

# Who we are



**IGAKK e.V.**

International Trade Union Working Group Cologne

Christoph Lenssen, Dursun Ali Cicek

## The IGAKK e.V.

The International Trade Union Working Group  
Cologne

- was founded in April 2016 with the support of IG Metall Cologne Leverkusen.
- has been registered as a non-profit association since 2019
- supports communication and cooperation with international employee organisations
- current members: approx. 20 colleagues from 10 regional works councils as well as trade unionists and multipliers

## Background

- For many companies in Germany, a sister company or subsidiary abroad is a matter of course today.
- As a result, employees are increasingly confronted with internationalised employer strategies.
- A typical example of this is the creation of threatening backdrops announcing the relocation of jobs abroad.
- Such a threatening backdrop, however, is not only established in Germany, but is comparable in all affected countries.

## Objectives

- Against this background it is important,
- that the employees' awareness of the fact that the border does not run between Germany and abroad is sharpened,
  - but between employees abroad and in Germany on the one hand and employers in both countries on the other.
  - For this reason, the trusting exchange between employee representatives and trade unionists is particularly important.

## Contact travels

The IGAKK visits foreign branches of Cologne companies and also invites them to Cologne.

- In 2011, Cologne trade unionists were in India (SKF, Atlas Copco and others).



First collective contract with (a little) support from Germany

## Contact travels

Two-week contact trip 2017 to China, visit of several sister plants of Cologne companies (Ford, Benteler, Atlas Copco and Tenneco etc.)



## Contact travels

- In spring 2019 a one-week trip to Serbia



## Contact travels

- In autumn 2019, contact trip to Mexico to establish trust for a cooperation in sister plants of companies from the Cologne area.





## Publications and information

The IGAKK informs

- about its publications ("Reader") and
- at trade union events about its activities.
- This gives other interested parties the opportunity to live international solidarity in practice using the methods and procedures described above.



The activities of the IGAKK are exclusively based on voluntary work and have been financed privately by the members for the most part. By registering as a non-profit association, supporters are given the opportunity to support the activities through donations.

### **IGAKK, International Trade Union Working Group Cologne e.V.**

Lieserstr. 8  
50937 Cologne

[www.igakk.org](http://www.igakk.org)

Contact:

[info@igakk.org](mailto:info@igakk.org)

The IGAKK e.V. is recognized as a non-profit organization.

Donation account:

VR-Bank Altenburger Land eG / German Skatbank

IBAN DE29 8306 5408 0004 1759 56

VR Cologne 20150