

Between exasperation and elation



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Honestly taking stock of my
refugee assistance

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One year after all the welcoming scenes and Merkel saying, "We can do it", the question now is how we can organise everyday life with the refugees; how the wide variety of mentalities can be reconciled with ours; and how all the many people not only find a roof over their heads and a job but also a life in peace and freedom.

Ann-Kathrin Eckardt, an editor for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, has honestly taken stock without bias in any direction, neither in that of the refugees, nor her own, nor being politically correct. This is an important and authentic voice in the debate about successful integration.