



## Press Notice

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# Accreditation and court security order in the so-called Love Parade criminal proceedings

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Accreditation possible from 12 p.m. on 06.11.2017  
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The chairman of the 6th Upper Criminal Chamber of Duisburg Regional Court has on 12.10.2017 in the so-called Love Parade criminal proceedings issued instructions on order in the courtroom. The main proceedings will begin at 09.30 on the 08.12.2017 in the Congress Centrum Ost [Congress Centre East] of the Düsseldorf Fair Centre, Stockumer Kirchstraße 61, 40474 Düsseldorf.

## 1. Accreditation process

Instructions for conduct of the accreditation process are set out in Section VI of the court order. Attention is drawn in particular to the accreditation period set in Subsection 1 a) of this. The accreditation period will begin at **12 p.m. on 06.11.2017** and end at **12 p.m. on 13.11.2017**.

Applications entered before the start and after the end of the accreditation period will not be considered. This applies especially to all accreditation applications already submitted to the press office.

Accreditation applications may be submitted only by email and only by way of the post box specially set-up for the purpose. The decisive email address is:

**AkkreditierungLP@lg-duisburg.nrw.de**

To simplify procedures in the accreditation process and to ensure that applications are complete, applicants are requested to use the attached

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postal/delivery address:  
König-Heinrich-Platz 1  
47051 Duisburg  
Telephone 0203 9928-0  
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form. A copy of a valid press pass or employer's confirmation must be enclosed with the application. Accreditation applications that are not sent by email or that are sent to another justice department mail address – including that of the Duisburg Regional Court press office – are not admissible and will not be considered.

It should be noted that under the stipulations of the instructions on order in the courtroom **seats will be allocated** to media representatives and journalists. A fixed number of seats will be provided for individual media groups (cf. Section VI. Subsection 1 c)). Please therefore also state in your accreditation application whether and for which media group you are applying for the allocation of a seat with your accreditation application.

Any legally independent media outlet may participate in the accreditation process with any number of persons. Each media representative or journalist here must accredit him- or herself independently. **Group applications are not permitted** (Section VI. Subsection 1 g)). Each legally independent media outlet can apply for **one seat only**, unless it also operates an independent online editorial service, which as such is also eligible for a seat. Therefore if a number of media representatives/journalists are accredited for one media outlet, only one seat can be allocated to that media outlet. However, under the stipulations of the instructions on order in the courtroom an exchange of seat is possible at any time (Section VI. Subsection 1 h)).

Seats will be allocated in the order in which applications are received. If applications are received within seconds of each other, where necessary, the chairman will decide by lot.

## 2. Mobile phones and mobile computers in the courtroom

Mobile phones and mobile computers (laptops, tablets) may be taken into the courtroom by media representatives and journalists. However, this option will apply only if media representatives and journalists adhere unrestrictedly and without exception to the chairman's instructions regarding this in Section IV. of the instructions relating to courtroom order:



"Mobile phones that may be taken into the courtroom **must be switched off** in the courtroom. Mobile computers that may be taken into the courtroom must be used only **in offline mode**. Telephoning, twittering and sending and receiving of messages by other means, accessing and transmission of data and any use of the Internet in and from the courtroom are not permitted. During the main proceedings no sound, picture and film recordings may be made with equipment taken into the courtroom."

This instruction applies to the use of mobile telephones and mobile computers throughout the upper floor of the CCD Ost. Unless directed otherwise, their use is permitted on the ground floor until further notice.

### 3. Opening of the building and the courtroom

Media representatives and journalists will be admitted to the building and the courtroom 120 minutes before the set session time on the first day and on all other session days 90 minutes before the set session time.

### 4. Pooling

The chairman has directed that a pool be set up for picture and sound recordings (Section VIII.). The decision about who will lead the pool is left to the interested media outlets and must be notified to the press office of the regional court **by 30.11.2017**.

### 5. Equipment transport vehicles

The use of equipment transport vehicles must be notified to the court authorities in advance within the accreditation period, using the accreditation form.

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