

War starts from Europe

Against NATO summit 1st - 5th April 2009

Strasbourg, Kehl, Baden-Baden



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DISSENT!
NETWORK OF RESISTANCE

Decision for the summit

- Agreed at the summit in Budapest 2008
- French and German government first wanted to host it alone (Paris; Berlin or Heiligendamm)



Official preparations

- Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th April 2009
- Summit in Strasbourg, France
- „Working Dinners“ of ministers of defence in Baden-Baden, Germany (previewed for Kehl, moved in October)



Official preparations

- Around 3.500 delegates
- More than 3.000 press



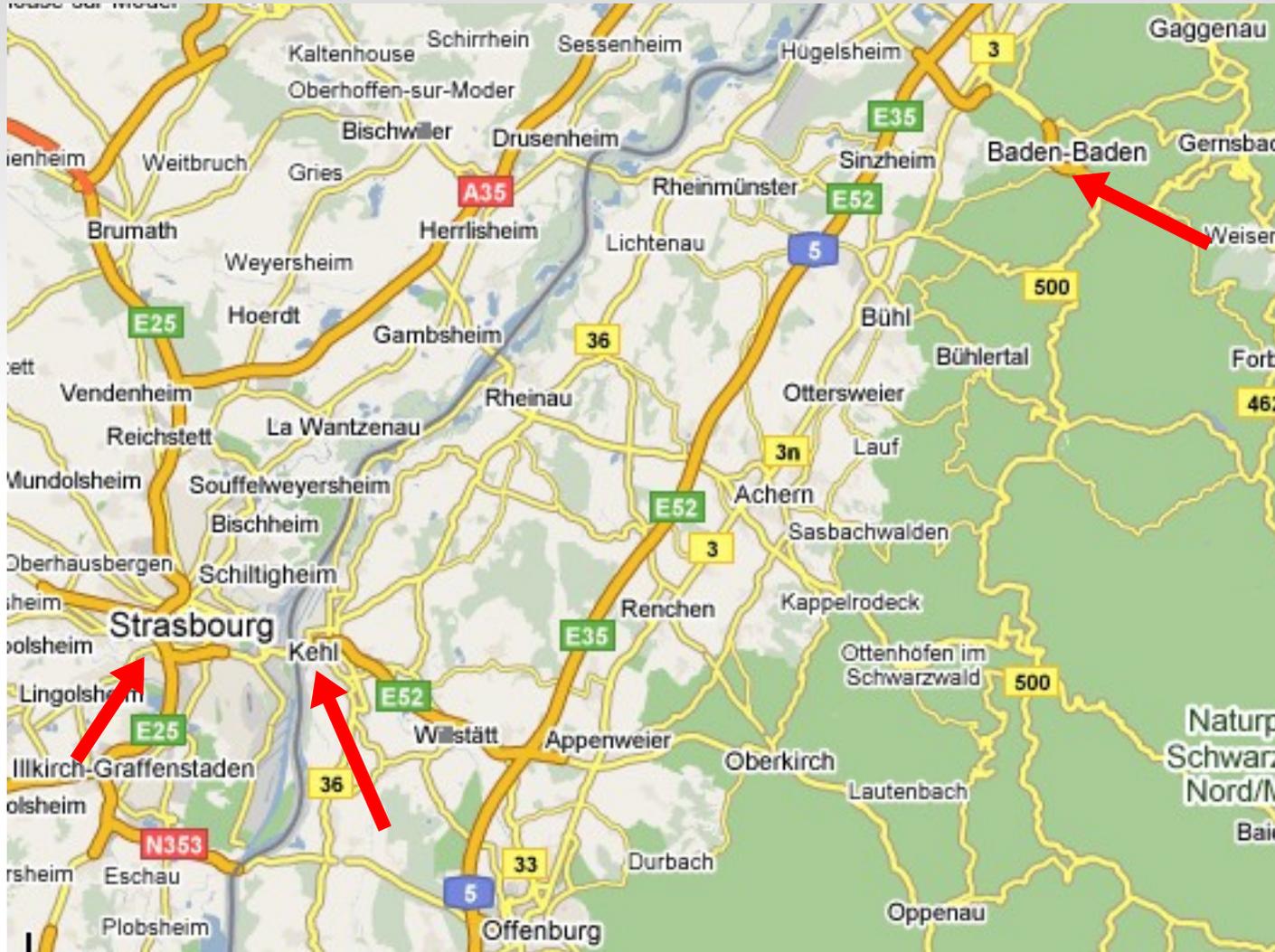
Geography



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Significance of the summit

- France gets back to official NATO structure
- NATO started to discuss new strategy (like they took 1999)
- Decision will be taken probably 2010



New NATO strategy

- Discussion paper by 5 high ranking former generals
- „Proactive approach“: NATO might act without any direct threat
- NATO should be allowed to use nuclear weapons



NATO

„What the Western allies face is a long, sustained and proactive defence of their societies and way of life. To that end, they must keep risks at a distance, while at the same time protecting their homelands“.



Discussion paper „Towards a Grand Strategy
for an Uncertain World“

NATO

„Comprehensive approach“ of „non-military and military capabilities“.

Discussion paper „Towards a Grand Strategy for an Uncertain World“



NATO

- Increasing shrinking of internal and external security
- „Defence politics“ needs strong „Homeland Security“



EU Home Affairs

- EU Ministers of interior also push more civil and military collaboration
- NATO summit has importance for „EU security architecture“



EU Home Affairs

„Increasing interdependence between internal and external security. This will make external relations a priority for the future design of European Home Affairs“.



Some ministers of interior, organized in informal „The Future Group“

Resistance



Résistance des deux rives

- Regional German network
- South west of Germany
- Organizing camps, workshops, concerts, awareness about protest



Coordination anti-OTAN Strasbourg



- Fédération Anarchiste - Strasbourg
- Alternative Libertaire - Alsace
- Bar associatif Les épines
- No Pasaran - Strasbourg
- No Pasaran - Alsace
- Sud Education -Alsace

„Comprehensive Mobilisation“ in Germany

- Meetings since May 2008
- Antimilitarist, anarchist, autonomous, radical left, antifascist, peace groups
- Aware of the need of a broad mobilisation (experience of Heiligendamm)
- Preparing common „Action conference“ in february



Peace movements

- Several meetings already
- Strong in Germany
- International meeting in September: 100 participants from 16 countries
- Some: focus on war in Afghanistan



Protest plannings

- Wednesday 1st April: Opening of camp(s)
- Friday 3rd April: Dinner with NATO, probably Baden-Baden
- Saturday 4th April: Main demonstration, probably Strasbourg



Protest plannings

Actions and/ or Actiondays:

- Climate (prepared by anticapitalist climate movement)
- European security architecture (focus on linking of „internal and external security)
- Migration



Counter summit

- Organized by international preparation group
- Should not be at same time of actions or blockades
- Might start thursday 2nd
- Maybe final conference sunday 5th April



Possibilities for protest

- Eurocorps (crisis reaction force, to be deployed under NATO or EU command)
- Several bases of French military
- „Legion Etrangère“
- NATO-Pipeline, 11.000 km in Europe, passing Strasbourg and Kehl



Possibilities for protest

- Border between Strasbourg and Kehl
- Base of Schengen Information System
- European Parliament/ Commission (responsible for Europol and Frontex)
- Detention centre at military territory Strasbourg
- Visiting German minister Schäuble at his idyllic home (Gengenbach near Offenburg)



Police



Police

- Very trained concerning cross-border cooperation in that region (part of „Euro-District“)
- In Germany creation of special authority



Police

- In Strasbourg used to close bridges at protests
- Experience of NoBorder Camp 2002



Police

- One French headquarter probably at Aéroport de Strasbourg



Police

- One German headquarter probably at former military airport Lahr (also base of regular police barracks)



German demonstration law

- Will change in each federal state
- In Baden-Württemberg maybe beginning 2009
- „prohibition of militance“
- Black clothes forbidden (seen as uniform)



Bridges





Niederhausbergen

Hoenheim

Robertsau

Mittelhausbergen

Bischheim

Oberhausbergen

Schiltigheim

Robertsau

D63

E25

D1004

Cronenbourg

A35

A351

N4

A35

Strasbourg

Wolfisheim

ZA du Port
Autonome

Eckbolsheim

E25

N4

36

Route du Rhin

N4

Kehl

Elsau

Neudorf

Jardin des
deux Rives

ZA de la Plaine
des Bouchers

Av de Coëmar

Meinau

Aérodrome de
Strasbourg-Neuhof

Lingolsheim

Etang Gerig

N83

Ostwald

E25



D41

E25

A35

N4

E25

A35

N4

N83

N4

Strasbourg

Clinique de la Toussaint

Halles

Fosse du Paux-Rempart

Clinique des Diaconesses

Hôpital Civil

Quai Louis Pasteur

Tunnel du Heyritz

Bassin D'Austerlitz

Ile Weiler

Fosse des Remparts

Porte Blanche

Porte de Shirmeck

Av des Vosges

Bd du Président Wilson

Bd de Meis

Bd de Lyon

Quai Schoepflin

Quai des Bateliers

P de la 1ère Armée

Av de la Fe

Bd Taur

Place de Bo

Quai Zorn

Airport Strasbourg

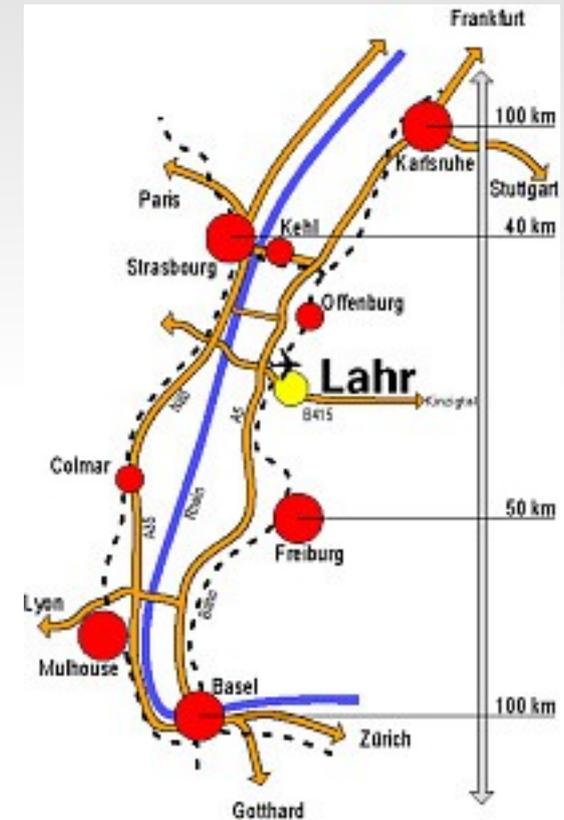


Airport Baden-Baden



Airport Lahr

- Former military airport (NATO, Canadian military)
- Currently: used by German police



Other airports



Future Dates



International assembly 17th/ 18th January 2009

- Prepared by dissent!
France and friends
- Should link to radical groups that prepared against G8 2007
- Invitation for anarchists, antimilitarists, autonomous, radical left, antifascists...



Siko Munich

- 6th/ 7th February 2009
- „Security conference“
- Takes place every year
- Warm up for anti-NATO protest



Action conference 14th/ 15th February 2009

- Strasbourg
- Preparation group mostly from Germany
- Large network, „comprehensive“
- Similar conferences happened before G8 2007 (and had great importance)
- Planning actions, organize working groups



Protest against new demonstration law

Demonstrations by network of south east groups:

- 29th November Mannheim
- 6th December Stuttgart
- 13th December Freiburg



Resistance in Germany

Bundeswehr wegtreten <http://www.bundeswehr-wegtreten.org>

DFG/VK <http://www.dfg-vk.de>

Freie Heide http://clownsfreiheide.de.tl/NATO-_-Jubel-2009.htm

Friedensratschlag Kassel <http://www.uni-kassel.de/fb5/frieden>

G8andwar <http://g8andwar.de>

Gipfelsoli http://gipfelsoli.org/Home/Strasbourg_Kehl_2009

Informationsstelle Militarisierung Tübingen <http://www.imi-online.de>

Libertad! <http://www.natofeier.angreifen.org>

Netzwerk Friedenskooperative <http://www.friedenskooperative.de>

Resistance des deux rives <http://natogipfel2009.blogspot.de>

Resistance in France and Belgium

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dissent <http://www.dissent.fr>

Federation Anarchiste Strasbourg <http://fastrasbg.lautre.net>

Mouvement de la paix <http://www.mvtpaix.org>

Bombspotting <http://www.vredesactie.be>

Infotour

Scenario 1

- Use this presentation for organizing own workshops

Scenario 2

- Invite Anti-NATO-Infotour group:
infotour@gipfelsoli.org



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