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Announcement of a Human CCTV walk

Dear Mr. Decourty.

may I introduce myself at first:

I am part of a German civil rights movement, a citizens initiative having concerns about growing mass data storage of citizens, especially the data retention of telecommunication data of all citizen without cause. Therefore our name is "Working Group on Data Retention" ("Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung").

In coordination with people from several European non governmental data protection organisations, citizens initiatives and human rights groups I (amongst others) organized the "Freedom Not Fear 2011" event in Brussels from 17 to 19 of September 2011. I also announced and guided the demonstration on 17 September 2011.

The movement is going to repeat the "Freedom Not Fear" event this year and once again I am part of the organizing team. I am happy to bring our "Human CCTV" from Hanover with me to visit Brussels and it is going to have a walk on Monday, 17 September 2012 in public space on and around Place du Luxembourg. Some people like to call this "art event" or "street theatre".

As I do not know if this walk is – according to Belgium laws – needed to be announced or not I am writing this letter to you as the mayor of Ixelles.

Kind regards,

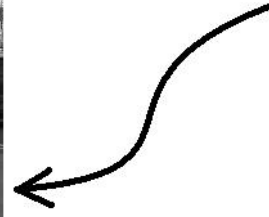
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Some information about the walk of the Human CCTV:

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| Responsible: | Michael Ebeling xxx xxx Germany Born xxx E-Mail: xxx Mobile: xxx |
| Date and time of the walk: | 17 September 2012 Starting at about 10:30 (am) Ending at about 12:30 (lunch time) |
| Place of the walk: | On and around Place du Luxembourg |
| Expected number of participants: | 1 Human CCTV About 0-5 friends of the Human CCTV |
| Explanations: | <p>The Human CCTV is a guest in Brussels just like any other tourist in the European capital. Therefore it will only walk in public spaces and pedestrian area as guests and tourists normally do.</p> <p>The Human CCTV is going to have a walk on and around Place du Luxembourg:</p> <p>http://www.openstreetmap.org/?mlat=50.8392&mlon=4.3726&zoom=16</p> <p>The Human CCTV does not speak.</p> <p>It is a quiet CCTV like all its brothers and sisters around.</p> <p>But even without any kind of voice or sound it wants to raise the question, if there might be a right to be left alone.</p> <p>It is unforeseeable if the Human CCTV will find any answer to this question and what other people might think about it.</p> <p>In case of finding some friends of the freedom of anonymity it might happen, that they like to express their opinion by putting a colourful paper basket over their heads.</p> <p>Of course, if being asked by police they will take down their paper basket, which is a manifestation of their freedom of expression, for a while to let the police see, who is within and under the basket.</p> |



The Human CCTV,
having a walk



Friends of the
right to be left
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Sources of the pictures

Top: https://wiki.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/Ortsgruppen/Hannover/Videoueberwachung_in_Hannover

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