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Dear friends!

More than 100 activists from 13 cities in a well-mixed composition came together at the germanwide meeting of We'll Come United (WCU) in Frankfurt at the beginning of February. How can the network, which we have built up in the last two years, be further developed and especially the self-organized structures be strengthened? How can we transmit our gained visibility into more efficient struggles against the deportation regime? What role will WCU play as a germanwide player in the Anti-Ra movement and what new alliances will it seek? What priorities will be set in future mobilizations? Along these questions WCU has set the first course for 2019 and agreed on swarming and mobilisation in Saxony this summer. The upcoming state elections on September 1 will lead us to expect an increased polarization of society. The "indivisible" alliance will mobilise to Saxony on 24 August, groups of the "NSU Tribunal" are planning a tribunal in Chemnitz for the weekend before. WCU

wants to take part and be at the start with parade elements on 24.8 in Dresden. Continuously - "against the whole right racist shit!" - local structures and activists in camps and communities should be visited, supported and encouraged.



More than 40 activists from Spain, Italy, Tunisia, Belgium, France, Switzerland and Germany came together at the transnational meeting of the so-called "Palermo Charter Process" in Barcelona at the end of February. Almost all sea rescue organisations, the Alarm Phone, Welcome

to Europe, Seebrücken and representatives of progressive city administrations participated. How can the (re)opening of ports be enforced and sea rescue decriminalised? Is there a need for a civilian rescue centre because the MRCCs (Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centres) in Rome and Valetta have become collaborators of the deadly border regime? How can refugees and rescued persons stuck in Southern Europe be assisted in transit to desired destinations in North-West Europe? How can we imagine "Buses of Hope", for example, from Palermo to Düsseldorf or Berlin? How to proceed in and with the Solidarity Cities? These were the key questions in Barcelona, which are now being discussed in transnational working groups with a view to practical implementation.



A small delegation of the meeting visited "Top Manta" afterwards. This is the name of a self-organised project, especially of Senegalese street vendors in Barcelona, who - started in 2015 as a grassroots

trade union initiative against expulsion and illegalisation - now run their own shop for T-shirts and hoodies. With "Top Manta" - "on the top of a blanket" - they have created their own brand: with an

In this sense, with solidarity greetings,
the Compass Crew

expressive logo that simultaneously symbolizes their arrival with boats (Pateras) as well as their survival strategy as street vendors.



From Frankfurt to Barcelona, from local to transnational, against exclusion and deportation in the cities as well as against left-to-die and pushbacks on the sea: we will remain persistent in and with the flight and migration movements that drive the everyday struggles for freedom of movement and equal rights for all.

In the preparatory hand out for the meeting in Barcelona, it was formulated as follows: '...It is difficult for us to assess how things will continue in the Mediterranean and the EU over the next few months and next summer. In any case, we have to continue and better coordinate our initiatives to strengthen collective forms of transnational resistance. ... We now need concrete practices 'für Corridors of solidarity` from the Sea to the Cities ...'

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2019

8 March in Berlin, Potsdam and elsewhere: Women's Strike and Migration

Information on 8 March and women's strikes:

<https://frauenstreik.org/>

as well as international calls and interviews on the platform of the Transnational Social Strike:

<https://www.transnational-strike.info/>



Call from Women in Exile

8th March International Women's Day is a global day remembering the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women. We celebrate 100 years of Women fights because we are the mothers, we are the family caretakers, domestic workers, babysitters, cleaners. We refugee women we are teachers, nurses, business women, engineers, this and all other talents are not put into consideration because we are isolated and discriminated. In 2019 we join the global call for a women's strike because we come united to make visible women's work in all aspects of life, inside and outside the house, in urban and rural areas, paid or unpaid no matter the color of our skin or our origins. Time is now to build a feminism which is inclusive and inter-sectional, a feminism that listens to all women* and that ends with racist, sexist and discriminatory structures. We cannot succeed if part of us are held back, as refugee women* we are double discriminated and we'll continue denouncing racists laws, the existence of lagers and deportation policies. We will continue breaking borders by bringing awareness about colonialism and how it cannot be ignored since we have the right to peace, social inclusion and shared prosperity. Our aim is to enable refugees who identifying themselves as women* to stand up for their rights as women* living in this society. And we expect from non-refugee women* solidarity in denouncing discrimination, abuse and violence. We, refugee women*, represent the forces of change, together with civil society we will change the course of history. We are women* living in this society and part of the fight for a fair inclusive society. We invite you to a workshop on how we define feminism as refugee women. <https://www.women-in-exile.net/en/women-strike-same-same-by-different-who-takes-care-of-us/>

14.3. in Ellwangen: Solidarity manifestation for refugees legal actions against their penalty orders

Refugees will sue against their warrants.

"Let us not allow a legitimate protest by refugees to be further criminalised at the Ellwangen State First Reception Centre.

Police operation in Ellwangen on 3 May 2018 called fundamental and human rights into question; refugees take legal action against their orders of punishment

Trial on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. * District Court Ellwangen
 Mahnwache 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and rally from 3.30 p.m. * Am Fuchseck

... Ellwangen has become a symbol of our protest. We must not allow government agencies, a political prosecutor's office, political parties, racist Ellwangen hysteria or undifferentiated press coverage to further shift the rights of refugees to their detriment. The



fundamental issue here is the defence of fundamental and human rights. Laws such as the "Ordered Return Law" must not come into force. The attacks on the 'inviolability of the home' must be condemned with all clarity. All proceedings in connection with the police operation in Ellwangen must be stopped immediately. ... On 14 March, there are two further trials based on appeals against penalty orders. Show solidarity, come to court proceedings on 14 March 2019. Further information here: <https://refugees4refugees.wordpress.com/2019/02/> and here: <http://www.labournet.de/category/interventionen/asyl/asylrecht/ausweisung/abschiebung/ellwangen/>

Call flyer for the 14.3.19:

<https://www.aktionbleiberecht.de/blog/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Ellwangen-Flyer-final-druck.pdf>

15.3. in Frankfurt/Main and other cities: International Day against Police Violence

To the Mobilisation video go this way:

<https://www.veoh.com/watch/v141925759bprNJ9kA>

In Frankfurt at 17 o'clock Konstablerwache (market place)

Protest - Actions - Art, Stop Racial Profiling!

For many people, police violence means daily supposedly "suspicion-independent" police checks, inappropriate pocket checks and searches in public spaces, expulsions and public humiliation. It is obvious that the police use appearance and skin color to decide who they control. The controls are often only the starting point for further violence, which often ends fatally. For black people, people of color, migrants*, Roma, poor and homeless people, sex workers*, many queers and trans* persons, these experiences are everyday experiences. That is racism!

"Dangerous places"?!

Especially busy inner-city areas such as Konstablerwache, Hauptwache or the railway station district become dangerous places for many people, as they are often picked out of the crowd, exposed, isolated and controlled by highly armed policewomen*. Ironically, the police use the very term "dangerous places" as a basis for their so-called "suspicious"

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controls. One can only guess which places the police classify as dangerous, because they are silent about them. That is why we say: Abolish "dangerous places"!



Individual cases? Institutional racism!

In the course of the investigations into the so-called "NSU 2.0", which are closely related to the police station 1 in Frankfurt, there is often talk of "individual cases" of racist policewomen*. That is a much too limited approach! Institutional racism is firmly anchored in the way laws are formulated and applied and how the profession of policeman works. We protest against this!

Remember the victims of police violence

You are not forgotten. We name their names. Remembrance is not only important for Communities of Color but for society as a whole. Remembering means fighting!

Whose safety?

We want to talk and think about alternatives to police. Because the police promise security, but for many they represent the exact opposite: Violence and threat. Thus it does not stand for the preservation, but the threat of a society of many. Let us stand up for a society in which justice and security are not created by violence!

Where injustice happens, there is resistance!

Be it the 'Initiative in Remembrance of Oury Jalloh', the 'Campaign for Victims of Racist Police Violence', the organisation of refugees against the racist border regime or the 'Initiative Schwarzer Menschen in Deutschland'. We are here!

We demand from the state:

- An end to all racist police controls - A labelling obligation for policewomen always and everywhere - A systematic confrontation with institutional and everyday racism in police, justice and other state authorities - The introduction of independent investigative and control bodies coordinated by the affected communities - The abolition of the „Verfassungsschutz“.

We call on civil society:

- To assume joint responsibility - To observe the police critically and to oppose racist actions, whether in the district, on the train, on the street, at school or at work.

We look out for each other! ALLIANCE #15MRZ

The whole appeal and more: <http://15mrz.org/>

Deportation figures 2018 and planned further aggravation

The Spiegel reports that in 2018 more than half of the planned deportations failed, see: <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/bundespolizei-mehr-als-jede-zweite-abschiebung-2018-gescheitert-a-1254863.html>

The figures show that it is worthwhile to organise further resistance and to encourage all those affected by deportations to defend themselves.... But this should not override the fact that the pressure to deport has increased enormously at all levels and that brutal force is increasingly being used, see

<https://www.ulla-jelpke.de/2019/02/behoerden-schieben-immer-skrupelloser-ab/> The comprehensive report on the Bundestag's request for information on deportations in 2018 can be found here:

<http://dip21.bundestag.de/dip21/btd/19/080/1908021.pdf>

At the same time, Minister of the Interior Seehofer launched the next aggregation of the so-called "Ordered Return Law/Geordnete Rückkehr Gesetz" see the commentary at Pro Asyl:

<https://www.proasyl.de/news/kriminalisierung-der-zivilgesellschaft-jetzt-auch-in-deutschland/>

Solidarity at Sea/Iuventa

"We will not be intimidated and we will not give up! ...

While the criminalisation of solidarity by the EU seems to be commonplace today, it is clear that the IUVENTA case should serve as a testing ground for the applicability of legal and political arbitrariness in the Mediterranean....



A total of 24 search and rescue people are under investigation for supporting and facilitating illegal immigration to Italy. Ten of them were crew members on board the rescue vessel IUVENTA..."

Website with a good overview and detailed information on the criminal investigations against the sea rescuers in Italy.

<https://solidarity-at-sea.org>

Alarm Phone Report Februar 2019

"I don't need to be on the news, I need to be rescued" - these were the words of one of the precarious passengers who called us from the Central Mediterranean Sea on the 20th of January 2018. He was among a group of roughly 100 people who had left Libya a day before and made it into international waters before being refouled back to Libya by a cargo vessel - a refoulement ordered by the Italian authorities, even by the Italian prime minister Conte himself, and carried out by their Libyan allies together with a private merchant vessel. [...] In light of the devastation and suffering in all three Mediterranean regions, it is often difficult to remain hopeful and to struggle on. However, that thousands of people still make it across the sea in these very adverse circumstances gives evidence to the unrelenting desire to localise new routes and methods to reach a place of perceived freedom and security. Now European societies have to show solidarity, pressurise governments against their anti-migrant policies, and open corridors on which people can move to desired destinations after reaching the shores of Europe.

The full report can be found on the AP-website: <https://bit.ly/2Dhnydq>

Text recommendations

Alarm Phone Sahara Text by Afrique Europe Interact

Another meeting of Alarmphone Sahara - a sister project of Watch The Med Alarmphone - took place in Agadez in mid-February. In a long report, Olaf Bernau of Afrique-Europe-Interact not only describes the situation of migrants* and refugees in transit countries like Niger. Rather, it also deals with the context of society as a whole - including general security issues in the Sahel and the Sahara (not least in the context of Islamist terrorism), the situation in the city of Agadez (since EU migration policy has fundamentally changed the conditions for migrants in Niger), gender aspects, the almost 1,000-kilometre bus journey from Niamey to Agadez, comparisons between Mali and Niger, etc.

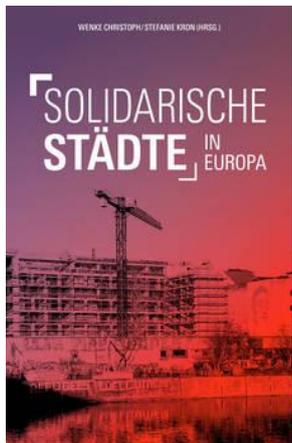
The whole report can be read here:

<https://afrique-europe-interact.net/1782-0-Bericht-Alarmphone-Treffen-Agadez-02-2019.html>

Brochure of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

Solidarity Cities in Europe. Urban Politics between Charity and Citizenship

"In Europe, the movements of the cities of welcome, refuge and solidarity are growing. Civil society groups, urban politicians* and city administrations are thus resisting the growing restrictions of European and national border and migration policies. At the same time, they are developing concrete local policies to protect or socially include people with precarious residence status. Last but not least, they form discursive antitheses to the Europe-wide rise of right-wing parties, which promote the sealing off of borders and the criminalisation of migrants.



The debates in politics and civil society initiated here also show the growing interest of left-wing actors in Europe in experiences and ideas from other "cities of solidarity". However, the administrative and political preconditions as well as the actors involved, the priorities and the approaches to action are different. In other words, there is no uniform concept of a solidary city. The differences begin with the diversity of migrant communities and refugee groups in the individual cities. They continue with the questions of who is responsible for what at the municipal level, such as the role of the police and the competences of the cities. Or: What are the possibilities for municipal influence and decision-making? What are the conditions for residence and migration? How is access to welfare state services regulated? These questions have already been solved differently within Germany, and there are even greater differences in comparison with other European countries. However, studies that look at these differences (and similarities) from an international comparative perspective and on an empirical basis do not yet exist. This brochure is therefore intended to help close this knowledge and research gap..."

More on this here:

https://www.rosalux.de/publikation/id/40039/solidarische-staedte-in-europa/?fbclid=IwAR163F_ITezwG9hITqIZyzGfrsQREu9bLKkQV7qnKkm978fLGkDfhIMNkXk

Call! "Solibus" wants to start ...

The time has come. The "Solibus" wants to start! Since 22.01.2019 there is the non-profit association "Solibus e.V.". Our first goal is now the purchase of a large intercity bus! We are pleased about donations for the purchase of the "Solibus" in every conceivable height, from small to big donations, everything is wonderful!

The "Solibus" - from the idea to the bus

We understand the idea of the partisan but not dependent on maintain a big coach, but we see as part of a political, social mobility and participation in activities and as a structure which in solidarity for all participants.



"Solibus" as a non-commercial project, parties. We don't only want to buy and understand the project "Solibus" structure, which enables a communal germanwide and Europe-wide distributes or bears the resulting costs

...We are activists from different

and other political networks and contexts. We see ourselves as part of an emancipatory, social movement based on grassroots and self-organization; and see the project "Solibus" as a project of the extra-parliamentary opposition...".

social, anti-racist, anti-fascist, feminist

Further information about the project via the contact address and hopefully soon via the website.

info@solibus.org ; www.soli-bus.org

donation account

Solibus e.V., GLS Bank, DE89 4306 0967 1231 8868 00

Circular: In which society do we want to live?!

<http://welche-gesellschaft.org>

„There is quite a lot on the move: On March 8, women's groups in Germany will take up the impulse from Spain and other countries for a women's*/feminist strike and combine it with their debates on Care Revolution. On 15 March, the pupils movement "Fridays for Future" is calling for a big international climate strike day and it is foreseeable that thousands will not go to school on this day in many cities, but will take the streets. On 6 April, a germanwide demonstration against „rent madness“ (much too expensive rents) will be mobilised in Berlin. In the days before, action days will take place in many cities throughout Europe. Initiatives of the solidarity cities and the sea bridges discuss about "Buses of Hope", in which in spring refugees and rescued persons from Palermo or Naples travel in orange convoy in the direction of the receptive destination cities to northwest Europe. „Unteilbar“ and We'll Come United plan in the summer larger mobilizations in Saxonia - against the right shift and for the support of the local antiracist and anti-fascist networks. And if we expand our view to the south: on the African continent, different movements are currently taking to the streets in countries as diverse as Sudan, Togo, DR Congo and Cameroon against dictatorships, some of which are decades old. These various current examples of emancipative social protests give us hope, even if it is difficult to assess which sustainable dynamics will unfold from them. How do we fit into this dynamic?

With "In which society do we want to live?", we launched a new platform in January that consciously sees itself as a "slow" search process. As a cross-thematic and cross-spectrum initiative, we cannot and do not (yet) want to intervene in the current mobilisations. As individual groups we are of course involved and these are precisely the

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fields and spaces in which we move with our everyday struggles and to which we refer. But we have started this initiative in order to strive in the medium term (not only with this circular) to establish links and connections in the above-mentioned activities in order to



strengthen the perspective of a common movement and a comprehensive narrative of the various everyday struggles beyond the respective days of action and campaigns. This is and remains the central objective of our initiative.(...)

Our manifesto has received a number of new signatories and the enrichment process we were hoping for has already got off to a good start. Our platform is intended to bring together diverse perspectives from different spectrums. In this context, four new text contributions can now be found on the website: On Care Revolution, on the unconditional basic income, on the unemployed movement and on solidarity-based economic

activity. (...) A second circular is planned for June 2019 to report on the interim results, not least in view of the Bewegungsstiftung's strategy conference to be held in Berlin from 18 to 20 October. For us, this conference will be a central meeting point for exchange and should open up further perspectives for the initiative.

If you would like to take part, please contact us by e-mail:

welche-gesellschaft@riseup.net

Finally, we would like to point out our (printed) flyer, which can be ordered at our email address for postage costs: <http://welche-gesellschaft.org/flyer-2-2019/>"

REVIEW

NSU Monologues in Hamburg

"totally moving: 1.200 (!) people at the "nsu-monologen" at the schauspielhaus on 31.1.19. in the audience and afterwards on stage relatives, victims, affected and survivors of structural racism. snot and water, grief and anger, also about the effects of the "bomb after the bomb". the production of the "stage for human rights" with four actors* and two musicians, who represent the statements of members of three families, whose husbands and sons were murdered by the nsu and the system behind it, is vivid and strong. can and should be shown and watched everywhere. it is a manifestation, a space-taking, not a show.



"our struggles are changing this country and have already changed it," imran ayata said in the aftermath. and ibrahim arslan: "our longing is to tell you our stories, our pain."

nothing has been clarified. it has to go on: dissolve the nsu complex. for the scene of the crime in hamburg this means: finally an investigative committee/Untersuchungsausschuß! renaming of the schützenstraße as süleyman taşköprü-straße! no final stroke!“

OUTLOOK

Next We`ll Come United meeting on 27/28 April,
presumably in Dresden, further information at welcome-united-ffm@web.de

From 10.-12.5. in many cities: Action days to 100 years deportation detention

"100 Years of Deportation Detention" is aimed at all those who (want to) stand up for prisoners in deportation detention and dream of a society without deportation detention. This dream was denied for 100 years. So it is high time to become active together! In order to realize this dream, it needs your support! Organize actions, demos, exhibitions, lectures, church services - whatever you like. With all your ideas we will gladly support you with materials and speakers*. We are at your disposal as your contact person*. As part of the campaign "100 Years we organize a lecture tour through the entire Federal Republic of Germany. In the lecture we prepared for this purpose, we will clarify what deportation detention means at all, give information about the campaign, but are focused on the inhuman history of the deportation prison. A more detailed description of the content can be found here: <http://100-jahre-abschiebehaf.de/>



As part of the germanwide campaign, we would like to visit more than 50 cities in Germany. If you are interested, please contact us at kontakt@100-jahre-abschiebehaf.de

Sunday, 12.05.2019 - 12-16 o'clock - Büren

Demonstration in front of the deportation prison Büren: Stop deprivation of rights - abolish racist special laws! Abolish the camp! Abolish deportation prison! Call under: <http://buerendemo.blogspot.de/aufruf/>

Further dates and actions will follow. News under

<http://100-jahre-abschiebehaf.de/>

or Facebook: <https://facebook.com/100JahreAbschiebehaf>

17.-19.5. in Hamburg: Right to City Forum

In May 2019 the next right to City Forum will take place in Hamburg. Among other things, a series of workshops on Solidarity Cities is being considered. More information in the next Kompass.



9-14 July near Nantes/France: Transborder Summer Camp - For Freedom of Movement and Equal Rights

An invitation to various anti-racist networks already circulate for the summer camp, in particular self-organisations across Europe as well as partner organisations from Africa will be addressed and invited. If you would like to know more about the approach and program planning, please send an e-mail to the following address: tsc2019@protonmail.com

24 August: Big demonstration in Saxony

more information in the next Kompass...

On 31.8. in Büren: Big demonstration against 100 years of deportation imprisonment

11:00 at Deportation prison Büren, Büren-Stöckerbusch

15:00 Big Demo in Paderborn at the central train station

End 100 years deportation imprisonment forever!

Flyers in different languages can be ordered via antira_pb@posteo.de

Call (German, English, French, Farsi, Arabic, Serbian):

<http://100-jahre-abschiebehaft.de/de/buerendemo>