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Call for a truth commission

We propose the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissions for African-European relations, jointly supported by Africans and Germans and Europeans
Do you support the idea? Do you want to get involved with us? In view of the death of **George Floyd** and the struggle to overcome racism, we from the Initiative Black&White and the FriedensFabrik Wanfried propose the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission on African-European Relations. We consider it necessary to strengthen our knowledge of the time of the European slave trade and the violent subjugation of Africa: that is where the roots of "white" racism against dark-skinned people lie. It was deliberately stirred up by European interest groups who wanted to appropriate the riches of Africa in order to justify the conquest of Africa and to mobilize sufficient support in Europe to be able to implement this. Above all, the reports of people whose relatives have been enslaved or whose countries have been conquered also belong in such a reappraisal of history. We are in line with the basic idea of the "Africareport":
<https://www.theafricareport.com/30661/to-confront-past-europe-needs-truth-reconciliation-commissions/> Against this historical background it should also be discussed whether there is already a real break in African-European relations. Are they not still determined by violence (Libyan war) and exploitation (raw materials, tax avoidance, child labour) and injustice (climate change, market distortive agricultural subsidies, free trade compulsion)? The aim of the discussion should be to build pathways to new relationships, to equal, peaceful and solidary relations, which breathe the spirit of the Declaration of Human Rights and the UN-Charter and help to ensure the human right to a dignified life for every human being, regardless of his or her skin color. We propose to the European and African states to set up this Commission and to network it at EU and AU levels. It should bring together social scientists, historians, non-governmental organizations, activists, celebrities and politicians from both continents who are deeply concerned about the creation of just relations between Africa and Europe and to stop racism. With such commissions, which demand and practise the global rule of law, Europe and Africa could set an example in the chaotic global conflicts, which are still dominated by the "law of the strongest". To do this, we need the political will in our societies to explore the facts of relations as well as the will and ways for reconciliation. We should first create that will in ourselves, with more people, in the societies themselves, and from there involve politics. Through the homepage of the Wanfried Peace Factory, we want to build up a community that brings together forces for the implementation of the cause: with people from Africa, the African Diaspora in Europe, from Germany, other European countries and perhaps also the (slave) trade triangle (Caribbean, USA, South America). If you want to support the project, write us an email and we will keep you informed about the progress of the project. If you (and your organization) want to support and sign this proposal, please let us know as well. We will present the idea publicly at the event "Black Live matters" on July 25th at FriedensFabrik Wanfried in 37281 Wanfried, Bahnhofstr. 15 Information and registration: info@initiative-blackandwhite.de, kontakt@friedensfabrik-wanfried.com Phone:



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[To confront its past, Europe needs Truth & Reconciliation Commissions](#)

Truth and Reconciliation Commissions would offer a chance for European countries to face up to their histories and their futures as multi-ethnic societies.

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