



## KOMPASS – ANTIRA – NEWSLETTER N° 30 – AUGUST 2014

**+++ From 14.7. to 27.8.: Float tour with Women in Exile +++ After the schools' squatting in Berlin...+++ Daily struggles against Dublin III +++ Stop Deportation Camp in Eisenhüttenstadt from 26.8. to 1.9. +++ Frankfurt/M to dying in the Mediterranean +++ Further announcements for the coming weeks: Nationwide gathering for working migration in the EU in Munich, Blockupy transnational in Brüssel, 20 years The Voice in Jena, Baden-Württemberg-AntiRa-Conference in Stuttgart +++**

Dear friends!

When this newsletter went to press at the occupied school in Berlin was still a fight going on and if the eviction will be enforced by all means was not clear yet. Further down you will find some more summarized information about this and the current mobilization.

Refugee women become loud: On July 14th a action tour with a refugee boat has begun. This tour is a cooperation of Heinz Ratz and 'Women in Exile' who will be on the tour through the Lagers through whole august (check the link for the dates further down).

For the call "Time to Act – Abolish Dublin" here a direct link:

[http://dublin2.info/files/2014/06/dublin-call-2014.de\\_.pdf](http://dublin2.info/files/2014/06/dublin-call-2014.de_.pdf)

In many cities the fight against Dublin III ist a major field for actions; there are blockings against Dublin deportations and in more and more cities there is asylum given by churches as a protected place to endure the time limit of six months after which Germany is in charge of the asylum cases instead of deporting to Italy or Hungary. Further down more information and a hint to the recently published judgement by the Federal Court of Justice in which incarceration due to the Dublin

Regulation are forbidden.

This is in only very little time the second juristical success against custody pending deportation after the European Court of Justice forbid this kind of detention. If these positive decisions bring tendencies for the closure of custody pending deportation or only a reformation like it is practiced by some counties and governmental circles tell will not be decided in the court room.

In fact it is more protest and resistance needed and that's why we want to refer to the 'Stop Deportation Camp' in Eisenhüttenstadt in the end of august and to the 20-year annivesary of 'The Voice Refugee Forum' in Jena in the beginnig of october: the fight against deportation and custody pending deportation will be a major part in both of the events.

<http://kompPASS.antira.info> was created in 2011 as a platform for overview and information for and about the antiracist movement to introduce the diverse antiracist initiatives in a wide range and to give thus a better access for interested people. With this newsletter we want to take a further step to intensify and broaden networks. We really like to

receive announcements and reports of non-regional events and actions.

**Something on our own behalf:**

In the last months we could realize to publish this newsletter in three different languages (d, en, fr).

We are very happy about this and we ask everybody to spread the links

appropriately.

Still we are looking for people who could work on translations. To keep on publishing this newsletter it is also very necessary to have people who want to contribute in the contents, technique and layout.

All the best,  
the Kompass Crew

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**EVENTS AND ONGOING PROTESTS IN AUGUST:**

**From 14.7. to 27.8.: Float tour with Women in Exile & Friends**



Refugee women get loud – Action tour through Germany. The float makes its way, visiting Lagers, making contacts especially with refugee women and at night concerts with Heinz Ratz/Strom und Wasser... Reports and dates beyond the following links:

<http://www.refugee-women-tour.net>

<http://www.refugee-women-tour.net/termine/>

<http://www.fluchtschiff.de/>

**The school in Berlin - „You can't evict a movement!“**

First of all here some links to following actions by refugees and supportes then a brief assessment to the situation in Berlin referring to a coming up gathering throughout Berlin. Occupation of television tower in Berlin by refugees and supporters, July 10th 2014.

<http://www.neues-deutschland.de/artikel/938615.fernsehturm-fluechtlinge-kommen-privat-unter.html>

Article from Taz-newspaper to the action at Checkpoint Charly and then from the declaration: <http://www.taz.de/!142292/>

"...we have chosen this place to put weight on our common fight. While remembering refugee stories between east and west here at Checkpoint Charlie there are victims everyday of people escaping from poverty, wars and persecution and the simple wish for a better life. Escape is not only history. Escape is reality – worldwide. Hereby we want to give attention to the phoniness of a state like Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) In this museum the escape by citizens of German Democratic Republic (GDR) is celebrated. At the same time refugees from crisis zones are criminalised. The image of an undamaged democracy convinced people from GDR to flee to the capitalistic West where everything should become better for them. No mentioned remains: exactly the capitalist democracies are both then and now responsible for the exploitation of resources, wars and seclusion of borders against unrequested people. Europa's centuries-old praxis forces refugees today to make their way to Europe. In the past 25 years the borders' militarization in the Mediterranean caused up to 25.000 dead people.



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Fotos of the action at Checkpoint Charly:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/neukoellnbild/sets/72157645619170461/>

Evaluation of 9 days of police occupation in the squatted school in Ohlauerstr./Berlin

<https://linksunten.indymedia.org/de/node/119227>

Call for solidarity by pupils and students:

<http://refugeeschulstreik.wordpress.com/2014/06/18/aufruf-zum-streik-am-1-juli/>

Since the temporary end of spectacular actions regarding the squatted school which were responded by the green District Council with a big police operation against refugees, there are numerous activities for the direct support (e.g. refugees' accommodation and supply for those who could not go back into the school) and a variety of plenaries and gathering where the question of 'how to continue' are discussed.

This was a big motivation for a few to organize a gathering to discuss matters of coordination and perspectives where refugees, residents, art initiatives, activists and supporters could come together and have an exchange of ideas and suggestions. Among other things there will be discussions about the § 23, demands for right of residence, creating binding structures of support, demonstrations and actions. The gathering will take place from august 15th to 17th at Mehringhof.



## Fights against – church asylum gets extended!

First of all an overview and a meaningful course of the year 2014:  
<http://www.kirchenasyl.de/>

Current numbers: church asylum nationwide

Currently to July 11th 2014: We have knowledge of 124 church asylum with at least 217 persons among them at least 64 children. 105 of these cases are so called Dublin cases.

Course of the year 2014:

27.05.: 108 church asylums / 193 persons, 59 children / 90 Dublin cases.

06.05.: 87 church asylums / 151 persons, 43 children / 71 Dublin cases

01.04.: 60 church asylums / 122 persons, 41 children / 49 Dublin cases

02.03.: 57 church asylums / 102 persons, 35 children / 46 Dublin cases

14.02.: 45 church asylums / 92 persons, 34 children / 34 Dublin cases

10.01.: 34 church asylums / 62 persons, 20 children / 24 Dublin cases

Different initiatives, from active congregations to noborder FfM, invited in Frankfurt for a conversation with the press in which was presented a call for to broaden church asylums referring to the currently growing number of church asylums. Title: Lampedusa in Rhein-Main: Remembering the dead should mean to protect the survivors.

A report by Pro Asyl:

[http://www.proasyl.de/de/news/detail/news/kirchenasyl\\_heute\\_gibt\\_es\\_einen\\_zusammenhalt\\_der\\_vorher\\_nicht\\_da\\_war/](http://www.proasyl.de/de/news/detail/news/kirchenasyl_heute_gibt_es_einen_zusammenhalt_der_vorher_nicht_da_war/)

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## 26.08. - 01.09.2014 in Eisenhüttenstadt: STOP DEPORTATION CAMP



Resistance against the machinery of deportation is necessary! We are a group of

refugees and solidary people who fights against the detention centre and the isolation for more than a year now. We keep on fighting for our right to stay where we want, to go there where and whenever we want! We want to have a better life! What makes the detention centre necessary? The jailed are no perpetrators nor delinquents! Why is freedom taken from them and hardly possibilities for remedy offered? Police and court behaves violently against refugees. What did they do that they get controlled and threatened all the time? They came as humans and they need freedom like every single human being, too.

That's why we organize a "Stop Deportation Camp", to close the detention centre! We want to confront the german and european politics of exclusion with our solidary perspectives. We want to use this space to come together in workshops, discussions, concerts and many creative actions to network, to develop and implement perspectives. Together we are strong: Please contribute! Organize information events! Be creative!

The camp is preceded by a five-day bike tour from august 21th to 26th to mobilize in Lagers in Brandenburg and to call attention to the situation of refugees. Whether in Eisenhüttenstadt, Büren, Berlin-Grünau or elsewhere – close detention centres!

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## MORE NEWS:

### Custody pending deportation on trial – and now?

Concerning the prohibition of custody pending deportation in Dublin proceedings here is a quotation from RA Fahlbusch from Hannover (23.7.14):

“... The big majority of people are detained in German custody pending deportation centres because it is the easiest way to shuffle them around within Europe when they are in Dublin procedures – and that's the only reason why they are there. Most of the people were taken into custody directly after they arrived in Germany. This is not possible anymore. The German Federal Supreme Court (Bundesgerichtshof - BGH) made an extraordinary decision on 26.6.2014 (Az.: V ZB 31/14): it's not longer permissible that asylum seekers get arrested immediately after they entered the country, if the cause of detention is danger of absconding, because the legal regulation is missing. (...) All Dublin-prisoners have to be released immediately! The European Court of Justice (EuGH) censured on 17.7.2014 the imprisonment of people threatened by deportations in “normal” jails. With the decision from 26.6.2014 detentions in Germany with cause of deportation or commitment in Dublin proceedings hopefully belong to the past.

Pro Asyl says to this issue:

“... The Federal Court of Justice made clear that custody pending deportation in Dublin-proceedings are mostly illegal. According to estimations there is missing a legally valid cause for around 60 until 80% of the people arrested now. These persons have to get free. The EuGH already had prohibited the placement in penal incarceration: If at all custody pending deportation is permissible than in special centers and not in the regular penal system. The current practice is both a political scandal and failure of justice throughout Germany: Thousands of people have been locked up over years – illegal. The question is: How will the federation and the states and district court judges react to this judgement? ...”

Look at:

[http://www.proasyl.de/de/news/detail/news/nach\\_eugh\\_und\\_bgh\\_urteil\\_ende\\_der\\_abschiebungshaft\\_oder\\_neues\\_inhaftierungsprogramm/](http://www.proasyl.de/de/news/detail/news/nach_eugh_und_bgh_urteil_ende_der_abschiebungshaft_oder_neues_inhaftierungsprogramm/)

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### Central Mediterranean: 1.280 – 1.480 Boat-people drowned

“Since May 2014 there are small notifications about the Italian military operation Mare Nostrum. It is said that Italy withdraw themselves from the sea before Libya so bigger gaps appear which can't be closed by the Italian coast guards in case of emergency. Some shipping disaster happened although refugees send SOS call. All these notifications are only mentioned in passing. Hereby FFM presents a summary of all messages about drowned boat-people in the Mediterranean within the mentioned period of time – messages, which appeared in less newspapers and until now not have been researched and summarized systematically. Because the Italian military operation Mare Nostrum and the governments of EU and North Africa don't count the dead...”



Current report at <http://ffm-online.org/>  
English translation and more information:  
<http://watchthemed.net/>  
Daily information about the situation there:  
<http://www.borderline-europe.de/>

## PREANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:

### **20. and 21.09.2014 in Munich: National meeting about EU – Labour migration**

From the invitation: “ ... at the workshop about “Migration from Bulgaria and Romania” during the noborder lasts forever-Konferenz in February 2014 we decided to organize a national meeting on “EU – Labour migration”. ... The aim is on the one hand to exchange experiences about possibilities to intervene against racist threatening regarding the so called “economic refugees” (“Armutszuwanderung”), against the exclusion from social welfare, public space and living space, against workexploitation and casualization. On the other hand we want to start long-term networks and campaigns.

So we propose following topics for the first meeting:

- exchange of experience about (self-organized) struggles for living space, free space, social rights, fair work
- possibilities for intervening into the so called “debate” on “Armutszuwanderung” and their performance-based consensus
- possibilities for legal activism (e.g. access to Hartz-IV, emergency shelters, registration, child benefits, ...)
- planning of a translocal campaign”

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More Info about the initiative Zivilcourage <http://inizivi.antira.info/>

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### **Blockupy – Gathering for activist at september 14th in Frankfurt und transnational meeting at september 27th in Brussels**

The inauguration of European Central Bank's new building is postponed by 2015, according to that the big mobilization to take away the red carpet is postponed, too. But on a nationwide level as well as on an international there is lots going on in the Blockupy movement. On september 14th there will be the next nationwide meeting for activists in Frankfurt where amongst other things the preparation of a Blockupy-Festival in november will be discussed. And a transnational gathering for making strategies is dated on sept. 27th in Brussels. Here you can find the call:

<http://blockupy.org/3870/blockupy-international-invites-european-movements-networks-organisations-to-an-open-assembly-in-brussels-september-26-27-2>

Further infos about what is happening lately with a first hint to the Blockupy-Festival in November in Frankfurt:

<http://blockupy.org/3878/blockupy-newsletter-juli-2014/>



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## October 1st til 4th in Jena: 20 years of The Voice Refugee Forum

In the beginning of august there will be a preparational gathering, the program is already about to be planned: Early october The Voice becomes 20 Jahre alt, which expresses the spectacular continuity of this self-organized organisation of refugees. "Against deportation and social segregation" is the jubilee's slogan with a conference and actions in Jena, see: <http://www.thevoiceforum.org/node/3658>

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## October 18th 2014 in Stuttgart: Conference of the antiracist network in Baden-Württemberg

Groups from Stuttgart, Freiburg, Karlsruhe and Mannheim invite for networking...

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