

Questions concerning campaigns for legalisation in Europe

Our interest is to exchange experiences, strategies and ideas in order to learn from each other - between antiracist activists and migrants/refugees from different countries. This means to understand differences of conditions, groups and activities, but also to find common points and possibilities to work together.

Concerning legalisation campaigns, we think, the following questions would be interesting to ask to you, our guests from Sweden and Greece and to discuss them together:

1. How did the legalisation campaign start and which were the interests and aims of different groups (government, people concerned and their self-organisations, anti-racist and left-wing groups, churches, trade unions, parties...)?

How did the discussion and mobilisation start and go on (demands, arguments, coalitions, kind of actions, media)?

2. Who are the people concerned by such campaigns, the people who need legalisation/papers/rights? What was/is their legal status and social situation?

3. What was/is the political approach of the campaign?

Was/is it a self-organisation, demanding equal rights for all, and/or was/is there a humanitarian approach?

(How) can a humanitarian approach go together with self-organisation of the people concerned?

4. How was/is the self-organisation of people concerned and/or how did it develop during the campaign?

Which role can anti-racist groups play to support self-organisation?

5. (How) can such a campaign for legalisation be successful and how do we define "success"?

7. What should be done better/in a different way, if such a campaign could be started again?