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**DEAR FRIENDS,**



Naples, Zarzis, Sofia: Three important meetings are scheduled for the beginning of September on the "transborder calendar", which will also be updated for future transnational events: [www.trans-border.net](http://www.trans-border.net). On the same page there is a first assessment of the Transborder Summer Camp (TSC) II, which took place in July near Nantes with more than 700 activists from so many different cities in Europe as well as from North and West Africa. The

practical networking atmosphere was at least as productive and respectful as at the first TSC in 2019.

The exchange on "solidarity on the routes" - defined also as infrastructures for the struggle for freedom of movement and equal rights - was more than satisfactory. The Welcome to Europe network - to give a first example - received important new reinforcement with several workshops at the camp.



Example 2: "Civil Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (CMRCC): this is not a future idea or a long-term vision. No, it is already a daily practice!" These lines begin the new publication "Echoes from the Central Med", which will be published bimonthly in future and was distributed for the first time in the TSC. In addition to current reports on the fight against the EU push and pull back strategies, a kind of diary describes the countless rescue operations in cooperation with Civilfleet.



In a few weeks, on 25 September, early elections will be held in Italy. Polls show a far-right coalition in the lead. Salvini could again become Minister of the Interior, this time under a proto-fascist Prime Minister Meloni. Friends of Italy say: „Undoubtedly, the elections in Italy on 25th September will open up new political scenarios, with impactful consequences on the management of maritime borders in the Mediterranean. These consequences

are part of long-term strategies. Both can and must be effectively countered by a broadening of social and political alliances and a strengthening of the common infrastructure of solidarity, at sea as well as on land.“

In this spirit: with solidarity greetings,  
The Compass Crew



## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2022



### 01.-04.09.2022 NAPLES: A BORDO - FESTIVAL OF MEDITERRANEA

From 1 to 4 September 2022, the first Mediterranean Festival will take place in #Naples, at the famous Maschio Angioino Castle: with debates, workshops, book presentations, exhibitions and concerts!

THE EXACT PROGRAMME CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTPS://MEDITERRANEAESCUE.ORG/](https://MEDITERRANEAESCUE.ORG/)

[NEWS/A-BORDO-IL-FESTIVAL-DI-MEDITERRANEA/](#)

### 03.-06.09.2022 ZARZIS/TUNESIA: COMMEMORATION

Two years after the first centralized CommemorAction in Oujda 2020 Families of missing people and activists will meet again from the 3rd to the 6th of September in Zarzis, Tunisia.

The 4 days will be an opportunity for families from different African countries to meet, exchange their experiences and come together united against the forced disappearance of their loved ones.



*CommemorAction 2020 near Oujda*

On the 3rd of September, the CommemorAction days will start with a conference about the different struggles in different African countries but also local struggles in Zarzis and Tunisia.

On the 4th and 5th of September workshops and plenaries will be held. We will discuss psychological support for families, how to deal with forced disappearance, about processes of Identification and searching for missing people, and how we could

improve cooperation in different countries and realities.

On the 6th of September 2022, ten years after the shipwreck near Lampedusa (near Lampedusa), we will remember those, who have lost their lives in the different external borders of the EU. We will commemorate those, who are still missing.

We will start from downtown of Zarzis walking until the port of Zarzis where families could have a space to share publicly their daily and constant struggles in searching for their loved ones.

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## 08.-11.09.2022 SOFIA: TRANSNATIONAL SOCIAL STRIKE CONFERENCE



Take the Initiative, Change the War Climate!

Three years after the previous meeting held in Tbilisi, Georgia, we are happy to announce that the TSS Platform is once again inviting activists, unionists, workers and migrants from several corners of Europe and beyond for a transnational

meeting in Sofia, organized together with the Bulgarian feminist collective LevFem. (...) The meeting comes in turbulent times. After the pandemic and in the midst of an escalating climate emergency, the war in Ukraine is exacerbating social and reproduction crises and creating a new scenario in which and against which we need to fight. The capacity to build an autonomous stance in front of the third world war, resulting in the increase in costs of living, militarization of politics and global realignment, is the challenge in front of us.

Since its first steps the TSS Platform has fostered transnational processes of organization. These have not stopped during the pandemic: from supporting Amazon workers' struggles across Europe to the promotion of the feminist network E.A.S.T., from the backing of the Transnational Migrants Coordination to the recent formation of the Permanent Assembly against the War, we worked hard to make a transnational perspective on struggles and events possible. It is exactly in these turbulent times, and against any attempt to renationalize politics, that it is urgent to come together to share experiences and visions in order to develop collectively a transnational strategy, based on common discourses and practices. (...)

### FULL TEXT AND PROGRAM:

[HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/2022/08/19/TAKE-THE-INITIATIVE-CHANGE-THE-WAR-CLIMATE-ON-THE-TRANSNATIONAL-MEETING-IN-SOFIA-8-11-09-22/](https://www.transnational-strike.info/2022/08/19/take-the-initiative-change-the-war-climate-on-the-transnational-meeting-in-sofia-8-11-09-22/)

## 30.09.+01.10.2022 MARCH TO BRUSSELS: "RIGHTS, NO DEATHS!"



Due to the increasing number of deaths and disappearances at the EU borders, we propose a protest action in Brussels between different European organizations that have been defending the rights of people who migrate forcibly.



We want this initiative to consolidate a movement that permanently denounces the responsibility of European governments in these deaths, that proposes alternatives and awakens Europe's conscience.

We will march on September the 30th and October 1st 2022 to the political heart of Europe, in Brussels. We propose that people, collectives and organizations from Europe and also from migrants' countries of origin join us.

The slogan is Rights. No deaths! because in addition to deaths, we denounce the suffering of people without papers. Living means living with rights!"

[HTTPS://RIGHTS.NODEATHS.EU/EN/](https://rights.nodeaths.eu/en/)

### **01.-03.10.2022 FRANKFURT: SYMPOSIUM ON COSMOPOLITANISM FROM BELOW - APPROACHES TO GLOBAL DEMOCRACY.**

"Can we still talk about cosmopolitanism when authoritarian nationalism is rampant? Do we still want to be global citizens when "globalisation" sounds like "crisis"? The symposium "Cosmopolitanism from Below - Approaches to Global Democracy" is based on the conviction that these issues belong on the agenda right now: What is needed is not less global cooperation, but an intensive search for "common worlds" and forms of solidary cooperation - a cosmopolitanism from below. What could a democratic cosmopolitanism look like? Where is it already being lived in practice, often beyond the perception of a broad public? The three-day event is dedicated to these questions. It is about theoretical approaches as well as practical examples. In addition to lectures, discussion forums and readings, the programme includes an evening for human rights in words and music with the Ensemble Modern and the orchestra Bridges - Music Connects under the title "The Universal Compass"."

**FURTHER INFORMATION, REGISTRATION AND PROGRAMME HERE:**

[HTTPS://WWW.STIFTUNG-MEDICO.DE/DER-UTOPISCHE-RAUM/KOSMOPOLITISMUS-VON-UNTEN](https://www.stiftung-medico.de/der-utopische-raum/kosmopolitismus-von-unten)

### **DORTMUND: ON THE DEATH OF MOUHAMED LAMIN DRAMÉ**



"What knife attack against 11 police officers justifies 6 machine gun shots at Senegalese 16-year-old in Dortmund's Nordstadt district?" Dossier on Labournet on the death of 16-year-old Mouhamed Lamine Dramé: [https://www.labournet.de/interventionen/grundrechte/grundrechte-all/polizeistaat/welcher-messer-angriff-gegen-11-polizisten-rechtfertigt-6-schuesse-aus-maschinenpistole-](https://www.labournet.de/interventionen/grundrechte/grundrechte-all/polizeistaat/welcher-messer-angriff-gegen-11-polizisten-rechtfertigt-6-schuesse-aus-maschinenpistole-auf-senegalesischen-16-jaehrigen-in-der-dortmunder-nordstadt/)

[auf-senegalesischen-16-jaehrigen-in-der-dortmunder-nordstadt/](https://www.labournet.de/interventionen/grundrechte/grundrechte-all/polizeistaat/welcher-messer-angriff-gegen-11-polizisten-rechtfertigt-6-schuesse-aus-maschinenpistole-auf-senegalesischen-16-jaehrigen-in-der-dortmunder-nordstadt/)



### **From the statement of the Black Community in Hamburg:**

"16-year-old Mouhamed Lamin Dramé was an unaccompanied minor refugee from Senegal and on 8 August 2022 was in such an extraordinary crisis situation that he threatened to harm or even kill himself. At that time, he was in inpatient accommodation in a youth residential group of the St. Elisabeth Youth Welfare Service at the St. Antonius Church in Dortmund's Nordstadt. Shortly before, he had been treated at his own request for mental problems in a psychiatric clinic and expressed his suicidal intentions both to his carers and to the police officers who had been called. He understood little or no German. His mother tongues were Wolof and French.

So we ask ourselves: how and in what language did the police actually communicate to calm him down and prevent his suicide?

Mouhamed died in a hail of bullets from a machine gun. The horror of the death of such a young person should really dominate the national headlines, but much of the reaction seems more like a "debate" or justification for the use of deadly force because, after all, Mouhamed was holding a knife.

We condemn the general media coverage that distorts the sequence of events as if the police officers "had to" shoot Mouhamed as a last resort because the use of mace and tasers "failed to calm him down".

Why did the emergency forces in a suicidal crisis not include psychological or psychiatric professionals, or why did the police officers not wait for such medical professionals who could have adequately cared for Mouhamed, but instead immediately intervened themselves and in the first step in an excessively violent manner, further escalating an already crisis situation in an unprofessional manner?"

**FULL STATEMENT HERE:**

[HTTPS://BLACKCOMMUNITYHAMBURG.BLACKBLOGS.ORG/2022/08/14/STATEMENT-MOUHAMED-LAMIN-DRAME\\_EN/](https://blackcommunityhamburg.blackblogs.org/2022/08/14/statement-mouhamed-lamin-drame_en/)

### **ON THE RACIST MASSACRE IN MELILLA: DETAILED REPORT BY CA-MINANDO FRONTERAS**



From the report: "... On Monday of the week in which the bloodbath occurred at the border between Nador and Melilla, some 500 soldiers surrounded the refugee camp. Again the migrants were attacked with gas and dozens of them were wounded. On Tuesday, the attacks subsided, but on Wednesday and Thursday they increased again. From the early hours of the morning until the evening, soldiers chased the refugees out of the camp. During the raid on 23 June, a fire broke out in the forests, endangering people and the environment. A clear message was sent out that day: The migrants had 24 hours to leave the area or the next raid would

be even more brutal.

On Friday 24 June, another attack was imminent. With their strength dwindling and hoping to escape the violence, the people in the camp decided to flee towards the border fence. The raid had started early in the morning. This time they had neither hooks

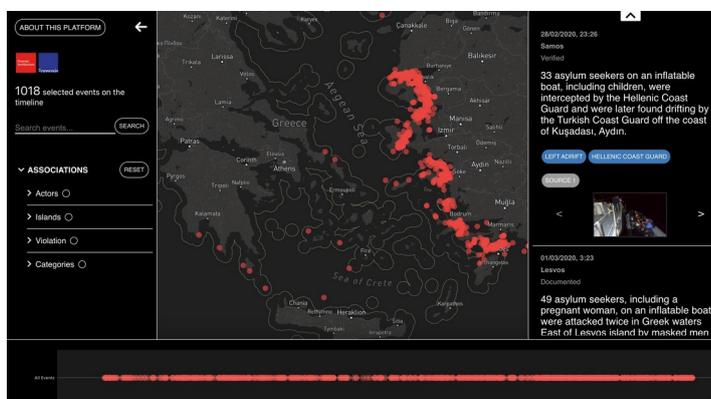


nor ladders to climb the fence. It was everybody for himself. They managed to obtain a chainsaw and metal shears and decided to break open one of the gates in the fence to ensure that no one was left behind and would be exposed to further attacks by the soldiers. The people were aware that many of them had reached the limit of their physical strength and would not be able to climb the six-metre high fence. A group of around 1,800 people went to the border fence in the Beni Enzar region on the border with Melilla. Some were carrying items they had found to protect themselves from the attacks that had taken place in the camps in the days before. The soldiers attacked again and pursued them. ..."

**THE WHOLE REPORT IN ENGLISH HERE:**

**[HTTPS://MIGRATION-CONTROL.INFO/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2022/08/CF-SLAUGHTERNADORMELILLAEN.PDF](https://migration-control.info/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/CF-SLAUGHTERNADORMELILLAEN.PDF)**

## **ALARM PHONE AND FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE ON PUSH-BACKS IN THE AEGEAN**



„The border crimes continue - two years of systematic violence in the Aegean region! The new update on [aeg.bordercrimes.net](http://aeg.bordercrimes.net) once again documents brutal attacks and pushbacks against people on their way to Europe - we tried to follow the stories and voices of the ones affected

and share many testimonials we received. The new publication sheds light on the systematic violations of rights on the basis of individual distress calls to the Alarm Phone. It includes cases of pushbacks at sea with the involvement of Frontex, pushbacks from land after arrival and criminalisation of boat drivers.

Collection of attacks and human rights violations against people on the move from March 2020 until April 2022.

In memory of Alaa Muhammad Al-Bakri who died on the 2nd of September 2021 on an islet in the Evros/Meric river after a pushback and denial of medical assistance – and in memory of all the people who have lost their lives as a consequence of the never-ending border crimes carried out by European authorities.“

**[HTTPS://AEG.BORDERCRIMES.NET/](https://aeg.bordercrimes.net/)**

**[HTTPS://AEG.BORDERCRIMES.NET/REPORT-2022](https://aeg.bordercrimes.net/report-2022)**

**MORE INFO HERE:**

**[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2022/08/03/PUSHED-BACK-AND-LEFT-TO-DIE-IN-THE-BURNING-SUN-NEAR-RHODES/](https://alarmphone.org/en/2022/08/03/pushed-back-and-left-to-die-in-the-burning-sun-near-rhodes/)**



## **DRIFT-BACKS IN THE AEGEAN SEA - NEW RECONSTRUCTIONS AND MAPPINGS FROM FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE ON PUSH-BACKS**

„For more than a decade, migrants and refugees making the sea crossing from Turkey to Greece have suffered egregious and well-documented violence at the EU's southeastern frontier, including forced detention, arbitrary arrest, beatings and non-assistance. Since March 2020, a new method of violent and illegal deterrent has been practiced. Migrants and refugees crossing the Aegean Sea describe being intercepted within Greek territorial waters, or arrested after they arrive on Greek shores, beaten, stripped of their possessions, and then forcefully loaded onto life rafts with no engine and left to drift back to the Turkish coast.

'Drift-backs', as the practice of abandoning asylum seekers at sea has come to be called by some, have become routine occurrences throughout the Aegean, often resulting in injuries and drownings. Today, the scale and severity of the practice continues to increase, with 'drift-backs' reported from the coast of the Greek mainland, and as far south as Crete. ..."

**MORE INFORMATION, A VIDEO, CASE RECONSTRUCTIONS, THE MAP AND MORE HERE:**

**[HTTPS://AEGEAN.FORENSIC-ARCHITECTURE.ORG/](https://AEGEAN.FORENSIC-ARCHITECTURE.ORG/)**

## **ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ECHOES FROM THE CENTRAL MED - FROM THE NEW PUBLICATION FROM CIVIL MRCC:**

**"IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**



*Credit David Lohmueller*

Civil Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (CMRCC): this is not a future idea or a long-term vision. No, it is already a daily practice! Since the end of Mare Nostrum, the Maltese and Italian MRCCs and Coast Guards became more and more dysfunctional for persons in distress, who had departed from Libya or Tunisia. The people on the move regularly experience non-assistance or even pushbacks as consequences

of European racist migration policies. Civil fleet actors had to fulfill the gap left by authorities in the international areas of Libyan and Maltese search and rescue zones. The Alarm Phone hotline, which is working 24/7, found itself more and more often in a role as communication center for rescue coordination. From the 1st of January until the 30th of June 2022 Over 20000 people arrived in Italy, a large part of which autonomously. 5378 people were rescued by the civil fleet from 84 boats in distress (CMRCC figures). 9973 people were pushed back to Libya and 777 people died or are reported missing (IOM figures). ..."

**FULL PUBLICATION HERE:**

**[HTTPS://CLOUD.CIVILMRCC.EU/S/FJDSTFTMM4PCB7D](https://CLOUD.CIVILMRCC.EU/S/FJDSTFTMM4PCB7D)**



## **RISING ARRIVALS, CONTINUOUS STRUGGLES, AUGUST 15, 2022**

### **ALARM PHONE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ANALYSIS, 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2022**

Over the first six months of 2022, from the 1st of January until the 30th of June, Alarm Phone was alerted to 216 boats in distress in the central Mediterranean region, 112 of which reached Europe. In view of EU authorities regularly failing to rescue people in distress at sea, the collaboration between Alarm Phone and the civil rescue NGOs has proven crucial over recent months, leading to 59 successful rescue operations.

As expected, the spring-summer period with improved weather conditions is also the period of increased crossings, particularly from Libya and Tunisia. Based on information received from various sources, we are aware of about 500 boats in total that have left north African shores from Libya and Tunisia, seeking to reach the European Union. According to UNHCR statistics, 27,633 people arrived in Italy until the end of June. This is the highest number of arrivals in the first half of the year since 2017. Importantly, thousands of people have reached Italy autonomously, landing their boats on the shores of Lampedusa or being 'greeted' by Italian authorities shortly before arriving.

Over the past six months, about 10,000 people were intercepted at sea and returned to Libya, while about 9,300 people were returned to Tunisia. As we have documented time and again, these mass returns resulted from close collaborations between EU and north African actors, not least with Frontex drones and aircraft directing Libyan militias to escaping boats. With EU authorities investing in deterrence and containment, while abandoning people in distress at sea, the central Mediterranean Sea remains deadly. About 800 people were documented by IOM as having lost their lives or gone missing in this time period, but we know that the real figure is considerably higher.

In this analysis, we reflect on developments that occurred over the first six months of 2022:

First, we offer a detailed chronology of events in the central Mediterranean Sea. Documenting these developments is important: no other actor compiles such detailed account – we have to create our own archive of migrant struggles and acts of solidarity, as well as forms of border violence at sea

Second, we reflect on boat departures from the very east of Libya, places such as Tobruk or Benghazi. This migration route is not only very long, about 500 kilometres, but also very dangerous, not least due to the absence of civil rescue assets in that region of the sea.

Third, we examine Malta's actions and inactions at sea, leading to only 35 people reaching the island nation over the past six months. Alarm Phone has witnessed this non-assistance policy in action innumerable times, abandoning boats at risk of capsizing within the Maltese Search and Rescue (SAR) zone.

Fourth, we highlight the situation within Libya, the mass arrests and detention campaigns there that have also sought to undermine self-organised refugee activism by imprisoning the courageous protestors in inhumane camps.

The developments in the central Mediterranean Sea over the past six months show once more that people are not deterred by Europe's cruel migration policies and border control. They continue to move, now again in rising numbers, even if risking their lives time



and time again. We will continue to support them along the way, and continue to fight the EU border regime. ...“

FULL REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2022/08/15/RISING-ARRIVALS-CONTINUOUS-STRUGGLES/?POST\\_TYPE\\_RELEASE\\_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2022/08/15/rising-arrivals-continuous-struggles/?post_type_release_type=post)

### **EMERGENCY RESCUE IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN - EYES ON THE SEA**

Worth reading text by Ruben Neugebauer in the taz

Short excerpt: "The Mediterranean is the world's deadliest border. This is where the promise of a value-based foreign policy must be kept....In 2022, just over 40,000 refugees have arrived in Italy so far - Germany could easily take them all in and, even if this continues, by the end of the year would not even be at half the number of people that even Upperlimit/Obergrenzen-Seehofer thought could be taken in each year. The uncomplicated admission of almost one million refugees from Ukraine shows what is possible if the political will is there..."

[HTTPS://TAZ.DE/SEENOTRETTUNG-IM-ZENTRALEN-MITTELMEER/!5871557/](https://taz.de/seenotrettung-im-zentralen-mittelmeer/!5871557/)

## **REVIEWS**

### **TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP II**

More than 700 activists from North- and West Africa and from all over Europe participated in this gathering near Nantes in France. It started with a vivid „noborder fair" and more than 40 workshops and plenaries took place about all possible topics and questions on flight and migration.

The second Transborder summer camp again followed its motto „to build and to extend infrastructures for freedom of movement and equal rights“. These four days in the middle of July were characterized by a very productive and respectful atmosphere. The participants exchanged their manifold forms of solidarity on the routes as well as their daily struggles and campaigns against deportations and camps, against externalization and criminalization.

An impressive workshop was dedicated to CommemorAction, in which several relatives, who lost family members through the EU border regime, presented their struggles for clarification, recognition and justice. It was also their deliberate decision, to put many portraits and pictures of their disappeared, drowned and killed beloved ones not somewhere at the fringe but into the center of the camp-space.

EIN ERSTER, SEHR LESENSWERTER AUSWERTUNGSTEXT VON FREUND:INNEN VON MEDICO ZUM TSC II FINDET SICH HIER: [HTTPS://WWW.MIGAZIN.DE/2022/08/09/TRANSNATIONALE-SOLIDARITAET-GEGEN-DAS-EUROPAEISCHE-GRENZREGIME/](https://www.migazin.de/2022/08/09/transnationale-solidaritaet-gegen-das-europaeische-grenzregime/)

## "MUNICH REMEMBER" ON 22.7.2022



On 22 July 2022, a funeral march and commemoration took place in Munich for the nine young people who were murdered by a racist perpetrator at the Olympia shopping centre on 22 July 2016. Unlike in 2020 in Hanau, the families had to fight for several years to get the attack recognised as an act of racist terrorism in the first place. Around 400 people took part in the demonstration organised by the new alliance "Munich Remember". In impressive speeches by the Munich families, but also by survivors of the Oktoberfest attack from 1980 to Halle from 2019, as well as by relatives from Hanau, there was a call for an intensified joint fight against racism and fascism and criticism of the state's failure in remembrance and clarification.

**A VIDEO OF THE COMMEMORATION ACTION AND FURTHER INFORMATION HERE:**

**[HTTPS://MUENCHEN-ERINNERN.DE](https://muenchen-erinnern.de)**

## MEMORIAL DEMONSTRATION IN ROSTOCK LICHTENHAGEN ON 27 AUGUST 2022



Around 5000 people took part in the commemorative demonstration on the 30th anniversary of the pogrom in Rostock-Lichtenhagen.

"Remembering means changing" was the central slogan, which the Rostock alliance had adopted from

the mobilisations in Hanau. There were impressive speeches by survivors and victims from Rostock, Roma organisations and the local migrant council, activists from Welcome United and the initiative 19 February Hanau....

**[HTTPS://GEDENKEN-LICHTENHAGEN.DE](https://gedenken-lichtenhagen.de)**

