

## KOMPASS – ANTIra – NEWSLETTER NR. 32 - OCTOBER 2014

**+++ Actions for Commemoration and Protest at Lampedusa Anniversary +++  
"Watch The Med Alarm Phone" starts on 10<sup>th</sup> October +++ Lampedusa In HH:  
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migration in Munich +++ Blockupy-Festival in November in  
Frankfurt +++**

Dear Friends!

These days shocking news from the Mediterranean Sea intermingle with the commemoration of the maritime disaster on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 near Lampedusa: the death at sea does not come to an end. Even if at this case Mafia structures should be held responsible for this mass murder, it was only possible thanks to the background of an EU border and visa-regime forcing refugees and migrants on these dangerous routes. What we already formulated in our last newsletter now becomes evident in official documents: „Frontex plus“ in the central Mediterranean sea focuses intentionally on less rescue and therefore more letting-die.

In many cities commemoration ceremonies or protest actions against the national and European policies of exclusion and expulsion will take place in the beginning of October (see below). And as presented in our September Newsletter

the „Watch-the-Med-Alarm“-Phone starts its services the 10<sup>th</sup> October. It's the ambitious try to intervene in real-time in the injustices at sea through a new transnational everyday structure (see more below).

Finally, this newsletter contains a short report on the nationwide meeting on EU-working migration in Munich as well as the first invitation to the Festival in Frankfurt in November.

<http://kompass.antira.info> has been installed in 2011 as a platform for an overview and information regarding the antiracist movement. It should represent the diverse antiracist initiatives and spectra and create a good access to interested people. With the monthly newsletter we hope to do the next step to a continuously networking and widening. We're happy about any hints to or reports about nationwide dates and actions.

All the best,

the Kompass-Crew

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### DATES AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER:

**1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Jena: 20 years „The Voice“**

On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the refugee selfhelp-organisation „The Voice“ an extensive program with discussions, demonstrations, workshops and concerts takes place in Jena since the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Activists not only commemorate the struggles of previous years but also describe the neo-colonial character of the current refugee situation and carry the protest to the places of exclusion and deprivation of rights. The program in German, English, French and Arabic can be found at <http://thevoiceforum.org/node/3742>

**Commemoration and actions for the anniversary of the Lampedusa-“Tragedy“**

During the last days Lampedusa hosted the film festival broached to issue the resistance against the EU border regime and there it was first presented the Watch The Med Alarm-phone: <http://www.lampedusainfestival.com/bando/2014-english.html>

The following days the Sabir-Festival will take place in Lampedusa which will focus on flight and migration on 4<sup>th</sup> October: <http://www.festivalsabirlampedusa.it/en/>

In several cities in Germany different activities are being organised such as on 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Göttingen (see <http://www.papiere-fuer-alle.org/>, only in German) or a „funeral march“ on 2<sup>nd</sup> October in Frankfurt/Main (2 pm at Frankfurt Central Station) organized by the Eritrean community in Frankfurt.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October an act of protest in the Rhein-Main-Area will take place in Darmstadt in front of the regional council. It is the headquarter of the central Aliens Authority (Ausländerbehörde) responsible for the entire (Dublin-)Expulsions in South-Hesse. Call and more can be found here: <http://www.linksnavigator.de/node/5372> (only in German)

**From October 10th: Watch The Med Alarm Phone**



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Below you will find the links to the multi-lingual calls as well as a first poster of the project "Watch The Med Alarm Phone". We were able to gain the backing of a considerable number of supporters, including well-known people, in different countries so that the transnational character of the project is emphasised. We will call for more signatures until at least the 5th of October in order to make the alarm-phone further known in social movements and to thereby also safeguard the project politically. On or around the 5th of October small actions are planned to gain more publicity and we then also seek to increase our visibility in public and in the media.

With respect to practical-technical matters, the project is in a testing phase at the moment with multi-lingual shift-teams working in different cities. As announced in the call, the alarm-phone will be activated as of the 10th of October and we will then circulate the number through our contacts in the migrant- and refugee communities in important transit-countries. As of that moment we will expect the first calls from boatpeople in distress at sea, particularly as all political developments suggest that shipwrecks will increase at the southern edge of fortress Europe.

And we repeat: the project looks for and needs further contributors on all practical levels, from technical assistance, documentation and translation, to phone shift work. In order to learn more about the project please write to the following address: [wtm-alarm-phone@antira.info](mailto:wtm-alarm-phone@antira.info)

The call with all signatures (until 24th of September):  
<http://www.watchthemed.net/index.php/page/index/12>

The call in the different languages:

<http://www.watchthemed.net/media/uploads/page/12/Alarmphone-Call-english.pdf>  
<http://www.watchthemed.net/media/uploads/page/12/Alarmphone-Appel-francais.pdf>  
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<http://www.watchthemed.net/media/uploads/page/12/Alarmphone-llamamiento-espanol.pdf>  
<http://www.watchthemed.net/media/uploads/page/12/Alarmphone-Aufruf-deutsch.pdf>

The first poster:

<http://www.watchthemed.net/media/uploads/page/12/Poster%20Alarm%20Phone.pdf>

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## **At the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2014 in Hamburg: Lampedusa in Hamburg presents: Emancipation Days**

*Invitation for debate war – migration – democracy, movements between Africa and Europe*

For more than 1 ½ years 300 migrant workers from Lybia are fighting in Hamburg for the acceptance of their italian papers and with it for the right to stay and work. 2011 they fled because of the NATO-Intervention and because of persecution. In Hamburg will be elections in February 2015. The SPD has to fear for her absolute power also because of

their refugee policy. The Grüne and DIE LINKE took a stand for supporting the Lampedusa refugees. Together with the refugees we can use the election campaign to get together with all the people who don't accept the Senate's Status Quo of starving out and bring this position into public: No new government without a political solution – The people of the Lampedusa group stay in Hamburg!

This is a realistic aim. For everyone who wants to join this is a big effort – but within a manageable period of time. And: If the Lampedusa group wins it would be a big empowerment for other refugees. It would not stop the hegemonic aggressive European regime against refugees. But it would show this regime is vulnerable.



**Friday, 10th October 2014:** At 17:00h peace march from the infotent/main station, through inner city to HWP/University

At 20:00h theater: The Lampeduzans and at 22:00h concert

**Saturday, 11th October 2014** in the Ex-HWP, von-Melle-Park 9 (University):

at 12:00h Exhibition and Installation opening: ‚Lampedusa in HH‘; Joe Sam-Essandoh: ‚Mediterranean Blues 2014‘; Hanni Jokinen: Photographies from ‚at that third october‘; Marily Stroux: Lampedusa in HH and their professions. Craft

and art live.

At 14:00h Debate: War – Migration – Democracy: Movements between Africa and Europe. Podium; Discussionrounds; Plenary.

At 21:00h Concert: African Live-Music and Dance from Eritrea and Ethiopia

For more information about the programm: <http://www.fluechtlingsrat-hamburg.de/>

or directly here: [http://www.fluechtlingsrat-hamburg.de/content/Programm\\_Emancipation\\_Days\\_Lampedusa\\_Hamburg\\_korr2.pdf](http://www.fluechtlingsrat-hamburg.de/content/Programm_Emancipation_Days_Lampedusa_Hamburg_korr2.pdf)

## At 18th of October 2014: Anti-racist Conference in Stuttgart

At 18th of October 2014 there will be an Anti-racist Conference in Stuttgart. We want to inform, discuss, get an overview of the potential forces in BaWü (Baden-Württemberg) and strengthen the BaWü network. We want to think together about the question „How does it go on?!“ In view of the tightening of legal regulations (which results in a decrease of refugee rights) and the situation around the AfD (it's a party called Alternative for Germany) which claims to have „Prussian efficiency“ (Badische Zeitung 16.09.2014) there is a need for collecting antiracist and democracy forces.

Contact and registration via [info@aktionbleiberecht.de](mailto:info@aktionbleiberecht.de) or to [info@stop-deportation.de](mailto:info@stop-deportation.de)

Programm and more <http://www.aktionbleiberecht.de/?p=6402> or <http://stop-deportation.de/>

Flyer german:

<http://www.aktionbleiberecht.de/zeug/BaWue/AntiRa-flyerRZ-web-1.pdf>

Flyer english :

[http://www.aktionbleiberecht.de/zeug/BaWue/Flyer\\_english.pdf](http://www.aktionbleiberecht.de/zeug/BaWue/Flyer_english.pdf)

## SHORT REVIEW:

### Short report from Tangier/Morocco



The 'policy of doormen' paid by Europe becomes more and more drastic, the pressure rises, especially near the borders to the EU. In Tangier (Northern Morocco) the borders have been opened by the Moroccan for three days. Around 1200 boatpeople arrived in this days in Spain. About 80 persons died on the passage via small dinghies. The Moroccan police still reacts repressive against migrants. In recent times a lot of people have been deported to their state of origin after they

tried to cross the border. In August there have been different organized racist acts of violence in Tangier, at least one person has been killed. While anti-racist demonstrations took place afterwards several people have been arrested and deported to their suspected states of origin (without screening papers!). A demonstration, which should take place on 27.9., has been blocked and dispersed by police. One solidarity caravan from Rabat has been stopped with a massive police presence before they entered Tangier. Monday morning on 29.9. a manifestation in front of a judge in Tangier took place. More than 50 persons demonstrated against random violence of police and repression against activists, which stand up for human rights and solidarity in Morocco.

More Infos from NoBorder Morocco here:

<http://beatingborders.wordpress.com/>

### Report of the nationwide meeting about EU-labour migration in Munich (19.-21.9.14)

At the meeting „Europe for everyone! Fights against racist and exploiting conditions in the inner european (labour) migration“ in Munich activists engaged in antiracist groups, struggles about housing issues, initiatives from unemployed persons, labour fights, critical knowledge production (from Berlin, Frankfurt, Cologne, Göttingen and Munich) exchanged experiences, discussed and made new plans. A next meeting is planned for the beginning of next year in Berlin and it was discussed about a common blog and a campaign.

There was a variety of short lectures which was a base for exciting discussions. There were discussions about possibilities for interventions in the debate about the so called migration out of poverty in which liberal and conservative positions find common arguments that migration is to be valued by profitableness; about the social movements in Bulgaria in the past year and about how through the character of an emigrant class relations could be expressed; about current shapes and the history of racism against Roma, about points in the struggle for the access to social welfare for EU citizens and about the demand for a „social Europe for everybody“.

Very important to mention are the very concrete current fights. In Berlin Eisfabriks' residents organized themselves together with supporters to protest against their eviction and for new housing space. The initiative of unemployed Basta supported people to overcome obstacles in their struggles to get social welfare and worked on a campaign to the EFA-agreement. Amaro Foro offers consultation on social affairs and works in public relation against racism against Roma. In Cologne bulgarian labourer and other participants of the network Soziale Kampfbaustelle (social fighting construction zone) visited the townhall and hereupon they founded the group „Wohnraum für alle“ (housing space for everybody). As a consequence of this there were e.g. squatting and an offer for consultation was created. Four bulgarian women from Munich reported from their labour fight (they used to clean in a school in Munich and did not get a part of their salary). Activists from Initiative Zivilcourage gave a report of their weekly 'worker's center', direct actions and „lobbying“ in local politics. By using the tactics of communication guerilla the group b\_art could make an intervention against harassment against beggars. A separation between the different fights like for instance antiracist, unemployed or for housing space, etc., was hardly possible to maintain. Over and over again the question for relation between racism and class struggle/classism was raised. Some further questions: How could it be possible to fill the slogan „Europe for everybody“ so that people without EU citizenship are meant as well? What does the upward trend of racism and capitalism mean which articulate e.g. through the explosion of status related to the right of residence. What does it mean for the antiracist movement which puts its focus on flight and asylum. How could we counter liberal voices which pretend to express themselves in an antiracist way but still exclude? What future cooperations, infrastructures and networks do we need to strengthen our resistance, auto-organisation and common struggles? Where, how and when is it possible and when does it make sense to develop perspectives beyond single cities, status and topics, to exchange practical information (e.g. practice with authorities and legal activism) or to plan common actions?

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## ADVANCE NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER 2014:

### From 20. until 23. November 2014 in Frankfurt: #talk #dance #act – Get down from the balcony! Frankfurter Blockupy Festival

From the Call-Out: „We will not wait for the appointments of the rulers – we will set our own agenda. Even if it will be 2015 before the ECB holds its hors d'oeuvre event of prominent faces to inaugurate its new tower, Blockupy will be in Frankfurt this fall. Now, after the “May of Solidarity” across Europe and before the blockade of the ECB inauguration next year, is the right time: we will discuss, we will bring together our struggles and make plans. We will meet to music, with a beer, at a film. And, of course, we will be present in those places where we disrupt normal activities: on the streets, over the fence ...“



The complete Call-Out:

<http://blockupy.org/en/3900/talk-dance-act-come-down-from-the-balcony-frankfurt-blockupy-festival-november-20-23-2014/>

Concerning the fence promenades at the EZB: <http://notroika.org/>

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