



#VIESSEGURES #27F

On February 27th, 2016, we will mobilize in various European cities to protest for greater solidarity and a humane Europe, not just a Europe that follows the letter of the law and recognizes the human right of asylum, rather a Europe that recognizes its own responsibility in the human drama of the refugees.

People who are refugees are fleeing from war, persecution and hunger. The governments of the European Union have a direct responsibility for these situations due to their complicity with other actors and third countries involved directly in the conflict, through the arms trade and in military interventions in the countries of origin.

- Contrary to their moral and legal responsibility concerning refugees, European governments raise barriers, militarize the Mediterranean and violate basic human rights:
- Since the beginning of 2016, in only 40 days, over 410 people have drowned in the Mediterranean.
- Of the 160,000 people awaiting placement in the European Union, only 459 have been relocated.
- The inhuman conditions that refugees suffer in the camps at Calais, Dunkirk or the Southern Spanish border are worsening day by day.
- Governments are passing discriminatory laws that stigmatize people who are refugees and which promote xenophobia.
- According to Europol, 10,000 children who are unaccompanied migrants have disappeared within our borders without leaving a trace and this number could increase.

It is the obligation of the EU and its member states, through numerous international instruments and all of the internal legal frameworks to ensure that no infant is separated from their parents.

In September of 2015, the images of the body of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi, shocked the citizens of the EU. Since then, over 300 children have drowned in silence. According to the United Nations, minors represent over a third of people who are refugees.

We demand that the European governments, and specifically the Spanish government, act to open safe passage for people who are seeking international protection.

- #safepassage, Which means safe and legal: no more deaths on our borders!
- # safepassage, that allows refugees to avoid the use of human traffickers in order to arrive to a safe territory
- # safepassage, where refugees will feel protected throughout their voyage through the European Union
- # safepassage, keeping open borders within the Schengen Zone
- # safepassage, which guarantees a dignified reception in all countries in the European Union.
- # safepassage, that does not question the right of people who are refugees to keep their possessions while in transit and in the host country.
- # safepassage, which guarantees the reunification of families and stability in terms of the right to residence for people who are refugees.
- #safepassage, with immediate protection for boys and girls who are unaccompanied refugees and migrants, as they are an especially vulnerable group.
- # safepassage to Ceuta and Melilla, the only points of entry to the EU from continental African territory, instead of the fences of shame.

European Governments have the responsibility and capacity to respond. We don't want any more excuses: the governments do not represent us when they act negligently and xenophobically, allowing the deaths of thousands of people. Safe Passages exist: we demand that they are opened NOW.

#SAFEPASSAGE NOW!