

# Opening Ceremony of the Historical Site Adlerwerke

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## Greeting note by Anja König

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My Name is Anja König and I am full-time project coordinator for the Verbund der Gedenkstätten im ehemaligen KZ-Komplex Natzweiler e.V. - in short (VGKN). (Compound of memorial sites of KZ Natzweiler)

The KZ Complex Natzweiler consisted of the main camp Natzweiler in Alsace and of at least 50 subcamps on both side of the Rhine. One of them was the KZ Katzbach in the Adlerwerke.

Only during the early Nineties the first Natzweiler memorials were build.

In 2016 twelve voluntarily - organized Natzweiler Memorials from Baden-Württemberg and Hessen consolidated into the VGKN. The aim was and is to uncover the network of the former KZ Complex Natzweiler und to get the remembrance work cross border with French partners at the big memorial site Natzweiler.

This includes the organization of a broad spectrum of educational activities, especially for young people. Currently we are working with the provider of the Geschichtsort Adlerwerke , the Studienkreis Deutscher Widerstand 1933-1945, for new educational material.

After many participants and initiatives, like our member "Förderverein für die Errichtung einer Gedenk-und Bildungsstätte KZ-Katzbach" have been active for this memorial and educational site - with todays opening the educational work for KZ Katzbach and slave labour can start in Frankfurt.

We from VGKN want to welcome the new memorial and educational site „Adlerwerke, factory - slave labor - concentration camp" in our Compound and are looking forward for a future productive cooperation.