

# War starts from Europe

## Against NATO summit 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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



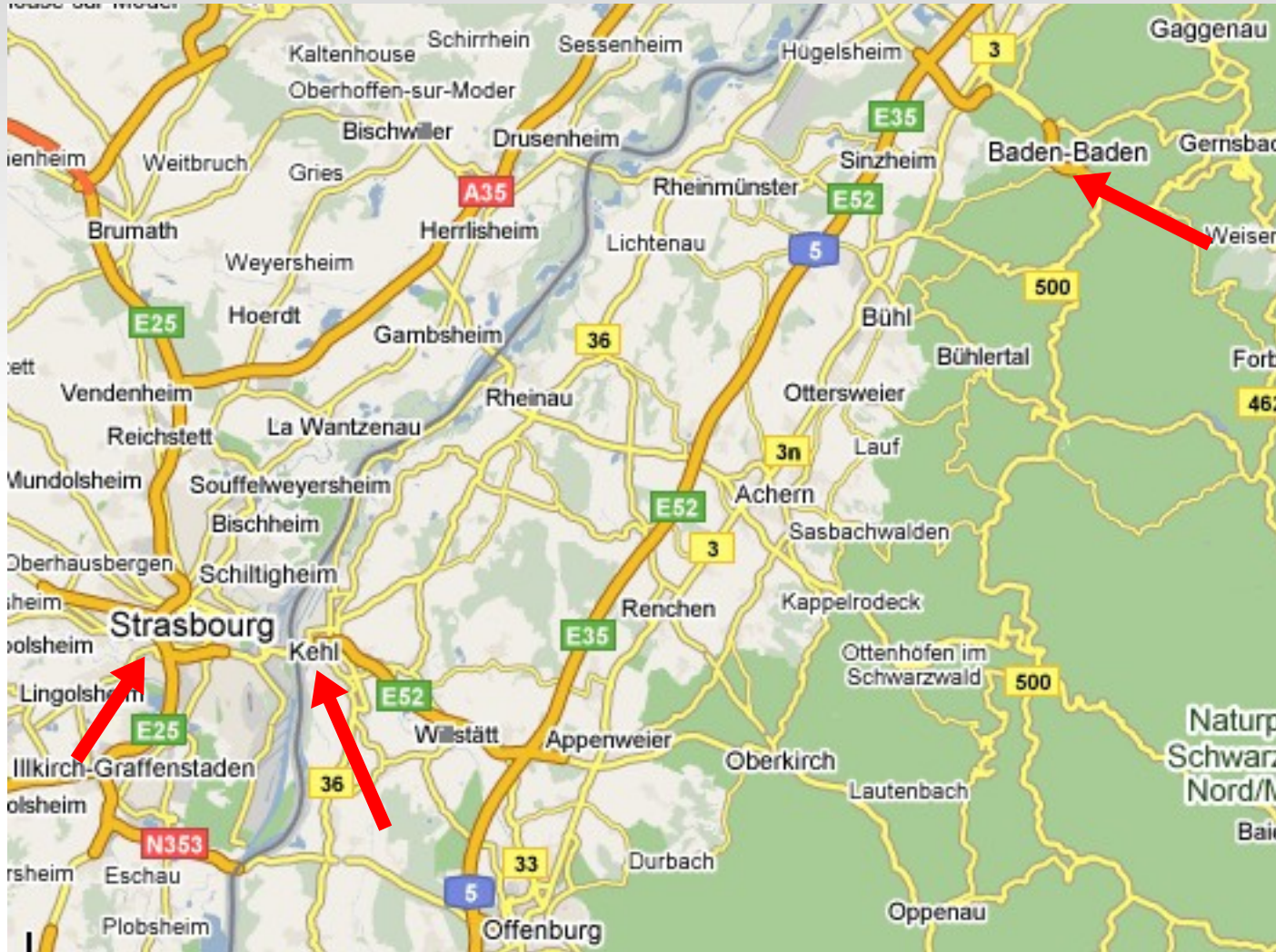
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# Significance of the summit

- 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“.

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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> April: Opening of camp(s)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Dinner with NATO, probably Baden-Baden
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Maybe final conference sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

D1004

D63

Cronenbourg

E25

A35

A351

N4

A35

Strasbourg

Wolfisheim

Eckbolsheim

ZA du Port  
Autonome

36

N4

N4

Kehl

Route du Rhin

Elsau

Neudorf

Jardin des  
deux Rives

Lingolsheim

ZA de la Plaine  
des Bouchers

Meinau

Aérodrome de  
Strasbourg-Neuhof

N83

E25

Ostwald

Av de Coëmer

R du Herre

Alsace  
Baden-Württemberg





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

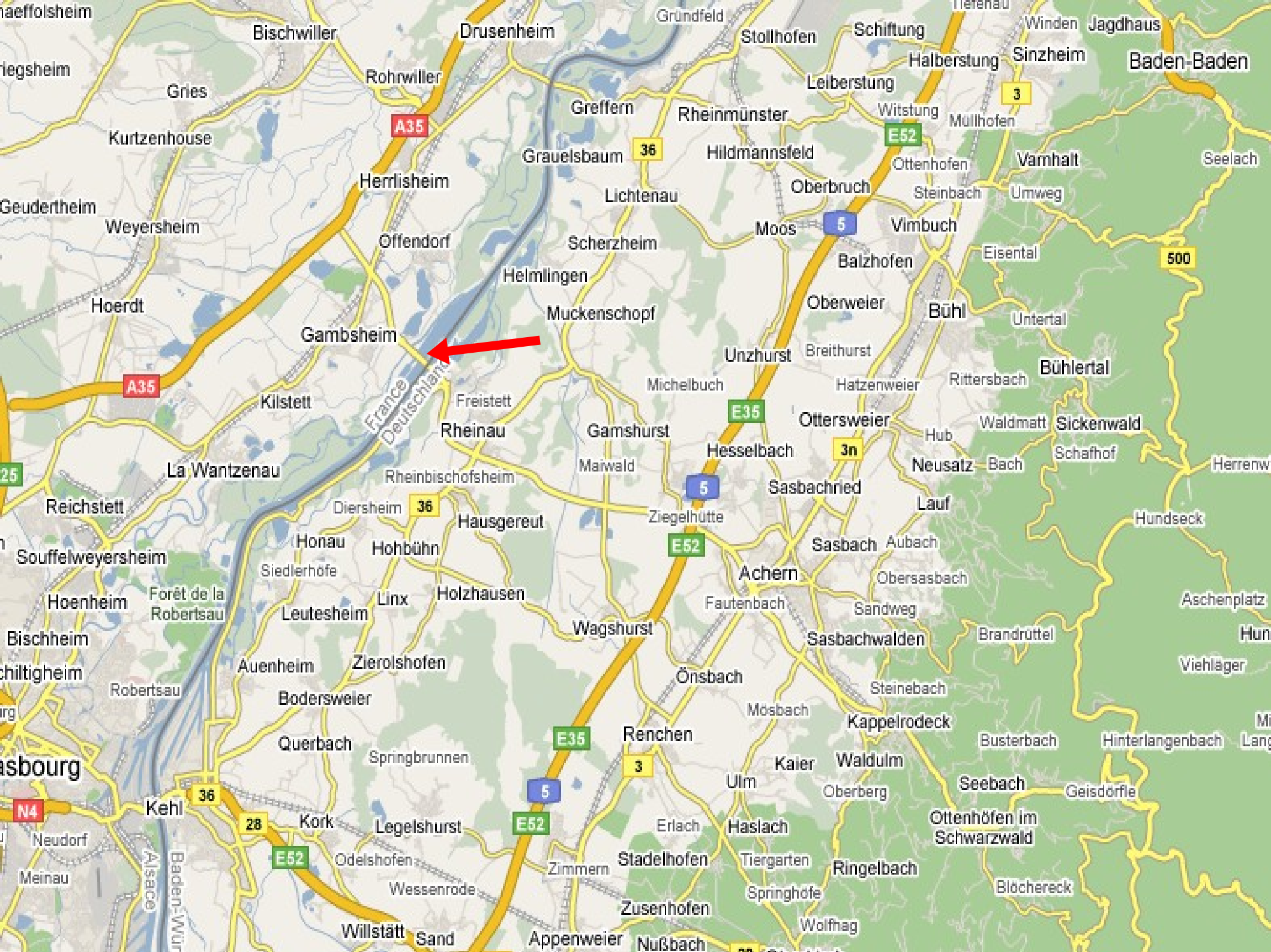
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Bd Taur

Place de Bo

Quai Zorn

Colmar



# Airport Strasbourg

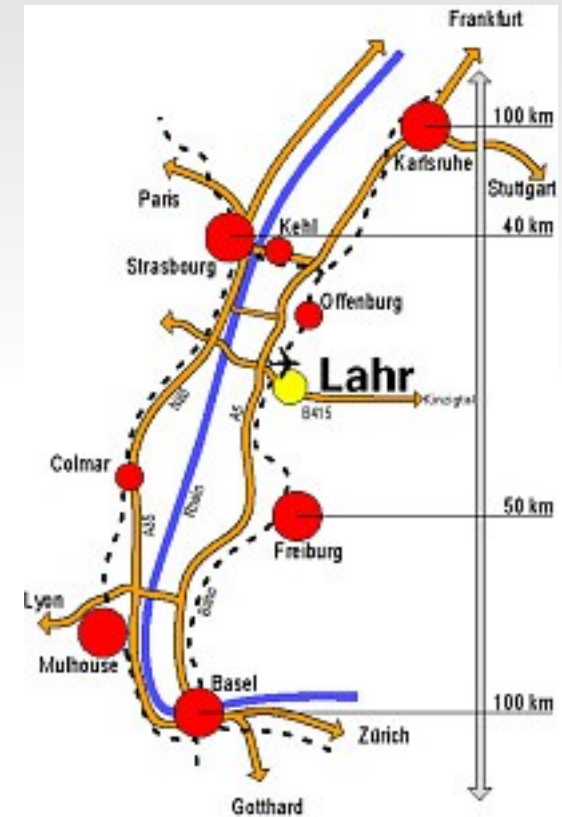


# Airport Baden-Baden



# Airport Lahr

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



# Other airports



# Future Dates



# International assembly 17<sup>th</sup>/ 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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



# Action conference 14<sup>th</sup>/ 15<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 29<sup>th</sup> November Mannheim
- 6<sup>th</sup> December Stuttgart
- 13<sup>th</sup> 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](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](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

Coordination anti-OTAN Strasbourg <http://sommet-otan-2009.blogspot.com>

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](mailto:infotour@gipfelsoli.org)



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