Humane conditions for ALL people on the move!

War in Ukraine – is everything possible?

The reactions to the Russian war in Ukraine have shown that a lot of things are possible! There is great solidarity throughout Europe and to this day thousands of volunteers continue to offer their support. European decision-makers are also finally acting according to a more human rights-oriented approach to migration issues and are showing great willingness for the first time.

But the image of unity and solidarity in the EU only lasted a few days. Soon it was clear, different standards apply to fleeing people from Ukraine. Refugees at the borders were racially marked, i.e. singled out according to appearance in order to be rejected or deliberately controlled, arrested and mistreated. In particular, the German Federal Police racially profiled people on trains and buses at the German-Polish border. Arriving in Germany, racist exclusion continued: People of colour from Ukraine without a Ukrainian passport, Roma and foreign students fleeing the war were denied protection. Their status is uncertain or at risk and they are facing deportation. Also the public debate once again made a distinction between “good” and “bad” refugees, thus continuing a racist narrative.

Same old problem – Racism

#MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Don’t forget: while the EU congratulates itself for its speedy aid during the Ukraine war, people continue to die in the in the Mediterranean Sea, the inhumane camps still exist on the Greek islands, people in Afghanistan are still waiting to be evacuated and fear their lives. Not far from Ukraine, a number of refugees are still imprisoned in Polish detention centres. They all seek protection from war and persecution in the European Union. Instead of getting their basic right to an asylum procedure under the rule of law in the EU, they are imprisoned, ignored or forcibly pushed back to Belarus or Libya by European border guards, where violence is systematically used against refugees.

The fact that Ukrainian refugees are not being turned away at Europe’s borders has shown that a fast and unbureaucratic reception of people seeking protection is possible. Just not for everyone.

Because at the same time, European migration policy continues to produce first and second-class refugees, classifies people on the basis of racist assumptions and is actively responsible for the death of people.

Our solidarity is as valid for all people who have arrived in the EU, as well as to all those who, on their way to Europe, desperately risk their lives every day, get humiliated and deported. Our solidarity is indivisible!

We demand: Immediate and humane reception of ALL refugees – #MakeItPossible!

Legal entry for all people seeking protection!

End the violence at Europe’s borders and the racist controls!

Permanent residence and unrestricted access to the job market for all refugees!

Immediate stop of deportations for third-country nationals and anyone who faces deportation!

Acceptance of all educational qualifications & the possibility to continue studies at German universities regardless of origin!

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