

Ms Helga Gayer is a German national. She has passed the second state examination in law (qualification for holding the office of a judge). She has worked at the German Federal Criminal Police since 1992 where she was in charge of the crime areas of people smuggling, document forgery, corruption and other duties. She is the Head of the Department for trafficking in human beings, violent crimes and missing persons of the German Federal Criminal Police.

Since 2006, Ms Gayer has gathered comprehensive experience in the area of combating human trafficking, including analysis, investigation, co-operation with all stakeholders on a practical and institutional level, national and international co-operation (e.g. through Europol, Interpol, Frontex and Eurojust).

She has also been involved in the legislative process in Germany relating to the drafting in 2016 of a law on improving the fight against trafficking in human beings and a law on the protection of persons working in prostitution.

Ms Gayer participates in multidisciplinary co-operation with relevant bodies in combating human trafficking in Germany, for example through the Federation-Länder working groups and the German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (KOK).

She has also been involved in the EMPACT project (European Multidisciplinary Platform against Criminal Threats).

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