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DEAR FRIENDS.



We'll Come United Meeting Berlin May 2025

Around 100 activists from around 20 cities gathered in Berlin last weekend for the germanwide We'll Come United conference. The main focus was the preparation of the one week-long caravan from 20 to 27 September 2025, which will travel from Thuringia to Saxony and Brandenburg, ending with a final parade in Berlin.

"Stop deportations. No camps, no detention. No cash cards. Ten years after the summer of migration – as part of the transnational chain of actions – we continue to fight for freedom of movement and equal rights for all. Fight racism and fascism. Solidarity will win!" The mood in Berlin was determined and powerful: we will stand up to racist dominance and counter it with our narrative of a solidary, open society of the many. Empowerment actions at several camps are planned and the resistance and the continuous structures against exclusion and deportation should be given an offensive visibility. The first buses have been booked, the mobilisation has begun – 'Every ride counts' is the slogan on <https://www.welcome-united.org/>.



March of Hope on 4th of September 2015

As part of the conference, a first event on the Summer of Migration took place in the evening, featuring touching film clips from the March of Hope in September 2015 and short reports and impressions from this special time. The subsequent discussion focused on the question of whether and how these stories and collective memories can be conveyed in the current

struggles, what can be learned from them and how they can gain significance for today. The evening was a multifaceted, thoughtful and hopeful experience to the proposal to organise similar events in as many cities as possible in the coming months – and thus to mobilise support for the caravan through eastern Germany and the parade in Berlin.

With this in mind, solidarity greetings from the Kompass crew

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR MAY 2025

WE`LL COME UNITED - THE FIRST CALL FOR THE CARAVAN FOR FREE MOVEMENT



We'll Come United calls for action:

Caravan for Free Movement

From 20th of September to 27th of September 2025

From Thuringia via Saxony and Brandenburg to Berlin

A week of protests, camping, swarming, empowerment, creative actions, demonstrations and a parade.

Stop Deportations. No Lager, No Detention. No Cash-Cards.

10 years after the summer of migration - we continue to struggle for freedom of movement and equal rights for all as part of the transnational chain of actions.

Fight Racism and Fascism. Solidarity will win!

CONTACT: WCU-CARAVAN@RISEUP.NET

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/EN/](https://www.welcome-united.org/en/)

WIR SUCHEN MENSCHEN MIT: AUTO, BUS TRANSPORTER & PASSENDEN FÜHRERSCHEIN.

SUPPORT US. EVERY RIDE COUNTS! JOIN THE MOBILIZATION!

10 YEARS OF 'SUMMER OF MIGRATION' – SOLIDARITY AMONG ALL THOSE WHO WERE ON THE MOVE



From an interview with medico international:

"... Those were the days when Mubarak was overthrown in Egypt. I asked him, "Do you think something similar will happen here?" He said, "I hope so." When the revolution actually broke out, I was in Aleppo and took part in demonstrations at the university. They

were extremely brutal towards us, not only on the streets. The police came to our student accommodation every night. At that time, the secret services photographed the participants in the demonstrations and searched for them in our beds at night. We knew that those who were taken away would not come back. We were risking our lives.

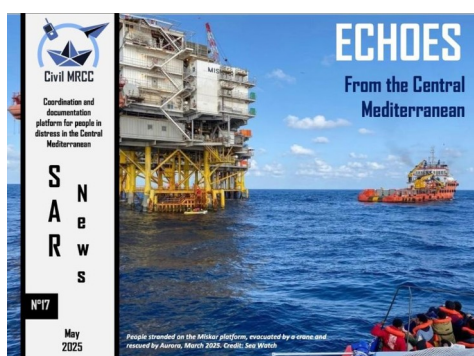
Nevertheless, I was not in favour of the revolution taking up arms. When the civil war began in 2013, I therefore got involved in humanitarian aid with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent. There, we were able to help people despite many restrictions. There were many of us in the opposition, and we also used the platform for clandestine work: hiding people and documenting human rights violations.

The public in Germany is still puzzling over what exactly happened in 2015. Welt (German Media) editor Robin Alexander accused the German government at the time of being 'driven' by the migration movement. In your opinion, what influence or repercussions did the Syrian revolution have during those months?

In the summer of 2015, Angela Merkel chose the humane path when she was faced with the decision of opening the borders or using massive force and risking deaths. But the pressure was enormous: the people opened the borders – not the Chancellor. She let it happen. Without the experiences of the Syrian revolution, much of this would not have happened. Old structures such as Facebook groups were used to organise flight routes. The flow of information was enormous, as was the ability to address the European public. A lot of violence at the borders was documented, and everyone who was on the move always knew what was going on. We moved in small groups and tried to warn each other. So there was solidarity among everyone who was on the move. ..."

THE FULL INTERVIEW HERE (IN GERMAN) : [HTTPS://WWW.MEDICO.DE/BLOG/SOLIDARITAET-UNTER-ALLEN-DIE-UNTERWEGS-WAREN-2005](https://www.medico.de/blog/solidaritaet-unter-allen-die-unterwegs-waren-2005)

ECHOES NO. 17 - PLATFORM OF HOPE



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The Miskar case: people on the

PLATFORM OF HOPE

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Breaking normalization! This slogan was and

still is at the center of our narrative to express the need to defy more offensively the unbearable conditions at sea. How to combine daily solidarity with elements of civil disobedience? How to use the coming months and mainly September - with the transnational chain of actions in reference to the 10th anniversary of the summer of migration - to re-politicise maritime space? With Echoes, we will try to accompany the different steps of this struggle...“

From the table of content: Insights from Lampedusa; High alert in Tunisia; The Miskar case: people on the move and the civil society fighting side by side for 4 days; The White Gaze: colonial representation within solidarity structures; UN Human Rights Committee interim measures against Malta in the Miskar case; Legal victory for another refugee pushed-back to Libya; Report from the mobilisation of the network against migrant detention; Rust, memory and resistance – about the 18th of April 2015 shipwreck...

DOWNLOAD FOR ECHOES NO.17: [HTTPS://CIVILMRCC.EU/ECHOES/ECHOES17-PLATFORM-OF-HOPE/](https://civilmrcc.eu/echoes/echoes17-platform-of-hope/)

18TH OF APRIL 2025 – 10 YEARS AFTER THE LARGEST SHIPWRECK IN RECENT MEDITERRANEAN HISTORY, WE CALL FOR OPEN BORDERS TO END DEATHS!

2nd call for the transnational chain of actions in autumn 2025

„(...) All over Europe and in North Africa racist agitation is increasing as a strategy of divide and rule. Higher fences and walls are under construction, in the various borderlands, but also in the heads of big parts of the population. Even more violence, pushbacks and death in border zones are legitimated by racist narratives, while the right to move and to seek protection or a better future is more and more criminalized. Today, we are in thoughts with the survivors, and the families of the deceased who disappeared during the 18th of April 2015 shipwreck. The memory of each life that was lost strengthens our determination to struggle against the EU's lethal border regime! In 2025 we are recalling the most tragic outcomes of left-to-die policy, but also the power of migrants' struggles for freedom of movement and solidarity which we witnessed 10 years ago during the "Summer of Migration". We do so to break the normalisation of migrants' deaths, and re-opening our sense of possibility for new forms of struggle. (...)

First initiatives and mobilizations are in preparation for September and October 2025: a two-day protest in Geneva in front of the UNHCR and IOM headquarters and against the continuum of camps and detention from North Africa to Europe; a journal edited by comrades from Ljubljana to remind us of the amazing movement of migration 10 years ago in the Balkans and its tenacity and continuity; a regatta of sailing boats named F.lotta around Lampedusa against ongoing practices of abandonment, push backs and death at sea; a caravan in eastern Germany to empower refugees in camps and to take a stand against deportations and the deprivation of rights; a transnational conference in Rabat to celebrate the 20 years of self-organisation of migrants and 10 years of establishing a shelter for women and children in transit.

Within the next weeks and months, we hope more initiatives along the various routes of flight and migration as well as in the arrival cities will crystallise and join this decentralized process. We will create a common frame with at least a shared calendar and with materials in digital and printed formats to interconnect all events. We invite all self-organizations and all solidarity groups and networks for the rights of people on the move to contribute to this transnational mobilization.

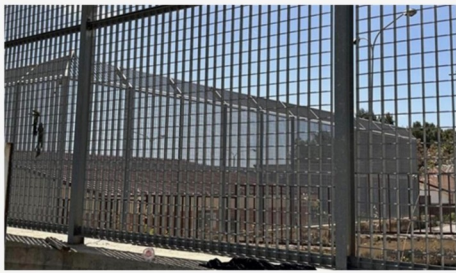
CONTACT US, IF YOU HAVE IDEAS AND PROPOSALS AND IF YOU WANT TO REMAIN UPDATED: CHAIN-OF-ACTION@TSC25.NET

COALITION FOR FREE MOVEMENT

FULL STATEMENT HERE: [HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET/INDEX.PHP/18TH-OF-APRIL-2025-10-YEARS-AFTER-THE-LARGEST-SHIPWRECK-IN-RECENT-MEDITERRANEAN-HISTORY-WE-CALL-FOR-OPEN-BORDERS-TO-END-DEATHS/](https://trans-border.net/index.php/18th-of-april-2025-10-years-after-the-largest-shipwreck-in-recent-mediterranean-history-we-call-for-open-borders-to-end-deaths/)

BORDERLINE-EUROPE/MALDUSA: 'UNWANTED' - EXTRATERRITORIALISATION OF BORDER PROCEDURES AND TIGHTENING OF DEPORTATION REGULATIONS IN ITALY. IS RESISTANCE STILL POSSIBLE?

„On 11 March 2025, the EU Commission presented its new proposal for the Return Regulation. The deportation rules are now to be tightened considerably, and there is

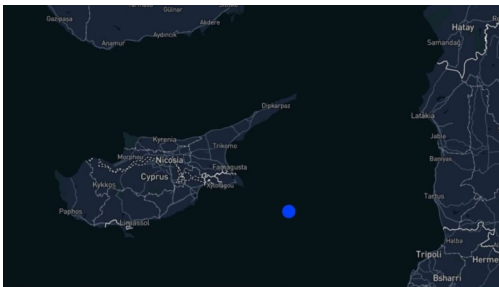


once again talk of so-called 'return hubs'. EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proposes that these detention centres for deportees also be set up in non-EU countries – in so-called 'safe third countries' (Art. 38 of the Asylum Procedures Directive). So is the Italian government's 'Albania solution' back on the

table? In our last article, we raised the question of why Italy attaches so much importance to this expensive and, as we will see below, ill-conceived agreement between Italy and Albania. A renewed look at the situation in Italy, in particular the "current halt" to the implementation of the Italy-Albania protocol, the government's direct attack on the independence of the judiciary and the associated challenges for the rule of law, is crucial to understanding the latest political developments in the EU in the areas of asylum and returns..."

ENGLISH VERSION HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.MALDUSA.ORG/L/UNWANTED-EXTRATERRITORIALISATION-OF-BORDER-PROCEDURES-AND-TIGHTENING-OF-DEPORTATION-REGULATIONS-IN-ITALY-IS-RESISTANCE-STILL-POSSIBLE/](https://www.maldusa.org/L/UNWANTED-EXTRATERRITORIALISATION-OF-BORDER-PROCEDURES-AND-TIGHTENING-OF-DEPORTATION-REGULATIONS-IN-ITALY-IS-RESISTANCE-STILL-POSSIBLE/)

ALARM PHONE: LEFT-TO-DIE AND PUSH BACKS NEAR CYPRUS



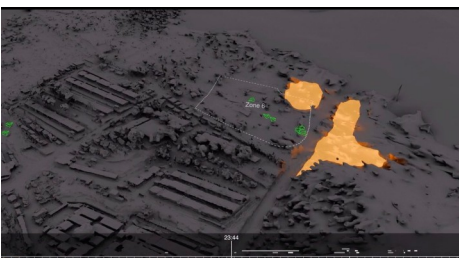
Preventable deaths: many people lost their lives or went missing after a shipwreck off Cyprus, see the full report here:

Screenshot of position of one of the boats. Photo: Alarm Phone

https://alarmphone.org/en/2025/03/28/preventable-deaths-many-people-lost-their-lives-or-went-missing-after-a-shipwreck-off-cyprus/?post_type_release_type=post

Forced return to Syria: Cypriot Coast Guard pushes people back into the open sea, see the full report here: https://alarmphone.org/en/2025/04/11/forced-return-to-syria-cypriot-coast-guard-pushes-people-back-into-the-open-sea/?post_type_release_type=post

LATE ACQUITTAL FOR MORIA DEFENDANTS, THANKS IN PART TO FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE



In April 2023, we documented Forensic Architecture's reconstruction of the fire in Moria on Lesbos, see <https://forensic-architecture.org/investigation/fire-in-moria-refugee-camp> . However, during the trial at that time, this expert opinion, which exonerated the defendants, was not heard. However, as

reported by the media in April, all defendants in the appeal proceedings have now - some after years in prison - finally been released, thanks to the investigation by Forensic Architecture;

REPORT IN GERMAN NEWS: [HTTPS://WWW.TAGESSCHAU.DE/AUSLAND/EUROPA/MORIA-BRAND-PROZESS-102.HTML](https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/europa/moria-brand-prozess-102.html) ; **REPORT IN ENGLISH NEWS:**
[HTTPS://WWW.BBC.COM/NEWS/ARTICLES/C8DG4M9N3930.AMP](https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8dg4m9n3930.amp)

PRO ASYL ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN GREECE

No improvement: Refugees in Greece without beds, bread or soap

Refugees in Greece are caught in a bureaucratic vicious circle. Many end up on the streets. Even people who are deported from Germany to Greece face destitution. There is no sign of the improvements that were promised. The new report by PRO ASYL and RSA provides the latest insights..."

Summary in German here: <https://www.proasyl.de/news/keine-verbesserung-fluechtlinge-in-griechenland-ohne-bett-brot-und-seife/>

FULL REPORT (IN GERMAN) HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/20250407_PRO-ASYL-RSA_STELLUNGNAHME-ZUR-SITUATION-SCHUTZBERECHTIGTER-IN-GRIECHENLAND.PDF](https://www.proasyl.de/wp-content/uploads/20250407_PRO-ASYL-RSA_STELLUNGNAHME-ZUR-SITUATION-SCHUTZBERECHTIGTER-IN-GRIECHENLAND.PDF)

OUTLOOK

13–14 JUNE 2025 IN BERLIN – SOLIDARITY MIGRATION SUMMIT OF THE ROSA LUXEMBURG FOUNDATION

"... In the midst of the current political and financial crisis, which affects not only us at the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, but also many of you and your work, we want to create a productive space to find proactive and progressive responses to the current and multifaceted attacks on the migration society.

The summit is also an opportunity to reflect on and shape educational policy on migration, for which we would like to bring together all the partners, networks and companions who have shaped and enabled this work in recent years.

At the same time, we want to look ahead together: at a time when state funding programmes are being cut or cancelled, democratic and critical education work is being severely restricted, right-wing forces are on the rise and racist exclusion is becoming hegemonic, we must discuss strategically which paths of organisation and coming together we must take.

What is the Solidarity Migration Summit?

It is a large, both internal and public meeting of actors from migration work, political education, science, culture, politics, remembrance work and political self-organisation. It is a gathering that is long overdue – and one that gives us the opportunity to develop

proactive strategies to jointly defend our (post)migrant, solidarity-based and democratic society of many.

We want to remember utopically and discuss constructively what we have learned and achieved in our diverse struggles, what we want to continue or change. And above all, we want to talk about what, despite all our differences, is the common ground on which we stand and which connects us.

SAVE THE DATE: 13-14 JUNE 2025 – LOCATION, DETAILS AND PROGRAMME TO FOLLOW SOON.“

5 TO 10 AUGUST 2025 - TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP III

From the invitation:

For Freedom of Movement and Equal Social Rights!

First invitation and call for registration

Three years after the last Transborder Summer Camp, we invite you to another camp this summer and ask you to register to participate. We will meet for the third Transborder Summer Camp from 05.08-10.08.2025 at the ZAD close to Nantes, France.

What is the TSC?

The Transborder Summer Camp (TSC) is a camp where many activists from different struggles come together every three years. Already in July 2019 and again in July 2022,



several hundred activists from over 100 places met at the ZAD for a week of discussions and debates. The focus of the gathering lies on the practical exchange about daily struggles of solidarity and solidarity structures on all the routes. In the past, people and groups met at the TSC and got to know each other, built new networks, shared tools and learned from and about each other. We want to strengthen our

movement by reinforcing our connections and connecting our struggles, this is the main goal of the camp.

Why do we meet?

At a time when fascism is propagated in glaring speeches in institutions as well as in public spaces and repressive, xenophobic and murderous laws against immigration are on the rise, we must build a solid and united resistance together. For this reason this year's TSC is organized under the topic INTERCONNECTING STRUGGLES. We want to emphasize the need to establish links between the various groups involved in struggles for social justice, between the first concerned, between migrants and autonomous groups. We will meet to exchange ideas about our struggles, to learn from each other, to share our tools and together form a transcontinental network of solidarity.

We are serious about building a movement and infrastructures for the freedom of movement and equal social rights for all. We are serious about making a change, this is our only option! Big words, you say? Maybe, but if things are to change, we can only put them in motion together.

Concretely, this means that we will focus on connections and differences between our struggles as well as individual strategies, and less on presenting our groups and networks. There will be a chance to get to know each other, but the main program will focus on the (same) big challenges that are shared by those struggling for the freedom of movement, the right to stay, the resistance against structural racism and

against the increasing fascism. How can we confront, fight against and undermine in order to achieve equal rights for everyone in a transnational context?

Who is invited?

Along the theme INTERCONNECTING STRUGGLES, everyone who deals with or works to dismantle the different facets of structural racism in one way or another is invited to join. The camp seeks to connect different angles of the same anti-racist struggle and to contribute to the empowerment of self-organized groups, e.g. migrant (refugee) groups or groups of people who experience racism. For this reason their presence at TSC 2025 is a priority. (...)

REGISTER: IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND, PLEASE REGISTER AT INFO@TSC25.NET .

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME ACTIVISTS FROM MANY PLACES, STRUGGLES AND CONTEXTS. OUR CAPACITIES ARE LIMITED TO AROUND 700 PEOPLE. THUS, WE ASK YOU TO TELL US IF AND HOW MANY PEOPLE OF YOUR COLLECTIVE (CONNECTION, NETWORK, OR WHATEVER) WILL ATTEND – AND TO BE MINDFUL OF OUR INTENTION TO ACCOMODATE PEOPLE FROM MANY COLLECTIVES AND NETWORKS, ALSO WHEN THINKING ABOUT WHO OF YOUR GROUP AND NETWORK ATTENDS...

SEPTEMBER 2025: TRANSNATIONAL CHAIN OF ACTIONS

2nd Call here: <https://trans-border.net/index.php/18th-of-april-2025-10-years-after-the-largest-shipwreck-in-recent-mediterranean-history-we-call-for-open-borders-to-end-deaths/>

First rovisional Calendar here: <https://trans-border.net/index.php/chain-of-action-2025/>