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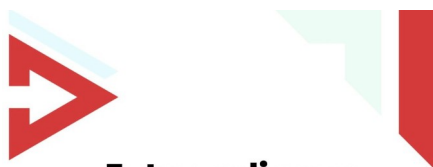
Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

In May and June – “No Border Lasts Forever” – book presentations by We’ll Come United +++ 18–21 May in The Hague: Event and trial against torturers from Libya +++ 30 May at Frankfurt Airport: Demonstration against deportations +++ Pro Asyl interview on Hungary +++ Regularisation in Spain +++ New brochure on Transborder Summer Camp III +++ Upcoming events: 12–14 June in Jena: Entgrenzt – first conference on migration law for lawyers; 12–14 June in Offenbach: Right to the City Forum; 17–19 June in Hamburg: Youth without Borders at the Conference of Interior Ministers; 4 July in Erfurt: “widersetzen” against the AfD party conference; 4–8 August in Cotonou, Benin: World Social Forum

Dear friends.

“The moment of opportunity and responsibility” is the title given by the Helsinki Committee in Budapest to a brief, sigh-of-relief statement issued the day after Orbán’s defeat at the polls on 12 April 2026. Although “only” a conservative party is now coming to power in Hungary, a member of the Committee aptly described the joy at the change in an interview with Pro Asyl: “It is so impressive to realise that it is actually possible to defeat an autocratic regime. I would never have dared to believe it.”

New hope is also emerging in Italy. On 22–23 March 2026, Meloni suffered a heavy defeat in the referendum on the so-called judicial reform. This was followed by the first resignations within her government, and with a view to the autumn 2027 elections, the situation appears much more open again.



Extraordinary Regularisation Guide



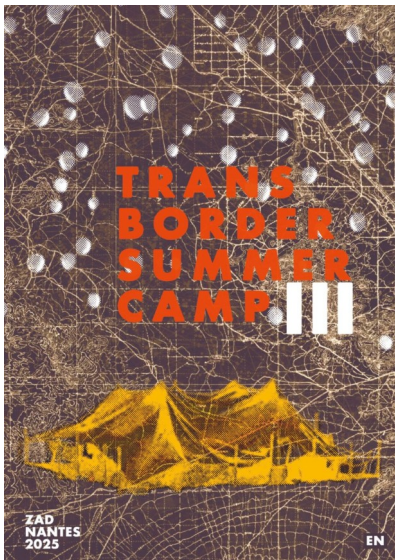
At the same time, regularisation is currently being implemented in Spain. The campaign alliance there has managed to secure further easing of the conditions, and Welcome to Europe has compiled the most important practical information on this, see

<https://w2eu.info/en/countries/spain/extraordinary-regularization-2026>



We would also like to draw your attention to a special event taking place in May. From 19 to 21 May 2026, a Libyan torturer will stand trial at the International Criminal Court in The Hague for crimes against humanity. The court will first decide which charges are admissible and, in particular, whether killings, enslavement, torture and rape of Black migrants will be included in the proceedings.

Refugees in Libya, together with the ECCHR, are striving not only to support the victims and witnesses but also to ensure maximum public attention. This is the very first time that the torture camps in Libya have been addressed at this level, and so there is both an opportunity and a necessity to denounce the EU's complicity in the push-back and pull-back regime during these proceedings.



Finally, some good news from the transnational network. The brochure documenting and summarising the Transborder Summer Camp held near Nantes in August 2025 is now complete. From the introduction: "...680 participants from around 100 groups and networks, 8 days of construction, 28 shifts every day, 24 working groups for the organisation of the camp, 20 announced workshops with 33 sub-workshops, countless informal meetings and spontaneous workshops, 8 languages translated, 67 visa applications, 32 visas denied, 12,310 meals, 525 kg of flour for bread (from a bakery on site, fresh every day), 150 hours of washing up (at least), 68 kg of coffee, 250 sleeping tents, 24 toilets, 8 urinals, 34 vans

for sleeping, 1 crowing rooster every early morning (which nearly ended up in the kitchen), 4 large circus tents, 16 large tents for infrastructure and gatherings, 1 aggressive goose, 1 solidarity bus collecting participants from Germany and abroad, 69 flight tickets, 21 showers, 4 days of dismantling..." The brochure can be downloaded or ordered in English and French from trans-border.net.

With solidarity, the Kompass crew

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR MAY 2026



IN MAY AND JUNE – “NO BORDER LASTS FOREVER” – BOOK PRESENTATIONS BY WE’LL COME UNITED

We’ll Come United’s new book will be presented in several cities over the coming weeks:

Tuesday, 5 May 2026 in Frankfurt am Main

We’ll Come United – Book presentation: “No Border Lasts Forever”

At 6.30 pm at the Studierendenhaus, Mertonstr. 26–28

Organised by We’ll Come United Rhein Main

Wednesday, 20 May 2026 in Hanau

We’ll Come United – Book presentation: “No Border Lasts Forever”

At 7.00 pm at Metzgerstrasse 8

Organised by the Alliance Against Deportations Hanau

Thursday, 28 May 2026 in Aschaffenburg

We’ll Come United – Book presentation: “No Border Lasts Forever”

At 7.00 pm at Stern, Platanenallee 1

Organised by Seebrücke Aschaffenburg

Friday, 29 May 2026 in Berlin

We’ll Come United – Book presentation: “No Border lasts forever”

At 6.00 pm as part of the Linke Buchtage, at the Mehringhof/SFE in Room 1

Friday, 5 June 2026 in Lübeck

We’ll Come United – Book presentation: “No Border lasts forever”

At 7.00 pm in the Diele, Mengstraße 41, Lübeck

Organised by the Refugee Forum

Saturday, 27 June 2026 in Lärz at the Fusion Festival

We’ll Come United – Book presentation: “No Border lasts forever”

At 1.00 pm in the ConTent Area

Organised by We’ll Come United

FURTHER DATES WILL FOLLOW AND CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.welcome-united.org/calendar)

18–21 MAY IN THE HAGUE: EVENT AND TRIAL OF TORTURERS FROM LIBYA

The appeal from Refugees in Libya to civil society:

ALL ATTENTION TO THE ICC: We Built the Evidence. Now Join Us in Building Justice.

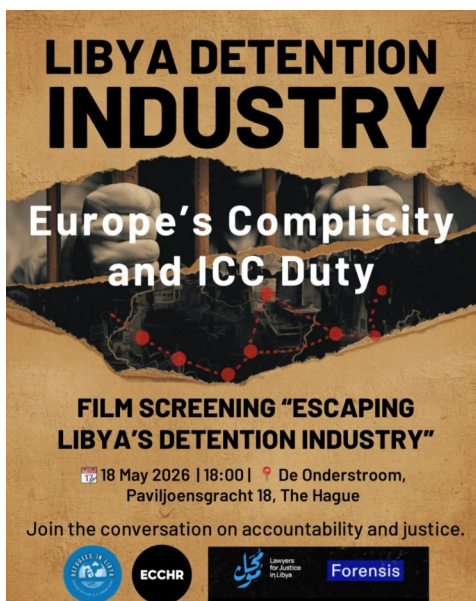
Stand With Us on 18–21 May 2026 | The Hague

Dear Comrades, Civil Rescue organisations, the Civil Fleet, and all solidarity networks across Europe,

On 19 May 2026, a moment long denied arrives: for the first time in history, one of our torturers - a Libyan suspect accused of crimes against humanity and war crimes - will appear before the International Criminal Court. The Confirmation of Charges hearing in the

case of Khaled Mohamed Ali El Hishri is not simply a legal milestone, but a confrontation with a structure that has enjoyed impunity for far too long.

This case exists because we, the survivors, refused silence. We spoke under threat, carried the evidence, and endured repeated interceptions, detentions, tortures, enslavement, rapes, and systematic dehumanisation. We built the very places where we were imprisoned. Yes! We know the perpetrators. We know the system.



We demand justice. Rescue at sea saves lives, but without accountability, the conditions producing deaths at sea and in torture camps designed to contain people seeking safety will continue. Every interception, every forced return, every detention centre, every act of violence - these, as you know, are not isolated incidents. They are the direct outcome of policies funded, coordinated, and sustained by European states.

The crimes committed at Mitiga do not stand alone either. They are part of a broader detention system inseparable from the Italy–Libya Memorandum, EU-funded interceptions, cooperation with Libyan militias under the label of “coast

guard,” and the wider architecture of migration containment. You know this. And because you know this, this moment demands more than solidarity. It demands position and responsibility.

We call on the civil fleet, rescue organisations, and all allied networks to speak and act with clarity and urgency.

We expect you to be present in The Hague between 18–21 May:

On 18 May, we will hold a protest in front of the ICC building to make visible to the Court that EU institutions and politicians must not be excluded from accountability and should be investigated. In the evening, we will host a film screening and discussion on Libya’s detention industry.

Between May 19–21, join us for the hearing at the ICC which will be open to the public via the public gallery.

For those who cannot reach The Hague:

Mobilise publicly across European cities. Organise actions in front of Libyan embassies, EU institutions, and national governments. Use your platforms, vessels, and networks to make this hearing impossible to ignore. This is not an external struggle but part of the work you already carry out at sea.

What happens in this confirmation of charges hearing will shape what international justice is willing to see - and what it is willing to ignore. If migrants and refugees are not fully recognised as victims, the conditions that produce their suffering will remain intact.

We have done our part. We have spoken, documented, and carried the truth to one of the doors of justice. Now we expect you to stand where it matters and act, because without justice, rescue will remain a repetition.

This fight does not begin in The Hague, and it does not end at sea.

In urgency and shared responsibility,

Refugees in Libya

EVENING EVENT AT 18. MAI IN THE HAGUE AT 18:00 CEST

DE ONDERSTROOM, PAVILJOENSGRACHT 18, THE HAGUE

SCREENING & TALK

STOP CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN LIBYA

STOP EU COMPLICITY

JOIN US FOR A FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION IN THE HAGUE, IN SOLIDARITY WITH SURVIVORS OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY COMMITTED AGAINST PEOPLE ON THE MOVE IN LIBYA (...) TOGETHER, WE

WILL DISCUSS BOTH THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND EUROPE'S ROLE ENABLING AND SUSTAINING LIBYA'S DETENTION INDUSTRY THROUGH BORDER EXTERNALIZATION POLICIES, FRONTEX

COOPERATION, AND PULL- AND PUSHBACK PRACTICES AT SEA.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE FROM ICC: [HTTPS://WWW.ICC-CPI.INT/LIBYA/EL-HISHRI](https://www.icc-cpi.int/libya/el-hishri)

30 MAY AT FRANKFURT AIRPORT: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST DEPORTATIONS



Welcome United Rhein/Main is calling for a demonstration at Frankfurt Airport on 30 May 2026 at 2 pm in Terminal 1

A third of all deportations from Germany take place via Frankfurt Airport. In 2025, there were nearly 20,000 deportations by air, 7,700 of which were via Frankfurt Airport. More than 5,000 deportations took place to other European countries under the Dublin Regulation.

The pressure to deport is mounting; the authorities are using the decline in arrivals to reject asylum applications more quickly and are focusing on increasing deportation figures. With the introduction of the CEAS reform (Common European Asylum System reform), the problem will become even more acute.

The new Terminal 3 is set to open at Frankfurt Airport on 23 April. Part of the new building is an expanded deportation centre. By 2027, twice as many deportations are set to take place from there as have previously occurred from Frankfurt.

Our resistance is needed! We will not stand alone. Against fear. Solidarity will win!

On 30 May 2026, we will express our rejection of these inhumane and violent policies loud and clear. Deportations are the problem – not the solution!

THIS ACTION IS PART OF A DECENTRALISED NATIONWIDE CHAIN OF ACTIONS IN 2026 AND 2027, INITIATED BY WELCOME UNITED.

MORE INFORMATION SOON ON THE WEBSITE FROM WE'LL COME UNITED: [HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/](https://www.welcome-united.org/)

**FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HUNGARIAN HELSINKI COMMITTEE –
BY PRO ASYL FOLLOWING THE ELECTION IN HUNGARY**

“The parliamentary election in Hungary on 12 April 2026 attracted global attention. We spoke to Anikó Bakonyi – head of the Refugee Rights Department at our partner organisation, the Hungarian Helsinki Committee – about the mood in the country and the hopes she associates with the election result.

Anikó, yesterday you had your first meeting with your team at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee. You described it as a ‘sensemaking’ meeting. I can imagine you have a lot to process this week.

[Laughs] Oh, I just called it that on the spur of the moment. We always get together after elections to share our initial thoughts. We need to consider how the changes will affect our work in the refugee programme and also the organisation as a whole, as a human rights organisation.

Let’s take a step back. How did you experience election day? And did you expect the Orbán era to come to an end?

No, I didn’t expect that. I did think the Tisza Party had a good chance of winning, mind you. But I didn’t reckon on a two-thirds majority in parliament. We watched the election with friends and afterwards we were out on the streets; everything was packed with overjoyed people. I have to say, it was really quite uplifting. Everyone was cheering and clapping. There was a really great atmosphere in our city. There was already a huge concert on Friday, attended mainly by young people. It was lovely to see that they were really committed to this process. They simply said: “We want to live in a different country!” I think that’s a feeling many of us share: that this isn’t the country where we feel at home. We want to be a more European and democratic country that respects the rule of law and wishes to belong to the EU. Not just on paper, but through concrete deeds and actions.

How would you describe the period immediately before the elections?

It was an extremely tense time. The entire Orbán system was gradually collapsing. Every day, people came forward with stories that were hard to stomach, to show just how corrupt the system was and how much political pressure weighed on the police, the secret services and everyone else. On election night, to be honest, it was hard to believe that it had really happened. That this corrupt system is now a thing of the past. We are still coming to terms with it. It is difficult to explain to someone who isn’t from here that we are pleased to have a parliament in which there are no left-wing parties. The victorious Tisza Party is a conservative party, the Fidesz Party is far-right, and there is another party further to the right which won six of the 199 seats. ...”

THE FULL INTERVIEW HERE IN GERMAN: [HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/NEWS/UNGARN-WAHL-DAS-HAETTE-ICH-NICHT-ZU-GLAUBEN-GEWAGT/](https://www.proasyl.de/news/ungarn-wahl-das-haette-ich-nicht-zu-glauben-gewagt/)

FURTHER INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://HELSINKI.HU/EN/HUNGARY-ELECTIONS-MOMENT-OF-OPPORTUNITY-AND-RESPONSIBILITY/](https://helsinki.hu/en/hungary-elections-moment-of-opportunity-and-responsibility/)

[HTTPS://TAZ.DE/ENDE-DER-ORBAN-AERA/!6174046/](https://taz.de/ende-der-orban-aera/!6174046/)

ON REGULARISATION IN SPAIN

Press release, 14th April 2026

The Regularización Ya Movement welcomes the agreement reached on the final text of the extraordinary regularisation scheme. The text is the result of an arduous period of campaigning and negotiations to ensure that this citizen-led process, driven by our own communities, covers as many people as possible who are in an irregular administrative situation. Below we detail the demands that have been approved as part of these negotiations:

- Validity of expired passports for the purposes of the application process.
- The possibility of granting a four-year extension, without additional requirements, for special cases (people of retirement age, people with serious illnesses or disabilities, and their family members, in the case of spouses or first-degree descendants).
- Provisional work authorisation from the moment the application is accepted for processing, rather than, as was previously the case, only upon a favourable decision.
- The possibility of applying for regularisation without withdrawing an application for International Protection until such protection is granted.
- No requirement to provide a municipal register entry as the sole means of proof to demonstrate continued residence in the application, nor to prove residence at the time of fingerprinting.
- Alternative routes are established, such as vulnerability due to being in an irregular situation, to the requirement to present a job offer or undertake training, which are required in the social-occupational and social-educational integration procedures respectively
- The requirements for regularising the status of minors accompanied by their parents have been relaxed.
- Applications for residence permits on exceptional grounds that are currently being processed will be approved if the requirements for this regularisation are met, without the applicants having to undertake any additional procedures.
- Regarding criminal records, although the requirement for a sworn statement has been removed, the possibility remains that, if it can be proven that no response has been received from the third country, the Spanish Government may request this information directly.
- The regularisation will benefit people who entered Spanish territory before 1 January 2026, requiring them to prove only a 5-month stay, rather than the two years required in the 'arraigos' procedures.

However, other demands from our movement have been omitted from the final text, despite our insistence and the arguments put forward to prevent the exclusion of the following cases: Applicants claiming statelessness have been excluded, following the ruling of the Council of State, despite the importance of their inclusion and a series of viable alternatives proposed by the Regularisation Now Movement to reach an agreement.

The Regularisation Now Movement proposed that the requirement to provide a certificate of vulnerability be removed; however, it has not been possible to reach an agreement.

International Protection. Despite our insistence that applications for International Protection should not lapse following the granting of regularisation, this point has remained

in limbo, allowing for compatibility at the time of application and during the process but not upon granting.

The entry into force of the so-called European Pact on Migration and Asylum, which will intensify institutional violence against migrants, has been used as an excuse not to extend the validity of the extraordinary regularisation scheme until 31 December 2026, as we had proposed from the outset of the negotiations.

Movimiento Regularización Ya, 14 de abril de 2026.

NEW BROCHURE ON TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP III



„Dear all,

We are happy to present the brochure about the Transborder Summer Camp III in August 2025, available so far in English and French.

The camp was 6 days of coming together, exchange, learning, discussing, meeting new and old friends and co-fighters. In the end 680 participants from around 100 groups formed 24 working groups for the organization of the camp and held 20 workshops.

The brochure offers collective reports and conclusions, but also personal memories and thoughts, and last not least some photos and graphics.

YOU CAN FIND BOTH VERSIONS TO DOWNLOAD ON THE WEBSITE [HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET/](https://trans-border.net/). IF

YOU WANT TO RECEIVE PRINTED COPIES (EN/FR) BY MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT US HERE:

[BROCHURE@TSC25.NET](mailto:brochure@tsc25.net)

OUTLOOK

12-14 JUNE IN JENA: „ENTGRENZT“ (DEBORDERED) - FIRST MIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE



„Borders are drawn, borders are made – in life and in law. Migration means crossing these borders, questioning them and dissolving them. Law also means setting li-

mits on the state's claim to power. Not only people, but also authorities and courts cross borders. External borders are becoming higher, and the plans for the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) do not bode well.

We need answers. And we need to take a stand. All of us.

From 12 to 14 June 2026 (just in time for the launch of GEAS), the long-overdue Migration Law Days will take place in Jena for the first time. Together with you, we want to dare to break down the boundaries of our present and future. We will discuss where rules are being overturned, how interpretation is opening up new paths, and where society and the law collide. Going beyond familiar legal formats, this is about more than just paragraphs. We will talk about the social and cultural dimensions of the blurring of boundaries between law, society and the future.

Controversial, courageous, inspiring. Let's go to Jena!"

CONTACT: JENA2026@RAV.DE

ORGANIZED BY RAV E.V."

12-14 JUNE IN OFFENBACH: RIGHT TO THE CITY FORUM

OFF → ON.

Recht auf Stadt, in Offenbach!

"Who actually owns the city? Who can still afford to live here? Who gets to decide on the city, public spaces and everyday life together? Which perspectives are visible and which remain hidden? How can we join forces and change this together? How can we broaden our

understanding of the right to the city to become more numerous, stronger and more diverse, and to win new battles? We want to discuss these and other questions and tackle them in a practical way from 12-14 June 2026 in Offenbach at the Right to the City Forum, together with initiatives and interested parties..."

CONTACT: INFO@RECHTAUFSTADT-FORUM.DE

17-19 JUNE IN HAMBURG: YOUTH WITHOUT BORDERS AT THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS

"...from 17-19 June 2026, the interior ministers will meet for the IMK in Hamburg. As we do every year, we – Youth without Borders – are organising a counter-conference for refugee children and young people, featuring a variety of protest actions, press work and a festive gala evening..."

HTTPS://JOGSPACE.NET/

THE UPDATED CALL CAN BE FOUND HERE: HTTPS://B-UMF.DE/MATERIAL/DEMONSTRATION-ZUR-INNENMINISTERKONFERENZ/

Erfurt

Für den am 4. und 5. Juli hat die AfD ihren nächsten Bundesparteitag in Erfurt angekündigt. Wir wollen unseren ungehorsamen und widerständigen Beitrag leisten, um die AfD von der Macht fernzuhalten. Im Zentrum stehen dabei die Aktionen gegen diesen AfD-Bundesparteitag.

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Bei einer großen Konferenz vom 10. bis 12. April wollen wir gemeinsam die Strategien und Aktionen für 2026 planen.

Was ist widersetzen?

4 JULY IN ERFURT: RESISTING THE AFD PARTY CONFERENCE

The AfD has announced its next federal party conference in Erfurt on 4 and 5 July. We want to make our own rebellious and resistant contribution to kee-

ping the AfD out of power. The focus will be on actions against this AfD federal party conference.

MORE INFORMATION (IN GERMAN):

[HTTPS://WIDERSETZEN.COM/VORBEREITUNG/AKTIONSKONFERENZ-ERFURT/](https://widersetzen.com/vorbereitung/aktionskonferenz-erfurt/)

AN ANTI-RACISM MARCH IS BEING ORGANISED FOR 4 JULY. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON THE FIGHT AGAINST DEPORTATIONS... MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON ON THE WE'LL COME UNITED WEBSITE.

4 TO 8 AUGUST IN COTONOU, BENIN: WORLD SOCIAL FORUM



In August 2026, the World Social Forum will take place in Cotonou. Several migration-related transnational networks have begun discussing what joint participation could look like...

GENERAL INFORMATION HERE:

[HTTPS://FSM2026BENIN.ORG/?LANG=EN](https://FSM2026BENIN.ORG/?LANG=EN)