



PARENTS – CHILD - BRIDGE

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Why costs arise and how we maintain transparency

Eltern-Kind-Brücke e.V. (Parents-Child-Bridge), has the status of an independent supporting organisation (freier Träger) and as such is not supported by government or other public funding. In other words, everything we do and provide for our applicants must be self-financing and considered as a service.

Because we operate on the basis of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children, compliance with all requirements and conditions is required: and legal adoption services which meet all statutory requirements cost money.

Our costs can be divided into two types: costs incurred in Germany, and those incurred overseas.

Both are payable in instalments and part payments and can thus be financed in a way which is convenient for the applicant. Our applicants are informed about the amounts they will have to pay in advance and they also know that increases resulting from unforeseen events in the foreign country cannot always be ruled out altogether.

Our applicants receive **documentation and receipts** for all services performed.

The **domestic costs** cover:

- Personal meeting without obligation to get firsthand information on procedure and adoption in general
- the seminar for applicants (room rental, professionals' time, food and drink, photocopies, representatives' travel costs, purchase of up-to-date film material and literature)
- meetings with our professional staff (requirement of the Hague Convention)
- provision of additional secretarial and administrative staff
- office rental and technical equipment
- participation in educational events and associated travel
- Organisation of applicants seminars and workshops, adoptive parents' meetings and educational/informative talks
- development of a network of parent contacts

The **in-country costs** cover:

- provision of competent and informed representatives in the country who guide the applicants and are on site to help them with any adoption-related matters



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- costs originating from the partner organisation in the sending country, which are checked by us to ensure that they are justified and legitimate
- provision of competent qualified parenting advice and counselling during and after adoption process, comprehensive post-placement support, follow-up care for adoptees and adoptive parents, educational guidance until majority
- organisation of monitoring and home country visits, workshops and annual meetings for adoptive families
- travel by the management to maintain contact and supervise the operations of the overseas partner on a regular basis, particularly with a view to assuring compliance with all the legal requirements in the foreign country (e.g. principle of subsidiarity)
- provision of additional staff, e.g. additional medical staff to confirm and, if necessary, verify the health reports issued by the official authorities
- development of humanitarian projects in accordance with the requirements of the Hague Convention and of adoption-related laws aimed at improving the social and humanitarian situation in the sending countries, e.g. development of sponsorship programmes, one-year voluntary service programmes, charity projects and much more
- helping adult adoptees to search for their roots
- helping applicants with booking flights and accommodation and provision of translation services at a reasonable price

We know that there are many issues and uncertainties associated with trying to adopt a child from overseas and it is our foremost objective to make sure that the outcome of the process is in the best interests of the children to be adopted and of the prospective adoptive parents.

This includes the verifiability of the need for payments, as only on the basis of mutual trust is it possible for us to carry out this responsible and sensitive work together.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions. We will be happy to provide you with more detailed information.

Yours faithfully

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Management

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