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Dear readers,  
Dear friends and advocates,

We are delighted to end the year with this leaflet presenting an overview of the key developments in our work over the past year. KOK and its member organisations have initiated and supported many exciting events in 2018.

At the start of the year, the political agenda was centred on the forming of a new government and the talks around the coalition agreement. KOK made its demands and recommendations heard and helped ensure that the agreement included not only measures to combat trafficking in human beings more efficiently but also to reinforce support structures for trafficked persons.

Halfway into the year, the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) carried out its second evaluation of the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in Germany. We were actively involved in this process and submitted to GRETA a report by NGOs with recommendations to improve the implementation of the Convention, among other things. We also organised a meeting between GRETA and NGO representatives in Germany to put forward the perspective of civil society. One of our main highlights was the KOK Symposium in October, where we discussed the developments and challenges encountered since the implementation of the EU Directive against Trafficking in Human Beings in Germany alongside German and international experts and approximately 150 other guests.

The KOK Office also went through some changes this year, as I took over as Executive Director of KOK from Naile Tanış, who has decided to pursue new professional challenges. I am very much looking forward to my new responsibilities and to working with you.

Once again, we would like to say a special thank you to the staff of our member organisations for the work they do every single day and for their enduring, strong commitment despite the sometimes challenging conditions. Their work plays an absolutely key role in improving the situation of trafficked and exploited persons.

We are also very grateful to all our advocates and partners.

We thank you for your interest in our work and hope you enjoy reading this brochure.

Sophia Wirsching, KOK Office

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EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

**7/12 Report of the German Federal Criminal Police Office on trafficking in human beings,**

for the first time with a specific section on the commercial sexual exploitation of children

**15/12 Policy paper  
»Displacement and trafficking in human beings – identifying, supporting and protecting trafficked persons« (in German)**

**15/12 KOK newsletter 4/2017**

**4/12 EU Commission set new priorities in combatting trafficking in human beings**

**5-6/12 Meeting of the EU Civil Society Platform in Brussels Participation of KOK,**  
represented by Claudia Robbe, FIZ

**7-8/12 Meeting of the joint Government-Länder Working Group on the protection of children and young people against sexual violence and exploitation,**  
with a workshop facilitated by Naile Tanış

DECEMBER 2017

EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

**1/1 Short brochure on trafficking in human beings for the purpose of forced criminal activities and begging**

**26/1 Updated key demands by KOK for the German coalition talks**

**31/1 Joint press release by DaMigra and KOK on the entry into force of the Istanbul Convention**

**1/1 The Act on Psychosocial Support during Court Proceedings came into force**

**11-12/1 Kick-off meeting of EU project »Justice at Last« in Amsterdam,**  
with KOK as project partner in Germany

**16/1 Training course at the German Federal Criminal Police Office focusing on trafficking in human beings/labour exploitation**  
given by Naile Tanış and Katrin Kirstein (KOOFRA)

**22/1 Exchange of views on gender policies at a meeting by the Association of Social Democratic Women (AsF),**  
Participation of Naile Tanış

JANUARY 2018

EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

**5/2 German Federal Government Report to GRETA on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings**

**9/2 First KOK project newsletter: »Displacement and trafficking in human beings« (monthly newsletter)**

**1/2 The Istanbul Convention came into force**

**7/2 Training course at the German Federal Criminal Police Office focusing on trafficking in human beings/sexual exploitation/forced prostitution**  
given by Naile Tanış and Andrea Hitzke (KOK Board/Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission)

**16/2 Training course for the local Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Family and Integration in Hamburg:**  
»Introduction to trafficking in human beings and identifying trafficking in human beings«, given by Naile Tanış

FEBRUARY 2018

EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

**2/3 Symposium »No longer unidentified« in Hamburg.**  
Speech by Naile Tanış: »Trafficking in human beings – forced labour – labour exploitation – an introduction«

**8/3 Reception organised by the French Ambassador and the Minister for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth for International Women's Day**  
Participation of Naile Tanış

**8-9/3 First KOK annual meeting**  
The discussion included topics such as ritualised violence and trafficking in human beings, and funding available for support options

**22/3 Conference of the »Forum Menschenrechte« network**  
Participation of Naile Tanış

MARCH 2018

EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

**4/4 Seventh General Report on GRETA's activities**  
focusing on labour exploitation

**17/4 Recommendations of the expert group on sexual violence in organised and ritual coercive structures for policy makers and the general public**

**3/4 NGO Report to GRETA by KOK**

**4/4 KOK newsletter 1/2018**

**12-13/4 Meeting of the expert group on sexual violence in organised and ritual coercive structures**  
at the Federal Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth,  
Participation of Naile Tanış

**19/4 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission**  
Welcome address by Naile Tanış

**23-24/4 OSCE High-Level Alliance Conference against Trafficking in Vienna**  
Participation of Dorothee Thiering (KOK Board/Nachtfalter Essen)

**20-21/4 PICUM General Assembly, Brussels**  
Participation of Eva Küblbeck

**25/4 Meeting of the joint Government-Länder Working Group on trafficking in human beings**

APRIL 2018

EVENT

POLITICAL EVENT

PUBLICATION

MISCELLANEOUS

**8/5 Hearing of Germany before the UN Human Rights Council regarding the human rights situation in Germany**

**17/5 Joint press release by KOK and medica mondiale »Processing centres for refugees foster violence against displaced women« (in German)**

**24/5 Open letter by 24 organisations: »Processing centres for refugees are inadequate for children and young people« (in German)**

**31/5 KOK Talk with Mr. Krings, State Secretary to the German Interior Minister**

**8/5 Final conference of the project »Strengthening lawyers' legal knowledge and cooperation with prosecutors and judges to protect victims of human trafficking rights in the judicial proceedings«, Bucharest.**  
Talk by Sarah Schwarze

**22/5 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings – Conference in Strasburg**  
Participation of Eva Küblbeck

MAY 2018