

Aims

- Improving the lives of trafficked persons
- Preventing exploitation by changing the legal and structural framework
- Supporting and promoting specialised counselling centres

KOK's work focuses on representing women's and, in particular, migrants' interests.

Areas of expertise

- Networking at national and international level with specialised counselling centres and other NGOs
- Training courses, e.g. for authorities (including the German Federal Criminal Police Office, the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees and the German Federal Criminal Police Office), professionals and the civil society
- Raising public awareness on trafficking in human beings and violence against female migrants
- Advocacy work
- Monitoring and following-up on the implementation of the UN or Council of Europe conventions
- Statements and publications on trafficking in human beings and exploitation
- Collecting and analysing data regarding clients using advisory services
- Producing analyses of relevant court judgements in its case law database

KOK is a member of:

La Strada International European Platform Against Trafficking in Human Beings (LSI) • Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) • Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) • EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in human beings • The Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) • Forum Menschenrechte • Istanbul Convention Alliance • CEDAW Alliance Germany • Allianz »Rechtssicherheit für politische Willensbildung« • The funding body of the German Institute for Human Rights • Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft (ITZ)

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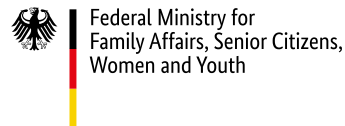
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**Against trafficking in human beings.
For human rights.**



Respecting, enforcing and promoting the rights of trafficked persons

Trafficking in human beings and exploitation

Trafficking in human beings is defined as people being forced into an exploitative situation through the use of violence, threats or deception. In many cases, perpetrators take advantage of a difficult situation, such as poor language skills or an insecure residence permit. Trafficked persons can be adults or minors and may or may not hold a German passport. The legal definition of trafficking in human beings does not require a border to have been crossed.

The different forms of **trafficking in human beings and exploitation** in Germany include:

- Exploitative employment relationships
- Sexual exploitation
- Forced begging
- Forced criminal activities
- Forced removal of organs

You can find detailed information about **trafficking in human beings** here:

www.kok-gegen-menschenhandel.de/en

Coordination and networking against trafficking in human beings

The German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings (KOK) is **comprised of specialised counselling centres supporting trafficked persons** and other organisations in Germany advocating the rights of trafficked persons and addressing the issues of trafficking in human beings, exploitation and violence against female migrants.

KOK was founded in 1999 and serves as a central **interface between the practical work** of member organisations on the one hand and **policymakers** and the **general public** on the other. KOK makes sure the specialised counselling centres' experience in their work with those affected is fed into political processes, ensuring **knowledge is shared** between **member organisations** and **policymakers, the general public and academia**.

Human rights under the spotlight

KOK advocates human rights-based **policies** to combat trafficking in human beings that place a central emphasis on the **legal rights** of those affected, with **European** and **international conventions** at the core of its work.

The organisation is based in Berlin and has 43 member organisations:

- Specialised counselling centres and shelters for trafficked persons
- Women's shelters and specialised safehouses
- Projects working with female migrants
- Women's rights and human rights organisations
- Umbrella organisations representing charities

KOK member organisations and their local branches

