



FCMC Presse Release #2 - June 18, 2017 - G20 in Hamburg - Divers
accreditations for the International Media Center - FCMC becomes platform
as well as news agency

Second press release by the FCMC – International Media Center

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- ++ Many accredited media workers from Germany and internationally ++
- ++ All the protest alliances will use the platform ++
- ++ Give an accurate picture of events, in opposition to the police spin on it ++
- ++ FCMC helps to arrange interview partners on request ++

There has been great interest in the offer of a relaxed and diverse platform for media productions from 4 to 9 July. The independent Media Center FCMC is happy that more than 300 media workers, mainly from Europe and the USA, have been accredited already. Besides journalists, many international bloggers and media activists are accredited. FCMC is therefore the hub for critical information, context and analysis during the G20 in Hamburg. Accreditations range from the Hamburg Abendblatt and the ZEIT to FSK, NDR and dpa and to ORF, arte, New York Times as well as to Russian media activists.

"We are especially happy that so many freelance journalists are taking up our offer", says Paul Ratzel from FCMC. "We know that the precarious work conditions in journalism are the reason that so many police statements get included in reports without verification. FCMC offers a practical alternative. Through the Media Center journalists can access content from, and assessments by, protesters themselves. All in a timely manner for reporting during the G20."

FCMC is well connected to all the alliances and sections of the protests against the G20, including those who don't just want to reform the G20. Representatives of all the alliances will be present at the Media Center. FCMC can facilitate interview partners for accredited media workers - together with Solidarity Summit as well as with NGOs and social movements. Daily morning press conferences will present a balanced picture of the diverse protest alliances, across the spectrum, and offer critical analysis of the G20 politics.

The crew of the FCMC is presently around 150 people with technical, organisational and editorial experience. That number keeps growing. From professional security at the entrance, through catering, to studio technicians and editors: everything needed for a 1000-person strong media experiment will be available. Technical support comes from the Chaos Computer Club.

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The police has announced that with 25 "Social Media Agents" they will control the interpretation of the G20 on Twitter and co. The FC⚡MC is ready to break this overbearing claim and to react calmly and with precise detail to counter police disinformation, like that previously spread during the 2007 G8 in Heiligendamm for example.

The FC⚡MC slogan "Re-invent critical journalism in times of affective populism" has already proved itself prior to the summit as the City of Hamburg have decreed that any assembly of more than two people is forbidden within an area of around 38.5 square kilometers, way beyond the centre of Hamburg. "This anti-democratic policy of the Senate of Hamburg is", according to Paul Ratzel of FC⚡MC, "an attack on the engagement of civil society and the constitutional right to the freedom of assembly. The FC⚡MC as an independent media agency will keep a close eye on the actions of the police during the summit week."

FC⚡MC is organised with lots of engagement from the media and cultural sector. It is free of charge to all those accredited so nobody will be excluded on financial grounds. Therefore financial donations are of key importance to this extraordinary project. Details are available on <https://fcmc.tv/>

FC⚡MC opens on 4 July at 18:00 (6pm) and will stay continuously open till the end of the G20 events. It is located in Ballroom South (Ballsaal Süd) of the FC St. Pauli stadium at Millerntor. Access is from Budapester Straße.

Details of the programme will follow in future announcements as well as continuously on the website <https://fcmc.tv> and on Twitter https://twitter.com/fcmc_tv

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