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HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF GOING TO EUROPE?

Some people see Europe as the cradle of culture. For others it is a symbol of freedom and a better future, a place where they can be themselves or perhaps become someone else. The project *How to disappear in Europe* offers a glimpse into the European landscape through the eyes of those who dreamed of a life in Europe and followed their dream. It's about daring and being brave, leaving everything behind to start a new life against all odds.

In *How to disappear in Europe* 27 young European photographers – one from every EU country – portrays an illegal person (sans papier) in his or her country of residence. Together, they determine what kind of heroic qualities are hidden in the sans papier and represent him or her as a hero (dream image). The sans papier themselves keep their daily routines in a photo diary by delivering five pictures: their bed, food, work, what makes them happy and the image of Europe they had before they came here (real image). Poetic short texts inspired by the stories of these 'everyday heroes' frame those images. Those elements put together offer a glimpse of their hidden life in Europe, resulting in a book, a website and a traveling exhibition at European music and culture venues. As a teaser, a community art lomowall (a giant photo collage on unexpected places) challenges a huge number of people to contribute to the wall and make a dream come true. *How to disappear in Europe* is sponsored by Lomography, an international company, backed by an online analogue photography community. The exhibition begins in Amsterdam at the Melkweg Gallery in the spring of 2013.

For this project we are looking for some European partners and venues to further develop the concept. For more information please contact:

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