



MOVIN'EUROPE

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Lovely People!

The spring is upon us and it seems that there is sprightliness in our efforts to realise the Karawahsinn project. Karawahsinn remains difficult to translate into other languages and so it is a provisional title. Other tongues are getting around this problem with their own words: Movin'Europe, CaravanaUtopia, Caravantésie and there are perhaps others we have not understood because we do not understand their languages". The idea remains the same right up until this moment: it is an initiative to bring together Europe in one funky mix of festival and meetings, all linked by an alternative caravan travelling the length and breadth of Europe. We are set on the quest of discovering another Europe through the serious task of the collective consultation of as many of the people as we can involve in our adventure. In short it is our goal to conceive of a way to exchange and to discuss the means to achieve a humane future.

Translations

Available on request are translations in English, French, Farsi, Serbo-croatian, Spanish, Turkish, Polish, Romanian, Italian and Hungarian.

In preparation are translations into Kosovarion, Russian, Danish, Albanian and Finnish.

Get your translation from vision07@riseup.net, however it is much easier to download it from

www.gipfelsoli.org/Heiligendam.html

or the Website of the Ya-Basta-Network:

www.ya-basta-netz.de.vu
(look out for "Karawahnsinn")

The organizational committee is growing

To be honest, there is no "committee" - but the circle of

people, who is working on the organization of this project is becoming broader. Since now there are about 20 People coordinating on the german-bad english-speaking orga-listserv. In addition to this, a lot of volunteers, who took up certain tasks.

The first fellow travelers?

Puppeteers from Mexico (or Germany), Performance artists from Italy, a theater group from Berlin, the Veggieoil Activists from Great Britain, and of course the bike caravan to the g8, that has been around almost from the beginning, and a lot of others we heard about.

Euromarches

On the Conference in Rostock against the G8-2007, we established a first contact to the organizers of the Euromarches. This "European movement against unemployment, underrated employment and exclusion" has mobilized against a number of summits in the past years, since 1997. They showed interest for coordination with Karawahnsinn. Might be another step to the "caravan of the caravans".

www.euromarches.org

contacts

we received positive replies from these cities: Berlin, Bern, Birmingham, Frankfurt, Cologne, Muenster, Paris and also New York City and more.

the first stations

a few days ago we received the first official invitation: Muenster/ Westfalen, wants to be become a caravan station. The residential B.A.S.T.A. group has decided and announced this, with a couple of other people.
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to be continued

we are searching:
-groups, who are interested in hosting a festival in their region.
-Individuals and groups, who are interested in joining the caravan, representing themselves with their own issues/contents and actions.
- people who are willing and able to take part in the concrete organization and coordination of the caravan.

Work in progress-the website

First drafts exist for the caravan website. For the realization we've got a true professional in the team. Our expectations are high: The site should not just look appealing and motivating, it should also be a practicable work space: multilingual und fully compatible with e-mailing lists. All help welcome- so if somebody is familiar with PHP, MySQL, CSS, Html and/or editorial

systems, feel invited to participate.

What else is there to do

-Spread the word, we urgently need contacts to Eastern Europe.
-Help from Translators will always be needed and appreciated.
-Add your personal vision!

Bike caravan

The bike caravan to the G8 summit 2007 in Heiligendamm will take part as an autonomous part with an own concept within Karawahnsinn. Following points are important:
-the possibility to participate with less or no money, by previously organized money, that is used collectively. Even without a bike it should be possible to join the caravan.
- Ride the 1000-2000km (ca. 600-1400 miles) long track as a fixed group.
- A main point of the caravan should be living together and acting (politically) together within the group.
- concerning the contends, the main focus should be the G8
- The political actions shall go into all directions
- Open project
- The route will take the same stops as the big caravan.
- Political and cultural actions

will be taken partially in coordination with whole project
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Greetings from Paris

At last, an excerpt of a mail we received from people in Paris: "I joyfully received your proposal to make a roundtrip through Europe, with cultural acts, debates, meetings, festivals, and everything that might come out of this. It seems to me a pretty good idea, we should make a date, organize an order of events and let's see, if we can propose events in Paris....
I plead to you, I invite you, push this project forward with passion, keep going, on all the ways of Europe, and know, you're not alone."

Meetings

For the near future we planned two meetings, on which we want to work on the organizational points outside of the internet:
1. At the Meeting "Enlazando Alternativas" in Vienna, Austria on May 10-13
2. At the BUKO ("Bundeskongress Internationalismus") on May 25-28 in Berlin
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