

Dialoguing with Bernd Posselt



As head of the Sudeten German Landsmannschaft, Bernd Posselt must choose his words carefully. After the group [revised](#) its [statutes](#) in [Feb. 2015](#), Posselt [informed his members](#) that "[recovery of the homeland](#)" had been dropped as a goal because it had been misinterpreted to mean a desire to change borders and to achieve collective resettlement. The group's unshakable principles remained, he stressed, including the right to a homeland and to the redress of past injustices. It still wants the Beneš Decrees repealed (Art. 4 of its [Principles](#)), and it calls to this end for direct talks with representatives of the Czech people. The event in [Brno in May](#), he [promised](#), will be a "celebration of shared culture, diversity, dialogue and understanding."

Posselt's code word for repealing the Beneš Decrees and achieving redress is "dialogue." A [petition](#) in support of the Brno event being [promoted](#) by Tomáš Halík, Pavel Rychetský, Milan Uhde and others speaks of the courage of the host, Meeting Brno, to engage in dialogue.

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