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## EUPJ Statement

As the umbrella organisation for Progressive Jewish communities and institutions throughout Europe, the European Union for Progressive Judaism (EUPJ) is following developments regarding our member organisations in Germany, particularly Abraham Geiger Kolleg (AGK).

This is a painful time. As an organisation dedicated to values including respect, safety and accountability, the leadership of the EUPJ are deeply concerned by the impact of the allegations of sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse of power.

We are committed to supporting people affected by abuse and harassment of any kind and to give voice to those who wish to speak out. In support of this we encourage those who have information that they wish to share or those seeking support, to come forward.

A first report of an investigation conducted by Potsdam University has been published. While providing some clarity with respect to AGK as an academic institution, it otherwise contains statements which appear to be contradictory and open to interpretation.

Meanwhile further allegations are still coming to light and the findings of other investigations, most importantly the one conducted by Gercke Wollschläger - whose terms of reference along with the involvement of Progressive organisations are unknown to us - remain outstanding.

That is why the EUPJ leadership are clear that this is not the time for judgements and categorical statements.

We continue to support the Union Progressiver Juden in Deutschland K.d.ö.R. (UpJ) in its ongoing endeavour for full recognition and appropriate participation in the financial distributions by the German government and we very strongly welcome the process to completely revise the set-up and governance structure of Abraham Geiger Kolleg.

We are also standing by to provide whatever assistance and support we can give to ensure that the College can not only live up to the moral expectations we all have of a rabbinic training institution but also to the international standing it has rightly gained.

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