



# Invitation to the International Preparatory Meeting for Blockupy 2013

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2013, 11 am to 5 pm

Gewerkschaftshaus (Trade Union Building), Wilhelm-Leuschner-Str. 69-77, Frankfurt am Main  
(<http://goo.gl/maps/OJCfr>)

Blockupy in May 2012 was only the beginning. We are coming back to Frankfurt: Back into the financial district of the city with mass actions of civil disobedience (e.g. the blockade of the ECB) on a weekday (May 31<sup>st</sup>), and back with a strong and lively European / International march on the next day (June 1<sup>st</sup>).

The message is clear: Resistance in the heart of the European crisis regime, resistance of a European movement in formation. In May of 2012 we were together in the streets. On November 14<sup>th</sup> we coordinated our actions in support of the first pan-European strike. In Brussels we assembled again, joined in our desire for another Europe and against the authoritarian crisis management from above. At Blockupy 2013 we will take the streets again, block the banks and institutions responsible for austerity and we will not be afraid of confronting the state powers. We will create a powerful European expression of protest and resistance in the heart of the European crisis regime. To see the Blockupy Call, to sign and spread it go to <http://blockupy-frankfurt.org/en/category/calls-statements/> or write to [kontakt@blockupy-frankfurt.org](mailto:kontakt@blockupy-frankfurt.org)

We are inviting you now - friends and comrades, various movements and organizations from all over Europe and beyond - to become part of the international preparatory process, to join us at the **international preparatory meeting on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in Frankfurt (11am -5 pm)**.

In this meeting we want to present the preparations as things are now as well as discuss necessary changes and new plans of actions. We will especially talk about everything needed to enable international participation. Below you'll find a draft of the proposed agenda for the meeting. We can present the decisions and proposals of that meeting at the general Blockupy meeting the following day, April 28<sup>th</sup> (same location), everybody of you is welcome to join!

- Everybody of you is invited to take part in the meeting. Please let us know, if you want to come and send an email to [international@blockupy-frankfurt.org](mailto:international@blockupy-frankfurt.org).
- We have already started an **international (English language) mailing list** to work out some of the issues. If you resp. your group/organization/movement want to join that work process, send an empty email to [international-join@blockupy-frankfurt.info](mailto:international-join@blockupy-frankfurt.info). Or simply write to us with your proposals, news from your countries/regions, ideas about mobilization ....

And we'll also try to keep you updated with news in English at: <http://blockupy-frankfurt.org/en/>

Let's use that meeting to talk about your ideas and how to get involved. Let's talk about the European mobilization and what's necessary to do. Let's talk about the structures we need for networking, working together, being together in the streets of Frankfurt. Let's talk about the days in Frankfurt, the character of the days and actions, the ideas of a common voice, the message we want to send, the things we want to do together and need for it. Many see Blockupy 2013 as an important step towards a large mobilization in 2014, when the political and economic elites of Europe want to celebrate the opening of the new ECB building in Frankfurt. Let's also see, whether we can use this international preparatory process to build meaningful international structures for that.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting, April the 27<sup>th</sup> and in the streets of Frankfurt!

*Blockupy Alliance\*, April 2013*

\* The Blockupy alliance in Germany consists of numerous groups, organizations and individuals who are active in different social and political collectives or currents. So far the following structures take part: Attac-activists, unions, antiracist networks, parties like "Die Linke", Occupy-activists, unemployed initiatives, student groups, North-South, peace and environmental initiatives, the leftyouth ['solid], the green youth, as well as radical left associations like Interventionist Left and ... Ums Ganze!-Alliance

**Proposed Agenda for April 27<sup>th</sup> (additions always welcome!)**

- 11:00 am Welcome and introduction by everyone and from the countries' mobilizations / interests / ideas...
- 11:45 pm Information on already established framework of the actions days by the Blockupy alliance with specific information on actions on 31<sup>st</sup> of May (where, what, how, consensus etc.), on the march on June 1<sup>st</sup>, on the Camp/accommodation, the planed program, other practicalities (legal team etc.).
- 12:15 pm Discussion on open questions, needs, so far 'forgotten' issues, missed links
- 12:45 pm Idea of an International Call/Invitation to participate in Blockupy –presentation of the draft
- 1:00 pm Lunch break (there is nothing at the building, but many small places nearby)
- 1:45 pm Discussion of the draft for the international call/invitation to participate in Blockupy and how to finalize it
- 2:30 pm What to bring into the process from the “international perspective: What is needed for the international mobilization and networking, what can we do? Ideas/proposals for further actions / events / discussion/ assemblies at the Blockupy days –how to bring that into place?
- 3:30 pm Coffee break
- 4:00 pm Next steps and decisions to take: what to bring into the general meeting; how to organize the work process and networking, and beyond Blockupy 2013: next possible steps for European organizing (Alter Summit/Athens, ECB opening in 2014, how to build on the European process)

We will end the meeting at 5:00 pm