Strada International NGO Platform Meeting in Macedonia,
with Eva Küblbeck's participation

13/5 New publication and film release:
»Menschenhandel in Deutschland – eine Bestandsaufnahme aus Sicht der Praxis« [Human trafficking in Germany – an overview from a practical standpoint]
Launch of KOK's new publication which examines all aspects of trafficking in human beings from a practical and legal perspective. A short film that was shot for the book launch was also released.

MAY 2015