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DEAR FRIENDS,



Lampedusa im August 2023

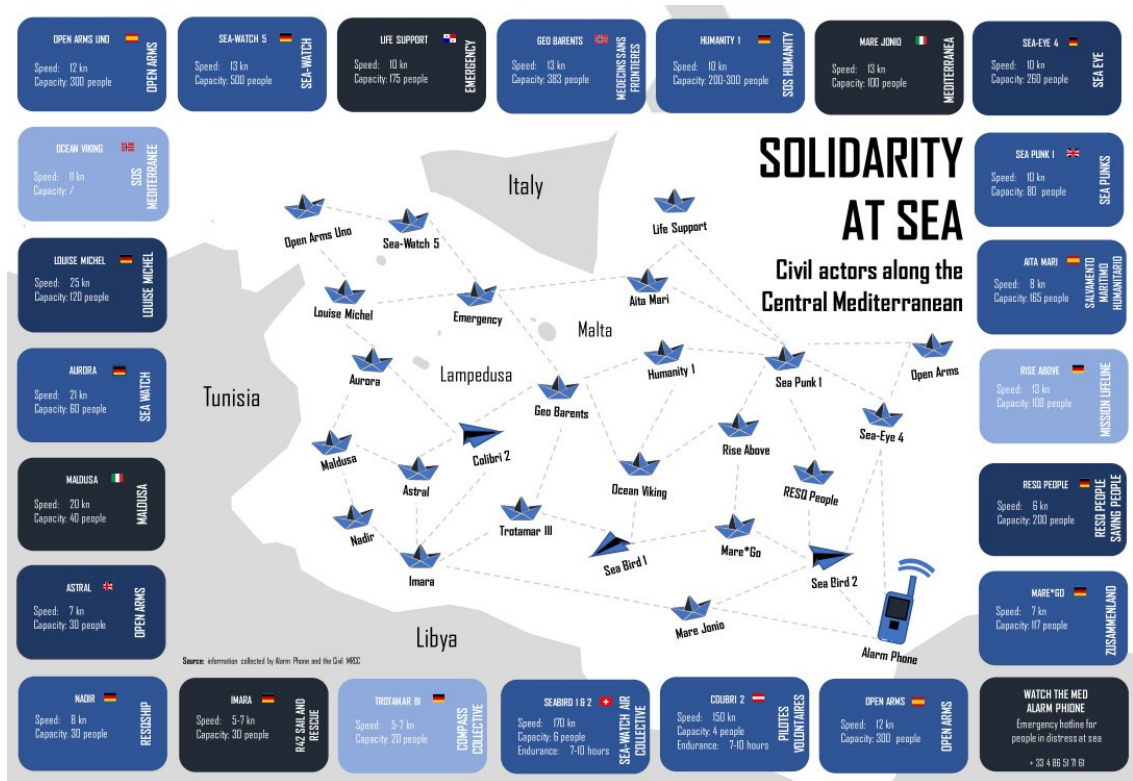
On Friday, 25 August 2023, 65 boats from Tunisia and Libya arrived in Lampedusa, and the following day there were another 53 landings. These are new record figures, bringing the total number of arrivals in Italy in 2023 to around 115,000 refugees and migrants. This means that by the end of August, more people had already arrived than in the whole of 2022. In spite of and against Meloni and her post-fascist government! Despite and against the trillion euros with which the EU under von der Leyen's leadership wants to

buy off the Tunisian autocrat Kais Saied for even more brutal migration control!

In view of this, the current attempts by the Italian Interior Minister Piantedosi and his subordinate Infrastructure Minister Salvini to harass and criminalise the civilian fleet of rescue ships with ever new instructions and decrees seem almost desperate. They know full well that only five to seven percent of arrivals are made by civilian rescue ships; the vast majority are picked up by the Italian coast guard a few kilometres off Lampedusa or they land on the coast entirely autonomously. But on the one hand, it is obviously a matter of pretending to one's own voters that one is capable of acting, at least in the confrontation with the NGOs,

and on the other hand, it is a matter of weakening the important function of monitoring and publicly documenting permanent human rights violations at sea.

In an Urgent Warning, a broad civil society alliance calls for an end to the renewed repression. Quote: "While every rescue ship is urgently needed to prevent further loss of life on the world's deadliest migration route, EU member states - first and foremost Italy - are actively obstructing civilian search and rescue efforts.(...) All civilian rescue ships must be released immediately and all related fines must be dropped. The Italian law restricting the search and rescue activities of non-governmental organisations in the central Mediterranean must be repealed immediately. Instead, the applicable international law of the sea and human rights must be the framework for all actors at sea.(...) " Speaking of Civil Fleet: For all those who want to gain an overview: on <https://civilmrcc.eu/> there is a map with all active sea rescue organisations in the central Mediterranean.



Because the arrivals are still being channelled through the at times completely overcrowded hot spot, the closed camp on Lampedusa, unbearable situations occur time and again. In addition, there are reports that immediately after the transfers to Sicily, Tunisian nationals in particular are singled out and detained for planned deportation. However, the undignified reception system and individual deportations should not obscure the fact that the vast majority of People on the Move have been making it through this dangerous passage faster than ever in recent weeks and months. Some report making it from Sfax to Marseille or Paris in five days.

For all those arriving in Italy who want to travel on to other countries within the EU, there is additional good news owed to the contradictions with right-wing governments in the EU. Meloni refuses to accept deportations back to Italy, Dublin-Italy has thus effectively collapsed. A

quote from the Tagesspiegel: "According to the Interior Ministry spokesperson, no more than nine Dublin transfers to Italy took place this year until July. According to the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bamf), these were transfers in which the persons concerned travelled to Italy voluntarily and independently."



Kirchenasyl in Darmstadt

Even if there are no Dublin deportations to Italy for the time being, the Dublin regulation as a whole is far from being invalidated. On the contrary, there are sometimes new aggressive measures by the authorities to deport people with initial registration and fingerprints in Bulgaria, Croatia or Austria. Recently, there was even an attempt to force a Syrian protection seeker in a church asylum in Darmstadt to leave for Malta. But broad civil society solidarity prevented this bureaucratic-racist attempt in the first

place.

While at Italy's southern borders migration movements have achieved some breakthrough, the situation in the Aegean Sea is persistently more blocking. At sea in the Greek rescue zones and even after landings on the Greek islands, as well as on the Evros, the border river with Turkey: along the entire border, the most brutal push-backs by the Greek border troops dominate everyday life. With all, often deadly force, people seeking protection are beaten back along the river or abandoned at sea. Since the big shipwreck of Pylos, in which more than 600 people lost their lives, there seems to be an effort on the part of the Greek coast guard to present rescues now and then. Thus, there are more arrivals in Greece again and the overall arrival figures are higher in recent months than in the same period in 2022, but still at a very low level. It remains to be seen in which direction further developments will go, and this will certainly also depend on how pressure continues to be built up to put an end to the inhuman violence at the borders. An important actor here remains the Alarm Phone, which documents the permanent human rights violations and supports the people in their sometimes weeks-long struggles for access to the asylum system.



Anti-Frontex-Aktionstage in Dakar

Finally, the western route from and via Morocco. Here, the arrival figures are roughly on a par with the previous year, and more than 10,000 people made it to the Canary Islands via the long and dangerous Atlantic route in the first eight months of 2023. However, boats keep disappearing here, and the number of unreported drownings and missing persons remains particularly high. Against the backdrop of the racist massacre



at Melilla in June 2022 - see also the link to the commemorative actions below - far fewer people have attempted to cross the national borders of the two Spanish enclaves this year.

As is well known, the EU border regime in western Africa reaches as far as Senegal: by means of surveillance and visa measures as well as charter deportations, all of which are coordinated by Frontex. All the more significant that in mid-August the anti-racist group Boza Fii organised local action days in Dakar under the title "Push Back Frontex".

In this spirit, with transnational solidarity greetings,

the Kompass team



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

RECORD NUMBERS OF ARRIVALS AND SITUATION IN LAMPEDUSA

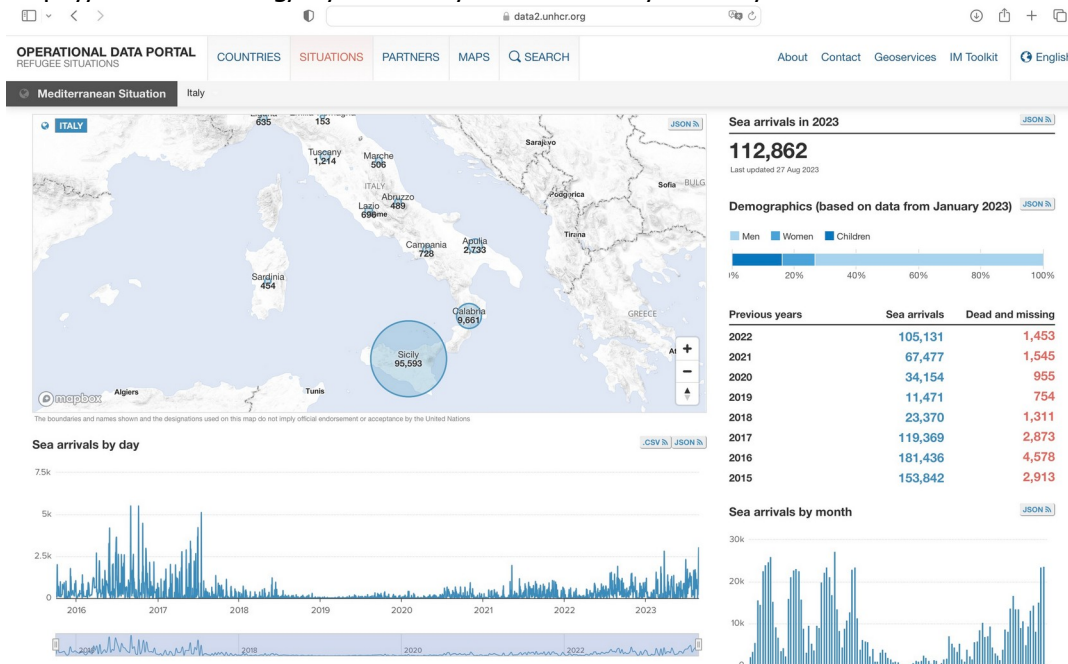


+++ Migrants, record number of landings in Lampedusa +++
(ANSA) - AUG 26 - h. 8:52am
1,826 migrants arrived in Lampedusa yesterday in 64 landings: it is a record for the island, in terms of the number of rescues and people landed in one day. And since midnight there have already been 17 more landings with an-

other 519 people. At the contrada Imbriacola hotspot there are now almost 4,000 guests, including 243 unaccompanied minors. The prefecture of Agrigento ordered the transfer of 740 migrants this morning, with a ferry that will take them to Porto Empedocle. (ANSA)

Statistics and Overview from UNHCR on Italy:

<https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/mediterranean/location/5205>



Maldusa on the Situation in Lampedusa

The 65 landings on Lampedusa and the structural inadequacy of the hotspot system
On Friday 25 and Saturday 26 July, 65 and 53 landings were recorded on Lampedusa respectively, bringing the number of people inside the hotspot to over 4500. Since midday on Thursday 24, the Favaloro pier has been constantly full of newly-arrived people forced to wait to be taken to the Contrada Imbriacola facility after passing USMAF (office of maritime, air and border health) health screening and CRI (Italian Red Cross) registration. Although these are scenes that have been repeated for some time now in the island's

daily routine, the arrivals of the last few days have further jammed up the logistical operation that the Red Cross has been relying on since last June: the buses available are not enough to transport people from the pier to the hotspot and, at the same time, guarantee the transfers from the hotspot to the ships. If you add to this that there is only one small road to access the hotspot for buses, trucks and forklifts, you can imagine, with more clarity, a blocked mechanism.

And so, people wait at the pier for hours, without a precise explanation of what they are waiting for, without water or food; not even gazebos have been erected to protect people from the scorching sun, as if it were summer for the first time, or even worse, as if these arrivals were a form of exceptionality. Following the same logic, i.e. that everything is an exception, the presence of medical personnel remains worryingly limited in view of the interventions and operations required; although the medical staff in the Lampedusa polyclinic has been reinvigorated in recent months, structural problems and limitations remain, such as the limited number of staff for the landings and the few means available, such as ambulances, wheelchairs or stretchers. ..."

FULL TEXT: [HTTPS://WWW.MALDUSA.ORG/L/CHRIST-DIED-OF-COLD/](https://www.maldusa.org/l/christ-died-of-cold/)

AND ANOTHER INTERESTING REPORT ABOUT THE TRANSFERS TO SICILY:

PORTO EMPEDOCLE. MONITORING ON TRANSFERS FROM LAMPEDUSA

[HTTPS://WWW.MALDUSA.ORG/L/PORTO-EMPEDOCLE-MONITORING-ON-TRANSFERTS-FROM-LAMPEDUSA/](https://www.maldusa.org/l/porto-empedocle-monitoring-on-transferts-from-lampedusa/)

URGENT WARNING: MORE DEATHS AT SEA, NGO SHIPS BLOCKED. JOINT STATEMENT BY 56 ORGANIZATIONS



„European states must stop obstructing civilian search and rescue efforts in the Central Mediterranean

Up to 600 people lost their lives in another avoidable shipwreck off the Greek coast in June 2023. As civil society, we are horrified by the preventable deaths in the

Central Mediterranean sea which happen year in, year out. Search and rescue ships are urgently needed to prevent further loss of life on the deadliest migration route in the world, yet EU member states – most prominently Italy – are actively obstructing civilian search and rescue efforts.

pAs of today, Aurora, Open Arms and Sea-Eye 4, three civilian ships fully equipped for search and rescue (SAR), are kept from operating at sea. The three detention orders, issued by Italian authorities in less than 48 hours, add to the significant caseload of administrative obstruction faced by SAR NGOs this year. Since the beginning of 2023, there have been eight cases of detentions of NGO vessels in Italy. The civilian search and rescue vessels Aurora, Geo Barents, Louise Michel, Mare*Go, Open Arms and Sea-Eye 4, were each prevented from going to sea for 20 days, based on illegitimate regulations. Both Aurora and Sea-Eye 4 are detained for the second time this year. These detentions



have kept SAR NGOs vessels away for a total of 160 days that could have been used to rescue people from boats in distress and to prevent the shipwrecks that occur on a daily basis in the Central Mediterranean.

The administrative harassment of NGO vessels is based on a recent law [1] passed by Italy which increased requirements for carrying out search and rescue activities and introduced sanctions in case of non-compliance. The new measures are part of a long history in Italy of criminalising and obstructing civilian search and rescue activities. Under the new law, Italian authorities can order civilian search and rescue ships to head to an assigned port immediately after a rescue – even in situations where there are other boats in distress in the vicinity of the NGO vessel. Italy’s new law puts pressure on captains of the civil fleet to disobey international maritime law and the duty to rescue people in danger at sea. By obstructing rescue operations, Italian authorities are acting in contravention of the international legal obligation to carry out rescues at sea.

The new legislation is compounded by the Italian government’s ‘distant ports’ practice, which requires NGO ships to disembark rescued people in ports up to 1,600 km and five days’ navigation away from the site of a rescue. International maritime law states that the disembarkation in a place of safety of persons rescued from distress at sea should take place “as soon as reasonably practicable,” with “minimum deviation from the ship’s voyage,” and the time that survivors spend on board should be minimised [2]. Yet in more than 60 instances since December 2022, Italian authorities have assigned an unnecessarily distant port for NGO vessels to disembark survivors. Moreover in recent instances, Italian authorities have repeatedly instructed NGO ships to request a Place of Safety in Tunisia for people rescued at sea. With a severe lack of protection for asylum seekers, Tunisia is currently experiencing a surge of violence against migrant populations, meaning that the country cannot be considered a Place of Safety. Disembarking rescued people on its shores would be a violation of international law. ...”

FULL STATEMENT HERE:

[HTTPS://SEA-WATCH.ORG/EN/URGENT-WARNING-MORE-DEATHS-AT-SEA-NGO-SHIPS-ARE-BLOCKED/](https://sea-watch.org/en/urgent-warning-more-deaths-at-sea-ngo-ships-are-blocked/)



17. SEPTEMBER CALAIS: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST NEW DEPORTATION PRISON

A public demonstration against the opening of the CRA will take place in the city center of Calais on Sunday September 17 at 3 p.m.

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DARMSTADT: CHURCH ASYLUM SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED - 40 YEARS OF CHURCH ASYLUM

"Abderrahman is staying!"



He himself says that yesterday was the happiest day of his life and that he was impressed by how many people showed solidarity with him. We made it and thank all of you who were there, who showed your solidarity and who wrote about it.

We have made it clear: we are not leaving anyone alone, we are standing together! Practical solidarity against the unbearable political development!



In Darmstadt, two parishes have been offering church asylum in close cooperation with activist circles since 2015. Approximately 150 church asylums were able to protect more than 200 people from deportation. We appreciate the clear determination of the two congregations and their commitment. The attempt by Mr. Misskamp from the foreigners authority in Mainz-Bingen to intimidate the refugee and the congregation

has met with broad resistance. In these times when church asylum is increasingly under attack, we have sent a clear signal that we will not let ourselves be deprived of this opportunity to prevent deportations.

Prevent deportations! Fight for the right to stay! Solidarity will win!

"...Abderrahman G. has a huge load off his mind. On Thursday morning, the Syrian holds in his hand his start-up certificate, which assures him of an asylum procedure in Germany. Only moments before, he had to fear being deported to Malta...."

[HTTPS://WWW.HESSENSCHAU.DE/GESELLSCHAFT/KIRCHENASYL-UND-SOLIDARITAET-IN-DARMSTADT-RETTEN-SYRER-VOR-ABSCHIEBUNG-V1,KIRCHENASYL-RETTET-SYRER100.HTML](https://www.hessenschau.de/geellschaft/kirchenasyl-und-solidaritaet-in-darmstadt-retten-syrer-vor-abschiebung-v1,kirchenasyl-rettet-syrer100.html)

40 YEARS OF CHURCH ASYLUM:

[HTTPS://WWW.KIRCHENASYL.DE/PORTFOLIO/40-JAHRE-KIRCHENASYL/](https://www.kirchenasyl.de/portfolio/40-jahre-kirchenasyl/)

[HTTPS://WWW.TAGESSCHAU.DE/INLAND/GESELLSCHAFT/KIRCHENASYL-124.HTML](https://www.tagesschau.de/inland/geellschaft/kirchenasyl-124.html)

DUBLIN REGULATION: IN 2023 SO FAR NO DEPORTATIONS BACK FROM GERMANY TO ITALY

From the Tagesspiegel of 11.08.2023:

"...Meanwhile, the consequences of Meloni's blockade attitude on deportations to Italy can be seen in the figures. According to the Interior Ministry spokesman, no more than nine Dublin transfers to Italy had taken place this year by July. According to the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bamf), these were transfers in which the persons concerned travelled to Italy voluntarily and independently..."

SIEHE: [HTTPS://WWW.TAGESSPIEGEL.DE/POLITIK/ITALIEN-NIMMT-KEINE-FLUCHTLINGE-ZURUECK-BERLIN-RUFT-EU-KOMMISSION-UM-HILFE-10286077.HTML](https://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/italien-nimmt-keine-fluchtlinge-zurueck-berlin-ruft-eu-kommission-um-hilfe-10286077.html)



ANTI FRONTEX ACTION DAYS IN DAKAR



"From 10 to 12 August, Boza Fii organized an event against the deployment of Frontex in Senegal. We will fight until the final dismantling of the European Coast Guard (Frontex)..."

„A three-day event of talks, film, music and protest next month – entitled 72h PUSH BACK FRONTEX – is being organized by the group Boza Fii to highlight the campaign’s demands and provide a space for learning and exchange on de-

portations, visa policies, and European border externalization.

The context for the event is the ongoing negotiation of a status agreement between Senegal and the EU which, once signed, would allow the deployment of Frontex officials on Senegalese territory. “The installation of Frontex on our coasts will only increase the number of forced deaths in the SAR zones of the Atlantic,” say Boza Fii.

The group, which was founded in 2020, held their first PUSH BACK FRONTEX event last year. Other recent actions have included a demonstration against Frontex, actions around mass deportations to Senegal from the EU, and providing support to deported individuals. The group say that they plan to organize the PUSH BACK FRONTEX event every year until the agency’s “definitive dissolution”...

SIEHE

[HTTPS://WWW.STATEWATCH.ORG/NEWS/2023/JULY/PUSH-BACK-FRONTEX-CAMPAIGN-IN-SENEGAL-TARGETS-DEPLOYMENT-OF-EU-BORDER-AGENCY/](https://www.statewatch.org/news/2023/july/push-back-frontex-campaign-in-senegal-targets-deployment-of-eu-border-agency/)

2nd EVENT 72H

PUSH BACK FRONTEX
YOU WATCH THE BORDER'S, WE'LL WATCH YOU

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
10AM-12PM : OPEN PRESS (FRONTEX DEPLOYMENT IN SENEGAL)
BREAK LUNCH
4PM – 6PM : **COMMEMORATION** ACTIONS (PRAYERS)
8PM-10PM : VIDEO PROJECTION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
10AM-1PM : BOZA FII MIGRATION FAIR (Q&A) / WORKSHOP (ATELIER'S OF DISCUSSIONS)
BREAK LUNCH
4PM – 6PM : BOZA FII MIGRATION FAIR (Q&A) / RESTRUCTURING WORKSHOPS
8PM-10PM : VIDEO PROJECTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
10AM- 1PM : PROTEST MARCH (THEME: YES, TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT)
BREAK LUNCH
FROM 7:00 PM
"BOOBU BA LEEGI" A CONCERT: MUSIC AND REVOLUTION (SOUND AND LIGHT IN THE OPEN AIR)
WITH THE TEAM FUK N KUK.
PROJECTION SPACE: PICTURES AND MIGRATION VIDEOS
CLOSING AND ENDING

N.B. Boza Fii Migration Fair (Q&A) / Atelier's of discussions
Title 1: Deportations and forced returns
Title 2: The policies issues – restrictions and tightening of procedures
Title 3: Externalization of borders (Frontex deployment in West Africa)
Title 4: Poor immigration policy (EU – Africa)

FROM 10 TO 12 AUGUST AT DALIFORT / DAKAR

ACTIE FONDS | TERRE SOLIDAIRE | migration control.info

Alarm Phone · Jul 28, 2023
@alarm_phone · Follow

Replying to @alarm_phone @hellenicpolice and @Frontex

The people were just violently attacked & pushed back over the Evros river. Several videos show how they are beaten & chased into the water. They report medical emergencies & need immediate assistance. How much longer @hellenicpolice will claim they could not find them?

Watch on Twitter

Alarm Phone
@alarm_phone · Follow

We are still in contact with this group. They report that an old man has broken his leg. They are back on the same islet as before the attack. We informed local authorities, but they still claim to have not found the people. Stop lying, end the suffering now!

ALARM PHONE: EVROS: THE BRUTAL FACE OF THE EUROPEAN BORDER REGIME

August 07, 2023

A group has been stuck for over three weeks on a small islet of the Evros river. Their story includes countless distress-calls, physical attacks, sexual violence, non-assistance when immediate medical aid was needed, and the complete disregard for a European Court of Human Rights ruling, which granted the group interim measures and ordering the Greek state to provide them



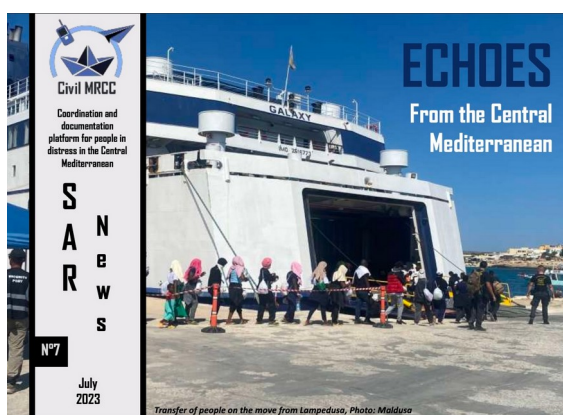
with assistance. It is another clear example of the brutal reality that people endure at the land border between Türkiye and Greece.

On the 21st of July 2023, a group of people reached out to Alarm Phone. The 52 people – among them several children and elderly people with severe health conditions – told us how they were stuck on a small islet near the village of Lagyna on Greek territory in the middle of the Evros river, which borders Greece and Türkiye. When reaching out to Alarm Phone and calling for help, the people informed us they had already been stuck on the islet for eight days. At 14:19 CEST of the same day, Alarm Phone alerted Greek authorities, as well as Frontex, UNHCR and various NGOs via email about the people in distress, sharing their location and their request for immediate and urgent assistance.

At this point, we did not know that this would be the start of an odyssey lasting over two weeks, with no end in sight, which would include countless emails and calls to authorities, public outcries via social media to mobilise for evacuation, an ignored decision of the European Court of Human rights and ongoing barbaric violence by Greek forces against the group....“

GANZER BERICHT HIER: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2023/08/07/EVROS-THE-BRUTAL-FACE-OF-THE-EUROPEAN-BORDER-REGIME/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/08/07/evros-the-brutal-face-of-the-european-border-regime/?post_type=release_type=post)

ECHOES NO. 7 - ACTUAL REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL MED



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Italy: Tunisian lessons on Lampedusa / Updates on the situation in Tunisia

P.14 – LEGAL FRAGMENT
Italy ordered to readmit refugee

MOVING ON

While the situation in Libya did not improve, the conditions for refugees and migrants in Tunisia continuously worsened during the last few months. Against this background, more than 75.000 people made it to Italian shores until the middle of July 2023. On the 29th of June, a record number of 46 boats reached Lampedusa in a single day, mainly coming from Sfax. The arrival of so many people on the island

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DOWNLOAD DER GANZEN AUSGABE:

[HTTPS://CIVILMRCC.EU/ECHOES-FROM-THE-CENTRAL-MEDITERRANEAN/ECHOES-ISSUE-7-JULY-2023/](https://civilmrcc.eu/echoes-from-the-central-mediterranean/echoes-issue-7-july-2023/)

MEDICO EXPERTISE: TURKEY NOT A SAFE THIRD COUNTRY

"A new expert report refutes the classification of Turkey as a "safe third country". But it is precisely this instrument that the reform of the Common European Asylum System is supposed to make a precedent.

A new legal expert opinion shows that the classification of Turkey as a "safe third country" for refugees is untenable. The expert opinion commissioned by medico was prepared by lawyer Annina Mullis from the European Lawyers for Democracy and Human Rights (ELDH) in cooperation with local experts. The team analysed the situation of refu-



ges in Turkey through interviews, individual case analyses and on-site research. It concludes that the deficiencies in refugee protection in Turkey are so serious that the country does not meet the requirements of a 'safe third country' - neither according to the current Article 38 of the EU Asylum Procedures Directive, nor according to the criteria of the planned CEAS reform.

“What safety are they talking about?”

Why Turkey cannot be considered a 'safe third country' - an expert opinion



The expertise documents the drastic hurdles that currently make it de facto impossible for protection seekers in Turkey to apply for protection status at all.

Even if they can obtain international or temporary protection status, this grants only insufficient rights and cannot be compared to the legal protection under the Geneva Refugee Convention. On the other hand, the highly precarious living conditions for refugees are presented: inadequate and lack of accommodation, lack of access to medical care, lack of educational opportunities, exploitative working conditions and a rapid increase in racist agitation, which hit people with special protection needs particularly hard..."

INTRODUCTIONAL TEXT AND DIRECT LINK TO THE EX-

PERTISE:

[HTTPS://WWW.MEDICO.DE/BLOG/DIE-TUERKEI-IST-NICHT-SICHER-19177](https://www.medico.de/blog/die-tuerkei-ist-nicht-sicher-19177)

[HTTPS://WWW.MEDICO.DE/VON-WELCHER-SICHERHEIT-SPRECHEN-SIE-19176](https://www.medico.de/von-welcher-sicherheit-sprechen-sie-19176)

REVIEW

ONE YEAR AFTER THE MELILLA MASSACRE OF 24 JUNE 2022: COMMEMORATIONS IN MELILLA AND TANGER

Alarm Phone: Western Mediterranean and Atlantic Regional Analysis – One year after the Melilla Massacre

“We don’t have the same stories, but we share a history. Children born of Africa. People of power, remember, remember, remember.”

Song from the Tanger CommemorAction, 24 June 2023

As Alarm Phone, we are witness to the murder perpetrated on a daily basis by the European authorities in collaboration with their African counterparts. Every morning, every afternoon, every evening and every night, we are on the phone with people in deep distress in the Mediterranean sea and on the Atlantic ocean. We are witness to all these silenced and invisibilised deaths, to boats of which there will never be any more news, and of bodies washed away by the waves.





We are stunned, angered and we feel impotent in the face of this daily violence inflicted by the state. 24 June marks the first anniversary of the biggest massacre perpetrated at a European land border. At the Barrio Chino border, in the city of Melilla, the Moroccan police and the Spanish Guardia Civil killed at least 37 people and are responsible for the disappearance of 77 other people [AP reported]. This massacre once again shows brutally that none of

these deaths happen by chance. They are not accidents. They are the result, at the very, very least, of negligence, but the more serious charge is that they are a choice: one in which certain human lives can be sacrificed in order to implement racist and xenophobic policies at any cost. The murder of people abandoned at sea and the massacres of unparalleled violence carried out at the land borders are part and parcel of this same logic.



“We may not be given explanations, but justice will always be demanded. This is the result of a sick policy on the part of the European Union, a policy which boils down to trying to prevent people from moving even though it is an absolute right to move when and how you want. There are still massacres at the borders, the victims are not consoled and they are automatically forgotten.” — I., a member of Alarm Phone Tanger...”

FULL ALARM PHONE REPORT WITH MANY PICTURES ON THE COMMEMORATIVE ACTIONS IN MELILLA UND TANGER:

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2023/08/25/ONE-YEAR-AFTER-THE-MELILLA-MASSACRE-OF-24-JUNE-2022-COMMEMORATIONS-IN-MELILLA-AND-TANGER/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/08/25/one-year-after-the-melilla-massacre-of-24-june-2022-commemorations-in-melilla-and-tanger/?post_type_release_type=post)

NOBORDER CAMP END OF AUGUST IN NETHERLANDS

Short daily reports from the Noborder camp in Groningen can be found at the website: „On Wednesday morning we got up with the announcement that the residents of a asylum shelter in Groningen would demonstrate against the living conditions they had been



living in for more than a year. We quickly chewed down the breakfast that Le Sabot had prepared and went to the Damsterdiep, where we heard terrible stories...

Yesterday evening people did a banner and torches action in the city center of Groningen: 'Borders should burn, not gas!'. Their statement: 'We decided when we visited the No Border Camp that we wanted to make a statement about the problems people experience when looking for a safe place or simply a better life. We have been inspired by the stories we have heard from people who have gone to border areas and given first aid there and the stories of people who have been hidden away in inhumane situations here in the Netherlands....'

ALL REPORTS HERE: [HTTPS://NOBORDERCAMPS.EU/](https://NOBORDERCAMPS.EU/)

FROM 1 TO 3 SEPTEMBER IN LEIPZIG: WELCOME UNITED MEETING

About 100 activists from self-organised and support groups came together in Leipzig on the first weekend of September. In several workshops there was a very practical and mutually inspiring exchange about the daily struggles against camps, against deportations and at the external borders. Coordinated actions in front of the immigration authorities were agreed upon as a focal point. Another topic was the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), the planned tightening of the system. It remained to be seen whether and in what form the participants would take part in actions in view of the European elections in June 2024 and the state elections in the Eastern countries of Germany in autumn 2024.

About half of the participants, including many from Saxony, were at a WCU meeting for the first time. On the other hand, many groups from the western federal states were absent. It was therefore decided to try to invite as many of the old and new WCU members as possible to the next meeting - possibly even to a small conference in spring 2023.

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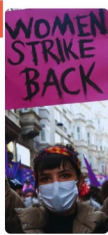
OUTLOOK

3 AND 11 OCTOBER: 10 YEARS AFTER THE 2013 SHIPWRECKS

Two big horrible shipwrecks took place 10 years ago. 366 people drowned on the 3rd of October 2013 near the beach of Lampedusa, 268 people died on the 11th of October 2013 about 70 nm south off Lampedusa. In the 11.10.13-case Italian and Maltese authorities did not follow the SOS calls from the people on the boat and deliberately refused assistance.... At least in Lampedusa commemorations will take place at the 10th anniversaries.

FROM 27. - 29. OF OCTOBER IN BOLOGNA: NEXT MEETING OF THE TRANSNATIONAL SOCIAL STRIKE PLATFORM





„Breaking the Barrier: Confronting the Transnational Dimension
For the past year and a half, the war in Ukraine and its widespread consequences have impacted the spaces and possibilities of political organizing. In the wake of pandemic, a global crisis in social reproduction, and the escalating effects of the climate

crisis, the consequences of war politics at a world scale are now being felt in the lives of migrants, workers, women and LGBTQI+ people well beyond the war zones. While fostering nationalism, the war highlights the prominence of what happens across borders. To resist and refuse the politics of war, we need to build a common horizon and face the question of what it means to organize transnationally. For these reasons, after the meetings in Sofia and Frankfurt, we call to meet again in Bologna on the 27-29 October....“

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