



Conference against human trafficking Recognising human trafficking - protecting and involving victims

10 and 11 February 2025

at the Catholic Academy in Berlin Organiser:

Working group against human trafficking of the Migration
Commission of the German Bishops' Conference

Catholic Academy in Berlin

The German Bishops' Conference's working group on human trafficking includes



Public awareness of the existence of human trafficking is increasing. The conference against human trafficking provides knowledge about manifestations and different groups affected and offers space for in-depth exchange on how human trafficking can be combated, how it can be recognised and how victims can be assisted. The people affected should not only be perceived as passive victims, but also as people who should help to shape their own destiny in an attempt to free themselves from abusive structures.

The conference aims to provide information about the causes and living conditions and to shed light on the background to how people can end up in this situation. Legal and political measures as well as social assistance and obstacles in the fight against human trafficking will be highlighted. National and European action plans, measures and legal frameworks will be discussed. In parallel forums, individual aspects can be dealt with in greater depth: the situation of trafficked persons from EU countries, the objective of keeping supply chains free of slavery in church structures, the ways and hurdles of victim compensation, counselling and support for male victims and the resonance of the topic in current teaching and research. The forums will be repeated on the second day so that each participant can attend two of these in-depth sessions.

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From 11:00 Clock	Registration	
11:30 a.m. until 1:30 pm	Missio themed truck on human trafficking with the opportunity for a guided tour NN, truck escort, Missio Aachen NN, truck escort, Missio Aachen (the truck is accessible during the entire conference)	120 minutes
12:30 -13:30	Lunch snack	
1:30 pm	Welcome and impulse <ul style="list-style-type: none">Auxiliary Bishop Ansgar Puff, Chairman of the Working Group against Human Trafficking of the Migration Commission of the German Bishops' Conference, Cologne	10 minutes
1:40 pm	Victims, survivors, those affected and actors. Who are the victims of human trafficking? <i>Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ivonne van De Kar, RENATE network, Amsterdam"Sophia" Person affected by human trafficking and exploitation was affectedManfred Buchner, MEN VIA victim protection organisation, ViennaMartina Döcker, IN VIA Specialist Counselling and Coordination Centre for Trafficking in and Exploitation of Minors in Berlin	65 minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Martina Liebsch, Working Group against Human Trafficking, Berlin 	
2:45 pm	Exchange rounds at bar tables	45 minutes
3:30 pm	<p>Policies to protect those affected - Europe and Germany</p> <p><i>Statements and panel discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Schmitt, EU Coordinator against Trafficking in Human Beings, EU Commission, Brussels (enquired) • Dr Iris Alice Muth, Head of Unit 402 - Combating Human Trafficking and Prostitutes Protection Act Department 4 Equal Opportunities Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Berlin • Moderation: Dr Markus Grimm, German Bishops' Conference, Bonn <p><i>Followed by questions and discussion with the plenum</i></p>	60 minutes
4:30 pm	Coffee break	
17:00	<p>PARALLEL FORUMS (The forums will be repeated on the second day, i.e. everyone can attend two of the topics)</p> <p>1. EU citizens and human trafficking</p> <p><i>Impulse and discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Elke Tießler-Marenda, German Caritas Association, Freiburg i.Br. • Moderation: Regine Rosner, Freiburg <p>2. Slavery-free supply chains</p> <p><i>Impulses and dialogue</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingrid Reidt, company chaplain in the diocese of Mainz, South Hesse/Rhine-Main region • Moderation: Dr Markus Grimm, German Bishops' Conference, Bonn <p>3. Victim compensation - how do victims get their rights?</p> <p><i>Impulses and dialogue</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophia Härtel, Federal Coordination Group against Human Trafficking, Berlin • Moderation: Maria Decker, Solwodi, Koblenz <p>4. Counselling and support for male victims</p> <p><i>Impulse and discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manfred Buchner, MEN VIA Victim Protection Centre, Vienna • Kim Weidenberg, Work and Life, Berlin • Moderation: Simon Korbella, Renovabis, Freising <p>5. Human trafficking in teaching and research - networking of people working academically on the topic</p> <p><i>Impulse and discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Petra Daňková, Würzburg-Schweinfurt University of Applied Sciences 	75 minutes

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6:15 pm	Break	
6:30 pm	How can law enforcement be improved? <i>Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claire Deery, lawyer, Göttingen (enquired) Dr Anne Simon, Senior Public Prosecutor at the Munich Public Prosecutor's Office I (enquired) Prof Dr Joachim Renzikowski, University of Halle NN, Judicial Academy, Fehrbellin (requested) Moderator: Kerstin Düsch, Catholic Office, Berlin <i>Followed by questions and discussion with the plenum</i>	90 minutes
20:00 until 10 pm	Reception with buffet	

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8:00 a.m.	Possibility to attend Holy Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Ansgar Pfuff	
09:15 am	The amended EU Directive 2011/36 - consequences for working with victims and implementation <i>Panel discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophia Wirsching, Federal Coordination Group against Human Trafficking, Berlin Maria Decker, Solwodi, Koblenz Christine Höfele, Public Prosecutor's Office, Berlin Moderation: Dr Maria-Luise Schneider, Catholic Academy, Berlin <i>Followed by questions and discussion with the plenum</i>	60 minutes
10:15 a.m.	Coffee break	
10:45 a.m.	Forums II (analogue to the previous day, with the same contributors, without Forum 5) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EU citizens and human trafficking Slavery-free supply chains Victim compensation - how victims get their rights Counselling and support for male victims 	75 minutes
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Migration policy and human trafficking - influences and overlaps. A stocktaking <i>Lecture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Petra Daňková, Würzburg-Schweinfurt University of Applied Sciences Moderation: Dr Alexander Kalbarczyk, German Bishops' Conference, Bonn <i>Followed by questions and discussion with the plenum</i>	60 minutes

2:00 pm	Summary, outlook and farewell <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Auxiliary Bishop Ansgar Puff, Berlin	15 minutes
2:15 pm	End of the conference	

Organisational information

Participation fee

Participation fee (incl. catering, without accommodation): **EUR 95.00**, reduced rate for students and people without income: **EUR 45.00**.

You will receive the invoice for the participation fee during the conference. Cash payment is not possible.

Cancellations: In the event of cancellation, we must charge 40% from 4 working days before the start of the event and 100% from 1 working day.

Registrations

Please send your registration by e-mail to information@katholische-akademie-berlin.de. Please provide us with the following information:

- Full address with e-mail and telephone number
- Different billing address, if applicable
- Any catering requests (vegetarian/vegan etc.)

You will receive a confirmation of registration. If the event is fully booked at the time of your registration, we will inform you.

Overnight stay

For the overnight stay of conference guests, a limited contingent is available for individual booking at the Hotel Aquino Tagungszentrum Katholische Akademie for the overnight stay from 10-11 February 2025. The reservation and payment will be made directly between

Hotel guest and Hotel Aquino. The contingent room rate is EUR 112.50 per night in a single room incl. breakfast for bookings until **17 January 2025**. A different room rate may apply for bookings after this expiry date or for additional nights. Please state the following at the enquiry. Hotel rooms will be available from 2.30 pm on the day of arrival.

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