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Tuesday 8 May 2012, by [Blockupy Frankfurt](#) (Date first published: 5 May 2012).

Dear friends,

The German social movements plan European “Day of Action” against the austerity measures of the Troika and German government for May 16th until 19th.

Friday night, the City government banned the Days of Protest in Frankfurt, which will take place May 16th to May 19th.

The “Blockupy Frankfurt” alliance is collecting signatures for its protest, in Germany and international. Please sign - and please distribute this request to friends and comrades all over the world! - We collected in the last 36 hours over 1600 signatures already

In solidarity

To sign the petition: <http://www.blockupy-frankfurt.de/en/frontpage>

<http://17to19m.blogspot.eu/2012/05/05/city-of-frankfurt-bans-blockupy-and-our-resistance-grows-stronger/>

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The demonstration authorities of the city of Frankfurt announced in to the press on the afternoon of May 4, 2012, that they are prohibiting all of the actions planned by the Blockupy Frankfurt alliance from May 16-19. The legal notifying party for the more than fifteen actions was directly informed about this decision with regard to only one case - and even this was delayed by one day.

This decision completely prohibits the protests against crisis policies that profoundly affect the lives of millions of people in Europe. The alliance is planning protests during the action days against the austerity policies of European governments and the Troika (ECB, EU Commission and IMF) and had applied to the city for permits for some of these protests as demonstrations, rallies, pickets and demonstrative assemblies, as is legally required for demonstrations.

This prohibition is a uniquely scandalous incident in the history of the Federal Republic of Germany as well as an open breach of the constitutional right to demonstrate. We insist that the protest against crisis policies can take place in the Frankfurt financial district and at the headquarters of the ECB, as it is in accordance with the permanent jurisdiction of the German Federal Constitutional Court.

All democrats can only be extremely appalled by this illegitimate and undemocratic action and demand an immediate abandonment of this total ban. What was possible at Tahrir Square in Cairo, at the Puerta del Sol in Madrid or in Zucotti Park in New York must also be possible in Frankfurt am Main!

Blockupy Frankfurt, May 5, 2012
