

## KOMPASS – ANTIRA – NEWSLETTER NR. 28 - JUNI 2014

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Dear friends!

"Pour la liberte, c'est la marche des sans papiers, de Strasbourg à Brussels à pied!" ("For freedom, this is the march of the Sans Papier, by foot from Strasbourg to Brussels!") - this slogan rang out in all the towns the March For Freedom passed through after its start on 18<sup>th</sup> May in Alsace. Passing several stations around Saarbrücken the march reached

Schengen on 1<sup>st</sup> June and transformed this symbolic place into a protest zone against the EU-border regime (see short report below).

Up to now, between 60 to 150 people took part in the march, up to 400 went along for the kick up and around 200 joined the group in Schengen. This is surely less than expected at first, but the mixed

composition of the group brings together various experiences: During the first two week, refugees from the Oranienplatz in Berlin and a delegation from Tunesia, self-organized protesters and supporters from different cities and countries have grown together to a power-team and this ambitious project – see also <http://freedomnotfrontex.noblogs.org> – keeps on deserving all our solidarity.



Doesn't this march represent the transnational political tip of a socio-political iceberg? On 28<sup>th</sup> May hundreds of migrants attacked once more the fences of Melilla – see an impressive video here <http://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/melilla-ansturm100.html> – and only two days later 3.000 Boat people reached Sicily within 24 hours. Already up to now (beginning of June) - which only the start of “season” - more migrants reached Italy than in the whole year of 2013! This is the context in which the march takes place and on which it directly refers with it's solidarity statements and actions (as the 1<sup>st</sup> June in Schengen).

Additionally, new protest flares up across Europe. In May there have been insurrections in several British deportation prisons and demonstrations against detention in Debrecen and Bologna,

Afghan refugees protesting for their rights with an hunger strike in Ankara and in Calais the situation for transmigrants is getting worse due to evacuations; a new hunger strike of an non-citizen-group in Berlin, demonstrations against Dublin II/III in Frankfurt, protest camps in Hannover and several Bavarian towns, a Sit-In by 'Lampedusa in Hamburg' (see short reports and further links below): As well in Germany the Refugee protests keep moving.

Can we succeed to generate further dynamics, a stronger mobilization and more public attention out of the march? Now during the coming days in Luxembourg where it will encounter the EU-Interior Ministers and also from the 20<sup>th</sup> June on in Brussels, where an action week is going to be prepared? For the 26<sup>th</sup> June on the occasion of the EU-summit of the heads of governments we a planning a major demonstration and a counter-summit on migration and a conference focusing on transnational perspectives is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June. Get mobilized and come to Brussels!

<http://kompass.antira.info> was established in 2011 as a survey of and a platform for information on the antiracist movement. It aims at comprehensively presenting the manifold antiracist initiatives and their complex spectrum, also to facilitate access to the subject for the newly interested. This monthly newsletter is, apart from the website, another attempt to improve the continuous process of networking and broadening the movement. We are also happy to publish announcements and short reports about your mobilisations and actions.

All the best,  
the Kompass-Crew

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## **ACTIONS AND DATES IN JUNE:**

### **7<sup>th</sup> June in Frankfurt: Fourth demonstration of the self-organized refugees in Rhine-Main against Dublin II/III – 2:30 pm. at Roßmarkt**

Led by self-organized refugees mostly from Eritrea and Somalia, more than 200 people participated in a very atmospheric demonstration against the Dublin-deportations at Frankfurt Airport on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Under the name of “Refugees 4 Change” (RE4CH) they call out on their fourth demonstration in the city center of Frankfurt on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

“How much longer do we have to protest for our rights? Is there any justice? Who will answer our call? We have been tired for years, but we are still fighting for our rights. Why are we being marginalized and discriminated? What is the meaning of democracy? When we were in our countries of origin, we knew the difference between democracy and dictatorial regimes. Today, when we analyze the great European Union, things are a lot more complicated. We hope that there will be an end to our suffering soon. Because we believe that helpless refugees should not be persecuted or punished in democratic countries. Stop deporting hopeless refugees to the lawless countries inside the European Union. Stop the racist Dublin II and III regulations.”

Contact and the entire call can be found here: 0152/15829842 / [rifugiati.milano@gmail.com](mailto:rifugiati.milano@gmail.com) / <http://refugeesforchange.wordpress.com/> / [www.facebook.com/refugees4change](http://www.facebook.com/refugees4change)

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### **12.06.2014 in Bonn: Protests against the strengthening of immigration laws on the occasion of the Interior Ministers Conference**

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014: Young refugees organize a protest program and elect the 'Deportation Minister 2014'. We demand: Right of residence instead of extension of detentions and prohibitions of entry, stay and work.

On the occasion of the Interior Ministers Conference in Bonn Youth Without Borders and their allies protest against the planned strengthening of immigration laws. The demonstration on this issue with nationwide mobilization will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 5 pm. at Münsterplatz. The motto: “Welcome-culture! Right of residence for EVERYBODY, immediately!” The 'Deportation Minister 2014' will be elected during the demonstration. The entire call (in German) and the program can be seen on [www.jogspace.net](http://www.jogspace.net) or by contacting Youth Without Borders ([presse@jogspace.net](mailto:presse@jogspace.net)).

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### **20<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Frankfurt: Second CARAVAN Refugee Women’s Conference**

United against isolation! For a life of solidarity, freedom and self-determination.

Call in several languages see <http://thecaravan.org/node/4081>

Program:

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June: Demonstration in memory of Christy Omordion Schwundeck;

Saturday, 21<sup>th</sup> June :

Morning: Inputs on the struggles in the countries of origin, female specific reasons for leaving the country, children in the country of origin

Afternoon: Why is self-organization necessary? Afterwards: Cultural program

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Sunday, 22<sup>th</sup> June: How can we strengthen our women struggles?  
If you want to participate in the preparation and organization of the conference, please contact us: [woman@thecaravan.info](mailto:woman@thecaravan.info)

## **A REVIEW ON MEETINGS AND PROTESTS IN MAY:**

### **Nationwide networking against deportation**

Recently in several towns new groups were established, who want to deal with inhibiting deportations and the situation in deportation prisons in a concrete way. The massive wave of Dublin-deportations, but also the hard-to-tackle practice of the charter deportations raised new challenges to the protest against deportations. Thus there is a need to connect supraregionally the existing initiatives against deportations with the aim to sustainably exchange experiences and practices, to coordinate requests of affected people and to strengthen the structures. During a first network meeting against deportations at the beginning of May groups from Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich (München), Würzburg, Dresden, Regensburg and Vienna (Wien) decided to reorient and extend the existing structures. To do so it is strongly necessary that more interested groups at the crucial places of the deportation regime (Düsseldorf, Freiburg,...) agree to become part of the network! Furthermore, a decentralised action day against deportation prisons and airports was agreed on for the upcoming autumn. A follow-up meeting of the network will take place in the end of August at the NoDeportationCamp in Eisenhüttenstadt. Join!  
In case of questions you can contact [vga@antira.info](mailto:vga@antira.info)

### **Blockupy – May of Solidarity – Europe-wide action days from May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>**



„Loud, colourful, best atmosphere: More than 10,000 people protest in four german cities - Berlin, Düsseldorf, Hamburg and Stuttgart – with active Blockupy protest against the authoritarian european regime of crisis. In Rome, Madrid and other european cities there is thousands participating in the protests today, too. These protests are part of the European Actiondays “Solidarity beyond Borders – for Democracy from below”. In 13 countries there are further protests and actions planned against the austerity policy of troika of EU, ECB and IMF. Blockupy is a part of this transnational cross-border protest...”

This is how Blockupy coordination’s press release from the 17th may, the main actionday, starts like. Here you will find more <https://blockupy.org>  
Here you can find some summaries of actions regarding migration topics:

<https://blockupy.org/3701/17-18-5-blockupy-deportation-airport-erster-grenzueberschreitung-des-march-for-freedom-proteste-in-bolognagsfreiheit-und-bleiberecht-fuer-alle-erste-grenzueberschreitung/>

At last a link to an international page with further reports:  
<http://mayofsolidarity.org>

## Strasbourg, Saarbrücken, Schengen – short glimpses of the March for Freedom



There are about 300 to 400 participants when the March for Freedom starts in Kehl to Strasbourg on the 18.5.. The first border crossing occurs without any problems. Here you find a good tv-report: <http://info.arte.tv/de/fluchtlinge-marsch-gegen-die-festung-europa>

Collected information about the march for freedom and about the stations in Saarbrücken you can find on the page of Flüchtlingsrat Saarland:



<http://www.asyl-saar.de/sonderseiten/prot estmarsch.html> and a worth seeing video from Saarland-News: <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gIFto6UOWm8&feature=youtu.be>

On June 1st, like already mentioned in the beginning, the symbolic area Schengen was transformed into a protestzone by crossing the river Mosel by rubber boat, by redesigning

local monuments as well as by occupying the rooftop and besieging the Schengen-Museum. Pics and reports about this, about earlier and upcoming actions: <http://freedomnotfrontex.noblogs.org/>

Donations are more than welcome – please make a money transfer to: "Protest March for Freedom", bank account number: 106028977 BLZ 17092404 Volksbank Fürstenwalde Contact: [freedomnotfrontex@riseup.net](mailto:freedomnotfrontex@riseup.net)

### Refugee Protests in Hannover

Since 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 refugees are protesting in Hannover against their living conditions in Niedersachsen and for their rights. On wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> cops evicted a part of the peaceful protestcamp. With regard to this one activist started a hungerstrike. Further demonstrations took place at the airport and at the deportation center to protest against the deportation of one activist in Spain. More actions are currently on the run.

Further information: <http://ageeb1999.wordpress.com/>

### Refugee Strikes in Bayern:

Bayreuth : <https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeOberfrankenStrike>

Nürnberg : <https://www.facebook.com/strikenuernberg?fref=ts>

Würzburg :

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Solidarit%C3%A4t-mit-den-streikenden-Fl%C3%BChtlingen-in-W%C3%BCrzburg-Unterfranken/230679037141236>

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Refugeestreikamberg/1474354409450057?fref=ts>

### Sit-In by 'Lampedusa in Hamburg'

Another 'Lampedusa in Hamburg'-demonstration was hold as a Sit-In at Rathausplatz. The <http://kompass.antira.info> | Mailkontakt: [kompass-notify@antira.info](mailto:kompass-notify@antira.info)



main demand at this day: we demand our work permit!

Fotos of the action: <http://kein-mensch-ist-illegal-hh.blogspot.de/2014/05/lampedusa-in-hamburg-demo-315-mit-sitin.html>

Further infos: <http://lampedusa-hamburg.info/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEXT MONTHS:

### **From 14.7. to 24.8.2014: Female refugees get loud! Action tour through Germany**

Call: "Dangerous travel routes, pushed from one place to another, accomodated in collective housing very often far away from any access to infrastructure, vouchers, no work permit, a daily struggle for medical treatment, constantly in fear of deportation...and moreover sexism as every woman it experiences...We female refugees have more than one reason to get loud and to demand life in dignity. We want to invite all of the female refugees to get loud together with us!

In summer 2013 we together with other female refugees want to take part in the project by the musician Heinz Ratz and his band Strom&Wasser: By floats we will travel on the rivers and canals from Nürnberg to Berlin from 14.7. to 27.8.. As a swimming demonstration we want to call attention to the situation of fleeing women and children and carry out loudly our demands into public..."

Complete call: <http://women-in-exile.net/>

Program and tour dates: <http://www.strom-wasser.de>

Contact: [info@women-in-exile.net](mailto:info@women-in-exile.net)

Tel.: 0331 / 24348233 (Büro)

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### **End of august: NoDeportationCamp in Eisenhüttenstadt**

More information coming soon: <http://lagerwatcheisen.blogspot.eu/>

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### **30. August in Büren: Demonstration against the deportation center**

More information coming soon: <http://abschiebefrei.blogspot.de>

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### **From october 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in Jena : 20 Jahre The Voice Refugee Forum**

More information coming soon <http://www.thevoiceforum.org/>