



# **PUSH BACK MAP**

**a grassroots mapping tool against  
pushbacks and the global border  
regime**

## What is Push-back Mapping?

The map aims to document and denounce systematic push-backs.

*Returning people across borders against their will is a violent state practice that has to end!*

Through this map we aim to increase the visibility of the systemic practices of expulsion, and expose the resulting violations of human rights and dignity, denials of (international) protection, as well as physical and psychological violence, harassment, and death. We begin the mapping of these practices with the closure of the Balkan corridor in March 2016.

The mapping project emerged from several groups and individuals documenting and counteracting push-backs and violence at the internal and external(ised) borders of the European Union. Although initiated by groups and individuals mainly active along the former Balkan corridor, this map is not limited geographically, because push-backs and border violence are a global phenomenon. The map is an inclusive and open tool for people targeted by, witnessing and counteracting push-backs in order to collect and centralise evidence. As the history of push-backs is also a history of resistance with successful legal challenges, activist struggles and relentless movements across borders, this map intends to document the continued struggle of people on the move and hopes to empower people to report experienced or witnessed push-backs.

Find an explanation of what we mean by „push-backs“ on our blog: <https://pushbackmap.org/about-the-map/>

## Which are our guiding principles?

Our transnational collective emerges from different fields of radical politics. That means migrant solidarity is one of our main aims, but nonetheless it is embedded in a broader genealogy of anticapitalist, antifascist and feminist struggles. We don't want to cooperate with any authorities or improve "border management". We struggle for borderless and classless societies, because:

*Freedom of movement is everybody's right!*

We know that mapping testimonies is not the most radical tool one can imagine. Therefore we see it as one main goal of the mapping project to provide a platform for transnational non-hierarchical radical grassroots interventions and exchange. So we are happy if you want to get to know more about us, have ideas about whatsoever, please get in touch with us!

## How does it work?

The map is based on interactivity and collectivity. We would like to invite everyone - that means supporters and people on the move themselves - to directly add content to the map. Content can be added in any language, all interfaces are multilingual as well!

You can add content to the map

a) via <https://pushbackmap.org/report-a-push-back/> . You can add either just minimal information or exact details.

b) via an Android app for smartphones which you can download here: <https://pushbackmap.org/download-app/>

## Which material is collected?

You can add newspaper articles, NGO reports, activist reports, testimonies or your own account. You can do so by either linking to an already existing source or creating a new page with your report.

All content is moderated by our collective, so that means that you won't see your content immediately on the site.

## Any suggestions or ideas?

Contact us at [info@pushbackmap.org](mailto:info@pushbackmap.org). You can also use PGP encryption for that.

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