

# EU migrants' struggle against overexploitation and for housing

Together with precarious workers from Bulgaria we want to invite you to an information event. **On Wednesday, 9/12/15, 8pm, at Kafe Marat, Thalkirchnerstr. 102, Munich.**

## What is it about?

In Munich, precarized EU-citizens often live without adequate housing or on the street and work in insecure and extremely exploitative working conditions. Although they enjoy the right to free movement as EU citizens, their social rights and their right to stay are in general bound to a job. They have to fight against racism, including bureaucratic barriers that keep them from claiming their rights.



## The Initiative Zivilcourage

Since 2010 the Initiative Zivilcourage collaborates closely with precarious workers and together we are fighting to improve their living conditions. Currently there is a temporary workers' center in the main station neighbourhood open once a week where we demand unpaid wages and accompany through the complex, monolingual and discriminatory bureaucracy. We organize discussions and information events, demonstrations and other forms of protest and try to support the workers in their political self-organization.

We invite you to become active with us and to join our weekly Workers Center!

## Production of homelessness

The housing situation is often named as most urgently by the workers. Although the city of Munich has to provide accommodation for *all* homeless persons in the city, EU citizens are excluded from communal services for homeless people. In regard to the so-called "poverty migration" („Armutszuwanderung“) it's the city's aim to "prevent unnecessary incentives" („dass unnötige Anreizeffekte vermieden werden müssen“), as the city wrote in 2014. In the winter of 2013, the municipality started an emergency program called 'Kälteschutzprogramm' in order to prevent that people freeze to death. Within the Winter of 14/15, 3220 homeless persons used the shelter. There are also many persons who have claimed asylum in another EU-country and don't have access to state benefits in Germany. During the day the shelter has to be left. Furthermore, it is not possible to register under the address of the shelter -- but a registration is required for a working contract and for many social rights. This shelter is an emergency program, but no answer to one of the most pressing social questions in Munich. Homeless migrants get stuck in their precarious situation, sometimes for years. This way, the city does not fight poverty, homelessness and extreme exploitation, but contributes to its production. People come and work anyway.

## We call for a campaign:

On Wednesday, Dec 9, we will present first ideas for a campaign:

**Against the production of homelessness! For the right to housing!**

**Against racism, exclusion and exploitation! Reclaim the city!**