

Choreography of the protests against the politics of the G8 June 2007

### What is happening during a summit?

#### **The official Part**

- Meeting of the G8
- delegates
- Security concept
- The Red Zone

#### **The Protest**

- Alternative-Summit
- Demonstrations
- Camps
- Blockades
- Riots

#### Warm-up

# From approx. 20th of May

Building up of the camp(s)





International networking: filling the protest with content, preparation of direct actions

concept of camp = test for alternative ways to organise ourselves with people from different political backgrounds



29th of May

official start of the

## The COUNTDOWN

### Friday 1st June 2007



#### ☆ Anti-Militarist Action Day

☆ squatting of the "bombodrom", collective go-in action

☆ Caravan to Heiligendamm

rightarrow Opening of the media center



### Saturday 2nd June 2007

A Mass-Demonstration in Rostock (2 starting points)

☆ Nazi-Demo in Schwerin announced at 12pm

☆ concerts (e.g. Manu Chao!)

another world is possible i can hear her breathing



#### **Global Action Day**





- The idea of Global Action Days surged from the fact that the isolation of the meeting-places of the summits made it more and more impossible to demonstrate where the summit takes place
- Decentralised actions (worldwide) took place during nearly all the summits, e.g. Cologne 1999, London J18

## Sunday 3rd June 2007



# Global Action Day Agriculture

- Direct Actions against supermarkets and shopping centers
- destruction of GMO-plantations

### ☆ International Congress



#### ☆ Concerts and cultural events





#### Monday 4th June 2007

# Global Action Day Migration

Activities against deportation camps, migration offices

☆ No-Camp demonstration in the city center Rostock

☆ International networking of refugee groups and supporters

Freedom of momement is everybody's right!





#### Tuesday 5th June 2007 -



## Global Action Day Antimilitarism

☆ Blockade of the NATO-Airbase in Rostock-Laage

☆ Prevention of the arrival of the G8-"leaders"



# The "Showdown"



### Wednesday 6th June 2007



#### Furthermore ...

- ☆ Special trains arriving with protesters
- Actions of civil disobedience, decentralized blockades
- ☆ Clowns-Army, Samba, Pink-Silver
- ☆ Prayers against G8 in the church of St. Marien/Rostock
- Alternative-Summit

#### Mass blockades (Sitting/Standing/with material)



- Prepared by different groups: IL, X-tausendmal quer, ALB, Grüne Jugend <u>und</u> Avanti, attac, Solid, Werkstatt für Gewaltfreie Aktion
- Inviting people who have no or little experience with blockades or similar forms of protests



#### **Decentralised direct Actions**



- Mobilisation mainly from dissent!-spectrum
- Different forms of blockades in small and big groups
- Organised independently maybe some preparations together
- Highly flexible and surprising

#### **Thursday 7th June 2007**

- ☆ Action Day of the NGOs
- ☆ End of the alternative summit

demonstration to
Heiligendamm, starting from Bad
Doberan and Kühlungsborn

Music and Message - Concert

It's not our revolution if we can't dance to it on the streets!



#### Friday 8th June 2007



## ☆ Blockade of the departure



# Summary



## After the summit

## **After the protests**

- ☆ ongoing work with the networks and groups
- international exchange, e.g. No-Border-Camp Ukraine August 2007
- ☆ support of victims of state repression
- ☆ reflections about the protests and preparing mobilisation for Japan 2008
- ☆ or enjoying/relaxing after world revolution?



#### **Quiz: Who is protesting here against what?**

