

Guidelines for solidarity press work

- **Everyone talks about their own actions**
- **We emphasise our chosen action form(s) without discrediting other action forms**
 - E.g. „Civil disobedience is not our action form. However, in face of the climate crisis as a direct threat to all of us we can understand if people take action in this form.“
 - Or: „We welcome other actions taking place, we're happy that thousands of people are marching in a legal demonstration...“
- **If there are questions regarding other actions, we're initially considering whether we have to respond at all**
 - Usually it's sufficient to state something along the lines of: „Multiple and diverse actors are rising up to take action against the urgent threat of the climate crisis. I neither can nor want to remark about the actions of other groups. Please contact XY...“ (passing on the contact of the respective group/organisation)
- **Statements regarding crises in which we're referencing other actions and/or actors are only to be released in close consultation with the respective press team(s)**
 - Consultations are taking place in a beforehand agreed upon procedure
 - E.g. a common chat group (Wire/Signal) to call for a phone conference or (ideally) a physical meeting
 - Every participating group can call for an emergency consultation in case of need
 - During the consultation:
 - We're doing a fact check: What happened?
 - How are we relating to this?
 - Who's commenting on the events?
 - What are we telling the public?
 - We avoid distancing ourselves from other actors
 - As long as these consultations are still ongoing, we're putting off journalists: „At this moment in time we do not have concrete informations but we are in contact with the other actors to get an overview of the facts. We'll get back to you.“
 - Do ask the press back about their information: What exactly do they know? Where do they have these informations from? Then share these informations with the other actors (crisis communication channel)
- **If there are attempts at intimidation or division of the movement by the authorities, we will stand united and actively declare our solidarity**
 - E.g. „It is an attack on the liberty of assembly and opinion that the demonstration by FfF has been stopped by police. The authorities are obliged to let them continue.“
 - Or: „We denounce that private security forces have used physical violence against activists of Ende Gelände. This is an unlawful attack on legitimate climate protest.“
- **In the case of detention(s) and/or legal repression we're going to show the greatest possible solidarity**
 - E.g. „We denounce the detention of hundreds of activists of Extinction Rebellion. Legitimate protest against the climate crisis is prevented to protect the interest of fossil fuel companies.“