

Kurd-Akad Europe

Study trips:

With the aim of establishing contacts with Kurdish institutions and academic organisations working in the field of Kurdish culture and language, as well as conducting scientific researches on the Kurdish topics, we have organised several study trips to European cities including Vienna, Paris, Brussels, Stockholm and London. In November 2017, we gathered them for a pan-European networking meeting. This has resulted in important collaborations, including a conference of lawyers from Kurdistan living in Europe. The next networking meeting is planned for 2019.

Excursions:

For the expansion of our network we regularly organise excursions to different cities and countries. Besides visiting relevant Kurdish institutions, sightseeing is always part of the programme. The foundation of Kurd-Akad CH is the first practical outcome of these excursions. Also the work on the foundation of Kurd-Akad NL has begun.

Kurd-Akad in the European Parliament:

Through the European Turkey Civic Commission - as a board member - we are involved in the organisation of several international conferences in the European Parliament. Together with the European Representation of the HDP, we have initiated a networking meeting of politicians from Kurdistan in various European countries in the European Parliament.

We can be proud of the multitude and variety of the Kurdish institutions and academic organisations and their outstanding competences. It is essential to bundle them. This is what we stand for, this is what our goal stands for: Kurd-Akad Europe.

Appeal

Bundle strengths - increase competencies -
enhance resources - consolidate achievements.

We are:

THE network of Kurdish graduates and academics

On the way to THE Institute for Science and Research

THE guarantor for the educational potential within the Kurdish community

THE voice of the Kurdish community in Europe

Become a member of Kurd-Akad!

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About us

As the Network of Kurdish academics our declared aim is to link the Kurdish professionals, university graduates and academics.

Through this pooling of various professions and skills we aim not only to present a forum for the exchange of university graduates but also to create a synergy effect for the Kurdish community, as it is important to give utterance to social, cultural and political issues of Kurds at academic level both in Kurdistan and in Europe.

Beside empowerment of representation of the interest of the Kurdish community the further development of scientific debate regarding Kurdish issues constitutes an important pillar of our work. Considering education as the highest good of a society and the key to a self-determined life, we consider it a necessity to promote the educational potential within the Kurdish community.

Cooperation with other organisations and institutions in the spirit of networking is an important component for the sustainable consolidation of our work.

Working Groups

Science and Research:

Scientific debate and research on the Kurdish society both in Europe and Kurdistan currently lacks of an adequate level. Therefore development and promotion of a scientific approach to these areas constitute our main concern. Corresponding fields of action and goals are conferences, the journal Gerdun, a German-language journal for Kurdish studies and the establishment of Kurdish studies at the universities.

Education:

The Kurdish community in Germany faces distinct challenges in the field of education, since its historical, cultural and linguistic origins receive little recognition by the authorities and so far only very limited institutional initiatives have been launched. In order to fill this gap, we have developed training modules on the topics like history, politics and health. These are available to multipliers for their educational work with the Kurdish associations.

Socio-political representation of Kurdish community:

In order to promote socio-political participation and an adequate representation of the Kurdish community in Europe, efforts are being made to embed the Kurdish community in the existing socio-political structures.

Social projects:

Members of our network are involved in campaigns for rebuilding of Rojava.

Networking, science and education

Annual reception:

Social networking, social and societal interaction as an opportunity to make contacts, combine professions, bundle competencies, expand our network is the goal of our annual reception, which takes place in an open and pleasant atmosphere.

Kurd-Akad Prize:

In 2017 during our annual reception, Prof. Dr. Celile Celil and Prof. Dr. Noam Chomsky were awarded our first honorary prize for their distinguished scientific contributions and outstanding commitment to civil society. We are now supplementing this with a science and young talent award.

Cooperation with universities:

For an academic and scientific approach to the Kurdish topics, the cooperation with universities is essential. Therefore we have initiatives to work and cooperate with several universities across German and Europe.

Educational institute:

In the course of our annual reception we will initiate our educational institute that enables us in further professionalization and more effective networking of Kurdish graduates.

Soft skills seminars:

Our guiding principle is to strengthen the diverse professions and skills and to increase qualifications. In the light of this principle we have organised several trainings and seminars on soft skills such as web design and digitalisation.