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- The German 'Forum Menschenrechte' network
- The German Institute for Human Rights
- The Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- The EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings

German law makes no provision for adequate support or for secure accommodation of trafficked persons. This needs to change through lobbying and PR activities. We need your support very much!

Every donation helps.

Account for donations:

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KOK is happy to issue a donation receipt.

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German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings

Joining Together in the Fight Against Trafficking in Human Beings and Violence Against Migrant Women

KOK pools specific expertise and coordinates regional forces

Trafficking in Human Beings and Violence Against Migrant Women



More and more people across the world are migrating to seek work. By doing this, they sometimes face structural, as well as psychological and physical violence. Migrants often have an insecure legal and social status and are under pressure to secure their livelihoods and that of their families which is why they are often exploited. Gender hierarchies and violence against women frequently play a key role in cases of trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, as well as in other fields. Migrants, as well as German citizens, can be affected by trafficking in human beings.

Trafficking in human beings constitutes a serious human rights violation. It can take various forms and occurs in different areas:

- Sexual exploitation
- Exploitative employment relationships
- Exploitation in marriage
- Forced begging
- Exploitation of criminal activities
- Removal of organs

Root causes for trafficking include increasing poverty in the countries of origin, as well as the restrictive migration policies in the target countries. This is reinforced by the fact that perpetrators run very little risk of being held accountable for their criminal offences while potentially making high profits.

From a legal point of view, 'trafficking in human beings' is a criminal offence and is considered to be exploitation by the German Criminal Code.

As provided by Article 232 et seq. of the German Criminal Code, the offence is punishable by imprisonment from six months to ten years.

KOK is the only organisation in Germany bringing together 37 women's organisations and specialised counselling centres that address the issue of trafficking in human beings and violence against migrant women at the national level.

KOK works with an intersectional approach, i. e. with the knowledge that there are many different forms of discrimination that converge and can reinforce each other.

KOK's work focuses on representing the interests of women and, more specifically, migrant women. Moreover, thanks to its experience, **KOK** provides expertise on all groups of trafficked persons.

Our common goals:

- To improve the living conditions of trafficked persons and migrant women facing violence; establishing, protecting and asserting their rights
- To implement national and international standards in dealings with trafficked persons
- To implement a women's and human rights perspective at the political and social level
- To support the existing network of counselling centres

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Focus of our work:

- Promoting national and international networking among specialised counselling centres and other NGOs
→ **Networking events, conferences**
- PR and media work
→ **Newsletter, website, publications, providing specialist information**
- Raising awareness and educating about trafficking in human beings and violence against women in the migration process
→ **Events, training courses, touring exhibition**
- Participating in committees and networking
→ **Interministerial and interdisciplinary working groups and seminars**
- Political lobbying and policy advice
→ **At the regional, national and European levels, through policy advice and position papers**

KOK was founded in 1999. **KOK** owes its specific expertise regarding trafficking in human beings and violence against women in the migration process to their members specialist knowledge. Any organisation that shares our goals is welcome to join **KOK**.