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Social peer2peer interconnection of stigmatized workers in the border-crossing internet millennium.

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A private sponsored on-line web2.0 project will be presented and a one year balance of support efforts to marginalized often isolated people will be outlined.

Using public domain cheap but tricky to implement tools which create an communication portal, knowledge base and virtual community on-line, since it serves the needs for anonymity, interactive participation, publication and self expression in order to come out and self-organize.

During the three years of existence a public web-based discourse has been shaped which talks back against mainstream mass media simplifications and stereotypes. The science of user engagement is utilized for knowledge accumulation and minority information brokerage based on the wisdom of the hustling crowd. By bloggshere like intra-peer counselling threads an archive to the user and history to the community is given.

This socio-digital philanthropic enterprise has the potential becoming a virtual whore college in the German speaking world and facilitating the resurrection of the social sex worker emancipation movement generation2.0



Photograph of the presented colourful poster (size: 1,50 m x 0,90 m), produced with widespread available office tools and affordable stationary items.

Sex Worker Knowledge Clearinghouse to the German speaking world



zeitung.sexworker.at

www.sexworker.at was established February, 25th 2005

Diverse functionalities for sex workers

www.sexworker.at bulletin board (php-forum)
zeitung.sexworker.at wordpress news blog (e-zine)
wiki.sexworker.at uncensored SW savvy wiki space
Chat server, personal message board system
Personal profiles and homepage banner exchange

E-mail notification/lists
Internal search engine
File upload, multimedia file type handling
Member-only areas for sex workers with individual, confidential identity/faker check

Fast growing database of knowledge

20.000 records of hot prostitution information within 1.600 categories (as of Sept 2007)

24 new records per day

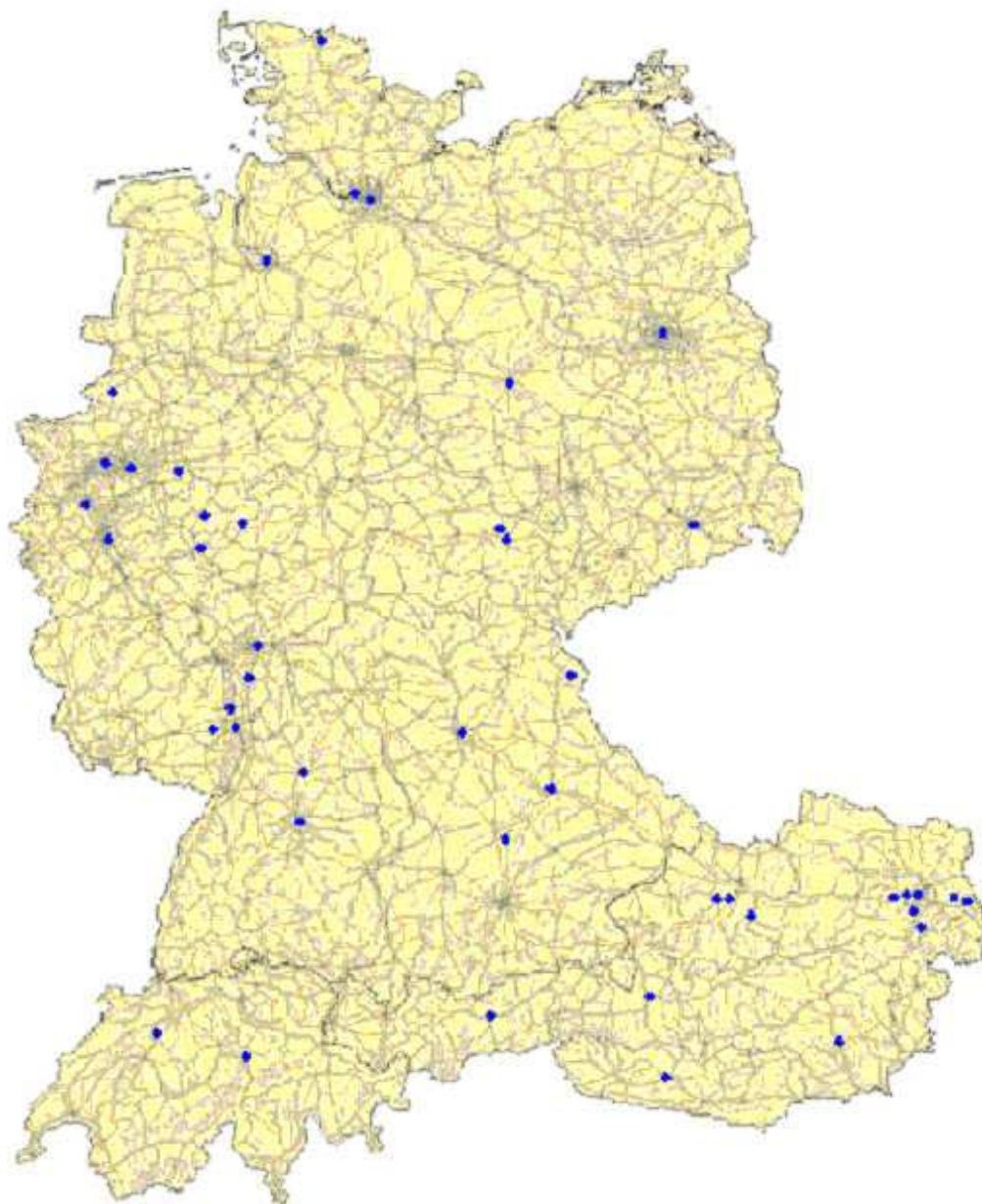
searchable texts, pdf, web-links, images, videoclips

130 MB for HTML files + 110 MB SQL-Database (uncompressed) within 500 MB web space

12 backup copies per day automatically + manual backups (28 MB compressed)

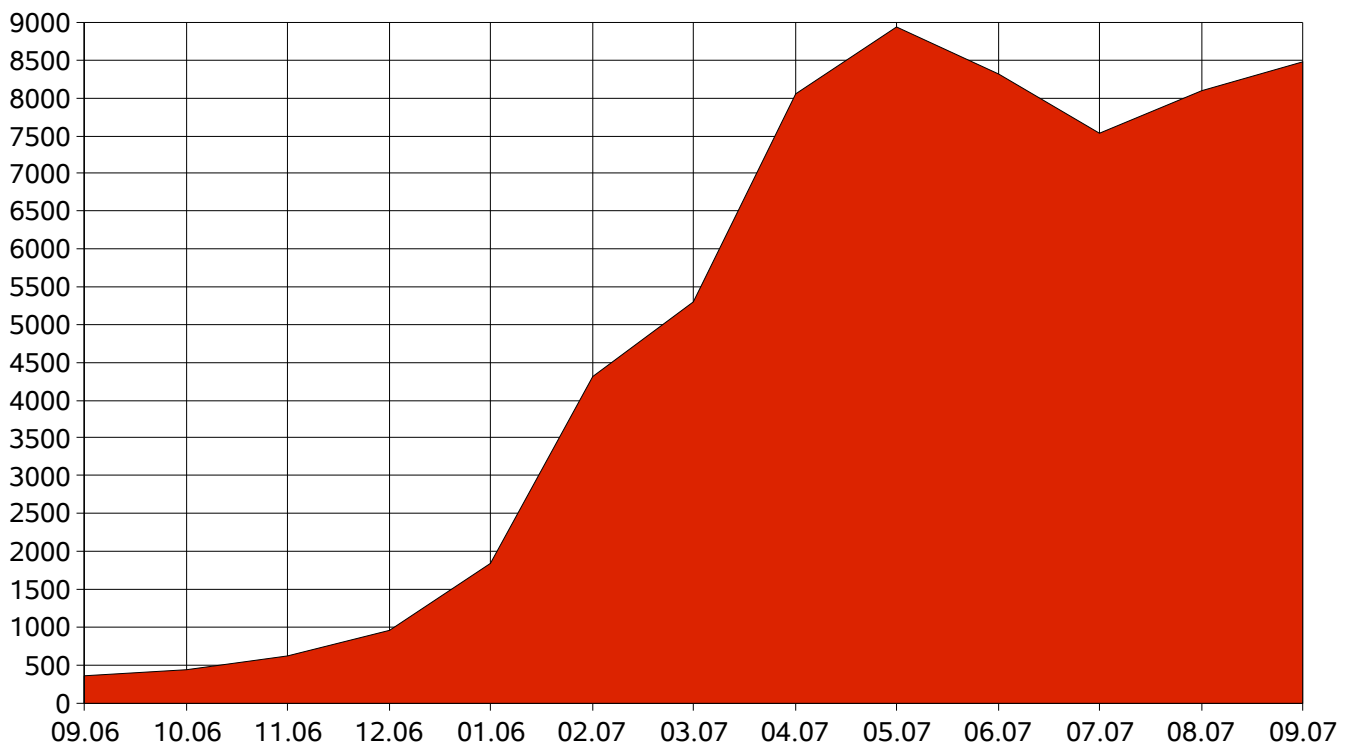
Social network of mutual support

600 registered members are publishing and peer counselling



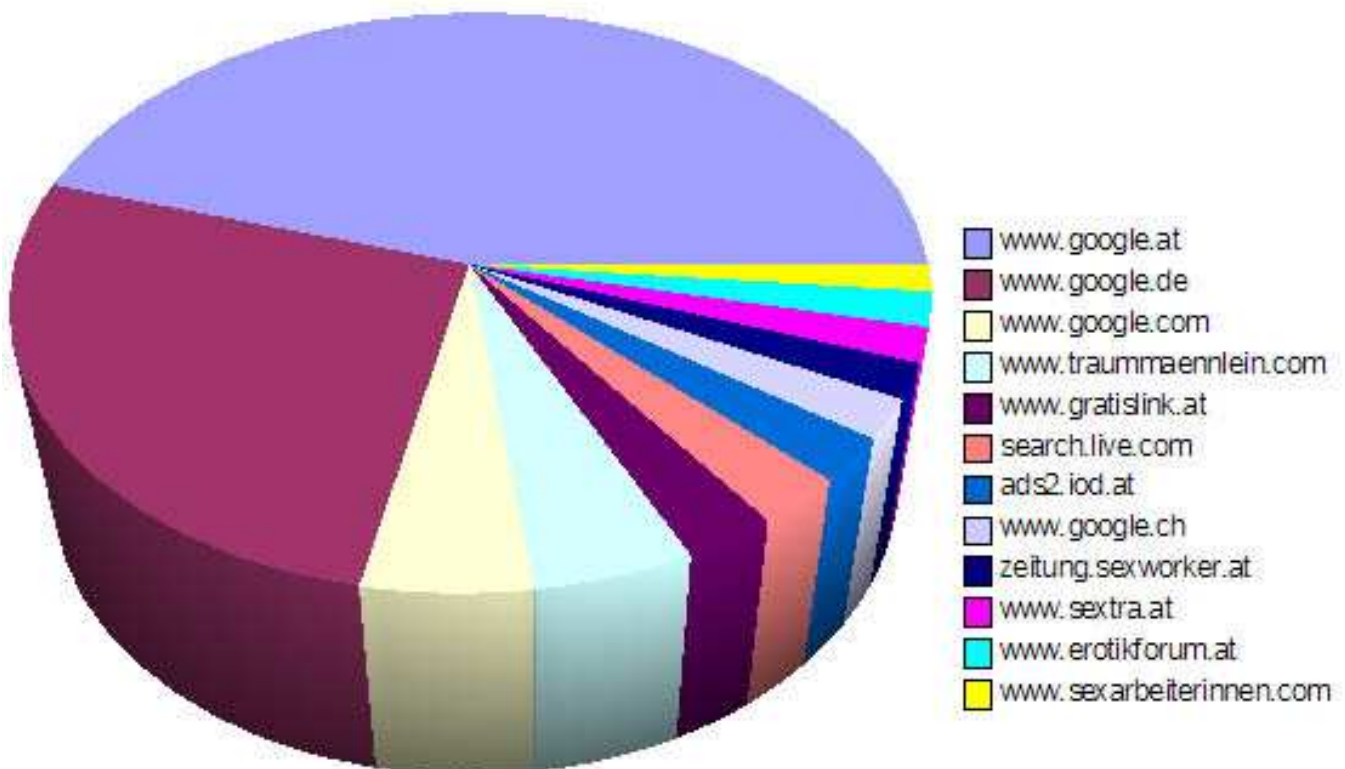
Our users from a globalized world of sex work: sex worker, social worker, owner, clients, politicians ...





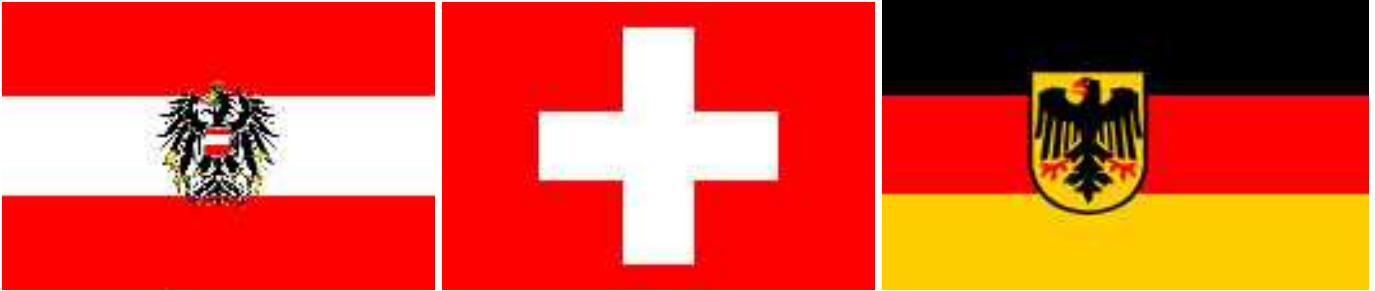
8.000 anonymous guests per day in the forum and 300...700 user per day reading the new e-zine (Zeitung)

Search engine optimization



Referrals within one month: www.google.at: 17.705, www.google.de: 10.400 ... total: 29.008 (Sept 07).

pot. Virtual Whore College



- ✓ How-to and checklists on sex worker legislation, safer sex, taxation, quality, whore career planning ...
- ✓ Peer counselling via postings, personal message, e-mail, chat, skype video, phone call, private meetings
- ✓ On-line references, multimedia documents and commented web links
- ✓ Virtual street worker from municipal health service and members from whore counselling agencies
- ✓ Archive and searchable document library
- ✓ Video clips for video-style education

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Femmigration - SexworkerWiki page. The address bar shows the URL <http://wiki.sexworker.at/index.php?title=Femmigration>. The page content includes a navigation menu on the left, a search box, and a main article titled "Femmigration". The article features an "Inhaltsverzeichnis" (Table of Contents) with four items: 1 Femmigration.net, 2 Project Description and Organisation, 3 Links and status information, and 4 Rethinking the future of sex work and migration consultancy. Below the table of contents, there is a section for "Femmigration.net" with a description: "Information über ein englischsprachiges Internetportal zu Sexarbeit und Migration, welches leider nicht mehr fortgeführt wurde aber wieder in der Diskussion ist und das auch über die deutschsprachigen Landesgrenzen hinweg." This section includes a logo for "femmigration" and the text "Legal Agenda for Migrant Prostitutes and Trafficked Women on the Internet". Below this, there is a section for "Project Description and Organisation" with the text: "fem|migration - Legal Agenda for Migrant Prostitutes and Trafficked Women on the Internet 2001 - 2004 (Presentation on the corrolation-net internet seminar Prag 2006.) femmigration.net was a text information system in english about the 13 EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark".

Meetings in real life



User meeting in Vienna (Christmas December 3rd, 2005)

Instant social support at Vienna

- 184 sex worker/user meetings (some of the following counted by admin Christian only: 10. 06 – 9. 07)
- more than 500 telephone calls (user, agencies, lawyers etc.)
- 18 meetings with support agencies
- 5 x user accompanied to dept consulting
- 3 x user driven to hospital
- 2 x arranged for contacts with physician
- 5 x police actions attended
- 60.000 km driven by car for conferences and user meetings (from Vorarlberg to Essen, from Weinheim to Prag and from Graz to Bukarest)
- 4 times a user of sexworker.at was witness at court
- 32 x help action during night time
- 14 x user brought home into foreign country
- 4 x dispute between sex worker and manager could be settled
- 18 bars or brothels in Germany and Austria visited as envoy from sexworker.at
- 1 Fachtagung Prostitution (national prostitution meeting)
- 3 computers set up and donated to users
- 4 x not working computers could be reactivated
- 5 web sites launched for users
- 3 web sites switched of since they used unauthorized photographs from users
- 2 bulletin boards set up
- 4 users referred into new jobs
- 2 users a new flat could be arranged
- 12 x emergency sleeping facilities were found
- 30 000 condoms were distributed (lots of thanks to a known user)
- 2 baptism attended :-)
- and finally a baby within the user community was born :-)

Sponsored by private people and supported by many others

Founder Elisabeth and Alexander 2005, transferred to Admin Christian since 2006, team supervised by 7 moderators including Marc of Frankfurt



Friendly supporting projects

sophie

education centre for sex worker
Bildungsraum für Prostituierte, Wien



Madonna e.V.,
counselling for prostitutes, Bochum



lefoe.at
Tampep Vienna

Member of Fachtagung Prostitution



Annual prostitution conference, Germany,
first time in Vienna, March 2007.

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