

Peace flags on every balcony!

The rainbow coloured flag with the slogan PACE in Italian or PEACE in English is a symbol of our protest against the war. The seven colours express the diversity of the opposition against war.

The flags should be made as widely spread and visible as possible. They are hung at the balcony or at a window and they are used in demonstrations and other anti war protests.

The rainbow has multiple significations. For the Christian religion, it is a symbol of forgiveness, in German mythology it is a bridge between earth and heaven.



Where is the idea for these flags from?

First were the Italians. While rainbow flags existed before, several Italian movements decided in mid-September to start a campaign showing in an expressive way that (almost) everybody is against war. With the slogan “Pace da tutti i balconi!”, in English “Peace flags on every balcony!”, they started distributing the flags. Until end of march, over 2.5 million flags were distributed.

As the movement became stronger, the neighbour countries got involved. In the Italian region of Switzerland, the flags were present right from the beginning, but towards end of February 2003, the “Group for Switzerland without an army“ (GSoA) started importing the flags into Switzerland. In Austria and Germany, other groups started distributing them too. Until end of April, the GSoA imported over 60'000 flags in Switzerland, 50'000 are in Germany.

**War does not solve any problems, but raise new ones!
We say NO to war, YES to dialog!**



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