War starts from Europe
Against NATO summit 1\textsuperscript{st} - 5\textsuperscript{th} April 2009
Strasbourg, Kehl, Baden-Baden

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Update October 2008
Decision for the summit

- Agreed at the summit in Budapest 2008
- French and German government first wanted to host it alone (Paris; Berlin or Heiligendamm)
Official preparations

- Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} and Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} April 2009
- Summit in Strasbourg, France
- „Working Dinners“ of ministers of defence in Baden-Baden, Germany (previewed for Kehl, moved in October)
Official preparations

- Around 3,500 delegates
- More than 3,000 press
Geography
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Significance of the summit

- France gets back to official NATO structure
- NATO started to discuss new strategy (like they took 1999)
- Decision will be taken probably 2010
New NATO strategy

- Discussion paper by 5 high ranking former generals
  - "Proactive approach": NATO might act without any direct threat
- NATO should be allowed to use nuclear weapons
What the Western allies face is a long, sustained and proactive defence of their societies and way of life. To that end, they must keep risks at a distance, while at the same time protecting their homelands.

Discussion paper „Towards a Grand Strategy for an Uncertain World“
NATO

„Comprehensive approach“ of „non-military and military capabilities“.

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- Increasing shrinking of internal and external security
- „Defence politics“ needs strong „Homeland Security“
EU Home Affairs

- EU Ministers of interior also push more civil and military collaboration
- NATO summit has importance for „EU security architecture“
EU Home Affairs

„Increasing interdependence between internal and external security. This will make external relations a priority for the future design of European Home Affairs“.

Some ministers of interior, organized in informal „The Future Group“
Resistance
Résistance des deux rives

- Regional German network
- South west of Germany
- Organizing camps, workshops, concerts, awareness about protest
Coordination anti-OTAN Strasbourg

- Fédération Anarchiste - Strasbourg
- Alternative Libertaire - Alsace
- Bar associatif Les épines
- No Pasaran - Strasbourg
- No Pasaran - Alsace
- Sud Education - Alsace
„Comprehensive Mobilisation“ in Germany

- Meetings since May 2008
- Antimilitarist, anarchist, autonomous, radical left, antifascist, peace groups
- Aware of the need of a broad mobilisation (experience of Heiligendamm)
- Preparing common „Action conference“ in February
Peace movements

- Several meetings already
- Strong in Germany
- International meeting in September: 100 participants from 16 countries
- Some: focus on war in Afghanistan
Protest plannings

- Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} April: Opening of camp(s)
- Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April: Dinner with NATO, probably Baden-Baden
- Saturday 4\textsuperscript{th} April: Main demonstration, probably Strasbourg
Protest plannings

Actions and/ or Actiondays:

- Climate (prepared by anticapitalist climate movement)
- European security architecture (focus on linking of „internal and external security"
- Migration
Counter summit

- Organized by international preparation group
- Should not be at same time of actions or blockades
- Might start thursday 2nd
- Maybe final conference sunday 5th April
Possibilities for protest

- Eurocorps (crisis reaction force, to be deployed under NATO or EU command)
- Several bases of French military
- „Legion Etrangére“
- NATO-Pipeline, 11,000 km in Europe, passing Strasbourg and Kehl
Possibilities for protest

- Border between Strasbourg and Kehl
- Base of Schengen Information System
- European Parliament/ Commission (responsible for Europol and Frontex)
- Detention centre at military territory Strasbourg
- Visiting German minister Schäuble at his idyllic home (Gengenbach near Offenburg)
Police
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- Very trained concerning cross-border cooperation in that region (part of „Euro-District“)
- In Germany creation of special authority
Police

- In Strasbourg used to close bridges at protests
- Experience of NoBorder Camp 2002
Police

- One French headquarter probably at Aérodrome Strasbourg
Police

- One German headquarter probably at former military airport Lahr (also base of regular police barracks)
German demonstration law

- Will change in each federal state
- In Baden-Württemberg maybe beginning 2009
- „prohibition of militance“
- Black clothes forbidden (seen as uniform)
Bridges
Airport Strasbourg

Anfahrtszeit

- Offenburg: 24 min
- Appenweier: 33 min
- Lahr: 35 min
- Karlsruhe: 1:02 std
- Rastatt: 46 min
- Achern: 37 min
- Emmendingen: 48 min
- Kehl: 21 min
- Freiburg: 52 min
- Baden Baden: 50 min
- Oberkirch: 32 min
- Freudenstadt: 1:21 std
Airport Baden-Baden
Airport Lahr

- Former military airport (NATO, canadian military)
- Currently: used by German police
Other airports
Future Dates

history is a work in process
International assembly
17th/18th January 2009

- Prepared by dissent! France and friends
- Should link to radical groups that prepared against G8 2007
- Invitation for anarchists, antimilitarists, autonomous, radical left, antifascists...
Siko Munich

- 6th/ 7th February 2009
- „Security conference“
- Takes place every year
- Warm up for anti-NATO protest
Action conference 14th/ 15th February 2009

- Strasbourg
- Preparation group mostly from Germany
- Large network, „comprehensive“
- Similar conferences happened before G8 2007 (and had great importance)
- Planning actions, organize working groups
Protest against new demonstration law

Demonstrations by network of south east groups:

- 29th November Mannheim
- 6th December Stuttgart
- 13th December Freiburg
Resistance in Germany

Bundeswehr wegtreten http://www.bundeswehr-wegtreten.org
DFG/VK http://www.dfg-vk.de
Friedensratschlag Kassel http://www.uni-kassel.de/fb5/frieden
G8andwar http://g8andwar.de
Informationsstelle Militarisierung Tübingen http://www.imi-online.de
Libertad! http://www.natoleier.angreifen.org
Netzwerk Friedenskooperative http://www.friedenskooperative.de
Resistance in France and Belgium

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dissent http://www.dissent.fr

Federation Anarchiste Strasbourg http://fastrasbg.lautre.net

Mouvement de la paix http://www.mvtpaix.org

Bombspotting http://www.vredesactie.be
Infotour

Scenario 1
- Use this presentation for organizing own workshops

Scenario 2
- Invite Anti-NATO-Infotour group: infotour@gipfelsoli.org
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