

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

13/6: NGO Round Table, Berlin
KOK organised a meeting with various NGOs and representatives of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) during their visit to Germany to evaluate the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in Germany.

23-24/6: KOK general meeting
KOK members elected the new board (Nicole Asbrock, Andrea Hitzke, Valentina Maradjjeva and Margarete Muresan) and adopted the new name (Bundesweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel/"German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings").

7/6: Talk during a meeting of the German Women Lawyers Association's Working group on trafficking in human beings
Eva Küblbeck (KOK) and Margarete Muresan (KOK/IN VIA)

18-20/6: La Strada International NGO-Platform-Meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria
Bärbel Heide Uhl and Pia Roth (datACT/KOK) carried out a workshop entitled "Data protection for specialised counselling centres working with trafficked persons on trafficking in human beings".

12/6: Workshop/hearing at the Federal Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth on regulating prostitution
KOK was invited to the workshop and submitted information and recommendations.

PUBLICATION

Publication of KOK position paper on a government bill amending an Act of 07.04.2014 redefining the right of abode and termination of residence

JUNE 2014

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PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

30/7: Belorussian Embassy, Berlin
Event for the first World Day against Trafficking in Persons. Bärbel Heide Uhl (datACT/KOK) gave a speech on trafficking in human beings in Germany.

Second hearing of various organisations by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs on the amendments to be made to the Asylum-Seekers Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz)

Publication of KOK position paper on bill amending the German Penal Code – implementation of European guidelines on legislation on sex offences

Publication of KOK newsletter 02/2014

Publication of KOK position paper on the bill amending the Asylum-Seekers Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz) and the Social Courts Act (Sozialgerichtsgesetz) by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs on 04/06/2014

JULY 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

26/8: Meeting of the KOK internal working group in charge of developing a mission statement, KOK Office

1/8: The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) came into force.

12/8: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs releases a bill amending the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act and Social Courts Act (Sozialgerichtsgesetz)
The current bill provides that these acts no longer apply to trafficked persons.

KOK press release on the decision by the Federal Cabinet on 27 August to amend the Asylum-Seekers Benefits Act (Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz)

AUGUST 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

29/9: KOK general meeting
Discussion focused mainly on the database in case law and the KOK quality handbook.

12/9: "People as commodities – trafficking in human beings in Europe" (Die Ware Mensch)
Event organised by the Deutscher Frauenrat and the European Commission representation in Germany. Naile Tanış participated in a panel on practical experience in addressing trafficking in human beings.

16/9: Networking meeting with the "Violence against Women" helpline (Gewalt gegen Frauen)
The aim of the meeting was for helpline employees to share their experiences with specialised counselling centres working with trafficked persons/KOK. Naile Tanış and Margarete Muresan (KOK/IN VIA) gave a talk.

23-26/9: 20th anniversary of GAATW, Bangkok
The Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women organised a four-day conference for its 20th anniversary. Bärbel Heide Uhl (datACT/KOK) gave a workshop on data protection and the right to privacy.

KOK changed their web address to www.kok-gegen-menschenhandel.de

1/9: The International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention concerning fair and decent work for domestic workers came into force

SEPTEMBER 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

18/10: EU Anti-Trafficking Day

16/10: Presentation of the KOK touring exhibition entitled "Trafficking in Human Beings – Situation, Rights and Support Options in Germany" at the central station in Berlin
KOK's new touring exhibition was presented to around 100 guests. Elke Ferner, parliamentary secretary of state of the Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens and Women was one of the guest speakers.

8/10: "Focusing on women's rights" (Fokus Frauenrechte), Berlin
KOK organised a joint event with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Terre des Femmes on the implementation of the EU Directive against trafficking in human beings and the Istanbul Convention, with a focus on their implications for Germany.

6-10/10: Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto, Vienna
KOK took part with observer status.

21-22/12: Fourth meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform against trafficking in human beings, Brussels

27/10: Event organised by ASF Sachsen-Anhalt and Vera (trafficking in women prevention unit), Magdeburg
Eva Küblbeck (KOK) gave a talk and took part in the expert discussion.

31/10: Training course for the national "Violence Against Women" helpline (Gewalt gegen Frauen)
Naile Tanış and Margarete Muresan (KOK/IN VIA) gave a training course for helpline staff.

OCTOBER 2014

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

10-11/11: KOK networking event
The discussion focused mainly on trafficked persons during the asylum procedure.

4-5/11: OSCE Conference entitled "Ethical Issues in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking", Vienna
Bärbel Heide Uhl (datACT/KOK) gave a speech on data protection in anti-trafficking policies.

6/11: Conference organised by the German Federal Association for Unaccompanied Minor Refugees (Bundesfachverband unbegleitete minderjährige Flüchtlinge e.V.)
Margarete Muresan (KOK/IN VIA) gave a speech.

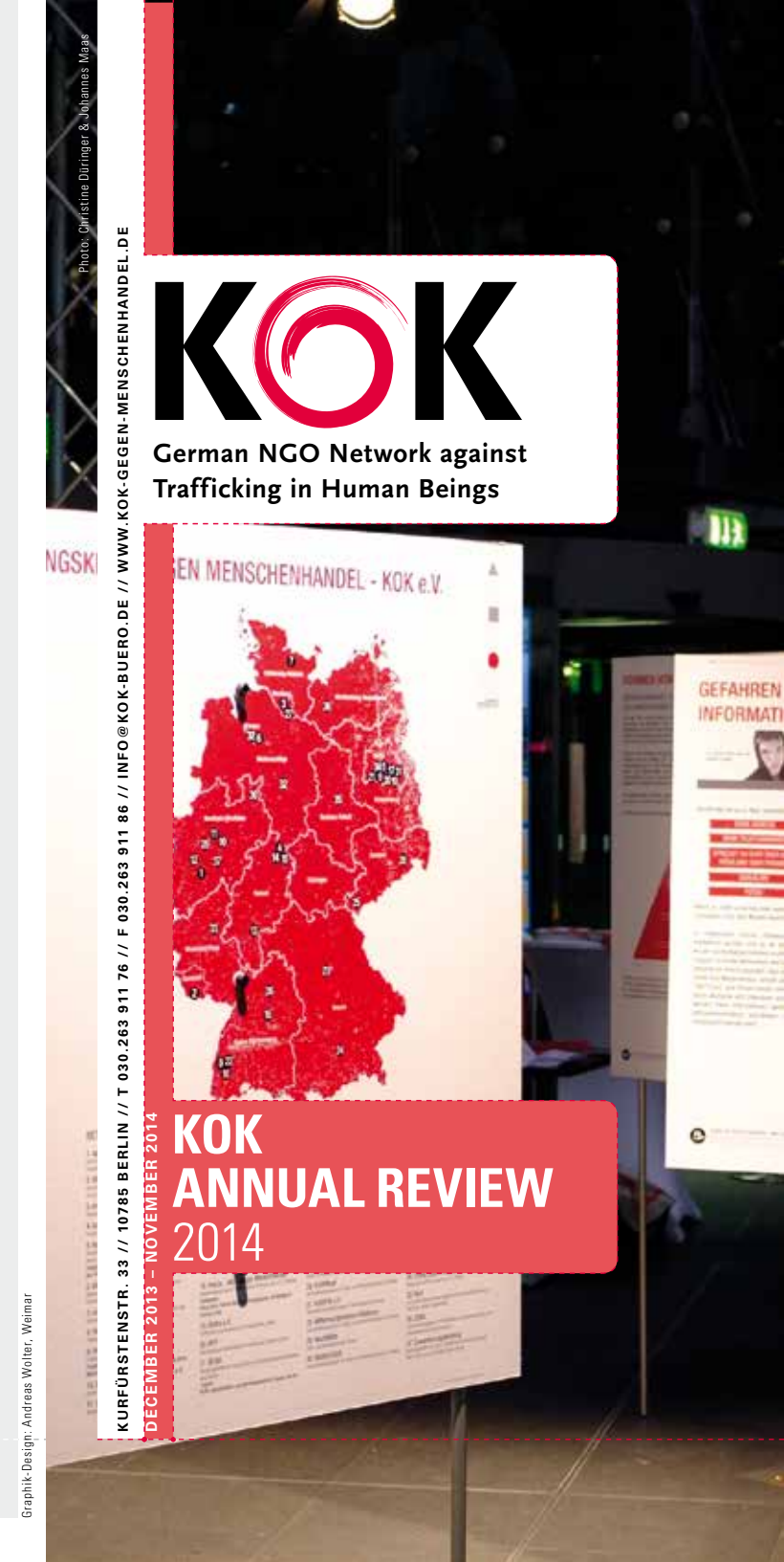
6/11: Symposium on child trafficking in Germany organised by the German Association for Public and Private Welfare (Deutscher Verein für öffentliche und private Fürsorge)
Naile Tanış facilitated one of the workshops.

12/11: Conference entitled "Open Up?" organised by Omidyar Network in London
Bärbel Heide Uhl (datACT/KOK) gave a speech entitled "Risky Business: Transparency, Technology, Security and Human Rights".

13/11: Training course at the German Federal Criminal Police Office on trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation
Naile Tanış and Margarete Muresan (KOK/IN VIA) ran a training course for police officers.

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

NOVEMBER 2014





Dear Readers,

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

For everyone at KOK, 2014 has been an eventful and busy year. Along with political discussions and legislative proposals with regard to human trafficking, and current developments in practical work, the evaluation report's recommendations and the required measures arising from it have kept KOK very busy. Changing our name to Bundesweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel ("German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings") was one of the main outcomes of these developments. The new name now covers the whole range of types of trafficking in human beings that KOK seeks to address, as well as the complexity of the work within specialised counselling centres working with persons affected by all forms of trafficking in human beings. The new name was well received by the public. Other highlights include the creation of a new touring exhibition, "Trafficking in Human Beings – Situation, Rights and Support Options in Germany", and the visit from GRETA, the expert group in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in Germany.

The following annual review provides a concise overview of all key aspects of KOK's work and relevant political developments that occurred in 2014.

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, On behalf of the KOK office

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Women and Youth

EVENT

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MISCELLANEOUS

End of evaluation on
KOK's structural development

**11/12: BLAG Federal Working group
on trafficking in human beings**
Naile Tanış and Bärbel Heide Uhl
(dataACT/KOK) took part and gave a talk
during the 43rd BLAG Meeting

**Launch of joint campaign carried out
by the LSI-NGO platform entitled
"One Story – Two Outcomes"**
La Strada International NGO-platform
comprises 19 European NGOs.

10/12: Human Rights Day

**9-10/12: EU Civil Society Platform
against trafficking in human beings,
Brussels**
Naile Tanış represented KOK at the second
EU Civil Society Platform meeting.

**5/12: Symposium entitled "Trafficking
in human beings and European
interventions",**
University of Brno, with the participation
of GRETA and Anti-Slavery International.
Speech by Bärbel Heide Uhl (dataACT/KOK)

DECEMBER 2013

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MISCELLANEOUS

Publication of the KOK position paper
on psychosocial support during court
cases

**23-25/1: Internal meeting
between KOK Office and the board
regarding structural development**

**16/1: Training course at the German
Federal Criminal Police Office,
Wiesbaden**
Eva Küblbeck (KOK) and Doris Köhncke
(FIZ) gave police officers a training course
on trafficking in human beings for sexual
and labour exploitation.

**20/1: Event entitled "Why are we
concerned?" organised by the United
Evangelical Mission, Wuppertal**
Naile Tanış gave a talk on trafficking in
human beings.

**27-28/1: Internal meeting between
dataACT, La Strada International and
Tactical Tech entitled "Data policy and
its impact on marginalised groups"**

**29/1: Conference entitled "At the
Intersection of Smuggling and
Trafficking: the European Response
to the Vanishing of Human Beings",
European Parliament, Brussels**
Bärbel Heide Uhl (dataACT/KOK) was
invited to speak alongside other interna-
tional experts.

JANUARY 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

24/2: KOK general meeting, Berlin
Member organisations discussed ongoing
projects and topics regarding prostitution.

**5-6/2: RACE project by Anti-Slavery,
Netherlands**
Workshop on trafficking in human beings
and exploitation of criminal activities
with the participation of Eva Küblbeck
(KOK).

**11/2: Training course at the German
Federal Criminal Police Office,
Wiesbaden**
Margarete Muresan (KOK/IN VIA) gave
police officers a training course on
trafficking in human beings for sexual
exploitation.

**21.2. IMPACT project closing event
entitled "Improving and Monitoring
Protection Systems against Child
Trafficking and Exploitation", Brussels**
KOK was represented by Margarete
Muresan (KOK/IN VIA).

FEBRUARY 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

KOK admitted as a member of
the European Union Agency for
Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Publication of the KOK synopsis on
national rapporteurs on trafficking
or similar mechanisms in various
European countries

Publication of the KOK newsletter
01/2014

**5/3: Änderungen der Beratungshilfe
und Prozesskostenhilfe seit dem
01.01.2014 – Eine Handreichung für
die Praxis** ["Changes in the Legal
Aid System since 1 January 2014 – A
Practical Handbook"]
Published by KOK e.V., written by
lawyer Stephan Martin

Küblbeck, E./ Mitwalli, J.:
Menschenhandel hat viele Facetten
["Trafficking in Human Beings – A
multi-faceted phenomenon"]
In: FrauenRat /2014

8/3: International Women's Day

**8-9/3: Conference of the Baltic Sea
Network on Migration Issues, Kiel**
Sarah Schwarze (KOK) gave a talk on traf-
ficking in human beings, and the situation
and rights of trafficked persons.

**18/3 and 26/3: Training courses for
German Red Cross advisers, Münster/
Munich**
Naile Tanış gave German Red Cross
staff a training course on trafficking in
human beings with Heike Müller (Mit-
ternachtsmission, Dortmund) and Monika
Cissek-Evans (Jadwiga).

MARCH 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

**30/4: A delegation of representatives
from Armenian governmental and
non-governmental institutions visit
the KOK Office to discuss trafficking
in human beings (organised by the
OSCE)**

**3/4: Bundestag Committee on
Family Affairs**
Expert discussion between members of
the Committee and of Forum Menschen-
rechte network Women's Rights Working
Group, including Sarah Schwarze (KOK).

**4/4: Expert discussion on data
protection and the law distinguishing
work carried out by police and
intelligence agencies, organised by
the parliamentary group Bündnis 90/
Die GRÜNEN**

**10-11/4: EU Agency for Fundamental
Rights, Vienna**
Bärbel Heide Uhl (dataACT/KOK) took part
in the 7th Fundamental Rights Platform
meeting

APRIL 2014

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MISCELLANEOUS

**28/5: BLAG Federal Working group
on trafficking in human beings**
KOK took part in the meeting

**15/5: KOK submitted its report on
the implementation of the Council
of Europe Convention on Action
against Trafficking in Human Beings
by parties to the treaty in Germany to
the GRETA expert group**

**First summary and analysis of the
KOK database in case law**
by Theda Kröger (KOK)

**21/5: Hearing of the Committee on
Human Rights on trafficking in human
beings before the Bundestag**
KOK took advantage of the hearing to submit
a non-solicited position paper.

**7-8/5: EU Civil Society Platform against
trafficking in human beings, Brussels**
Eva Küblbeck (KOK) took part in the 3rd
meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform
launched by the European Commission.

**10/5: Feminist Women Lawyers Day,
Leipzig**
Naile Tanış gave a talk entitled "Neces-
sary legal provisions/measures to address
trafficking in human beings" (Welche
rechtlichen Regelungen/Maßnahmen sind
notwendig im Bereich Bekämpfung des
Menschenhandels?)

MAY 2014