

**Don't let the G8 dictate!
Information about the protests in
Heiligendamm/Germany**



The heads of state and government of the world's eight wealthiest and most powerful countries will meet from June 6-8 in Heiligendamm on the Baltic Sea in Northeastern Germany. Once again they will negotiate war and peace, development, the global economy, energy and climate protection. Once again a small elite will grant itself the right to decide the fate of all mankind. But their neoliberal agenda does not provide a solution to global problems, it is a cause.

The global justice movement gained enormous worldwide significance at the 2001 G8 summit in Genoa. The powerful took notice that they could no longer pursue profit-driven policies without drawing protest. A luxury hotel sealed off behind a 12-kilometer fence is their admission that they have lost all contact with reality. They talk about Africa and climate protection, about responsibility and participation – but their intentions remain the same.

The emperors have no clothes and it is up to us to point it out. A gathering of thousands of people from around the world engaging together in a multitude of creative acts will add momentum to the global justice movement and demonstrate its strengths. We will present our alternatives – alternatives to climate collapse, poverty, war and injustice. We seek democratic globalization from below, a fair, mutually inclusive and sustainable economy, and peaceful conflict resolution. That is why we are heading to Heiligendamm at the beginning of June.

Together with a broad coalition of unions, environmental and development organizations, church groups and anti-capitalism groups, Attac invites you to join in many actions and events planned. Come one and all – another world is possible!

1. Programme

Protest choreography

In the run up	Sat, 2.6.	Sun, 3.6.	Mon, 4.6.	Tue, 5.6.	Wen, 6.6.	Thu, 7.6.	Fri, 8.6.
					G8-Summit		
International action camp							
Euromarching against Precarisation	Internat. Mainprotest Rally	Action Day Agriculture	Action Day Migration	Action Day against Militarism		Demonstrations	Closing rally
1.6.: "Resettling" the "Bombodrom"				Blockade Airport "Laage"	Mass Blockade of the access roads to Heiligendamm		
Refugee rights carvane		Opening Event		Alternative Summit			
Bycicle caravans	Music & Art at the closing rally			Culture on the camps		Concert „Music & Messages“	
local actions		Service in Bad Doberan			Praying human chain, devotion	Praying human chain	Praying human chain

The main protest rally

On **June 2** beginning at 12 noon, Rostock will be the scene of an international protest rally called by many international organizations and well known people. Details can be found at www.heiligendamm2007.de



Alternative Summit

The Alternative Summit will take place in Rostock from **June 5-7**. It will be a platform for all G8 protesters and will include numerous workshops and round table discussions featuring prominent activists. With support from a wide range of sponsors, alternatives to the policies of the G8 will be presented and developed at the conference. The initiators welcome the support of additional organizations.

Up-to-date information can be found on the Alternative Summit web site: www.g8-alternative-summit.org

Block G8 – blockading the summit

Protests against the summit will also include peaceful acts of civil disobedience. The "Block G8" campaign is planning mass blockades to signal our rejection of G8 policies and to truly and effectively disrupt summit logistics. For further information see www.block-g8.org and www.blockaid.org

Cultural Programme

Cultural events will not be lacking at the G8 protests. On Saturday and Sunday, our rallies will be accompanied by German and international bands, cabaret and performing arts. In addition, there will be performing arts and singer-songwriter activities on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Action Camp. For further information see www.move-against-g8.de

Should we expect violence and Nazi presence?

Unfortunately there has been violence at previous G8 summits. There is of course the violence that emanates from decisions taken at the G8. And there can be violence connected with the protests themselves. By principle, Attac engages in peaceful activities only. We want children, the elderly and the disabled to be able to safely participate in our protests. Our protests should send a signal of peace that contrasts with the violence of



neoliberal globalization. At the same time, the possibility of violence of the sort provoked and carried out by the Genoa police cannot be excluded. This must not keep us from exercising our right to free speech and assembly. Attac and its partners have been in touch way in advance to ensure secure spaces for everyone during the days of protest. This applies particularly to the main rally and the Alternative Summit. We also are in talks with the police to help optimize security.

Unfortunately, certain extremist parties and organizations have a following in the region around Heiligendamm. They endorse among other things nationalist anti-globalization that Attac clearly rejects. In spite of this, we do not expect there to be an open Nazi presence in the vicinity of our protests.

2. Logistics

Where exactly is Heiligendamm/Rostock?

Heiligendamm and its luxury Hotel Kempinski, host of the summit meeting, are located in Bad Doberan on the Baltic coast of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, 22 km from Rostock, the nearest city. Rostock is 190 km east of Hamburg and 230 km north of Berlin.

Tourist and transport information for the Hanseatic city Rostock

www.rostock.de/Internet/stadtverwaltung/tourismus/start.htm
www.auf-nach-mv.de/

By chartered train

Attac has arranged three summit protest trains for you – that way even the trip to the G8 protests will be an experience! These trains leave Salzburg, Basel and Bonn on June 1 and arrive in Rostock on June 2 just in time for the main protest rally. For more information see www.attac.de/sonderzug



By plane, ferry and regular train

There are hourly regional express and intercity trains from Hamburg and Berlin to Rostock's main station. Rostock's port has ferry connections to and from Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Latvia. The protest location is even serviced by Rostock Laage, a regional airport. We advise you not to arrive by plane on June 5 if possible (blockades are being planned then).

A good overview of connections can be found at the Rostock tourism site (see link above).

By bus and car

Rostock can be reached from Hamburg on the A20 and from Berlin on the A19, and the B105 connects Rostock with Bad Doberan. If possible please come by bus or train in order to prevent major traffic problems. For the success of the protests, it is essential that busses to Heiligendamm be organized from as many locations in Europe as possible. You are invited to seek such arrangements. Also, Rostock has regular coach service (for instance Berlin-Rostock, Hamburg-Rostock), and group train travel is also an option.

A transportation pool will soon be available at the site: www.attac.de/g8

Accommodation, the Camp

A special team organized camps. The idea is for people from all over the world to come together to protest and share their visions of a better world, their celebrations and their resistance towards the summit. The camps will be self-run. Cooking teams will provide food and are looking for help. Large meeting tents will be available. Please bring along your personal camping gear!

If you prefer other types of accommodations, please visit the Rostock tourism web site. www.camping-07.de/

Contact points during the summit protests

There will be several information points on location where you can find the latest news. In addition, they will have food and drinks, first aid and legal advice.

3. Additional Information

Speakers

If you wish to organize an event or presentation on a G8 topic and need speakers, our event planning team can help. This is also where to go for updates on the planning of the summit protests: Sarah Jensen, email: g8-proteste@attac.de, tel. +49 (+69) 900 281-21.

Contact

The homepage www.attac.de/g8 contains detailed information about individual events. Protest material (flyers, posters, brochures) can be ordered at www.attac.de/material. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions: Attac Bundesbüro, Münchener Str. 48, D-60329 Frankfurt am Main, tel. +49 (+69) 900 281-10, email info@attac.de