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DEAR FRIENDS,



the introduction to this newsletter starts differently than usual. We are documenting the first lines of the "Speech of Mölln in Exile", which Naomi Henkel-Gümbel (survivor of the attack in Halle in October 2019) and Newroz Duman

(active in the Initiative 19 February Hanau) held together in Hamburg on 18 April 2021 - in memory of Yeliz Arslan, Bahide Arslan and Ayşe Yılmaz, the victims of the racist arson attack in Mölln in 1992.

At the end you will find the link to the entire speech in written form and also as a video recording. We hope that many will read it again or watch it afterwards and see the impressive way in which personal experiences in the fight against racism and antisemitism are brought together here.

"We are the radical diversity itself; the beautiful, the other, the visible, the possible. But how did we become that?"

We all carry the most diverse stories with us: our own, the inherited, the dreamed of, the lost, the aspired to, the fought for....

The most diverse stories, and yet we are united by the fact that we are here today. But what is this something that unites us?

Our everyday life has been broken by violence and exclusion. So much so that we have had to fear, perhaps still fear, for our own lives and those of our loved ones. This fear - for some it turned into a pain over the loss of a loved one. (...)

What drives one? What drives one to fight for clarification against the reluctance of institutions and the wider society? To fight on despite all the injustice experienced, even afterwards?

There are many motivations. For some, it is sheer anger that drives them. Anger that this act could happen at all. That the fear, the pain, the loss are not acknowledged.

Others are driven by a sense of responsibility or even guilt towards their loved ones.

Responsibility to investigate and to commemorate them.

Others it would help to cope with what they have experienced. Even if it can't heal the scar, it helps them to find a way to deal with their pain.

For some, it is all the reasons combined. But regardless of what exactly drives us, whether it's anger, responsibility, coping or all three, we have one thing in common: we didn't give up - we didn't go into invisibility."

The full speech and a video recording can be found at the following link:

<https://gedenkenmoelln1992.wordpress.com>

With solidarity greetings,
the Kompass Crew



DATES AND INFORMATIONEN FOR JUNE 2021

04. + 05.06.2021 DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST AFGHANISTAN DEPORTATIONS



In a few days, we will take to the streets as part of the germanwide day of action against deportations to Afghanistan! For the day before, we are calling to target Privilege Style, the Spanish charter airline whose planes have carried out each of the last 9 charter deportations from Germany to Afghanistan. This company profits from racism and must not have a second's peace!

More information here:

[https://noborderassembly.blackblogs.org/2021/06/01/action-day-against-privilege-](https://noborderassembly.blackblogs.org/2021/06/01/action-day-against-privilege-style/)

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Afghans and other migrants and refugees continue to be deported by the German government. We demand a stop to the deportation practice and call for a germanwide day of action against deportations to Afghanistan on 5 June 2021.

Our demands are:

- an immediate and absolute stop to deportations to Afghanistan
- a right to stay for those Afghan refugees who are already in Germany
- the fast and unbureaucratic evacuation of all persons at risk, especially local staff and their families
- the unbureaucratic and rapid facilitation of family reunification for Afghan refugees in Germany

Actions planned for the day of action

The following is an incomplete list of known actions sorted by city on 05.06.2021 on the occasion of the planned day of action against deportations to Afghanistan.

Berlin: Rally: 2pm at the Brandenburg Gate. More information here (Facebook).

Erfurt: Rally 12:00 - 14:00 at Domplatz. The rally is called by an anti-racist action alliance and the Afghan community in Erfurt.

Göttingen: Rally at 1pm, place: Gänseliesel

Kaufbeuren: Banners and protest kites at the Protestant church, also many kites on the streets and houses.

Cologne: Rally: from 1pm to 3pm on Rudolfsplatz.

Leipzig: Rally: at 4pm in Leipzig city centre. News at Protest LEJ and here on Facebook.

Lübeck: Demonstration: 11-14.30. Route through the city with audio presentations by refugees on the question of why Afghanistan is not safe. Stopover at 1pm with rally on Schrangeng. Additionally banners and protest kites.



Munich: Demonstration: start at 7pm at Karlsplatz/Stachus. Also: Afghan kite making workshop from 1pm to 4pm at Gasteig.

Nuremberg: Poster action to join in and banner action. On Sat, 05.06, the Tour D'Amour will stop in Nuremberg. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., donations for people seeking protection at the EU's external borders can be made at the Z-Bau. There will also be a small hands-on action as part of the nationwide day of action against deportations to Afghanistan.

Saarbrücken: Rally: Start at 3 pm at Tbilisser Platz. Call: German, Pashto, Farsi.

MORE INFORMATION HERE: [HTTPS://AFGHANISTAN.NOT-SAFE.DE/INDEX.PHP/AKTIONSTAG/](https://afghanistan.not-safe.de/index.php/aktionstag/)

ON THE START OF THE TRIAL IN CHIOS ON 11 JUNE: #FREETHEMORIA6



After the Fire in Moria Camp: Call for a fair and transparent trial for the accused Moria 6 based on the presumption of innocence!

On 11 June 2021, the trial against four of the six teenage migrants accused of burning down Moria Camp

will take place on the Greek island of Chios. From the moment of their arrest and before any due process of law, they have been presented to the public as the culprits. Two co-accused minors were already convicted to prison sentences in March, despite a lack of evidence and a trial riddled with irregularities.

We are deeply concerned that their right to a fair and just trial based on the presumption of innocence is not guaranteed and that they are instead made scapegoats for the inhumane EU migration policy. We stand in solidarity with the Moria 6 & against the deadly European border regime!

THE PETITION: [HTTPS://WWW.CHANGE.ORG/P/GREEK-JUDICIARY-FREE-THE-MORIA-6-AFTER-THE-FIRE-CALL-FOR-A-FAIR-TRIAL-BASED-ON-PRESUMPTION-OF-INNOCENCE?](https://www.change.org/p/greek-judiciary-free-the-moria-6-after-the-fire-call-for-a-fair-trial-based-on-presumption-of-innocence?utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=custom_url&recruited_by_id=6AC240A0-BD79-11EB-9790-1701DAC61CAB)

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MORE INFORMATION HERE:

[HTTPS://FREETHEMORIA6.NOBLOGS.ORG/ENGLISH-CALL-FOR-A-FAIR-AND-TRANSPARENT-TRIAL-FOR-THE-ACCUSED-MORIA-6-BASED-ON-THE-PRESUMPTION-OF-INNOCENCE/](https://freethemoria6.noblogs.org/english-call-for-a-fair-and-transparent-trial-for-the-accused-moria-6-based-on-the-presumption-of-innocence/)

16.06.2021 WIESBADEN: RALLY AGAINST DEPORTATIONS

Stop deportation! Immediate stop of all deportations from Hessen - and in general!

Call for a rally on Wednesday, 16.06. at 17h in Wiesbaden

"One scandal follows the next in the deportation policy of Hesse. The Corona pandemic has restricted many social processes - the health risks are too great. But deportations in Hesse take place at any price. People are torn from our circles of friends, families,



schools or collegial contexts, detained and forcibly deported - and with increasing ruthlessness. Deportations and fear are commonplace in many communities, because deportations always affect everyone. ..."

ENTIRE APPEAL HERE: [HTTPS://AGIS-DARMSTADT.DE/KUNDGEBUNG-16-06-2021-STOP-DEPORTATION-SOFORTIGER-STOPP-ALLER-ABSCHIEBUNGEN-AUS-HESSEN-UND-UEBERHAUPT](https://AGIS-DARMSTADT.DE/KUNDGEBUNG-16-06-2021-STOP-DEPORTATION-SOFORTIGER-STOPP-ALLER-ABSCHIEBUNGEN-AUS-HESSEN-UND-UEBERHAUPT)

JUNE 18TH + 19TH BORDER ABOLITION 2021



Border Abolition 2021 will be a two-day online event aimed at connecting organising, campaigning, activist research and academic work around border violence, racism, incarceration and abolitionism.

We hope to bring together people struggling against the border in all its forms, from immigration detention, prison and militarised border sites, to the solidarity practices that resist expanding systems of everyday bordering.

[HTTPS://WWW.BORDERABOLITION2021.COM](https://www.borderabolition2021.com)



Ein Stern für Hanau

Samstag, 19. Juni 2021

Der Aufruf und weitere Informationen zur Fahrradsternfahrt:
www.stern-fuer-hanau.de . Kontakt: info@19feb-hanau.org

Erinnerung! Gerechtigkeit! Aufklärung! Konsequenz!

19.06.2021 STAR FOR HANAU - RALLY - RIDE FOR REMEMBRANCE AND INVESTIGATION

"Exactly 16 months will have passed since the racist murder when hundreds of cyclists from many towns and communities in southern Hesse and northern Bavaria set off on a regional "Ride to Remember" to Hanau on Saturday, 19 June. With the #saytheirnames T-shirts and the "start number" 19 02 20, the participants will remember the nine victims of 19 February 2020. At rallies and information stands at many locations along the route, they will support the demand of the relatives and survivors for complete clarification. ..."

FULL APPEAL, ROUTES AND MORE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.STERN-FUER-HANAU.DE](https://www.stern-fuer-hanau.de)

19. + 20.06.2021 ACTION DAYS: HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE!



We hold all German politicians accountable who oppose human rights, because human rights are #nonnegotiable! Human rights violations take place daily at Europe's external borders. The camps in Greece



and Bosnia have been mocking the concept of human dignity for years. Refugees drown in the Mediterranean or are unlawfully and violently detained and pushed back at the EU's external borders. Instead of actively preventing these violations of the law, human rights are only a subject of negotiation for German politicians. Through their political decisions, they are involved in the fact that the European policy of sealing off people is becoming more brutal every year, and yet they reject any responsibility. We do not accept this and accuse those responsible for these human rights violations!

We want a Germany and a Europe in which human rights are #nonnegotiable! Because the much-cited speeches about European values and human rights only have value if they apply to everyone - at Europe's external borders as well as in the EU member states. We make visible those who oppose human rights! Those who block the admission of asylum seekers to Germany despite a broad willingness to accept them, those who support push and pull backs in the context of Frontex and EUNAVFOR MED missions, those who criminalise civilian sea rescue and those who systematically prevent the right to asylum and family reunification.

We demand from this and the new federal government:

- * The immediate evacuation of all camps at the EU's external borders and the creation of legislative foundations for self-determined reception by municipalities and countries.
- * The end of German participation in all Frontex and EUNAVFOR MED operations.
- * State-organised sea rescue and an end to the criminalisation of civilian sea rescue.
- * Safe and legal escape routes and the guarantee of the individual right to asylum.

We hold these people accountable and show that the use against human rights will not remain without resistance. Because human rights are #nonnegotiable!

CALL, PETITION, ACTIONS IN MANY CITIES: [HTTPS://UNVERHANDELBAR.JETZT](https://unverhandelbar.jetzt)

25. + 26.06.2021 IN AND ONLINE FROM PALERMO: FROM THE SEA TO THE CITY KONFERENZ



„From the Sea to the City Consortium announces a new date for a hybrid Conference of Cities on 25-26 June 2021 online and in Palermo, in cooperation with the Cities of Potsdam and Palermo. The conference will continue the discussions started online throughout 2020 and will host online and physical discussions between

Mayors and city representatives from all over Europe that have shown their willingness to uphold fundamental refugees' and migrants' rights.

From the Sea to the City aims to join forces to reimagine the European stance on migration with cities and human rights at the center. With this vision we want to send a strong signal to the European institutions that we want to pursue a welcoming and human-rights based migration and refugee policy....“

MEHR INFORMATIONEN UND REGISTRIERUNG FÜR DIE KONFERENZ: [HTTPS://FROMSEATOCITY.EU](https://fromseatocity.eu)



ASCHAFFENBURG/HANAU: ACQUITTAL IN THE TRIAL FOR CALLING FOR CITIZENS' ASYLUM



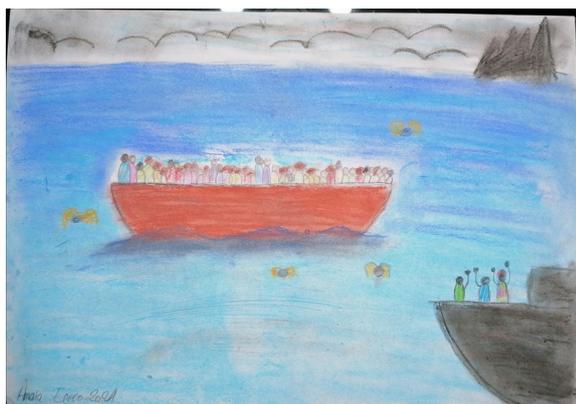
There was a second acquittal in the appeal trial for "public call to commit a crime" on 6 May in Aschaffenburg, which has now also become final. Spiegel interview with the defendant: [https://www.spiegel.de/panorama/abschiebung-von-asylbewerbern-die-fruehen-morgenstunden-sind-die-](https://www.spiegel.de/panorama/abschiebung-von-asylbewerbern-die-fruehen-morgenstunden-sind-die-gefaehrlichsten-a-41c8dd69-23ce-48c7-862a-62447b90f468)

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MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://AKTIONBUERGERINNENASYL.DE/PROZESS/](https://aktionbuergerinnenasyl.de/prozess/)

ALARM PHONE REPORT: BETWEEN MOVING AND MOURNING - THE STRUGGLE ALONG THE ROUTES TO SPAIN CONTINUES

Western Mediterranean and Atlantic Route Regional Analysis, 1 January - 31 March 2021



Painting by Amaya, a 10-year old girl from near Málaga whose mother is an activist. Amaya painted the boat being welcomed into harbour when asked: "What is important to you?"

There has now been a year of Covid-19 measures. They have been used by states to intensify repression against travellers, pushing them to take bigger risks on their journeys. Nevertheless the UNHCR numbers for arrivals in Spain in the first three months of 2021 show a slight increase in arrivals in comparison to the same period last year (2021: 6229 ; 2020: 5539 ; see Section 1). These numbers clearly show that neither Covid-19 nor repression can stop people from exercising their right to freedom of movement.

What the numbers conceal are, firstly, the increasingly important routes from Algeria to Europe (see Section 2.7) and, secondly, cases in which people started a journey but were intercepted, went missing or were later found dead (Section 3). It is much harder to go beyond the UNHCR's arrival statistics to create an accurate representation of who is on the move, where movement is happening and on what scale. We touch upon these hidden journeys in our daily Alarm Phone work. Sometimes people reach out to us, but we lose contact with each other and state organised SAR-operations fail to find them. One such case is AP127-2021, where the faint hope of news dims a little more each day (see Section 2.1). We hear about them from family members who reach out to us or to newspapers to report their missing relatives. This is what happened with a boat which left on 28 December from Dakhla heading for the Canary Islands. The families of the people on board are still looking for their loved ones. It also happened on 13 January

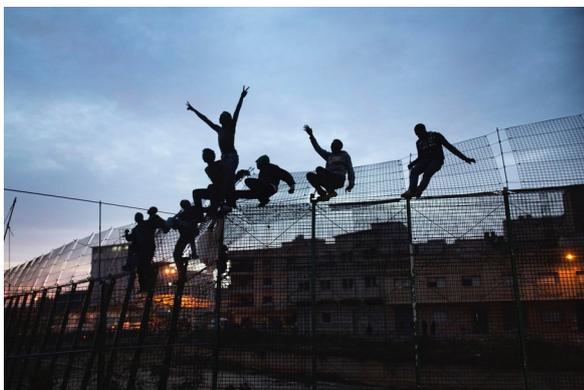


when one of a group of friends went missing as he tried to swim into Melilla . We hear about them from our activist friends who try to identify the dead bodies that are washed ashore. But for many cases, we do not hear anything at all.

In this report, we bring together official figures, press reviews and Alarm Phone shift work with the analyses of travellers and activists living in or transiting through different parts of the Western Mediterranean region to give a multi-perspectival picture of recent developments and the effects of Europe's racist policies on those directly affected by them. We aim to show what the statistics can never map: that behind each number there is a person with their own complex story; that, against all odds, people organise themselves to exercise their right to freedom of movement; and that the dead and the missing are mourned and remembered. ...

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2021/04/30/BETWEEN-MOVING-AND-MOURNING-THE-STRUGGLE-ALONG-THE-ROUTES-TO-SPAIN-CONTINUES/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2021/04/30/between-moving-and-mourning-the-struggle-along-the-routes-to-spain-continues/?post_type_release_type=post)

TRANSNATIONAL STRIKE PLATFORM: THE CLASH ON MOBILITY IN TRANSNATIONAL EUROPE



„After the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic we argued for the need to deepen our transnational initiative. While public attention was focused on closures, we emphasized how the pandemic showed the centrality of migrant labor: migrants are the majority of essential workers in transport, logistics, care or agriculture. Moreover, the pandemic

made clear that mobility is a battlefield between states' design to govern migrant labor in the attempt to make it more prone to exploitation and the political use of mobility by migrants seeking to improve their living and working conditions... These texts are meant as the beginning of a collective discussion on the stakes related to the transformations taking place in the transnational Europe of the post-pandemic reconstruction and to elaborate tools for struggling and communicating across the borders..."

[HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/2021/05/28/THE-CLASH-ON-MOBILITY-IN-TRANSNATIONAL-EUROPE-1-THE-PACT-AGAINST-MIGRANTS/](https://www.transnational-strike.info/2021/05/28/the-clash-on-mobility-in-transnational-europe-1-the-pact-against-migrants/)

REVIEWS

15.05.2021 DEMONSTRATION OF THE ERITREA FAMILY REUNIFICATION INITIATIVE

Addendum to the demonstration on 15.5. in Berlin. From the call:

"On 15 May, 11.00 a.m., the International Day of Families, we - the Eritrea Family Reunification Initiative - will take to the streets and demand from Foreign Minister Heiko



Maas: "End the blockade of family reunification by the Foreign Office. This policy is hostile to refugees and families. Finally allow our families to join us!"

We are over 1,000 refugees from Eritrea who have been denied the right to family reunification for years. We no longer accept this and demand here and now our right to family life, as we are entitled to under the Residence Act, the Basic Law and the European Convention on Human Rights. We are very afraid for our families who have spent years in sometimes life-threatening situations in the countries of first refuge, Ethiopia, Sudan, Kenya and Uganda. Especially in the Corona pandemic, families provide support and security for many people. While the needs of families are always at the centre of public debate, we are separated from our spouses and children. (...)"

ENTIRE APPEAL AND MORE:

[HTTPS://FAMILIENLEBENFUERALLE.NET/2021/05/15-05-2021-DEMO-DER-INITIATIVE-FAMILIENNACHZUG-ERITREA/](https://familienlebenfueralle.net/2021/05/15-05-2021-DEMO-DER-INITIATIVE-FAMILIENNACHZUG-ERITREA/)

21.05.2021 AFRIQUE EUROPE INTERACT - TRANSNATIONAL FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT INSTEAD OF DEPORTATIONS

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FÜR BEWEGUNGSFREIHEIT & SELBSTBESTIMMTE ENTWICKLUNG!
WWW.AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET

Transnationaler Aktionstag: Berlin | Agadez | Sokodé | Bamako | Kindia

BEWEGUNGSFREIHEIT STATT ABSCHIEBUNGEN!

21.05. BOTSCHAFTSTOUR IN BERLIN

09:30 Nigrische Botschaft
Machnower Strasse 24, 14165 Berlin

12:00 Tunesische Botschaft
Lindenallee 16, 14050 Berlin

14:30 Algerische Botschaft
Görschstraße 45, 13187 Berlin

Fahr mit uns im Solibus!
... oder lass uns gemeinsam die Öffis nehmen!

KUNDGEBUNGEN — REDEBEITRÄGE & AUSTAUSCH— LIVEMUSIK

On 21 May, Afrique Europe Interact organised a transnational day of action: for freedom of movement instead of deportations. "We say "No to neocolonial collaboration!" and protest in Berlin in front of the Nigerien, Tunisian and Algerian embassies. There will also be simultaneous protests in Agadez, Sokodé, Kindia and Bamako."

On the Niger - Tunisia - Algeria embassy tour in Berlin. "Europe has turned its borders into deadly fortresses, turned the Mediterranean, the

Atlantic and the Sahara into mass graves and, in collaboration with oppressive and corrupt governments, outsourced its border regime far onto the African continent. Deportations are one of the most powerful and violent practices of the border regime. Deportations draw a merciless line between who is allowed to move freely between countries and for whom freedom of movement is declared an unattainable privilege and which lives count or are considered disposable. Deportations cement racist divisions as well as the top and bottom and the colonial division of the world.

With the action day "Freedom of movement instead of deportations", we are sending a loud signal of transnational solidarity against deportations from Europe to African countries and between African countries. And we want to make it especially clear that



the border regime and deportations can only function because governments of the global south and their security apparatuses collaborate..."

MORE INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/FILES/AEI_21.5_APEAL_ENGLISH.PDF](https://afrique-europe-interact.net/files/AEI_21.5_APEAL_ENGLISH.PDF)

[HTTPS://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/2067-0-TRANSNATIONALER-AKTIONSTAG-215.HTML](https://afrique-europe-interact.net/2067-0-TRANSNATIONALER-AKTIONSTAG-215.HTML)

[HTTPS://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/2069-0-DEKLARATION-ALGERIEN.HTML](https://afrique-europe-interact.net/2069-0-DEKLARATION-ALGERIEN.HTML)

OUTLOOK

ZAPATISTAS ON TOUR IN EUROPE THIS SUMMER

From an article in ND on the start of the ship from Mexico:

"Wake-up call beyond Europe - Delegation of the Zapatista Liberation Army wants to move the Old World".



"It's not about accusations. It is about an 'invasion' to sow life, to understand that capitalism has invaded us and that we all need to wake up. Hopefully even the rich will wake up, but if they don't get it, it's up to them." This is how Subcomandante Moisés summed up, with ironic undertones, the objective of the

first delegation of the Zapatista liberation movement EZLN travelling to Europe. Moisés is the movement's spokesperson and political-military leader and accompanied the delegation to the ship - but did not travel himself.

In the late afternoon of 2 May, accompanied by social activists and with great media coverage, a "vanguard" of the indigenous, left-wing EZLN set sail from Isla de Mujeres in the Mexican Caribbean towards Europe..."

[HTTPS://WWW.ND-AKTUELL.DE/ARTIKEL/1151606.ZAPATISTISCHE-BEFREIUNGSARMEE-WECKRUF-UEBER-EUROPA-HINAUS.HTML](https://www.nd-aktuell.de/artikel/1151606.zapatistische-befreiungsarmee-weckruf-ueber-europa-hinaus.html)

15TH TO 19TH OF SEPTEMBER 2021 IN PALERMO: CAMP & CONVERGENCE

„We have decided to postpone the Palermo Convergence 2021 from June to September. The pandemic situation in Sicily is not yet at a point, where we can plan and prepare a meeting of our size in an adequate way. We imagine the Palermo Convergence to be a working meeting where many different groups, actors and networks come together. Along six thematic clusters, we want to create spaces of exchange between practices and visions for freedom of movement and equal rights. We want to organise very focused workshops as well as cross-over debates. We want to take this moment to reflect on the last years and think of how we can be more effective in our initiatives, and what new initiatives need to be forged, strategically, where should be move forward?



The six clusters are:

1. activism at sea
2. border struggles
3. documentation and litigation
4. identification and commemoration
5. solidarity across land and sea
6. transversal struggles

THE SIX CLUSTERS - THEIR FORMAT AND TOPICS - WILL BE RE-DISCUSSED WITHIN NEXT THE MONTHS.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN THIS PREPARATION PROCESS.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE PREPARATION PROCESS, OR JUST WANT TO REGISTER FOR THE CONVERGENCE, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT: INFO@PALERMOCONVERGENCE21.NET "

