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With actions in 8 countries a new international movement rises to 'Abolish Frontex'

10 June 2021 - Yesterday, the international network #AbolishFrontex was launched with actions taking place in 8 countries (Italy, Austria, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Morocco, Netherlands and Switzerland) across Europe and Northern Africa. The autonomous network consists of over 70 groups and demands the abolition of Frontex, the EU border and coast guard agency, and an end to the deadly EU migration policy. In an open letter the network declares why Frontex can not be

reformed, but must be abolished altogether.

In the early morning, activists in Brussels targeted the hidden office of Frontex, leaving fake blood at its door steps. In other European capitals like Vienna, the Hague and Berlin activists protested for the regularisation of migrants, an end to deportations and border militarisation and freedom of movement for all people. In the evening, the last gathering of the day took place in Oujda, Morocco.

Images of the actions taken by the abolish frontex network can be found here for reprint.

The network is direct action oriented and plans its next days of action on World Refugee Day June 20th and in solidarity with the No Border Caravan in Canarias between July 16-25th.

Luca of the 'Abolish Frontex' campaign said: "If we truly believe all humans are equal than we have to dismantle the systems which keep inequality in place. Frontex, as part of the border-industrial complex, has no place in our vision of a European society striving for justice and committed to repair damages inflicted on the global south in a mindset of white supremacy."

Taylor added: "We are not asking for a better European migration policy: we are demanding the abolition of Frontex and the demilitarisation of the borders. And we are taking action to achieve this."

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