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**Announcement of a manifestation/demonstration "Freedom not fear"**

Dear Mr. Thielemans,

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" (in German: "Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung").

Together with some other European non governmental organisations and human rights groups we are planing an europewide weekend under the banner of "Freedom not fear" in Brussels from 17 to 19 of September 2011.

For more informations please have a look here  
<http://www.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/content/view/477/1/lang,en/>  
or here  
<http://www.freedom-not-fear.eu>

The weekend shall start with a demonstration (moving manifestation) on Saturday afternoon (maybe even some MEP's will join that walk), it continues with a Sunday of networking, workshops and lectures and ends on Monday with conference meetings with Parliamentarians and people from the European Commission, with whom we like to discuss some special topics.

Because of the demonstration I am in contact with Brussels police since July 2011 but it took until yesterday to get informed, that I have to announce our intention to you, the Mayor of Brussels. I am sorry for this late announcement but I promise you a calm, peaceful and friendly protest march. I like to express explicitly that we do not want to disturb traffic or any other infrastructure in any way, just to give our serious concerns a clear voice.

We also like to give away a hand-out information to the passing people, who are interested in our aims and topics – is there a need of permission for that? What kind of informations do you need?

Here are the facts about our demonstration:

Responsible/announcer:	Michael Ebeling xxx xxx Germany Born xxx E-Mail xxx Mobile xxx
Date and time of manifestation:	17 September 2011 starting at 14:00 ending at about 17:00 – 18:00
Route/track of the demonstration:	See attached proposals as a map
Starting/interruption/end places:	Place Schumann, Place de Luxembourg, Grande Place (alternative: Place de la Monnaie if Grand Place is not allowed)
Speeches/announcements:	Taking place at the three locations mentioned before.
Expected number of participants:	About 200
Equipment:	One alongside driving car with loudspeaker, microphone acoustic amplifier, some signs and banners

Thank you for your attention.

Kind regards,

Michael Ebeling

## Attachment

Proposals for routes of protest-march "Freedom not fear", Brussels, 17 September 2011

