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POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

1/6 Launch of KOK's Project »Study on Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation and serious labour exploitation of women – an invisible phenomenon?«

KOK practical guide on legal developments regarding trafficking in human beings
Edited by KOK, written by Daniela Hödl, lawyer

6/6 Hearing at the *Bundestag's Committee on Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth* regarding the Protection of Prostitutes Act
Hearing of Andrea Hitzke (KOK board member /Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission) as an expert

8/6 Hearing at the *Bundestag's Committee on Legal Affairs and Consumer Protection* in connection with the implementation of the EU Directive 2011/36
Hearing of Naile Tanış as an expert

2/6 Closing event of the project »Cultural Encounters in Interventions Against Violence (CEINAV)« in Berlin
Facilitation of a workshop by Naile Tanış; KOK was associate partner of the project

9-10/6 Meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform in Brussels
Participation of Naile Tanış

20-21/6 KOK Annual General Meeting in Berlin
Main topics: election of a new board and discussion regarding other forms of exploitation

JUNE 2016

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29/7 KOK press release for the 3rd World Day against Trafficking in Persons

5/7 Publication of the KOK newsletter 02/2016

28/7 Minimum standards for the protection of women and children in shelters for refugees
Published by the Federal Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and UNICEF; prepared in cooperation with various civil society organisations including KOK

30/7 World Day against Trafficking in Persons

7/7 Decisions of the *Bundestag* regarding the legislation on sexual offences, the Protection of Prostitutes Act and the implementation of the EU Directive on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2011/36/EU) (2nd and 3rd readings)

6/7 Expert discussion regarding displacement and trafficking in human beings with representatives of various member organisations of KOK as part of KOK's project on »Displacement and trafficking in human beings«

21/7 Talk and short training course by Naile Tanış and Barbara Eritt (member of the management team at IN VIA Berlin) for students of the Berlin School of Economics and Law
Short overview of trafficking in human beings

JULY 2016

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5/8 Press release by KOOFRA regarding the judgment by the Social court of Hamburg granting a prostitute the right to claim benefits from accident insurance

29/8 Meeting of the steering group of EU project »The Power of Civil Society to Combat Human Trafficking«
KOK is a project partner along with a Turkish and a Greek NGO

11/8 KOK comment on the evaluation report by the German Institute for Human Rights regarding the implementation of Germany's OSCE human rights commitments with a special focus on trafficking in human beings

16/8 Preparation workshop for the WAVE Conference
Participation of KOK in the workshop for WAVE's awareness campaign »Step Up«

AUGUST 2016

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15/9 First meeting of a KOK Working Group on data collection and protection

15/9 KOK practical guide on rights during criminal proceedings
Edited by KOK, written by Christina Clemm, lawyer

23/9 KOK Information Service »Forced to commit offences or to beg: alternative forms of trafficking in human beings and the non-punishment clause«

29/9 Publication of the KOK newsletter 03/2016

7-8/9 OSCE Conference in Berlin on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation in supply chains
as part of the German OSCE presidency. Facilitation of a side event by Naile Tanış

12/9 Meeting of the OSCE Security Committee in Vienna
Talk by Andrea Hitzke (KOK board member /Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission)

26-27/9 Networking event organised by the Evangelical counselling centres against trafficking in human beings in Soest on Displacement – Asylum – Trafficking in human beings
Participation and talk by Pia Roth (KOK project »Displacement and trafficking in human beings«)

SEPTEMBER 2015

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15/10 The act implementing the EU Directive on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings came into force

18/10 EU Anti-Trafficking Day

18/10 Relaunch of the KOK website

4/10 Third Meeting of KOK members

25-27/10 Training course as part of the EU project »The Power of Civil Society to Combat Human Trafficking« in Turkey

10/10 Symposium »Combating trafficking in human beings: how to move forward in Germany?« organised by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in Berlin
Talk by Naile Tanış: presentation of the strategy paper on the support of trafficked persons

19-22/10 Conference of the WAVE network (Women Against Violence in Europe) in Berlin
KOK supported the conference organisation as a cooperation partner

22/10 Break the Chain Festival Against Trafficking in Human Beings in Athens
Talk by Dorothee Thiering (KOK board member /Nachtfluter Essen)

OCTOBER 2016

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14-15/11 KOK networking event
Training course for staff on the ground regarding developments in criminal law on trafficking in human beings and exploitation, and the Protection of Prostitutes Act

16/11 KOK symposium for staff on the ground on displacement and trafficking in human beings
Discussion between representatives of specialised counselling centres working in the field of trafficking in human beings, youth welfare services and organisations and police forces

17-18/11 Networking conference on the implementation of the Federal government's action plan on the protection of children and young people against sexual violence and exploitation
Charing of an expert discussion by Naile Tanış

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Dear readers,
Dear friends and advocates,

It has been a very eventful year for our cause, with several developments on the legal front, in which KOK was actively involved.

To begin with, the Act Improving the Fight Against Trafficking in Human Beings came into force in October, implementing at last the EU Directive on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Protecting its Victims. KOK was closely involved in the entire legislative process and we are looking forward to seeing the practical impact of the reform to the statutory constituents of trafficking in human beings and exploitation.

Stakeholders on the ground will face great challenges dealing with the other forms of exploitation that are now considered criminal offences.

Moreover this year's reform to the legislation on sex offences finally brought about a paradigm shift, moving towards an approach for which women's rights organisations have campaigned for years – »No means No«.

A further development that will be keeping us busy in the future is the Protection of Prostitutes Act announced by the German Federal Law Gazette [Bundesgesetzblatt] at the end of October. In 2016, KOK also continued working on »Flight and trafficking in human beings« through a dedicated project. KOK also supported various projects and measures initiated by specialised counselling centres regarding the topics of trafficking in human beings and displacement.

We would like to express our warmest thanks to all our advocates and cooperation partners. In addition, we would like to say a special thank you to the staff of our member organisations for the work they do every single day on the ground and for their enduring, strong commitment despite the sometimes challenging conditions.

This is, after all, precisely the work that contributes to improving the situation for persons facing trafficking and exploitation.

We hope you enjoy reading this brochure.

Naile Tanis, KOK Office

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1/12 KOK Information Service
Current legal developments regarding
trafficking in human beings

17/12 Publication of the
KOK newsletter 04/2015

10/12 Human Rights Day

31/12 The 3rd Act Reforming the
Protection of Victims' Rights came
into force

3/12 Discussion organised by the
Committee on Family Affairs, Senior
Citizens, Women and Youth of the
German parliament [Bundestag]
with the Women's Rights Working Group
of Forum Menschenrechte, with a talk by
Naile Tanis in response to the implemen-
tation of EU Directive 2011/36

DECEMBER 2015

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30-31/1 Internal Annual Review of
the KOK Office and Board focused on
strategic policy

14-16/1 Annual Review of *Forum
Menschenrechte*

25/1 Participation in the New Year
reception organised by the Die Linken
party

JANUARY 2016

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3/2 Press release by KOK regarding
the German Federal Government's
»Asylum Package II« (adopted by the
cabinet on 3/2)

17/2 KOK position statement on
the reform to legislation on sexual
offences

4-5/2 HERA Project Meeting in
Osnabrück
KOK were represented by Eva Küblbeck

17/2 Meeting of the Federal Working
Group on Trafficking in Human Beings

22/2 Hearing by the *Bundestag's*
Committee for domestic affairs on the
»Asylum Package II«

29/2 First Annual Meeting of
KOK members
Discussion regarding the new Act on
Psychosocial Support during Criminal
Proceedings and the issues of displace-
ment and trafficking in human beings

FEBRUARY 2016

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14/3 First meeting of a KOK Working
Group tasked with drafting a training
concept

31/3 Publication of the
KOK newsletter 01/2016

8/3 International Women's Day

17/3 The »Asylum Package II«
came into force

23/3 The Federal cabinet passed the
Protection of Prostitutes Act

1/3 Meeting of the Federal Working
Group on trafficking in human beings
for the purpose of labour exploitation

10/3 Conference on trafficking in
human beings in Mannheim
Organised by the city's Equal Opportunities
Office, talk by Naile Tanis

17/3 Meeting of the Federal Working
Group on the protection of children
and young people against sexual
violence and exploitation
Participation of Naile Tanis

MARCH 2016

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26/4 Open letter regarding the
reform to legislation on sexual
offences by the »Nein heißt Nein!«
alliance [No means No!]
KOK was part of the alliance

28/4 Updated position statement by KOK
regarding the bill on the implementation
of the anti-trafficking EU Directive

6/4 Advice of the Federal Parliament's
Committee on Legal Affairs and
Consumer Protection on drafting the
bill on improving the fight against
trafficking in human beings was
accepted by the cabinet

11-12/4 OSCE High-Level Alliance
Conference against Trafficking in Vienna
Participation of KOK

13/4 Spring reception of the
Working Group on human rights and
humanitarian aid organised by the
CDU/CSU parliamentary group
Participation of KOK

15/4 Training course for
staff/counsellors of the Violence
against women support hotline
by Naile Tanis

27/4 Meeting of the Federal Working
Group on trafficking in human beings
for the purpose of labour exploitation
Participation of KOK and talk by Andrea
Hitzke (KOK/Dortmunder Mitternachts-
mission board member)

29/4 Fifth anniversary of the
Theodora project in Herford
Keynote speech by Naile Tanis

APRIL 2016

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1/5 Launch of the KOK project
»Displacement and trafficking in
human beings – protection and support
structures for women and minors«

19/5 First EU Commission Report
on progress in the fight against
trafficking in human beings

26/5 Integration Act was adopted by
the Federal cabinet

12/5 Training course at the German
Federal Criminal Police Office in
Wiesbaden focusing on trafficking in
human beings
held by Valentina Maradjieva (KOK board
member /agisra e.V.) and Sarah Schwarze
(KOK)

18/5 Opening of KOK's touring
exhibition at the State library in
Magdeburg
Speech by Naile Tanis

19/5 Sub-working group of the Federal
Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth on trafficking in
children/tourism in Berlin
Participation of Sarah Schwarze and
Naile Tanis

MAY 2016