

f.Lotta Sea occupation against the border regime

The central Mediterranean sea is one of the world's deadliest migration route: more than 25,000 lives have been lost since 2014.*

f.Lotta will stage a sea protest south of Lampedusa, bringing together as many boats as possible. Its aim is to repoliticise what is now an open graveyard, occupy it with its collective solidarity and resistance, reclaim it from the state border regime.

The protest at sea south of Lampedusa will take place during 3 days between 10th-20th September. It will include two concentrations moments close to the island, a collective sailing across the southern border of the European Union and commemorations.

In parallel with the main action south of Lampedusa, several other maritime and land protests will take place in different European cities. The decentralization of f.Lotta allows it to amplify its reach and encourages different groups and individuals to collaborate and coordinate with each other.

f.Lotta overarching political message is freedom of movement for all, without conditions. The message is articulated through many specific, connected campaigns which all together compose the f.Lotta political platform and its demands. Each campaign is developed by one or several land groups that join f.Lotta, and is associated with a specific boat during the sea protest. The campaigns are listed at <https://flotta.noblogs.org/campaigns>.

f.Lotta is an initiative federating individuals, collectives, groups with or without boats. It calls on civil society to reject the border regime to its foundations: racism, colonialism, capitalism and patriarchy.

10 years ago, in September 2015, thousands of refugees started to walk on the highways from Hungary towards Germany. Their spontaneous, direct action opened the closed internal borders of the European Union. f.Lotta pays tribute to and takes inspiration from that event.

* Source: <https://missingmigrants.iom.int/region/mediterranean>



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