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DEAR FRIENDS!

On April 3, the Sea Eye ship, renamed Alan Kurdi, rescued 64 people from a rubber dinghy off the Libyan coast. The engine had failed and via satellite phone the affected people first alerted the WatchTheMed Alarm Phone. They sent their GPS position to the hotline project. Alarm Phone then sent the SOS to the so-called Libyan Coast Guards and also informed Sea Eye at the same time. "Due to the transmission of the coordinates the ‘Alan Kurdi’ could reach the position within one hour. The lifeboat was launched to make contact, check the situation, calm people down and distribute life jackets so that from then on no one would drown and slip off the inflatable". (Sea Eye on 3.4.19). While in the weeks before and afterwards boats were lost or intercepted by Libyan militias and brought back to the detention camps, the example of Alan Kurdi – as in March with Mare Jonio – shows that support for refugees and migrants at sea is not only necessary but also possible. In the evening of the same day, the Alarm Phone tweeted: „The last days in the Central #Med demonstrate clearly: MRCCs in #Rome, Valetta, and Tripoli are dysfunctional. They reject responsibility, leave people to die at sea, or conduct systematic refoulement. We urgently need a civil #MRCC to which all rescue organisations contribute! From the sea to the cities! Against
the deadly EU border we build corridors of #solidarity. Towards a civil MRCC & a transnational alliance of social movements & municipalities that works toward open ports & transfer of the rescued to desired cities of arrival."

Important to see: Not only in the western Mediterranean and in the Aegean Sea boats continue to take off permanently and reach the coasts of the EU on their own. Also in Lampedusa and Sicily so-called ghost boats from Tunisia, Libya and even Turkey landed in the last weeks, which were not seen before by any coast or border guard. And they have also made it through without any civilian support.

Nevertheless, in view of the murderous EU border regime, there is a need for independent rescue coordination of civil society, which must extend from the sea to - as Alan Kurdi’s example once again demonstrated - the safe port city. For once again the 64 rescued and the crew of the ship had to wait ten days at sea until the representatives of several governments could finally agree in an unworthy political haggling on a distribution and thus first reception of the refugees in Malta. Against this background, numerous NGOs published an open letter to Merkel at the beginning of April and more than 200 members of the Bundestag signed a cross-party Easter appeal against the criminalisation of sea rescue and for the reception of the rescued. However, it is obvious that new appeals are not enough to change anything. Further sea bridge mobilisations and pressure campaigns are and will remain central and in the coming weeks it will be important that the first of the 53 city councils or mayors who have agreed to take in the rescued people can implement and enforce this.

Leoluca Orlando, the mayor of Palermo, was invited to an event in Frankfurt at the same time as Alan Kurdi was waiting for an open port. Orlando publicly offered again to take the rescued immediately and encouraged Sea Eye to come to Sicily, pointing out that "Italy is not only Salvini". Orlando once again made a great plea in Frankfurt for the right to mobility and denounced the whole system of "residence permits as a new form of slavery". This system creates restrictions and (exploitative) dependencies which are to be rejected out of a consistent human rights approach. Encouraging announcements in difficult times!

"The fact that despite all movements of the last months the fundamental political situation has not changed in our sense and has even aggravated much is an hint to us what is still to come. Europe’s authoritarian governments have made it quite explicit that they don’t give a damn about the rights of millions of migrants and the demands of the social movements and that they don’t hesitate to enforce their policies - against all and each single of us." In this way the network We’ll Come United expresses its estimation on the current situation. And continues: „So we are in the middle of a battle for a future - for the question in which society we are going to live. The uprising of solidarity against the racism of the AfD, Nazis, authorities and European governments remains our path and
our goal. We must continue with what we started: Building new social coalitions of solidarity. And we do this by interpreting the great image of our parade in Hamburg as a promise and a mandate to all of us. By making the symbolic act of a germanwide parade reality and everyday life, in cities and communities.... Encourage each other, exchange experiences of resistance, build up structures. And intensify the everyday struggles. For a society without racism and exclusion. For a society in which we want to live!"

With this in mind, we call on you to take part in the various actions against the deportation prisons this coming weekend. In addition, the Solidarity City network will hold strategic and practical debates in Hamburg in May within the framework of Right to the city. And also the Transborder Summer Camp in July in France will be marked by everyday struggles and transnational solidarity structures along all routes of flight and migration.

With persistent greetings,

the compass crew
DATES AND INFORMATION FOR MAY 2019

ALAN KURDI RESCUE AND FOR A CIVIL MRCC
Common statement of many civil rescue organisations:

Statement of Sea-Eye:

On 30.04.2019 several unregistered refugee boats arrived by their own in Lampedusa, Sicily, Calabria and Basilicata. An unknown number of boat-people managed to continue their flight in Italy.
See https://ffm-online.org/selbstaendige-anlandungen-auf-lampedusa-in-sizilien-kalabrien-und-basilicata/

2.5. – 25.5.2019 YALLAH – ON THE BALKAN ROUTE
Exhibition in Berlin in cooperation with RLS Foundation
Venue: Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Foyer, Franz-Mehring-Platz 1, 10243 Berlin
"The exhibition will open in Berlin on 2 May at 7 p.m. in the foyer of the FMP1 - together with the exhibition organizers and Mirko Schultze, member of the parliamentary group DIE LINKE in the Saxonian state parliament and spokesman for rescue services and catastrophe protection. He was himself on the Balkan route with relief supplies in 2015...
Accompanying program is in preparation!
https://www.facebook.com/events/786821778353574/?ti=icl

10.5.2019 ST. GALLEN: PAUL-GRÜNINGER-PREIS FOR IUVENTA
"...The Mediterranean has been the scene of a terrible catastrophe for years. Several tens of thousands of people have already lost their lives while fleeing to Europe. Instead of providing aid, the European states are increasingly strengthening their border regime. Individuals and organisations, who get drowning people out of the water and save their lives, are also being targeted. For their deeds, the helpers are increasingly being criminalised: throughout Europe, including Switzerland. The Paul Grüninger Foundation wants to send a signal against these inhuman conditions. It awards its Paul Grüninger Prize, endowed with 50,000 Swiss francs, to the crew of the German rescue ship Iuventa ...".

Fitting to the topic above you can find a good overviewung article on criminalization of solidarity in the WoZ:
*The big Criminalization
Anyone who rescues refugees from the Mediterranean, helps them across the border or opposes expulsions is threatened with draconian punishments in Europe. There is a perfidious strategy behind this. ...”

In german here: https://www.woz.ch/-98ec

10.-12.5.2019 IN MANY CITIES: ACTION DAYS ON 100 YEARS OF DEPORTATION IMPRISONMENT

"The campaign „100 years deportation detention“ (100-jahre-abschiebehaft.de ) reminds of the german wide action weekend against deportation detention from 10. to 12. May and calls to participate actively in the various protests and to initiate further. The participating organizations, activists and individuals demand the abolishment of the deportation detention and solidarity with the detainees by demonstrations and further activities. In addition, they demand the abrogation of the "Ordered Return Act" bill and further tightening of the asylum law. (...) Deportation detention in Germany is celebrating a sad anniversary this year: it is 100 years old. Deportation detention not only causes illness, it also has inhuman roots: on 25 May 1919, it was introduced in Bavaria in order to intern Jewish people from Eastern Europe and drive them out of the country. According to the plans of the Federal Government, this special detention for foreign women is now to be expanded again excessively with the Ordered Return Act in order to push through more deportations - no matter who, no matter what the cost”.

The following events will take place at the german wide decentralised action days to abolish deportation detention:

11.05. Mainz / Ingelheim: Demonstration. Infos: http://100-jahre-abschiebehaft.de/de/my-calendar?cid=my-calendar&mc_id=29
11.05. Dresden: Demonstration, Infos: https://www.facebook.com/events/2130387570585662/ 11.05.
11.05. Dessau: Intercultural Streetparty - Spielplätze statt Haftplätze!. Infos: https://dessaunazifrei.wordpress.com/
11.05. Halle (Saale): Manifestation and collective traveling to Dessau. Infos: https://www.facebook.com/events/834259013619247/
11.05. Nürnberg: Exhibition Black Box Deportation at the Fight Back Festival. Infos: https://abschiebehaftbayern.noblogs.org/nurnberg/
11.05. Eichstätt: Demonstration against detention prison. Infos: https://abschiebehaftbayern.noblogs.org/eichstadt/
12.05. Darmstadt: Demonstration and Knastbeben. Infos: https://ffm.demosphere.net/event/3010
12.05. Büren: Manifestation and cultural program. Infos: http://buerendemo.blogspot.de/
Overview about further events for the campaign in the coming weeks in many cities: http://100-jahre-abschiebehaft.de/de/my-calendar

Updates here http://100-jahre-abschiebehaft.de , Twitter: https://twitter.com/100JahreAHaft or Facebook: https://facebook.com/100JahreAbschiebehaft

17.-19.5.2019 IN HAMBURG: SOLIDARITY CITY ON THE RIGHT TO CITY FORUM

Location: Fux eG, address: Zeiseweg 9, 22765 Hamburg, Germany

"In 'envilaĝo', a mobile wooden building developed last year by New Hamburg, an inspiration space for solidarity cities is to be created. In addition to workshops on citizen asylum, urban citizenship, urban mapping, etc., we would like to collect existing practices in the building and make them visible. We would like to invite as many of you as possible: We are looking for photos, videos, audio contributions, flyers or other information material, links to websites, and and and .... On the one hand we hope for mutual inspiration, but also that the strength of the movement becomes visible!..."

(New Hamburg)

Program in *envilaĝo*

10.00 to 11.00: Right to city meets Solidarity City

Inputs from activists of Right to Tity Hamburg and We´ll Come United Berlin

Part 1: Citizens’ asylum and self-organised spaces

11.30 to 13.00: Citizens’ asylum now exists in over 10 cities, see https://aktionbuergerinnenasyl.de/ . The approach appears to be a convincing political response against deportation terror. But practically many concrete practical questions arise. How do those affected and supporters come together? Which places are suitable for reception? How is citizens’ asylum embedded in the respective perspectives on the right to stay? In the workshop, we primarily want to talk about practical experiences: Where are the difficulties? What has proved its worth? How can we extend the approach?

Inputs from citizens’ asylum initiatives in Berlin (https://buerger-innen-asyl-berlin.org/call/ ) and Hanau (https://buergerasyl-hanau.info )

14.00 to 15.15: Self-organized spaces and meeting places are crucial as everyday structures and starting points for local anti-racist struggles. There is an urgent need for more alternative possibilities of living, but also for social (welcome) centres and collective contact points, both not least as matching spaces and shelters against deportations. What practical experiences are there? From housing projects for underage unaccompanied refugees to counseling cafes, from self-organized tent camps to hidden meeting places in the camps.

Inputs from New Hamburg (https://new-hamburg.de/wp/ ), Sol City Kassel and Sol City Munich to the Bellevue de Monaco (https://bellevuedimonaco.de )

Part 2: Urban Mapping and Urban Citizenship

15.30 to 17.00: As https://w2eu.info/ is working on transnational support structures and multilingual guides for transit and arrival in destination countries, we should also try to create open-map-based
guides for newcomers in the cities. There are initial experiments and examples that we would like to look at, especially with regard to the practical benefits for the refugee and migrant communities. At best, such local mapping could become the vehicle of refugee self-organization.

Inputs from activists from Cologne (https://solidary.city) and Berlin (https://arriving-in-berlin.de)
17.15 to 18.30: While the City ID offers real protection against deportations and comprehensive access to social benefits in some US cities, in Germany it is limited to symbolic initiatives so far. However, in some areas (keyword health care), projects are underway in some cities, including the concept and discourse of urban citizenship, which is about extended spaces for subliminal enforcement strategies. Here, too, we want to use practical examples to discuss possible perspectives.

Inputs from activists of Refugee Law Clinic Hamburg, Recht auf Stadt Hamburg (http://urban-citizenship-hamburg.rechtaufstadt.net) and FFM Berlin

Full program of the Right to City Forum from 17 to 19 May 2019: https://www.buko.info/ras-forum-programm

17.-19.5.2019 LEIPZIG: SOL CITY AT KRITNET-CONFERENCE
Workshop at the kritnet conference in Leipzig from 16-19 May 2019
Solidarity Cities in Europe: Charity, Solidarity, Citizenship?
"In Europe, the movements of the cities of welcome, refuge and solidarity are growing. Civil society groups, urban politicians and city administrations oppose 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 citizenship status. Last but not least, they form discursive antitheses to the Europe-wide rise of right-wing parties, which promote the reinforcement of borders and the criminalisation of migrants. In this workshop we present the brochure "Solidarity Cities in Europe" (https://www.rosalux.de/publikation/id/40039/solidarische-staedte-in-europa/) with case studies from Berlin, Barcelona, Naples, Zurich and Toronto and discuss challenges for transnational, critical activist research on solidarity cities."

19.5.2019 IN SEVEN CITIES: DEMONSTRATIONS FOR "ONE EUROPE FOR ALL"
"Your vote against nationalism" is the subtitle of this broadly supported (EU election) campaign, which accordingly criticises EU policy only very superficially. In some cities there will be "movement blocks" on the demonstrations. From the general call: "The European elections on 26 May 2019 are a decision on the future of the European Union. Nationalists and right-wing extremists want to use it to herald the end of the EU and rewrite nationalism. Their goal: to bring far more of their members into the European Parliament than before. We are all called upon to prevent the nationalists on the rise! We oppose it when contempt for humanity and racism are made socially acceptable, and hate and resentment against refugees and minorities are stirred up. We will not allow the rule of law and independent courts to be attacked, human rights and freedoms to be restricted and the right of asylum to be abolished. That is why we appeal to all European citizens to vote on 26 May - against nationalism and racism: for a democratic, peaceful and united Europe...".
https://www.ein-europa-fuer-alle.de/

23.5.2019 PETITION: RIGHT TO STAY NOT EXCLUSION
Initiative of the Committee for Fundamental Rights and medico international: Petition on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Constitutional Law.
"In Germany, hundreds of thousands of people - often for years - live in existential insecurity because they have either only a precarious right of residence or no right at all. This condition of existential insecurity and lawlessness must be ended. We therefore call on the German Bundestag/Petitions Committee to mark the 70th anniversary of the Constitutional Law: All those who want to live here permanently should be given the right to stay on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Constitutional Law. …"

The whole text and more: https://www.petition-bleiberecht.de

25. + 26.5.2019 IN BRUSSELS: NOBORDERDAYS

Day of exchanges on the fight against the borders
Daily borders divide, kill and make people precarious. They steer and promote increasingly restrictive, securitarian and deadly migration policies. Ranging from their most visible materialisation like walls / barriers, detention structures and spaces, until the "network border"; stakes in connection with borders keep on multiplying. There is a constant evolution tending towards social stratification: prioritisation of privileged mobilities, hot-spots, migrant camps, retention centres, outsourcing of borders, important business and security economy related to hamper borders, all this topped up with alarming stories about a so-called migration "crisis". This movement put in place in order to segregate migrant people continues to grow whilst state repression focuses on crushing any rebellion against this system of violence, exclusion and racism.

As we want the abolition of borders and freedom of movement and installation of all, it must be the "no border" movement that rules the way we organise and think struggles. Let's organise to converge and fight against a system that upholds domination by encouraging exploitation of people and sorting those who try to set foot in Europe.

In order to discuss our struggles, to learn from each other's practices or to organise together, we invite you to a day of exchange on May 25th, 2019.

We invite all collectives and groups and whoever that are part of these struggles to join this debate in Brussels, please address your proposals for interventions to the following contact-address: gettingthevoiceout@riseup.net

THE SHIP MARE LIBERUM IS PREVENTED FROM LEAVING THE PORT.

The volunteers of the non-profit association of the same name observe human rights in the Aegean Sea to draw attention to the dangerous flight route between Turkey and Greece and to strengthen solidarity and fundamental human rights.

The background to this decision is a directive issued by the Federal Ministry of Transport to the German Employer's Liability Insurance Association (Berufsgenossenschaft Verkehr) to treat civilian rescue ships on the Mediterranean Sea separately. "The transport ministry, led by CSU politician Scheuer, apparently wants to use perfidious means to prevent any presence of civil society actors in the Mediterranean so that the EU's deadly border policy cannot be documented. We are still making an urgent application today in order to be able to expire as quickly as possible," explains Hanno Bruchmann, spokesman for Mare Liberum ...

PM see here: https://ffm-online.org/bundesverkehrsministerium-hindert-mare-liberum-am-auslaufen/
https://mare-liberum.org/de
TOGETHER WE ARE BREMEN

"We are a group of people who have come together to fight against the camp on Gottlieb-Daimler Street, many of us are young people who have fled West African countries and survived the crossing of the Mediterranean. Others are people who have decided to become part of the group and support the struggles. (...) Bremen is the city that has been our home for over a year. We have found friends here, many of us even go to school and we have finally arrived at a place where we could feel safe after a long, dangerous and traumatic journey. We call our movement "Together we are Bremen" because we are part of Bremen and many people in Bremen have shown us that we are welcome here! (...) We have experienced how strong we can be when we stand together. Being in solidarity with each other and with many people from Bremen gives us the energy to continue this fight. We have seen what can be changed if we do not give up, but take our protest to the streets!

http://togetherwearebremen.org/
https://youtu.be/2rmH04c9IVU

ARTICLE: FURTHER FLIGHT THROUGH EUROPE - SOLIDARITY CITIES IN CONNECTION?!

"Afghan refugees from Bavaria in Paris, German speaking Pakistani refugees in Northern Italy, Somali refugees from Norway in Germany. The attempt to develop options for action based on solidarity. Over the past two years, one round of tightening laws against refugees and migrants has been chased by another. In EUropean countries, the human rights of rejected asylum seekers are being trampled. - homelessness and exclusion from social benefits as a means of deterrence. In light of this, more and more of those who are increasingly deprived of their rights decide to continue their flight to other EUropean countries. They are further fleeing from the threat of deportation or from impoverishment. They are also further fleeing, because some have had enough of the endless waiting. These are not always rational decisions, sometimes it would certainly be easier to continue the fight for the right to stay in the original countries of arrival. In most cases, however, the continuation of flight is underpinned by a conscious decision: the decision not to tolerate injustice any longer and to move on. Against stagnancy and for freedom. This text is an attempt to take a closer look at some of these further flight movements – and, above all, the attempt to develop options for solidarity. We do not have to start from zero. We can draw on decades of experience of solidarity with sans-papiers, with illegalised migrants throughout EUrope.

Link to the article: https://solidarity-city.eu/de/2019/05/06/weiterfluchten-durch-europa/
SOLIDARY4ALL – NEWSPAPER AGAINST EXCLUSION AND RACISM

The Antira Network Baden-Württemberg has published a new issue of the Solidarity4All newspaper with the focus on Solidarity City. If you would like to have one or more newspapers, please send an email to info@stop-deportation.de
Ausgabe Nr. 4 Mai 2019


REVIEWS

30.3.2019 SEEHOFER WEGBASSEN IN BERLIN

"For safe harbours and solidary cities
Around 6,000 people demonstrated on March 30 in Berlin against the planned tightening of asylum laws and for the resumption of sea rescue operations for refugees in the Mediterranean.
Under the motto "#SeehoferWegbassen", they called for safe harbours and solidarity-based cities. The demonstration, to which Seebrücke Berlin and 59 other organizations had mobilized, started at Oberbaumbrücke and led to the Red City Hall...".

More and photo gallery at Umbruch Bildarchiv: https://umbruch-bildarchiv.org/seehofer-wegbassen/

28.4.2019 SEEBRÜCKEN DEMO IN HANNOVER

https://www.haz.de/Hannover/Aus-der-Stadt/Hannover-Tausende-bei-Seebruecke-Grossdemo-dabei

OUTLOOKS

13. + 14.06.2019 BERLIN: CONGRESS "SAFE HARBOURS – CAST OFF FOR MUNICIPAL RECEPTION"

"...June 2019 marks the anniversary of the first safe harbor declarations. This is the right time to analyse where the safe harbours stand and to discuss which strategies municipalities can use to promote a humane migration policy. Therefore, the SEEBRÜCKE invites to the congress "Safe Ports. Cast off for municipal reception"..." Limited number of participants, advance registration required!

28.-30.06.2019 MUNICH: SOLIDARITY CITY MUNICH?! CONFERENCE AT BELLEVUE DI MONACO

First announcement here:
9.-14.07.2019 NEAR NANTES/FRANCE: TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP
More than 300 activists have now registered, from Helsinki to Benin City, from Barcelona to Izmir: a very transnational Summer Camp will take place, interesting especially for continuous working groups and networks.
A four-day programme is in preparation, registration is absolutely necessary. Contact: tsc2019@protonmail.com

26.-28.07.2019 DRESDEN: NEXT MEETING OF WE’LL COME UNITED
More info soon at https://www.welcome-united.org
„Alltag machen, Sachsen machen, weitermachen: Statement of We’ll Come United“:
https://m.facebook.com/1864454513805171/posts/2277851159132169/

24.08.2019 BIG DEMONSTRATION IN SAXONIA
Unteilbar has published a first call and first materials are available:
https://www.unteilbar.org/aktionen/unteilbar-sachsen/
We’ll Come United will participate as a „Parade-block“, more in the coming weeks on https://www.welcome-united.org

31.8.2019 BÜREN: BIG DEMONSTRATION AGAINST 100 YEARS OF DEPORTATION IMPRISONMENT

Seit 100 Jahren ... werden Ausländer*innen inhaftiert – nicht wegen einer Straftat sondern nur, um den Behörden ihre Abschiebung zu erleichtern
Seit 25 Jahren ... ist in Büren der größte Abschiebeknast Deutschlands, in dem außerdem über die Hälfte der Gefangenen unrechtmäßig inhaftiert ist
Vor 20 Jahren ... starb Rashid Sbaai unter nicht endgültig geklärten aber in jedem Fall skandalösen Umständen in Büren!
Keine Sondergesetze, keine unkontrollierte behördliche Praxis mehr
Abschaffung der Abschiebehaft
Sofortige Schließung aller Abschiebeknäste!

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