



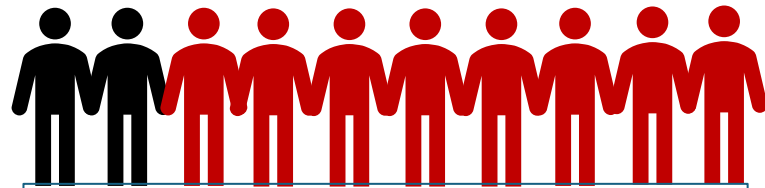
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Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Germany

CEP International Conference on Gender-Based Violence
Vienna, Austria

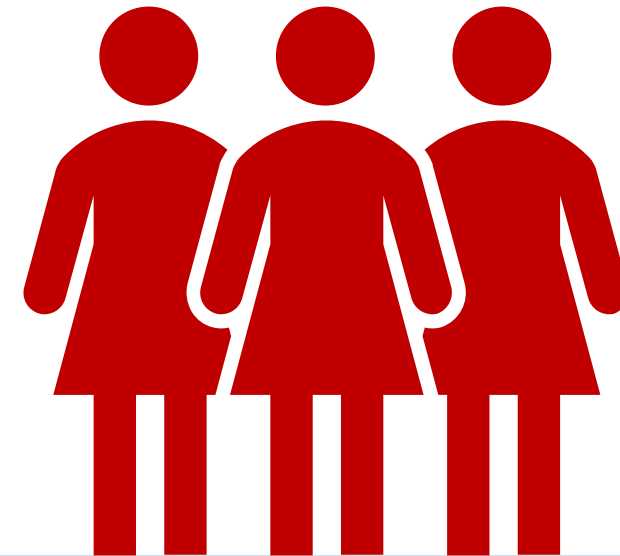


Situation in Germany (2023)



8 of 10 victims
were women

167 865
victims
of IPV

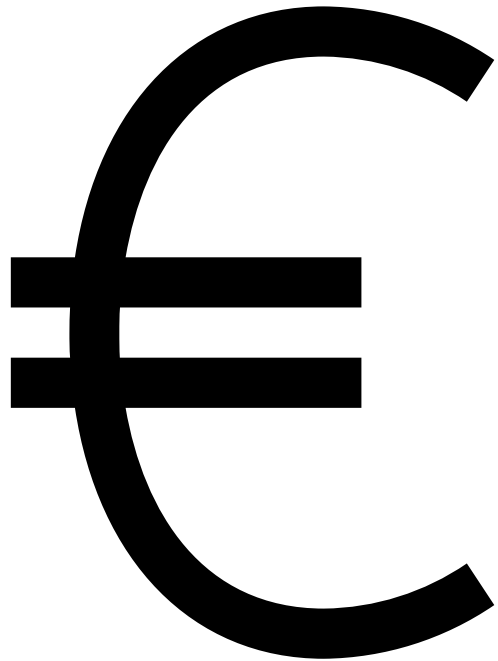


1 in 3 women
a victim
of GBV in her lifetime

360 femicides

Source: BMBFSFJ 2024

Costs of GBV in Germany per year



3 800 000 000 (3,8 billion) Euro

+ ca. 18 billion Euro intangible costs

Sacco, S. (2017): Häusliche Gewalt. Kostenstudie für Deutschland.
Gewalt gegen Frauen in (ehemaligen) Partnerschaften. Tredition Verlag

54 000 000 000 (54 billion) Euro

EIGE-Coststudy (2021) (domestic **and** sexualised violence)

<https://www.frauen-gegen-gewalt.de/de/infothek/gewalt-gegen-frauen/studienergebnisse/eige-kostenstudie-2021.html>

Why Perpetrator Work?



It's required by law



Gender-based violence stops only if the perpetrator stop using it



Punitive measures do not automatically change beliefs and behavior patterns



If we concentrate on the victims only, perpetrators are not held accountable

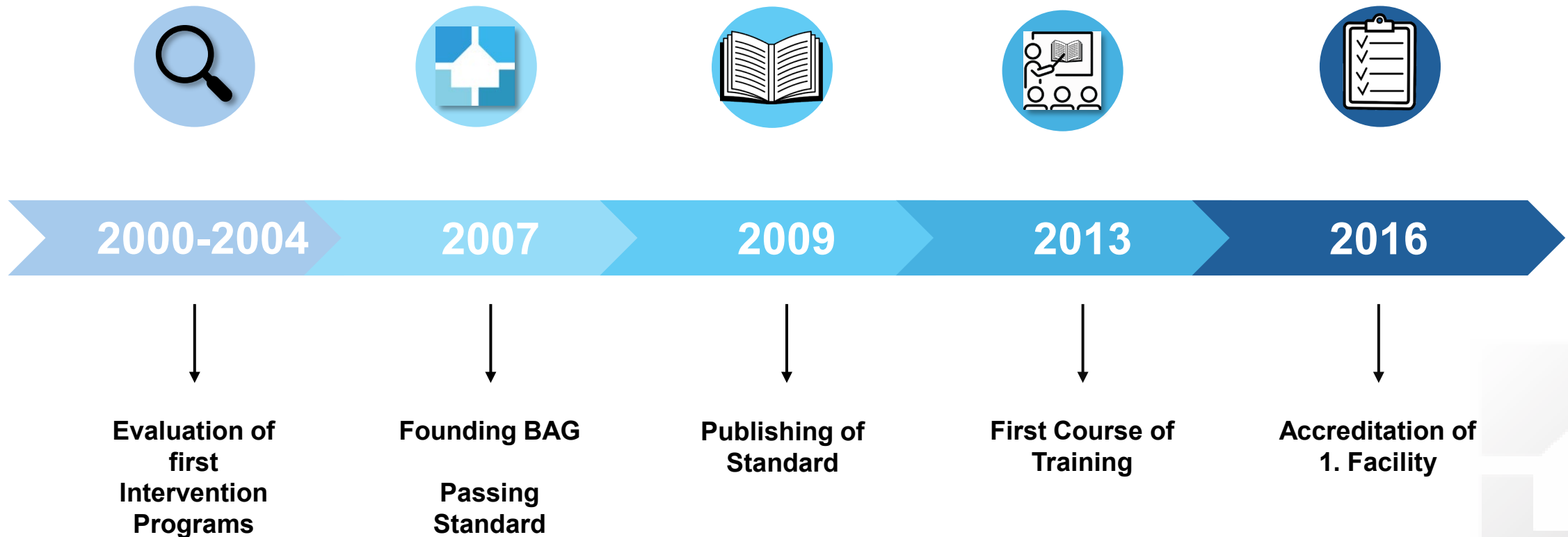
But How?

Professionally and Together

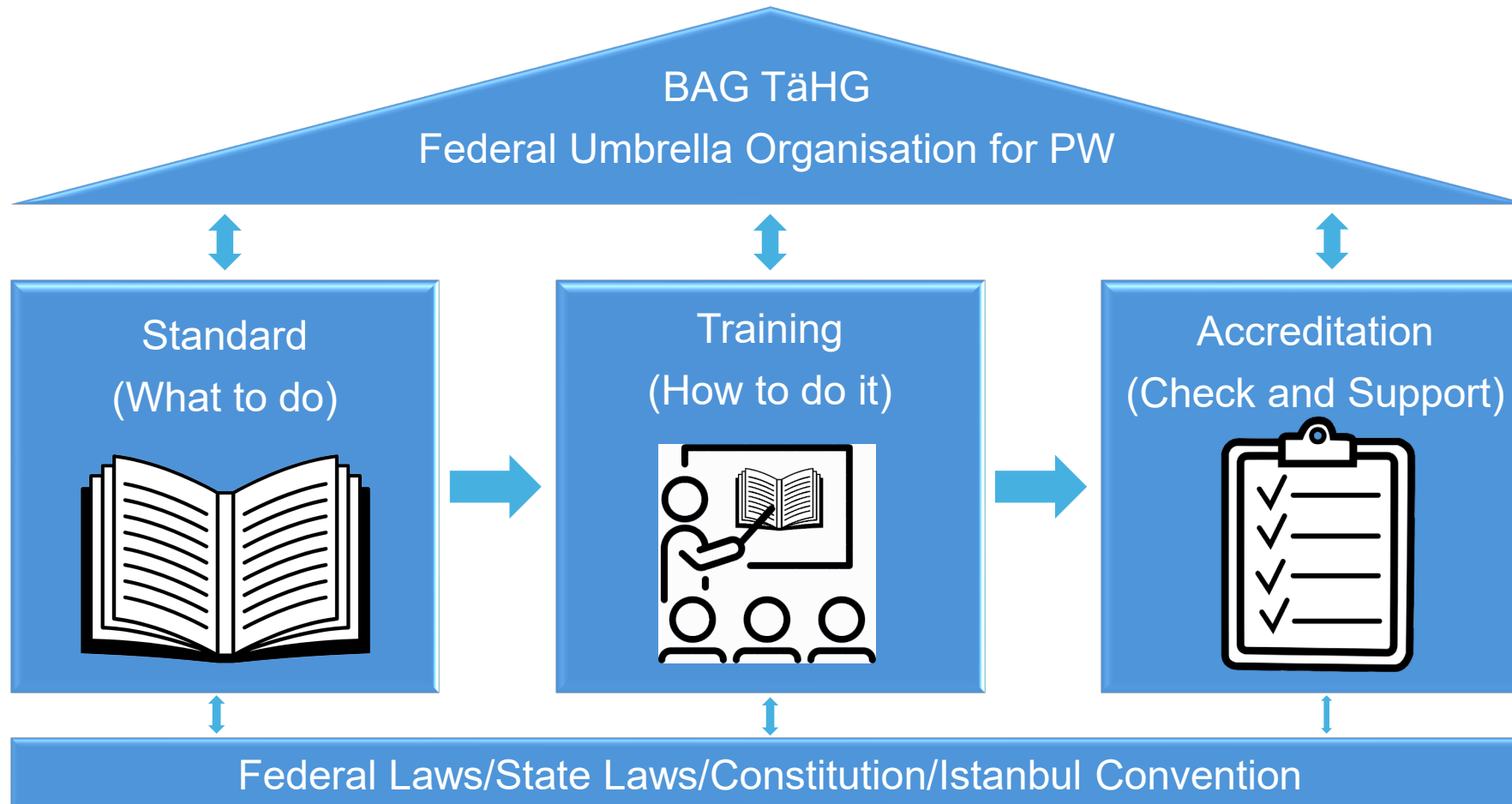




Short History of Perpetrator Work in Germany



Ensuring of Quality of Perpetrator Work in Germany



Current Situation of Perpetrator Work in Germany

BAG TäHG

Federal Umbrella Organisation for PW



91 Member organisations



115 Facilities



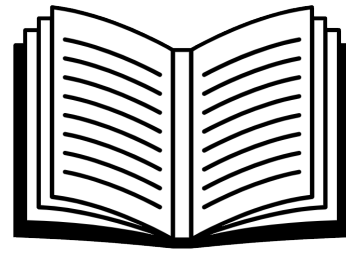
165 Certified frontline professionals



12 Accredited facilities



Federal Laws/State Laws/Constitution/Istanbul Convention



Standard

- Principles
- Premises
- Practical Implementation & Framework
- Topics



Standard



Principles

- Main goal is the safety of survivors and no new violence
- Perpetrator work is embedded in a system of cooperation and networking with institutions that deal with domestic violence in their professional activities (justice, police, youth welfare and social offices, women support organizations, etc.)
- Perpetrator work includes a **violence-centred** and **confrontational** approach
- We work with self-reported, institutionally mediated and judicially assigned men

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Premises

- Violent behavior is learned
- Socially acceptable behavior can therefore be learned
- Perpetrators are 100% responsible for their violent behavior
- Violent behavior is purposive, intended and underlies a decision
- Violent behavior is always integrated into historical and social circumstances
- Violent behavior aims to ensure control and to (re-) establish power
- Domestic violence is not restricted to any particular class in society
- Children are always affected by domestic violence

Standard



Practical implementation

- Perpetrator work should be done in a group setting
- 5 to 10 participants
- 2 certified facilitators
- At least 25 weekly sessions (2 hours per session)
- At least 3 individual clearing sessions with the perpetrator before the group sessions
- The participants have to sign a contract for the group sessions

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Main Topics

- Examination of the perception of violence and the violent actions
- Reconstruction of the violent act
- The effects and balance sheet of violence
- Non-violent strategies
- Emergency plan
- Communication patterns
- Male and female images and gender stereotypes/socialization as a man
- Role and responsibility as a father
- Own experience as a victim

Challenges for Perpetrator Work in Germany

Federal System



- X **Inconsistency** in terms of conditions, requirements, laws and funding in the federal states and in the integration into the regional support system
- X **Resources** depend on the financial situation of the states
- X **Prioritization** of other regional challenges
- X **A city-country gap** in terms of infrastructure and accessibility
- X **Underfunding**: Facilities are structurally underfunded
- X **Lack of Personnel**: There is a shortage of qualified professionals
- X **Political Will**: Implementation and funding is dependent on political will

The Cycle of Violence Stops with Accountability!

