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DEAR FRIENDS!

for bitter reasons, we are starting on our own:

In March we had cancelled our newsletter and now we are again later than usual. For us this has only secondarily to do with the virus and the general slowdown. The first reason is still shortly before the drastic restrictions because of Corona: the racist murders on February 19 in Hanau. Many readers may be aware that the Anti-Ra-Kompass is mainly produced from the small circle of no one is illegal activists in Hanau. We were and are affected by the shots.



What remains is a huge wound of grief and trauma with which we have to struggle in our small town. Some of us had been involved in "MigrAntifa" during the last months and were on the road a lot in Saxony and other places of racist attacks. Of course we are also confronted with institutional racism in Hanau itself or with AfD. But none of us could have imagined before the 19.2. that it could affect our small and so migrant shaped city in this

dimension. This is a break in our everyday social and political life that we still have to learn to deal with. We will continue to take time for this and to put other things aside when it seems necessary.

The initiative 19 February Hanau is one way of dealing with the catastrophe. To regain capacities to act against the paralysis caused by the terrible. To make the voices of the relatives and friends of the victims and the survivors audible. To promise with them: Nothing

will be forgotten. To demand with all means a complete investigation and clarification. And finally to fight the racist agitation and the climate that made such a murdering possible. "MigrAntifa" will soon have a new meeting point in Hanau with the initiative 19 February.

Corona. Yes, it is terrible and threatening for everyone, but as always: on closer inspection, the virus does not affect everyone equally. Those who live on the streets or have little or no access to health care, those who have to live in camps with many people in very confined spaces, those who do not have their own garden or even a weekend house in the countryside - it soon becomes clear how differently people are affected. And that the fight for equal rights remains acute.

Deportations are suspended for the moment, but what was possible in Portugal - the legalisation of all refugees and migrants in the face of the virus crisis - seems almost unthinkable in Germany. Camps with hundreds of people are quarantined instead of evacuating and using empty hotels. The state of emergency turns the austerity policy upside down and mobilizes unprecedented billions of dollars to somehow keep the capitalist economy alive. But the urgently needed evacuation of the camps is not taking place, and the deprivation of rights of the excluded and precarious is apparently to be maintained at all costs. In many camps there are self-organized protests, just as corona information and prevention was already primarily a question of selforganisation and state-independent solidarity structures.



CommemorAction in Oujda

"Leave no one behind" - with this apt slogan, a public campaign has been launched - under the conditions of the Corona state of emergency - to raise and scandalize the exacerbated injustice at the external borders and especially in the camps on the Greek islands. While in April and May about 80,000 harvest workers from Romania are flown in by charter planes to local asparagus and strawberry fields, 50 (!) unaccompanied minors from the EU-initiated disaster hotspots in Greece are allowed to enter Germany after a tough struggle. Can the function of the border regime in this combination of exploitation and exclusion be demonstrated even more drastically?

Unbearable and shocking remains what the Alarm Phone has experienced in the last few days in the central Mediterranean and documented in detail and with great publicity: the intentional left to die at sea by coast guards in Italy and Malta, and then even attacks on refugee boats by the AFM (Maltese Coast Guard). What we have so far only known in this brutality in the Aegean Sea and what has become everyday life there again since March - violent pushbacks of boats that started in Turkey - is now to be demonstrated to the boat



people from Libya. In Corona times European ports are declared "Unsafe Harbours" and refugees from torture camps are exposed to drowning.

The right to flight and migration in (post-)corona times? In the face of a state of emergency and intensified re-nationalization, our struggles for freedom of movement and equal rights seem to be even more on the defensive. At the same time, the virus reveals more openly than ever new fractures of the alleged „there is no alternative“ to neoliberal capitalism. The ambivalences of the current breaks and thus also the emancipative opportunities in and with the new global crisis are now a topic in many interesting texts and debates. The global right to health, upgrading of care work, unconditional basic income ... to name a few points.

"The solidarities that we are building today will be the basis for the struggles to the new order of the world after Corona. What will be decisive here will be how the global dimension of the crisis is also answered globally in them, and whether nationalist and anti-migrant policies are strengthened in dealing with the social question. Solidarity can become a nationalist practice or transnational solidarity". Mario Neumann and Max Pichl put this very aptly in an article worth reading at the end of March. And based on this, the initiative "In which society we want to live?!" writes in its current roundletter: "This is precisely why we give this central importance to strengthening and deepening the connecting processes. Mutual knowledge and empathy, learning from each other and respectfully arguing, exchanging experiences and fighting together. In these living processes solidarity is created and grows."

In this spirit,
the AntiRa-Kompass crew

P.S.: And now in more details on all the focal points mentioned in the introduction.



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR APRIL AND MAY 2020

INITIATIVE 19. FEBRUAR IN HANAU



"Following the racist murders in Hanau on February 19th 2020, we made a promise at vigils, rallies and funerals: that the names of the victims will not be forgotten. That we won't abandon ourselves. That the unspeakable dismay we are now feeling will not be here forever. The cameras and politicians are now leaving the city again. We will stay. We are setting up an initiative to give solidarity and the demands for education

and political consequences a permanent place. We will not allow February 19th 2020 to be swept under the rug - like countless right-wing murders before. We will not allow perpetrators to be once again protected and their violence downplayed. We now need direct support for those affected: access to legal advice and experienced lawyers, psychological support and help moving, financial support and independent education. And that's not all: young people and adults in Hanau are thinking and talking a lot about the everyday experiences they have with racism - in schools, in daycare, at work, on the train. These discussions need both space and trust. We want to create this space, together with everyone who needs it, here, on site. A space against forgetting, against silence, against fear.

We want to create a space of trust. We want political solidarity and visibility. We stand for the society of many. Hanau is our city, our home. That's the way it is and that's the way it will remain. Here are the relatives, families and friends of those murdered and injured. They have to be heard. We will give each other support, for the next few weeks, months and years. We will ensure that consequences are drawn - and that nothing is forgotten.

[HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG](https://19FEB-HANAU.ORG)



In the meantime, the initiative is in the process of setting up a meeting point in Hanau, a concrete "space of trust", with counselling and as a place to meet the relatives of the victims as well as survivors and their friends. In addition, a small research group has been formed, which published a first statement on 7 April.



Statement of the Initiative 19. February Hanau on the extreme right-wing motivation and the information blockade regarding the racist murders in Hanau

What we know:

- Tobias Rathjen, the murderer of Hanau, was carrying a Czeska-branded gun at the time of his crime on February 19, 2019, which he had borrowed from a local arms dealer 12 days earlier.
- The perpetrator's website featured a white wolf with blue eyes.
- In recent years Rathjen has been on the road in Wyoming in the USA and in several European countries and - as recently reported by Der Spiegel - has taken part in "combat training" in Slovakia twice.

We do not know yet:

- whether - and if so, whom - Rathjen shot with the Czeska on February 19, 2020.
- whether he positioned himself as a "lone wolf" in the Nazi concept of "leaderless resistance" or at least referred to it.
- whether he was alone in Slovakia and whether he had any kind of contact with right-wing extremists in Europe and/or the USA.



We wonder:

- Is it a coincidence that Rathjen borrowed and possibly used a Czeska - the murder weapon of the NSU?
- Is it a coincidence that he used a symbol for his website that has a historical as well as a contemporary history of Nazism?
- Was Rathjen - beyond his visits to Slovakia - only on holiday trips in the other European countries and in

Wyoming?

And of course we ask ourselves: Why have the responsible authorities not been giving out any information about the current state of investigation for almost six weeks? Nothing about ballistic investigations, nothing about Rathjen's website and nothing about his stays abroad. A de facto information blockade, while alleged interim reports from the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) get into the media, which relativize the racist motivation of the murders, only to be denied again.

We promise: we will not forget anything and, together with the relatives and friends of the victims, insist on a complete clarification of the murders and their backgrounds.

Initiative 19 February Hanau on 7 April 2020

CORONA AND THE URGENCY OF EQUAL RIGHTS

One of the first demands of anti-racist and self-organized movements of refugees was an immediate stop of deportations, the closure of the camps and equal rights and access to health care for all. There were many good explanations, texts and statements. Nevertheless, they faded away in many places. Today it is difficult for us to get an overview of how many





reception centers and local camps are under quarantine, and even in places that are not quarantined and sealed off, the refugees living there continue to protest against the even more absurd rules and deprivation of rights under the conditions of keeping distances. In how many places there is resistance against this, probably no one overlooks, and so this collection can only give an impression of the different activities that have developed during these times. It would be more than desirable to have a platform on which an overview could be created of what is moving where. Because in times when we can meet less, an exchange is more urgent, because Corona shows us one thing above all: the urgency of the demand for equal rights for all!

CORONA-INFORMATION IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

ARE COLLECTED AT THE WEBSITE FROM WE'LL COME UNITED:

[HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/DE/CORONA-INFORMATIONEN/](https://www.welcome-united.org/de/corona-informationen/)

DUBLIN DEPORTATIONS WERE SUSPENDED BY THE BAMF ON 18 MARCH 2020

After the suspension of Dublin deportations, the BAMF comes up with a trick around the corner: suspension of the transfer deadline. This is to prevent asylum seekers from being granted asylum here. The BAMF is thus causing chaos at counselling centres and preparing a new wave of complaints to the administrative courts.

PRO ASYL SUMMARISES THE STATE OF AFFAIRS REGARDING THE SUSPENDED TRANSFER DEADLINES IN DUBLIN PROCEDURES AS FOLLOWS: [HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/NEWS/AUSSETZUNG-DER-DUBLIN-FRISTEN-ERST-CHAOS-DANN-KLAGEWELLE/](https://www.proasyl.de/news/aussetzung-der-dublin-fristen-erst-chaos-dann-klagewelle/) PRO ASYL AND EQUAL RIGHTS BEYOND BORDERS HAVE ALSO WRITTEN A LEGAL ANALYSIS AND ADVICE NOTES:

[HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/PRO-ASYL_ERBB_PRAXISHINWEISE-AUSSETZUNG-DUBLIN_08.04.2020-1.PDF](https://www.proasyl.de/wp-content/uploads/pro-asyl_erb_b_praxishinweise-aussetzung-dublin_08.04.2020-1.pdf)

ROMA CENTRE ROMA ANTIDISCRIMINATION NETWORKS (RAN) ORGANISIERT UNTERSTÜTZUNGSKAMPAGNE FÜR ROM*NJA IN OSTEUROPA

ROMA CENTRE Roma Antidiscrimination Networks (RAN) organises support campaign for Roma*nja in Eastern Europe

The website of the Roma Antidiscrimination Network (RAN) documents the particularly difficult situation for many Roma*nja in Eastern European countries: <https://ran.eu.com/> Many people do not have drinking water, many Roma settlements are not connected to the water supply, many are not connected to the sewerage system, many settlements are not connected to the electricity grid, and when they do, individual households or even entire streets are sometimes cut off because they are in arrears with their payments. Most people in the settlements work in the informal sector, in seasonal work, collecting recyclable materials. There is hardly any way out of the cycle of structural discrimination and poverty. Curfews and other bans are now breaking away the low living standards that people can



normally earn, e.g. people who collect recyclables, sell them at flea markets or have a small business. The situation in many settlements is basically bad and many people become ill due to the conditions in which they live. Many do not have health insurance and if they do, they cannot afford the co-payments that are constantly demanded. At the moment it is particularly important to improve the situation on the ground as quickly as possible and to improve people's ability to protect themselves against the virus. Please donate now and spread the word.

THE ROMA CENTER WILL FORWARD THE MONEY TO THE LOCAL SUPPORTERS SO THAT HELP REACHES THE PEOPLE QUICKLY AND WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS:

ROMA CENTER E.V.

SPARKASSE GÖTTINGEN

IBAN: EN11260500010056057540

BIC: NOLADE21GOE

FURTHER INFORMATION: [HTTPS://RAN.EU.COM/CORONA-IN-SERBIEN-ROMA-BRAUCHEN-DRINGEND-UNTERSTUTZUNG/](https://ran.eu.com/corona-in-serbien-roma-brauchen-dringend-unterstuetzung/)

HALBERSTADT

The situation in the ZASt Halberstadt (Saxony-Anhalt, 850 people in quarantine) tips over because of the Corona crisis and people go on hunger strike because of the undersupply! The state authorities must act immediately! Open letter of the Antiracist Network Saxony-Anhalt 4.4.2020: <http://antiranetlsa.blogspot.de/2020/04/04/halberstadt-dezentralisierung-jetzt-schutz-vor-infektion-fuer-alle-solidaritaet-mit-den-hungerstreikenden-der-zast-in-halberstadt/>

GÖTTINGEN

Refugees report from accommodations in the city and district of Göttingen and the alliance „Close camps now!“ documents here an open letter from 07.04.20 in which the demands of the refugees are made strong and are brought in a small action to the places of the decision makers: <https://omzehn.noblogs.org/?p=1550>

BERLIN/BRANDENBURG

Solidarity and health must not be a question of origin and class. Protect human life from Corona! Dissolve mass housing! Online press conference on Wednesday, 8 April 2020. It is planned that Women in Exile, the Refugee Council Berlin, AK Wohnungsnot, a lawyer from the RAV and We'll Come United Berlin/Brandenburg and a person from a Berlin camp will speak there and explain the demands from different perspectives.

HAMBURG:

On Thursday, March 26, 2020 between 5:30 and 8:00 a.m., after a violent and unannounced police raid, the Lampedusa tent at Steindamm was dismantled and removed. There were protests against this in various ways. Contact Lampedusa in Hamburg via:

www.facebook.com/lampedusainhamburg

#OpenTheHotels Doku Hamburg (2020)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRWoh8yx41E>



Press conference of the campaign #OpenTheHotelsHamburg on 8 April 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQCMjFEwAeY&feature=youtu.be>

LANDSHUT:

After weeks of arguments, a court in Landshut decides on March 26th against the continuing deportation detention of refugees from Nigeria. Here it finally became known that a charter deportation was planned for April 14th.

<https://refugees4refugees.wordpress.com/2020/03/28/germanys-deportation-controversy-to-nigeria-ends-in-futility-corona-versus-status-quo/>

Asylum seekers have rights to protect themselves and a duty to curtail the spread of Coronavirus!: <https://refugees4refugees.wordpress.com/2020/03/17/asylum-seekers-have-a-right-to-protect-themselves-against-coronavirus/>

German: <https://refugees4refugees.wordpress.com/2020/03/17/asylsuchende-haben-das-recht-sich-selbst-zu-schutzen-und-die-ausbreitung-von-coronavirus-einzudammen/>

MUNICH:

The Voice Refugee Forum documents the situation and demands of refugees in the camp in Maria-Probst-Strasse in Munich.

<http://thevoiceforum.org/?fbclid=IwAR1p4OEDVB1x15LHliuhmxoRFzDVkKz-k3QJZbPXIr9lFqwCDTmqR0xtG04>

SUHL:

Central Reception Centers in Thuringia will be quarantined. There is an uprising and escape attempts and a massive police operation. The clashes continue until today:

<https://taz.de/Polizeieinsatz-gegen-Gefluechtete-in-Suhl!/5668971/>

Appeal for the Corona situation: Ensure health care! Close the camps! Protect people and their rights! A joint appeal by We'll Come United, state refugee councils and nationwide medical offices and medical networks: <https://www.welcome-united.org/de/appell-zur-corona-lage/>

RESCUES AND LEFT TO DIE IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN: ALAN KURDI AND WATCHTHEMED ALARM PHONE



Very remarkable that Alan Kurdi, the rescue ship of the Sea Eye organization, had decided to go on another mission despite the Corona crisis and all the restrictions that came with it. The rescue ship arrived just in time for the fair weather phase in the SAR (Search and Rescue) zone and had to start immediately.



"On Monday morning the crew of the ALAN KURDI rescued 68 people from an overcrowded wooden boat in the international waters off Libya. The emergency call was reported by Alarm Phone and immediately forwarded to the responsible authorities by Sea-Eye captain Bärbel Beuse. During the rescue, a Libyan flagged speedboat endangered the work of the Sea-Eye rescue team. After shots in the air, about half of the refugees jumped into the sea in panic without life jackets to swim to ALAN KURDI. Our rescue teams brought all available life-saving equipment into the water and used a so-called CentiFloat to save the people from drowning. "When I heard the shots of the Libyans, I was very worried about my crew and the refugees", says Stefan Schütz, head of operations on board the ALAN KURDI. After the situation calmed down and the Libyans withdrew, all persons could be provided with life jackets and rescued.

Already during the first rescue the Alarm Phone reported another sea emergency north of the position of the ALAN KURDI. The Italian offshore utility ASSO VENTINOVE reached this second emergency several hours before the ALAN KURDI, but did not initiate any rescue attempts. Due to its size, the Italian supply vessel would have been much better suited to rescue the 82 people, including children, on the wooden boat. ASSO VENTINOVE refused the rescue and refused to take responsibility for coordination, arguing that it was necessary to remain ready to help the oil rigs in the event of an accident. ALAN KURDI therefore evacuated the second boat and is now looking for a safe haven with a total of 150 rescued people on board...".

After more than a week of stand-off near Lampedusa there is now a solution for the rescued



on the Alan Kurdi. They are to be taken on a private passenger ship, supervised by the Red Cross, and put into quarantine. But the "battle for every boat at sea" has lasted from this first rescue of Alan Kurdi for a whole week until at least 14 April. The crucial role was on the shift teams and activists of the WatchTheMed Alarm Phone, who tirelessly kept the public alive

with ever new information and GPS positions of the boats, and who denounced the practice of the coastguards' failure to provide assistance. They called for the rescue of those in distress through the media, with churches, with politicians and gave a strong voice to those affected via Twitter.

Attached the interim press release of 11.4.2020:

The Covid-19 Excuse: Non-Assistance in the Central Mediterranean becomes the Norm
The Covid-19 pandemic has allowed states to enact emergency measures which curtail the right and freedom to move, within Europe and beyond. While some measures seem justified in order to contain the spread of a dangerous virus, European authorities have used this health crisis to normalise the already existing practice of non-assistance at sea. In the central Mediterranean, the consequences are particularly devastating. These measures, implemen-



ted in the name of 'saving lives', have the opposite effect: people are left at serious risk of dying in distress at sea. Under the veil of the health crisis, European authorities are carrying out racist border security policies that make sea crossings even more dangerous and deadly.

OVER 1,000 PEOPLE TRY TO ESCAPE LIBYA IN ONE WEEK

In only one week, 5-11 April 2020, over 1,000 people on more than 20 boats have left the Libyan shore. The Alarm Phone was alerted to 10 boats in total, two of which were rescued by Alan Kurdi on 6 April. Over 500 people are reported to have been returned to Libya within merely three days. Some of the survivors have informed us that six people drowned. Many of those returned were kept imprisoned on a ship at Tripoli harbour. Moreover, the fate of some boats remains unclear. At the same time, we have also learned of several other boats that reached Italy autonomously, arriving in Lampedusa, Sicily, Linosa and Pantelleria.

At the time of writing, 14.30h CEST on 11 April, four boats are still in severe distress at sea. The Armed Forces of Malta refuse to rescue a boat in the Maltese Search and Rescue (SAR) zone. The people on board tell us: "People are without water, the pregnant woman is so tired, the child is crying, so thirsty. Please if you don't want to save us give us at least water."

CREATING A DEADLY RESCUE GAP

In the central Mediterranean, a dangerous rescue gap is actively being created. European coastguards and navies, as well as the so-called Libyan coastguards are stating that they will not engage in SAR activities. One civil rescue boat, the Alan Kurdi, was able to rescue two boats in the current good weather period. However, with 150 people now on board, they are searching for a Port of Safety and cannot carry out further operations. All other rescue NGOs are not allowed or unable to carry out SAR operations.

For the Alarm Phone, the greatest challenge is the systematic withdrawal of European authorities from the central Mediterranean area. We have documented several scandalous delays and even acts of sabotage at sea. One of the boats that reached out to us was rescued by Italian authorities to Lampedusa only after it had fully crossed the Maltese SAR zone, with the Armed Forces of Malta refusing to intervene. Another boat already in the Maltese SAR zone with 66 people on board was rescued only after about 40 hours. The people on board told us that the Armed Forces of Malta tried to cut the cable of the engine, telling them: "I leave you to die in the water. Nobody will come to Malta."

We have experienced irresponsible behaviour by European authorities in all distress cases that have reached the Alarm Phone. Routinely, the so-called "Rescue Coordination Centres" hang up the phone, refuse to take down new information, or are not reachable for hours.

"LIBYA IS WORSE THAN THE CORONA VIRUS"

We call on all European authorities to cease endangering the lives of people who seek to escape torture, rape, and war in Libya. Despite the Covid-19 crisis, Europe is still safe compared to Libya and has the resources to carry out vital SAR operations. People trying to flee from Libya are aware of the danger of crossing the sea and the spread of Covid-19 within Europe. Still, as they tell Alarm Phone: "Libya is worse than the Corona virus."

ALARM PHONE

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/](https://alarmphone.org/en/)

[HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/ALARM_PHONE/STATUS/1248956494533591043](https://twitter.com/ALARM_PHONE/STATUS/1248956494533591043)



FREE EL HIBLU 3 CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED ON 28.03.2020



Exactly one year after the cargo ship El Hiblu entered the port of Valetta with 108 rescued passengers, an alliance of local and transnational networks has launched a campaign to demand the immediate termination of an absurd court case against three of the rescued.

The campaign website features a video with witnesses, a transnational appeal and other material on the context of the illegal push back collaboration between the EU and Libya.

Here is the lead story from <https://elhiblu3.info>

„In Malta, three African teenagers stand accused of terrorism. They were among a group of migrants who fled Libya on a rubber boat on the 26th of March 2019. At risk of drowning, 108 people were rescued by the crew of the cargo ship El Hiblu 1. Instructed by an aircraft of the European military operation Eunavfor Med, the crew sought to return the rescued to Libya, a war-torn country where migrants live in appalling conditions.

The migrants protested their return and convinced the crew of El Hiblu 1 to steer north, to Malta. During the protest nobody was hurt and nothing was damaged. Three African teenagers were arrested and imprisoned for 8 months. Now before a Maltese court, the El Hiblu 3 face serious charges of terrorism and could, if convicted, spend many years in prison. On the 28th of March 2020, the campaign “Free El Hiblu 3” will be launched, several human rights organisations, rescue NGOs, international lawyers and local NGOs are involved in the solidarity campaign.“

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND AND REPORTS FROM GREECE



There are manifold good materials of refugees reporting about the situation in the camps in Greece. We want to share some of them to make them more known – and would appreciate to hear from other initiatives like this and to share stories of others as well.

Please share widely:

“Letters from Moria”

In these letters Parwana Amiri, a very young woman from Afghanistan talks about life in the horrible conditions of Moria, a camp made to deter people from reaching a place of safety. She changes perspectives in each of her letters. She writes from the perspective of an old woman, who bakes bread to sell in order to buy medicine for her husband, of a young boy who is afraid to lose himself, of a young woman suffering from the abuse of men all around her and she writes from the perspective of a transgender person.



These letters were written mostly at night by torchlight in the tent that Parwana shared with her eight-person family, in the olive grove.

THERE ARE TWO PRINTINGS OF HER LETTERS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE HERE (IN ENGLISH):
BOOK "MY PEN WON'T BREAK, BUT BORDERS WILL" [HTTP://LESVOS.W2EU.NET/2020/04/07/PIXI-LETTERS-FROM-MORIA/](http://LESVOS.W2EU.NET/2020/04/07/PIXI-LETTERS-FROM-MORIA/)

PIXI: "THE OLIVE TREE AND THE OLD WOMAN" [HTTP://LESVOS.W2EU.NET/2020/03/22/PIXI-THE-OLIVE-TREE-AND-THE-OLD-WOMAN/](http://LESVOS.W2EU.NET/2020/03/22/PIXI-THE-OLIVE-TREE-AND-THE-OLD-WOMAN/)

IF YOU NEED PRINTED COPIES OF THE LETTERS YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH US VIA: MARILY@BUSYS-HADOWS.ORG

Letters from Ritsona in birdsofimmigrants

At the end of December, Parwana and her family were finally transferred to Ritsona, a camp on mainland Greece, where Parwana continues to document the conditions and publish her words. Ritsona was the first camp in Greece that was put under quarantine because of infections with Covid-19. Parwana is using now the blog birdsofimmigrants to speak out about the situation in Ritsona:

[HTTP://BIRDSOFIMMIGRANTS.JOGSPACE.NET/](http://BIRDSOFIMMIGRANTS.JOGSPACE.NET/)

PARWANAS FIRST POST'S ABOUT CORONA IN RITSONA CAMP CAN BE FOUND HERE: [HTTP://BIRDSOFIMMIGRANTS.JOGSPACE.NET/TAG/COVID-19/](http://BIRDSOFIMMIGRANTS.JOGSPACE.NET/TAG/COVID-19/)

Chronology on Lesvos:

A chronology on the situation on Lesvos since 1.1.2020 was made as a try to follow the changing situation there and to give an overview on all the small corner-stones of the changes that finally lead to the situation as we have it right now.

GERMAN VERSION: [HTTPS://KEIN-MENSCH-IST-ILLEGAL-HH.BLOGSPOT.COM/2020/04/EINE-CHRONOLOGIE-DER-EREIGNISSE-AUF.HTML](https://KEIN-MENSCH-IST-ILLEGAL-HH.BLOGSPOT.COM/2020/04/EINE-CHRONOLOGIE-DER-EREIGNISSE-AUF.HTML)

AN ENGLISH VERSION WILL FOLLOW SOON WITH AN OWN LINK!

Leave no one behind (in connection with Seebrücke):

Kiezkantine Berlin did an own video-clip by friends in Greece and friends in Berlin together who are in constant contact with each other. It was used for the #Levenoonebehind action day of Seebrücke.

ON FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/220495615897560/](https://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/220495615897560/)

ON YOUTUBE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/GZ-HHUAAKNS](https://YOUTU.BE/GZ-HHUAAKNS)

AND ON TWITTER BY PARWANA:

[HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/PARWANA_AMIRI/STATUS/1246406397220327424?S=12](https://TWITTER.COM/PARWANA_AMIRI/STATUS/1246406397220327424?S=12)

THERE ARE FOR SURE MANY MORE... SO THIS LIST NEEDS TO BE CONTINUED...

FOR THE RIGHT TO BE TOGETHER!

A campaign for the coming together of separated families between Greece and Germany

Since March 18, 2020, the blog of infomobile.w2eu.net has been documenting stories of refugee families who are forced to live separately in Greece and Germany because German authorities refuse to allow family reunification. The campaign has symbolically started on 15



March 2020, the anniversary of the resumption of Dublin deportations to Greece. Since then, many countries of the European North, especially Germany, have been trying to deport people to Greece again - despite the ongoing systemic human rights violations that are permanently documented. At the same time, the opportunities for separated families to join their loved ones in Germany have been mercilessly restricted and new reasons have been found for blocking and rejecting applications for family reunification. As a result, thousands of family members have been stuck in Greece for several years, some of whom have been living separately from their relatives, our neighbours and friends, and from children in our cities.



At present, the threat of the Covid 19 pandemic is not only bringing public life to a standstill. Greek refugee camps, where hundreds of vulnerable people have to live close together, without sufficient basic care in all areas of life, bear a particularly high risk of infection. Three camps on the Greek mainland, Ritsona, Malakasa and Koutsoxero, are now under quarantine (as of 11.4.2020). Until the first corona infected persons are reported

from the hopelessly overcrowded "hot spots" on the Greek islands is in all probability only a matter of time.

While in April and May around 80,000 harvest workers from Romania are flown in by charter planes to local asparagus and strawberry fields, 50 (!) unaccompanied minors from the EU-initiated disaster hotspots in Greece are allowed to enter Germany after a tough struggle. At the same time, people who could have been in Germany long ago are stuck in all these camps. It is high time for a quick solution for all separated families with relatives here. In addition to the campaigns for a rapid evacuation of the hot spots, we should build up pressure in each individual case to press for „self-adoption“ or a humanitarian visa for family reunion. The campaign therefore tells the story of a family every few days. Contact details for these families, as well as for other separated families, can be shared with them by arrangement, with the aim of finding support to reunite them with their loved ones. Contact us via facebook: www.facebook.com/w2eu.gr or send an e-mail to contact@w2eu.info if you have the capacity and ideas to get something going in your cities. We would also like to collect stories about what is being done in different cities - also to inspire each other. So please send us other ideas for initiatives and share your experiences with us. A #Leavenoonebehind action day of Seebrücke, for example, taking the stories of the separated families, would be great. We would be very happy about further ideas.

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO BE TOGETHER! A CAMPAIGN TO UNITE FAMILIES SEPARATED BETWEEN GERMANY AND GREECE [HTTP://INFOMOBILE.W2EU.NET/2020/03/15/FIGHTING-FOR-THE-RIGHT-TO-BE-TOGETHER-A-CAMPAIGN-TO-UNITE-FAMILIES-SEPARATED-BETWEEN-GERMANY-AND-GREECE/](http://infomobile.w2eu.net/2020/03/15/fighting-for-the-right-to-be-together-a-campaign-to-unite-families-separated-between-germany-and-greece/)

THE STORIES OF INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES ARE PUBLISHED REGULARLY. HERE YOU CAN FIND THE FIRST TWO STORIES:



"I DREAM EVERY NIGHT OF BEING WITH HIM AGAIN" [HTTP://INFOMOBILE.W2EU.NET/2020/03/16/I-DREAM-EVERY-NIGHT-OF-BEING-WITH-HIM-AGAIN/](http://infomobile.w2eu.net/2020/03/16/I-DREAM-EVERY-NIGHT-OF-BEING-WITH-HIM-AGAIN/)

"HOME IS WHERE YOUR FAMILY IS – TOGETHER!" [HTTP://INFOMOBILE.W2EU.NET/2020/03/30/HOME-IS-WHERE-YOUR-FAMILY-IS-TOGETHER/](http://infomobile.w2eu.net/2020/03/30/HOME-IS-WHERE-YOUR-FAMILY-IS-TOGETHER/)

STRUGGLES OF WOMEN* ON THE MOVE - ALARM PHONE REPORT



Our new report on Struggles of women* on the move is out! It covers the whole Mediterranean, gathering the voices and experiences of women* living in refugee camps, resisting deportations and protesting the violence they suffer.

READ THEIR STORIES HERE:

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2020/04/08/STRUGGLES-OF-WOMEN-ON-THE-MOVE/?](https://alarmphone.org/en/2020/04/08/struggles-of-women-on-the-move/)

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In **Morocco**, we document the protests that took place on International Women's day on March 8, exactly one month ago. Friends of the AlarmPhone also report the racism & persecution they face as black women and sub-saharan travellers in Morocco & how they fight against it.

In the **Central Mediterranean**, we write about the brave & calm voices of women that call us from the sea. We thank the women of the SAR community, amazing witches that defy orders to conduct rescues. We hear testimonies from women in Tunisia & their struggles against the UNHCR.

From the Aegean, women report their experiences of crossing the sea and life in Moria: the

waiting in line & how they self-organise in their everyday lives, helping each other to protect their security, rights & sanity.

From Lesbos, we hear of LGBTQI+ refugee solidarity.

We dedicate this report to all women & LGBTQI+ who are struggling for their survival in refugee camps and all around the world in times of Coronavirus under life-threatening conditions. The only option to end this suffering is freedom of movement as a basic global right for all!



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AEGEAN AND WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA/MOROCCO - REVIEW AND UPDATES ALARM PHONE

Escalating Violence in the Aegean Sea - Attacks and human rights abuses by European Coastguards 1-3 March 2020

The Alarm Phone provides a summary of the distress cases that we have been alerted to in the Aegean Sea, between March 1 and March 3.

After Turkey publicly announced to open its borders, we witnessed shocking developments in the Aegean region with Greece and the EU drastically ramping up the militarisation of its external borders. Violence against migrants along land borders and at sea is escalating. We have directly witnessed several cases of non-assistance of, and attacks on, migrant boats, deliberately putting people's lives at risk.

Between 1-3 March 2020, the Alarm Phone was alerted to 14 distress cases in the Aegean Sea. Only three boats managed to arrive in Greece. In many of the distress cases we documented grave human rights violations, including shootings and other attacks of boats by masked men who would remove engines and leave people behind in acute distress, as well as many push- and pull-back operations, some clearly intentioned to sink migrant boats. Repeatedly, Frontex and Greek coastguard forces were simply observing boats in distress, refusing to intervene for several hours. We also saw how Greek military forces and fascist groups attacked migrants when they reached the shore. On Monday we learned that a child had drowned off Lesbos on Sunday.

Turkey and Europe are playing a dangerous game with people's lives and give further impetus to fascist groups to carry out attacks on migrants and supporters. Instead of seeking to uphold the human rights of people in precarious situations, the EU promises to further strengthen the Greek external border and to support Turkey in its ongoing massacres in Syria. We denounce these shameful developments in the strongest terms and demand the immediate end to the militarisation of the border and the mass human rights violations at sea and on land.

The Alarm Phone experienced 2015's summer of migration very closely. We were part of a chain of solidarity that emerged during that time. In contrast to the images of chaos and panic spread by the media and political actors back then and now, we want to advocate for a different view, one that empowers people and compels them to act. Since 2015 we have learned that it is possible to create change. We have made friends and allies on the Aegean Islands who continue to welcome newcomers to Europe. We stand together with them and all those who have to fight against fascist attacks and the Greek and EU agenda of border militarisation. We stand together with all those who believe that freedom movement is the only solution to end the spiral of violence that is turning the sea into a mass-grave. We keep on building a strong movement to open paths for the people to reach desired cities of arrival - we will not stop until we reach our goal of freedom of movement for all.

FULL REPORT HERE:

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2020/03/04/ESCALATING-VIOLENCE-IN-THE-AEGEAN-SEA/?](https://alarmphone.org/en/2020/03/04/escalating-violence-in-the-aegean-sea/?)

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"Borders of violence", the new Western Med Regional Analysis by the Alarm Phone, is out.

It reports developments in the region, repression of migrant travellers in Morocco and testimonies from survivors of border violence.

These are turbulent times in the struggle for freedom of movement on the Western Mediterranean Front. Long standing routes for crossings into Europe seem to have been closed off, whilst the tried and tested locations for the organization of crossings, such as the city of Tangier and the forests around Nador, are regularly raided and are now nearly empty of Sub-Saharan travellers. On the other hand, new routes are being developed and established. These new routes take people to the Spanish islets north of the Moroccan coast or towards the Canary islands. Local contacts testify to the development of migration hotspots in Dakhla, far south in Western Sahara, and boats are even starting from Senegal and the Gambia to travel to the Spanish islands.

In the meantime, repression is as fierce as ever in the northern border zones. The NGO 'Pateras de la vida' estimate that some 10,000 Sub-Saharan nationals were arrested in Morocco and pushed south or east in 2019 and another 3000 people were deported to their countries of origin, most of them to Guinea Conakry, Mali and Cameroon.

Politically there have been setbacks and successes. For example an ECtHR ruling legitimized a push-back at the Melilla border fence, but we managed, despite the opposition of the local authorities, to hold a large protest at the Algerian border which commemorated dead and missing travellers. Moreover, at the end of February, we witnessed the unprecedented number of 8000 people marching in Ceuta against institutionalized racism. It is far from quiet on the western front!

FIND THE FULL REPORT HERE:

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2020/03/14/WESTERN-MEDITERRANEAN-REGIONAL-ANALYSIS/?](https://alarmphone.org/en/2020/03/14/western-mediterranean-regional-analysis/?post_type=release_type=post)

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WELCOME TO EUROPE PROUDLY PRESENTS A NEW STYLE FOR WWW.W2EU.INFO

Re-Launch of the Multilingual Webguide - since 10 Years as daily Support for Freedom of Movement



Every day in average up to 1000 persons click on the information pages of www.w2eu.info. In several refugee- and migrant-communities the online guide is known as trustful source for contacts and first information.

The transnational project was born in the struggles against the border regime and since 10 years it developed to a real infrastructure for freedom of movement



and for equal rights. We are happy to present our guide now with many updates in many cities and countries and in a brand new design.

Since it was developed in 2010 the webguide provides in its minimum contacts in nearly all European countries of arrival and of transit and also in various transit-countries around the Mediterranean. Many country sections are fed with various chapters about the factual rights and situations in each place. The information is given in four languages: Arabic, English, Farsi and French. Ever since, the webguide has developed as a tool that is used a lot by migrant/refugee communities all along the different routes and in different points of their escape: Before the departure, if people are stuck in transit and upon arrival, by those who face problems and deportation threats. Information against the fear and for the right to stay for everyone is the attempt to do counselling in an empowering way combined with the information the webguide publishes. w2eu.info became also a tool for networking and is used a lot not only by people on the journey but also by activists to get in touch and find help in case it is needed.

The network Welcome to Europe consists of close contacts and friendships. It has remained an activist and grassroots network since ten years. Out of our experiences open borders are the only option to stop the suffering we have often enough witnessed at all borders. No one is illegal.

All of us work on a voluntary basis – but no one would describe themselves as “volunteers”. We are activists, we are fighters for freedom and for equal rights for everyone.

In July 2019 Welcome to Europe initiated the transborder summer camp. Together with other networks we succeeded to organize four days of practical exchange and mutual empowerment. More than 500 activists from all over Europe and from many countries in Africa - with and without own experiences as refugees or migrants - joined and contributed to this great space. It's exactly this atmosphere of solidarity, of respect and persistent practical struggles, which Welcome to Europe will try to foster and promote also in the future. In this reference the new web guide is another promise for continuity.

THE WEBGUIDE WITH A NEW FACE: [HTTPS://W2EU.INFO/](https://w2eu.info/)

BROCHURE ABOUT 10 YEARS WELCOME TO EUROPE:

[HTTP://INFOMOBILE.W2EU.NET/FILES/2019/07/W2EU-10YEARS-BOOKLET-EN-201906-SCREEN.PDF](http://infomobile.w2eu.net/files/2019/07/w2eu-10years-booklet-en-201906-screen.pdf)

„IN WHICH SOCIETY DO WE WANT TO LIVE?!” - ROUNDLATTER NO. 4



"Strengthen and deepen connecting

processes!" - this was already a focus of our initiative last year. We had continued to work on this in the first weeks of 2020. And we will return to concrete steps in a moment (...)

"The solidarity that we are building today will be the basis for the struggles for a post-Corona world order...", one of the texts says very aptly. (See

<https://www.freitag.de/autoren/der-freitag/die-welt-nach-corona-wird-jetzt-ausgehandelt>).



And this is precisely why we give this central importance to the strengthening and deepening of the processes of interconnection. Mutual knowledge and empathy, learning from each other and respectfully arguing, exchanging experiences and fighting together. In these living processes solidarity arises and grows. We want to document "bridges, overlaps and connections but also contradictions and conflicts between the movements. On the level of content as well as on a practical level..." That's how we formulated it last year and that's how we started it in the last weeks on our website in three first cross-over blocks:

"Precarization, Social Strike and Good Life" is a first cross-over theme, in which "the struggles against precarious working and living conditions are at the centre, see

<http://welche-gesellschaft.org/prekarisierung-sozialer-streik-und-gutes-leben/>

"Right to City/Rental Policy and Anti-Racist Struggles" is a second title, which makes it clear that the housing and rental question is also negotiated on the basis of racist exclusion, see

<http://welche-gesellschaft.org/recht-auf-stadt-mietpolitik-und-antirassistische-kaempfe/>

Finally, we have started a focus on "Climate, Migration, Global Justice", in which we document texts, materials, meetings and actions that seek and establish connecting lines between climate and anti-racist struggles, between migration and self-determined development, see

<http://welche-gesellschaft.org/klima-migration-globale-gerechtigkeit/>

We invite you to participate in these connecting processes. Read, disseminate, contribute - with and in content discussions as well as in practical struggles. "We say 'struggles' and mean the everyday process. Because everyday life is decisive. At least most of it." (from our manifesto of struggles)

<HTTP://WELCHE-GESELLSCHAFT.ORG/RUNDBRIEF-NR-4-APRIL-2020/>

REVIEW

06.02.-08.02.2020 OUJDA / MOROCCO: COMMEMORATION



In February 2020 we gathered in Oujda, Morocco to come together at the 6 of February. To commemorate the victims of the murders at the border to Ceuta in 2014. And to come together with families from Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Cameroun and Mexico. Besides the various activities meetings among the families of deceased and missing migrants with victims of forcible disappearance and activists who support them took place to plan further steps. We

document here a short briefing done by activists of the missingatborders-plattform with outcomes of these meetings:

Briefing from the meeting among families of deceased and missing migrants with victims of forcible disappearance and the activists who support them.

During "Commemora(c)tion" in Morocco, two meetings took place.



Participants to the first meeting were families from Tunisia, from Algeria, a representative of Movimiento Migrante Mesoamericano M3 (Mid-America Migrants Movement) and activists from different networks, among which Alarm Phone, Missing at the borders, Afrique-europe-interact, Welcome to Europe, Asylum and Migration Tribunal, "Milano senza Frontiere" and "Porti Aperti-Permesso di soggiorno per tutti".

Two issues were discussed during the first meeting:

The importance of holding another day of Commemoration,

The need to improve the data collection method regarding missing persons and their families: a single form holding all useful data, with which to populate a private-access data base, to better gauge the depth of this problem.

Participants to the second meeting were families from Tunisia, Algeria, Cameroon, Morocco, a representative of M3 and activists from the above-mentioned networks.

1. It was decided the next day of "Commemorazione" shall be held in Tunisia in 2021. Date and location are yet to be decided, but in April 2020 there should be a meeting in Tunisia where discussion about preparations should begin .

2. A decision was made to continue to reach out to families of migrants who are deceased, missing, and/or victims of forced disappearance, and are from other countries, to keep widening the network of relatives.

OUTLOOK

MIGRANTIFA CAMPAIGN FOR 8 MAY - DENAZIFICATION NOW!

There is (as of 13.4.) no germanwide call yet, but several appointments from different cities, not least motivated by the murders in Hanau and then again in Celle. A decentralized day of action is planned for the Day of Liberation, on which we demand concrete denazification: from the military and police, but also from authorities or in schools. All Nazis should leave their offices and we declare to fight against institutional racism. To finally expose the NSU files, and to move from pious speeches against right-wing extremism to concrete action.

There will be little or no forms of demonstration in public space, but even in digital space, perpetrators can be marked and the racist agitation denounced.

Otherwise, the next two weeks will certainly see the first calls for 8 May.

UPDATE FROM END OF APRIL: SEE THE CALL FROM VARIOUS NETWORKS HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/EN/75-YEARS-IS-NOT-ENOUGH-DENAZIFICATION-NOW/](https://www.welcome-united.org/en/75-years-is-not-enough-denazification-now/)

