



# Who is the *Kommunistische Organisation*(KO)?

## Our goal

The goal of the Communist Organization (KO) is to contribute to building a strong communist party in Germany. At present, we are still a long way from being such a party. We envision an organization that develops clarity on important questions, is closely connected to the central struggles of the working class, and formulates a scientifically sound strategy for socialism. This organization must consist of a collective of comrades who can lead these struggles with clarity and experience and who dedicate a large part of their lives to this cause.

Such an organization does not currently exist in Germany and cannot be founded overnight. We must build it with patience in the context of the struggles of our time—in cooperation, but also in sharp discussion with other groups that pursue the same goal.

## Clarification process

The imperialist states are increasing their aggression towards the working class and the rest of the world. Imperialism is pushing ahead with armament and war preparations in order to assert its global dominance, increasingly resorting to reactionary means. At the same time, countries striving for independent development and national self-determination are offering increasing resistance. This results in a situation that has great potential for class struggle.

However, the communist movement is weakened by ideological divisions and organizational fragmentation in many places. There exist many contentious issues and ambiguities among communists, which we want to address and help clarify. This state of affairs is one of the main reasons for the fragmentation, inactivity, and isolation from the working class. We want to overcome this by addressing the burning political issues. This includes open and scientific debate as well as clear criticism and self-criticism as communists. This is what we understand by the clarification process, and this is why KO was founded in 2018.

## Mass work, study program, cadre base

Today's lack of clarity in terms of content is closely linked to the lack of comrades who understand the struggles of the working class and can successfully lead them. It is not only a matter of developing the right theory and practice, but also of developing a group of people who can test and further develop these together. We refer to the collective cultivation of these comrades as cadre development.

In order to create a foundation that enables us to lead the clarification process and make correct assessments, we have launched a study program on the history of communism ([Studiengang zur Geschichte des Kommunismus](#)). Another aspect of cadre development is our activity in mass work. We have already gained some experience in this area and established principles of mass work.

## The KO in the communist movement

We align ourselves with the current in the communist movement which takes a positive view of the real existing socialism of the Soviet Union, the GDR, and other countries. Within this current, we reject anti-Stalinism, as it is a tool used by the class enemy to weaken us. Revisionism is a central problem, but it has been met in part with dogmatism and left-wing radicalism.

Since some of us were active in the DKP and SDAJ before the KO was founded, we would like to briefly explain our relationship. We strive for close and solidarity-based cooperation with the DKP, as we share important ideological foundations and the DKP is a significant force in the communist movement. At the same time, we are not part of the DKP: in order to conduct a systematic clarification process, we founded our own organization, as this was and is not possible within the DKP or other

structures. The creation of an active, disciplined collective was and is necessary to advance the clarification and development process. Since our founding, we have been able to gain a great deal of important experience.

We would like to conduct the clarification process together with all interested parties. We are open to discussing with other organizations and wrestling with the right arguments. Our goal is to engage with the movement in a self-critical manner, which also includes criticism of ourselves. In addition, we maintain contact with various organizations and parties worldwide.

### **Want to join us?**

We are currently undertaking the study program on the history of communism. In addition, active mass work is central to us in order to advance organization and gain experience – whether in the Palestine movement, the anti-war movement, or other initiatives and mass organizations such as trade unions. We organize rallies and actions, congresses and publications to promote agitation and propaganda. We also hold meetings to discuss and develop assessments of the current political developments.

Anyone interested is welcome to get to know us at events and open meetings. Upon request, you can also join the KO as a supporter to actively participate in our work. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send us an email or contact our local groups directly.



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