

# Provisional Program Palermo Convergence 21 (still under construction)

Day 1                      Wednesday                      15.09.2021

All day	Arrival day	
Evening	* I.1. Opening event: Border Struggles and Transversal Struggles	Bring together topics of border struggles and transversal struggles to kick off the convergence in a plenary format.

## The general structure of day 2, 3 and 4:

**In the morning:** “Workshop Slot 1” takes place from 10:00-12:00. Most of these workshops cover concrete topics and are meant as strategic debates and, in a way, also to create the ground for the afternoon slots. Slots marked by a “\*” will take place across all venues in a hybrid format.

**In the afternoon:** After the Lunch break, “Workshop Slot 2” takes place from 14:00-17:00. These workshops are usually split into two parts: a plenary introduction into the topic and then a split into smaller subgroups. They then will end either in subgroups or again in a plenary exchange where the different subgroups share their points of debate. Slots marked by a “\*” will take place across all venues in a hybrid format.

**In the evening:** After “Workshop Slot 2”, there is a common plenary session (approx. from 19:00-20:30) – each day about a different topic. Once a day, we think it makes sense to come all together. We have for each day a proposal that can be found on the schedule. These slots will be hybrid (online and physical).

All evenings (diner at 21:00, closure at 23:00) will remain open for informal talk and a cultural program. If you have any skills you would like to perform or ideas for the culture program, please join the working group.

Day 2

Thursday

16.09.2021

08:30-09:30	Breakfast
10:00-12:00	<p><b>Slot 1 “workshops”</b></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> practical exchange and strategic debates in smaller groups (“learning from”; “skill sharing”)</p> <p>II.1. Pushback workshops II.1.1. Balkanroute / Aegean II.1.2. Central Med / Western Med II.1.3. Mass deportations in Niger II.1.4. Italy / France * II.2. Legal Workshop on forced disappearance II.3. Central Med 2021 – Strategies at Sea // CMRCC * II.4. Transversal struggles II.4.1. Feminisms II.4.2. Critical whiteness: anti-racist workshop (intersectional strategies)</p>
12:00-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-17:00	<p><b>Slot 2 “Plenaries”</b></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> roundtables, common questions à start as plenary, then in subgroups</p> <p>* II.5. Pushbacks: regional and transregional discussion – how to create active resistance against the pushback regime? II.6. From Sea to the Cities – corridors of solidarity (Buses of Hope) * II.7. Migration and Climate Justice II.8. Criminalization II.8.1. Boat drivers II.8.2. Free ElHiblu 3 II.8.3. Free Moria 6 II.8.4. Criminalisation of Eritreans in Rome II.8.5. Lawfare vs. NGOs</p>
19:00-20:30	<p><b>Political Debates</b></p> <p>II.9. Common discussion: Sea and Litigation à strongly linked to a focus on criminalization of migration</p>
After 21:00	Dinner – informal talk – live music – theatre

**Day 3                      Friday                      17.09.2021**

08:30-09:30	Breakfast	
10:00-12:00	<p><b>Slot 1 “workshops”</b></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> practical exchange and strategic debates in smaller groups (“learning from”; “skill sharing”)</p>	<p>III.1. Meet with survivors and witnesses in UE</p> <p>III.2. Space for families to meet and get to know each other</p> <p>* III.3. Labour and Health: bring together different self-organized migrant-groups involved in labour struggles</p> <p>III.4. Workshops on Externalization &amp; Hotspots</p> <p>    III.4.1. Hotspots: Canaries, Greece, Niger</p> <p>    III.4.2. Militarization: how to expose and counteract the militarization of the border regime</p> <p>    III.4.3. Anticolonial practices against the externalization regime</p> <p>*III.5. Relocation vs. Freedom of Movement</p> <p>    III.5.1. Dublin / EU migration pacte</p> <p>    III.5.2. Self-organized struggles in the cities (safe harbors)</p>
12:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-17:00	<p><b>Slot 2 “Plenaries”</b></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> roundtables, common questions à start as plenary, then in subgroups</p>	<p>III.6. Migrant communities in Transit: contacts / projects</p> <p>* III.7. Externalization: How to collectively fight the externalization regime in different regions (unite the struggles)</p> <p>    III.7.1. Practices in non-EU (question of visibility and support)</p> <p>    III.7.2. The resistance movement around the Med</p> <p>* III.8. Frontlines of documentation</p> <p>III.9. Activism and Sea and Black Lives Matter</p>
19:00-20:30	<b>Political Debates</b>	III.10. CommemorAction: mutual discussion and common moment around and of commemorAction
After 21:00	Dinner – informal talk – performance – live music	

**Day 4                                  Saturday                                  18.09.2021**

08:30-09:30	Breakfast	
10:00-12:00	<p><b>Slot 1 “workshops”</b></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> practical exchange and strategic debates in smaller groups (“learning from”; “skillsharing”)</p>	<p>IIII.1. Border struggles: chaos slot * IIII.1.1. Anti-deportation and Return IIII.1.2. Abolitionism between theory and practice à campaigns: AbolishFrontex, End Pushbacks, etc.</p> <p>* IIII.2. Identifications and Trust (Families/Witness/Survivors; Civil Society “Firewall”; Institutions)</p>
12:00-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-17:00	<p><b>Slot 2 “Plenaries”</b></p> <p><i>explanation:</i> roundtables, common questions à start as plenary, then in subgroups</p>	<p>* IIII.3. Preparations for CommemorAction in Tunis in 2022</p> <p>IIII.4. Politics of Litigation for Migrant Struggles</p> <p>IIII.5. 3 Med Routes: commonalities and differences in Sea crossings</p> <p>* IIII.6. (Post)-Covid, Migration and Border Struggles</p>
19:00-20:30	<b>Political Debates</b>	IIII.7. Cities and Intersectional struggles – solidarity before, during and after the journey
After 21:00	Dinner – closing event - party	

**Day 5                                  Sunday                                  19.09.2021**

All day	breakfast – leaving – cleaning – dismantling – IIIII.1. beach :-)
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