

LET'S SAVE

**THE
HUMAN**

**RIGHTS
FROM**

DROWNING

A humanitarian and political disaster

Over the past 20 years, more than 20,000 people have been left to die on the escape route across the Mediterranean Sea. Individuals, like you and me, with hopes and dreams.

This is a direct result of a barbed-wire policy, of which people are drowning or experience extreme violence at European borders. The EU no longer conducts Search & Rescue missions and even sabotages those carried out by Non Government Organisations. It wants to do everything in its power to prevent asylum applications from being submitted.

Right-wing rhetoric such as “refugee crisis” is largely responsible for the current climate of discourse; it wants to make people forget that human lives are at stake. We are not experiencing a “refugee crisis”, but a crisis of humanity. That is why we are rethinking and reshaping migration policy. We want to live in a society of solidarity and openness. In a society where every life is of equal value and no human being has to die in search of a peaceful existence.

For this, in the face of powerlessness, we are creating safe havens ourselves. With pressure from the streets, demonstrations, events and discussions with politicians and civil society, we call on our cities to declare themselves ‘Safe Harbours’. Safe Harbours take responsibility where politics fail; they demand the decriminalisation of sea rescue and new state coordinated & conducted rescue missions. They welcome refugees into their midst - and are prepared to take in more people than they would have to according to distribution quotas. Safe havens are a strong voice against the European policy of closure - loudly, publicly and in the media.

BECOME PART OF THE MOVEMENT!

TREAT HUMANS LIKE HUMANS!

Take action in your vicinity yourself!



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