



Europe for Citizens Programme

REMEMBRANCE





2007-2013 Programme

- 1. Active Citizens for Europe***
- 2. Active Civil Society in Europe***
- 3. Together for Europe***
- 4. Active European Remembrance***



Nazism and Stalinism

Preservation
Commemoration
Reflection
Networking



approximately 4 - 8% of total (2007-2013) programme budget





Areas of support

Preservation of individual and collective memory of Holocaust, Nazism and Stalinism

Commemoration of victims of mass deportation and other large-scale martyrdom of Nazism and Stalinism

Encouraging reflection on the origins and the values underpinning European integration

Promotion of reconciliation, tolerance and pluralism





Funding allocated 2007-2013

2007 : allocated budget : € 1,1 mio (36 projects)
2008 : allocated budget : € 1,7 mio (49 projects)
2009 : allocated budget : € 2,1 mio (56 projects)
2010 : allocated budget: € 1, 9 mio (64 projects)
2011 : allocated budget: € 1,8 mio (49 projects)
2012 : allocated budget: € 2,4 mio (37 projects)
2013 : allocated budget: € 2,4 mio (31 projects)

IN TOTAL: 322 projects/€ 13,4 mio funding





In addition

Operating grants : max. 100.000 € per organisation

civil society organisations dedicated to remembrance of the origins of the European integration

***Mémorial de la Shoah
Yahad in Unum***

Support to Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum "Preserving Authenticity – 9 tasks for years 2012-2015" : € 4 million

provided from 2012-2015 for restoration, protection and preservation of historical structures and objects





Other developments

Launch of networking meetings

May 2011 first meeting in Brussels and Mechelen

April 2012 second meeting in Copenhagen in cooperation with FRA

April 2013 third meeting in Erfurt in partnership with EUROCLIO

April 2014 fourth meeting in Prague in cooperation with European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS)

May 2015 fifth meeting in Tallinn

Since 2010 cooperation with the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) on "Holocaust and Human Rights Education"

October 2010 conference in Terezin

October 2011 conference in Anne Frank House

Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day at the European Commission since 2012





2014-2020 Europe for Citizens programme

***Remembrance one of the two Strands
(instead of four Actions)***

***Budget increase from 4% to 20% of the
overall programme budget for 2014-2020***





2014-2020 continued

Broadening the scope of the Remembrance Strand to include:

"reflecting on causes of totalitarian regimes in Europe's modern history as well as other defining moments and reference points in the recent European history"





2014-2020 continued

Historical moments commemorated in 2017 in particular

1917 *The social and political revolutions, the fall of empires and their impact on Europe's political and historical landscape*

1957 *The Treaty of Rome and the beginning of European Economic Community*





2014-2020 continued

Funding

On average 35 projects per year in the value of € 3 million

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€ 1,4 million for operational (institutional grants) for European Remembrance organisations such as Mémorial de la Shoah





Some project examples concerning Holocaust Remembrance and Education

Holocaust Documentation Centre Slovakia "The Fingerprints of Gisi Fleischmann"

The Holocaust Documentation Centre prepared a project aimed at introducing, to the young audience in particular, the destiny of Gisi Fleischmann and her effort as the head of underground Working Group to change the fate of Jews in Slovakia and later in other European countries during the Second World War.

The series of film screenings and lectures primarily aimed at secondary school students, with the participation of historians and Holocaust survivors. The activities of the projects were complemented by the performance of the play about Gisi Fleischmann "Rabinka – Rabbi woman" in the Slovak National Theatre by Anna Gruskova. The heroic example of Gisi Fleischmann was discussed against the background of humanism, European values and gender in the history of Europe.





Seminar for teachers and other history educators from Sarajevo and Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mémorial de la Shoah



Holocaust history - a particular resonance (in the context of conflict 1992-1995)

Therefore a need to promote without any taboo a shared reading of the tragic 20th century history





Project examples – continued

- *aspects of Nazi ideology*
- *evolution of genocidal practices*
- *Holocaust in Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- *Holocaust in France*
- *Mass crimes, transitional justice and remembrance process*
- *How to convey the history of Holocaust (teaching and art)*





"Neighbours who disappeared" **Jewish Museum Prague**

Project addresses young people aged 12 – 18 to work independently on the stories of the life of Jewish children in the same schools/neighbourhoods/regions they live in today.





"Ponar Lullaby (Being a Jew)"

Public Institution Vilko valia

with partners in Sweden, Latvia and Poland

To learn about Jewish religion, culture and life in general and in Vilnius before WWII in particular.

To learn about the 70, 000 Jews killed in Ponary near Vilnius during Holocaust and Holocaust as such.





"Ponar Lullaby (Being a Jew)"

"Can a resident of Vilnius live peacefully without knowing what took place during the war in the old town basements, where hundreds were hiding from police, and without knowing what did Ponar mean for tens of thousands of people locked in ghetto?"

Can one walk through the same courtyards in which someone got a ticket to freedom but had to choose whom to take along: mother or wife? And which two children to save and which to leave in ghetto to be taken to Ponar to kill?"

Andrius Uzkalnis
(participant in the project)





"Ponar Lullaby (Being a Jew)"

Achievements of the project:

Reconstructing the local memory

Initiating public debate – Lithuanian National Television produced a 20 minute documentary about the project which was later broadcasted

Taken up by the community – as a result of the project Vilnius City approached Vilnius schools to organise similar events to learn about Jewish past of Vilnius and Holocaust





Town of Piestany "Memories within us"

The goal of the project was to remember the tragic history of the Holocaust. Pupils from the 9th grade of the elementary school visited Auschwitz, a commemoration service took place by the Holocaust monument in Piestany, Slovakia. An international conference was held, an exhibition of photographs was organised and the book "Piestany and Trencin during the Holocaust" was published.

More than 400 pupils took part in the project activities.



Examples of other projects

“Seeking the Truth”
Nation's Memory Institute, Slovakia

“Mosaic of Memory”
Terezin Initiative, the Czech Republic

“The Dossiers behind Faces”
Kazerne Dossin – Memorial Museum and Documentatation Centre on
Holocaust and Human Rights, Mechelen, Belgium

*“An innovative teaching tool based on testimonies from survivors of
Holocaust”*
Swedish Committee against antisemitism



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