

Submitting Organizations

Sex Workers Forum is an international network and union of sex workers and supporters in German-speaking regions (Austria, Switzerland and Germany). Based and registered in Vienna, it fights for human rights of adult women, men and transsexual persons active in voluntary and self-determined sex work.

Founded in Vienna on 25 February, 2005.

iBUS – Information and Support for Sex Workers in Innsbruck offers confidential and anonymous counselling in social, legal and healthy matters to persons working or having worked in sexual services. In doing so it acts in accordance with the individual requirements of the persons concerned.

As an institution providing counsel and as a lobby group, iBUS advocates the decriminalisation and recognition of sex work as salaried work. iBUS fights the stigmatisation and discrimination of sex workers and helps to bring about the improvement of their living and working conditions.

PiA – Information and Counselling for Sex Workers at the Competence Centre “Woman and Work” in Salzburg provides their service, consisting of personal counselling, support and outreach social work, to active and former sex workers. *PiA* is a follow up project “Saferwork” of the *Aidshilfe Salzburg* (2008-2010).

It has been founded in March 2010.

IKF: The Institute of Conflict Research is a non-university research institute with the legal status of a non-profit association. Its purpose is to conduct research into political and social conflicts and to generate possible solutions for political decision-making.

A researcher of the institute is a member of the Working Group Prostitution of the Ministry of Education and Women’s Affairs and of the EU-COST-network on Prostitution Policies (ProsPol Action IS1209).

Founded in Vienna on 3 June 1975.

LEFÖ is an association by and for migrant women founded in 1985 by Latin American women living in exile in Austria. Since the early 1990s, LEFÖ has offered counselling and support for migrant women doing sex work in Austria, and has actively lobbied for the legal and social recognition of sex workers. Since 1995, LEFÖ has been part of the European research and support network known as TAMPEP (*European Network for HIV/STI Prevention and Health Promotion among Migrant Sex Workers*).

Platform 20000 Women is an NGO consisting of feminist women’s organisations and individual feminist women founded in 2010 on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of International Women’s Day. The organisation aims to improve the situation of women in Austrian society independent of their origin, social and cultural background. To achieve this objective, its activists consider it necessary to unite women in a strong women’s movement rooted in mutual solidarity no matter what the differences among women.

Registered as an association since 20 December 2011.

SXA-Info is a project of the Women’s Service Graz in Styria. Since 2009 this project offers counselling services for sex workers in Styria. Outreach work is another important task. The

“infocafé palaver” in Graz offers a low tresh contact point for sex workers. Besides the support of sex workers the aim of SXA-Info is to reduce discrimination and stigmatization of sex workers. The project is also member of the Working Group Prostitution of the Ministry of Education and Women’s Affairs.