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**DEAR FRIENDS.**



Mutual empowerment and successful networking: this is what - after 2019 and 2002 - the third Transborder Summer Camp, which took place near Nantes in August, stands for. Around 700 activists from solidarity projects along the migration routes and from all kinds of anti-racist struggles came together for five days of dozens of workshops and countless informal meetings – a practical exchange with a strong transnational composition.

With this assembly of daily struggles as backup the transnational chain of actions will begin in this first week of September with numerous events and mobilisations: 'from Ljubljana to Berlin, from Zagreb to Geneva,

from Lampedusa to Madrid, from Rabat to Rome, from Vienna via Ragusa to Tirana'. Exactly on the 10th anniversary of the March of Hope and the breakthrough on the Balkan route, voices from the action-locations will first come together in a joint online conference on 4 September. Then it starts with a camp and a protest regatta, with a caravan and parade, with celebrations and days of action – eight weeks of diverse protests and demonstrations.

The joint message from transborder and chain of actions: we will continue to fight for freedom of movement and equal rights for all. We will remain visible and show solidarity. We will not be intimidated and we will defend ourselves against state criminalisation and right-wing violence. We stand for self-organisation. We unite our struggles against exclusion and exploitation. We count on continuity and commitment for a just society.



With this in mind,

The Kompass Crew

## **DATES AND INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

### **4 SEPTEMBER: KICK-OFF ONLINE CONFERENCE OF THE TRANSNATIONAL CHAIN OF ACTIONS**



Invitation to the Kick-off Online Conference  
(on Zoom)

Open Borders = End Deaths

Transnational Chain of Actions for Freedom of  
Movement

On 4 September 2025, it will be exactly 10  
years since thousands of refugees and mi-  
grants achieved a historical breakthrough

against the EU border regime with the March of Hope from Budapest to Vienna. 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, while welcome-initiatives spread along all routes.

We want to remember 2015's summer of migration and solidarity with a transnational chain of actions. We want to connect this anniversary not only with our fundamental critique of the brutalization of the border regime in the last years, but also with the continuity of struggles for freedom of movement.

In the kick-off event on 4th of September we will recall the 2015 summer of migration and explore the way it continues to resonate in the present. We will further introduce the chain of actions with brief inputs and voices from Ljubljana and Berlin, from Zagreb and Geneva, from Lampedusa and Madrid, from Rabat and Rome, from Vienna, Ragusa and Tirana.

We start with these questions: How do you recall the summer of migration, and what does this moment represent for you? How can the memory of this breakthrough continue to inspire us and be reactivated in our everyday struggles? And what are key issues of your actions in a future perspective?

Afterwards we want to re-discuss the interconnections and mutual references within the coming weeks.

**ON THURSDAY, 4TH OF SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 17:00 CEST**

**FIND THE CALLS FOR THE CHAIN OF ACTIONS AND AN UPDATED CALENDAR HERE: [HTTPS://TRANS-  
BORDER.NET/INDEX.PHP/CHAIN-OF-ACTION-2025/](https://transborder.net/index.php/chain-of-action-2025/)**

**THE ONLINE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH.**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS ZOOM CONFERENCE HERE: [CHAIN-OF-ACTION@TSC25.NET](mailto:CHAIN-OF-ACTION@TSC25.NET)**

### **LINKS TO INFORMATION, TEXTS AND STORIES ON 10 YEARS SUMMER OF MIGRATION (IN GERMAN)**

<https://www.proasyl.de/sommer-der-solidaritaet/>

<https://www.medico.de/blog/grenzen-ueberwinden-20189>

<https://www.rosalux.de/10-jahre-sommer-der-migration>

<https://taz.de/Fluechtlingssommer/!t6102491/>

## 04.-07.09.25 IN BIESENTHAL: SOLIDARITY & RESISTANCE CAMP



Reflect. Resist. Reclaim the Future.

A camp for people organized in Search and Rescue, flight, no-borders, decolonization & migration, as well as everyone connected to these struggles.

10 Years of Solidarity & Resistance – Search & Rescue

We invite people with experiences of

displacement, activists and allies to share experiences, reflect on our political strategies, learn from each other, and shape the next chapter in this movement. For ten years, we've been fighting for civilian sea rescue, freedom of movement, and fundamental rights for all. This anniversary is rooted in the broader struggle that emerged powerfully during the Summer of Migration – standing in solidarity with people on the move, resisting the deadly fortress Europe, and fighting for a future without borders, but with justice and solidarity. We are part of the Transnational Chain of Actions that is remembering 2015's summer of migration.... "

**MORE INFOS AND PROGRAM: [HTTPS://SAR-CAMP.WTF/DE/](https://sar-camp.wtf/de/)**

## 06.09. IN FRANKFURT: PAVILLONS OF SOLIDARITY

Hauptwache 12:00 to 17:00, Manifestation at 14:00

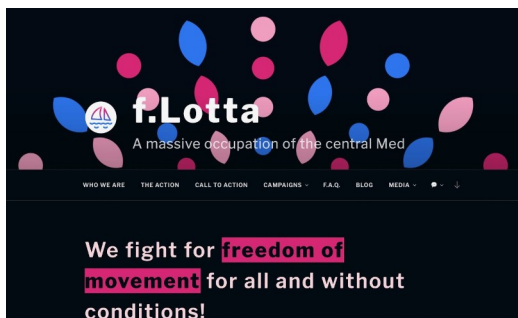
In early September 2015, exactly 10 years ago, refugees and migrants in Budapest joined together for the "March of Hope." For at least a few months, they succeeded in achieving what people along the Balkan Route had long fought for: relatively free entry and passage from Greece to Sweden, with the possibility to choose for themselves where to apply for asylum. At the same time, welcome initiatives sprang up all across Europe along all migration routes.

Ten years later, in early September 2025, a transnational chain of actions will begin to commemorate this "Summer of Migration" — not only to link this anniversary with a fundamental critique of the deadly border regime, but also to emphasize the continuity of the struggles for freedom of movement and equal rights for all.

To mark the occasion, we want to set up five "Pavilions of Solidarity" in downtown Frankfurt to inform the public on five issues, invite participation, and call for resistance against the ever-intensifying racism:

- For the right to leave, to come, and to stay – Stop all deportations
- For the abolition of the discriminatory payment card
- For safe escape routes – against letting people die at sea and against human-rights-violating pushbacks at the EU's external borders
- Images and stories from 10 years of the Summer of Migration Seebrücke Frankfurt campaign: "Open the borders – on land, at sea, and in our minds"
- The event will also present the transnational chain of actions, and especially the Caravan for Freedom of Movement by We'll Come United, which will travel from Thuringia through Saxony and Brandenburg to the large protest parade in Berlin from September 20 to 27, 2025.

## 10-20 SEPTEMBER IN MAZARA/SICILY AND AROUND LAMPEDUSA: F.LOTTA - PROTEST REGATTA



A massive occupation of the central Med  
„We fight for freedom of movement for all  
and without conditions.

The central Mediterranean sea has become  
a highway for weapons and goods, and a  
graveyard for people. This is because of  
Fortress Europe: a racist, capitalist and  
Neo-colonial project.

We refuse the policies of hatred and division, we refuse normalization. We know that a different present is possible. We are preparing a massive sea occupation mid-September 2025, south of Lampedusa.

The core idea is to gather the largest possible number of boats, and to pierce the southern border of the European fortress. After the initial concentration south of Lampedusa, F.LOTTA boats will sail South together, for a first day of navigation. The boats will then take on watchkeeping positions, forming a solidarity monitoring chain and moving along coordinated patrolling patterns. F.LOTTA will then sail back together for a final concentration and commemorations. The initiative aims to be a mass event, involving as many boats as possible. This answers to practical and political needs: we need to be multitude to occupy a considerable portion of the sea, to magnet attention, as well as to project an articulated vision for a radically different present. While F.LOTTA overall message is that of freedom of movement, each boat will be the flag bearer and witness of a connected, specific political campaigns...”

**MORE INFO HERE: [HTTPS://FLOTТА.NOБLOGS.ORG/](https://fлотта.noblogs.org/)**

## 12 SEPTEMBER IN BERLIN: EVENT MARKING 10 YEARS OF SUMMER OF MIGRATION

7–10 p.m., location: Aquarium (barrier-free) (Kottbusser Tor).

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation and the Welcome United network are hosting a joint evening with lots of input, discussions, a film (Moving Europe) and an exhibition (10 Views on Migration).

After eight years, there will once again be a caravan of refugees from 20 to 27 September, followed by a Welcome United Parade in Berlin. Our event aims to commemorate the summer of migration 10 years ago and the long struggle of refugees in the period from 2011 to 2020: the occupation of O-Platz and the Gerhard Hauptmann School, Lampedusa Hamburg, Welcome2Stay and Alarmphone, Marches of Hope and Welcome United, #unteilbar and Willkommenskultur. In the spirit of utopian remembrance and in view of the massive attacks on the migrant community and, in particular, on the rights of refugees, we invite all migration policy and anti-racist initiatives and actors to join forces with the strength of past alliances.

With: Napoli, Women in Exile, Welcome United, Alarm Phone, Refugees in Libya, Moving Europe and many more. Programme and further information to follow – save the date.

## 12-13 SEPTEMBER IN GENEVA: PRESS CONFERENCE AND DEMONSTRATION ON UNHCR AND AGAINST IOM - UNHCR = UNFAIR! – IOM = NASTY!



Press-Conference at 11:00 on Friday in front of UNHCR Headquarter, Demonstration starts at 14:00 on Saturday at IOM Headquarter.

„On Friday, the 12th of September 2025, Refugees in Libya will hold a press conference in front of the headquarter of UNHCR, presenting the „Book of Shame“. It includes dozens of complaints and accusations

from refugees and migrants in Libya, Tunisia and Niger. They all experienced non-assistance and ignorance, negligence and rejections from an institution, which pretends humanity is central to its cause. But instead of fulfilling its mandate to protect refugees, asylum seekers, and people on the move, the UNHCR is protecting European borders and has become an instrument of European externalisation policies.

In December 2022 Refugees in Libya started to organize the UNFAIR-campaign towards UNHCR with a first manifestation and demonstration in front of its headquarter in Geneva. Now, in September 2025, we will come back as the situation has not improved rather even worsened. Within the last 18 months through a new hotline project Refugees in Libya and the supporting alliance have collected hundreds of testimonies, who witnessed continuous violations of human rights. UNHCR did not care about it and was unreachable for these people.

In Libya we have known their concept of blackmailing since many years. People are detained and kept in unbearable situations, while the, „International Organisation for Migration (IOM) is offering the onliest solution: to return back to the country of origin. In Tunisia we recently experienced this blackmailing system again: in parallel to brutal attacks, raids and evictions of makeshift settlements, IOM staff appear to desperate people on the move to advertise „voluntary return“. All over the world IOM execute their “migration management” with so-called voluntary return programs – as an integral part of inhuman border regimes.

On 13th of September 2025 we will demonstrate in front of the IOM- and UNHCR headquarters to denounce their respective abusive practices. We will confront their humanitarian facade with the realities and the truth by numerous voices of testimonies, by recordings but also by direct speeches of refugee activists, who reached Europe and are not willing to forget their hurts and also not their comrades, who are still suffering and struggling in Libya, Tunisia or Niger.

This event will be the occasion to denounce the continuity of European and national migration policies. Indeed, a large camp for asylum seekers has just opened in Geneva. In semi-prison conditions, people are now being held for several months between the airport tarmac and a highway...”

SEE ALSO [HTTPS://WWW.REFUGEE SINLIBYA.ORG/POST/FROM-TRIPOLI-TO-GENEVA-2](https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/post/from-tripoli-to-geneva-2)

## 20–27 SEPTEMBER FROM THURINGIA TO BERLIN: CARAVAN AND PARADE FROM WE`LL COME UNITED



One week Caravan from We`ll Come United for free movement and equal rights with a final parade in Berlin.

„A week of protest, camping, swarming, empowerment, creative actions, demonstrations – ending in a united parade on 27.09.2025 in Berlin. Ten years after the March of Hope and the so-called Summer of Migration, the situation for people on the move has worsened dramatically. Racist border regimes are being expanded, rights are being rolled back, and far-right forces are gaining strength across Europe. But we will not be silent. We come together from different cities and struggles – as people affected by racist structures, as allies and activists, as local initiatives, housing networks, climate justice groups, feminist movements, care al-

liances, and anti-deportation campaigns. We are part of a transnational movement for freedom of movement and equal rights for all. This caravan is our response – loud, collective, and unstoppable...“

Programm:

### **Saturday, 20th of September in Mühlhausen**

Break Isolation! Manifestation in Mühlhausen At 16:00, Obermarkt  
In reference to the situation and protests in the Lager Obermehler

### **Sunday, 21st of September in Arnstadt**

Manifestation in front of the deportation prison in Arnstadt

At 13:00 - „Knastbeben“ and Demonstration

From 16:00 -18:00 h Swarming/Meeting Lager Arnstadt

Dr. Albert-Krebs-Str. 1, 99310 Arnstadt

### **Monday, 22nd of September in Dresden**

Caravan Assembly At 17:00 in Montagscafe in Im Kleinen Haus,  
Glacisstr. 28, in 01099 Dresden

### **Wednesday, 24th of September in Leipzig**

Together in Grünau - Together against Isolation!

From 14:00 to 20:00 - a Street-Party of Solidarity in Leipzig-Grünau

Stuttgarterallee 30, Grünau, Leipzig

### **Thursday, 25th of September in Eisenhüttenstadt**

Manifestation for Equal rights and free movement for all in Eisenhüttenstadt and everywhere! Close the Dublin Center - Remove the Visitors Ban - Abolish all Lagers!

At 14:30 at Poststrasse 72, 15890 Eisenhüttenstadt

### **Friday, 26th of September in Tegel/Berlin**

At 10:00: Press-Conference at Oranienplatz

From 13:00 to 17:00: Tegel Camp - Gathering against Isolation.

At the entry to Airport Tegel, Busstop General-Ganeval-Brücke

### **Saturday, 27th of September in Berlin**

Big Parade through Kreuzberg, Neukölln and Friedrichshain.

Opening Manifestation at 11:00 at Oranienplatz

**MORE INFORMATION AND MATERIALS: [HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/EN/](https://www.welcome-united.org/en/)**

### **26./27. 09.25 IN MADRID: 10 YEARS OF RED SOLIDARIA DE ACOGIDA**

10th anniversary of Red Solidaria de Acogida with act- and street theater, talks and celebration

„10 years of struggle for the rights of people on the move. We invite you to participate in the anniversary of Red Solidaria de Acogida, a grassroots and self-organised collective that has been fighting against borders and supporting migrants in Madrid since 2015. We join the international chain of actions commemorating the #SummerOfMigration, when 10 years ago so many people across Europe turned out to support those fleeing the tragic war in Syria and many other conflicts. Let's open the borders, let's end the killing.

26th September, in #Lavapiés, Plaza de Arturo Barea, at 19h- Act and Street Theater together with friend collectives remembering our activity and our beginnings.

September 27th, at @eslaeko #EKOcarabanchel from 12h until closing – talks with protagonists of the movement, exhibition '10 years of struggle' solidarity canteen, musical bingo, concerts and DJing.

Join this action, celebration and joint reflection. Because #MigratelsNotACrime and #NoPersonIsIllegal: \*the fight goes on.“

**WEBSITE: [HTTP://REDSOLIDARIADEACOGIDA.ES/](http://redsolidariadeacogida.es/)**

### **3-5 OCTOBER IN RABAT: ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE FOR BAOBAB AND ARCOM**

CommemorA(c)tion of 20 Years of struggle – Baobab & Arcom celebrate resistance with migrants and activists.

„In 2005, a group of asylum seekers living in Rabat (Morocco) formed the first informal, self-managed association to defend their rights against the violence they were suffering due to the alleged illegality of their stay. Thanks to ARCOM's commitment and determination and its work on the ground, ARCOM's experience was followed by other migrants and activists who also formed associations or solidarity collectives, thus creating a dynamic of associative movements working on the theme of transnational migration in Morocco.

The regularisation of undocumented migrants in 2013 and 2017, the legalisation of migrant associations and the acceptance of migrant children in Moroccan public schools are all small victories that are part of the struggle begun by ARCOM in 2005.

ARCOM's commitment was crowned in 2015 with the establishment of an emergency and temporary shelter for migrant women and their children to meet their concrete and urgent needs.

Today, ARCOM has undoubtedly become a leading association in Morocco and has succeeded in bringing together locals and migrants through its shelters and its socio-cultu-

ral centre, which offers a variety of professional and cultural activities, including language and literacy classes, computer skills, sewing and entrepreneurship, as well as a women's and youth garden and a theatre workshop.

To celebrate these small victories, ARCOM is organising a transnational conference on the theme 'Migrants have their say: We migrate to live, not to die'. The conference will bring together migrants and community and institutional actors from different cities in Morocco, Africa and Europe. It will not only be an opportunity for celebration, but also for sharing and exchanging experiences, in-depth analysis and careful reflection on the current development of transnational migration. Under the theme "Migrants have their say: We migrate to live, not to die," we will attempt to look back on the last 20 years and provide an overview of the current situation of migrants around the world, with a particular focus on African migrants in so-called transit countries: Algeria, Libya, Mali, Senegal, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia. We will analyse the increasingly harsh migration and asylum policies that the EU continues to implement and their social implications. The externalisation of EU borders and the consequences of these policies on those affected on the road to exile (men, women, children, unaccompanied minors) as well as the daily solidarity work of social and institutional actors in Africa and Europe will also be at the heart of our discussions and analyses..."

**WEBSITE: [HTTPS://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/2218-0-KONFERENZ-ARCOM-2025.HTML](https://AFRIQUE-EUROPE-INTERACT.NET/2218-0-KONFERENZ-ARCOM-2025.HTML)**

#### **15-18 OCTOBER IN ROME: ACTIONDAYS AGAINST THE ITALY-LIBYA DEAL**



Action days against the „Memorandum of Understanding“ between Italy and Libya.

„On February 2017 a Memorandum of Understatement (MoU) was signed by the Italian and Libyan governments on “fighting illegal migration”. This agreement, with the support of European Union funding and coordination by Frontex, has trained, financed and equipped Libyan forces who have systematically abducted, arbitrarily detained, tortured, enslaved, killed and raped migrants and we, Refugees in Libya, are among its victims. Through this agreement, Italy and the EU are currently aiding and abetting the perpetration of crimes against humanity in Libya. We hold them directly accountable for purposefully creating a racist torturing environment in Libya as a xenophobic attempt to deter migration.

But our demands go beyond just stopping harm. We ask for justice and reparations for all of us who were victims of Italian and EU policies in Libya. We want evacuation, protection and dignity.

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**WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.REFUGEESINLIBYA.ORG/POST/STOP-THE-MEMORANDUM-ITALY-LIBYA](https://WWW.REFUGEESINLIBYA.ORG/POST/STOP-THE-MEMORANDUM-ITALY-LIBYA)**

## INCREASED REPRESSION AGAINST THE CIVILIAN FLEET

### Seabird



„The Italian authorities have detained the Seabird 1 monitoring aircraft belonging to the civilian sea rescue organisation Sea-Watch with immediate effect. This marks a new escalation in the Italian government’s fight against civilian human rights observation in the Medi-

terranean.

On Thursday, 7 August, the crew of Seabird 1 was informed by the aviation authority ENAC that the aircraft was under administrative detention with immediate effect. Just one week ago, the aerial monitoring crew had documented how the Italian authorities ignored the distress calls of a ship in distress for an entire day without sending help. Two children died as a result. The case attracted a great deal of attention in Italy. Now, for the first time, the authorities have detained one of Sea-Watch’s human rights observation aircraft.

‘The reason for the detention is currently unclear to us,’ says Laura Meschede, spokesperson for Sea-Watch. ‘But it is obvious that this is a pretext to get rid of us as witnesses to the situation in the Mediterranean.’ ...“

**MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://SEA-WATCH.ORG/EN/ITALY-DETAINS-HUMAN-RIGHTS-MONITORING-AIRCRAFT/](https://sea-watch.org/en/italy-detains-human-rights-monitoring-aircraft/)**

### Nadir - Resqship

NADIR BLOCKED IN PORT – again! Political repression against RESQSHIP continues.

„The civilian sailing ship NADIR, operated by the German NGO RESQSHIP, has been hindered of leaving port for the second time in one month. The ship had previously rescued 59 people from a wooden boat in distress in international waters and brought them to safety.

Following a distress relay by the civil aircraft SEABIRD3, NADIR found 59 people on an overcrowded and unseaworthy boat in international waters on the afternoon of 4 July 2025. Having departed from Zuwarah, Libya, two days earlier, the people on board were severely dehydrated. The wooden boat was tilting to one side. NADIR took all shipwrecked persons aboard and headed to the officially assigned Port of Safety, Lampedusa, where everyone disembarked in the early morning of Saturday, 5 July. In the afternoon, the Italian authorities initiated an investigation into NADIR’s recent operation and announced a detention order on the basis of NADIR not having informed the authority of Malta, even though MRCC Rome took over the coordination of the case....“

**MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://RESQSHIP.ORG/EN/DETENTION-2/](https://resqship.org/en/detention-2/)**

### Trotamar - Compass Collective

„After rescuing 22 people, we were prohibited from leaving the port of Lampedusa yesterday (26 August). Our crew is accused of not informing the so-called Libyan coast guard when we rescued the people from an unseaworthy boat.



We did inform the maritime rescue centres in Rome and Malta, but not the authorities in Tripoli or Tunis: that would not have been a rescue, but rather enabling a pullback and thus aiding and abetting a violation of human rights. That is incompatible with both applicable law and our conscience. We now face detention for an estimated 10 to 20 days. We will appeal against the detention of the Trotamar III and demand the

implementation of the UN Convention on Human Rights: Libya and Tunisia are not safe countries for refugees.

We demand the immediate release of our boat! Every day that a sea rescue ship is detained increases the risk of more people drowning in the Mediterranean."

**MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://COMPASS-COLLECTIVE.ORG/2025/08/26/TROTAMAR-IN-LAMPEDUSA-FESTGESETZT/](https://compass-collective.org/2025/08/26/TROTAMAR-IN-LAMPEDUSA-FESTGESETZT/)**

### **Mediterranea - „NGO defies Italian Ministry of Interior, refuses to go to far port...**

The ship *Mediterranea* chose to disembark 10 migrants rescued in the Sicilian Channel in the city of Trapani, Sicily, defying the instructions of the Italian Ministry of Interior, which had designated Genoa as the safe port of docking. "We decided to uphold dignity and human life," stated *Mediterranea Saving Humans*.

"We chose to reassert the basic principle which today is not to be taken for granted: that dignity and human life come before any other consideration." With these words, Laura Marmorale, President of the NGO *Mediterranea Saving Humans*, explained the decision to bring 10 rescued migrants from the Channel of Sicily directly to Trapani, Sicily, on the night between Wednesday and Thursday.

By doing so, the ship defied the instructions of the Italian Ministry of Interior, which had designated Genoa as the port of safety. The *Mediterranea* instead docked in Trapani last Saturday night, where it disembarked 10 migrants -- Kurdish citizens from Iran and Iraq, as well as Egyptians and Syrians. Among them were three unaccompanied minors, aged 14, 15, and 16.

When the authorities assigned the port of Genoa to them as a safe port to dock, "at 2:45 am" between the night of Thursday and Friday, the ship *Mediterranea Saving Humans* was in the Channel of Sicily, near the island of Pantelleria.

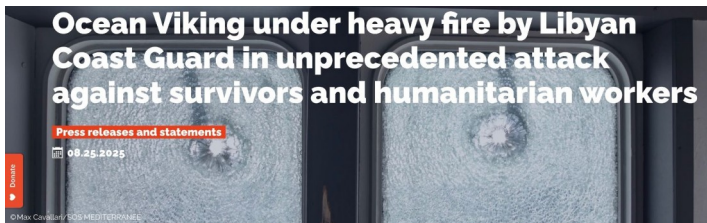
The migrants were "already in poor condition due to the detention, violence and torture they had suffered in Libya," recounted Beppe Caccia, Head of Mission on board the ship. "The Ministry of Interior wanted to force these ten persons to endure an additional three days of navigation (the time needed to reach the port of Genoa, 1,000 kilometers away), subjecting them all to additional suffering", something "inhumane and unacceptable", he added. (...)

The ship *Mediterranea* was impounded by Italian authorities in the Sicilian port of Trapani on Monday. The act of seizure was carried out under a decree issued by Interior Minis-

ter Matteo Piantedosi last year. The exact duration of the ship's detention is not yet known because, according to the NGO, this will be decided by the Prefect of Trapani...."

**MORE INFORMATION HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.INFOMIGRANTS.NET/EN/POST/66570/NGO-DEFIES-ITALIAN-MINISTRY-OF-INTERIOR-REFUSES-TO-GO-TO-FAR-PORT](https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/66570/ngo-defies-italian-ministry-of-interior-refuses-to-go-to-far-port)**

### Libyan militias (so-called Libyan Coastguards) fire on Ocean Viking



„Ocean Viking under heavy fire by Libyan Coast Guard in unprecedented attack against survivors and humanitarian workers

Marseille, 25.08.2025 – Yes-

terday afternoon, at 15:03 local time, the MV Ocean Viking, search and rescue vessel chartered by SOS MEDITERRANEE in partnership with the IFRC, was deliberately targeted in a shooting by the Libyan Coast Guard. Although no one was physically wounded, everyone on board feared for their lives, and crucial rescue equipment and the ship herself suffered significant damage. At the time of the attack, the MV Ocean Viking was in International waters, approximately 40 Nautical Miles north of the Libyan coast, when she was approached by a Corrubia-class patrol vessel operated by the Libyan Coast Guard.

With 87 survivors already on board — rescued between the night of Saturday 23 August and the morning of Sunday 24 August — our vessel had been authorised by the Italian Coordination Center to pause her Course to the assigned disembarkation port and search for an additional boat in distress in International waters. While our teams were actively engaged in searching for the distress case, the MV Ocean Viking was approached by the Libyan patrol vessel, which unlawfully demanded that we leave the area and head north. The information was first given to us in English, and then in Arabic, with translation by our cultural mediator on board, who informed them from the Bridge that the Ocean Viking was leaving the area. However, without any warning or ultimatum, two men aboard the patrol vessel opened fire on our humanitarian ship, unleashing at least 20 relentless minutes of assault gunfire directly at us...."

**MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://WWW.SOSMEDITERRANEE.ORG/SOS-MED-LIBYAN-ATTACK/](https://www.sosmediterranee.org/sos-med-libyan-attack/)**

### THE NEW ISSUE OF DAILY RESISTANCE



The new issue of Daily Resistance is out – this time again in newspaper format (PDF below). It features texts in multiple languages about the upcoming Caravan from Thuringia to Berlin in September, the context of the war in Sudan, an Open Letter by people from Eisenhüttenstadt camp, a reflection about Oplatz Protest Camp in March, and many more.

**ORDER YOUR COPIES VIA MAIL: [DAILYRESISTANCE@SYSTEMLI.ORG](mailto:DAILYRESISTANCE@SYSTEMLI.ORG)**

**[HTTPS://WWW.OPLATZ.NET/JUST-OUT-DAILY-RESISTANCE-12/](https://www.oplatz.net/just-out-daily-resistance-12/)**

## ECHOES NO. 18 - WITH UPDATED MAP OF THE CIVIL FLEET



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Malta Migration Archive: Countermapping

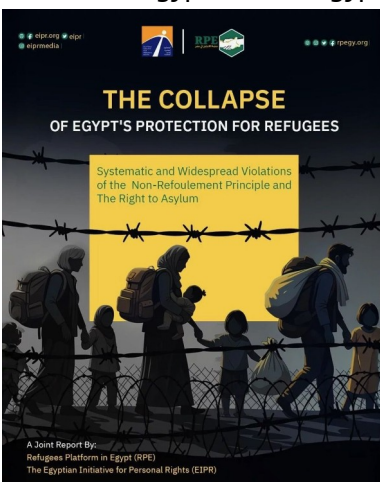
Border Violence

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## REPORT OF THE REFUGEE PLATFORM IN EGYPT: THE COLLAPSE OF EGYPT'S PROTECTION FOR REFUGEES

„Today, August 18th, 2025, we have released a joint human rights report by the Refugee Platform in Egypt and the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, entitled:



“The Collapse of Egypt's Protection for Refugees: Systematic and Widespread Violations of the Principle of Non-Refoulement and the Right to Asylum.”

The report documents the escalation of violations against refugees and asylum seekers over the past two years, including mass arrest campaigns, forced deportations without judicial review, home raids, and racial targeting. It also records the deportation of over 20,000 Sudanese refugees in 2024 alone, and warns of the dangers posed by the new asylum law and its restrictions on rights and protection.

The report is based on direct field documentation, interviews with refugees, lawyers, and civil society organizations, as well as review of official documents from the Egyptian government and UNHCR, and testimonies from survivors and their families. It also includes legal analysis of relevant legislation, policies, and practices on the ground....”

**READ THE FULL REPORT IN ENGLISH: [HTTPS://RPEGY.ORG/EN/EDITIONS/THE-COLLAPSE-OF-EGYPTS-PROTECTION-FOR-REFUGEES-JOINT-REPORT-REVEALS-WIDESPREAD-SYSTEMATIC-VIOLATIONS-OF-THE-PRINCIPLE-OF-NON-REFOULEMENT-AND-THE-RIGHT-TO-ASYLUM/](https://rpegy.org/en/editions/the-collapse-of-egypts-protection-for-refugees-joint-report-reveals-widespread-systematic-violations-of-the-principle-of-non-refoulement-and-the-right-to-asylum/)**

## EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE RULING AGAINST MELONI AND EU-ALBANIA PLANS

„ECJ raises barriers for lists of safe countries of origin

The European Court of Justice is raising the barriers for determining safe countries of origin for accelerated asylum procedures. The court's decision could lead to further difficulties for Italy's migration policy, keyword 'Albania model'.

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) is setting stricter limits for EU states when determining safe countries of origin. In principle, the governments of EU states can determine for themselves which countries are classified as safe countries of origin. In future, however, they will have to disclose the sources on which their assessment is based.

Furthermore, the ECJ ruled that in order for a country to be recognised as a safe country of origin, the entire population must be safe, including certain groups of people, such as homosexuals...".

LINK IN GERMAN: [HTTPS://WWW.TAGESSCHAU.DE/AUSLAND/EUROPA/EUGH-SICHERE-HERKUNFTSSTAATEN-100.HTML](https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/europa/eugh-sichere-herkunftsstaaten-100.html)

## REVIEW

### TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP IN AUGUST: ASSEMBLY OF DAILY STRUGGLES



This inspiring networking meeting was attended by almost 700 activists who travelled from all over Europe and North and West Africa. 'The building and extension of infrastructures for freedom of movement' was once again a central theme for many workshops and discussions on solidarity projects along refugee and migration routes. Ten different emergency hotlines alone – from Alarm Phone Sahara to the hotline on the Polish-Belarusian border – came together to exchange ideas. Tunisian mothers and fathers of missing and drowned persons at the external borders were once again present to take stock of transnational commemorative actions – CommemorActions – and, while a highly visible, permanent memorial was being set up in the centre of the camp, they joined forces for the first time with relatives who have lost their loved ones to racial police violence within Europe. Resistance to deportations and detentions, against the criminalisation of migration and struggles for the right to stay and regularisation were other main topics on the agenda, and developments are almost everywhere influenced by racist and right-wing extremist agitation.

In the closing plenary session, numerous participants emphasised how inspiring and encouraging they found this meeting. Further assessments and reports will follow in the coming weeks.

## 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 Mediterranea 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)**

### **31.10.-02.11.25 IN ALBANIA: PROTESTS AGAINST DETENTION PRISON**

Protest days and workshops from network against migrant detentions in Shengjin Gäder and Tirana.

„On the second anniversary of the signing of the Protocol, we return to Albania. Let’s go to Gjäder! Two days of meetings to discuss and develop new strategies against Italian and European neocolonial policies and to scream out loud our opposition to all forms of administrative detention with a protest in Gjäder in front of what is now the eleventh Italian CPR and a new model for the European border regime. This is a preliminary outline of the two-day program: We plan to be in Shengjin on October 31st in the evening. November 1st. Morning: Presentation, analysis and discussion of specific aspects of the Gäder centre and its impact on Albanian society in terms of neocolonial exploitation. Afternoon: Transfer by public transport to the Gjäder detention center to show our solidarity with an to the people detained. After the demonstration, transfer to Tirana. November 2nd, Tirana: Workshops where the international organizations can present the state of the art of repression and deportation of migrant people in their countries, with the aim of finding / exchanging tools to define common practices and projects. Updates and details will be available as soon as possible on our IG Network against migrant detention and mailing list...”

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