

## Hysteria of terror and surveillance laws

After September 11<sup>th</sup> a series of surveillance laws were adopted in a quick succession to reassure the people. Although some were limited in time, none of these laws have been abolished yet. On the contrary, the surveillance mania continues to produce constantly-new restrictions on our fundamental rights.

## Data retention

The reason for our foundation was the law for a 6-month storage of connection data of each telephone or cell phone conversation. Even for any e-mail the sender and recipient address is stored. In addition for mobile phone calls and SMS the current location of the user is stored, too. With these data profiles business contacts and friendship relations can be identified or reconstructed.

## ... and everything will be logged



Even conclusions about the content of communication, the personal interests and life situations are possible.

Against this law, over 34,000 people have submitted a constitutional complaint. Even the workers union ver.di and the Greens have joined the complaint against this law. In March 2010 the law was declared void by the constitutional court.

Meanwhile, we have to fight a whole range of other surveillance laws. The data scandals in 2008 have shown that even in the private sector

the human personality is monitored and illegal profiles of the people are stored. Thus, we have intensively in mind the following issues:

## The new BKA Act

- video and eavesdropping attacks in our apartments and houses
- collation of data between police and secret services (GTAZ)
- use of data mining technologies for investigations
- online scanning of private computers

No re-introduction of surveillance measures which are already judged as inadmissible by the Federal Constitutional Court. We are also against the repeal of the separation of police and secret services which was required by the Allies due to the historical experience. Therefore there is a plea to the Federal Constitutional Court against the BKA Act, too.

## RFID chips with our personal data

- biometric data in electronic identity card and passport
- the electronic health card



Biometric data is not secure against forgery. Furthermore, data in RFID chips can be scanned by unauthorized persons. We therefore urge the elimination of widespread biometric data collection, and the use of RFID identification documents.

## Transparent citizen from child to pensioners

- the electronic health card
- the Berlin central pupils data base
- the ELENA job card
- the federal tax identification number
- for privacy in the working life

Health data are very sensitive and personal data. No one except the doctor and the patient should have access to these data.

A unique tax number will be given to every citizen from birth to grave. In the future this key field might be used in all the different data bases.

Schools have to record all social (origin, language, sponsoring of books) and performance (educational encouragement, visit of different



courses) data in a central data base.

All of us 40 million Germans who work or have worked will be accompanied by the **Job Card** (ELENA) during our whole life. Only via this card our income tax, social (funding for children or apartments) and health support is accessible. The Job Card is now running with 6 applications. 45 (!) applications in different areas are already planned. Too many might be interested in these sensitive data showing who is unemployed and why, who earns how much money and who has taken part in strikes.

So it is only a matter of time until these data are offered on the black market. That has been proved by the data scandals of recent years.

Therefore, we also urge in a **Workers Privacy Act** to strengthen the rights of people at their workplace.

## What can you do?

**Become involved in your civil rights!  
Civil rights work costs – donate!**

Our 5 working groups are involved in these subjects:

#### Escape & Migration

- Visa waiver
- Air passenger records
- FRONTEX
- Europol
- Schengen information system II
- Passenger Name Records (PNR)



#### Police, secret services & military

- Data retention
- Video and eavesdropping attacks in houses
- collation of data between police and secret services (GTAZ)
- Data mining in central data bases
- biometric data in electronic identity card and passport
- online scanning of private computers

#### Pupils data base

- No baby- and pupils-data bases
- No visits of military in schools
- Personality profiles, stamped for life
- No military at school

#### Consumer and workers privacy

- Crystal people, shopping cards, scoring
- The electronic health card
- For privacy at work (personal data, health data, time sheets, use of internet)
- Jobcard ELENA
- The centralized tax number

#### Censorship & Freedom of Information

- Locking of internet and censorship
- Net neutrality (Telcoms Package)
- Act for freedom of information
- Stop ACTA ~ TAFTA ~ TTIP
- Open Source not Commercialization

Defend our Constitution and our right to informational self-determination and human dignity!

Everyone can join and fight with us for his civil rights.

The next meetings in the Berlin Anti-War-Café COOP, Rochstr. 3, near Alexanderplatz, will be announced in our web under „Aktivengruppen“.

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Alliance Freedom Not Fear (registered association)

**Alliance for civil rights, against mass-surveillance and security-mania**

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Aktion Freiheit statt Angst e.V. (alliance freedom not fear) opposes the increasing surveillance of people through public and private agencies.

We fight for the right of our informational self-determination and for the freedom of information.

English version

