

# European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA)

## Annex I – new version 2014

Please complete the template in English in compliance with the ECPA criteria contained in the RoP (Par.2 §3).

### General information

1. Please specify your country.

Germany

2. Is this your country's ECPA entry or an additional project?

It's an additional project.

3. What is the title of the project?

KOK - German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (Bundesweiter Koordinierungskreis gegen Menschenhandel)

4. Who is responsible for the project? Contact details.

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5. Start date of the project (dd/mm/yyyy)? Is the project still running (Yes/No)?  
If not, please provide the end date of the project.

1999, still running

6. Where can we find more information about the project? Please provide links to the project's website or online reports or publications (preferably in English).

Website: <http://www.kok-buero.de/en/home.html>

7. Please give a **one page** description of the project (**Max. 600 words**)

The German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (KOK e.V.) is an alliance of currently 37 non-governmental organisations (NGOs), working to combat human trafficking worldwide and to safeguard and enforce the rights of migrants, which is the majority of specialised organisations dealing with trafficking in persons in Germany. KOK is the sole coordinating body of this kind in Germany and indeed in Europe and has considerable, longstanding expertise in the combat of human trafficking and all forms of exploitation. It derives this expertise from the specialist knowledge of its member organisations and hence directly from practice. KOK is thus a specialised organisation whose work is rooted in practical experience and which makes the outcomes of that work available for application in practice. Networking goes beyond KOK member organisations. KOK thus successfully cooperates with other relevant partners and makes its knowledge available to the benefit of all involved. Notable cooperation partners include the German Federal Government, federal ministries – the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) and the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV) – together with the Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office), human rights organisations at national level, unions, research institutes plus individual researchers, other non-governmental organisations and the media.

KOK's main activities are:

- Active networking, both between member organisations and with other players: staging regular events, committee work, etc.
- Public relations and lobbying: issuing statements, advising policymakers, organising professional conferences, etc.
- Education work and knowledge transfer: compiling studies, publications, expert opinions and articles; public speaking; provision of a comprehensive website
- International activities: international project partnerships; publication of shadow reports

In order to facilitate the work of its member organisations in the area of reintegration of victims of trafficking and thus preventing re-trafficking, KOK has established a database of contact points in the countries of origin. This database contains information on contact partners, their main focus of activity and contact persons. The aim is to inform persons affected in the best way before their return.

The data base requires a password as is accessible only to members to KOK.

**I. The project shall focus on prevention and/or reduction of everyday crime and fear of crime within the theme.**

8. How does the project contribute to crime prevention and/or to the reduction of crime or the fear of crime? (**Max. 150 words**)

Prevention of trafficking in persons via the campaigns of KOK's member organizations. Improving policies to combat trafficking in persons by lobbying work and bringing the expertise from the support system into the Federal Working Group "Trafficking in Persons", parliamentary hearings, international and national conferences etc. Prevention of re-trafficking by supporting victims of trafficking and thus empowering them to free themselves from the trafficking cycle.

9. How is the project contributing to raising citizens' awareness of crime prevention? (**Max. 150 words**)

KOK provides a detailed website informing on the highly complex phenomenon of trafficking in persons in its different forms. An interactive traveling exhibition on the issue (starting in October 2014) completes the information. KOK is represented in numerous workshops, conferences, meetings etc. and features in various media. Furthermore KOK fosters the trans regional cooperation by also informing on regional campaigns of its member organizations.

**II. The project shall have been evaluated and have achieved most or all of its objectives.<sup>1</sup>**

10. What was the reason for setting up the project? What problem(s) did it aim to tackle?

It is essential for the various support organisations within the Federal Republic of Germany to have a network for the better and fast exchange of information and well as a targeted use of resources and a coordinated and effective lobbying for persons affected or threatened by trafficking. In addition for international cooperation of the support system a central contact point is essential. The asset for the Federal Government is also having one partner to interact with on the NGO side, and get independent specialist knowledge from the practical field, also mirroring the diversity of the NGO scene, but focussing on the main views and aspects. KOK is a valuable partner for the Federal Government also in the legislative process, being one of the civil society organisations to be consulted on the basis of the Rules of Procedure of the Federal Ministries and for fulfilling reporting tasks on international treaties and respective EU-Directives, such as the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

<sup>1</sup> For more information on evaluation, see Guidelines on the evaluation of crime prevention initiatives (EUCPN Toolbox No.3): <http://www.eucpn.org/library/results.asp?category=32&pubdate>

Furthermore in a federal system the networking and exchange of knowledge and experience throughout the country's civil society is important to ensure that the quality of the support structures does not vary substantially in the different regions.

11. Was the context analysed **before** the project was initiated? How, and by whom? Which data were used? (**Max. 150 words**)

For the implementation of the measures regarding trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation contained in the First Action Plan to Combat Violence against Women, which had been issued in 1999 it became necessary to get honest, focussed and high quality feedback from those organisations working in the field and dealing with victims of trafficking in persons. Cf. also answer to question 10.

12. What were the objective(s) of the project? Please, if applicable, distinguish between main and secondary objectives. (**Max. 150 words**)

KOK aims to do the following:

- To combat all levels of human trafficking
- To end racial and sexual discrimination of female migrants
- To ensure humane treatment of victims of human trafficking
- To improve the judicial and social situation of people affected by human trafficking
- The implementation of political and social arrangements for affected people and against trafficking of human beings on a provincial and national as well as on a European and international level
- To create a rising awareness for the complex topic of human trafficking in general and among a scientific public
- To advance the rights regarding residence and labor of female migrants
- To network the member organisations of KOK e.V.
- To optimise the labor effectiveness of KOK e.V. and its members, especially in communication structures and professional solution strategy in order to ensure quality management

13. Did you build in internal goals to measure the performance of the project? If so, please describe at what stage of the project and how you measured whether the project was moving in the planned direction. (**Max. 150 words**)

The Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth being the main sponsor of KOK, based on the content of KOKs multiannual workplan for which funding is applied and granted, meets with representatives of KOK for detailed discussions to check on the progress of the measures of the workplan, the use of resources and necessary amendments – in the light of new developments, e.g. broadening the scope to all forms of exploitation resulting in trafficking in persons.

14. Has there been a process evaluation? Who conducted the evaluation (internally or externally?) and what were the main results? (**max. 300 words**) - for more information on process evaluation, see EUCPN Toolbox No.3, p.9-10 & part 2 - section 2A

KOK has undergone external evaluation to get feedback on its performance from its member organisations in 2013. The results of this feedback are now taken into account in adjusting the work plan of KOK. Cf. answer to question 13.

15. Has there been an outcome or impact evaluation? Who conducted the evaluation (internally or externally?), which data and evaluation method were used and what were the main results? (**Max. 300 words**) - for more information on outcome or impact evaluation, see EUCPN Toolbox No.3, p.7-9 & part 2 - section 2A

Cf. answer to question 14.

### **III. The project shall, as far as possible, be innovative, involving new methods or new approaches.**

16. How is the project innovative in its methods and/or approaches? (**Max. 150 words**)

KOK is the sole coordinating body of this kind in Germany and indeed in Europe and has considerable, longstanding expertise in the combat of human trafficking and all forms of exploitation. It derives this expertise from the specialist knowledge of its member organisations and hence directly from practice. KOK is thus a specialised organisation whose work is rooted in practical experience and which makes the outcomes of that work available for application in practice.

### **IV. The project shall be based on cooperation between partners, where possible.**

18. Which partners or stakeholders were involved in the project and what was their involvement? (**Max. 200 words**)

Notable cooperation partners include the German Federal Government, federal

ministries – the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) and the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV) – together with the Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office), human rights organisations at national level, unions, research institutes plus individual researchers, other non-governmental organisations and the media.

The partners cooperated in implementing measures of KOK's multiannual work plan, KOK is a full member of the Federal Working Group Trafficking Persons, the body in Germany of knowledge exchange and network of the different stakeholders in anti-trafficking policy.

**V. The project shall be capable of replication in other Member States.**

19. How and by whom is the project funded? (**Max. 150 words**)

The KOK Agency Office has been funded by the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) since 1999. A smaller amount of the budget comes from membership fees and other sources.

20. What were the costs of the project in terms of finances, material and human resources? (**Max. 150 words**)

€ 283,345 in funding has been made available for 2014 by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth and will continue in the future.

For the time being, this includes the funding of the office as such, 1 fulltime position in management, 1.3 full time equivalent advisors, 65% full time equivalent assistant, and 25% full time equivalent administrative staff.

21. Has a cost-benefit analysis been carried out? If so, describe the analysis, including how and by whom it was carried out and list the main findings of the analysis. (**Max. 150 words**)

As in every project funded by the Federal Government, in use of the funding according to the project application is controlled by a federal office.

22. Are there adjustments to be made to the project to ensure a successful replication in another Member State?

This depends on the NGO landscape in the Member State and the governmental structure with different layers of central, regional and local governments.

23. How is the project relevant for other Member States? Please explain the European dimension of your project.

KOK is relevant because it provides the support system in other MS with a central contact point to civil society on issues regarding trafficking in persons.

Please provide a short general description of the project (abstract for inclusion in the conference booklet – **max. 150 words**).

KOK is a German NGO network and coordination office against trafficking in human beings. Currently, KOK consists of 37 member organisations across Germany, thus getting the majority of specialised NGO's under one umbrella. This is a unique network as it represents a broad variety of different groups, including faith-based organisations and sex workers rights groups.

KOK aims to promote the human rights of trafficked persons and other migrants experiencing violence. It addresses trafficking and other forms of violence against migrants as a severe violation of human rights. KOK believes that the crime of human trafficking is deeply rooted in racism and sexism, and strategies to fight human trafficking have to be embedded in a wider framework including both phenomena. The network is active against all bodies, organisations and legislation which exclude migrants from social, political and economic participation. It believes in equal rights and opportunities for all. KOK coordinates the endeavours and efforts of its member organisations and other stakeholders involved in the issue of human trafficking. It transforms the experiences gained in grassroot counselling centres into political strategies. KOK informs policy makers, scientists, civil society and governmental and intergovernmental stakeholders on the complexity of anti-trafficking policies, and guarantees knowledge sharing across different levels. Some of the KOK's core activities are political lobbying as well as work in relevant committees and public relations.