4/6 NGO round table with representatives of GRETA on the occasion of the evaluation of the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings in Berlin

5-6/6 Case workers' seminar at the German Federal Criminal Police Office in Gensingen,

Participation of Sarah Schwarz

11/6 German Prevention Day in Dresden,

speech by Ulrike Richter (KOBRAnet) and Sarah Schwarze: »Trafficking in human beings – cooperation and prevention«

19/6 Meeting of the joint
Government-Länder Working Group
on trafficking in human beings/labour
exploitation

21-22/6 KOK networking event in Berlin,

with a focus on trafficked minors and the situation of trafficked EU citizens

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6/7 KOK newsletter 2/2018

Parallel report by the Forum

Menschenrechte network on the
ICESCR

Contribution by KOK regarding violence against women

27/7 KOK press release for the World Day against Trafficking in Persons

30/7 World Day against Trafficking in Persons

2/7 Symposium organised by Diakonie Rhineland-Westphalia Lippe: »Trafficking in human beings – from labour exploitation to forced prostitution«, in Düsseldorf

Introductory speech by Eva Kühlheck

16/7 Meeting of gender equality stakeholders with Mrs. Giffey, Federal Minister of Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Participation of and input by

7/8 Report of the German Federal
Criminal Police Office on trafficking in

focusing for the first time on the updated

31/8 First KOK newsletter for the Special Representatives for trafficking in human beings of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

9/8 Discussion with representatives of the Canadian Embassy regarding trafficking in human beings
Participation of Sarah Schwarze

6/9 KOK webinar »Introduction to trafficking in human beings and opportunities for action for counselling and support structure staff supporting displaced persons« (in German)

7/9 Severe labour exploitation and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation in the case of women – an unseen phenomenon?

Excerpts of the German study published in English

13/9 Training course at the German
Federal Criminal Police Office
focusing on trafficking in human
beings/sexual exploitation
given by Eva Küblbeck and Ingrid Delgas
(Mitternachtsmission Heilbronn)

5 14/9 Second KOK annual meeting

Discussions included topics such as GDPR in counselling work and statistics on trafficking in human beings

26/9 Work meeting with the Crimefighting Department of the Federal Police in Potsdam

'articipation of Barbara Eritt (IN VIA), arah Schwarze and Sophia Wirsching

28/9 Training course for staff of the Violence against women support hotline

POLITICAL EVEN

11/10 KOK newsletter 3/2018

18/10 »Trafficked minors need adequate protection and support!« (in German),

Press release on the occasion of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day

18/10 EU Anti-Trafficking Day

<u>3-4/10 </u>LSI NGO platform meeting and GAATW network meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria

articipation of Eva Küblbeck

18/10 Press conference at IN VIA for the publication of the Federal Cooperation Plan »Protection and support in cases of trafficking in and exploitation of children«

<u>25-26/10</u> KOK Symposium: »Trafficking in human beings and exploitation in Germany – taking stock two years after implementatior of the EU Directive«

<u>29/10</u> Conference »Human trafficking and human rights – access to rights for victims of human trafficking«, Vienna

Participation of Monika Nürnbe (KOK Board/Frauentreff OLGA)

Publication of the KOK Information
Service on the implementation of
the EU Directive on combatting
trafficking in human beings in
Germany

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

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5/11 »For all, with all – paving the way for a support system for victims of gender-based violence« (in German) – Symposium of the Association of Women's Shelters, talk by Barbara Eritt (IN VIA) and Sarah Schwarze

7/11 Discussion with Andrea Schumacher,
Deputy Director of the Federal Office for
Migration and Refugees

Participation of Andrea Hitzke (KOK Board/ Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission), Pia Roth and Sophia Wirsching

20/11 »Dialogue between researchers working on sexual violence against children and young people and practitioners« (in German).

nference organised by ECPAT, Berlin. th a workshop facilitated by Sophia Wirsching

23/11 Work meeting of the Migration Strategy Group

articipation of Sophia Wirschin

29-30/11 Kick-off meeting of the German
Federal Criminal Police Office's project:

»Combatting trafficking in human beings and
exploitation of children, young people and
young adults in Germany and Europe – THB
LIBERI«, Wiesbaden

pation of Sophia Wirsching and Andrea (KOK Board/Dortmunder Mitternachtsn)

German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings **ANNUAL REVIEW**

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Dear readers. Dear friends and advocates,

We are delighted to end the year with this leaflet presenting an overview of he key developments in our work over he past year. KOK and its member oranisations 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 vear, 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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Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

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

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,

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

11-12/1 Kick-off meeting of EU project Justice at Last« in Amsterdam,

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),

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

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

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

given by Naile Tanış and Andrea Hitzke (KOK Board/Dortmunder Mitternachts

16/2 Training course for the local Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Family and Integration in Hamburg: 5/3 Fifth anniversary of the Violence against Women Helpline

8/3 International Women's Day

12/3 German Coalition Agreement

2/3 Symposium »No longer unidentified« in Hamburg.

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

22/3 Conference of the Forum Menschenrechte« network 4/4 Seventh General Report on GRETA's activities

17/4 Recommendations of the exper group on sexual violence in organise policy makers and the general publ

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

Citizens, Women and Youth,

19/4 100th anniversary of the **Dortmunder Mitternachtsmission**

23-24/4 OSCE High-Level Alliance Conference against Trafficking in

Participation of Dorothee Thiering (KOK

20-21/4 PICUM General Assembly, Brussels

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

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 10th anniversary of the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings – Conference in Strasburg

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