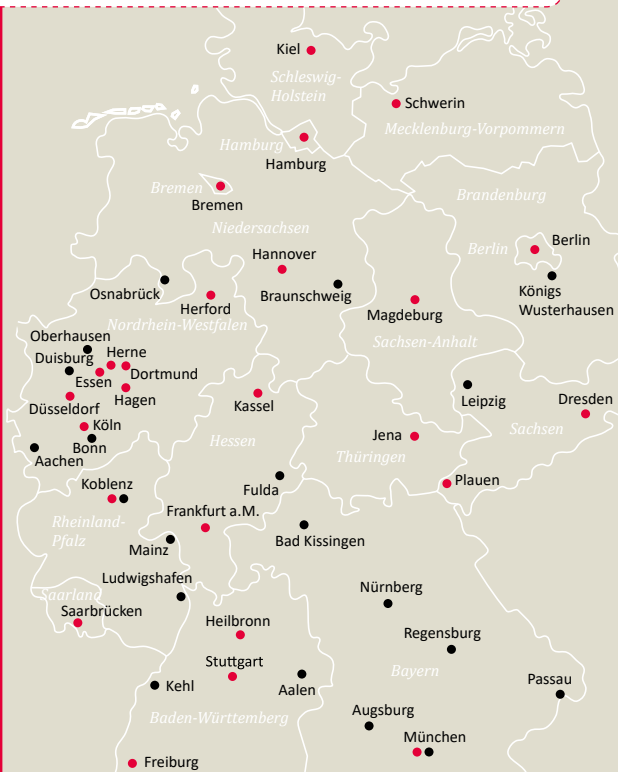


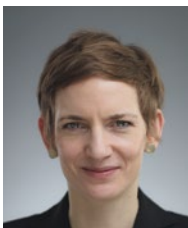
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German NGO Network against
Trafficking in Human Beings



**COORDINATION
AND NETWORKING
AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN
HUMAN BEINGS
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

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Dear readers,

2022 was dominated by the war of aggression waged by Russia against Ukraine. When the first refugees started fleeing, the risk of trafficking in human beings, in particular involving women, received substantial attention. Specialised counselling centres responded immediately by going out to arrival points to distribute information

material and provide advice on the risks of trafficking and the rights as well as available protection for trafficked persons.

The political will that has been demonstrated, combined with remarkable efforts of volunteers and a well-networked, professional civil society response, demonstrate that it is possible to effectively address these challenges.

As a result of the increased focus on refugees from Ukraine, which is crucial at this time, the needs and rights of individuals from other countries seeking protection in Germany have faded into the background. Too little political attention and support was granted to the fact that the specialised counselling centres had to continue providing care and counselling to trafficked persons whilst also facing the challenges resulting from the arrival of refugees from Ukraine. Despite this, the specialised counselling centres have demonstrated incredible dedication.

On the EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October, KOK published its most recent data report. It demonstrates how important the services provided by the specialised counselling centres are for individuals subject to trafficked persons.

Some of our member organisations celebrated anniversaries this year, e.g. FIZ Stuttgart, BBMeZ Bremen and Nadeschda in Herford. For decades now, the specialised counselling centres in the KOK network have been providing essential counselling services for trafficked persons in line with human-rights-oriented quality standards. We are delighted to note that their work is increasingly being recognised as an essential component of combating trafficking in human beings and supporting trafficked persons. Unfortunately, this has not yet been translated into long-term funding of human and financial resources. However, we trust that the German Federal Government will keep its word and remain optimistic about the plans to introduce legislation governing the right to protection from violence.

We thank you for your interest in our work and for your continued support to help us combat trafficking in human beings and enforce human rights.

Sophia Wirsching, KOK Executive Director

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KOK newsletter to special representatives for victims of trafficking in human beings in the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

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15/12 Insights into social law decisions – report on the KOK case law database
(in German)

Legal advice provided by KOK – 2020/2021 report
(in German)

14/12 Online panel discussion on trafficking in human beings and labour exploitation organised by the German Bishops' Conference and the Santa Marta Group

Continuation of the KOK case law database in cooperation with the German Institute for Human Rights

**24/1 KOK training handbook
*Trafficking in Human Beings in
Germany: Awareness-Raising,
Information, Training***

Second updated edition (in German)

**20–21/1 Annual meeting of Forum
Menschenrechte**

**24/1 Launch of the handbook *National
Referral Mechanism – Joining Efforts
to Protect the Rights of Trafficked
Persons: A Practical Handbook –
Second Edition*
by the OSCE**

**28–29/1 Annual planning retreat of the
KOK office and board**

**28–30/1 Hohenheim Migration Law
Conference 2022**

18/2 Submission to the European Commission on the Fourth Progress Report on the Implementation of the EU Anti-Trafficking Directive

8–9/2 First European Santa Marta conference – *Trafficking in Human Beings and Exploitation in Europe*

16/2 Conference organised by the Federal Initiative on Protecting Refugees in Refugee Accommodation

21/2 Meeting of the German Alliance on the Istanbul Convention regarding the drafting of the civil society GREVIO report

Flyer created by IOM and KOK
Be safe on the way aimed at refugees
from Ukraine

30/3 KOK press release *Protecting
refugees from Ukraine against
trafficking in human beings and
exploitation*
(in German)

8/3 International Women's Day

9–10/3 Workshop *Using Data to Better
Understand and Address Human
Trafficking* organised by Trilateral
Research, La Strada International and
CCBS

10–11/3 *Annual Conference on
Undocumented Migrants* of the
Catholic Forum on Undocumented
Migrants, the German Council on
Migration and the Catholic Academy
in Berlin

17–18/3 **First KOK General Assembly**
Admission of new members and exchange
of views on subjects including digitali-
sation in counselling and refugees from
Ukraine

25/3 **EU Civil Society Platform against
trafficking in human beings**
extraordinary meeting regarding the war
in Ukraine

6/4 KOK podcast on the rights of trafficked persons during criminal proceedings
(in German)

7/4 KOK factsheet for volunteers
Trafficking in Human Beings and Exploitation – Recognising the Signs and Providing Support
(in German)

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4/4 Extended Roundtable Discussion on Ukraine, Prevention and Connection in THB, Europol

5/4 Networking event organised by the Federal Initiative on Protecting Refugees in Refugee Accommodation

4–6/4 Meeting of the OSCE Alliance against Trafficking in Persons on the subject of Protection: upholding victims' rights and strengthening assistance

6/4 Online seminar Trafficking in human beings in Germany in the context of refugee movements
in cooperation with DeBUG

1/5 Twenty-fifth anniversary of the IN VIA Berlin specialised counselling centre for women affected by trafficking in human beings

KOK article *Trafficking in Human Beings in Germany and Specialised Counselling Centres*

(in German) in the psychotherapy journal *Trauma – Zeitschrift für Psychotraumatologie und ihre Anwendungen*

4/5 Online seminar *Trafficking in human beings in Germany in the context of refugee movements*

in cooperation with NADESCHDA

6/5 Plenary working session of the CEDAW Alliance Germany

13/5 Exchange between Federal Minister for Women Lisa Paus and various partners from the area of gender equality and protection from violence/self-determination/human rights

18/5 *Trafficking in Human Beings in Germany*, KOK appearing as an expert before the Bundestag Committee for Family Affairs, Women, Senior Citizens and Youth

20/5 Input on trafficking in human beings and refugees at the *Urban Thinkers Campus* in Mannheim

28/5 Training course for victim protection officers in the Federal Police Force in Lübeck

30/6 KOK information brochure
Trafficking in human beings and Organised Ritual Abuse

12/6 World Day Against Child Labour

16/6 International Domestic Workers' Day

20/6 World Refugee Day

1/6 Meeting of the Federal-Länder Working Group on Trafficking in Human Beings

2–3/6 PICUM general assembly
in Brussels

2–3/6 Support structures for persons trafficked for the purpose of labour exploitation

KOK training and networking event,
Berlin

19–22/6 Meeting of La Strada International NGO platform
in Helsinki

29/6 Assembly of the National Council against Sexual Violence against Children and Young People

19/7 KOK handout***Residence permits and rights for trafficked persons from third countries***
(in German)**KOK newsletter 02/22****30/7 Press release on World Day against Trafficking in Persons****29/7 Signing of the cooperation agreement between the Federal Police Force and KOK on combating trafficking in human beings****30/7 World Day against Trafficking in Persons****5–7/7 Training course run by the Service Centre against Labour Exploitation, Forced Labour and Human Trafficking for victim protection officers working for the Financial Control of Undeclared Work Department,**
input on trafficking in human beings from KOK**6/7 Panel discussion on *Female refugees from Ukraine* with Member of the Bundestag Beate Walter-Rosenheimer****14/7 IOM online seminar *Protecting refugees from Ukraine against exploitation: what can volunteers do?***
in cooperation with KOK and FIZ**20/7 Online seminar *Trafficking in human beings in Germany in the context of refugee movements***
in cooperation with DeBUG**28–29/7 Anniversary celebration of the FIZ women's information centre in Stuttgart**

15/8 Launch of KOK's Ukraine project

2/8 KOK flyer *Specialised counselling centres for trafficked persons*

24/8 Second updated edition of the *KOK Handbook on Training and Quality Assurance for Specialised Counselling Centres for Trafficked Persons* (in German)

19/8 Meeting between the KOK advisory board, board and office in Berlin

25/8 Training on trafficking in human beings for employees working for the Violence against Women support hotline

26/8 Anniversary celebration of the NADESCHDA women's counselling centre for trafficked persons in Herford

30/8 Meeting of the Federal-Länder Working Group on Trafficking in Human Beings for the Purpose of Labour Exploitation

KOK **6/9** Online workshop *Digital Streetwork and Counselling on Trafficking in Human Beings*, for specialised counselling centres in the KOK network

8–9/9 Workshop organised by the German Federal Criminal Police Office in connection with the EU project 'THB Liberi' on child trafficking

KOK **19 & 21/9** KOK workshop with the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Hamburg and Berlin)

23/9 General Assembly of the German Institute for Human Rights

KOK **27/9** Online seminar *Trafficking in human beings in Germany in the context of refugee movements* in cooperation with the Vera counselling centre

28/9 Meeting of the German Network for Refugee Women and Girls of the German Association for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (BumF)

29/9 Anniversary celebration and symposium of the Counselling Center for Victims of Human Trafficking and Forced Prostitution (BBMeZ) in Bremen

**1/10 Launch of the KOK project
*The Rights of Trafficked Persons During
Criminal Proceedings***

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**18/10 *Data collection in the context
of trafficking in human beings and
exploitation in Germany – 2021 KOK
report, published along with a press release***

7/10 World Day for Decent Work

18/10 EU Anti-Trafficking Day

**28/10 Announcement by the German
Federal Government of the withdrawal
of reservations on the Istanbul
Convention**

**5/10 Anniversary reception *20 years of
Association of Women's Shelters***

**12/10 Meeting of the National Council
against Sexual Violence against Children
and Young People's Working Group
on *Protection from Exploitation and
International Cooperation***

**17/10 Symposium *Protecting Trafficked
Persons in the EU Asylum System During
Voluntary Departure Using a Guidelines-
Based System of Cross-Country Cooperation*
organised by the Jadwiga specialised coun-
selling centre in Munich**

**21/10 Anniversary celebration and
symposium of ECPAT Germany**

**26–27/10 Meeting of the
EU Civil Society Platform against
Trafficking in Human Beings
in Brussels**

25/11 Opening of the
**KOK touring exhibition on trafficking in
 human beings in Dortmund,**
 including a panel event organised by the
 Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission

18/11 KOK information service
Trafficking in Minors
 (in German)

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

10/11 Fundamental Rights Platform
 Meeting of the
 EU Fundamental Rights Agency

KOK **17–18/11** Second KOK
 General Assembly
 (online) Exchange of views on topics
 including diversity-sensitive counselling,
 the work of IOM Germany and the report
 by the KOK legal advice centre

24/11 German Federal Criminal Police
 Office special training course on
 trafficking in human beings and sexual
 exploitation in Wiesbaden
 training on trafficking in human beings
 provided by KOK