

## **CARAVAN FOR EQUALITY, DIGNITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CALL FOR ACTION AND MOBILIZATION**

**We are** asylum seekers, refugees, undocumented migrants, migrants, Europeans with a “migration background”, we are all those who have no full citizenship. We are those who are labeled as “not from here”. Our real or supposed origin is an argument to deprive us of many rights. Yet our life is here, and like everyone else we just want to build a decent life for us and our families. Our anger is also shared by European citizens who refuse the racist migration policy and the economical neo-liberalism of the European Union.

**We are** also human beings who refuse all kinds of racism, exploitation and discrimination. We decided to fight against it and against those who oppress us, control us, exploit us, criminalize us.

**We are** all those who fight for respect of the universal values of equality and social justice, for the fundamental rights established by international law, and we demand the European Union and all of its member states to respect them. we demand to stop immediately the systematic violation of international rights by the European Union, through its illegitimate and repressive policy, its unfair laws, and above all its practice of detention, isolation and deportation.

**We decided to organize a European caravan** which will go from the largest number of European countries towards Brussels (Belgium), where the European institutions are settled. By this action we want to remind Europe before everything that we are people, and that we refuse to watch in silence the deployment of a system of power to deprive us of our dignity and of our life by the European Union and its member states.

One example amongst others is the drama of hundreds of women, children and men who die each year in the Mediterranean Sea or in Lampedusa. This drama is only the most visible part of the failure of Europe’s repressive and restrictive migration policies.

**This caravan will also be a caravan for the memory!** It will remind everyone that migration in the twentieth century provided entire armies of soldiers and workers who died on the front lines or worked to death for the benefit of European states. The caravan will remind Europe of its colonial past, which Europe is denying until today to legitimize the exploitation and domination of other populations. Men, women and children are forced to exile for reasons related to wars (often supported and funded by the western governments) or by the consequences of structural adjustment policies imposed by international institutions to the people of the South, always at the expense of their common good. These lives are broken by the criminal enforcement of migration policies.

**The caravan also wants to denounce the deadly consequences of migration policies!**

The social context of the economic crisis, which we did not create and through which the social accomplishments of the lower class are being destroyed, the increase of racism and discrimination against migrants, refugees and roma people and also the fierce exploitation of migrants' labor force contribute to an attack and a cutback of the general rights of workers and the lower class in society. We believe that stopping the circulation of people by reinforcing the controls and the repression is just another illusion fooling public opinion and citizens. Because migrating is a necessity. Particularly when one escapes war, starvation or poverty.

We also want to show our solidarity with all the lower classes of society who are, like us, facing an attack of their rights in whole Europe. More than ever, we are instrumentalized and presented as scapegoats for all social and political problems. In these times of economical crisis, this exploitation of our situation aims at forgetting who the real responsible people are. Therefore our march wants to reveal these lies, call up the European population and point out those who are responsible for the injustice.

Therefore, we call all working, insecure and oppressed people to unite for more rights, for a world of peace and social justice, and to join our fight for our demands!

## **Demands:**

### **For equality and the end of competition between us!**

The capitalist system uses our real or supposed divisions to install competition between us. Racism and differences of status are instrumentalized for this purpose. *These divisions weaken us all; equal, we will be stronger !*

### **Freedom of movement and residency**

Mobility for asylum seekers, against the Dublin trap against obligatory residence)

Permanent documents, without criteria (not depending on working contracts)

Same working conditions for all

Stop the imprisonment and deportation of migrants

Same political, social and cultural rights for all

### **For memory and dignity !**

We come from countries that have been victims of colonialism, wars and imperialist policies imposed by European governments and companies for centuries. Therefore we demand the acknowledgment and a compensation for these crimes.

*Stop the European imperialist policy (free trade treaties, NATO wars,...)*

*Abolish Frontex, Eurosur and other anti-migration policies and measures*

*Stop the humanitarian business exploiting migrants, refugees and Roma*

### **For more rights and social justice**

More economical, social and cultural rights. political rights for all (demonstration, expression, vote). Education, health and housing for all. Political rights for all (demonstration, expression, vote) Against racism and sexism.