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| From: [info@bundeswehr.org](mailto:info@bundeswehr.org)  To: [ebco@ebco-beoc.org](mailto:ebco@ebco-beoc.org)  Date: 17/12/2021 13:33  Subject: Antwort: Kontaktformular: Questionnaire about EBCO?s Annual Report 2021  **Your request dated December 13, 2021**   Dear Ms. Tsouni  Thank you for your renewed inquiry dated 13.12.2021. The Federal Ministry of Defense (BMVg) has asked us to reply to you.  The BMVg had replied to you in this regard in a letter dated 27.12.2020, which we enclose herewith once again.    We would like to point out once again that the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth  (Bundesministeriums für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend - BMFSFJ) has the basic responsibility for questions regarding  the right/procedure for conscientious objectors to inform the questioner of this in the Federal Government.    In this regard, we refer to the Act on the Reorganization of the Law on Conscientious Objection of August 9, 2003.  In response to your questions, we would like to inform you of the following:   *1. How was conscription ended? Was it suspended or abolished? In which year and by which law/decision?*          General conscription was suspended as of July 1, 2011 by the 2011 Act Amending the Law on Military Service (BT-Drs 17/4821).   *2. How was the human right to conscientious objection to military service first recognized? In which year and by which law/article*  *of the constitution?*          The right to conscientious objection has been a fundamental right in Germany since 1949, Article 4(3) of the Basic Law.   *3. What is the legal minimum age for voluntary conscription in peacetime, in the case of general/partial compulsory mobilization,*  *and in wartime?*          To be eligible for voluntary military service, one must be at least 17 years old.          In addition, all men are liable for military service from the age of 18.     *4. How is the human right to conscientious objection recognized for the professional military?*          In the Federal Republic of Germany, one can apply for recognition as a conscientious objector at any time in writing  to the responsible career center of the Bundeswehr. The application for conscientious objection (KDV application) is then forwarded to          the Federal Office for Family and Civil Society Tasks (BAFzA), which decides on it.   In the hope that we have been able to do justice to your request, we remain with kind regards on behalf of  Citizens' Dialogue Team   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | **Team Bürgerdialog** |  | E-Mail: [Info@Bundeswehr.org](mailto:Info@Bundeswehr.org)  Tel.: (030) 1824 - 24242 | |  | | | |