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The Congress **IN FIGURES**

+1,000

Attendees from more than **90** countries.

25-30

Ministers and eminent guests, **200** diplomats.

700

Members of the civil society.

Parliamentarians from around ten retentionist countries.

20

NHRIs and their main regional and international networks.

50

Young abolitionist leaders, trained and committed in **6** retentionist countries.

15

Journalists from retentionist countries.

2

exhibitions, **3** cultural evenings.

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village of the abolition.

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final happening.

Our **GOALS**

Rally the global abolitionist community (diplomats, lawyers, parliamentarians, civil society, etc.) and support isolated stakeholders, especially after a three-year pandemic.

Strengthen the actions and cooperation of the political actors to encourage the states to take concrete commitments towards the abolition of the death penalty.

Promote the joint work and the initiatives of the civil society to further the international strategy and the debates at the national level in every country.

Raise awareness about the reality of the death penalty to a broader audience.

Shine a light on the young generations to encourage them to make the fight against the death penalty sustainable.

Continue the efforts in building non-conventional alliances with the business community and the professional sport actors, among others, to reach a larger public about the global fight against the death penalty.

Bring a large public together by offering the possibility to follow the live event online.

The abolition: A GLOBAL TREND?

In 2021, 108* countries had completely abolished the death penalty. 80% of the UN Members States don't execute people anymore and 60% of them are abolitionist states.

The African continent is on the path to abolish the death penalty: **45 out of 55** African states have abolished the death penalty in law or in practice.

Some regions of the world are still reluctant to the abolitionist mindset and continue to apply the death penalty on a large scale.

In 2021, the five countries that executed the most people are China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria*.

579+ is the total estimated number of executions in 2021*. This figure is actually below reality, in China, the number of executions is a state secret. It is estimated at thousands per year.

28,670 is the number of prisoners awaiting their execution in the world, in conditions that are often inhuman, degrading and considered a torture.

Why are the 30 states with a moratorium on execution a true catalyst for our fight? These countries could tip over the abolitionist side.

While the deterrent effect of the death penalty has never been proven, **52 states still carry on with it*.**

*Source: Amnesty International

What's at **STAKE?**

Avoid the resurgence of the death penalty

With the rise in populism and the radicalisation on security matters in some abolitionist states, pro-death penalty movements regularly challenge the abolition. Moreover, the risk of a rebound in the executions is still present in non-abolitionist states that have not carried out executions for some years.

Eradicate a discriminative justice

In most countries where the death penalty is strongly rooted, it is often applied in a discriminatory manner. A vast majority of death row inmates comes from minorities or poor backgrounds. In 2021, homosexual sexual relations were punishable by death in 11 countries.

Protect fundamental rights

Many state actors and intergovernmental organizations such as the European Union, agree to the fact that the death penalty is a clear violation of the most fundamental human rights, such as the right to life (according to article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), the respect for human dignity and the right not to be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment or treatments.

AMBITIONS

To gather the abolitionist community for the 8th World Congress Against the Death Penalty from 15 to 18 November, 2022, in Berlin and to provide live streaming for the key events.

To rally the youth with the **#AbolitionNowTour** campaign.

To strengthen the private sector campaign.

To encourage **political mobilisation** with the support of the Core Group.

To mobilise the regional and international networks of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs).

To support abolitionists to develop their capacity to deploy strategic action plans and to get integrated within the international dynamics.

To back up the UN resolution for a universal moratorium on the application of the death penalty.

ECPM (Together against the death penalty) is a key organisation in the fight for the universal abolition of the death penalty. Created in 2000, the association organises the World Congresses against the death penalty since 2001 and funded the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2002. ECPM aims to rally the world's abolitionist actors and to increase the local actor's capacity when possible, to advocate for the universal abolition of the death penalty, and to raise awareness on the reality of this inhuman sentence. ECPM is composed of a board of 9 voluntary directors, and of a professional team of 15 staff members based in Paris, France.

The venues of THE CONGRESS

Opening ceremony

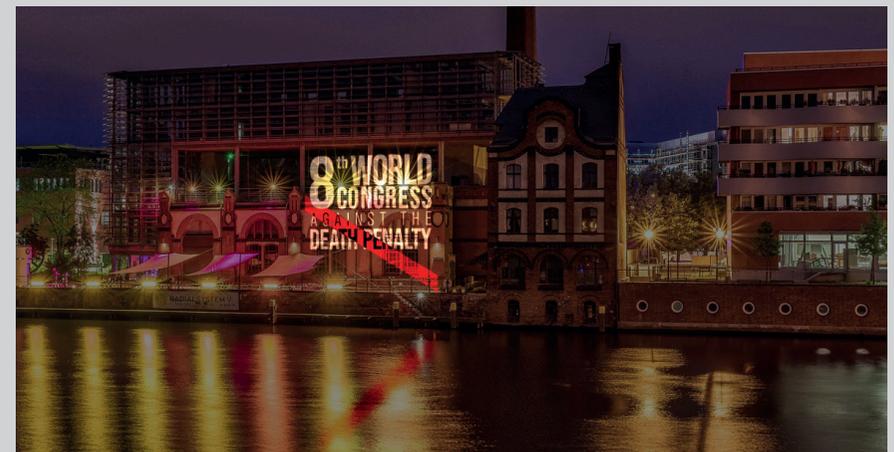
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Conferences and debates

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Closing ceremony

BERLIN TOWN HALL: ROTES RATHAUS



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