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Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

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DEAR FRIENDS.

10 practical requests and offers for a late summer and autumn of solidarity! We would like to invite and encourage you to participate. In the introduction to our last newsletter, we already highlighted the **transnational chain of actions for freedom of movement** in September and October. For this summer edition of Kompass, we would like to add some concrete suggestions to the general call for participation. What is needed and wanted? What can be planned and done? In small or large groups? **Let's act!**

-1- **The inspiring introduction:** Who would like to participate in a transnational online conference on 4 September, the 10th anniversary of the breakthrough of the March of Hope?

-2- **Local action:** In which other cities could decentralised rallies or information stands be organised two days later, on Saturday, 6 September? With information on 10 years of the Summer of Migration as well as on current mobilisations and campaigns against deportations, camps, payment cards and pushbacks at the external borders...

-3- **Lampedusa is everywhere!** Who would like to join the protest regatta in the central Mediterranean between 10 and 20 September with land or river actions? f.Lotta is looking for 'f.Lottine' and 'land actions'!

-4- **Red card for the institutions of 'migration management'!** Who would like to travel to Geneva for two days on 12/13 September to support the protests of refugees in Libya in front of the headquarters of the UNHCR and IOM?

-5- **The tour through eastern Germany!** Who can imagine joining the We'll Come United caravan from Thuringia to Berlin between 20 and 27 September as a driver with a car? For at least three to four days or even for the whole week?



-6- **Logistics needed!** Who can help with translations, in the kitchen or with security during the 'Caravan for Free Movement' these days?

-7- **Everyone to the German capital!** Who wants to help mobilise for the big parade in Berlin on 27 September? Who has further ideas and capacity to help design a 'theme truck'?

-8- **Transcontinental solidarity!** Who can support a conference in Rabat and projects in Morocco, either with personnel or material resources?

-9- **Come to Rome!** Who would like to come to the Italian capital in mid-October? And ideally invite another person who has made it through Libya and across the sea themselves, who is now able to travel and wants to take part in the rally against the Italy-Libya deal on the 'Survivors' Stage'?

-10- **Spontaneous is good too!** Who has last-minute ideas for further actions, even small and local ones, against those involved in deportation and exclusion, for freedom of movement and equal rights?

A lot of background information, links and contacts for all the actions mentioned can be found here: <https://trans-border.net/>. Please send any further enquiries and offers to chain-of-action@tsc25.net. Finally, the Transborder Summer Camp will take place near Nantes in August: over 700 activists have registered and this exchange will hopefully bring further ideas and agreements for the chain of actions, which we will report on in time at the end of August in the next Kompass.

With solidarity, the Kompass Crew

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2025

5 TO 10 AUGUST 2025 NEAR NANTES: TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP III – THE “VILLAGE” OF PRACTICAL SOLIDARITY



In August 2025 another Transborder Summer Camp (TSC) will take place near Nantes in France. After TSC I in 2019 and TSC II in 2022 its now the 3rd time, that several hundred activists from a very diverse background and active in countless cities all over Europe and in North- and West-Africa meet for a four days exchange. „Building and extending infrastructures for freedom of movement“ was a key slogan already in the first camp and it is again a guideline for many workshops and discussions on solidarity projects along the routes of flight and

migration. Relatives of the missing are present again to evaluate commemorations, while a permanent commemoration space is built up very visible in the center of the camp. Anti-detention and anti-deportation, criminalisation and regularization are further main topics in the program, of course all under the impression of a far right surge in many countries. From the invitation for TSC III: „At a time when fascism is propagated in glaring speeches in institutions as well as in public spaces and repressive, xenophobic and murderous laws against immigration are on the rise, we must build a solid and united resistance together. For this reason this year’s TSC is organized under the topic ‘interconnecting struggles’. We want to emphasize the need to establish links between the various groups involved in struggles for social justice, between the first concerned, between migrants and autonomous groups. We will meet to exchange ideas about our struggles, to learn from each other, to share our tools and together form a transcontinental network of solidarity.“ Accordingly the program includes not only workshops on anti-fascism, but also on housing and migrant labour, on feminism and climate justice, on militarization, neocolonial histories and situations in countries of origin. And particular attention is given to struggles against police violence, inviting more members from truth & justice committees to join and to connect the fights against racism at the borders with the ones against racism in the inner cities.

As we learned in many earlier camps and conferences, the workshops are not the onliest important spaces for discussion, rather the informal talks in breaks and in the evenings play a crucial role in creating contacts and trust. Thus the TSC III will start again in its first day with a format, what was called before the „noborder fair“ and now is re-named to a „solidarity village“. Several hours are dedicated to direct exchange around info-tables, maps or exhibitions and thus to lay the ground for the most important goal of the camp: practical cooperations and commitment to struggle for a world without borders and racism.

[HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET/](https://trans-border.net/)

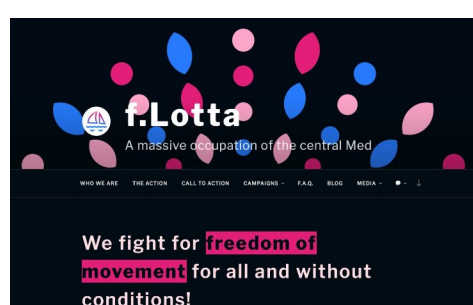
TRANSNATIONAL CHAIN OF ACTIONS STARTING ON 4 SEPTEMBER OPEN BORDERS = END DEATHS

The Transnational Chain of Actions will start in the beginning of November: We want to remember 2015's summer of migration and connect this anniversary not only with our fundamental critique of the deadly European border regime but also with our continuity of struggle for freedom of movement.

On the 3rd of September 2015, it will have been exactly 10 years ago that refugees and migrants started the March of Hope in Budapest. Thousands of people, who were blocked at Keleti train station in Budapest by the Hungarian authorities, decided to enact their right to move by walking to the highway, toward Austria. On the 4th of September, their successful mobilisation meant that they could even travel by bus to the Austrian border and from there with trains onward, throughout Europe. For several months, corridors from Greece to Sweden were opened, allowing for free movement and even a choice of where to settle. At that time, the Dublin system collapsed, and with it, the need for smuggling. It was a period of time, where the lowest death rate at EU borders was recorded.

The summer of the unexpected...

Nobody had anticipated the summer of migration. Neither politicians, border guards, and the so-called risk analyses of Frontex, nor solidarity movements had expected the scale and dynamism of movements. Later, we would understand some of the factors that had come together, aiding the summer of migration: the longer-term consequences of the Syrian war, which had led to mass displacements in the region, the often inhumane conditions in camps in Lebanon, Jordan or Turkey, coupled with the hopelessness of returning to Syria. Changes in government in Greece, with the new Syriza government decreasing restrictions and eventually allowing migrant movements to travel through the country. There were many more factors but what was decisive, first and foremost, was the determination of the people on the move. Between May and



August 2015, they opened the borders to Macedonia by sheer force of numbers and travelled further to Serbia and Hungary, receiving solidarity by local NGOs and civil society groups along the way. After several attempts by different state authorities to divert the people on the move and keep them detained in camps, the self-organised March of

Hope created its own dynamic. The borders were literally over-run in the following weeks and months of autumn 2015. Governments in the Balkans desperately created improvised border crossings and strange corridors in order not to lose complete control. At the same time, welcoming groups formed, mainly local supporters but also international supporters joined along the routes and built amazing solidarity structures, offering food, clothes and information to the people on the move.

The backlash and the brutalization of borders

Both the militarization of the fence at the Greek Macedonian border, with thousands of refugees and migrants blocked in the fields of the Greek village of Idomeni, and the EU-Turkey deal of March 2016 marked the beginning of the backlash. In the following years, and up to today, the conditions along all migration routes have continuously worsened, characterized by a brutalization of the border regime. Non assistance and dying at sea, illegal and violent push- and pullbacks on land- and sea borders are daily realities and have become “normalised” practices of human rights violations by border guards and Frontex all over the EU. More and more deals and “memorandums of understanding” with governments in North Africa were concluded, which included the funding and training of border guards, as well as the transfer of surveillance technologies. Detention, forced labour and chain deportations, torture and rape, slavery and pogroms are the consequence. Deterrence, no matter the human cost, is the motto of EU migration policy and the externalisation of borders to North Africa and beyond.

The tenacity of struggles for the right to move

Still, despite this backlash, also struggles for the right to move, for protection and a better life continue, everywhere along the different migration routes to cities in Europe. People on the move change or invent new routes to undermine or circumvent the blocked ones. The risk of death is a permanent companion. Suffering, violence and trauma are the price of daily struggles and confrontations. From these contested spaces, manifold solidarity projects have evolved, not only to document and protest against human rights violations but also to build and to extend infrastructures for freedom of movement: to provide food and shelter, to support with information guides or hotlines, with legal interventions or civil rescue ships.

The Chain of Actions

In light of all this, we call for a transnational Chain of Actions in September and October 2025. A transnational online press conference will take place on the 4th of September, the day of the historic breakthrough of the ‘March of Hope’ in Budapest in 2015. We will connect different locations and mobilizations in a common chain of events. So far, these include:



- a **Solidarity and Resistance Camp** in Biesenthal near Berlin from 4-7 September, prepared by Search and Rescue organizations, see <https://sar-camp.wtf/>;
- a **protest regatta called F.Lotta** around Lampedusa around the 10th of September, see <https://flotta.noblogs.org/>;

- a two-day **protest in front of the UNHCR and IOM headquarters** in Geneva, with a demonstration against camps and internment on 12 and 13 September, co-organized by local groups in Geneva together with Refugees in Libya, see <https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/from-tripoli-to-geneva-2>

— the **Caravan for Freedom of Movement and Equal Rights** from Thuringia to Berlin from 20 to 27 September, with a final parade in the capital city and organized by the network We'll Come United, see <https://www.welcome-united.org/en/>;

— a **transnational conference from 3 to 5 October in Rabat** to mark the 20th anniversary of migrant self-organisation in Morocco and ten years of the resthouse "Baobab" for women on the move, co-organized by the network Afrique-Europe-Interact, see https://afrique-europe-interact.net/2218-0-Konferenz-ARCOM-2025.html?article_id=2218&clang=0;

— **action days in Rome** in the frame of the campaign against the prolongation of the Memorandum of Understanding between Italy and Libya in mid-October, initiated by Refugees in Libya, see <https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/post/invitation-to-the-press-conference-in-rome-on-friday-20th-june-2025-at-11-00-a-m-camera-dei-deputat-1>

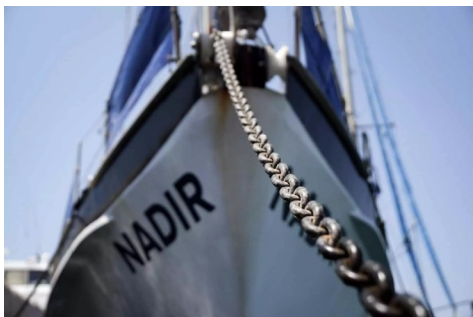
We invite everyone to join and mobilize for these actions and also call for further, small- or large-scale initiatives and events during these weeks in September and October. Together, we live today in a "post-migrant" society of the many. That is also a legacy of 2015 and we want to build on that. Freedom of movement is a possibility. We saw it ten years ago and we see it every day in the cracks of Europe's borders! Solidarity still exists and can be the basis for a beautiful society in which all can live, freely and equally!

Coalition for Free Movement

CONTACT: CHAIN-OF-ACTION@TSC25.NET

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET/](https://trans-border.net/)

THE OBSTRUCTION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE VESSELS CAUSES HUNDREDS OF DEATHS AT SEA



Credit: Nadir

„32 organisations demand the immediate ending of the systematic obstruction of non-governmental search and rescue (SAR) efforts by the Italian state. In the past month alone, NGO vessels have been detained three times due to legal restrictions based on allegations under the "Piantedosi decree" – one of them, the monitoring vessel Nadir operated by RESQSHIP, got detained twice in a row.

Deliberately keeping non-governmental search and rescue organisations away from the Central Mediterranean causes countless more deaths at sea on one of the deadliest flight routes worldwide.

Despite numerous alerts raised by SAR organisations, NGO vessels continue to be arbitrarily detained since the adoption of the "Piantedosi decree" in January 2023, aggravated by the conversion into law of the "Flussi decree" in December 2024. In the last month, Nadir and Sea-Eye 5, two of the smaller vessels operated by RESQSHIP and Sea-Eye, were detained on accusations of not complying with authorities' instructions. Both crews were assigned very distant ports and asked for partial transshipments of

people based on vulnerability criteria, despite the fact that a proper vulnerability assessment needs a safe environment and can not be conducted aboard a ship and directly after a rescue.

Implementing legal and administrative obstructions serves an obvious goal: to keep SAR vessels away from their operational areas, drastically restricting their active presence at sea. Without the presence of NGO assets and aircrafts, more people will drown while fleeing across the Central Mediterranean, and human rights violations as well as shipwrecks will occur unnoticed. Smaller vessels play a crucial role: they monitor the route, provide first aid to people on boats in distress and, when necessary, embark the people until the arrival of better-equipped vessels.... „

FULL STATEMENT HERE: [HTTPS://RESQSHIP.ORG/EN/STATEMENT-PIANTEDOSI/](https://resqship.org/en/statement-piantedosi/)

CLIMBING PROTEST AGAINST SEALING OFF SUMMIT ON THE ZUGSPITZE, LIFE JACKETS AGAINST FRONTEX IN BRUSSELS



"With a climbing protest at Dobrindt's isolation summit, which is taking place today on the Zugspitze, #LeaveNoOneBehind and the Bavarian Refugee Council are making it clear: the right to asylum must be protected!

Photos of the action, during which a banner with the slogan 'Protect the right to asylum!' was unfurled at the summit cross, can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JSv_TxJUWke7dSdVZEJ25tK3XU5zZHg1?usp=sharing

The action was organised by #LeaveNoOneBehind and the Bavarian Refugee Council. The human rights organisations fear that the meeting will result in further erosion of the right to asylum in Europe (see the press release of 17 July 2025).

The police prevented our legitimate and legal protest and we reserve the right to take legal action. Dobrindt must not continue to permanently ignore fundamental rights when laws or expressions of opinion do not suit him..."

[HTTPS://LNOB.NET/NEWS/NEWS-LNOB/KLETTERAKTION-DOBRINDT-GIPFELTREFFEN/](https://lnob.net/news/news-lnob/kletteraktion-dobrindt-gipfeltreffen/)

SEA WATCH: 700 LIFE JACKETS IN FRONT OF FRONTEX'S OFFICE: SEA-WATCH PROTESTS AGENCY



„Brussels, July 17 – In a bold protest against Frontex’s attempt to intimidate the search and rescue organization Sea-Watch, the NGO has unloaded around 700 life vests outside the EU border agency’s Brussels office. The striking visual protest follows Frontex’s recent demand that Sea-

Watch pay legal costs after their 2024 court case at the EU General Court — despite repeated calls from the European Parliament urging Frontex not to burden civil plaintiffs with such costs. The 700 life vests thereby symbolize the 700 lives that could be saved with the more than 11,000€ demanded by the EU agency. Sea-Watch demands the immediate withdrawal of the payment demand...”

FIND MORE HERE: [HTTPS://SEA-WATCH.ORG/EN/700-LIFE-JACKETS-IN-FRONT-FRONTXS-OFFICE/](https://sea-watch.org/en/700-life-jackets-in-front-frontexs-office/)

STRUGGLES AGAINST RAIDS AND DEPORTATIONS IN THE USA

Transnational Social Strike Interview: „We have the power.“



Struggles Against Deportations at the Borders Between Mexico and USA

„Since the beginning of his second term, Trump has delivered on his promises to hunt down migrants, accelerating the rate and scale of raids in workplaces and courthouses, deporting them even to countries other than those of origin, with no possibility of appeal or

access to legal counsel. Recently, the so-called “Big Beautiful Bill” not only carried out a massive transfer of wealth from the bottom up, but also granted ICE—the agency in charge of migrant deportation—a \$45 billion budget. This new budget places the immigration agency as the 16th most well-funded military force in the world (after Canada and ahead of Italy), allowing ICE agents to operate with impunity, as a police force controlled directly by the president and shielded from any legal restraint to spread terror in the streets. ICE raids are often indiscriminate, but there have been instances of ICE targeting migrant workers who were trying to unionize. It is this new approach that generated the response of workers and activists in Los Angeles in mid-June, leading to massive protests and direct actions to prevent ICE from accessing workplaces. Since then, Trump has inaugurated “Alligator Alcatraz,” a detention center for undocumented migrants built in one of the most remote areas of the country, while the Supreme Court has left the application of birthright citizenship entirely to the discretion of individual states. Moreover, the Trump administration has been canceling programs that allowed hundreds thousands of migrants to enter the United States through work visas, thus actively forcing them into an illegal status. To comment on these developments, we interviewed Nanzi Muro, an activist and artist working with the *Tribuno del Pueblo* on the border between San Diego and Tijuana. For years, Nanzi has been fighting against the racist policies that have targeted migrants inside and outside the U.S. border well before Trump took office and she explains how, similarly to what is happening in Europe, the borders of the United States are increasingly being externalized and pushed further south by paying Latin American countries — not only Mexico, but also Colombia,



Panama (among others) — to stop migrants. Nanzi witnessed the protests that erupted in Los Angeles last month in response to ICE deportations and then spread across the country, and, in the interview, she tells us what groups, associations, and anti-racist networks are now doing to support migrants and oppose Trump's fierce policies. The brutal repression is undermining the ability to protest in the streets, pushing activists to focus primarily on providing legal assistance to migrants. Trump's assault on healthcare, education, and public spending – combined with his warmongering agenda masked as peace – has led to the rise of new movements – No Kings, 50501, Hand Off etc. – against authoritarianism, the centralization of power and wealth in the hands of billionaires, the war in Gaza and migrant deportations. The challenge these movements now face is to overcome the fragmentation of individual struggles and build a truly collective, mass-scale mobilization. For now, migrants working in farms in California announced a three-day worker-led strike between July 16 and 18 against ICE and its violence...."

TO THE INTERVIEW HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/2025/07/18/WE-HAVE-THE-POWER-STRUGGLES-AGAINST-DEPORTATIONS-AT-THE-BORDERS-BETWEEN-MEXICO-AND-USA/](https://www.transnational-strike.info/2025/07/18/we-have-the-power-struggles-against-deportations-at-the-borders-between-mexico-and-usa/)

WEITERE ARTIKEL ZUM KAMPF GEGEN ABSCHIEBUNGEN IN DEN USA:

[HTTPS://WWW.ND-AKTUELL.DE/ARTIKEL/1191773.PROTESTE-GEGEN-ABSCHIEBUNGEN-HEISSER-SOMMER.HTML](https://www.nd-aktuell.de/artikel/1191773.proteste-gegen-abschiebungen-heisser-sommer.html)

[HTTPS://TAZ.DE/PROTESTE-IN-LOS-ANGELES/!6091410/](https://taz.de/proteste-in-los-angeles/!6091410/)

[HTTPS://WWW.FR.DE/HINTERGRUND/MIT-EINER-APP-WARNEN-SICH-DIE-AMERIKANER-VOR-DEN-RAZZIEN-DER-EINWANDERUNGSBEHOERDE-93826438.HTML](https://www.fr.de/hintergrund/mit-einer-app-warnen-sich-die-amerikaner-vor-den-razzien-der-einwanderungsbehoerde-93826438.html)

PRO ASYL: SETBACK FOR DOBRINDT AND MERZ – BERLIN ADMINISTRATIVE COURT RULES THAT REJECTIONS ARE UNLAWFUL

"Three asylum seekers from Somalia, with the support of PRO ASYL, have filed a lawsuit against their rejection at the German-Polish border before the Berlin Administrative Court – and won. The court considers the rejection of asylum seekers at an internal EU border to be contrary to European law, stating that there is no emergency situation.... The three simultaneous rulings handed down by the Berlin Administrative Court on 2 June 2025 came as a bombshell: the new rejection practice was clearly deemed unlawful. The rejection of asylum seekers at Germany's internal borders is probably the first major project of the new federal government. During the election campaign, Friedrich Merz had already announced that he wanted to close Germany's internal EU borders from day one of his chancellorship and also turn away people seeking protection. However, this is clearly contrary to European law. Federal Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt then implemented this plan the day after taking office: in an instruction to the federal police dated 7 May 2025, he ordered them to start turning back asylum seekers at Germany's internal borders. The letter did not even mention applicable European law..."

THE FULL STATEMENT CAN BE FOUND IN GERMAN HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/NEWS/SCHLAPPE-FUER-DOBRINDT-UND-MERZ-VERWALTUNGSGERICHT-BERLIN-HAELT-ZURUECKWEISUNGEN-FUER-RECHTSWIDRIG/](https://www.proasyl.de/news/schlappe-fuer-dobrindt-und-merz-verwaltungsgericht-berlin-haelt-zurueckweisungen-fuer-rechtswidrig/)

REPORT BY REFUGEE SUPPORT AEGEAN ON ARRIVALS IN CRETE

„Crete – Gavdos: 7,336 refugee arrivals in the first half of 2025, lack of management plan



Despite the fact that data from 2024 already indicate the establishment of a new refugee route, a fact confirmed by the data presented below for the first half of 2025, and despite legislative provisions for reception and

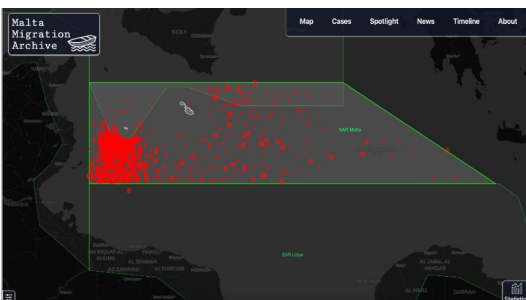
identification procedures and the relevant government promises, to date there is no central provision for addressing the needs of new arrivals. Nor do even the rudimentary dignified conditions exist for the short-term stay of asylum seekers arriving in Gavdos and Crete.... „

FULL REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://RSAEGEAN.ORG/EN/CRETE-GAVDOS-7336-REFUGEE-ARRIVALS-H1-2025/](https://rsaegean.org/en/crete-gavdos-7336-refugee-arrivals-h1-2025/)

MALTA MIGRATION ARCHIVE: COUNTERMAPPING BORDER VIOLENCE

„In June, we launched the Malta Migration Archive. The Archive sheds light on border violence in Malta by systematically documenting the many ways that the Maltese state obstructs mobility and settlement. The Archive documents state practices of non-assistance and pushbacks to Libya, while also collecting testimonies of people who are newly arrived in Malta.

We started this project wanting to do two things: one was to counter the lack of information about migration at sea, countering the veil of secrecy that has surrounded Malta’s actions when people are in distress in our waters. The second was to connect what is happening at sea – the violence and racism of leaving people in distress at sea or pushing them back to Libya – to the violence and racism people face on our islands, from being locked up in detention to being denied the rights and opportunities that allow for a decent life.



Our interactive map holds details of over 1,800 cases of distress in Malta’s search and rescue zone between 2020 and 2024. These represent almost 80,000 people in distress. In this zone, Malta holds responsibility to coordinate rescue and ensure that people are disembarked in a safe place. Yet, Malta only rescued

between 2 and 3 percent of distress cases during this time period. Avoiding and delaying rescue has become normal practice for the Maltese authorities. They have also refused to coordinate rescue with NGO and merchant vessels. These refusals are deadly: more people suffer and die at sea because of the Maltese government’s actions and inactions. Last year, more than 1,700 people died in the Central Mediterranean.

As Malta has steadily refused to rescue people in distress they have also increasingly allowed Libyan militias into our search and rescue zone to illegally return people to Libya, despite the evidence of systematic and widespread human rights abuses there.

Our database shows that between 2020 and 2024, over 5,000 people were illegally returned to Libya from within Malta's search and rescue zone...."

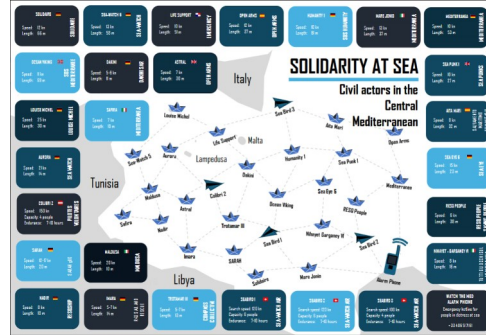
ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PROJECT: [HTTPS://MALTAMIGRATIONARCHIVE.ORG/](https://MALTAMIGRATIONARCHIVE.ORG/)

CIVILMRCC - OVERVIEW MAP (UPDATE) OF THE CIVILIAN FLEET IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN

Mapping Civil Fleet 2025

„This (updated) map illustrates the various civil society actors involved in search and rescue (SAR) activities in the Central Mediterranean. It has been created using data collected by Alarm Phone and the Civil MRCC from the different organizations operating in the region...“

DIRECT LINK: [HTTPS://CIVILMRCC-EU.B-CDN.NET/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2025/06/MAP-CIVIL-FLEET-JUNE-2025.PDF](https://CIVILMRCC-EU.B-CDN.NET/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2025/06/MAP-CIVIL-FLEET-JUNE-2025.PDF)



REFUGEES IN LIBYA: CAMPAIGN AGAINST ITALY-LIBYA DEAL



On 20th of June 2025 Refugees in Libya had invited to a first press conference in Rome to announce the new campaign against the prolongation of the memorandum of understanding between Italy and Libya. „On February 2017 a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Italian and Libyan governments on 'fighting illegal migration'. Refugees in Libya on the International Refugee Day, June 20, 2025 call

for an immediate Stop to all the agreements with Libya on migrant's illegal push back, detention, that causes violence, tortures and rapes.

We have denounced, as witness, the responsibility of Italian government for the release of the criminal Osama Almasri. Our communication are spied on by Italian secret services, on behalf of the governments, as it has been ascertained in the Paragon case. We, the victims, are strictly controlled, while the criminals made free to continue their acts. We are not alone. A large part of civil society, churches, journalists, humanitarian and rescue NGOs are supporting this campaign. Representatives of this new Alliance against the Memorandum will be part of the presentation of the campaign.“

(<https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/post/invitation-to-the-press-conference-in-rome-on-friday-20th-june-2025-at-11-00-a-m-camera-dei-deputat-1>).

In the meanwhile Refugees in Libya also published a manifesto against the memorandum including several demands:

„1- STOP supporting our torturers. The training, equipping, financing and coordination of Libyan actors involved in crimes against refugees and migrants by Italy and the EU must end:

- o Cancel the renewal of the 2017 Italy-Libya Memorandum of Understanding
- o Suspend all EU-funded projects supporting Libyan criminal militias
- o Stop Frontex sending coordinates of refugee boats to Libyan criminal militias

2- End Impunity! Victims and survivors of the abuses resulting from the MoU deserve justice and reparation. To achieve that, Italy must:

- o Issue humanitarian visas to Italy to all those refugees and migrants who have suffered abuses under MoU-supported Libyan criminals
- o Financially compensate all those refugees and migrants who have suffered abuses under MoU-supported Libyan criminals
- o Officially apologize for the harm caused

3- Give alternatives to the refugees still in Libya to escape the dangerous environment you created. Instead of funding criminals, we demand that Italy and the EU:

- o Relaunch state-led search and rescue in the Mediterranean
- o Promote and expand humanitarian corridors and other legal ways to evacuate refugees to places of safety
- o Fund Libyan civil society organizations supporting migrant and refugee communities

We, Refugees in Libya, are not in our country of origin. But that does not make us less human. And the first step to recognize our humanity is to stop supporting our torturers.”

SEE MORE AT [HTTPS://WWW.REFUGEESINLIBYA.ORG/POST/STOP-THE-MEMORANDUM-ITALY-LIBYA](https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/post/stop-the-memorandum-italy-libya) FOR MIDDLE OF OCTOBER 2025 ACTION DAYS IN ROME ARE IN PREPARATION TO PROTEST AGAINST THE MEMORANDUM TOGETHER WITH VARIOUS ACTORS OF CIVIL SOCIETY. AND TO BUILD ON A PUBLIC SQUARE A „STAGE OF SURVIVORS“ TO ACCUSE THE ITALIAN AND EU GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR ONGOING COMPLICITY.

ALARM PHONE SAHARA - NEW WEBSITE



„Through this new platform, we are strengthening our support for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and all those on the move.“

„Alarme Phone Sahara (APS) is a cooperation project between associations, groups and individuals aiming to defend lives, human rights and freedom of

movement of people on the move in the Sahel-Sahara zone.“

[HTTPS://ALARMEPHONESAHARA.INFO/EN](https://alarmephonesahara.info/en)

REVIEW

13 JUNE: STATEMENTS ON THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS

„Start-up to the right

Worldwide, there are more than 122 million people fleeing their homes than ever before. Yet the interior ministers of the federal and state governments are continuing to push ahead with the sealing off of Europe and the systematic deprivation of refugees' rights. Court rulings on the illegality of rejections at the borders or the withdrawal of benefits are deliberately disregarded, and the rule of law is being systematically dismantled. At the same time, civil society, including people who support those seeking protection, is exposed to various attacks from the political side..."

JOINT STATEMENT BY PRO ASYL, YOUTH WITHOUT BORDERS AND STATE REFUGEE COUNCILS, FULL TEXT IN GERMAN HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.NDS-FLUERAT.ORG/62679/AKTUELLES/INNENMINISTERINNENKONFERENZ-MIT-ANLAUF-NACH-RECHTS/](https://www.nds-fluerat.org/62679/aktuelles/innenministerinnenkonferenz-mit-anlauf-nach-rechts/)

Youth without borders on the IMK:



ABSCHIEBEMINISTER
BREMER INNENSENATOR
ULRICH MÄURER ZUM
ABSCHIEBEMINISTER 2025
GEWÄHLT

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„During the gala evening of the germanwide refugee initiative Jugendliche ohne Grenzen (JoG)/Youth without borders at the Kukoon cultural centre in Bremen, Ulrich Mäurer (SPD) was today voted 'Deportation Minister 2025'. Since Wednesday, young refugees from seven federal states have been meeting for an action conference in the Hanseatic city, as Bremen currently holds the chair of the IMK, which has been taking place in Bremerhaven since Wednesday.

In addition to the gala evening with the election

of the deportation minister, there were various workshops, a press conference and a large demonstration against deportation policy and racist migration discourse.

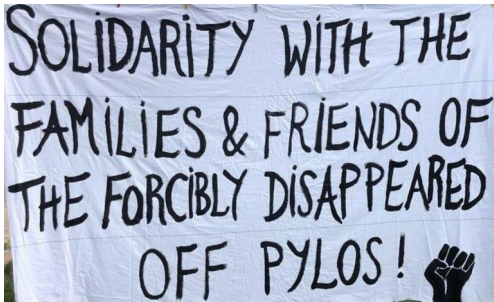
In the election, the Bremen Interior Senator won by a clear margin with 77 per cent of the votes, ahead of Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann (14 per cent) and Berlin Interior Senator Iris Spranger (9 per cent).

Mäurer received the negative award because he allows deportations to be carried out even from places of refuge such as church asylums, schools and hospitals. In December 2024, for example, he attempted to break up an existing church asylum and forcibly remove a young Somali refugee from a church in Bremen in order to enforce his deportation. The deportation failed twice due to civil society resistance and was later stopped by a court. The Initiative Award 2025 for voluntary work was also presented at the gala. ...“

FULL REPORT IN GERMAN HERE: [HTTP://JOGSPACE.NET/2025/06/13/FOTOS-GALA-ABEND/](http://jogspace.net/2025/06/13/fotos-gala-abend/)

14 JUNE: TWO YEARS AFTER PYLOS...

Alarm Phone on 2 years since the Pylos state crime: we make our tears a sea of anger



"14:17 CEST on June 13, 2023: Alarm Phone received the first call from the Adriana, an overcrowded boat in distress carrying about 750 people that departed from Libya towards Europe. In the hours that followed, our volunteers alerted competent authorities and attempted several times to reach the people in distress, some times successfully and

others not. It became evident that the boat was unstable and that the people needed rescue urgently.

For us, it was also evident that the past actions of the Hellenic Coast Guard, which we witnessed multiple times in that region, could have lethal consequences for such an overloaded boat. To our great horror, the crime we feared could happen, took place in the early morning hours of June 14, 2023. The boat capsized. Only 104 of the estimated 750 people on board survived. More than 600 people were killed that night.

In a blatant attempt to absolve themselves of any responsibility, the Hellenic Coast Guard – with the support of the Greek government – staged false accusations against 9 Egyptian survivors for ‘smuggling’ and causing the shipwreck. But similar to other recent state crimes in Greece, it was due to the tireless work of the survivors, the families of the disappeared, lawyers, journalists and civil society that the false narrative crumbled...”

THE FULL STATEMENT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2025/06/14/2-YEARS-SINCE-THE-PYLOS-STATE-CRIME/](https://alarmphone.org/en/2025/06/14/2-years-since-the-pylos-state-crime/)

Pro Asyl on Pylos:

„Two years ago, around 650 refugees drowned off the Greek city of Pylos after the coast guard refused to help for hours. In the fight for clarification and justice, survivors have now achieved an important partial victory: the public prosecutor's office has brought charges against 17 coast guard officers...”

FULL TEXT IN GERMAN HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/NEWS/ZWEI-JAHRE-NACH-DER-KATASTROPHE-VON-PYLOS-KAMPF-UM-GERECHTIGKEIT-UND-AUFKLAERUNG-GEHT-WEITER/](https://www.proasyl.de/news/zwei-jahre-nach-der-katastrophe-von-pylos-kampf-um-gerechtigkeit-und-aufklaerung-geht-weiter/)

18 JUNE PRESS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN: 175,000 LIVES SAVED – 10 YEARS OF CIVILIAN SEA RESCUE

175.000 Menschenleben gerettet – 10 Jahre



„On the tenth anniversary of civilian sea rescue in the central Mediterranean, United4Rescue, Sea-Watch, Sea-Eye and SOS Humanity took stock at a press conference – and called for an end to political blockades of rescue operations...”

[HTTPS://SEA-WATCH.ORG/10-JAHRE-ZIVILE-SEENOTRETTUNG/?](https://sea-watch.org/10-jahre-zivile-seenotrettung/)

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27 JUNE: PRO ASYL OPPOSES SUSPENSION OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR BENEFICIARIES OF SUBSIDIARY PROTECTION

Today, the German Bundestag passed a law suspending family reunification for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection – a political act with devastating consequences for thousands of families.

‘Today, the Bundestag has not only passed a law – it has deliberately imposed further years of separation and suffering on thousands of people,’ said Tareq Alaows, refugee policy spokesperson for PRO ASYL. “This is not a political compromise, it is a breach of humanitarian values and the fundamental right to family life, as well as a disregard for the welfare of children. The measure particularly affects women and children, who are being deprived of another safe escape route – many will resort to life-threatening escape routes as an alternative,” Alaows continued....”

THE ENTIRE PRESS RELEASE CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/PRESSEMITTEILUNG/GESETZLICH-BESCHLOSSENES-LEID-BUNDESTAGSBESCHLUSS-VERURSACHT-DAUERHAFTE-FAMILIENTRENNUNG-FUER-SUBSIDIAER-SCHUTZBERECHTIGTE/](https://www.proasyl.de/pressemitteilung/gesetzlich-beschlossenes-leid-bundestagsbeschluss-verursacht-dauerhafte-familientrennung-fuer-subsidiaer-schutzberechtigte/)

OUTLOOK

21 OCTOBER: TRIAL BEGINS IN RAGUSA, SICILY, AGAINST SIX MEMBERS OF MEDITERRANEA – STATEMENT BY MEDITERRANEA ON THE CHARGES IN THE MAERSK ETIENNE CASE.



The trial is scheduled to begin on 21 October in Ragusa, Sicily.

„Maersk Etienne case indictment: we respond with a new ship ...

They will not stop us with defamation, espionage, lawsuits. They have called us a “threat to national security”, they try to slander us, to isolate us, to intimidate us. But

they will not succeed. The power of those who save lives is greater than the power of those who let them die.

Today Mediterranean doubles. The ship Sea-Eye 4 becomes MEDITERRANEAN and continues its mission as a ship of care, solidarity and dignity. They find us silent and afraid. They find us more determined, happier, more alive than ever.”

[HTTPS://MEDITERRANEAESCUE.ORG/EN/NEWS/MAERSK-ETIENNE-CASE-INDICTMENT-WE-RESPOND-WITH-A-NEW-SHIP](https://mediterranearescue.org/en/news/maersk-etienne-case-indictment-we-respond-with-a-new-ship)