

Now, more than Ever – Access to Safe Abortion! Call to Action for Safe Abortion Day on 28. September 2025

International Safe Abortion Day was first commemorated in 1990 in Parts of Abya Yalas* and has not lost any of its societal urgency and relevance. In Germany, abortion has been regulated in the criminal code since 1871 – an unacceptable situation.

In the past year, success seemed within reach: Under the Theme "Legal, easy, fair – for a new regulation of abortion in Germany" we fought hard for a reform during the legislative period.

Together with engaged allies and coalitions all over Germany, petitions were started, parliamentarians were contacted, and demonstrations were organized. With the Elsa-Study and the results of the expert commission we had well informed expertise and scientific evidence on our side – a reform seemed within reach.

But as so often, politics crossed our plans. The coalition government collapsed, bi-partisan draft laws were not brought to a vote. Opportunities were wasted. Therefore, problems persist: Pregnant people face a myriad of barriers. Termination of pregnancy is still not part of the curriculum in medicine studies. Conservative and right-wing forces organize loudly against self-determination. And the current government? Looks the other way.

But we keep pushing! Broken coalitions, broken promises, ignorance for science-based findings and right-wing hatred – that does not keep us from fighting for reproductive justice!

Whether you are organizing your own action on Safe Abortion Day, share petitions, write to parliamentarians or join demonstrations – every voice counts, every contribution makes a difference. The fight for safe and legal abortion needs many voices and decisive action. Join our coalitions or take action yourself. Together we can build pressure – loud, visible and impossible to ignore.

Over 150 years after the introduction of paragraph 218 of the German criminal code, which criminalized abortion, we stand united and demand louder than ever:

For safe abortions - NOW MORE THAN EVER!

*Latin America and the Caribbean; for more info on the term Abya Yala: https://www.npla.de/lexikon/abya-yala/

You want to take action? Plan an action in your community on 28 September 2025 or close to that date. At https://safeabortionday.noblogs.org you will find ldeas for action and Tipps for planning action. And there you will find our posters and social media material for 2025.

Let us know your planned action. We will share an online form soon.



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