

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



## GIMBORN CASTLE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CENTRE

An educational institution of the International Police Association



## **IBZ SCHLOSS GIMBORN | EDUCATION - ENCOUNTER - FRIENDSHIP**

The Schloss Gimborn Information and Education Centre (IBZ) is an international training and meeting centre, especially for police officers of all career groups and functional areas, which is known far beyond the borders of Germany. The IBZ celebrated its 50th anniversary in August 2019 under the patronage and in the presence of NRW Interior Minister Herbert Reul.

The IBZ was founded in 1969 by the International Police Association with the aim of promoting international understanding, cross-border cooperation and civic education and is now an association with over 500 members from Europe and overseas. These are both individual members and branches of the International Police Association (IPA). The IPA is the largest international professional association of police officers with around 360,000 members in 67 countries. Since its foundation in 1950, it has been dedicated to the goals of international understanding and the cultivation of personal contacts regardless of gender, rank, nationality and religious or political convictions.

The proverbial Gimborn atmosphere characterises all IBZ events to a special degree. The old walls of the castle, which is privately owned by Baron von Fürstenberg, the idyllic ensemble of church, school, manor, castle hotel and castle of the 25-soul village of Gimborn and the scenic location in the densely wooded Bergisches Land exert their irresistible charm on every visitor.

The seminars offered by the IBZ mainly focus on current socio-political topics with a police focus, but also deal with communication, health management and professional development. In addition to many German-language seminars, international, multilingual seminars are also regularly organised.

The IBZ does not see itself as a school for adults or as a lecture centre for academic knowledge. Rather, the aim is to enable participants to exchange professional and personal opinions and experiences in addition to the high-quality lecture series. The IBZ Schloss Gimborn is unique as an adult education centre, offering police officers further training and personal encounters in a unique environment, not only in Germany but also internationally. The opportunity to send police officers on official business to participate in IBZ seminars has been utilised by many police authorities to a pleasing extent in recent years.

## **IBZ SCHLOSS GIMBORN | FACTS & FIGURES**

### **Sponsoring organisation**

Today, the IBZ is supported by an association with over 500 members from Europe and overseas. These are both natural persons and legal entities, mostly organisations of the International Police Association.

The following IPA organisations supported the IBZ 2022 as members:

**30 national IPA sections:** *Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States of America*

**48 IPA regions** *from Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and the USA.*

**172 local IPA organisations** *from Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech Republic and Spain.*

Since its foundation, the association has been based in Marienheide-Gimborn, Oberbergischer Kreis. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code, in particular to fulfil the following objectives

- Civic information conferences
- International information conferences
- international youth exchanges, youth seminars
- exchange of professional experience
- Formation of study groups to analyse contemporary social and police problems
- and cultural events and study trips at home and abroad

to promote an international mindset, tolerance and international understanding.  
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The IBZ Schloss Gimborn e.V. is recognised as a non-profit organisation, most recently by a notice of exemption from the Gummersbach tax office dated 04.11.2021.

### **Funding organisation**

As an educational institution of the International Police Association, the IBZ receives annual financial support from the *International Executive Board (IEB) of the International Police Association*, the *IPA German Section e.V.* and the *IPA Regional Group NRW e.V.*

The Schloss Gimborn Information and Education Centre is a recognised further education institution under the NRW Further Education Act and is therefore legally entitled to funding from the *state of North Rhine-Westphalia*.

The IBZ Schloss Gimborn also receives grants from the Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, acting through the "*Landeszentrale für politische Bildung NRW*" and the "*Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung*" to promote political education work.

### **Executive Board**

Peter Newels - *Chairman*

Martin Mönninghoff † - *Deputy Chairman*

Eugène Thommes - *Deputy Chairman*

Hendrik Große Lefert - *Deputy Chairman*

### **Extended Executive Board**

Diego Trolese - *IPA International Executive Board (IEB)*

Philipp Kurz - *IPA Section Germany*

Mark Liedekerken - *IPA Section Netherlands*

François Lack - *IPA Section France*

Aneta Sobieraj - *IPA Section Poland*

Reinhard Moser - *IPA Section Austria*

Konrad Bröker - *IPA Regional Group North Rhine-Westphalia*

### **Management**

René Kauffmann - *Director*

## **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees supports the Executive Board in all key management issues; in particular, it acts in an advisory capacity in the following matters:

- Planning and implementation of the training institution's programme,
- Budget planning,
- Organisation of the training institution.

In 2023, the Board of Trustees consisted of the following members:

### **Chairman:**

- MATHIES, Jürgen - Former State Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior of North Rhine-Westphalia

### **Deputy Chairman:**

- WEINSPACH, Dirk - Former Chief of Police Aachen

### **Members of the Board of Trustees:**

- BIESENBACH, Peter - Former Minister of Justice NRW
- BRÖKER, Konrad - IPA Regional Group NRW
- † GRANITZKA, Winrich - IBZ Schloss Gimborn e.V.
- GROOTENS, Klaus - District Director Oberbergischer Kreis
- GROÙE LEFERT, Hendrik - Deputy Chairman IBZ Schloss Gimborn e.V.
- HEUSER, Barbara - President of the Sankt Augustin Federal Police Headquarters
- LUKAT, Jörg - Chief of Police Bochum
- MEISENBERG, Stefan - Mayor of the municipality of Marienheide
- † MÖNNIGHOFF, Martin - Deputy Chairman IBZ Schloss Gimborn e.V.
- NEWELS, Peter - Chairman IBZ Schloss Gimborn e.V.
- RÖHRL, Markus - Chief of Police Wuppertal
- SCHÄFER, Robert - Chief of Police of the State of Hesse
- TROLESE, Diego - IPA International Executive Board (IEB)
- SCHNABEL, Falk - Chief of Police Hamburg
- THOMMES, Eugène - Deputy Chairman IBZ Schloss Gimborn e.V.
- WOOD, Clive - Representative of the General Assembly

One representative from each of the member sections:

- IPA Section Belgium
- IPA Section Denmark
- IPA Section Germany
- IPA Section Estonia
- IPA Section Finland
- IPA Section France
- IPA Section Ireland
- IPA Section Iceland

- IPA Section Italy
- IPA Section Canada
- IPA Section Latvia
- IPA Section Luxembourg
- IPA Section Monaco
- IPA Section New Zealand
- IPA Section Netherlands
- IPA North Macedonia Section
- IPA Norway Section
- IPA Section Austria
- IPA Section Poland
- IPA Section Romania
- IPA San Marino Section
- IPA Section Sweden
- IPA Section Switzerland
- IPA Section Slovakia
- IPA Section Czech Republic
- IPA Section UK
- IPA Section USA
- IPA Cyprus Section

### **Quality management**

The IBZ Schloss Gimborn has been a certified further education centre since 9 February 2010. It **applies** a quality assurance management system in accordance with the ***DIN EN ISO 9001 : 2015 standard***. The institution successfully underwent a certification audit on 01.12.2021, which was confirmed by a surveillance audit on 14.11.2023.

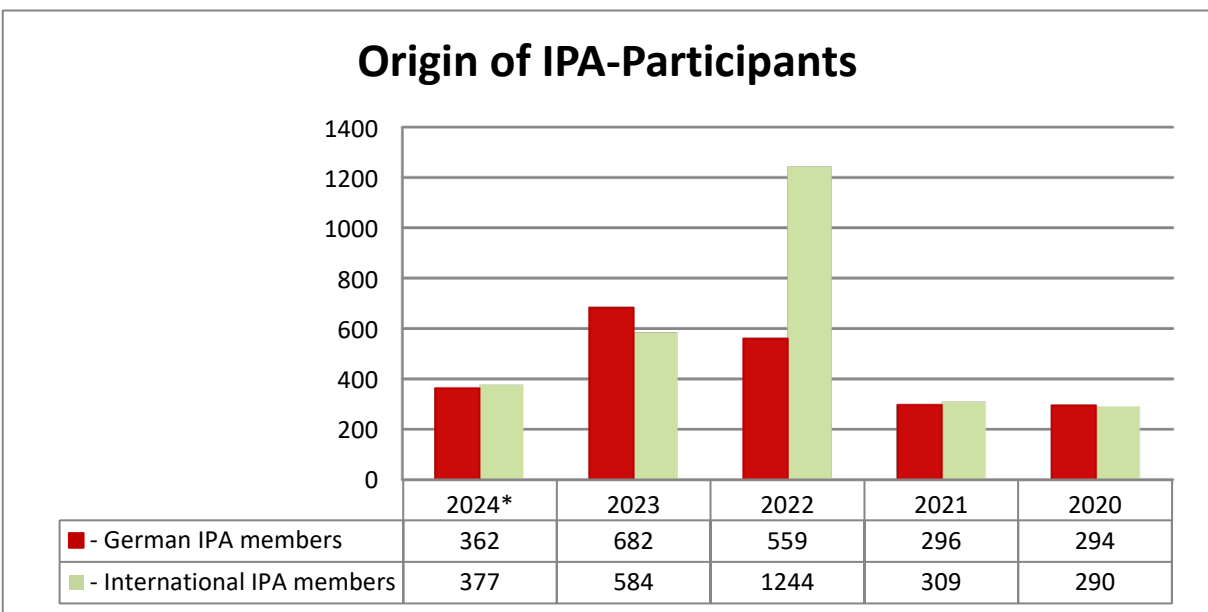
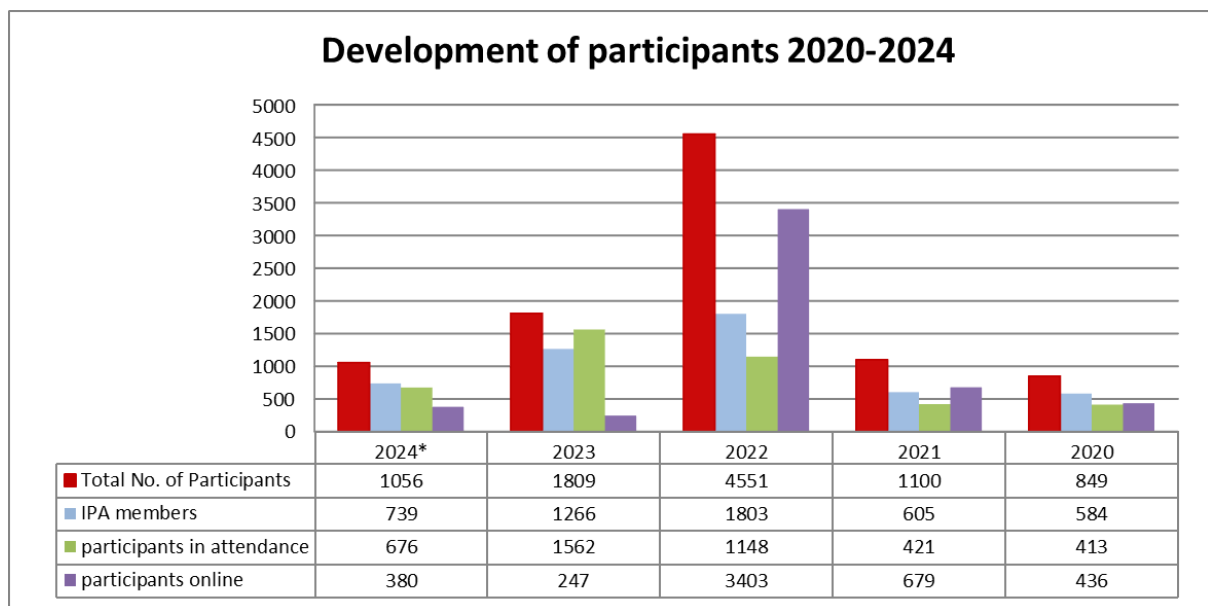
### **Memberships**

IBZ Schloss Gimborn is a member of the following associations and networks:

- Association of European Academies (GEA)
- Landesarbeitsgemeinschaft Demokratischer Bildungswerke (LDB)
- European network for education and training (EUNET)
- Working Group of German Educational Centres (AdB)
- degefest - Association of the Congress and Seminar Industry

**IBZ SCHLOSS GIMBORN | DEVELOPMENT OF SEMINAR OPERATIONS**

	2024*		2023		2022		2021		2020	
<b>Number of seminars</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>61</b>		<b>54</b>		<b>37</b>		<b>32</b>	
- seminars	42	86%	58	95%	49	91%	27	73%	24	75%
- online-seminars	7	14%	3	5%	5	9%	10	27%	8	25%
<b>Total No. of Participants</b>	<b>1056</b>		<b>1809</b>		<b>4551</b>		<b>1100</b>		<b>849</b>	
-participants in attendance	676	64%	1562	86%	1148	25%	421	38%	413	49%
-participants in online-seminars	380	36%	247	14%	3403	75%	679	62%	436	51%
<b>IPA members</b>	<b>739</b>		<b>1266</b>		<b>1803</b>		<b>605</b>		<b>584</b>	
- German IPA members	362	49%	682	54%	559	31%	296	49%	294	50%
- International IPA members	377	51%	584	46%	1244	69%	309	51%	290	50%



### Evaluations of the seminar participants

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Accommodation	1,6	1,7	1,7	1,8	1,7
Catering	2,0	2,0	1,8	1,9	1,9
Employees IBZ	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1
Programme structure	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,4	1,3
IBZ as a further education centre	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,3
Average mark for daily management:	1,2	1,3	1,4	1,2	1,2
Average grade Instructors:	1,1	1,2	1,4	1,4	1,3

### Age structure of the participants

Age groups	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
> 66 years	4%	6%	6%	5%	4%
53 - 65 years	47%	45%	47%	35%	32%
41 - 52 years	23%	26%	27%	31%	35%
28 - 40 years	24%	21%	18%	27%	26%
< 27 years	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%

## IBZ SCHLOSS GIMBORN | DEVELOPMENT OF GUEST EVENTS

### Development of guest events / guests

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Guest events/guests	161	152	127	83	129
Catering days Guest events /guests	2279	2129	1138	1089	1685
Overnight stays Guest events / guests	3255	3069	1290	1136	1734

### Evaluation of the guest events

Category	2022	2022	2021	2020	2019
Accommodation	152	1,8	1,8	1,8	1,9
Catering (quality, quantity, service)	2129	2,1	2,0	2,1	2,0
Conference rooms and seminar infrastructure	3069	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4
Employees IBZ / Service IBZ		1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1
General evaluation of the conference centre		1,3	1,4	1,5	1,4