



**We wish you a safe journey!**  
**Freedom of movement and right to travel**  
**for all!**  
**Down with fences and walls!**  
**Solidarity is our power!**

## **INDEPENDENT TRAVELING INFORMATION** **ABOUT THE BALKAN ROUTE**

Here are some updates about the current situation (8.11.2015). These are independent information from activists and migrants from the terrain. Everything is changing quickly, so there is no guarantee that these information will be valid for longer time.

### **SITUATION ON THE ROUTE THROUGH SERBIA**

You might have entered Serbia at the border crossing in Preševo. You have to wait possibly for up to 8 hours for the registration. Last chance to buy food, drinks and SIM cards. Migrants have reported that they were cheated by taxi drivers and that they would not recommend to take taxis. There are busses going to Šid at the Croatia border for 35 Euro per person or trains for 17 Euro (one direct train per day and two trains via Belgrade at 10 a.m. or 00:00; 15 hours travel time). Migrants have reported that they were not allowed to enter the transport to Croatia without registration papers from Serbia. Migrants have reported that they were not allowed to enter the transport to Croatia without registration papers from Serbia.

### **SITUATION ON ROUTE THROUGH CROATIA**

At the moment people are taken by organized trains (so far 4-5 trains per day) directly from >Šid< (Serbia) to >Slavonski Brod< (Croatia), where the new registration camp is located. The new procedure includes taking fingerprints, but so far fingerprints were not taken from those who refused this procedure. There is sometimes WI-FI connection in the area of the camp. After the registration the transport is controlled by the Croatian police. People are transferred by trains from the camp further to >Dobova<(Slovenia). The transport in Croatia is free of costs. Many people lost their close ones because the police separated them. Try to stick together all the time.

## **SITUATION ON ROUTE THROUGH SLOVENIA**

From the Croatian camp in Slavonski Brod you will arrive in the Slovenian camp of Dobova by train. If the train station is overcrowded, migrants are transported to a nearby camp for registration and taken back to the train station within a few hours, maximum one night (we are not sure if this fingerprint is sent to the EURODAC database, which could lead to a Dublin deportation back to Slovenia). The trains from Dobova are going to the Austrian border (this needs only a few hours). Most of the trains are going to Sentilj/Spielfeld. There is a small group of volunteers providing food and warm clothes at the train-station. Furthermore, Caritas, Red Cross and UNHCR-observers are present at Dobova. There is no possibility to shop, no WiFi, no charger for phones.

Slovenian authorities transport people to three border crossings: Jesenice, Sentilj and Gornja Radgona. The main camp is in Sentilj. There is a police/army-controlled corridor between Slovenia and Austria. You have to walk about 100 meters from one camp to the other. It is permanently changing, how long you will have to wait in this “No Man’s Land”. Sometimes people wait for only a few hours, sometimes much longer. When you decide to leave the Slovenian camp to reach Austria, be prepared: Take warm clothes, food and water for the waiting time.

## **AUSTRIA**

The rumor that Austria closed the border is NOT true. Austria announced they will not close the border as long as Germany also keeps the border open. Everybody who comes to the border will be able to enter at one point or the other. You will be waiting for up to some hours until you are let in by groups of around 50 at a time. Next, you will be queuing for warm food. After that, again queuing for busses. If you arrive late at night you might have to spend the night there - in big tents - and get on a bus only the next morning. Busses are going to any mass accommodation available, anywhere in Austria. At the moment, you can then either apply for asylum or proceed to the German border. There's medical doctors at the border that you can turn to for free. There is WIFI being installed now.

## GERMANY

Germany has five official border crossings for migrants: Freilassing, Laufen, Simbach, Neuhaus and Wegscheid. Waiting times vary widely. Sometimes people have to stay outside for the night. There is food, blankets and option for medical treatment on most transition spots on the German side. The police forces you usually to stay in Germany. They will either take fingerprints (only for criminal files or also for DUBLIN) directly after crossing to Germany or you will travel on by train or bus to another German city and registration will be forced on you there. You will usually be brought to a registration camp, where you are detained for a few hours up to some days. If you want to travel further on, we would recommend you to try – no matter whether you were registered or not. Check out information here:

- <http://www.proasyl.de/en/service/legal-advice/angebote-fuer-fluechtlinge/>
- <https://refugeeswelcomepad.wordpress.com/>

## SCANDINAVIA

There are different transit routes to Scandinavia. If you go through Germany we recommend to stop first in Hamburg at the main train station. There you find supporters who advise you with reliable informations for the quickest ferry route via Kiel, Rostock or Lübeck. For sweden find good informations here:

[http://www.farr.se/images/pdf/2015/flyer\\_welcome.pdf](http://www.farr.se/images/pdf/2015/flyer_welcome.pdf)

## HELPFUL CONTACTS ON THE ROUTE:

- **Welcome to Europe network:** [www.w2eu.info](http://www.w2eu.info)
- **Latest updates on the route:** [live.w2eu.info](http://live.w2eu.info)
- **Serbia:** No border collective, 00381616450529 (viber, what's up), mail: [noborderserbia@riseup.net](mailto:noborderserbia@riseup.net)
- **Croatia:** No border Zagreb, 00385998458911, mail: [noborderzagreb@riseup.net](mailto:noborderzagreb@riseup.net)
- **Slovenia:** Fronta brez meja, 0038630321843, (viber, what's up, but not online all the time, better to send a message), [frontabrezmeja@gmail.com](mailto:frontabrezmeja@gmail.com) , <https://twitter.com/BrezMeja>
- **Lost your child(ren)?** EU emergency number: 116000
- **Looking for your relatives?** 0043 591 331 033 33