## FAQ

# Answers hopefully all of your questions, if not, please email us: bringthemhereEU@gmail.com

## Who are you people?

Well, we are just some regular European citizens who are worried about the refugee situation at our borders and are willing to do whatever it takes to create a warm, welcoming Europe.

## What did you do in Brussels?

European leaders have promised to bring refugees from Greece to their own countries. But they aren't keeping their promises. So on 6 March 2017, drivers from all over Europe offered their services as 'Official European Chauffeurs', forming a car parade around the Schuman roundabout in Brussels where the main European institutions are situated. There we offered hundreds of license plates as a kind of petition. The parade took place just a couple of days ahead of the European Council meeting of all EU leaders in the same location.

Images of our action will be shown during the days when EU leaders will meet later that week, on a big LED-screen on the Schuman Roundabout right in front of the building where the meeting takes place.

## Why cars?

By driving our own cars to Brussels, we as drivers show that if it necessary we are even willing to relocate the refugees ourselves to our own countries! We are offering our assistance, so that European leaders really have no excuse for not keeping their promises.

We might not have planes, trains or boats to offer, but what we do have are our cars and willingness to be their chauffeurs and bring them here.

#### Why license plates?

Maybe you support the relocation of refugees from Greece but you do not have the opportunity to drive to Brussels on March 6th. If that is you, but you think that leaders should keep their promises and you are willing to offer your time, resources, network or even your home to the refugees when relocates, <u>please join our online action</u>, by sending us a picture of you and your license plate. This will be shown as a sign of your support on our website as well as on a big LED-screen on the Schuman Roundabout, right in front of the building where EU leaders will meet a few days after the car parade.

## How do you voice your message?

We are a friendly, grassroots initiative of active citizens, looking to help our governments fulfill the promises made. We love the plan. We just don't like the fact that it is being carried out so slowly and half-heartedly. If European leaders and our national governments would doubt they have enough widespread support among European citizens, then we would want to prove there is. Everyone of us might have different opinions about asylum policies, but we all have this in common: 'a promise is a promise, so let's go!'

## What about environmental damage?

We are well aware of the precarious condition of our ecosystem. Still, our own cars are the only personal piece of property to transport people. We kindly ask you to consider planting trees to compensate for your fuel emissions, e.g. through this website: <u>https://carbonfund.org/plant-trees/</u>. **So what's this relocation deal about?** 

In September 2015, all European Member States made a promise to relocate a fair share of 63.302, mainly Syrian, refugees currently stuck in Greece to their own countries to start their asylum procedure there in more humane circumstances. More than half way into the set time, only 12,5% of them have actually been relocated, the rest of them are forced to survive yet another winter in very harsh circumstances. Details on the deal and these circumstances can be read in this <u>Report by Amnesty</u> International.

Country	Promise made (Sep 2015)	Relocated (Dec 2016)
The Netherlands	3797	767
Belgium	2415	177
France	12599	2091
Germany	17209	408

Find out what your own government promised (column 4) and the progress (column 3) made so far

here. Usually these figures are updated every month on EU-websites.

We as European citizens want to remind our governments as well as the European leaders of their promise by driving to Brussels on the 6th of March to offer them our cars and services as chauffeurs to quicken this relocation process.

# Contact us

We hope that this answers most of your questions, if you have any others, please feel free to contact us at <u>bringthemhereEU[at]gmail.com</u>!