

FIBEL at a glance

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Please call for **appointments** and information.

EVENTS

Expert panels and workshops at **VHS Landstraße**, Hainburger Straße 29, 1030 Vienna or at **Frauenhetz**, Untere Weißgerberstraße 41, 1030 Vienna or at **Asylkoordination Österreich**, Burggasse 81/7, 1070 Vienna (barrier-free)

Please note

Our info events at Frauenhetz are wheelchair accessibel.

Barrier-free consultation room

is available by appointment.



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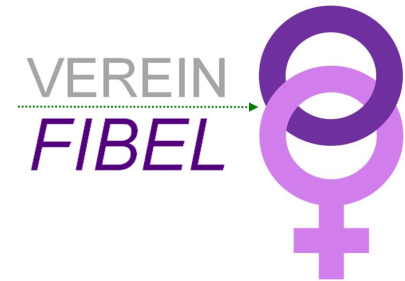
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**Fraueninitiative
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Bicultural Marriages and Partnerships)



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Who we are

Biculturalism is not a marginal phenomenon any longer

Out of all marriages registered over the last years, roughly every third has been a marriage between partners of different nationalities. Such binational/bicultural families and partnerships offer great opportunities to society, as people in bicultural relationships accept the partner's "otherness" and set a great example for lived integration.

Problems of bicultural relationships

Societal discrimination and prejudices often pose obstacles to bicultural families' and couples' happiness. Restrictive immigration laws, problems with recognising foreign certificates and challenges regarding labour market integration not only burden the foreign partner, but the entire family.

FIBEL Association

Since 1993, Fibel has been dealing with issues and matters of bicultural marriages and partnerships. We offer counselling and information to persons interested in our expertise. We live integration.

European networking

Since 1995, FIBEL has been a member of the European Conference for Binational/Bicultural Relationships. The member organisations of the different EU/EC states work together to improve the legal situation of binational couples and families in Europe.

What we offer

Information and counselling

face-to-face—by telephone—by e-mail

- on marriage and notarisation of certificates
- on the rights of entry and residence
- on German language courses and training opportunities
- on citizenship right for family members and dependants
- on partnership conflicts
- on multilingual and interreligious parenting and upbringing
- on rights to social benefits
- on anti-discrimination policies
- on separation/divorce and on custody
- on protection against domestic violence

Our clients and methods

- One-on-one counselling and couple counselling for women and men in bicultural and binational relationships/families
- comprehensive psychosocial and psychological counselling for people in challenging circumstances

What languages do we offer?

- German, English, Farsi, Italian, Russian, Slovakian, Czech

Intercultural mediation

We help couples negotiate solutions for their conflicts.

Parental counselling

§ 95 (1a) und § 107 (3 Z1)AußStrG

Since 2013, parents are obliged by law to seek counselling before divorcing by mutual consent to guarantee the understanding of the divorce's legal impact on their underage children. Mediated counselling can also be mandatory by court order to negotiate matters of custody and contact. FIBEL offers such mediated counselling.

Lectures & workshops

Information and discussion events with

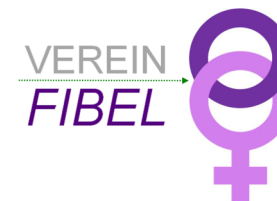
- psychologists
- legal experts
- sociologists
- anthropologists and other experts

Series of events

- „my partner's country“
- „bicultural consulting hour“

FIBEL publications

- invitations for FIBEL events
- yearly reports and statistics
- FIBEL reference books and studies
- links to external publications and information at the FIBEL-website.
- We also offer on-demand ordering of our publications.



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