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Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

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DEAR FRIENDS!

Solidarity will win! With the judgement of Agrigento's judge (2 July 2019), which was fatal for



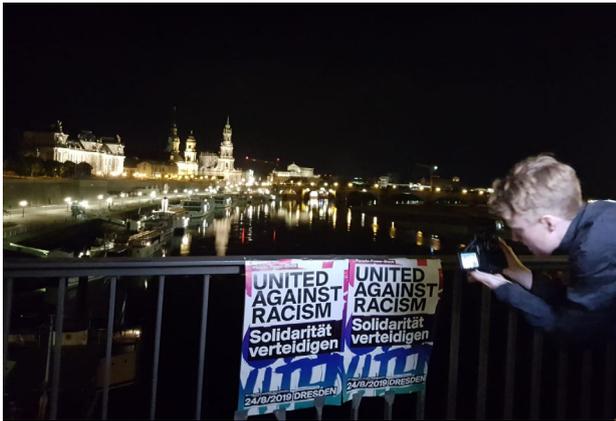
Salvini, the slogan seems to fit once again. "Free Carola" was on everyone's lips in the last few days, about 1.5 million euros came together within a few days in donation campaigns, especially in Germany and Italy, for Sea Watch and sea rescue. This great success for a "heroine" should now be passed on as well and as broadly as possible to the often overlooked, true heroes of this story: the migrants who oppose the border regime every day. For example, by making donations available to the defense of the El-Hiblu accused, the three West African youths, who significantly prevented an illegal push back with a cargo ship to Libya and thus saved themselves and over 100 other refugees,

including many women and children, from being returned to the detention and torture camps. And who are still accused of terrorism in Malta. These and so many other "everyday heroes" who fight their way through the deadly EU border regime at the external borders and in the boats must now be put at the centre of public solidarity!

To develop and extend infrastructures for freedom of movement and equal rights! This is the central topic of the Transborder Summer Camp, which will be pitching its tents near Nantes next week. The proposal was brought into the (internal) discussion last summer by Welcome to Europe and met with a lot of interest. Over 600 activists from all possible cities across Europe as well as

from North and West Africa will come together for a four-day strategic exchange. And We'll Come United will travel to France in a "well mixed composition" with its own (50s) bus. Never before has a Noborder Camp been so transnational! The focus of the workshops is on the infrastructures that have grown along all flight routes in recent years: from the various alarm phones and rescue ships to (occupied) social centres, rest houses and self-organised projects to information guides and various maps against push backs or for solidarity cities. "From the Sea to the Cities ..." has set many things in motion.

Defending solidarity - United against Racism and Fascism! Under this heading We'll Come



United calls for everyday self-defence, for participation in the parade block at the upcoming big demonstration on 24.8.19 in Dresden and for "Swarming", to support the migrant structures (not only) in Saxony. From the impressive call: "...Let's start with the obvious: To defend solidarity, together and in new coalitions. Solidarity is more than a word. Solidarity is the most beautiful relationship in the world. Solidarity

means that our different stories are not an obstacle to a common struggle. On the contrary. The desire to fight together is more than just an act of despair. It can be the beginning of a great friendship. A friendship of self-organized groups and initiatives that do not allow themselves to be forbidden to speak and to live, that dare to say what is. And they don't follow the right turn, but stand up to it in everyday life. We are more than we think!"

In this sense: For a hot summer of solidarity!

The Kompass team



P.S. Twitter of WTM Alarm Phone in reference to a photo from Mediterranea at 4.7.19: „A few hours ago, when they called the #Alarm Phone, they were scared of drowning or being returned to the hell in #Libya - now we can see the relief in their eyes. They cannot stay on the #ALEX for long but need to be brought to land immediately! Open the ports!"

INFORMATION AND DATES FOR JULY + AUGUST 2019

FREE CAROLA, SEEBRÜCKE MOBILIZATIONS, ETC. FOR 6.7. AND THE ACCUSED IN THE EL-HIBLU CASE

"Carola is free! We were relieved to learn yesterday evening that Alessandra Vella, the responsible investigating judge in Agrigento, largely shares our legal opinion. She rejected the accusation that Carola had used force against warships and took the view that Carola had acted "in fulfilment of a duty" - the duty to save lives at sea.

Most importantly, the judge stressed that Carola's decision to start Lampedusa as the next Place of Safety (POS) was necessary. Libya and Tunisia could not be considered safe ports. In addition, Vella took the view that the Salvini decree, which was issued only three weeks ago in a hurry and which punishes those who allow refugees to go ashore in Italy with a penalty of €50,000, was not applicable to rescue operations because it related to smugglers. Carola will nevertheless have to answer in court, presumably from mid-July. In her defence, we will use funds from the Sea-Watch legal aid fund, which is initially well-filled after the last few days....

Further current information is available at <https://sea-watch.org>

Analyses, assessments, criticisms of the escalations in the central Mediterranean at FFM:

<https://ffm-online.org/freecarola-salvini-und-die-fluechtlingssolitaritaet/>

<https://ffm-online.org/carolas-staatsanwalt-und-der-libysche-lagerkommandant/>

<https://ffm-online.org/the-white-mans-burden-wir-schaffen-das-and-carola-rackete/>

Germanwide demonstrations in many cities on 6 July 2019

FOR THE RIGHTS OF Refugees / #FREECAROLA!

Carola is free, but nothing is won yet. The dying and criminalization in the Mediterranean continues unabated. So we go out on the streets in many cities on Saturday and show together that we will never accept active dying! #Humanity Emergency #DayOrange #Seebrücke

more see <https://seebruecke.org>

Central Mediterranean: more boats reach Maltese SAR zone

From the current report of the WatchTheMed Alarmphone on the situation in the central Mediterranean: „... Independent Migrant Arrivals in Italy and Malta

Over the past months, more migrant boats have reached Italian and Maltese shores independently. Following some estimates, there were 115 people who reached Europe in this way in March, 142 in April, 295 in May and even 596 in June - this means that, over the past four months, a total of 1148 people reached Europe by boat without having to be rescued at sea. Even though these figures are lower than last year, there has been a continuous increase since February 2019. We also assume that these numbers are not complete and that there are still unnoticed arrivals along the coasts of Italy and Malta.

Though there are also larger boats among them, the majority of boats that make it to Italian or Maltese shores independently are relatively small - carrying often between five and 30 individuals. The vast majority of these boats started from Libya or Tunisia, and only a few from Turkey (126 people left from Turkey in June and reached Italy). Types of boats vary, including rubber dinghies, wooden boats, fibre boats and even sailing boats. These arrivals demonstrate that the European

border remains porous, with migration finding its way even in some of the most difficult circumstances.

The complete text here <https://alarmphone.org/en/>

9.-14.07.2019 NEAR NANTES/FRANCE: TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP



With over 600 registrations, the Summer Camp will be twice as large as expected, participation without registration is not possible for logistical reasons. Contact: tsc2019@protonmail.com

From the preface of the Preparation Hand Out: „... We call for this summer camp, to bring together different struggles to fight for freedom of movement and equal social rights. Transborder means for us to bridge structures along different flight routes and to create common strategies to ght for a society based on openness and solidarity and not on exclusion and exploitation. Our main aim is to create a space for a deepening exchange and for strategical discussions on the struggles for freedom of movement, for equal rights for all and for an open and solidary society.

The bases for this meeting are the networking processes all over Europe and Africa, which developed and continued during the last years along the various flight routes as well as against deportations and exclusion. Thus, we will try to make it possible, that self-organized activists with a refugee and migrant background can join and we will try to invite as many of our partner groups and organizations, who are active on the African continent, as possible.(...) For many workshops we could build transnational preparation groups, which will try to introduce and to moderate the main topics. (...) Beside the opening and the final plenary in the beginning and in the end of the camp we will have two more plenary sessions, in which we want to touch two main questions, which we consider as crucial: what are our political strategies to move and act in the respective polarization of our societies? How to build on - despite and against the ongoing rollback from the EU-borderregime - the practical infrastructure for the struggles for freedom of movement?...“

24.08.2019 DRESDEN: LARGE-SCALE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE RIGHT WING AND IN DEFENCE OF SOLIDARITY



„The call to We'll Come United's "Parade Power Block" starts like this: "We don't really have time. But nobody can choose the moments when solidarity is needed. This is a call for self-defence and solidarity - in Saxony and beyond. To save the world, we have to protect ourselves. We will certainly not rely on parties that organise state racism in ever new asylum laws and on institutions that finance Nazi terror. It is that simple. If the right now shows what they are capable of, we will show that we stick together. That we have

understood what is happening here. We know what it means to defend one's own life and existence – for many of us it is not the first time. We do not give up.

Because we are here, in Saxony and elsewhere. We are coming, today and tomorrow and in all the future. Those who don't like it will have to get used to it. Those who want to prevent this will pay a high political price: The dead at Europe's external borders, the series of murders by the state-sponsored National Socialist underground, the countless attacks on refugees and their shelters, the deportations, the global expansion of the camp system and attacks on solidarity initiatives, sea rescue and anti-fascism. The price is division and deprivation of rights, walls and violence. The prize is the fascisation of society, which is in full swing in Saxony. Who wants to stop this process, will look in vain for answers in the Wahl-O-Mat, but must put the view sharp: on the innumerable, often invisible stories of migrant, anti-fascist and solidary everyday struggles. Here begins the possibility of another world, always and everywhere. We turn on the light and turn on the sound: Saxony is at the same time worse and more beautiful than many think. ...“

The complete call and more here: <https://www.welcome-united.org>

31.08.2019 BÜREN: BIG DEMONSTRATION AGAINST 100 YEARS DEPORTATION DETENTION

100 years deportation imprisonment forever!

There will be several sad anniversaries in 2019:

For 100 years ... foreigners* are detained – not for a criminal offence but only to make it easier for the authorities to deport them.

For 25 years ... is the largest deportation prison in Germany in Büren, where more than half of the prisoners are illegally detained.

20 years ago ... Rashid Sbaai died in Büren under not finally clarified but in any case scandalous circumstances!

That is wrong – that is racism!

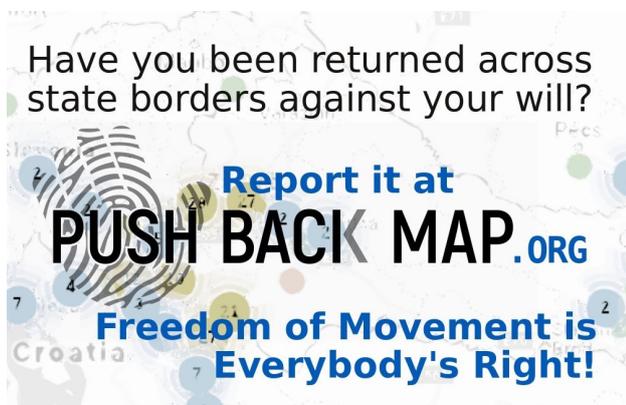
This contempt for human beings must not continue any longer!...

11am Deportation prison Büren, Büren-Stöckerbusch

3pm Grand Demonstration Paderborn Main Station

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

NEW MAPPING-PROJEKT AGAINST PUSH-BACKS



Zagreb, June 18th 2019

A Tool to Collectively Fight the Repressive Border & Control Regime

www.pushbackmap.org

Currently we are witnessing an increase in institutional violence across Europe. At the EU's borders expulsions, direct deportations, readmissions and other forms of forced returns across borders are happening on a daily basis. These

violent practices are called push-backs. They are a systematic institutionalised technique used to

suppress movement across borders. With our newly developed online tool The Push-back Map, www.pushbackmap.org, we aim to map, document, visualise and denounce these practices.

“We were walking in the forest before we reached the bus station [...] I saw a police patrol, they were searching the area and [we] turned around from the police and went down into the forest. [...] They never gave us the chance to ask for [asylum]... the officers started to beat [me] and kick with their shoes.” (Account of a push back from Croatia to Bosnia by an Iraqi minor, January 21, 2019)

The Push-back Map is a collective space of resistance against the EU border control regime. It aims to visualise the struggles of crossing, challenging and fighting state sovereignty. Mapping push-backs means therefore also mapping resistance, mapping the never ending movements across and against borders! This map intends to document this continuous struggle collectively and wants to give people a tool to report experienced or witnessed push-backs keeping the struggle up!

The map was developed by a collective of activists in the South East of Europe, where push-backs are rampant. However, it does not have any geographical limitations, because push-backs are a global phenomenon and must be fought transnationally. We hope to provide a platform to aid this grassroots political organising across borders.

The Push-back Map begins documenting with the closure of the Balkan Corridor in March 2016.

Although push-backs have been a normalised practices before, we believe this date symbolises the re-enforcement of this brutal practice. We are tired of talking about dehumanised, depoliticised victims who, supposedly, cannot speak for themselves, we want to talk with and to people which do not have any other choice than challenging those

borders. We want to collect, expose and remember what happens everyday at the European borders.

“I try again and if it doesn't work again, I lost my country, I don't care.” (young man from Syria after being pushed back from Bosnia to Montenegro....)

Contact us: www.pushbackmap.org // info@pushbackmap.org // www.twitter.com/pushbackmap

ALARM PHONE REPORTS ON ALL THREE ROUTES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

The WatchTheMed Alarm Phone network has recently compiled three up-to-date reports on the situation on the three main Mediterranean routes. The report about central Mediterranean was already mentioned above. The following excerpts are from the reports on the Western Med and the Aegean.

Alarm Phone: Western Med Regional Analysis, 18 March - 31 May 2019

Borders of violence: “When I resisted to enter the small dark room, they started beating me...”

Since August/September 2018, we have witnessed a constant exacerbation of the situation of travellers in transit on the Western Mediterranean route. Violence and the threat of detention is a constant reality for sub-saharan travellers. The title is taken from the testimony of an AP member who was arrested and beaten in Tanger. The assault was witnessed by another comrade (see below). Her experience is just one example of police violence and unlawful arbitrary repression in Morocco. It is not an unfortunate, if all too common blip but part of the violent structures imposed by the Moroccan state at the behest of the European Union. We will not stop making visible and denouncing this structural violence!

Not only do the raids and violent and arbitrary arrests of black people continue on a large scale, but the sea passage from Morocco to Spain has become more dangerous since new political sea rescue directives were put into practice by the Salvamento Marítimo, the Spanish rescue authority.

This report attempts to give an overview of the major developments in Morocco as both a transit country and country of origin. It also attempts to summarize the political developments of the border regime in the Western Mediterranean.

The full report here: https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/06/03/borders-of-violence/?post_type_release_type=post

ALARM PHONE AEGEAN REGIONAL REPORT



June 28, 2019

18 March - 18 June 2019

The Aegean Sea this year has become once again the most frequent escape route chosen by people on their way to Europe[1]. As a consequence, the numbers of refugees trapped in Greece steadily increased for a third year in a row. While the Turkish Coast Guard seems to have detected and arrested

more or less the same number of refugees attempting to cross the border in the Aegean Sea irregularly in the first five months of 2019[2], thus, continuing with the practice of “pull-backs”. This phenomenon has also been observed by the Alarm Phone. Through the emergency calls it receives, the Alarm Phone has noticed an increase in accounts of attacks by “masked men” in the Greek territorial waters. Attacks which were followed by pull-backs by the Turkish authorities.

The ‘return’ of this life-threatening practice of pushbacks, alleged to be by the Greek Coast Guard, puts the lives of people escaping war and conflict into danger once more. Illegal returns of refugees under the eyes of Frontex and the NATO are more likely to happen in the absence of civil rescue boats who can document human rights violations on the sea. Border deaths could be prevented too by the return of these vessels. The blockage of Mare Liberum has to be seen as part of the wider attempt to hinder civil society from witnessing the illegal practices carried out against refugees at the sea borders. ...“

The full report here: https://alarmphone.org/en/2019/06/28/alarm-phone-aegean-report/?post_type_release_type=post

RESEARCH COMPANY FORSCHUNGSGESELLSCHAFT FLUCHT UND MIGRATION IS GOING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ONLINE DATABASE ABOUT THE EXTERNALISATION OF THE EUROPEAN BORDER MANAGEMENT

The website migration-control.taz.de is the collective knowledge about European migration control in Africa. The research company Forschungsgesellschaft Flucht und Migration is going to take responsibility for the online database and will provide the knowledge about the externalisation of the European border management permanently updated. Doing so, FFM will update the content of the site, reprogram it and add French as a third language to increase its reach. And it needs your support! Help document how the EU rewards dictators for their border protection and what brutal consequences the EU isolation has for the local population.

Support the crowdfunding campaign at [https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/71167?](https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/71167?utm_campaign=ShortURLs&utm_medium=project_71167&utm_source=PlainShortURL)

[utm_campaign=ShortURLs&utm_medium=project_71167&utm_source=PlainShortURL](https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/71167?utm_campaign=ShortURLs&utm_medium=project_71167&utm_source=PlainShortURL) or transfer your donation directly to the FFM account with the keyword “Migration Control”.

NEW CIRCULAR FROM "WHAT KIND OF SOCIETY DO WE WANT TO LIVE IN?"



„... On our web page recently a text was supplemented to the perspective of food-sovereignty, see <http://welche->

<http://welche-gesellschaft.org/ernaehrungssouveraenitaet/> Besides there is an update to the Care revolution, see <http://welche-gesellschaft.org/care-revolution> In both texts cross-links to other social questions are opened up and it is pointed out in each case to the necessity of fundamental social changes... At the same time we want to tackle in the coming weeks and months that, which is headed on the web page with the placeholder interconnections. Thus in the course of the process we want to document the bridges and overlapping parts, but also contradictions and differences between the movements. On the content as well as on the practical level... First we will take part in a workshop in August at the Climate Camp in Leipzig (<https://www.klimacamp-leipzigerland.de/programm/klimacamp/>), in which the exchange between anti-coal and migration movements will be the focus. And we hope to gain experience with linking debates, which we then want to continue in multiple thematic constellations within the framework of a strategy conference next autumn. "Together Effective" is the title of this conference from 18 to 20 October, to which *Bewegungsstiftung* invites activists* from various social movements to Berlin (see <http://www.bewegungskonferenz.de/worum-gehts.html>). A part of this conference will be organized by our initiative and with the questions of "In which society ...?! It is planned - alternating between small and large group discussions - to deepen the cross-movement search process, both in the exchange of specific topics and with debates on challenges that affect us all. Anyone who wants to be part in October should register with the Foundation as soon as possible.

<http://welche-gesellschaft.org>

Contact: welche-gesellschaft@riseup.net

REVIEWS

13.+14.06.2019 BERLIN: CONGRESS "SAFE HARBOURS - CAST OFF FOR COMMUNAL RECEPTION"



12 out of 60 safe harbours formed during the congress the new alliance "Cities Safe Harbours". The state capital Potsdam initiated the process with the Potsdam Declaration. There was much more political movement during the two-day congress in the Rotes Rathaus. "Words must be followed by deeds. I see it as a humanitarian duty to give the 53 people rescued by Sea-Watch in

Rottenburg a safe haven. At the SEEBRÜCKE Congress it became clear to me and the others from the alliance "Cities of Safe Harbours" that there are ways when the political will is there", the Mayor Neher spontaneously ended at the end of the congress. The "Let's go" was also the motto in Berlin: The Governing Mayor Müller and Mayor Pop announced that they were launching a Bundesrat initiative to create opportunities to accept refugees even without the consent of the Federal Ministry of the Interior...

More about the congress here: <https://seebruecke.org/startseite/sichere-haefen-in-deutschland/kongress-sichere-haefen/>

20.+21.06.2019 NAPLES : MEETING OF THE PALERMO CHARTER PROCESS PLATFORM



While Sea-Watch 3 was still at sea, prevented from entering Lampedusa port, humanitarian rescue NGOs, civil society organisations, representatives of municipalities, and activist groups met in Naples on June 20-21 as the 'Palermo Charter Process Platform'. We composed a statement, entitled "From Palermo and Barcelona to Naples: For the Right to Mobility and the Right to Rescue!" It says: Humanitarian rescue NGOs, civil society organisations and activist groups, including Sea-Watch, Alarm Phone, Mediterranea, Seebrücke, Aita Mari, Jugend Rettet, Borderline Europe, Inura, Open Arms, and Welcome to Europe, as well as representatives of several European cities and municipalities, including Naples and Barcelona, have come together to work toward a collective European and Mediterranean initiative. Our movement was born in Palermo in 2018 and in the spirit of the

Charter of Palermo, with its central demand for the right of mobility. Our slogan is: "From the Sea to the Cities!" ...Over the past two days we have strengthened the collaboration between humanitarian rescue NGOs, civil society organisations, activist groups and city administrators. Our main aim is to join together in the struggle against the mass dying in the Mediterranean Sea. Those rescued at sea must be brought to safe harbours and be allowed to live freely and in dignity in European cities."

28.-30.06.2019 MUNICH: SOL CITY CONFERENCE

"We from the Solidarity City Munich Conference Team are still slightly exhausted, but damn happy!



That's up to you! We really had three incredibly great, exciting and inspiring conference days with you and are still overwhelmed by how many came despite the summer heat. All workshops were well attended and both the kick-off event and the panel discussion were very popular.

Besides, we were able to send a message of solidarity live from the conference to the imprisoned Captain Carola Rackete, who has already been received by over 46,000 people! The unfortunate events in Lampedusa once again show why it is important to make cities

places of solidarity! The beginning here in Munich has been made!

What happens next? Our goal remains, of course, to make Munich a Solidarity City and we are looking forward to everyone who wants to work on it and will invite you to a big meeting in September!

If you want to be invited, please write to kontakt@solicity-muenchen.de today.

OUTLOOK

18.-20.10.2019 BERLIN: STRATEGY-CONFERENCE OF BEWEGUNGSSTIFTUNG

Fridays for Future, Expropriate Deutsche Wohnen & Co., Seebrücke and many more: Thanks to the protests of social movements something is finally moving in the debate about climate protection, social justice and an open Europe.

But the challenges are huge. Now is the time to join forces and learn from each other. We are creating the space for this - with a strategy conference for social movements taking place in Berlin in October. The motto: Effective together!

All information about the conference can be found here: www.bewegungskonferenz.de

01.-03.11.2019 TRIBUNAL GOES CHEMNITZ

Invitation to Chemnitz - Come all!

We will hold a 3rd tribunal in November 2019 in Chemnitz and Zwickau, after Cologne 2017 and Mannheim 2018. At the tribunal in the Schauspiel in Cologne-Mülheim, the voices of the relatives of

murder victims and survivors of the NSU terror series were used to accuse those responsible for the still unresolved NSU complex. In Mannheim, the history of migration in the FRG and the struggles of those affected by racism from a Baden-Württemberg focus were discussed further, told and made visible.

From November 1 to 3, we will organize another tribunal in Chemnitz and Zwickau, the cities in which the NSU terror group lived well networked during its series of murders, where in October 2018 right-wing hunts on migrant women* and several arson attacks on migrant restaurants were carried out. We will indict those responsible for racist violence at the scene of the perpetrators and demand justice together with those affected. We will make the continuity of migration in Saxony visible, together we will sue for the society of the many, raise our voices and assert. We are the future, also in Saxony.

Further information will be updated here: <https://www.nsu-tribunal.de/tribunal/>