



Information-Portal "Forced Labour under the Nazi Regime" - www.zwangsarbeit.eu

The Information-Portal on forced labour under the National Socialist regime in Europe is part of the website of the Federal Archives. Among other things, visitors to the Information-Portal can search a list of archives where relevant documents are available relating to forced labour in Germany and German-occupied territories. In addition to information on the deployment of civilian workers, the Information-Portal offers a vast range of texts on forced labour in concentration camps and ghettos, as well as on the deployment of prisoners of war, Jews and persons of other nationalities who were forced into service. Different types of records of different provenance document the recruitment campaigns and procedures applied by the Nazis, the working and living conditions of forced labourers and their families left behind, examine how the system of forced labour was organized by the Nazis, and deal with numerous other related questions. The wide variety of archival material ranges from files from the local and regional self-government or occupying administrations to photo, film and poster collections.

Entries into the online list of archival holdings are made by the participating archives themselves. This requires merely a standard browser to access the Internet. Through an input screen entries can be uploaded directly to an online database. Thus, information can be made instantly available on the Internet. The Federal Archives do not charge any fees for documenting, maintaining and presenting the data or for operating the Information-Portal. To register with the Information-Portal, archives and similar entities will need a user name and password which will be sent to them by the Federal Archives upon request.

The following is a list of core data requested:

1. an overview of the relevant part of the holdings including information on the type of records (e.g. current records) and a summary of their main contents, and
2. a list of the relevant archive groups; further information on specific record groups can be added.

All archives, memorial institutions, museums and similar entities possessing material related to forced labour under the German Nazi regime are invited to participate in and contribute to the Information-Portal.

For user name and password or further information please send an e-mail to the Federal Archives at the following address:

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