

# International Commitment

In cooperation with our international partners, we want to make life in Europe safer. The goal of our commitment is comprehensive cross-border security. This is made possible by modern and well-networked police forces and security authorities, as well as a corresponding legal framework for their work. Social change and advancing internationalisation are changing the roles and responsibilities of police employees as well as the realities of their work and lives. Together we can master social and political challenges.

With over 200,000 members, we are Germany's strongest police union. We influence political decisions and take part in social debate. Our strong voice represents a citizen-oriented police force, and through it we strengthen the democratic constitutional state.

It is important that all relevant stakeholders work together to shape internal security in Europe and make police forces and security authorities fit for the future on an international scale.

Jochen Kopelke  
Federal Chairman



Picture: Kay Herschelmann



## Politically active in Berlin and Brussels

In addition to its political headquarters in Berlin, the German Police Union 'Gewerkschaft der Polizei' (GdP) has also had its own liaison office in Brussels since 2016. Here we maintain contact with decision-makers at the European and international level.

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# Shaping security together

For better international cooperation



**Gewerkschaft  
der Polizei**



# Gewerkschaft der Polizei (GdP)



18

16 state districts as well as the Federal Police 'BPOL' | Customs and Federal Criminal Police Office 'BKA'



## Objectives

- Better laws at national and international level
- Good collective agreements
- Safe, modern equipment and workplaces
- Better occupational health and safety



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1950

Foundation of the GdP on 14th September 1950

1955

Accession to the 'Union internationale des syndicats de police' (UISP)

2002

Founding member of EuroCOP as the European umbrella organisation for police employees

2016

Withdrawal from EuroCOP and opening of the GdP office in Brussels

## Our values

In the German Police Union 'Gewerkschaft der Polizei' (GdP), we are committed to improving the working and living conditions of all police employees. Our values form the basis of our actions:

Freedom & Security

Democracy & Rule of Law

Equality & Justice

Solidarity & Co-determination

Diversity & Tolerance

Equality & Equal Rights



Picture: Lars Redlich

## We are committed to ...

... Improving operational cooperation of police, security and judicial authorities

... Shaping domestic policy and internal security at the European level

... Harmonisation of police laws and comparable management tools and operating resources within Europe

... Joint international co-determination in Europe and strengthening of European security authorities and agencies

... Improved cross-border cooperation, closer networking and accelerated information and data exchange between police and security authorities in Europe

... Promoting European diversity and cultural exchange in policing and social contexts

... Cooperation with other police unions and partners

## Strong network

As a member union of the German Trade Union Confederation 'Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund' (DGB), we work with seven other trade unions and a total of 5.7 million members in Germany to represent the interests of employees in various sectors.

At European level, the German Police Union 'Gewerkschaft der Polizei' (GdP) is also represented in the 'European Trade Union Confederation' (ETUC) via its national umbrella organisation, the DGB. This unites 93 national trade union confederations from 41 countries and ten European industry associations with a total of 45 million members.

