



## ***Who belongs to it?***

*Heilpedagogic moves society!*

20th anniversary of the International Society of Professional Heilpedagogic Organizations as part of the 56th Federal Conference of Professional and Specialist Association of Heilpedagogic, BHP e. V., Germany

*November 07 - 09, 2025, Erfurt*

The IGhB was founded in November 2005 during the national BHP conference. It works closely with the professional and trade associations in the member countries and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

To mark this occasion, the IGhB is organizing various events, again as part of the BHP's national conference, and BHP's invites you all to attend.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



## General information

### Program

The complete program of the conference can be found here:

*56. Bundesfachtagung 2025 | Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e.V.*

### You can register here

*Anmeldung zur Bundesfachtagung | Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e.V.*

### Conference fees

*Tagungsgebühren | Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e.V.*

### Please note

Members of the professional and trade associations of the IGhB pay the membership price for the conference

### Conference venue and arrival:

*Tagungsort und Anreise | Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e.V.*

### Room booking

*Zimmer buchen | Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e.V.*

### Organizational conditions

*Organisatorische Bedingungen | Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e.V.*



# Program of the IGhB

Friday, November 07, 2025

2:00  
pm

## Opening 56th Federal Conference

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Greving  
Prof. Dr. Sabrina Schramme  
Cathy Mangen  
Ute Gilles

Ute Gilles: **Network, rope team, bubble ... are you part of it?**

### Welcome and introduction

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Greving | Chairman BHP e.V.

### Welcome by the conference chair

Prof. Dr. Sabrina Schramme

### Greeting from IGhB

Cathy Mangen | IGhB management team

### Greeting

Katharina Schenk | Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Labor and Family Thuringia (requested)

4:15

## Panel discussion

### "Countering exclusion and ensuring inclusive community structures"

Prof. Dr. Laura Wallner  
Dr. Verena Staats  
Joanne Boeschoten'  
Dr. Julia Fischer

The discussion is dedicated to the overarching question of how inclusive community structures are possible. Against the backdrop of a Europe-wide strengthening of right-wing populist and often equally anti-inclusive parties, which are also shaping public discourse in Germany, the question arises as to how this political trend affects the inclusive orientation of various areas of society. It will also discuss how a positive vision of an inclusive society can be brought into the public discourse and which political actors have key functions when it comes to creating and ensuring inclusive community structures.

The panel discussion will focus on the three levels of the region (state of Thuringia), the federal level and the European level. The focus will be on the following questions:

Where have we made noticeable progress in practice on the ground in recent years since 2008 in terms of implementing inclusive community structures?

- Why is it that only very little progress has been made in certain areas such as the school system?
- How can inclusion processes be made more dynamic?
- How can an image of inclusion be created that makes it clear that society as a whole would benefit from inclusive structures?
- Which institutions and political actors at federal and European level play a prominent role in implementing and ensuring inclusive structures?
- What are best-practice examples that illustrate that inclusive communities work and ensure participation?
- What can we learn from other European countries when it comes to achieving inclusive community structures?
- What can other European countries learn from Germany?

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Laura Wallner | Protestant University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt

## Program of the IGhB

Saturday, November 08, 2025

10:45

### 04 ThinkRoom: From Europe. In Europe. Developments in the fields of heilpedagogic viewed with a socio-political focus

Statement and moderated panel discussion of the International Society  
of Professional Heilpedagogic Organizations (IGhB)

Katrin Langensiepen  
Prof. Dr. Heinrich Greving  
Tamás Reményi  
Georg Weiss  
Cathy Mangen  
Judy Hoffer  
Peter Farbár  
Prof. Dr. Xavier Moonen

The associations of the International Society of Professional Heilpedagogic Organizations (IGhB) have been active for two decades and are challenged more than ever by social and political developments in the different member states and therefore in Europe as a whole. Heilpedagogues work with people in disadvantaged situations as well as people with disabilities of all ages and in different systems and fields of action. The framework conditions for the recipients of heilpedagogic actions as well as for the professionals are different throughout Europe – at the same time the various professional and specialist associations are united by the goal of supporting "politics and society in the context of inclusion, participation and the preservation/improvement of the quality of life of people in difficult life situations and their environment" (IGhB 2014:2).

#### THE STATEMENT

Katrin Langensiepen

Bündnis 90/Die Grünen | Member of the European Parliament

The statement is intended to look at the challenges in this field of European cooperation from the perspective of a person involved in European social policy. Political developments in many EU member states no longer focus on successful social policy – the realization of an inclusive community must be continuously critically evaluated and actively demanded. Committed heilpedagogic work repeatedly and increasingly encounters economic and socio-political hurdles that require creativity and cooperation. Solidarity beyond national interests and opportunities is essential. Mutual appreciation, openness and communication open up new paths.

#### THE PANEL

Katrin Langensiepen | Bündnis 90/Die Grünen

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| <b>Hungary</b>     | Tamás Reményi   Chairman of Magyar Gyógypedagógusok Egyesülete (Hungarian Association of Special Education)   |
| <b>Austria</b>     | Georg Weiss   Chairman of the Heilpädagogische Gesellschaft Österreich (Austrian Heilpedagogic Association)   |
| <b>Netherlands</b> | Judy Hoffer   Managing Director of Nederlandse Vereniging van Pedagogen en Onderwijskundigen NVO (Dutch Association of Pedagogues and Educationalists)    |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>  | Cathy Mangen   Member of the board of the Association Luxembourgeoise des Pédagogues Curatifs ALPC (Professional Association of Heilpädagogik Luxembourg) |
| <b>Germany</b>     | Prof. Dr. Heinrich Greving   Chairman of the Berufs- und Fachverband Heilpädagogik (BHP) e. V.  |
| <b>Slovakia</b>    | Peter Farbár, President of PRO LP Asociácia liečebných pedagógov (PRO LP Association of Therapeutic Educators)  |

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Xavier Moonen | Emeritus Professor University of Amsterdam, Former Lecturer Zuyd Hogeschool, Heerlen

Afterwards, they will discuss similarities and differences in a European context and reflect on social, societal and political developments against the background of heilpedagogic perspectives. The discussion will focus on the following questions, among others:

- What are the current challenges with regard to the goal of an inclusive community on a European level?
- What steps have already been taken towards an inclusive community? What are the similarities and differences between the various countries?
- What are the current perspectives in European politics regarding social policy, in particular for people with disabilities and for children, adolescents and families in disadvantaged situations?
- How does social and specific participation policy cooperation work at European level?
- Which actors at European or EU level are relevant with regard to heilpedagogic issues (participation, education in difficult circumstances, etc.)?
- In various European countries, extreme right-wing parties have become increasingly popular in recent years and some have been elected to government. Will the cooperation for an inclusive community change as a result?

The panel discussion will be held in English.

#### 12:45 **Break**

The Speakers Corner will take place during the break:  
Various associations and organizations introduce themselves.  
Please pay attention to the notices on site

#### 4:15 **14 ThinkRoom: Heilpedagogic professionalism in European comparison. Presentation of the results of the survey on the self-assessment of the profession**

Betty Barthel  
Tamás Reményi

In 2024, the International Society of Heilpedagogic Organizations (IGhB), conducted a questionnaire heilpedagouges with the aim of obtaining assessments of their own profession. The focus was on aspects of key current topics, change processes and the question of future professionalization needs. Betty Barthel and Tamás Reményi, both lecturers at the University of Budapest and members of the IGhB, will present the results and discuss them with the DenkRaum participants. The PowerPoint presentation will take place in the plenary session, followed by small discussion rounds on different local points of the evaluation.

The event will be offered in English, German translation is possible.

Speaker: Betty Barthel | Tamás Reményi