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THE RAPHAELSWERK - FROM THE IDEA TO TODAY

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The Raphaelswerk e.V. is a specialised association of the German Caritas Association based in Hamburg and works on behalf of the German Bishops' Conference. It is an independently acting registered association. The General Secretariat manages the business of the organisation.

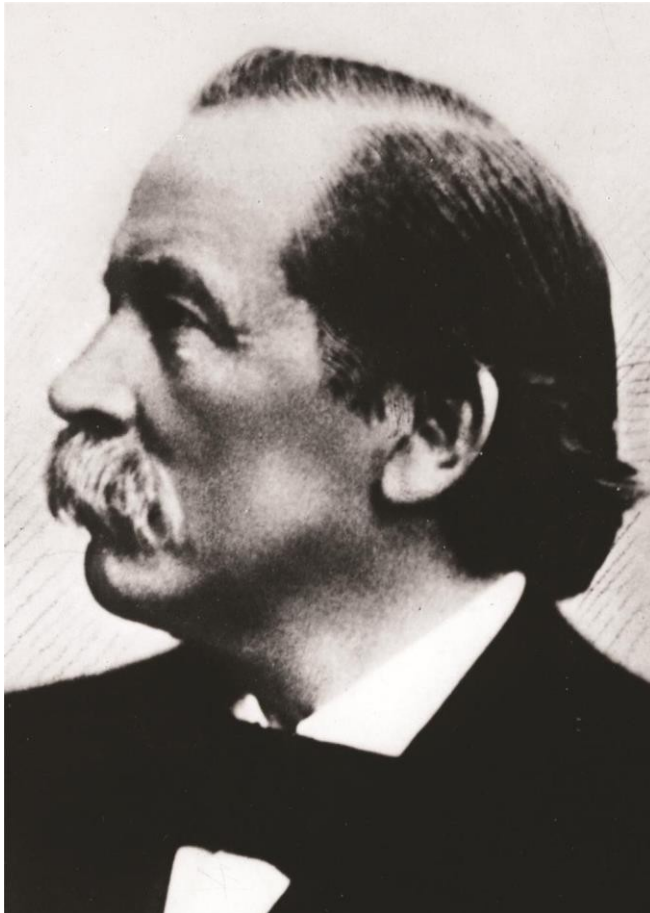
Today's Raphaelswerk e.V. was founded on 13 September 1871 at the 21st Catholic Congress in Mainz as the "St Raphael's Association for the Protection of Catholic Emigrants". But its history begins even earlier ...



1853

PASTORAL CARE FOR EMIGRANTS IN LE HAVRE

Harbour cities such as Le Havre and Antwerp became major ports of call for emigrants wishing to embark and emigrate overseas. In Le Havre, Father Lambert Rethmann takes care of the German emigrants.



1862

FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE TOPIC OF IMMIGRATION COUNSELLING

Peter Paul Cahensly, a merchant's son from Limburg, completes his education in Le Havre. There he meets Father Lambert Rethmann, who shows him the plight of German emigrants. Father Rethmann would later become one of the trusted men of the St Raphael Association.



13. September 1871

FOUNDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION | CAHENSLY BECOMES FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL

The St Raphaels Association is founded by Peter Paul Cahensly at the 21st Catholic Congress in Mainz. Prince Isenburg becomes the first president of the association. Cahensly becomes the first managing director.

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1899

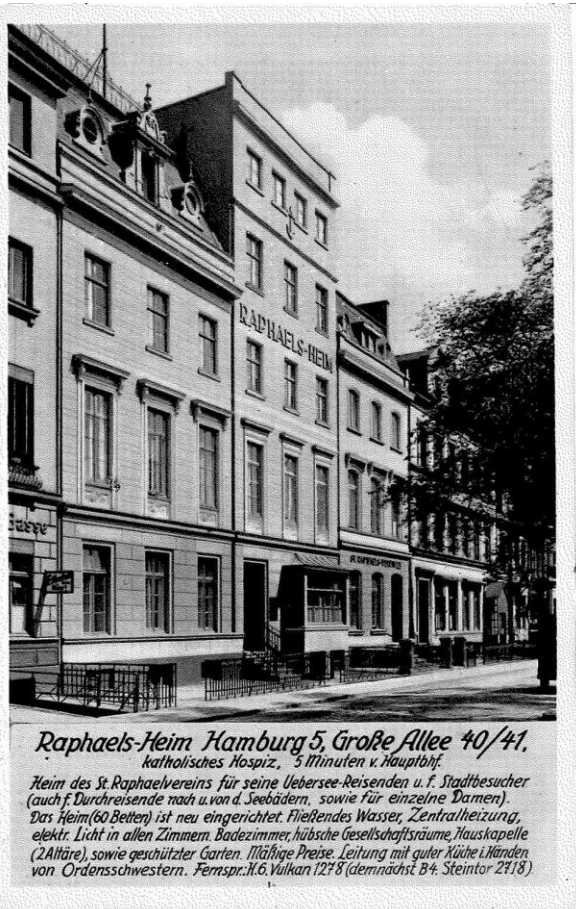
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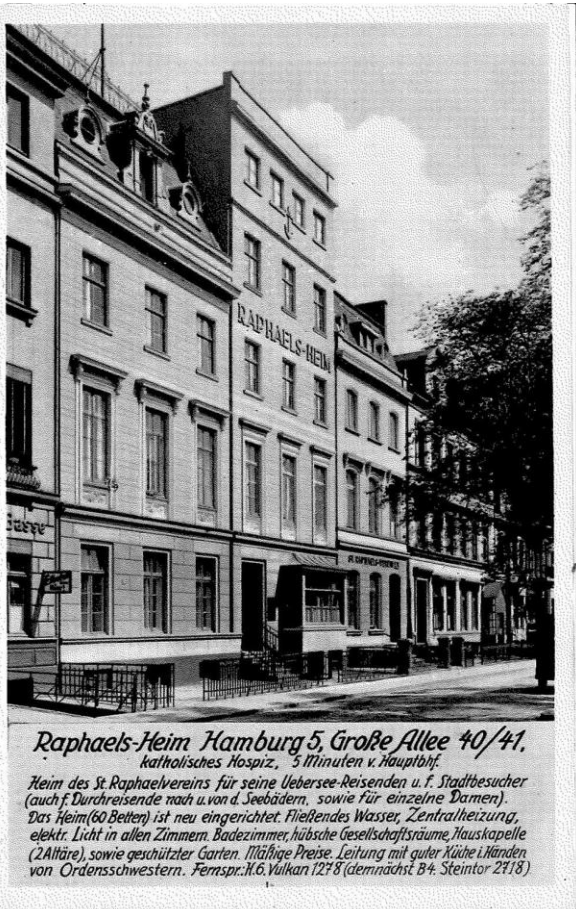
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Characteristics of our work



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Federal centre Coordination by the Raphaelswerk e.V.

Cross-association coordination of all non-profit emigration advice centres run by charitable organisations

- Specialist counselling
- Search centre
- Initial contact with people seeking advice
- Qualification of counsellors
- Professional policy and association work
- Public relations

Current challenges



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- Structure of the Raphaelswerk
- Current counselling centre landscape
 - Germany-wide coverage difficult
- Financing the counselling centres
 - inconsistent funding of the counselling centres by the providers
 - So far only project-based financing by the federal government
- Discrepancy between counselling needs and counselling services
- Digitalisation and consulting

1878

PAPAL RECOGNITION

Pope Leo XIII recognises the St. Raphaels Association.

1881

NEW RECORD YEAR FOR EMIGRATION

More than 250,000 Germans emigrate for the first time. In the same year, 476,000 immigrants land in New York.

1895

FURTHER ST. RAPHAEL ASSOCIATIONS ARE FOUNDED

From 1895, further St Raphael's associations were founded in Belgium, Austria, Italy, Slovenia, the then Czechoslovakia, Croatia and Poland, among others. At the same time, the German association takes over the care of Italian seasonal workers in Germany.

1889

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9 June 1897

LAW ON IMMIGRATION

The law on emigration is passed. It comes into force on 1 April 1898.

1899

PASTORAL CARE FOR SEAFARERS

The St Raphael's Association provides religious care for Catholic children. Seamen. The St Raphaels-Verein becomes the St Raphaels-Verein e.V.



1899

CAHENSLEY BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE ST. RAPHAEL ASSOCIATION

During his presidency, he continued to campaign for better care for ship passengers, both in terms of accommodation and pastoral care.

1914

IT GOES FROM LIMBURG TO FREIBURG

Cahensly falls seriously ill and hands over the management of the St. Raphaels Association to his friend Dr Lorenz Werthmann. The head office is moved from Limburg to Freiburg im Breisgau.

1914 - 1920

DR. LORENZ WERTHMANN BECOMES MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION

The first President of the German Caritas Association takes over the Management of the St Raphaels Association.

1920 - 1930

FATHER GEORG TIMPE SAC BECOMES FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL

Pallotine Father Georg Timpe takes over the office of Secretary General.

October 1921

THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT MOVES TO HAMBURG

The General Secretariat is now moving "into the centre of the bustling life of the Emigration". (Raphaelsblatt Aug. 1921)

25 December 1923

PETER PAUL CAHENSLEY DIES.



1930 - 1940

PATER DR. MAX GRÖSSER SAC BECOMES SECRETARY GENERAL

He takes over the office in difficult times.

1934

LARGER FOUNDS A BUT NETWORK

Größer founds a special network for Catholic non-Aryans. This was intended to enable converted Jews to emigrate. According to a Gestapo file from 1939, the St Raphaels Association helped almost 14,000 Jews to emigrate in 1938 alone.

16 January 1936 - 17 January 1936

HOUSE SEARCH BY 16 GESTAPO OFFICERS

The Gestapo confiscates the files of the St Raphael Association.

November 1937

RENEWED SEARCH BY THE GESTAPO

Once again, Gestapo officers search the rooms of the St Raphaels Association and confiscate files.

October 1938 - January 1939

IMPRISONMENT OF LARGER

Größer is imprisoned for his work on behalf of Catholic non-Aryans. He is remanded in custody in Berlin.



19 March 1940

LARGER DIES IN BERLIN

On 19 March 1940, Father Max Größer died in Berlin as a result of his imprisonment. His grave is located in the Ohlsdorf cemetery in Hamburg. A stumbling block was laid in his memory on 13 September 2011 in front of the General Secretariat of the Raphaelswerk e.V. at Adenauerallee 41.

June 1940 - June 1941

FATHER ALEXANDER MENNINGEN SAC BECOMES NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

25 June 1941

PROHIBITION OF THE ST. RAPHAEL ASSOCIATION

The St Raphael Association in Hamburg is closed by the Gestapo, as is the branch office in Prague. The head of the branch, Miss Kolarik, later dies in the Ravensbrück concentration camp.

1943

BOMBED OUT

The buildings of the St Raphael Association and the Raphael Home are bombed out and completely destroyed.

1945

RESUMPTION OF WORK

At the end of 1945, the St Raphael's Association resumes its activities under difficult conditions.
conditions in Hamburg-Rahlstedt for the time being.

February 1946 - September 1946

PETER HAHN SAC BECOMES SECRETARY GENERAL.

October 1946 - 1975

PATER FRIEDRICH FRÖHLING SAC BECOMES GENERAL SECRETARY.

Fröhling has determined the fortunes of the St. Raphael-Verein e.V. for almost 30 years.



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1946

COUNSELLING FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

1947

RECOGNITION BY THE GERMAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

The German Bishops' Conference recognises the St. Raphaels Association as the only Catholic organisation for migrants.



1949

26 COUNSELLING CENTRES RESUME THEIR WORK

The network of counselling centres had to be completely rebuilt after 1949.

1951

ICMC IS FOUNDED | RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RAPHAELS HOME IS DECIDED.

The St Raphaels Association becomes a founding member of ICMC. The reconstruction of St Raphael's Home is planned.

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1996 -2001

USRP PROGRAMME

Between October 1996 and the end of 2001, more than 26,000 Bosnian war refugees from Kosovo emigrated to the USA via Germany with the help of the Raphaelswerk through the USRP programme.

2005

GUIDEBOOK "RETURN TO GERMANY" IS PUBLISHED.

2007

THE ERSO NETWORK IS FOUNDED

The Raphaelswerk is a founding member. The network aims to improve the quality and effectiveness of counselling and return assistance for migrants returning to their countries of origin.

2007

COORDINATION OF THE NON-PROFIT IMMIGRATION COUNSELLING SERVICE

Raphaelswerk e.V. is responsible for cross-organisational coordination the work of the non-profit emigration counselling centres.

2016

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIALIST CENTRE FOR MIGRATION COUNSELLING FOR REFUGEES

2017

"AT LEAST NOT WITHOUT INFORMATION" - BIRTH OF THE DUBLIN FACT SHEETS

Raphaelswerk e.V. is responding to the increased need for information regarding the return of refugees to the European countries of first refuge.



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2019

ENTRY INTO THE BLENDED COUNSELLING OF THE GERMAN CARITAS ASSOCIATION

Raphaelswerk e.V. becomes a founding member of Blended Counselling and lays the foundation for the non-profit emigration counselling service's entry into online counselling.

2021

ENTRY INTO ONLINE COUNSELLING

2022

THE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS 151ST ANNIVERSARY

The coronavirus pandemic prevents the celebration in the anniversary year. 151 years after it was founded, the celebration will be rescheduled.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

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We provide **information** and **advice** to people who are looking for a new life outside Germany or would like to return to Germany and support them with individually tailored information and advice.

The working framework was defined once again by the 3rd Permanent Council of German Bishops in 1974.

WHO DO WE ADVISE?



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- Emigrants who live - permanently or temporarily - in the want to live and/or work abroad
- Germans living abroad who wish to return to Germany
- Binational couples and families with a foreign connection
- Refugees returning to their home country
- Refugees who want to move on from here to a third country

WITH WHAT GOAL DO WE ADVISE?



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Our goal is to empower people to make a sustainable decision based on **valid information**, on the basis of a ...

- low-threshold,
- open-ended and
- independent counselling,
- which is not committed to any economic interest.

OUR CONSULTING SERVICES



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We offer personalised advice that is tailored to each individual's questions and personal situation.

We offer individual counselling

- by telephone
- Online via the Caritas online counselling portal
- e-mail
- Personal counselling at the local advice centre

WHAT ARE THE CONTENTS OF OUR CONSULTING SERVICES?



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Counselling can include

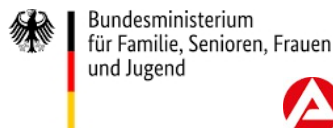
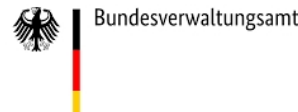
- Clearing
- Registration law
- Social security
- Healthcare
- Work/job search/self-employment
- Material aid
- Living
- Residence law issues
- Living conditions
(cost of living, etc.)
- Taxes
- Education system
- Psychosocial aspects
- Visa/Immigration
- Development of checklists

SOME NETWORK PARTNERS OF THE RAPHAELSWERK E.V.

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WHY DO WE NEED THIS COUNSELLING?

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- Emigration and remigration are drastic events in the lives of migrants. They affect all areas of life. It is important to take this step carefully. The aspect of a possible return must also be considered at the time of departure, and arrangements for a possible return must be made before leaving the country.
- There is no such thing as a migrant. They all come in different constellations with different wishes and questions. This diversity must be taken into account, as the environment is crucial for successful migration.

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- Despite the wealth of information available online, migrants often have problems finding their way through the jungle of information,
 - to "pick out" those that are relevant to them
 - Distinguish valid information/reliable information from dubious information
 - think about all the important aspects that need to be considered and observed
- In addition, there are unwritten customs, (behavioural) rules and norms in every country that you need to know in order to understand how "locals" tick (e.g. FRA).

WHO ARE OUR COUNSELLORS?



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In 2022 there were:

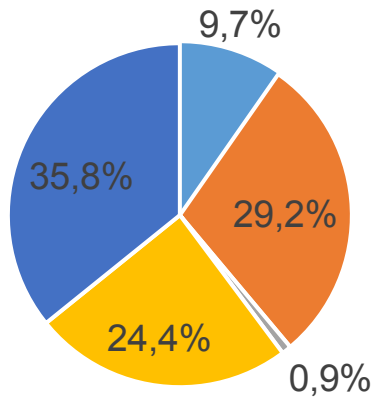
- 184,753 Germans returning to Germany
- 268,167 Germans who moved away

(Federal Statistical Office Destatis)

- Increase in returnees to Germany by 45% from 2016 to 2020

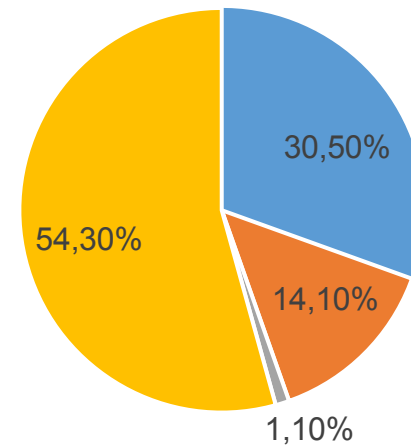
(Annual report on intra-EU-mobility 2022)

Consulting shares 2022



- Continuing migration
- Return to the home country
- Bilingual couples
- Return to Germany
- Temporary or permanent emigration

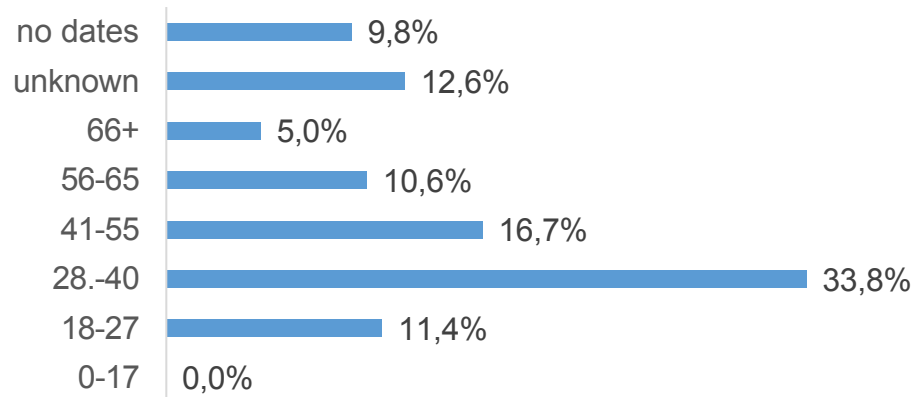
Germans advised: Concerns



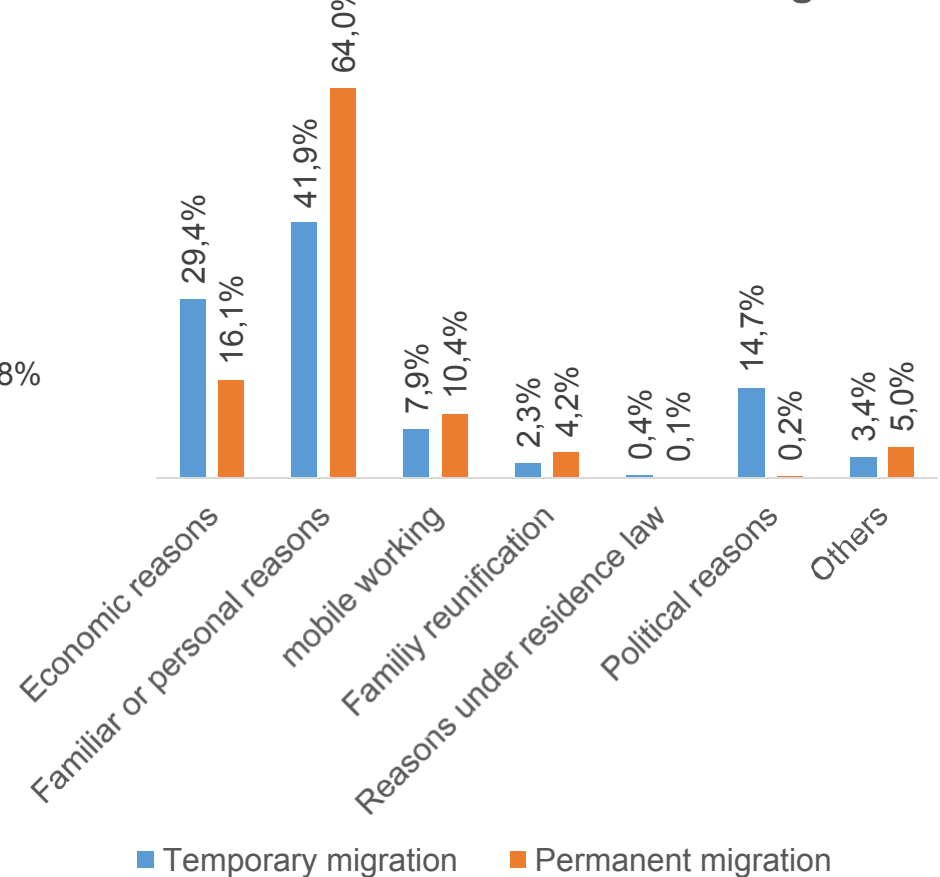
- Return to Germany
- Temporary migration
- Bilingual couples
- Unknown migration

Source: Statistics of the non-profit emigration advice centres 2022

Age of German people seeking advice, %



Motives for the intention to emigrate



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Return from the USA, binational



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- The person seeking advice emigrated to the USA with her parents as a child, studied there and is professionally successful. Married to a Mexican who lives illegally in the USA, they have one child together.
- **Challenge:** Right of residence, visa procedure
- **Solution:** separate entry, visa application for family reunification from Mexico
- **Further challenges:**
Job search, recognition of qualifications, proof of professional experience, language acquisition
- **Success factor:** Support from local acquaintances (House hunting)

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Return from Austria, binational



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- German with third-country national husband; have lived in Austria for 4 years; he has a residence card in Austria; both have job offers in Germany/NRW
- **Challenge:** right of residence, visa procedure? unclear information received, procedure at ABH drags on because constellation rarely occurs; risk that job offer is lost because the employer cannot wait that long
- **Solution:** Return case according to the Freedom of Movement Act:
- No visa to enter the country, immediate access to the labour market, no proof of German language skills

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Return from Morocco

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- Family with 4 children, father German teacher, job offer in Morocco, turned out to be unrealistic after arrival, return after a few weeks
- **Challenge:** the whole family had relocated, had given up everything in Germany and had no friends/relatives there
- **Solution:** Return and emergency accommodation organised with airport social services, then emergency accommodation for the transition
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Classic question about mobile working

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- "I can work abroad without telling my employer!"
- The employee has the duty to inform the employer; he/she requires authorisation to work abroad on a mobile basis, as there are also obligations/risks for the employer when employees work abroad.
- The following questions must be clarified in terms of insurance:
 - Where am I covered by social insurance?
 - How often do I work in Germany?
 - How am I insured (e.g. occupational disability)?
- Workation unproblematic (6-8 weeks stay abroad)

WHAT DO PEOPLE SEEKING ADVICE NEED?

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- Decision support - detailed clearing: opportunities, risks
- Factors for choosing the destination, what is a good time?
- Orientation: information jungle, guide "Step by step"
- "Incoming counselling" - after a long stay abroad
- Application training, recognition of qualifications, proof of professional experience abroad
- Housing, childcare
- Support for partners: right of residence, language support, etc.



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So, and now finally comes the exchange....

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