

WHOM WE ADDRESS

The Service Centre addresses law enforcement authorities, trade unions, employers' associations, occupational health and safety authorities, employment agencies, migration authorities, state ministries, counselling centres and civil society organisations in Germany.



Service Centre against Labour Exploitation, Forced Labour and Human Trafficking

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The International Labour Organization estimates that 880 000 people are affected by forced labour within the EU. Thereof, 610 000 (70%) of them are subject to forced labour exploitation, and 270 000 people (30%) are victims of sexual exploitation. There is a continuous need for action, also in Germany, especially concerning the identification of victims and the provision of support, as well as ensuring effective prosecution and establishing a common understanding of the terminologies of 'labour exploitation', 'forced labour' and 'human trafficking'. Since October 2016 a revised version of the German criminal law provisions on human trafficking encourages further debate. The following offenses are now enshrined in the German Criminal Code (StGB):

- § 232 StGB Human Trafficking
- § 232a StGB Forced Prostitution
- § 232b StGB Forced Labour
- § 233 StGB Labour Exploitation
- § 233a StGB Exploitation Taking Advantage of the Deprivation of Liberty

WHO WE ARE

The establishment of the Service Centre against Labour Exploitation, Forced Labour and Human Trafficking is based on recommendations of the Federal-State Working Group against Labour Trafficking of the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. The Service Centre is run by ARBEIT UND LEBEN DGB/VHS in Berlin, Germany.

WHAT WE DO

A key objective of the Service Centre is the networking aspect. It aims to build up and expand co-operation structures amongst stakeholders in Germany, who work in the field of labour exploitation, forced labour and human trafficking. By providing information and raising awareness the Service Centre contributes to achieving a better level of understanding and consciousness for exploitative working conditions amongst actors on the federal, state and municipal level.

The Service Centre focuses on the following activities:

- Stocktaking and documentation of state-specific regulations and activities
- Providing trainings on legal frameworks, identification of victims and co-operation with relevant actors
- Providing information material on labour exploitation, forced labour and human trafficking through an internet-based information platform
- Promoting international exchange

