

ACTIVITY REPORT 2016



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INTRODUCTION



**Dear Readers,
Dear Friends of the Foundation EVZ,**

We live in turbulent times. Rarely have we seen just how necessary it is to not only come to terms with the recent past, but also to strengthen democratic values in Germany and in Europe. Populist currents are currently gaining more and more influence in societal debates, accompanied by a new historical forgetfulness and a reinvigorated movement to exclude minorities and perceived ‘others’. Combatting these phenomena goes to our core purpose as a Foundation. In many cases, these developments do not just affect people on the margins of societies, but reach the wider circles and strata of our societies, are seen in numerous issue areas, and are spread over new channels and networks. Phenomena such as online hate speech require innovative strategies around which the Foundation will engage in the future. In all our fields of activity, we are in the process of developing appropriate responses, reviewing our funding activities, continuing proven programmes, and testing new ones. These developments challenge us all. With this activity report, we invite you to take a look back on the funding activities and three key fields of activity of the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future” (EVZ) in 2016.

The exhibition “Forced Labour in National Socialism” was shown for the first time in Austria, at the Museum Arbeitswelt in Steyr. Just a few meters from a tunnel built by prisoners in 1943, the exhibition shows Nazi forced labour as a largely public crime. At the opening, Maria Frick and Katharina Brandstetter spoke about their experiences. Both are children of former forced labourers from Poland

and Ukraine. In the fall of 1945, Maria Frick's Ukrainian mother left her behind with a foster family. Katharina Brandstetter, who was sent from birth to a "foreign race orphanage", only learned decades later that her birth mother was a Polish forced labourer.

In 2016, the Foundation EVZ launched "Latcho Dives", a new programme for survivors of the Nazi genocide against the Roma. "Latcho Dives" means "good day" in Romani. The programme contributes to the recognition of their specific persecution histories and helps to improve the health, material and social conditions of survivors. To this day, Roma are largely not accepted as part of the diverse European culture. With this programme, we strengthen civil society organisations from Roma communities and encourage other organisations to engage on behalf of Roma people. The first call for applications in 2016 was directed at civil society organisations from Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. The Foundation EVZ has also continued its support for Sinti and Roma in Germany. The conference "When, if not now?" gathered engaged participants from all sectors of society. They presented and discussed approaches, projects and studies that advance justice for Sinti and Roma in education, however delayed, and test their implementation.

Anti-Semitism remains a contemporary reality which has not yet been overcome in societal, political, media, pedagogical or private discourse. "Rumours about Jews" appear as existing, but socially undesired attitudes and opinions that are still communicated in society. In this context, communication in online fora and on social media is becoming more and more influential, and an increase in anti-Semitic posts can be seen on social networks. The now seventh meeting in the series "Perspectives. Forum for Education and Academia, A Critical Look at Anti-Semitism" took place in June 2016 in Kassel, Germany. The participants investigated how anti-Semitism is communicated today, and explored the potential for educational work that is critical of anti-Semitism. One hundred and twenty participants from research and practice came together on the invitation of the Foundation EVZ and its partners.

We live in turbulent times. But change also means a release of energy and the willingness to keep going. We look forward to exchanging thoughts and ideas with you in the coming year through exciting projects and encounters. We would like to thank all of our supporters for their encouragement, and our many partners and participants in projects and events for a challenging and stimulating year 2016.

For the first time, a new Chairman of the Board of Directors is pleased to greet you and looks forward to strengthening European civil society through the work of the Foundation EVZ with its dedicated team and with support of the Board of Trustees as strong and reliable partners. Together, we wish you an interesting and stimulating read.



Dr. Andreas Eberhardt
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Günter Saathoff
Co-Director

GREETING

Dear Readers,

With this report, the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) documents its activities in the year 2016. As you will see, the Foundation has responded to current societal developments by introducing new programmes, and has continued to strengthen civil society and commitment to victims of National Socialism in Germany, eastern Europe and Israel.

Since 1 April 2016, the Foundation has been fulfilling its mandate under the leadership of a new Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Andreas Eberhardt, along with Co-Director Günter Saathoff. Dr. Andreas Eberhardt previously led the Foundation German-Israeli Future Forum as the Executive Director. At the Foundation, which was newly established by both heads of state, he developed a contemporary funding profile at the intersection of history and the present. Until 2009, Andreas Eberhardt was the Director of the nationwide association “Against Forgetting – For Democracy”. From 1998 onward he headed their activities to compensate former Nazi forced labourers, and participated as a civil society representative in the development of the law establishing the Foundation EVZ.



Board of Trustees meeting
left: Prof. Jerzy Kranz
right: Dr. Susanne Sophia
Spiliotis



Dr. Jörg von Fürstenwerth,
Dr. Michael Jansen,
Dr. Andreas Eberhardt,
Günter Saathoff

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation EVZ was also newly appointed in 2016. It decides all fundamental questions regarding the activity areas of the Foundation EVZ, in particular on the adoption of the budget and the funding programmes. The Board of Trustees is composed of international members. The 27 members serve for four years, and are named by the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat (Federal Council), German industries, and the states and organisations involved in the international negotiations that established the Foundation EVZ. The current term of office of the Board of Trustees began on 1 September 2016.

The new Board of Trustees is looking forward to continuing its cooperation with the members of the Board of Directors in the coming years.

Dr. Michael Jansen
Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation EVZ





THE FOUNDATION REMEMBRANCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUTURE (EVZ)

To honour the victims of Nazi injustice, the Foundation EVZ (Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future) works towards strengthening human rights and international understanding. It also continues to promote the interests of survivors. The Foundation is thus an expression of the continuing political and moral responsibility of the German state, business community, and society for Nazi injustice.

The Foundation funds international projects in the following areas:

- a critical examination of history
- working for human rights
- a commitment to the victims of National Socialism



FIELDS OF ACTIVITY



A CRITICAL EXAMINATION
OF HISTORY



WORKING FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS



COMMITMENT TO THE VICTIMS
OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

FUNDING PROGRAMMES

- Education With Testimonies
- Begegnungen mit Zeitzeugen (Encounters with Eyewitnesses)
- Zwangsarbeit und vergessene Opfer (Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims)
- Migration and Remembrance Culture

GOALS

- To reflect on the history of National Socialism in the European collective memory.
- To make the experiences of victims of National Socialism accessible for historical and political education.
- To develop the culture of memory in Germany with a view to the challenges of a migration society.
- To expand the national historical perspective and to include other experiences of violence in the 20th century.



FUNDING PROGRAMMES

- EUROPEANS FOR PEACE
- Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism
- MEET UP! Deutsch-Ukrainische Jugendbegegnungen (MEET UP! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters)
- Activities for the Right to Education of Sinti and Roma in Germany
- Stipendien für Roma in Osteuropa (Scholarships for Roma in Eastern Europe)
- SOGIarity. Against Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

GOALS

- To support international youth projects on human rights education in conjunction with historical learning.
- To stand up against Antisemitism, Antigypsyism, trans- and homophobia in Central and Eastern Europe.
- Commitment to the concerns of minorities.
- To strengthen Sinti and Roma, it supports educational projects and awards scholarships.



FUNDING PROGRAMMES

- Treffpunkt Dialog (Dialogue Forum)
- Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism
- Donations for the Victims of National Socialism
- Latcho Dives

GOALS

- To fund projects that allow now elderly victims of National Socialism to lead a life in dignity and autonomy, to improve their social situation and healthcare, and to engage them in inter-generational dialogue.
- To strengthen initiatives in Israel, central and eastern Europe that promote greater solidarity with and willingness to help victims of forced labour and National Socialism at the local and international level.
- In addition, the Foundation EVZ is committed internationally to strengthening the sense of responsibility for the interests of victims of National Socialism and for their societal participation.



WHAT WAS FUNDED

323

PROJECTS FUNDED

Field of Activity

THE CRITICAL
EXAMINATION
OF HISTORY

138

PROJECTS

2.00M

EUROS

Field of Activity

WORKING FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS

117

PROJECTS

3.39M

EUROS

Field of Activity

COMMITMENT TO
THE VICTIMS OF
NATIONAL SOCIALISM

68

PROJECTS

2.96M

EUROS

PROJECT RESULTS:

34 PUBLICATIONS

13 THEATRE PLAYS

58 OTHER PRODUCTS

10 PHOTOGRAPHY BOOKS

21 EXHIBITIONS

10 PUBLIC RELATIONS PACKAGES

29 WEBSITES

5 BOOKS/TRAVEL GUIDES

17 TEACHING MATERIAL PACKETS

28 FILMS

12 RESEARCH PROJECTS (EVALUATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS)

4 AUDIO PRODUCTIONS

176 HISTORICAL EYEWITNESSES

reported about
their lives in
different
projects

56

PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS

45 Projects in
UKRAINE

2 Projects in
BELARUS

12 Projects in
ISRAEL

15 Projects in
POLAND

8 Projects in
RUSSIA

5 Projects in the
CZECH REPUBLIC

As well as projects in:
Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina,
Estonia, France, Georgia,
Greece, Hungary, Kosovo,
Latvia, Lithuania,
the Netherlands, Norway,
Romania, Serbia, the UK,
and the USA

T R A N S I T I O N A L JUSTICE

Instrumente
Erfahrungen
Herausforderungen*

* Instruments – Experiences – Challenges

Lecture Series 'Transitional Justice: Instruments – Experiences – Challenges'

The Foundation EVZ is frequently asked about Germany's experience in coming to terms with historical injustice. International groups, in particular human rights activists, historians, journalists and politicians from Asia, Latin America and Africa, showed an interest in 2016 for the compensation payments made by the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" (EVZ) from 2001 to 2007 to 1.66 million victims of Nazi former forced labourers in 98 countries, as well as how to connect coming to terms with history and orienting toward the future.



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Together with the German Institute for Human Rights and the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, the Foundation EVZ dedicated itself from December 2015 to May 2016 to international processes of coming to terms with histories of state injustice in the series “Transitional Justice: Instruments – Experiences – Challenges”. “Transitional Justice” refers to societal and legal processes of coming to terms with serious human rights violations in a country’s past. Exchange between actors engaged in international processes of coming to terms with history has increased considerably over the past two decades.

The events focused on:

- Experiences coming to terms with state injustice and massive human rights violations
- The importance of civil society initiatives, memorial sites and educational institutions in dealing with histories of injustice
- The prosecution of serious human rights violations
- Expectations, experiences and standards of collective and individual compensation programmes after systematic injustice
- Archives as actors in dealing with the past
- Never again! A Framework for Guarantees of Non-Recurrence – Recommendations by the UN Special Rapporteur for how to prevent massive human rights violations in the future

The event series thereby took stock of 70 years of efforts to come to terms with the past, beginning in 1945 in Germany and later becoming part of peace and democratisation processes in Europe and worldwide. In order to deal with our past and to support “Transitional Justice” processes worldwide, it is necessary to have international exchange between research and practice.



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FIELD OF ACTIVITY 1:

A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF HISTORY



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ZWANGSARBEIT.

DIE DEUTSCHEN, DIE ZWANGSARBEITER UND DER KRIEG *

*Travelling Exhibition "Forced Labour: The Germans, the Forced Labourers, and the War"

Travelling Exhibition "Forced Labour: the Germans, the Forced Labourers, and the War"

On 11 May 2016, the international travelling exhibition "Forced Labor Under National Socialism" opened at the Museum of Working World in the Austrian city of Steyr. Not far from the Mauthausen concentration camp and the city of Linz, the region became a centre of Nazi forced and slave labour during the Second World War. The exhibition was on display until 18 December.

A total of over 14,000 visitors viewed the exhibition. Many school classes from across Austria were interested in the exhibition, but also church groups, labour unions, company outings, apprentice groups and cultural associations.

At the opening, Maria Frick and Katharina Brandstetter spoke about their experiences as the children of former forced labourers from Poland and the Ukraine. In the fall of 1945, Maria Frick was left behind by her Ukrainian mother with a foster family, and she grew up in Vorarlberg. Katharina

left: Katrin Auer, director of the Museum Arbeitswelt Steyr, and Co-Director Günter Saathoff
right: the two eyewitnesses Maria Frick (left) and Katharina Brandstetter





Opening of the exhibition
“Forced Labour” at the
Museum Steyr

Brandstetter, who was sent from birth to a “foreign race orphanage”, was handed over to her supposed mother after the war. Only decades later did she learn that this was not her birth mother.

It took until 55 years after the end of the war, in the context of the establishment of the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ), for forced labourers in Germany to be recognized as victims of National Socialism, and for the survivors to receive symbolic compensation. At the same time, a process of rethinking occurred with the founding of the Austrian Fund for Reconciliation, Peace and Cooperation – and the payment of compensation to victims of forced labour in Austria. It was an important sign that the exhibition was shown in Austria, which also bears and has accepted responsibility for the fate of former forced labourers.

The exhibition was accompanied by a broad programme of lectures, readings, film screenings, and excursions, as well as the first international conference on “Nazi Forced Labour in Austria”, which took place at the museum in September.



NATIONWIDE THEATRE COMPETITION “ANDERSARTIG GEDENKEN ON STAGE”

left: Prof. Barbara John
right: Ulla Schmidt, MdB,
Vice President of the
German Bundestag and
chairwoman of the national
association Lebenshilfe



How can the difficult history of Nazi “euthanasia” crimes be taught to young people today? The question was at the center of the nationwide theatre competition organised by the AG gedenkort-t4.eu, “andersartig gedenken on stage”. In the competition, school and inclusive theatre groups take to the stage to address the stories of victims of Nazi “euthanasia”. By the end of May 2016, 14 originally developed theatre plays were submitted to the competition organiser, the Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband Berlin, and the jury led by theatre director Michael Stacheder chose the seven award winners.

The award ceremony took place on 1 October 2016 at the “Weisse Rose” cultural centre in Berlin. The competition’s supporters welcomed the award winners and the approximately 150 guests. Ulla Schmidt, MdB, Vice President of the German Bundestag and chairwoman of the national association Lebenshilfe, described the goal of the competition, which is to prevent the 300,000 victims of Nazi “euthanasia” crimes from being forgotten: “Almost everyone knows of the terrible fate of Anne Frank,” she said, “but who knows of Käthe Spreen?” Günther Saathoff, Co-Director of the Foundation EVZ, also recalled the fate of the 350,000 victims of forced sterilization, and their very long struggle for recognition as victims of Nazi persecution.

Following the laudation, the jury presented the prizes to:



Prize winners in the competition "andersartig gedenken on stage"



Scenes from the play "KÄTHER – A Victim of Nazi Euthanasia"

- 1st Prize – The Geschwister Scholl school centre in Bremerhaven for the play "KÄTHER – ein Opfer der Euthanasie im Nationalsozialismus" ("KÄTHER – A Victim of Nazi Euthanasia")
- 2nd Prize – The partnership between the Carl-Orff Gymnasium in Unterschleißheim and the Heilpädagogischen Centrum Augustinum in Oberschleißheim for the play "Geheimnisse im Kopf" ("Secrets in Mind")
- 3rd Prize – Ernst Mach Gymnasium and Mittelschule Haar for the production "Spurensuche – was für ein Mensch willst Du sein?" ("Searching for Traces – What Kind of Person Do You Want to Be?")
- 4th Prize – Bandhaus Theater Backnang for the play "Kannst Du schweigen? – Ich auch!" ("Can You Keep Silent? – Me Too!")
- 5th Preis – Geschwister Scholl Oberschule in Bad Laer for the play "Rupprecht Villinger – Recht auf Leben" ("Rupprecht Villinger – Right to Life")

Following the awards came a performance of the winning play, "KÄTHER – ein Opfer der Euthanasie im Nationalsozialismus". The play tells the story of Käthe Spreen, who was born in Bremerhaven and murdered in Hadamar in 1941. In the closing scene, the students leave their roles and speak to the audience personally. "In history class, I wasn't particularly interested in all of this – but now it is so tangible," said one of the students.

Further photos and information on the award ceremony, as well as the video trailers of the five prizewinners, can be viewed at www.andersartig-gedenken.de.

EDUCATIONAL WORK WITH THE TESTIMONIES OF VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

The victims of National Socialism have borne witness to their experiences in impressive ways. Paintings and drawings, poems and songs, diaries, letters and other literary forms, and extensive collections of audio-visual testimonies emerged during the Nazi era, as well as after 1945 and until the present. The Foundation EVZ is looking for ways to make these testimonies accessible for historical education.

In the last few years, the Foundation has also supported the development of online educational materials that make use of the interviews with former forced labourers in the online archive “Forced Labour 1939–1945”. Further online offerings were created in 2016 in Germany and the Czech Republic.

LIVING HISTORY LESSONS THROUGH DIGITAL LEARNING

In 2016, the online learning platform “Learning with Interviews: Forced Labour 1939–1945” was presented in German and Czech. The skills-oriented educational programme for students aged 14 and over was developed in cooperation with the Center for Digital Systems (CeDiS) at the Freie Universität Berlin, and the Prague-based NGO “Živá pamět”. The focus is on the life stories of seven former forced labourers from different victim groups. They talk about their childhoods, their families, their experiences in the camps and factories, the behaviour of Germans, and their lives after 1945. In the Czech-language version, former forced labourers from the Czech Republic talk about the Second World War, Nazi forced labour, and the post-war period.

Transcripts, translations, navigation and tasks, activity windows and portfolio functions enable in-depth learning in regular classrooms, on project days and in presentation-based exams. “Learning with Interviews” is available for smartphones, tablets, computers and whiteboards.

www.lernen-mit-interviews.de

www.zwangsarbeit-archiv.de

<https://nucenaprace.cz>





Dr. Götz Bieber, director of the Berlin-Brandenburg State Institute for Schools and Media, at the presentation of the online portal at the Refik-Veseli-Schule in Berlin



German-Polish project: Performative encounter with the former satellite concentration camp Eberswalde

THEATRE PROJECTS WITH TESTIMONIES OF VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

The Foundation EVZ also supports artistic projects using testimonies of victims of National Socialism. Young people and adults, under the guidance of theatre educators and professionals, make reference to individual biographies of those persecuted under Nazism, work through them on stage, and explore the meanings of these personal stories today.

Four projects developed and performed their theatre plays in the first phase of the call for applications in 2016. Twelve further projects were recommended by the jury for funding and will present their results in 2017.



*Encounters with Eyewitnesses

ENCOUNTERS WITH FORMER FORCED LABOURERS AND OTHER VICTIMS

With its funding programme, the Foundation EVZ enables transnational encounters in which young people and engaged citizens meet surviving victims of National Socialism. In most projects the focus is on the transmission of survivors' memories to young people. It is the only nation-wide funding programme for eyewitness encounters in Germany, and also the oldest programme of the Foundation EVZ. In 2016, the programme supported 59 encounters with 176 eyewitnesses.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Life after the Shoah – Holocaust Survivors Speak Together with the Descendants of Perpetrators

In September 2016, students from the Europaschule Rövershagen met with Shoah survivors Michael Goldmann-Gilead and Heinrich Bukszpan, as well as the descendants of perpetrators Niklas Frank and Uwe von Seltmann. The young people presented the questions that they had developed in separate conversations with the survivors and the descendants of perpetrators. In a joint meeting, they then reflected on the unique nature of this meeting: While the survivors were direct eyewitnesses of the crimes, Niklas Frank and Uwe von Seltmann spoke about the actions of their relatives.

left.: Israel Arbeiter, one of the last remaining survivors of the concentration camp subcamp Hailfingen-Tailfingen, speaks during an encounter with gymnasium students and guides at the concentration camp memorial site.
right.: students thank eyewitness Olmes Ognibene





Michael Goldmann-Gilead during the interviews with students and guests



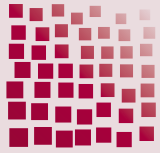
Students in conversation with Heinrich Bukszpan (2nd from the left) and his daughter (left)

Students from Ludwigshafen Meet a Survivor of Ravensbrück Concentration Camp in Reggio Emilia (Italy)

Students from the Carl Bosch Gymnasium went in search of traces of four life stories that were shaped in various ways by the Second World War. They presented the results of their research as well as their excursion to Italy at the Ernst Bloch Zentrum in Ludwigshafen.

Young People from Leipzig Meet Survivors of National Socialism in Lithuania

The participants dealt with Anti-Semitism, the extermination of the Jewish population, and the process of coming to terms with the past in Lithuania in the European context. They examined historical sources and personal testimonies, met with eyewitnesses, and visited museums and memorial sites as well as places of extermination.



FORCED LABOUR and FORGOTTEN VICTIMS

Remembering National Socialist Injustice

The funding programme “Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims” supports international projects that deal with the history of Nazi forced labour or “forgotten” victims of National Socialism. This refers to groups of victims who are often marginalized in cultures of remembrance. Forced labour was ubiquitous during the Second World War. All peoples in the occupied countries of Europe were affected by it. Nonetheless, for decades the abduction of millions of people and their forced labour was not recognized or acknowledged as an injustice in Germany and in Europe. The status of historical and societal processing and recognition of this history of Nazi forced labour also varies across countries. Examining transnational experiences of forced labour offers the opportunity, through the consideration of different perspectives, to develop a common European understanding of history and cultures of remembrance across borders. This can also help to create a concept of history that does not depend upon the re-nationalisation of history writing.



Exhibition: From
Dehumanization to Murder –
The Fate of Psychiatric
Patients in Belarus
(1941–1945)



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In 2016, a total of 40 applications were submitted in the funding programme “Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims”, of which 12 projects received funding. Amongst the “forgotten” victim groups, the focus was on victims of Nazi “euthanasia” as well as Soviet prisoners of war and the fates of forcefully “Germanized” children.

In addition to these longer-term projects, the Foundation also funded eight international conferences examining Nazi forced labour as well as “Nazi euthanasia” and Soviet prisoners of war from different disciplines and contexts.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Documentation: Polish Prisoners in the Concentration Camp “Katzbach”

The Polish organisation KARTA published a brochure about a satellite camp of the Natzweiler concentration camp in the Adlerwerken in the center of Frankfurt am Main. The camp was in operation between August 1944 and March 1945. Of the approximately 1,600 prisoners – mostly Poles who had taken part in the Warsaw uprising – only 56 survived

Conference: “70 Years after the Nuremberg Trials: Memory and Civil Society Engagement”

Over 200 mostly young people from Germany, Austria and Hungary addressed the legal treatment of Nazi crimes such as forced labour and Nazi “euthanasia”. The focus was on questions of public commemoration and forms of remembrance initiated and carried out by social groups.

Exhibition: From Dehumanization to Murder – The Fate of Psychiatric Patients in Belarus (1941–1945)

The exhibition documents the history of the systematic murder of the sick in Minsk during the German occupation in World War II. The exhibition was developed by Belarussian and German historians, and the accompanying programme of lectures and panel discussions with experts garnered additional public attention for the project.

MIGRATION AND REMEMBRANCE CULTURE

German society, formed by migration and immigration, is shaped by scientific and pedagogical discussions about the contemporary way of dealing with history and especially National Socialism. With this new funding program, the EVZ Foundation supports the processes of asking transnational questions, taking up diverse historical narratives, and expanding the remembrance culture in Germany.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON ENTANGLED HISTORY

The Foundation EVZ promotes the creation of educational materials on the entanglement between the history of National Socialism and the history of other injustices and experiences of violence that have thus far been marginalized in Germany's remembrance culture. In 2016, calls for applications were issued for two projects on the development of educational materials on the entangled history of National Socialism and the Jewish-Arab Middle East, and the history of the Ottoman Empire as well as Turkey.

PROJECT PRESENTATION: "RACISM IN COLONIALISM AND NATIONAL SOCIALISM: FORMS – FUNCTIONS – CONSEQUENCES"

In March 2016, the development of practically oriented materials began in cooperation between the University of Hamburg, the Neuengamme Memorial and the University of Augsburg. The online materials address racism in colonialism and National Socialism from the perspective of entangled histories. Using exemplary cases, they deal with the structures and functions of colonial oppression as well as colonial elements of the Nazi policy of occupation in eastern Europe. In addition, biographies are used to trace the lives of various actors from the former colonies and their descendants. The question of coming to terms with German colonialism after 1945, and in particular the extent to which racist thinking influences our society up to the present, is also part of the project.



Dr. Ralf Possekel in conversation with the focus group

THE ALEXANDER HAUS: HISTORY AND MEMORY LEVERING SOCIAL COHESION THROUGH COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

In this project, dialogue formats are being developed on the site of the former weekend house of the Jewish family Alexander in Groß Glienicke. The aim is to stimulate and shape the dialogue between refugees and long-time residents through the history of the place and the family, as well as through artistic approaches.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUNDING PROGRAMME

Together with a focus group and initiated by Co-Director Günter Saathoff, the Foundation EVZ developed a funding programme for the training of multipliers in historical education. The aim is to strengthen historical and political education, and to actively involve people with migration and refugee backgrounds who have previously had little access to the remembrance culture in Germany as multipliers and trainers. They should be empowered to engage in historical education with people who were born here, and to bring their perspectives into the remembrance culture.

By the end of the tender period, 46 applications for funding had been received by the Foundation EVZ. The projects will begin in the summer of 2017.



Focus group at the Foundation EVZ





FIELD OF ACTIVITY 2:

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



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BLICKWINKEL

Antisemitismuskritisches Forum
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* Perspectives. Forum for Education and Academia, a Critical Look at Anti-Semitism



PERSPECTIVES. FORUM FOR EDUCATION AND ACADEMIA, A CRITICAL LOOK AT ANTI-SEMITISM

7th Conference on “Communication: Latencies – Projections –
Fields of Action” from 9 to 10 June 2016 in Kassel

The rejection of Anti-Semitism is in Germany’s core national interest. Also for this reason, anti-Semitic sentiments and prejudices are rarely expressed openly. Yet this does not mean that anti-Semitism has been overcome – whether in media, politics, education or private discourse. “Rumours about Jews” appear as existing, but socially undesired attitudes and opinions that are still communicated in society.

left: Meron Mendel, director of
the Bildungsstätte Anne Frank,
Frankfurt am Main
right: Dr. Andreas Eberhardt,
Chairman of the Board of
Directors of the Foundation
EVZ, at the opening of the
conference
above: Ingrid Brodnig,
media editor in Vienna





left: Prof. Dr. Nikita Dhawan, Universität Innsbruck
right: Marina Chernivsky, Central Welfare Office of the Jews in Germany, Project "Changing Perspectives Plus", Berlin

The 7th "Perspectives" conference was dedicated to the question of how anti-Semitism is communicated today, and explored the potential for education that is critical of anti-Semitism. One hundred and twenty participants from research and practice accepted the invitation of the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future" and its partners to the conference in Kassel. A detailed conference report is available at: www.stiftung-evz.de/blickwinkel.

The conference was organised by the Anne Frank Educational Centre in Frankfurt am Main, together with the Foundation EVZ, the Educational Center of the Fritz Bauer Institute, the Jewish Museum Frankfurt, and the Center for Research on Antisemitism at the Technical University Berlin.



CONFERENCE: “RIGHTS EDUCATION IN FORMAL, NON-FORMAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION”

The Foundation EVZ supports connections between remembrance of National Socialist crimes and contemporary human rights education. In the programme “Teaching Human Rights”, over 40 international educational projects followed this approach from 2008 to 2015.

Since August 2014, the historical education department of the Freie Universität Berlin, together with the American non-governmental organisation Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) and the Berlin initiative “Right now Human Rights Consultancy & Training”, systematically evaluated the developed materials and results of the projects, and further developed the learning approaches.



Günther Saathoff (middle), Christa Meyer (left), (Foundation EVZ) with the team of publishers of the publication “Change – History Learning and Human Rights Education”



Dr. Claudia Lenz, The European Wergeland Centre, Oslo



The result is an English-language publication for education in schools and extracurricular educational organisations, universities, memorials and museums: “Education for Change. Combining History Learning and Human Rights Education in Formal, Non-formal and Higher Education”.

What opportunities arise from the connection between human rights education and historical learning for schools and extracurricular education? What does the connection look like in practice? The handbook contains theoretical and practical perspectives, and links the past with contemporary challenges.

The handbook was presented and discussed at an international symposium in Berlin on 29 and 30 September 2016.

More at www.historyandhumanrights.de

EUROPEANS FOR PEACE

MOVING FORWARD
LOOKING BACK

With this programme, the Foundation EVZ funds international school and youth projects in Germany and the countries of central, eastern and south-eastern Europe, as well as Israel. The theme in 2016 was: “Discrimination. Watch Out! Projects on Exclusion Then – and Now.” Discrimination is a dangerous step on the way to the exclusion of others because of their history, culture, religion or viewpoints. The programme seeks to strengthen critical awareness of history and the engagement of young people today.

Thirty-one new partnerships began in 2016 with a total budget of around 670,000 euros. In the same year, 34 projects concluded their project work with impressive results.

Two projects were awarded prizes: the German-Latvian project “All Together Now!” was awarded “Best International Project” in 2016 by the city of Riga. Young people with and without disabilities met in the project of the National Association of Russian-Speaking Parents in Cologne and the School 71 in Riga, Latvia.

left: Moving Borders – Grenzen bewegen – Connecting people, overcoming stereotypes and changing perspectives – A trinationl train journey from Germany to Poland to Ukraine.
right: Theatre project “Masquerade – Exclusion, Equality and Identification”





right: Moving Borders – Grenzen bewegen – Connecting people, overcoming stereotypes and changing perspectives – A trinational train journey from Germany to Poland to Ukraine

The German-Israeli encounter project “Work with us, but don’t eat with us” was awarded, among others, the European Citizens’ Prize 2016 and the second prize of the Sächsischen Landeszentrale für Demokratie. The young people investigated discrimination against forced labourers under National Socialism and the situation of seasonal labourers today. For the project, the Berufliche Schulzentrum Wurzen from Saxony worked together with the Dialogue-Institute and Kibbutz Nachsholim.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Travelling exhibition: “A Message in a Bottle from the Concentration Camp, A History of Courage against Discrimination and Persecution”

Polish and German young people participated in the project, which investigated a newly discovered secret message from prisoners in the Ravensbrück concentration camp. This collection of letters, poems and small works of art enabled the young people to explore the role that art can play in resisting discrimination and degradation. The project was organised by the public libraries Koszalińska Biblioteka Publiczna in Koszalin, Poland, and the regional city library of Neubrandenburg, Germany.

Theatre project: “Back to the Future”

Together, German and Hungarian young people recalled the persecution and extermination of Roma people during the Second World War. They met with survivors and spoke about their experiences with discrimination. The aim of the project was to encourage and empower young people to combat racism against Sinti and Roma in their own communities. The Roma Gadge Dialogue Through Service (RGDTS) in Budapest (Hungary) and the IBO Internationaler Bauorden in Ludwigshafen developed the project together.





Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism – Funding Programme against Antisemitism and Antigypsyism in Europe

In Europe, profound processes of political, social and economic transformation are occurring in tandem with dwindling confidence in democracy. Not only right-wing populists and extremists stir up sentiments against minorities and foreigners, but prejudices are also spread in mainstream society. They link to deeply rooted forms of racism in Europe such as antisemitism and antigypsyism. Hate speech on social media and hate crimes against Jews and Roma, as well as threats to their organisations and institutions, are common occurrences in many countries.



Project “Eltav – On the leave”
of the Autonomia Foundation,
Budapest



Fellows from Humanity in Action Poland

The Foundation EVZ funds practical projects as well as exchanges on effective counterstrategies. The funded projects strengthen civil society in combating antisemitism and antigypsyism in Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Hungary, as well as in Germany and in Western Europe.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Anti-Discrimination Education Academy

The Auschwitz Jewish Center, together with the Roma organisation Dialog Pheniben Foundation, started a year-long training programme for educators in Poland on project work in schools against antisemitism, antigypsyism and hate speech, including supervision.

“Eltav – On the leave”

The Autonomia Foundation in Budapest, together with local coordinators from the Roma settlement in Szűcs and the József Katona Theater, organised a participatory and theatre project for Roma of different age groups. Students and young volunteers took part in weekly workshops, three summer camps, theatre performances, a mentoring programme and the production of short films. Teachers, school directors and municipal government actors also took part in the projects.

Reflection of Jewish and Roma Heritage

In August and September, the Lithuanian Center for Human Rights, together with the Jewish Community, the Roma Community Center Vilnius and the organisation “Die Falken”, laid 14 “Stolpersteine” (Stumbling Stones) in Vilnius, Kaunas, Panevezys and Siauliai to commemorate the murder of Jews and Roma. The public ceremonies in the four cities received extensive media attention.



above: Project “Eltav – On the leave” of the Autonomia Foundation, Budapest

below: Laying of Stumbling Stones (“Stolpersteine”) in Siauliai, Litauen



* Meet Up! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters

MEET UP! GERMAN-UKRAINIAN YOUTH ENCOUNTERS

The funding programme provides a platform for intensive exchange between young people and civil society actors from Germany and the Ukraine. As a partner that stays outside of political conflicts, the programme also enables young Russians to participate in the German-Ukrainian encounters. In a Europe that seems to be increasingly diverging, the programme shows young people the commonalities and cultural links between the nations.

In 2016, the programme funded 34 projects in which around 1,200 young people took part. Six partnerships took advantage of the opportunity to include participants from Russia. Due to the conflict in the Ukraine and the related tensions in the Russian-Ukrainian relationship, tri-national encounters present particular challenges and opportunities. On 5 December 2016, the Foundation EVZ invited the staff of these projects to a workshop in Berlin, where they were able to exchange experiences, information and tips.

Encounters in the project "Shaping the future" (left) and "Voices – Polyphony of youth": A German-Ukrainian-Russian choir project (right)





Traces into the present:
German-Ukrainian
perspectives on the
Flossenbürg
concentration camp



“Voices – Polyphony of
youth”: A German-Ukrainian-
Russian choir project

PROJECT EXAMPLES

In the project “Voices – polyphony of youth” by MitOst Hamburg e.V., young people from Germany, the Ukraine and Russia raised their voices. To use one’s voice is an important experience in choral work as well as in a lived democracy. The encounters, carried out in Hamburg and in the Ukrainian Carpathians, explored the question of what the participants would raise their voices for. They rehearsed together and gave concerts in the Hamburg Central Station and at the Altonaer Museum.

The role of women in politics was the focus of the project “Beyond the Protocol – Women in International Politics in the Ukraine and Germany”, which was conducted in Berlin and Kiev by Polis180 e.V. The participants from both countries analysed the role of women in armed conflicts, international security, and European foreign policy.

The funding programme “MEET UP! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters” was made possible in 2016 by the extensive support of the Federal Foreign Office and the Robert Bosch Foundation.

ACTIVITES FOR THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION OF SINTI AND ROMA IN GERMANY

With this new funding programme, the Foundation EVZ is contributing to the implementation of “Together for Better Education – Recommendations for the Equal Educational Participation of Sinti and Roma in Germany.” The recommendations were developed by the “Nationwide working group to improve participation in education and educational success of Sinti and Roma in Germany” and published in September 2015. The recommendations have sparked a broad discussion on the educational situation of Sinti and Roma in Germany.

RAA Symposium: Oliver von Mengersen (Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma), Dotschy Reinhardt (Council of Roma and Sinti RomnoKher Berlin-Brandenburg), Daniel Gyamerah (Citizens For Europe & Each One Teach One (EOTO)) and Romeo Franz (Hildegard Lagrenne Foundation)





Matthäus Weiß from the Council of Roma and Sinti in Schleswig-Holstein and with Romani Rose from the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma (middle)



In order to address a wide variety of civil society actors, especially from minority groups, the call for applications was designed with a low threshold and two phases. With 48 submitted projects, the response was outstanding. Eight organisations were asked to submit their applications for funding, four of which already began to implement their projects in 2016.

The recommendations were further entrenched with the national “Conference on the Recommendations for the Equal Educational Participation of Sinti and Roma in Germany”. The Regional Office for Education, Integration and Democracy Berlin (RAA Berlin) organised the conference in November 2016 and attracted 230 interested participants. The results of the conference fed into the further development of the funding programme.

In order to better network the participating organisations and provide advice on the projects, the Foundation EVZ invited representatives of six organisations to present their projects, discuss with each other and jointly address existing problems.

In the course of the year, a total of 340,000 euros in funding was provided to seven projects with the aim of promoting educational opportunities for Sinti and Roma in Germany.

www.stiftung-evz.de/handlungsfelder/handeln-fuer-menschenrechte/engagement-fuer-sinti-und-roma-in-deutschland.html

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ROMA IN EASTERN EUROPE

The scholarship programme of the Roma Education Fund (REF) supports Roma studying in Moldova, Russia or the Ukraine. The goal is to promote the university education of gifted and socially committed Roma, to build an international network of well-educated Roma, and to empower them to represent the interests of Roma in their societies. The Foundation EVZ funded a total of 203 scholarships in the class of 2016/17. The programme thereby contributes significantly to enabling Roma to study and achieve academic qualifications.

At a meeting in Budapest



The highpoint of the year was an annual meeting of the scholars in July in Budapest. The 44 participants exchanged with each other, made contacts and discussed, among other things, gender relations and Roma identity. The scholarship recipient Nikolainenka Andrii commented on the newly emerging understanding of the young, female generation: “Change and movement are a sign of progress. Not all traditions are necessary. Some of them are not traditions when they violate rights.”

Raicheva Albina, a scholarship recipient from the Ukraine, emphasized the importance of the scholarship programme: “REF’s financial and professional support of Roma youth in pursuing higher education has significantly increased the level of education among Ukrainian Roma.”



Nadir Redzeqi, director of the Roma Education Fund

The Roma Education Fund’s programme director for higher education, Dan Pavel Doghi, noted the goal: “We want the scholars to become active citizens.” He pointed out that many Roma are still justifiably afraid of discrimination and therefore cannot openly admit their ethnic identity.

The scholarships are awarded per semester. In the first semester of the 2016/17 school year, the Foundation funded scholarships in the amount of 650 euros each, totalling 130,000 euros. The largest number of scholars comes from the Ukraine (104), followed by Russia (60) and Moldova (36).

www.stiftung-evz.de/romastipendien



Video about the conference



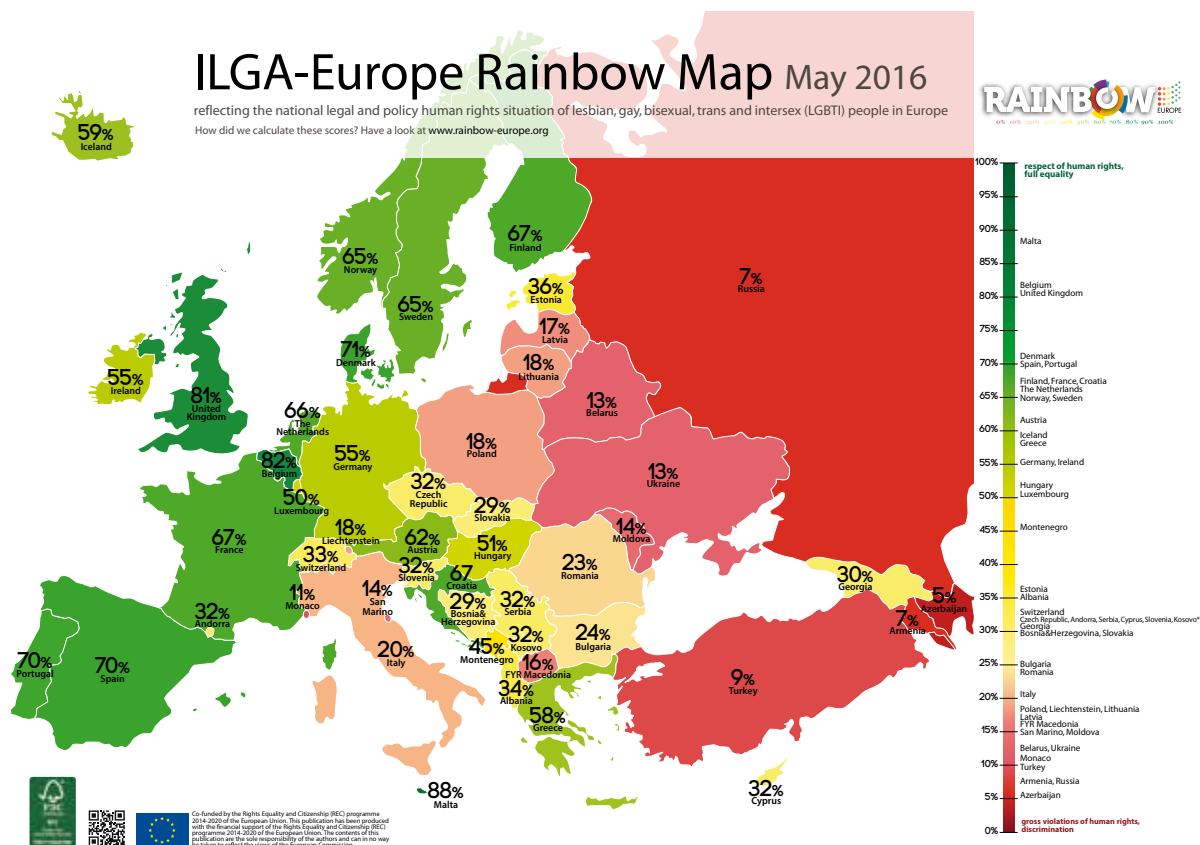
Meeting of current scholarship recipients in Budapest



SOGIDARITY

Under National Socialism, tens of thousands people were persecuted in Germany on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity; thousands lost their lives. Even today, discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people remains a reality.

Since 2015, the Foundation EVZ – co-funded by Dreilinden gGmbH – has been supporting activities in this new funding programme that tackle contemporary discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or identity. SOGIdarity stands for the cohesion of LGBTI people and other segments of civil society. The programme supports cooperation projects between LGBTI organisations and other actors from civil society, government or the private sector.



Source: <http://www.ilga-europe.org/resources/rainbow-europe/2016>



Baltic Pride 2016
"March for equality"

WORKING TOGETHER AGAINST ISOLATION, AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN EASTERN EUROPE

The first five funded projects in Russia, the Ukraine and Lithuania took different approaches to overcoming the social isolation of LGBTI organisations, creating alliances with other civil society groups, and working together to promote human rights. LGBTI organisations worked together with equal opportunity officers, psychologists' and journalists' associations, and local police structures and authorities in order to more effectively protect against homo- and transphobic discrimination and violence. Along with educational associations, they developed concepts for promoting the equal treatment of LGBTI people in the labour market. The first results show that the newly formed alliances strengthen LGBTI organisations and help them out of isolation. At the same time, they launch a discussion among the respective sectors of the majority society that leads to rethinking, and thus to a lasting improvement of the situation for the affected parties.

HUMAN RIGHTS OF LGBTI REFUGEES IN GERMANY

Among refugees in Germany are also many people of marginalized sexual orientations or gender identities. The Foundation EVZ responded in 2016 with support for projects aimed at improving security in temporary accommodations and in public spaces, as well as data security for LGBTI refugees. This includes non-discriminatory and human rights-compliant behavior of authorities during the asylum process.

In a networking project, the Migration Council Berlin-Brandenburg and GLADT e.V. developed a nationwide online mapping of advisory and supportive services for LGBTI refugees.



left and right: The "Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships: Emerging International Consensus and Local Opportunities" conference
middle: Baltic Pride 2016
"March for Equality"



Jugend debattiert
international

* International Youth Debate

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DEBATE

“International Youth Debate” is a competition for young people aged 16 to 19 in ten central and eastern European countries. The competition has taken place since 2005 as a joint project of the Goethe-Institut, the Foundation EVZ, the Hertie Foundation, and the Central Agency for German Schools Abroad. More than 12,000 school students have taken part. Young people from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, the Czech Republic, the Ukraine, Hungary, and since 2016 also Slovakia and Slovenia, can take part.



The jury for the international final in Prague



The podium for the international final in Prague



The “International Youth Debate” encourages young people to critically discuss human rights in their countries or in the European context. At the international finals, the best participants from the ten countries engaged in an exciting debate around the question of “Should proof of state-organised doping lead to the exclusion of a country from international competition?”

The finals week reached its highpoint with a grandfinal debate at the Prague Crossroads (Pražská křižovatka). Khoi Nguyen from the Czech Republic emerged as the international winner of the 10th international final, having convinced the jury with his arguments and contributions. Three further finalists also enriched the debate with their convincing positions: Eglė Karpauskaitė (Lithuania), Maiia Shulman (Russia) and Martina Eerme (Estonia).

In order to reach the final debate of the “International Youth Debate”, the four finalists and sixteen further participants in the finals week had to learn to listen carefully and argue precisely. They were thus able to emerge from the regional qualifiers and reach the national level. The prize for the two best young debates was the trip to the international finals week in Prague.

Former Czech Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg served as patron of the final debate.

www.stiftung-evz.de/jdi
www.jugend-debattiert.eu



OPPOSE OTHERING! FILMMAKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN TEAMS AND ON THE ROAD

After initiating the documentary film prize at the goEast Festival from 2008 to 2014, the Foundation EVZ began to fund the film project "OPPOSE OTHERING!" in 2016. Young filmmakers went on journeys together to document exclusion as well as integration practices. The bilateral tandems from Germany and central and eastern Europe dealt with exclusionary attitudes towards people of different social, religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and/or sexual orientations, and portrayed people in their commitment to solidarity, diversity and civil courage.

In the goEast Festival week 2016, ten nominated teams came together for intensive training and presented their ideas to an expert jury. Five tandems subsequently received production funds to implement their film ideas over the course of the year. The results will be presented at the goEast Festival 2017.



Scenes from the film
"Belonging Not Belonging"



Presentation of awards to the five selected film team tandems during the GoEast Festival



Film "Looking at Others"

The short film "Jožka" by Hamze Bytyci from Germany and Milan Durňak from the Czech Republic shows the fight of a Czech Roma person for an appropriate form of memory at the site of a former concentration camp for Roma people near Lety, Czech Republic.

In "Belonging-Not-Belonging" by Judith Beuth from Germany and Jasmin Brutus from Bosnia-Herzegovina, a teacher changes the life of her whole school class after she decided not to send a hearing-impaired student, Zejd Coralić, to a special school as usual. Instead, she begins to learn sign language with the whole class.

By funding these films, the Foundation EVZ makes a contribution to the fight against group-based hostilities.

<http://oppose-othering.de/>







FIELD OF ACTIVITY 3:

COMMITMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM



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PRESENTPAST – A GERMAN-ISRAELI FORUM FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVORS OF COLLECTIVE VIOLENCE

Collective violence, war and persecution are often the cause of extreme traumatisation that accompanies survivors for a lifetime. A trauma is not a single event, but a process – just as dealing with trauma is an ongoing process for victims that continues into old age. How survivors manage to live on past trauma depends not least on the help and support they receive.

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) and the Federal Ministry of Health funded several meetings of around 20 trauma experts from Israel and Germany. Staff of the Israeli organisation AMCHA shared their experiences working with traumatised Holocaust survivors with other organisations who also work with extremely traumatised people, for example with refugees of contemporary wars and conflicts. The focus was on developing common goals and principles for work with extremely traumatised people. Two key principles for this work were thereby identified as essential prerequisites: the recognition of victims’ suffering and a social environment that takes responsibility and supports victims. Building on this, the experts formulated ten principles that are necessary from the experts’ point of view to first enable the treatment of trauma, and to make interventions and therapies useful and effective (www.amcha.de).

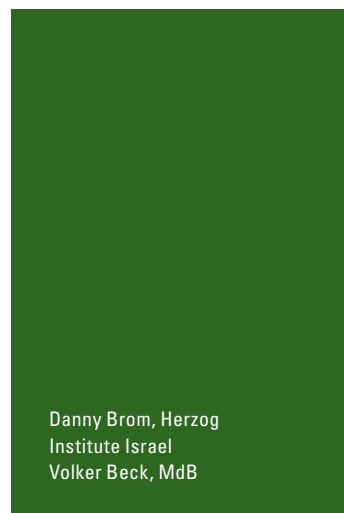
AMCHA was founded in 1987 as a community that supports Holocaust survivors and their descendants. It currently offers professional assistance to over 17,000 people in Israel. This makes it one of the largest psychosocial organisations worldwide for extremely traumatised people.

left: Noemi Staszewski, coordinator of the ZWST meeting place
middle: Lukas Welz, director of Amcha Germany
right: Martin Auerbach, clinical director of Amcha Israel, with Elise Bittenbinder, Nationwide Association of Psychosocial Centers for Refugees and Victims of Torture





The results of the expert dialogue were publicly presented and discussed in Berlin in November 2016. In the process, they demonstrated how relevant the issues addressed are for the descendants of victims of Nazi persecution, as well as for the current reception of extremely traumatised refugees in Germany.



Danny Brom, Herzog
Institute Israel
Volker Beck, MdB

“REMEMBRANCE CULTURE IN INTERGENERATIONAL-DIALOGUE: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR FORMER FORCED LABOURERS”

One hundred and forty young and old people came together in September 2016 for a three-day conference in Belavesheska Puscha, a nature reserve in western Belarus. The international association “Reconciliation” coordinates the funding programme “Dialogue Forum” in Belarus, and invited survivors of Nazi persecution and volunteers from Russia, the Ukraine, Belarus, Estonia, Moldova, Syria and Germany to exchange their experiences.

In lectures and panel discussions, historians compared contemporary perspectives on the Second World War in their home countries. The participants discussed the question of joint engagement for survivors, and compared different cultures of memory. Together, they visited the fortress in Brest, explored memorial sites in the nature reserve and discussed the Syrian conflict with the aid of a short film. In addition to the substantive work, they also ate and socialised together.

The German Ambassador, Dr. Peter Dettmar, opened the conference. He recalled the collapse of civilisation that led to the Shoah, as well as the German invasion of the Soviet Union 75 years ago, and reaffirmed the lessons drawn from this history: “The responsibility we bear as Germans remains: Our history carries a special obligation for us to combat every kind of exclusion and xenophobia, promises of salvation, and collective scapegoating. Never again may the state and society allow a silent majority to humiliate or threaten people as so-called enemies based on their ethnicity, religion, political views or other differentness.”

left: Anatoly Podolsky, Centre for Holocaust Research Kiev
middle: Peter Dettmar, German Ambassador in Belarus
right: Anshelika Anoschko, deputy curator of the Foundation EVZ for Belarus, director of the international association “Reconciliation” in Minsk





Our meetings are very important to me. But only a few people still come. Of the 2,500 so-called “Eastern workers” who returned to Stolín after the war, only 478 are still alive. We helped those in the most need to receive care in a nursing home. Many of us can only leave the house with assistance. That’s why I’m so happy to meet so many fellow former victims here at the conference.

Nina Kalenikovna Tarasevich

85 years old, Chair of the Forced Labourers’ Association in Stolín (Brest region)



left: Tatjana Osipowa, historical educator, Kostroma University



*Dialogue Forum

DIALOGUE FORUM

An annual call for applications in the funding programme “Dialogue Forum” goes out for Belarus, the Ukraine and Russia. The goal is to improve the living situation of victims of National Socialism. The support of appropriate projects should enable Nazi victims to participate more fully in society, and to have their experiences of persecution and fates recognized and honoured in society.

The programme is implemented by civil society organisations in the respective project countries who carry out administrative tasks from the submission of the application to invoicing, and who advise and guide the projects. In addition, the programme implementers support the needs of Nazi victims in their own countries, network between the funded associations, and take part as experts in conferences and commissions.

Since 2009, a total of 386 one to two-year projects have been funded through the programme. In 2016, around 4,500 Nazi victims and 2,700 other elderly people took advantage of the various project offerings. Volunteers were active in many different projects. In 2015, over 1,600 volunteers took part, of whom about a third were themselves born before May 1945. In 2016, a total of 42 projects were approved in Belarus, Russia and the Ukraine with a total funding of 1.16 million euros.

left: Viktor Jurjewitsch Jelin, former “Ostarbeiter”, leads an art class for kids. Project of the welfare fund “Social Help” in Kharkiv, Ukraine
right: Visitors to the exhibition “wie das Atmen frischer Luft” in Kharkiv





“Volunteer club for former Nazi victims” of the regional Centre for Social Services in Lida, Belarus

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Story Contest “Mensch sein” (“Being Human”)

In the summer of 2016, the Ukrainian organisation “Turbota pro Litnih v Ukraini” launched the competition “Being Human” in the funding programme “Dialogue Forum”. The competition is directed at all those who have been or are involved in a “Dialogue Forum” project. They are invited to submit a story about humanity during times of war. The jury then selected the four best stories out of the 59 submitted. The authors were honoured at an event at the Kiev House of Writers. Forty-six stories were published in Ukrainian and Russian language and are also available on the programme website: www.mestovstrechi.info.

Project “Non-Coincidental Encounters”

From September 2014 to June 2016, the Center for Democratic Youth Initiatives in Samara brought together young volunteers with survivors of Nazi crimes. The volunteers were active in the cities of Samara, Togliatti and Sysran, as well as in remote rural areas. In the process, more than 150 victims of National Socialism found a companion to support them in everyday life, and to take them to the theatre or on excursions to surrounding areas.



left: Jelena Alexandrowna Titowa, award winner in the story contest “Mensch sein” from Ternopil, Ukraine
right: Marija Grigorjewna Skowikowa (former child prisoner) and Irina Charlampidi (volunteer) in the project “Non-Coincidental Encounters”



*Partnerships for the Victims of National Socialism

PARTNERSHIPS FOR VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

The programme “Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism” seeks to enable ageing in dignity for elderly Nazi victims. With this aim, the Foundation EVZ supports projects in central and eastern Europe, Israel and Germany. The engagement for victims of National Socialism also serves to promote international understanding and reconciliation. The Foundation EVZ therefore especially supports cross-border project cooperations. Since 2002, the Foundation EVZ has supported over 250 projects through the funding programme. In 2016, 13 projects received multi-year funding and around 70 projects were accompanied in their implementation.



Irina Burghardt reports on the Leningrad Blockade



Survivors of the Leningrad Blockade



LIVING MEMORY – SURVIVORS OF THE LENINGRAD BLOCKADE IN DIALOGUE

Seventy-five years after the Leningrad Blockade, the Foundation EVZ and “Club Dialog” invited the eyewitness Irina Burghardt and a group of survivors to a public event.

- » Irina Burghardt’s memories are those of a child. She was four years old when she and her parents got caught in the Blockade. The images, sounds and smells are still alive today – the loud snoring of her terminally ill uncle, who stayed with the family during the famine and ultimately died of exhaustion.

From the event report by Anna Lena Vaje, www.stiftung-evz.de

The blockade of the city of Leningrad by the German Wehrmacht began in September 1941. The siege lasted two and a half years, and cost more than a million lives. Around sixty “Blokadniki”, as the survivors call themselves, now live in Berlin after immigrating there in the 1990s at already old ages. “Living Memory” is what they call their group, which meets regularly at the association “Club Dialog” and is supported by the Foundation EVZ. The “Club Dialog” enables them to meet, talk, and share their leisure time, as well as to exchange with young people. Several times a week, the association also offers social counselling and assistance for people’s interactions with authorities, as well as with their official correspondence.

SPENDEN FÜR NS-OPFER

*Donations for the Victims of National Socialism

DONATIONS FOR THE VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

The funding programme “Donations for the victims of National Socialism” has received over 5.4 million euros in donations since 2011 to support elderly victims of National Socialism. This has allowed the Foundation EVZ to support 38 multi-year projects to support victims of National Socialism in ten countries of central and eastern Europe. In particular, the large donation of one company made it possible to improve the living situation of around 20,000 victims of National Socialism by 2014. With the campaign “I’m still alive!” from September 2014 to May 2015, the Foundation EVZ increased attention to the plight of survivors of Nazi persecution.

In 2016, six ongoing projects provided regular assistance to around 600 survivors of Nazi persecution. The funded associations reached former forced labourers in Belarus and the Ukraine, survivors of the Leningrad Blockade in St. Petersburg, and survivors of the genocide against Roma people in southern Russia. The project-implementing associations organised meeting places for Nazi victims, built up long-term care structures, and motivated people in surrounding communities to engage on behalf of Nazi victims. The projects also provided financial assistances for food and medicine to needy Roma people.

With the donations received in 2016, the Foundation will fund two further projects in 2017 to support Nazi victims in Poland and the Ukraine.





The eyewitness Anastasia Gulei from Kiev with students in Bergen-Belsen

PROJECT EXAMPLES

German-Ukrainian Partnership for Nazi Victims

The “Association of Former Inmates of Fascist Concentration Camps” in Kiev designed a two-year project in cooperation with the History Workshop Merseburg-Saalekreis. The focus is on healthcare for around 40 Nazi victims. The project organises regular home visits by volunteers, spa stays and free medication for those in the most need.

Support of Self-Help Organisations in Belarus

The international association “Reconciliation” supports ten local associations of former forced labourers. The aim of the project is to support, in an un-bureaucratic manner, the self-help groups which were founded around 25 years ago in their engagements for members. The funding enables members who are still mobile to maintain joint activities and events as well as contact to Nazi victims who are no longer mobile.





In 2016, the Foundation EVZ established this new programme for survivors of the Nazi genocide against the Roma. It contributes to the recognition of the persecution histories of Roma survivors, and helps to improve their health, material and social conditions. Civil society organisations in Roma communities are strengthened, and other organisations are encouraged to engage on behalf of Roma. In the process, they can break down stereotypes about Roma and support their inclusion in the respective majority societies.

The first call for applications in 2016 was directed at Russian-speaking civil society organisations from Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia and the Ukraine. On the recommendation of an international expert jury, 13 projects will be funded with 500,000 euros. The projects start in early 2017.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Volunteer Engagement and Individual Assistance for Victims of the War in Eastern Ukraine

The young Ukrainian NGO “Joint Assistance” supports 65 elderly Roma who have suffered from the war in eastern Ukraine in the regions of Donetsk, Mariupol, Kramatorsk and Slowjansk. They receive medications, clothing and hygiene products, can recuperate for a week in a rehabilitation center, or have their houses repaired. Young Ukrainian and Roma volunteers visit the project beneficiaries and help them at home. In the process, they build up and support the volunteer structures of Roma in the region.

Partnership and Dialogue

The organisation “Social Projects” from Gomel, Belarus, has been cooperating with local Roma initiatives for six years, and supports the organisational development of partners. In the new project, young Roma also become qualified and are engaged as family helpers and mediators. In addition to the individual assistance cases, project beneficiaries also have the opportunity to meet in regular inter-generational clubs. The organisation also seeks to raise wider public awareness of the history and situation of Roma through public events.



Project beneficiaries from Uschhorod receive legal assistance



Inclusion and Access to Public Services

The Russian association “Smolensk Roma Diaspora” promotes the social participation of Roma who have survived Nazi persecution. In cooperation with state institutions, the organisation provides 80 beneficiaries with ongoing medical and legal support, free dental and other treatments. With the support of young volunteers, individual household assistance is also provided.



Project beneficiaries from Saporisha and Solotonoscha

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS ACCOMPANY VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

Within the field of activity of “Commitment to the Victims of National Socialism”, the association Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ASF) sent 14 young people to engage in humanitarian projects for one year in Poland, Russia, Belarus, the Ukraine, the Czech Republic and Israel in 2015/16.

The volunteers support the work of non-profit organisations and homes for the elderly. They accompany the elderly people in everyday life, offer practical assistance and go for walks with them. These social offerings are a useful complement to the work of professional caregivers. The volunteers offer their time, which the nurses often lack. The time spent together is enriching for both sides, and often gives rise to friendships.

Peter Kluth, a volunteer with the Polish Foundation Reconciliation in Warsaw, got to know Pan Józef: “He always greeted me very warmly. After greeting each other I get him his lunch from a monastery on Wilcza Street. I have a particularly good relationship with Pan Józef. Already at the beginning he told me that he did not feel any hostility toward me because I am German. Our conversations are usually long and varied – they are in no way forced. I really enjoy being with him.”

For the recipients of assistance, the volunteers mean not only concrete help in everyday life, but also a bright light in their often-lonely days. The young and elderly people get to know each other, despite cultural and linguistic differences, and develop an understanding of each other’s lives. ASF supplements the volunteer engagement with an accompanying educational programme that includes offerings in historical and political education. The volunteers also exchange their experiences at transnational meetings.

This year, ASF was awarded the Peace Prize of Westphalia for its valuable work against forgetting and for international understanding.

In September 2016, 14 new young volunteers were once again involved in projects through ASF, with the support of the Foundation EVZ. Before their departures, they came to the Foundation to learn about the history of compensation and funding activities.



Pani O. is my oldest client. I can remember one visit in particular. Pani O. had decided to sell her old vinyl records, because they would just be thrown away after her death anyway, she said. So I persuaded her to at least let us listen to one of them again. She chose Chopin. I'll never forget that smile and the exclamation, "Ah, my favorite Chopin!"

Charlotte Blumenthaler, Jewish Community Brno, Czech Republic



left: Charlotte Blumenthaler, in the Czech Republic on an excursion with eyewitnesses
right: Eva Kell with the eyewitness Dr. Michaela Vidlakova

I had respect for these people before meeting them. In the back of my head I thought this is such a bizarre situation, that I as a German was visiting former forced labourers, and what they must think of me. Then when I went, I realized that people are simply people – that my nationality or fate wasn't in the foreground. It is actually quite natural – I'm young and can easily do things that are hard for them. But the social element should also not be underestimated – who doesn't appreciate a sympathetic ear?

Eva Kell, volunteer with Živá paměť in Ostrava, Czech Republic







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EVENTS

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) supported the following events, in individual cases with the help of cooperation partners.

JANUARY

12.1.16 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Panel Discussion: “Commemoration, Remembrance, Education”

Commemoration, remembrance and education help to make amends to victims of massive, systematic injustices. Prof. Susanne Buckley-Zistel, Philipps University Marburg, spoke about the importance of civil society initiatives, memorial sites and educational institutions in dealing with histories of injustice. She then spoke with Uta Gerlant, Foundation EVZ, Dr. Irina Scherbakowa, Memorial Moscow, and Clara Ramírez-Barat, Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, New York, about forms of dealing with difficult histories and serving democratisation by strengthening values of humanity in society and preventing recurrences of injustice. Günter Saathoff, Co-Director of the Foundation EVZ, introduced the topic. This event of the Foundation EVZ was part of the series “Transitional Justice. Instruments – Experiences – Challenges”, organized in cooperation between the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, the German Institute for Human Rights, and the Foundation EVZ. It was coordinated by Prof. Anja Mihr, Humboldt-Viadrina Center on Governance through Human Rights, Berlin.

12.–15.1.16 · Berlin and Potsdam
Film: “Linie 41” (“Line 41”)

The documentary film “Linie 41” depicts the return of a survivor of the Łódź Ghetto to today’s Łódź. For many years, Natan Grossmann avoided inquiring too much into the fate of his brother Ber, who disappeared there in 1942. Now, after 70 years, a late search began for traces of his brother and

parents, who died in the Ghetto. In the process, he crosses paths with the son of the former Nazi mayor of the city, who was also investigating his dark family history. Both searches converge. The two protagonists, Natan Grossmann and Jens-Jürgen Ventzki, were present at all the screenings of the film, which was shown at the Topography of Terror, in the European Janusz Korczak Academy Berlin, the Center for Contemporary History Research, and at the Bundesplatz Kino.

21.1.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Exhibition: “Braunschweig–Łódź 1939”

German and Polish students, joined by Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ, opened their exhibition on the histories of Braunschweig and Łódź under National Socialism, which they researched and created during the school year 2014/15. Many of the forced labourers used by the Nazis in Braunschweig came from the Łódź Ghetto. Dr. Gustav Partington, a teacher at the Neuen Oberschule Braunschweig, Małgorzata Szymańska, a student at the Katolickie Gimnazjum i Liceum Ogólnokształcące in Jana Pawła II, Łódź, and Kathrin Zöller of the Braunschweig Schillstraße Concentration Camp Subcamp Memorial Schillstraße, reported on their joint project work. Evelyn Scheer of the Foundation EVZ moderated. On the basis of their exhibition, the young people explained – in Polish and German – the urban development of Łódź, the “Manchester of the East”, with its German, Russian, Polish and Jewish populations, as well as Braunschweig, which presented itself as a National Socialist model city. The project was funded in the programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE. The exhibition was on view in the foyer of the Foundation EVZ until 7 March.



25.1.–4.2.2016 · Germany-wide
Film: “Liga Terezin” (“Terezin League”)

On the occasion of the “German Football Memorial Day” on 27 January 2016, Oded Breda and the Israeli filmmaker Mike Schwartz presented the film “Liga Terezin” in eleven German cities. The Terezin concentration camp served as a “demonstration ghetto”, and was the only camp with a football league. Prisoners played against each other in the barracks yard, and the Nazis used film footage for their propaganda. In the “Liga Terezin” there were even referees and sports magazines. For the prisoners, football served as a distraction from the cruelties of everyday life in the camp. As part of the film series, Oded Breda spoke about how he discovered his uncle Pavel in the propaganda pictures, and then went in search of further traces in the film “Liga Terezin”.

26.1.2016 · Berlin
German Resistance Memorial
Exhibition: “Don’t Let our Pictures Die! – Felka Platek/Felix Nussbaum”

One of the painter Felix Nussbaum’s last statements was: “When I go down, don’t let my pictures die!” Felix Nussbaum and his wife, the Polish-Jewish painter from Warsaw, Felka Platek, were deported to Auschwitz from their last hiding place in Brussels in 1944 after years of flight, humiliation and persecution. There, their traces vanish. The exhibition, which was opened at the German Resistance Memorial on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the 11th International Holocaust Memorial Day, tells the story of their lives through their works of art. Marian Turski, an Auschwitz survivor, Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ, and Sebastian Techen, a trainee at Volkswagen, greeted the guests. The exhibition was funded by the Foundation EVZ and shown by the International Auschwitz Committee, in cooperation with the German Resistance Memorial, the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, and the International Youth Meeting Center in Auschwitz.

27.1.2016 · Brussels, Belgium
European Commission
Exhibition: “Roma Memory – Learning from the Past, Building Dignity Today”

On 27 January, the Memorial Day for Victims of National Socialism, the exhibition “Roma Memory – Learning from the past, building dignity today”

was opened in the European Commission in Brussels. It was open to visitors to the European Commission until 19 February.

28.1.2016 · Berlin · Federal Foreign Office
Exhibition: “Life after Survival”

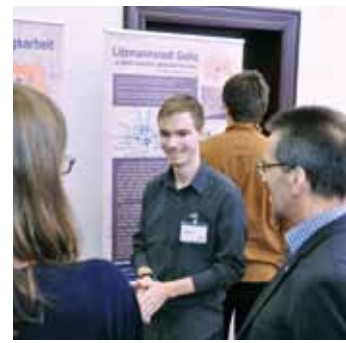
The exhibition “Life after Survival – Survivors of the Holocaust and their Families in Israel” was opened in the atrium of the German Federal Foreign Office by Minister of State Prof. Maria Böhmer, MdB, in the presence of three Holocaust survivors portrayed in the exhibition, Pnina Katsir, George Shefi and Richard Hirschhorn. Following the opening, an “Encounter Evening” took place with the three survivors. The exhibition is based on the artistic work of the photographer Helena Schätzle, who illustrates the complex impact of the Holocaust on the lives of survivors. The exhibition was curated by AMCHA Germany and funded by the Foundation EVZ.

January to October · Belarus
Exhibition: “... Like a Breath of Fresh Air”

The traveling exhibition on Nazi victims, “... Like a Breath of Fresh Air”, funded in the programme “Dialogue Forum”, visited its first station in Belarus, Witebsk, in the second half of January. There, the beneficiaries of four projects funded by the Foundation EVZ could visit it. From 8–9 April, the exhibition was shown in Grodno as part of the conference “Improving the Quality of Life of Older People”. On 11 April, it was part of the commemoration programme for the “International Day of Liberation of the Inmates of Fascist Concentration Camps” in Minsk. On the “Day of Victory”, the exhibition by journalist Lesya Kharchenko was then shown in Mogilev. As part of the conference “Commemorative Culture in Intergenerational Dialogue”, which took place from 20–24 September, the exhibition then traveled to Belowshskaja Puschtscha. In October it was on display at the Pushkin Library for the entire month.

January to September · Russian Federation
Exhibition: “... Like a Breath of Fresh Air”

The Russian version of the exhibition about Nazi victims in Belarus, Russia and the Ukraine, which was funded in the programme “Dialogue Forum”, was displayed from 19 January to 25 February at the “House of Culture” in Voroshilovskiy district, Volgograd. It then travelled down the Volga to





Samara, where visitors could learn about the fate of those portrayed in the exhibition at the “Center for the Support of Democratic Youth Initiatives” from 26 February onward. On the occasion of “Victory Day”, the exhibition then spent a month at the branch of the State Technical University in Sysran, and in June it went to the village of Krasny Jar in Samara Oblast. In September, the exhibition was shown in St. Petersburg and in Leningrad Oblast: from 13–14 September in the St. Petersburg branch of the “Russian Red Cross”, and on 16 September at the “Russian-German Center at the Petrikirche”. After 30 September, the exhibition was on view in Gatchina, near St. Petersburg.



FEBRUARY

10.2.2016 · Berlin · Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Discussion: “Prosecuting Serious Human Rights Violations”

The prosecution of serious human rights violations after societal upheavals is regarded as a key element of coming to terms with a defeated and unjust regime. Prof. Beate Rudolf, German Institute for Human Rights (DIMR), spoke with Dr. Rainer Huhle, member of the UN Committee against Enforced Disappearances, and Wolfgang Kaleck, General Secretary of the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights. They discussed the questions: When do human rights demand the prosecution of public officials? What has Germany’s experience been with the prosecution of Nazi and East German officials for crimes committed under their regimes? What is the relationship between national and international criminal justice? What opportunities exist for action when national prosecutions fail? The event was organised by DIMR as part of the cooperation series “Transitional Justice. Instruments – Experiences – Challenges.”



11.2.2016 · Berlin
Federal Foreign Office, Library
Panel discussion: “‘Psychological Wounds.’ Experiences and Expectations in Work with Traumatized Survivors of the Holocaust and Refugees”

The Holocaust is one of the most extreme examples of collective violence that shaped a whole society down to the lives of individual. Trauma experts from Israel and Germany discussed their experi-



ences and expectations regarding work with extremely traumatised survivors. Speakers included Elise Bittenbinder, chair of the Nationwide Association of Psychosocial Centers for Refugees and Victims of Torture (BAfF), Holger Michel, a volunteer at the refugee shelter at the Rathaus Wilmersdorf and member of the board of AMCHA Germany, Dr. Maria Böttche, Berlin Center for the Treatment of Torture Victims and the Free University Berlin, as well as Dr. Martin Auerbach, clinical director of AMCHA Israel. Lukas Welz, chair of AMCHA Germany, moderated the discussion.

22.–27.2.2016 · Krzyżowa/Kreisau, Poland
MICC University (Model International Criminal Court)

MICC is a simulation of the International Criminal Court for young people from around the world. At the end of February, 52 students and educators from Belarus, Germany, Israel, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Poland, the Ukraine and the US met in Krzyżowa, Poland. Together they simulated cases before the International Criminal Court and exchanged experiences.

26.2.2016 · Mönchengladbach
BIS – Zentrum für offene Kulturarbeit (Centre for Public Culture)
Theatre: “Children in Waldniel”

Students at a vocational school in Mönchengladbach presented the results of a theatre project with Theater mini-art. Based on the history of the former children’s ward Waldniel-Hostert, the participants addressed the historical facts of the planned murder of children and young people under National Socialism. The young people jointly developed scenic presentations with their own ideas, thoughts and impressions. Waldniel was one of the largest children’s wards operated in the former German Reich. Around 100 children were murdered there.

29.2.2016 · Berlin
Allied Museum, Outpost Theater
Reading: “In the camp I was also made into a criminal”

Feiga Berkmann, a Jewish survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp, discovers a familiar face at Bremen train station on 13 January 1948. She recognizes the former Kapo “Gretel” from the camp, and informs the station police. The authorities search the woman and arrest her –

her name is Margarete Ries. The Bremer Shakespeare Company, together with the project "From the Archives onto Stage", developed a reading using original documents from the interrogations done by the US military administration and the denazification proceedings.

MARCH

2.3.2016 · Berlin · Federal Foreign Office, Atrium Visitor Center

Collage: "Integration of Perpetrators – Reaction of Survivors"

This collage of lecture, film and conversation was created by Dr. Hans-Christian Jasch, Dr. Elke Gryglewski and Dr. des. Gerd Kühling from the House of the Wannsee Conference Memorial. The event was organised by AMCHA Germany and took place as part of the exhibition "Life after Survival – Survivors of the Holocaust and their Families in Israel."

3.3.2016 · Berlin · Centrum Judaicum
Panel discussion: "Survivors and their Descendants. Conversation with Two Generations"

On the podium were Gabriel Berger, Marguerite Marcus and Nea Weissberg. The journalist and director Britta Wauer moderated the conversation. The event was organised by AMCHA Germany and took place as part of the exhibition "Life after Survival – Survivors of the Holocaust and their Families in Israel", which was shown in the atrium of the German Federal Foreign Office until 9 March.

5. and 7.3.2016 · Bedburg-Hau · Theater mini-art Theatre: "Änne's Last Journey"

On the occasion of the memorial day to the victims of the first patient transport from Bedburg-Hau on 6 March 1940, the Theater mini-art performed the play "Änne's Last Journey" three times. The starting point for the stage drama is the documented case of Anna Lehnkering, called Änne, who was a patient in the Bedburg-Hau psychiatric hospital from 1936 to 1940 and who became a victim of "euthanasia" in Grafeneck on 7 March 1940. One performance was attended by new employees and trainees of the Rheinland Regional Council, who sought to learn about the history of the clinic in Bedburg-Hau. The Foundation EVZ funded the performances of the play across Germany in 2016.

9.–11.3.2016 · Hamburg · Museum of Work Forum: "Shared Memory of Nazi Forced Labour in Europe in the 21st Century"

The three-day international forum of Humboldt University Berlin took place at the Hamburg Museum of Work parallel to the exhibition "Forced Labour. The Germans, the Forced Labourers and the War." Participatory formats such as workshops, excursions, seminars and public events addressed different memories of Nazi forced labour in contemporary Europe. The international forum was the start of a series of conferences that brought together young researchers from different European countries with academics and other organisations.

9.3.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Lectures: "Compensation"

The second event of the Foundation EVZ in the series "Transitional Justice. Instruments – Experiences – Challenges" was dedicated to injustices, victim groups and the organisation of compensation programmes. The Foundation EVZ itself was part of such a process of compensation to former forced labourers. Dr. Carla Ferstman, director of REDRESS, London, and Dr. Norbert Wühler, (ret.) director of reparations programmes at the IOM in Geneva, introduced the topic. Dr. Roland Bank, director of the legal protection department of UNHCR, Berlin, subsequently discussed whether compensation should be paid on an individual or collective basis. What are the experiences with compensation programmes from the perspective of victims, and from the perspective of responsible organisations? How have claims for compensation payments developed, including under the influence of human rights?

9. and 10.3.2016 · Konstanz · Stadttheater Theatre: "Änne's Last Journey"

In cooperation with the initiative "Stumbling Stones for Konstanz – Against Forgetting and Intolerance"), the Theater mini-art gave two guest performances at the Stadttheater Konstanz with the support of the Foundation EVZ. With great respect, the two actors told the stories of the mother, teacher, siblings, neighbors, doctors and Änne, with the aid of documentary materials and projections of Änne's shocking life story until her deportation to an extermination centre.





10. and 11.3.2016 · Berlin · Theater o. N.
Theatre: "Postcards from Yesterday to Tomorrow"

Berlin students developed a multimedia theatre performance using original reports of eyewitnesses of National Socialism. Eight interviews from the "Visual History Archive" and the archive "Forced Labour 1939–1945" served as the starting point for students from the Ernst Haeckel Oberschule, who dove into the biographies of strangers and then artistically implemented their personal readings on stage in the form of a play, in cooperation with spreagenten e.V. The result is a mixture of tableaux and scenic miniatures in which performance, video and text combine. The postcards are the message of the young people to their audience today, as well as to the eyewitnesses from the past.



13.–15.3.2016 · Berlin
Conference: Parliamentarians against Antisemitism

The non-governmental organisation Interparliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism (ICCA) from London, with the support of the German Bundestag and Federal Foreign Office, organised an international conference in Berlin against anti-Semitism with over 100 parliamentarians from different countries. The Foundation EVZ funded the participation of parliamentarians from central and eastern Europe in the conference through the funding programme "Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism".



16.3.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Panel discussion: "Caught up in the war again"

Since the outbreak of the war in eastern Ukraine, almost two million people have fled their homes. Those who have stayed suffer from war-related economic crises and the collapse of supply systems. Homes and apartments have been destroyed. Food, clothing and medicines are in shortage. Particularly precarious is the situation of older people, many of whom still remember the horrors of the Second World War. In order to alleviate their hardship, the Foundation EVZ, within the programme "Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism", has been funding five emergency relief projects for around 2,000 Nazi victims who are particularly affected by the war in eastern Ukraine. Speakers included Ljudmila Kotserschina, project director from Dnipropetrowsk, Pawel Sharun, project participant from Sloviansk, and Anton Plaksun, project director from Kiev,



who spoke about their experiences and the humanitarian aid measures. Elke Braun of the Foundation EVZ moderated, and Dr. Michael Jansen of the Foundation EVZ greeted the guests.

19. and 20.3.2016 · Berlin
Haus der Jugend Zehlendorf
Theater: "Das Spiel von Dina und Jovan"
("The Story of Dina and Jovan")

Young Berliners read the memories of Dina and Jovan Rajs of the Holocaust and developed a theatre play based on their story. Two people rehearse, act and contemplate and, suddenly, Dina and Jovan are standing there, joining the performance. Dina and Jovan met during their summer break at a Jewish youth club in Belgrade when they were 17 and 21, respectively. The moment of their meeting is the starting point for the play, which also evokes other scenes of memory. The performance of the play at the Haus der Jugend Zehlendorf moved between childhood and youth, past and present, between the two authentic figures and their young actors. The audience followed these four through their performance and thereby came closer to the life stories of themselves and others. The theatre project was organised by the House of the Wannsee Conference and the Haus der Jugend Zehlendorf, with funding from the Foundation EVZ.

APRIL

5.4.2016 · Berlin · Kino Central
Film: "Im Labyrinth des Schweigens"
("Labyrinth of Lies")

For the opening of the film series "The Frankfurt Auschwitz Trails" at the Kino Central on 5 April, the Foundation EVZ presented the film "Im Labyrinth des Schweigens" (D 2014, Director: Giulio Ricciarelli). The film tells the story leading up to the first Frankfurt Auschwitz Trail, which began on 20 December 1963, from the perspective of the young prosecutor Johann Radmann. He becomes curious when a journalist points out a teacher who formerly worked as a guard in the Auschwitz concentration camp. He himself knows little about what actually happened in the concentration camps, but he gets to the bottom of the matter with the help of Fritz Bauer, the Hessian prosecutor general. Dietrich Wolf Fenner of the Foundation EVZ welcomed the audience. Dagi Knellessen of the Simon Dubnow Institute in Leipzig introduced the film.

8.4.2016 · Berlin · Simsonweg Roma Day Demonstration

The Alliance for Solidarity with the Sinti and Roma of Europe invited guests to a rally on the occasion of World Roma Day on 8 April. Sinti and Roma – Europe’s largest minority – experience prejudice, exclusion and discrimination throughout Europe. In addition to Federal President Joachim Gauck, the following representatives also took part in the rally: Aydan Özoğuz, Federal Government Commissioner for Migrants, Refugees and Integration, Soraya Post, Member of the European Parliament, Dr. Josef Schuster, President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Zoni Weisz, survivor, Shermin Langhoff, director of the Maxim Gorki Theater, Hamze Bytyci, chair of RomaTrial e.V., Rosa von Praunheim, film director, Wana Limar, MTV moderator, Arne Friedrich, former national football player, Romeo Franz, managing director of the Hildegard Lagrenne Foundation, Kefaet and Selami Prizreni, Hip-Hop-Duo K.A.G.E., chairs of Roma Art Action, Kefaet and Hikmet Prizreni, Hip-Hop-Duo Rollin’ Hopp, and Uwe Neumärker, director of the Foundation for the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. The Foundation EVZ supported the accompanying campaign and was represented with an info-stand.

9., 10., 16. and 17.4.2016 · Eberswalde Memorial Site Eisenspalterei/ "Jugend- und Kultureinrichtung EXIL", Theatre: "verschleppt jung ohne ich" ("abducted young without me")

The Eisenspalterei was a subcamp of the Ravensbrück concentration camp where 800 women from Poland, Italy and other countries were humiliated and exploited by the Nazi regime. German and Polish young people explored the historical site with a theatre performance. What do the two barracks tell us? How can we deal with and share the stories of the survivors? What does all this have to do with us? Together with the audience, the performance explored the site, and portrayed moments of horror as well as the will to survive.

12.4.2016 · Berlin · Kino Central Film: "Der Staat gegen Fritz Bauer" ("The People vs. Fritz Bauer")

In continuation of the film series "The Frankfurt Auschwitz Trails" at the Kino Central, the Foundation EVZ presented the film "Der Staat gegen Fritz Bauer" (D 2015, Director: Lars Kraume).

When Fritz Bauer was appointed the Hessian Prosecutor General in the mid 1950s, he set his sights high: He wanted to prosecute Nazi criminals and thereby ensure that Germany acknowledged and came to terms with the Nazi atrocities of its past. Many people in post-war Germany did not look kindly upon his work. Many Germans vehemently opposed this fundamental reckoning with the past, including many who still held on to old Nazi ideas. Dr. Ralf Possekel of the Foundation EVZ welcomed the audience. Dag Knellessen of the Simon Dubnow Institute in Leipzig explained the historical background of the film and the significance of Fritz Bauer today.

15.4.2016 · Berlin STATION Berlin at Gleisdreieck Forum: "Menschen bewegen" ("Moving People")

The forum "Moving People: Culture and Foreign Policy Live" by the German Federal Foreign Office and its partners provided insights into current topics of civil society and foreign cultural policy. As part of the forum at the STATION Berlin on 15 April, the Foundation EVZ presented the funding programmes EUROPEANS FOR PEACE and MEET UP!

18.4.2016 · Berlin · Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship Panel discussion: "Archives as Actors Addressing the Past"

In the process of addressing the past, archives become key witnesses that can help to identify and convict the perpetrators of serious human rights violations. For the victims of state-sponsored atrocities, archival work is often critical to how they come to terms with their past and find rehabilitation. Dr. Anna Kaminsky, Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, welcomed the attendees. Petra Rauschenbach of the Federal Archive introduced the topic and then discussed with Frank Ebert (Robert Havemann Society), Floriane Hohenberg, (International Tracing Service, Bad Arolsen), Roland Jahn (Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records), and Dea Marić ("Documenta – Centre for Dealing with the Past", Human Rights House Zagreb). Markus Decker of DuMont-Hauptstadtredaktion took over the moderation. The event was part of the cooperative series: "Transitional Justice. Instruments – Experiences – Challenges."





18.4.2016 · Cologne · Central Library
Presentation: "Descendants of Victims of Nazi Persecution"

At the Cologne Central Library, the Federal Association for Information and Advice for Victims of Nazi Persecution presented an anthology of outcomes from its conference on the topic "Descendants of Victims of Nazi Persecution", which took place in June 2015 in Berlin. At the conference, more than 20 speakers led workshops on the topics of social work, psychology and civic participation. The publication is the first to take up the topic of descendants of victims of Nazi persecution from the perspective of various victim groups. The event took place in cooperation with "Germania Judaica – Cologne Library on the History of German Jewry".



20.–26.4.2016 · Wiesbaden
Film festival: goEast – Festival of Central and Eastern European Film

During the 16th annual "goEast – Festival of Central and Eastern European Film" in Wiesbaden, the Foundation EVZ funded the pilot project "OPPOSE OTHERING!" Young filmmakers from Germany and central and eastern Europe formed tandem teams that used film to address exclusionist attitudes towards people of different social, religious, cultural, ethical or sexual identities. Ten tandems came together for intensive training to further develop their projects and then presented them to an expert jury. Veronika Sellner of the Foundation EVZ welcomed the participants. Dr. Ralf Possekel of the Foundation EVZ congratulated the five selected directorial tandems: Pierre-Yves Dalka (Germany) and Ekaterina Izmestyeva (Russia), with the project "Voices"; Hamze Bytyci (Germany) and Milan Durňak (Slovakia) with "Jožka"; Anda Puscas (Romania) and Dennis Stormer (Germany), with "Field Trip"; Judith Beuth (Germany) and Jasmin Brutus (Bosnia-Herzegovina) with "Belonging-Not-Belonging"; and Julia Grauberger (Germany) and Aleksandra Medianikova (Russia) with "Another Day".



20.4.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Exhibition: "Paths of Discrimination"

The impetus for the project "Paths of Discrimination: The History of Sinti and Roma in the Czech Republic and Germany", funded in the programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE, was the recognition that many prejudices are based on ignorance. Students from the Gymnasium Ostrov and the



Leonhard-Wagner-Gymnasium Schwabmünchen dealt intensively with the history of Sinti and Roma during joint project weeks in November 2014 and April 2015. They documented their jointly reflected knowledge in a travelling exhibition, which was opened in the Foundation EVZ on 20 April. Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ introduced the visitors to the topic. Tomáš Jan Podínský, Ambassador of the Czech Republic, greeted the guests and project participants. Natascha Hergert, "Junge Aktion der Ackermann-Gemeinde", Terezie Vávrová, antikomplex e.V., and teachers and students from the Gymnasium Ostrov reported on the project and then guided visitors through the exhibition. Sonja Böhme of the Foundation EVZ moderated the discussion. The exhibition was on view in the Foundation EVZ until 20 June.

- 22.4. · Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 27.4. · Riga, Latvia
- 28.4. · Tallinn, Estonia
- 29.4. · Vilnius, Lithuania

Country Finals: "International Youth Debate"

"International Youth Debate" is a debate competition for young people from ten Central and East European countries. The competition aims to encourage the exploration of human rights and their historical backgrounds, and to strengthen debating as a medium of political culture and democratic dispute. For example, the participants in the Slovenian country finals discussed whether registered civil partnerships should be endowed with the same rights as marriage. The finalists in Tallinn considered the question of whether Estonia should protect its EU external border with a fence.

23.4.2016 · Berlin · Kino Arsenal
Presentation: "Im Märkischen Sand – Nella sabbia del Brandeburgo"

The webdoc "Im Märkischen Sand – Nella sabbia del Brandeburgo" was presented to the public at Kino Arsenal. On 23 April 1945, German soldiers forced 131 Italian forced labourers into a sand pit near Treuenbrietzen (outside Berlin); 127 were shot. Four of them survived the massacre, including Antonio Ceseri, the last remaining eyewitness. Using the example of a small town in Brandenburg, the dual-language, interactive webdoc illuminates the fate of the 650,000 "Italian military internees" in Germany, the process of coming to terms with war crimes, and the long process of transnational remembrance in Germany and Italy.

26.4.2016 · Duisburg-Neudorf · Institute for Social Innovation (ISI) – SEMNOS Centre Symposium: “Violence Prevention and Victim Protection – Perpetrator-Victim Constellations in Elderly Care”

The people who are cared for in German elderly care facilities today mostly belong to the generation that survived the Second World War and the Nazi regime. Former victims of Nazi persecution meet former supporters or even Nazi perpetrators. Frequently, former victims of Nazi persecution are re-traumatized by the aggressive behaviour of former perpetrators. The staff of elderly care facilities are often overwhelmed by these situations, leaving the victims to themselves. In a year-long project, the Institute for Social Innovation (ISI) and the German Association for Information and Advice for Victims of Nazi Persecution examined these perpetrator-victim constellations in elderly care facilities, and developed guidance and practical assistance for elderly care staff on violence prevention and victim protection. The results of the project were presented at a symposium in Duisburg.

April to November · Ukraine Exhibition: “... Like a Breath of Fresh Air”

The exhibition, which portrays people whose lives were shaped by the Second World War and German tyranny, was opened on 21 April in Okhtyrka, Sumy Oblast. From 5–6 May, it was displayed at the Faculty of History of the University of Poltava. On 7 September, the exhibition was opened in Kiev as part of the 25th-anniversary celebrations of the organisation “Ukrajinska spilka wjasniw-shertw nazysmu (USWShN)” by its director, Markijan Demidow. On 20 September, the exhibition was on opened in Lubny, and on 8 November in Kamjanskoe.

MAY

11.5.2016 · Steyr, Austria Museum of Working World in Steyr, Austria Exhibition: “Forced Labour under National Socialism”

On 11 May, the exhibition “Forced Labour under National Socialism” opened at the Museum of Working World in Steyr, Austria. It was the seventh station since 2009 of the travelling exhibi-

tion by the Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp memorial, “Forced Labour. The Germans, The Forced Labourers and The War”, which was funded by the Foundation EVZ. The speakers at the opening of the exhibition in Steyr included Katrin Auer (Museum of Working World), Günter Saathoff (Foundation EVZ), Prof. Herwig Hösele (Future Fund of the Republic of Austria), Dr. Stefan Hördler (Mittelbau-Dora concentration camp memorial), and Katharina Brandstetter and Maria Frick (daughters of former forced labourers). The exhibition was open to the public until 18 December.

11.5.2016 · Berlin · Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities Lecture: “NEVER AGAIN! A Framework for Guarantees of Non-Recurrence”

A central function of “Transitional Justice” is to prevent massive human rights violations in the future. That is why United Nations Special Rapporteur Prof. Pablo de Greiff presented recommendations to the UN Human Rights Council and the General Assembly on the necessary elements. These range from constitutional and criminal law reforms to the reform of the judicial system and the security sector, to the improvement of framework conditions for civil society participation. Prof. Beate Rudolf, German Institute for Human Rights (DIMR), moderated the discussion. The DIMR event marked the conclusion of the cooperation series “Transitional Justice. Instruments – Experiences – Challenges.” The event was organised by the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, the German Institute for Human Rights, and the Foundation EVZ. It was coordinated by Prof. Anja Mihr, Humboldt-Viadrina Center on Governance through Human Rights, Berlin.

20.5. · St. Petersburg, Russia

20.5. · Kiev, Ukraine

25.5. · Budapest, Hungary

Country Finals: “International Youth Debate”

In May, the country finals of “International Youth Debate” took place simultaneously in Russia and the Ukraine, followed five days later by Hungary. In order to at the same time promote knowledge of the German language in the participating countries and in bilateral cultural relations, the project is conducted in German. The Russian finalists debated the abolition of the Olympic





Games, the Hungarian finalists debated the introduction of a refugee resettlement quota for Hungary, and the debaters in Kiev considered the removal of monuments that no longer correspond to contemporary values.

**20.–27.5.2016 · Krzyżowa/Kreisau, Poland
MICC World (Model International
Criminal Court)**

In late May, the 3rd MICC World simulations of the International Criminal Court took place for participations from around the world. With 78 young people, educators and counselors from Argentina, Bangladesh, Germany, Croatia, the Netherlands, Myanmar, Poland, South Africa, Uganda and Vietnam, this MICC World simulation had the most participating countries so far.



**27.5.–22.6.2016 · Berlin and Warsaw, Poland
Academy: “International Human Rights Dialogue
and Action Academy”**

Fifty students from Germany, Poland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Greece, the Ukraine and the US met in Berlin and Warsaw for the annual summer programmes of Humanity in Action (HIA). With support from the Foundation EVZ, HIA promotes learning from history and engagement for human rights through international educational programmes for active young professionals. The goal is to anchor engagement for human rights in the professional careers and personal mindsets and actions of the participants.



JUNE

**9.–10.6.2016 · Kassel · City Hall
Conference: “Perspectives. Forum for Education
and Academia, A Critical Look at Anti-Semitism:
Communication in Daily Life and Education”**

In online fora and social media, Jews are often accused of wielding power over the media. The seventh “Perspectives” conference was dedicated to the discussion of Anti-Semitism in the digital age, and addressed the role of communication in everyday life and education. The conference highlighted current analysis, discussed innovative educational approaches and put forward critiques. Actors from research and education were invited to exchange their ideas and experiences with education critical of anti-Semitism. The conference



series “Perspectives. Forum for Education and Academia, A Critical Look at Anti-Semitism” is a cooperation project between the Anne Frank Educational Centre in Frankfurt am Main, the Fritz Bauer Institute, the Jewish Museum Frankfurt, the Foundation EVZ, and the Center for Research on Antisemitism at the Technical University Berlin.

**10.6. · Warsaw, Poland
16.6. · Prague, Czech Republic
17.6. · Bratislava, Slovakia
Country Finals: “International Youth Debate”**

The winners of the “International Youth Debate” country finals in Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia were chosen in June 2016 in Warsaw, Prague and Bratislava. The finalists debated the abolition of the Olympic Games and the issue of refugee quotas. The first and second place groups from each of the ten country finals qualified for the international finals in fall 2016 in Prague. The country finals were coordinated by the Goethe Institut Prague and hosted by the Goethe Instituts in the respective countries.

**22.6.2016 · Berlin · German Historical Museum
Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the
German Invasion of the Soviet Union**

22 June 1941 marks the beginning of the German invasion of the Soviet Union, and the beginning of a ruthless war of extermination in which 27 million Soviet citizens, mostly civilians, were killed. Dr. Jörg Morré of the German-Russian Museum Berlin-Karlshorst welcomed the guests to the courtyard of the German Historical Museum. Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ gave an introduction alongside Markus Meckel, German War Graves Commission. Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, President of the German Bundestag, gave the memorial speech for Soviet victims of the extermination war in the East, and volunteers from “Action Reconciliation – Service for Peace” reported on their encounters with former forced labourers. The commemoration was a joint event of “Action Reconciliation – Service for Peace”, “Against Forgetting – For Democracy”, the Foundation of the German Historical Museum, the Foundation EVZ, the Foundation of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, and the German War Graves Commission.



23.–25.6.2016 · Athens, Greece
Conference of Humanity in Action

One hundred and fifty international fellows from Europe and the US met for the seventh international Humanity in Action conference in Athens, following the summer programmes “International Human Rights Dialogue and Action Academy” in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Sarajevo and Warsaw, and before the summer programme in Atlanta. The conference participants addressed challenges arising from the political, financial and refugee crises in Greece.

23.6.–2.7.16 · Oslo, Norway
Exhibition: “Berlin–Yogyakarta”

The English version of the exhibition “Berlin–Yogyakarta: From the Murder of Homosexuals in Hitler’s Concentration Camps to the Human Rights of LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex) Today”, conceived by the Campaign Against Homophobia Warsaw, was presented in Oslo from 23 June to 2 July as part of “Pride Week”.

27.6.2016 · Berlin · Refik Veseli School
Presentation: “Learning with Interviews – Forced Labour 1939–1945”

The new online learning platform of the online archive “Forced Labour 1939–1945” was presented at the Refik Veseli School in Berlin-Kreuzberg, accompanied by a theatre performance using eyewitness testimonies. Once labeled a “problem school”, the Refik Veseli School, which was named after a Muslim who rescued Jews, developed a new school concept in which historical learning in the immigration society and digital education play important roles. Dr. Andreas Eberhardt of the Foundation EVZ welcomed the students and guests.

28.6.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Panel discussion: “Queer Refugees – Welcome!?”

Sexual violence, racist exclusion, the risk of being deported – lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) refugees living in Germany see their human rights being regularly threatened. Numerous initiatives, organisations and state institutions are trying to ensure that safe refuge is possible. Nonetheless, are designated emergency shelters for LGBT refugees a solution? What exactly does “multiple discrimination” mean in the lives of

refugees? What challenges do we face when trying to make refugees truly welcome? Following an introduction by Dr. Andreas Eberhardt, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation EVZ, a discussion took place between Maguy Merheby (drag queen, trans-activist and refugee from Lebanon), Nadiye Ünsal (Migration Council Berlin-Brandenburg), Konstantin Sherstyuk, (Quarteera e.V.), and Mahmoud Hassino (journalist, gay activist, refugee and social worker with Schwulenberatung Berlin gGmbH). Salma Arzouni (GLADT e.V.) moderated.

29.6.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Panel discussion: “Wehrmacht Brothels: Almost No One Asks About the Women”

Germany invaded the Soviet Union 75 years ago. Among the 27 million Soviet victims of the war were millions of persecuted people, forced labourers, and prisoners of war. Thus far, few have spoken about the sexual violence committed by German soldiers against women and girls, especially their enslavement in Wehrmacht brothels. Following an introduction by Günter Saathoff, Dr. Regina Mühlhäuser (Hamburg Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Culture) and Michiko Kajimura (Japanese Women’s Initiative Berlin) spoke with Uta Gerlant (Lindenstraße Memorial Site Foundation) about this subject, which is still largely repressed in Germany.

JULY

13.–15.7.2016 · Salzburg, Austria
University of Salzburg
Conference: “Children and War – Past and Present”

Children as victims, eyewitnesses and participants in armed conflict, the Holocaust, genocide and forced labour, deportation and expulsion and war crimes, criminal trials and human rights were the topics of the third conference “Children and War – Past and Present”. The international conference was organised by the University of Wolverhampton, and funded by the Foundation EVZ in the programme “Forgotten Victims”. One hundred and fifty speakers from various disciplines from Europe, North America and Australia gathered in Salzburg.





AUGUST

4.8.2016 · Cologne · German Sports and Olympic Museum
Exhibition: "Between Success and Persecution"

From 4 August to 4 September, the German Sports and Olympic Museum, the Center for German Sports History, and the Universities of Potsdam and Hannover displayed the exhibition "Between Success and Persecution – Jewish Stars in German Sports until 1933 and Afterwards", funded by the Foundation EVZ, on the Rhein terrace of the German Sports and Olympic Museum. In a large-format sculptural presentation, the exhibition honoured the great achievements of Jewish athletes in the development of modern sports in Germany, and documented persecution under National Socialism on the basis of selected portraits.



27.8.2016 · Berlin · Theater Expedition Metropolis
Theatre: "Shaping Identities"

On 27 August, the first public rehearsal and first performance of the German-Israeli theatre project "Shaping Identities" took place at the Theater Expedition Metropolis in Berlin. Based on historical and contemporary cases of discrimination, the play developed concrete strategies for countering discrimination in the future. The theatre project enables young people from German and Israel to address the different facets of their identities, and was funded in the programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE.



August and September · Lithuania
Laying of Stumbling Stones ("Stolpersteine")

The Lithuanian Center for Human Rights, together with the Jewish Community, the Roma Community Vilnius and the organisation "Die Falken", laid 14 "Stolpersteine" (Stumbling Stones) in Vilnius, Kaunas, Panevezys and Siauliai to commemorate the murder of Jews and Roma. The public ceremonies in the four cities received extensive media attention. The Foundation EVZ funded the project.



SEPTEMBER

6.9.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Panel discussion: "For Understanding and Against Forgetting!"

On 8 September 1941, the Wehrmacht fully encircled Leningrad. The city remained under siege for almost 900 days. By the time of liberation on 27 January 1944, around one million people had died of hunger, the cold, or bombing. Seventy-five years after the beginning of the Siege of Leningrad, the Foundation EVZ invited survivors to share their memories. Dr. Andreas Eberhardt of the Foundation EVZ welcomed the guests. The historian Dr. Andrea Zemskov-Züge explained the events of the Siege of Leningrad using historical photographs. Anja Krätler of the Foundation EVZ spoke with the eyewitness Irina Burghardt and the project director from the association "Club Dialog", Dr. Natalia Roesler, about memories of the blockade, as well as the current social situation of Nazi victims in Berlin. Many survivors of the blockade of Leningrad migrated to Berlin in the 1990s, at an advanced age. The association "Club Dialog" enables them to meet, talk and share their leisure time, as well as to exchange with young people. The "Club Dialog" is funded by the Foundation EVZ through the programme "Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism".

8.–9.9.2016 · Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland
Exhibition: "A Message in a Bottle from the Concentration Camp, A History of Courage against Discrimination and Persecution – And Us"

This year, the German-Polish conference of the regional libraries in Gorzów Wielkopolski addressed, among other things, libraries as a site of extracurricular education. The German-Polish travelling exhibition and EUROPEANS FOR PEACE project by the Koszalińska and Neubrandenburg public libraries was presented as a best practice example. In 2015 and 2016, Polish and German young people investigated a secret message newly discovered in Neubrandenburg from prisoners in the Ravensbrück concentration camp. This unusual collection of letters, poems and small works of art enabled the young people to explore the role that art can play in the resistance to discrimination and degradation.

**14.9.2016 · Gelsenkirchen · Science Park
Workshop: “Violence Prevention and Victim
Protection – Perpetrator-Victim Constellations
in Elder Care”**

Today, German nursing homes mostly care for people who have survived the Second World War and the Nazi regime. Former victims of Nazi persecution meet former Nazi followers or perpetrators. In the process, former Nazi victims are often re-traumatized by the aggressive behaviour of the former perpetrators and followers. The staff members of nursing homes are often overwhelmed with such situations, leaving the victims to themselves. In a one-year project, the Institute for Social Innovation (ISI) and the Federal Association for Information and Advice for Persecutees of National Socialism investigated these perpetrator-victim constellations in nursing homes and published a handbook. This handbook was then presented at a workshop as part of a larger conference on the topic of “Age and Trauma”.

**16.–17.9.2016 · Budapest, Hungary
József Katona Theater
Theatre: “Eltav – On the Leave”**

The play “Eltav – On the Leave” was performed as part of the annual Budapest theatre night. Young volunteers, children and young people from the Roma settlement Szúcs developed the play in weekly theatre workshops. Their activities were part of a community development project implemented by the non-governmental organisation “Autonomia Foundation” in Szúcs. The Foundation EVZ funded a portion of the project in the programme “Facing Antisemitism and Antipsyism”.

**19.9.2016 · Prague, Czech Republic
Pražská křižovatka
International Final: “International Youth Debate”**

The four best speakers in the German-language competition “International Youth Debate” debated the question: “Should proof of state-organised doping lead to the exclusion of a country from international competition?” In front of over 300 guests, the finalists had 24 minutes to convince the jury of their position. Khoi Nguyen from the Czech Republic emerged as the international winner, and Eglė Karpuskaitė from Lithuania came in second place. Before the international final, the teams had to pass through the qualifying rounds: the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Hun-

gary, who had previously proven their debate skills at the national level, met in Prague. “International Youth Debate – Country Competition in Central and Eastern Europe” is a project of the Goethe-Institut, the Foundation EVZ, the Hertie Foundation and the Central Agency for German Schools Abroad. In 2016, over 2,300 students from 157 schools took part in the competition.

**20.–24.9.2016 · Belovezhskaya Pushcha, Belarus
Conference: “Remembrance Culture in
Intergenerational Dialogue”**

The international association “Reconciliation” from Minsk invited 140 young and old people, including many former victims of Nazi forced labour, to a three-day international conference in Belovezhskaya Pushcha. In this nature reserve in western Belarus, survivors of Nazi persecution and volunteers from Russia, the Ukraine, Belarus, Estonia, Moldova, Syria and Germany were able to share their experiences. In lectures and panel discussions, historians compared contemporary visions of the Second World War in their home countries. The German Ambassador, Dr. Peter Dettmar, gave an introduction. The conference was funded in the programme “Dialogue Forum”.

**22.9.2016 · Berlin · Alice Salomon Hochschule
Conference: “Queer refugees more than just
welcome ...?!”**

The Migration Council Berlin-Brandenburg and GLADT e.V. hosted a national professional networking conference as part of the project “Landscape and Networking Actors for LGBTI refugees in Germany”. Among the participants were representatives of migrant and refugee organisations, numerous LGBTI associations as well as state and federal officials. In workshops, the approximately 150 participants discussed the needs of initiatives and associations working on behalf of LGBTI refugees, as well as the needs and expectations of LGBTI refugees in counselling, support and social work.

**27.9.2016 · Berlin · Kino Central
Film: “Die Akte General” (“The General File”)**

In conclusion of its film series “The Frankfurt Auschwitz Trails”, the Foundation EVZ presented the tv film “Die Akte General” (D 2016, Director: Stefan Wagner): In 1950s West Germany, politics and justice are dominated by only superficially purged Nazis. The Hessian Prosecutor General Fritz Bauer fights for the prosecution of Nazi crimes and against the restorative policy of the





Adenauer government. Werner Renz of the Fritz Bauer Institut in Frankfurt am Main gave an introduction. Günter Saathoff greeted the guests on behalf of the Foundation EVZ.

29.9.2016 · Berlin · Kino Filmkunst 66
Film: "Nebel im August" ("Fog in August")

The Foundation EVZ supported the social media marketing of the film "Nebel im August" (D 2016, Director: Kai Wessel), and was represented with an information booth at the film's Berlin premiere. "Nebel im August" is based on the true story of the 13-year old Ernst Lossa, son of travelling traders and a half-orphan, who was deemed "asocial" and placed in a Bavarian mental hospital, where he was murdered in 1944 as part of the Nazi "euthanasia" programme. Following the film premiere, the speakers included the producers Ulrich Limmer and Kai Wessel, consultant for the film on medical history Michael von Cranach, Julia Frick of Förderkreis Gedenkort T4 e.V., and MdB Hiltrud Lotze. Dr. Jacqueline Boysen moderated the discussion.



29.–30.9.2016 · Berlin · Humboldt University of Berlin
Symposium: "Education for Change"

What opportunities does the connection between human rights education and historical learning offer for schools and non-formal educators to develop their educational approaches? This event presented and discussed results from two publications: "Change – Handbook for History Learning and Human Rights Education" and "Crossing Borders – Combining Human Rights Education and History Education". In addition to substantive inputs, the symposium provided a space for exchanging rationales and designs for connecting human rights and historical education in practice. The event was organized by the Freie Universität Berlin, Friedrich Meinecke Institute, Division of Teaching of History, in cooperation with Human Rights Education Associates (HREA), now Human Rights Consultancy & Training, The European Wergeland Centre (EWC), and the Falstad Centre (Norway). It marked the conclusion of the programme "Teaching Human Rights" of the Foundation EVZ.



30.9.–3.10.2016 · Nideggen-Schmidt
St. Nikolaus Youth Center Rursee National Youth Conference 2016

The motto of this year's Amaro Drom and Terno Drom National Youth Conference, which took place in Nideggen-Schmidt near Cologne, was "Foreign in your own country?" The focus of the project "Dikhen amen! See us!" is on the life experiences of young Sinti and Roma. Based on their experiences, methods were developed for youth education and young Sinti and Roma were trained as multipliers. The aim was to enable the young people to carry out empowerment workshops for young Sinti and Roma, and awareness-raising workshops for young members of majority groups. "Dikhen amen! See us!" is funded by the Foundation EVZ.

OCTOBER

1.10.2016 · Berlin · Die Weiße Rose
Theatre award ceremony: "andersartig gedenken on stage"

The school and amateur theatre competition "andersartig gedenken on stage" supports theatre projects addressing the stories of victims of Nazi "euthanasia". Theatre groups from across the country are encouraged to place the fates of victims in the centre of their performances. Following the award ceremony, the winning entry selected by the professional jury performed. On this evening, seven school theatre projects received prizes for successful theatre work using the biographies of victims of Nazi "euthanasia". At the end of the ceremony, the winning entry by the Schulzentrum Geschwister Scholl Bremerhaven, "KÄTHE – ein Opfer der Euthanasie im Nationalsozialismus" ("KÄTHE – A Victim of Nazi Euthanasia") was performed. The award ceremony was organised by the Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband Berlin, and the project was funded by the Foundation EVZ.

1., 2., 4., 29.10. and 2., 3.11.2016 · Bedburg-Hau
Theater mini-art e.V.

Theatre: "Das Schutzengelhaus"
("The House of the Guardian Angel")

The documentary theatre play by Theater mini-art e.V. on the topic of "child euthanasia under National Socialism" using the case of the former children's ward Waldniel-Hostert was performed

in Bedburg-Hau in October and November with the support of the Foundation EVZ. Waldniel-Hostert, near Mönchengladbach, was one of about 30 children's wards established and operated by the National Socialists across Germany. For this they seized the "The House of the Guardian Angel", originally a church-run nursing home. Here, physically and mentally handicapped children and "socially deviant" young people were observed, selected and murdered through medication and neglect.

13.–23.10.16 · Vilnius, Lithuania
Film festival: "Inconvenient Films"

At this year's annual Lithuanian International Human Rights Film Festival, in cooperation with the Kino Arsenal in Berlin, seven international films were shown that recall the Holocaust, including the Israeli documentary "Out of the Forest" (IL 2004, Directors: Limor Pinhasov and Yaron Kaftori), which commemorates the shooting of Jews in Lithuania. The film series was accompanied by a podium discussion for teachers.

19.10.2016 · Thessaloniki, Greece
Laying of Stumbling Stones ("Stolpersteine")

On the initiative of Evanthia Panagiothou and Regina Frentzou, two Greek alumni of Humanity in Action (HIA), five "Stolpersteine" (Stumbling Stones) were laid in Thessaloniki on 19 October. The stones commemorate five Jewish port workers who were deported in 1943, along with 95 percent of the city's Jewish community, and murdered in the Holocaust. The "Stolpersteine" project took place in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Greece and was funded by the Foundation EVZ.

25.10.2016 · Berlin · Kino Central
Film: "Paul Celan – Dichter ist, wer menschlich spricht" ("Paul Celan – The Voice of Humanity")

The documentary film "Paul Celan – Dichter ist, wer menschlich spricht" (D 2015, Director: Ullrich H. Kasten), funded by the Foundation EVZ, tells the story of the Jewish lyricist Paul Celan, who spent his entire life looking for a home. He was born in 1920 in then-Romanian Czernowitz, and his path led through Vienna to Paris, where he lived until his suicide in 1970. In 1942, he survived deportation and the murder of his parents by the Nazi regime. From 1942 to 1944, Celan was forced

into labour in camps in Romania. This painful experience shaped his life's work, in which he repeatedly he addressed the horrors of the Holocaust with the warning "Never again!" The poet's son, Eric Celan, spoke for the first time on camera about his father and the crises that overshadowed the family's life. Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ introduced the topic for the audience. Film journalist Knut Elstermann led a discussion of the film with its co-author, Hans-Dieter Schütt.

NOVEMBER

3.11.2016 · Berlin · Werkstatt der Kulturen
Symposium: "When, If Not Now? Delayed Justice for Sinti and Roma in Education"

Educational justice cannot succeed without committed individuals from schools and educational administrations, policy, science, and NGOs, as well as parents and students. This is exactly what prompted the Foundation EVZ to launch the "Nationwide working group to improve participation in education and educational success of Sinti and Roma in Germany" in 2013. The symposium took up their recommendations: "Together for Better Education: Recommendations for Equal Participation of Sinti and Roma in Germany." The meeting was directed at committed actors from all sectors of society. A variety of different perspectives were presented on approaches, projects and studies focused on delayed justice for Sinti and Roma in education. The Foundation EVZ and the Freudenberg Foundation funded the symposium.

7.11.2016 · Berlin · Kino Arsenal
Films: The Future of Memory – "Voices from the Attic" and "Echoes from the Attic"

3 × 4.5 meters wide and 1.5 meters high: those are the dimensions of an attic in Urzejowice, Poland, where the Grocholski couple hid 17 members of a Jewish family from persecution by the National Socialists. Thirteen of them survived, including the mother of the director Debbie Goodstein and her Aunt Sally. Goodstein took two trips to Poland, 25 years apart, in order to learn more about her family's history. "Voices from the Attic" (USA 1988) documents her first trip with five cousins who accompanied her Aunt Sally to their hiding place. In 2012, 27 family members





travelled to Poland for the posthumous tribute to Stanisław Grocholski as “Righteous Among the Nations”. In “Echoes from the Attic” (USA 2015), Grocholski’s oldest daughter tells of how she experienced the secret events of the attic as a child, and how this impacted her family. After the films, Veronika Nahm of the Anne Frank Zentrum Berlin spoke with the film expert and author Sonja M. Schultz. The screening took place as part of the Foundation EVZ-funded project “Future of Memory”, a nationwide school film series focused on the cinematic memory of the Holocaust, in cooperation with the Anne Frank Zentrum.



**11.11.2016 · Berlin · 7×jung
Opening: “Fleeing and Arriving”**

The artistic exhibition “7×jung – Your Training Ground for Solidarity and Respect” is the learning centre in the heart of Berlin by “Gesicht Zeigen! Für ein weltoffenes Deutschland!”. 7×jung offers extraordinary approaches for dealing with the National Socialist past, as well as with the present-day issues of identity, exclusion and civil courage. Dr. Andreas Eberhardt of the Foundation EVZ gave the introductory speech as part of the opening of the new exhibition space “Fleeing and Arriving”.



**17.11.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Presentation: “Jewish Female Identities Today”**
Since it’s founding in 1994, the Foundation ZURÜCKGEBEN has supported Jewish female artists and scientists. The foundation does this in recognition of the willful destruction of the livelihoods of Jewish people during the National Socialist era. In the programme “Jewish Female Identities Today”, various projects were funded by the Foundation EVZ and implemented between 2012 and 2015. As part of the event, the scholarship recipients Lara Dämmig, Diana Zolotarova, Marina B. Neubert, Nea Weissberg and Shlomit Lehavi presented their project work. Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ introduced the topic and welcomed the guests. Sharon Adler and Judith Kessler of the Foundation ZURÜCKGEBEN moderated.



**17.–20.11.2016 · Nuremberg · Synagoge
of the Jewish Community
Conference “Past – Responsibility – Future”**

Two hundred young active civil society remembrance initiatives from Germany, Austria and Hungary discussed human rights and forced labour. The trinational youth conference took place on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Nuremberg Trials. The Nuremberg Doctors’ Trial began on 9 December 1946. Accordingly, historical questions and forms of remembrance of Nazi “euthanasia” were also addressed. The conference was organised by the European Janusz Korczak Academy, Munich, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency for Israel (Jerusalem), Bálint Ház (Budapest), the memorial initiative R.E.F.U.G.I.U.S (Oberwart, Austria), and the Mühldorfer Hart Concentration Camp Memorial.

**22.11.2016 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ
Podium: “Women Remember the Nazi
Genozide against the Roma”**

More than 500,000 Sinti and Roma across Europe were victims of National Socialist terror. Their history of persecution remains largely unexplored to this day, and the memory of the Genocide against them is not a core part of the remembrance cultures of European countries. International experts discussed the difficulty of addressing these historical events in the memory of the “majority” societies, as well as in Roma communities in their respective countries. Speakers included Dr. Joanna Talewicz-Kwiatkowska, Foundation “Dialog Pheniben” (Poland), Dr. Natalja Zinevych, Academy of Sciences (Ukraine), and Dotschy Reinhardt, chair of the Council of Roma and Sinti RomnoKher Berlin-Brandenburg, as well as Dr. des. Sonja Begalke, Foundation EVZ. Günter Saathoff of the Foundation EVZ introduced the topic.

24.–26.11.2016 · Berlin/Sachsenhausen Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen and Rathaus Pankow

Conference: “In the Shadow of Nuremberg: Transnational Punishment of Nazi Crimes”

This conference was organised in the context of the 70th anniversary of the end of the main Nuremberg Trial, and current debates over the far-reaching failure of post-war justice to pursue Nazi perpetrators. The focus was on the history of the first Nazi trials, as well as their implications for further prosecutions. In fall 1947, one year after the Nuremberg verdict, a Soviet military tribunal in Berlin-Pankow convicted a large number of high-ranking SS members of the commander’s staff from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The German-Polish conference explored different dimensions of the issue and was devoted to the judicial appraisal of Nazi crimes in the context of the trials in Nuremberg and Pankow.

21.–26.11.2016 · Krzyżowa/Kreisau, Poland
MICC School (Model International Criminal Court)

Fifty-four students and team members from Germany, Israel, Poland and the USA simulated cases before the International Criminal Court in Krzyżowa, Poland.

30.11.2016 · Potsdam · Einstein Forum
Book: “War Commemoration as an Event: May 9th in Post-Socialist Europe”

From Tomsk to Wittenberg and from Estonia to the Crimea: May 2015 marked the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe. An international network of researchers examined the celebration of “Victory Day” on May 9th in different regions of the post-socialist world. New memorial practices were presented to the participants, as well as attempts at state regulation and the geopolitical dimension of the day. The results are presented in an anthology. The discussion asked about the significance of the worldwide commemoration of the war for societal developments, as well as for scientific research on cultures of memory. The event was organised by the Einstein Forum (Potsdam), in cooperation with the German-Russian Museum Berlin-Karlshorst.



PUBLICATIONS FUNDED BY THE FOUNDATION EVZ IN 2016



Boris Böhm/Michal Simunek (eds.): Verlegt – Verstorben – Verschwiegen. Tschechische und deutsche Psychiatriepatienten in Böhmen als vergessene Opfer der NS-“Euthanasie”

With the defeat of Czechoslovakia and the subsequent occupation of the Czech state by the German Reich in 1938–39, a National Socialist health policy was instituted which discriminated against people with mental illnesses and disabilities, and persecuted them as “inferior”. The dramatic consequences were quickly felt. In the newly created “Reichsgau Sudetenland”, the “Gesetz zur Verhütung erbkranken Nachwuchses” (“Law for the Prevention of Genetically Diseased Offspring”) was introduced in 1940, and enabled from then on the forced sterilization of people who were regarded as having “hereditary” diseases. In the programme “Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims”, the Foundation EVZ funded a project that addressed the fates of these largely forgotten victims, resulting in this publication: “Relocated – Deceased – Kept Silent: Psychiatric Patients in Bohemia as Forgotten Victims of Nazi “Euthanasia”.

www.stsg.de/cms/pirna/verlegt-verstorben-verschwiegen

ISBN: 978-80-7465-213-4 Price: 15,00 Euro



Stefan Kühling, Schulzentrum Saterland/Sławomir Siwerski, Grundschule Środa Śląska: Spurensuche – Das Schicksal polnischer Zwangsarbeiter in der Torfindustrie während der Zeit des Nationalsozialismus im Landkreis Cloppenburg 1939–1946

This brochure was developed as part of the project “Spurensuche” of the School Centre Saterland (Germany), the Johannes Paul II. Gymnasium and the Władysław Broniewski Elementary School Nr. 3 Środa Śląska (Poland). During National Socialism, many prisoners of war and forced labourers were employed in the Cloppenburg region in the peat industry, agriculture and road construction. They came from various regions of the Soviet Union and Poland. The students addressed the history of prisoners of war and forced labourers in the region and went in search of traces at the memorial sites Esterwegen (Germany) and Groß-Rosen (Poland). They tried to reconstruct the origins and destinies of the victims, came into contact with eyewitnesses, and traced their life stories.

The Foundation EVZ funded the project in the programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE.

Nicolas Apostolopoulos/Michele Barricelli/Gertrud Koch (ed.): Volume 3: Preserving Survivors' Memories – Digital Testimony Collections about Nazi Persecution: History, Education and Media

The third volume in this English language series continues to address the preservation of the memories of eyewitnesses to National Socialism and to anchor these within 21st century cultural memory. In this transition phase, which includes rapid technical developments within information and communications technology, high expectations are being made of the collections of survivors' audio and video interviews. This publication reflects the interdisciplinary debates currently taking place on the various digital techniques of preserving eyewitness interviews. With a foreword by Günter Saathoff.

Available at: www.stiftung-evz.de/digitaltestimony ISBN: 978-3-9818556-0-9



“Mensch sein”

The book contains a collection of 46 short stories about humanity in the Second World War. The stories were collected in the competition “Mensch sein” (“Being Human”) in 2016 from among all projects and their participants that are or have been funded in the programme “Dialogue Forum”. They are written in Ukrainian and Russian. Editing and introduction by Lesya Kharchenko, staff member for press and public relations in the funding programme “Dialogue Forum”. Forewords from Elke Braun and Semion Gluzman.

Feniks Press, Kiev 2016, 114 pages ISBN: 978-966-136-388-4



Martin Lücke/Felisa Tibbitts/Else Engel/Lea Fenner (eds.): Change – Handbook for History Learning and Human Rights Education in Formal, Non-formal and Higher Education

To mark the conclusion of the funding programme “Teaching Human Rights”, an international team under the aegis of the History Didactics Department, Freie Universität Berlin, produced this English-language handbook, published by Metropol Verlag. It addresses the connection between historical learning and human rights education, and offers suggestions and answers from theoretical and practical perspectives. Two chapters of the handbook are available online.

More under <http://www.historyandhumanrights.de/handbook/index.html>

Wochenschau Verlag, Schwalbach 2016, 208 pages

ISBN: 978-3-7344-0390-3





Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) (ed.): Gemeinsam für eine bessere Bildung – Empfehlungen zur gleichberechtigten Bildungsteilhabe von Sinti und Roma in Deutschland. Berlin 2016.

How can access to education be improved for Sinti and Roma? How can their equal participation be achieved? What principles must be observed in order to increase their educational participation and success? And how can we ensure that the necessary data are collected and scientific studies conducted for this purpose? A nationwide working group founded by the Foundation EVZ in 2013 discussed these questions. After two years of work, the jointly formulated recommendations were first published in May. In fall 2016, a second, revised and expanded edition was published. *64 pages, free download: www.stiftung-evz.de/Bildungsempfehlungen ISBN: 978-3-9813377-6-1 (Print), ISBN: 978-3-9813377-7-8 (online)*



Agnieszka Kudelka (ed.): Katzbach – geheimes Arbeitslager? Die Warschauer Aufständischen in den Adlerwerken in Frankfurt am Main 1944–45

It is a gloomy, still largely unknown chapter of recent city history. In the middle of Frankfurt, there was a labour camp during the time of the National Socialist reign of terror. It was established on 22 August 1944 on the site of the Adlerwerke in the Gallus district under the cover name “Katzbach”. In the following months, around 1,600 forced labourers slaved away in the armament production under inhumane conditions. Only a few survived the forced labour. This brochure collected memories of eyewitnesses as a starting point for German-Polish dialogue on Katzbach. *ISBN: 978-83-64476-71-6*



Institut Tereziňské iniciativy (ed.): Verlorenes Gedächtnis? Orte der NS-Zwangsarbeit in der Tschechischen Republik

The German-Czech catalogue was published for the travelling exhibition “Verlorenes Gedächtnis? Orte der NS-Zwangsarbeit in der Tschechischen Republik” (“Lost Memory? Places of Nazi Forced Labour in the Czech Republic”). Photos, statements and explanatory texts on Nazi forced labour and post-war history can be found on 18 selected locations. The precisely documented files also show the European dimension of Nazi forced labour. *ISBN: 978-80-9060000-3-4*

Stiftung Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas/IBB Minsk/IBB Dortmund (eds.):

Vernichtungsort Malyj Trostenez. Geschichte und Erinnerung

Malyj Trostenez, now a suburb of Minsk, was the largest extermination site in the territory of the occupied Soviet Union between spring 1942 and summer 1944. In order to cover their tracks, the murderers had the bodies of victims excavated and burned in late 1943. In August 1944, a Soviet commission investigating National Socialist crimes estimated that there were 206,500 victims – mainly Belarussian, Austrian, German and Czech Jews, civilians, partisans, resistance fighters and Soviet prisoners of war. After 1945 Soviet memorials were built, and a large memorial site was officially opened in 2015. The exhibition pays homage to the victims and at the same time shows how and where the victims are memorialized in Belarus, Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. With a foreword by Günter Saathoff.

ISBN: 978-3-942240-25-3



Thomas Kersting/Claudia Theune/Axel Drieschner/Astrid Ley/Thomas Lutz (ed.):

Archäologie und Gedächtnis – NS-Lagerstandorte: Erforschen – Bewahren – Vermitteln

Only since the 1990s have the remains of the Nazi era become a focus of archaeological preservation of monuments. In the process, this archaeological work has also draw attention to other actors responsible for the preservation of these disappearing structures and helped to strengthen and expand their own preservation methods. Often, it was relics in former concentration camps that came into view. In this context, cooperation with memorial sites is crucial, since that is where archaeological results are incorporated into the memorial displays. In September 2015, an interdisciplinary conference at the State Museum of Archaeology Brandenburg an der Havel dealt with the intersection of archaeology, building research, history and memory. It illuminated the impact of archaeological research on memorial sites as well as their effect on the public. Problem-oriented, balanced contributions reflected on the current state of research and the current handling of original memorial sites in educational work. In addition to Brandenburg, there are also contributions from Thuringia, Saxony, Lower Saxony, Bavaria, Austria and Poland.

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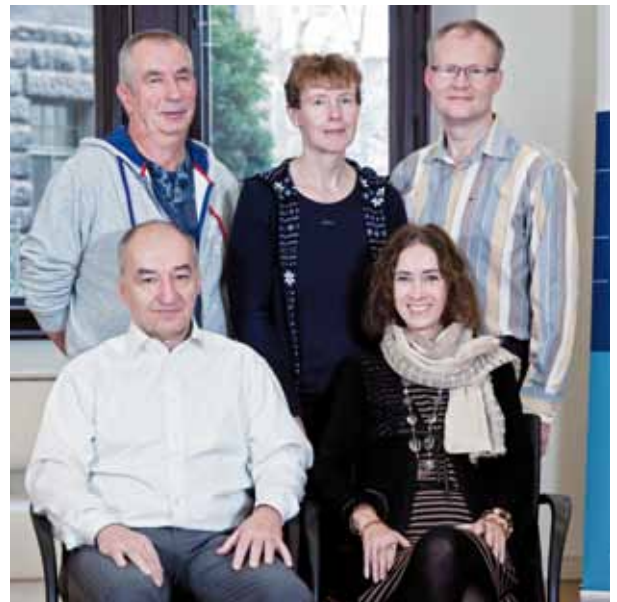


FACTS AND FIGURES



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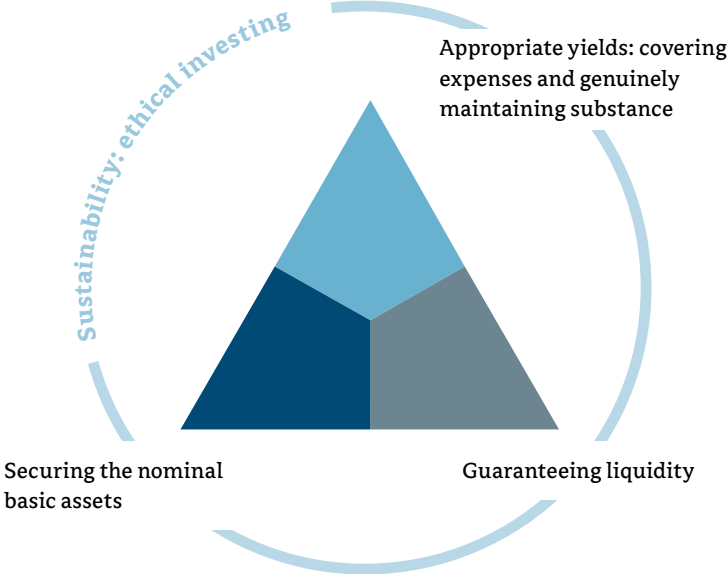
The Foundation EVZ was founded in 2000 with a total of 10.1 billion DM. Of this, 9.4 billion DM (4.8 billion euros) and interest accumulated were used to compensate former forced labourers and other victims of the Nazi regime and to cover the costs of organizing these payments; 700 million DM (358 million euros) represented the capital basis for the long-term funding of Foundation EVZ. After concluding payments in 2007, the main task of the foundation is to promote international projects in the foundation's three fields of activity. These activities are funded exclusively from the yields of the foundation's capital and occasionally financed using additional donations.

The capital investments of the foundation follow ethical criteria that are derived from the purpose of the foundation. Thematically speaking, the foundation focuses here on modern forms of forced labour and human rights violations in the working world. At companies where the foundation is invested in stocks or bonds, at issue are human rights violations in the realms of child labour, forced labour, and discrimination. To the extent possible, the supply chain as well is investigated. The concept follows the criteria of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), a sub-organisation of the United Nations.

Once a year, the Foundation has its investments examined for violations of the exclusion criteria human rights violations and "modern forced labour". The Foundation EVZ commissioned a rating agency with developing a negative list that is especially catered to the specifications of the foundation. On the basis of this screening, all companies where violations of the defined exclusion criteria are found are confronted with the accusations and in writing asked to respond. Those companies that do not respond are removed from the investments. The answers submitted are subjected to further analysis until a decision can be made. In addition, the foundation's financial service providers are examined under ethical criteria and, if necessary, collaboration is ended. In recent years, a number of companies were removed from the investments due to various controversies, including Royal Dutch Shell, Apple, Walmart Stores, Barrick Gold, Exxon Mobil, Mitsubishi, Seven & I Holdings, Sony and Tepco.

The foundation's assets were worth 511.8 million euros on 31 December 2016.

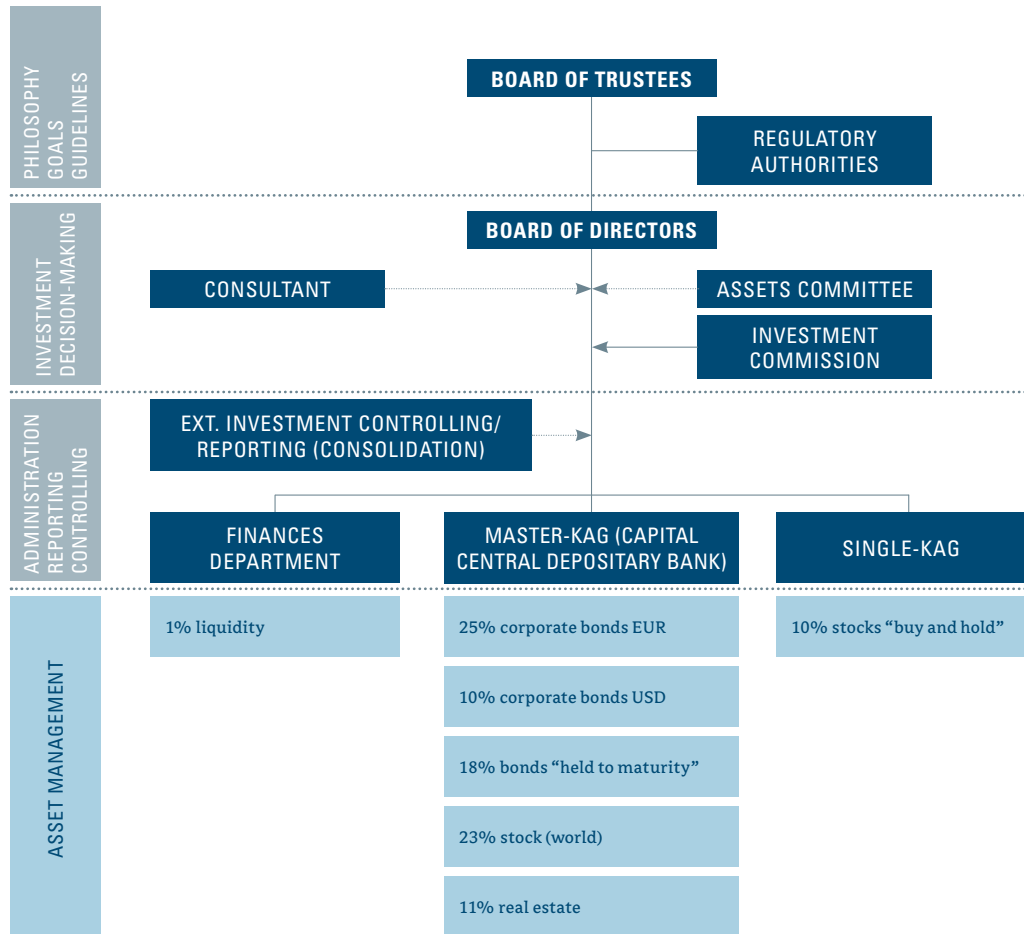
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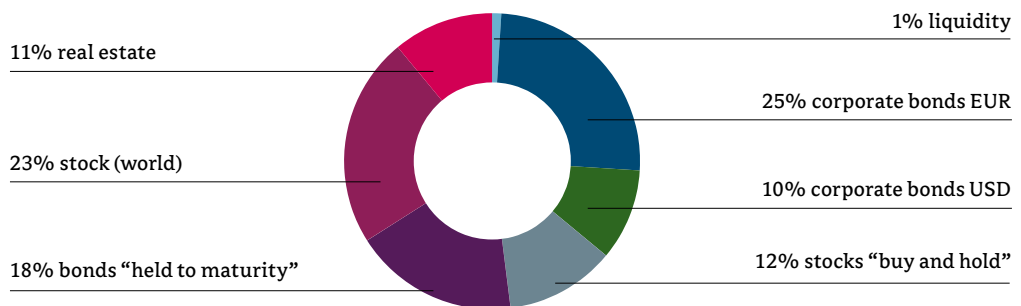
PHILOSOPHY

The Foundation EVZ pursues three main objectives in investing its assets. First, sufficient funds are to be generated in the sense of ordinary net income to cover the funding activities and the administrative costs at a manageable level of risk. The aim is thereby to avoid deriving current expenditures from the risky reallocation of assets. Second, the capital is to be preserved in its real, i.e. value-protected, value. Third, it must be ensured that adequate liquidity is available at all times for ongoing business operations. All three objectives were met in fiscal year 2016.

INVESTMENT ORGANISATION



INVESTMENT CLASSES



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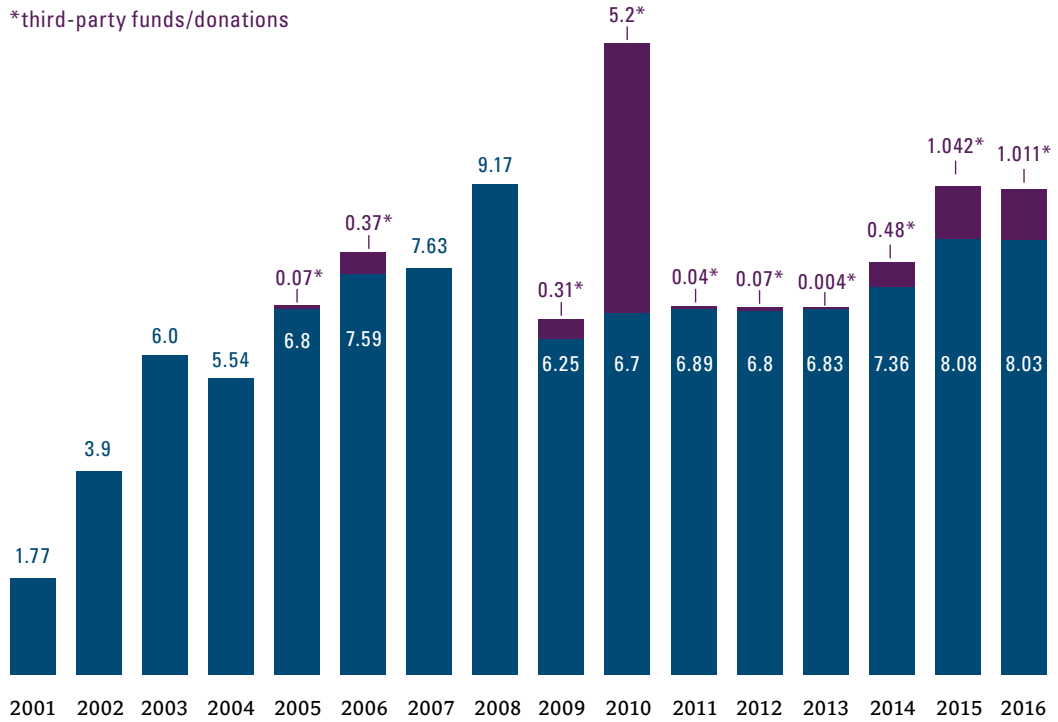
The illustration on p. 96 depicts the structure of financial administration at the Foundation. The financial goals, derived from the charter, statutes, and directives from the Board of Trustees, are implemented by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Board in turn consults with various committees to assist in decision-making. The Assets Committee advises the Foundation's Board of Directors in strategic questions of capital investment, and the Investment Commission is responsible for tactical investment decisions. In addition, specialised consultants also support the decisionmaking process. In daily operations, assets management is handled by two capital management companies with a central deposit. The key part of assets management is handled by specialised investment managers. The investment class liquidity is held directly by the finances division and administered accordingly. The consolidation of both realms to ascertain performance and other key variables takes place by way of external reporting. This specialized service provider also has the task of managing running investment controlling. The admissible decision-making framework is stipulated in detail, e.g. for all those involved in the form of investment guidelines, contracts, and internal process descriptions decided by the Board of Directors.

The several-eye principle and the requirements of corporate governance in the realm of capital investment are implemented across the board. All decision-making processes are recorded in writing and subject to external examination.

FUNDING ACTIVITIES

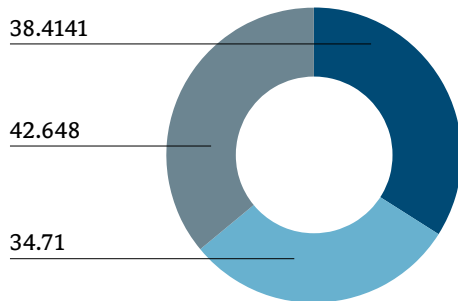
ANNUAL FUNDING (IN MILLIONS OF EUR)

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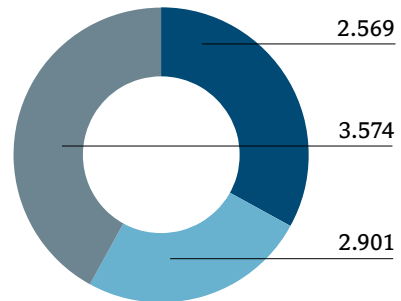


FUNDING VOLUME ACCORDING TO FIELD OF ACTIVITY (INCLUDING THIRD-PARTY FUNDS AND DONATIONS)

From the beginning of funding in 2001–2016 (in millions of euros)



For the report year 2016 (in millions of euros)



■ A Critical Examination of History
 ■ Working for Human Rights
 ■ Commitment to the Victims of National Socialism

KEY FIGURES, 2016

EXCERPT FROM THE BALANCE SHEET (IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GERMAN COMMERCIAL CODE)

Assets	
Financial assets	436.9 million euros
Liabilities	
Foundation capital	357.9 million euros
Assets maintenance fund	71.5 million euros
Deferred liabilities	3.2 million euros
Liabilities due to project funding	6.4 million euros
Balance	443.9 million euros

EXCERPT, BALANCE OF YIELDS AND COSTS

Foundation management costs	9.05 million euros
Staffing costs	2.1 million euros
Public relations	0.09 million euros
Other administrative costs	0.71 million euros

COSTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

In 2016, the costs of asset management were 1.1 million euros, consisting of costs for the depot bank, capital management company, manager fees, costs of consulting and investment reporting and controlling. These costs are paid directly using the special fund of the foundation and calculated against running yields.

AUDITING

The annual balance sheet of the Foundation EVZ is calculated according to the principles of the German Commercial Code by an accounting firm. The Federal Office for Central Services and Unresolved Property Issues (BADV) audits annually the Foundation's calculations, budgeting and business management. Audits comply with the regulations of the German Commercial Code with the assistance of the Federal Central Tax Office. The auditing of budgeting and business management complies with the regulations of the Federal Budget Code. At irregular intervals, audits are performed by the Federal Audit Office.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FOUNDATION EVZ

(December 2016)



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International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Peter Schatzer	Monica Goracci
Bundesverband Information & Beratung für NS-Verfolgte	Dr. Jost Rebentisch	Anke Wolf-Schönfeld

* alternating every six months
www.stiftung-evz.de/kuratorium

OBITUARY

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility, Future” (EVZ) mourns for the former member of the Board of Trustees Prof. Hans Heinrich Driftmann, Ministerial Counsellor Rüdiger Schultz-Söderlund and Moshe H. Jahoda. The members of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors, and the employees of the Foundation EVZ offer their sincere condolences to their families.



Prof. Hans Heinrich Driftmann, former President of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (DIHK), passed away on 26 April 2016. Professor Driftmann had been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation EVZ since 2012. He also represented the German Economy Foundation Initiative on their Supervisory Board, and the Foundation EVZ in fundraising. He died at age 68 as a result of a serious illness. For a long time, Professor Driftmann was also the managing director of the food company Peter Kölln (Köllnflocken).



Ministerial Counsellor Rüdiger Schultz-Söderlund passed away on 12 August 2016. From 2008 to 2010, Rüdiger Schultz-Söderlund was deputy curator for the Federal Ministry of Finance and thus also a legal supervisor of the Foundation EVZ. He supported the Foundation EVZ in its transformation process following the end of the disbursement programs in 2007.

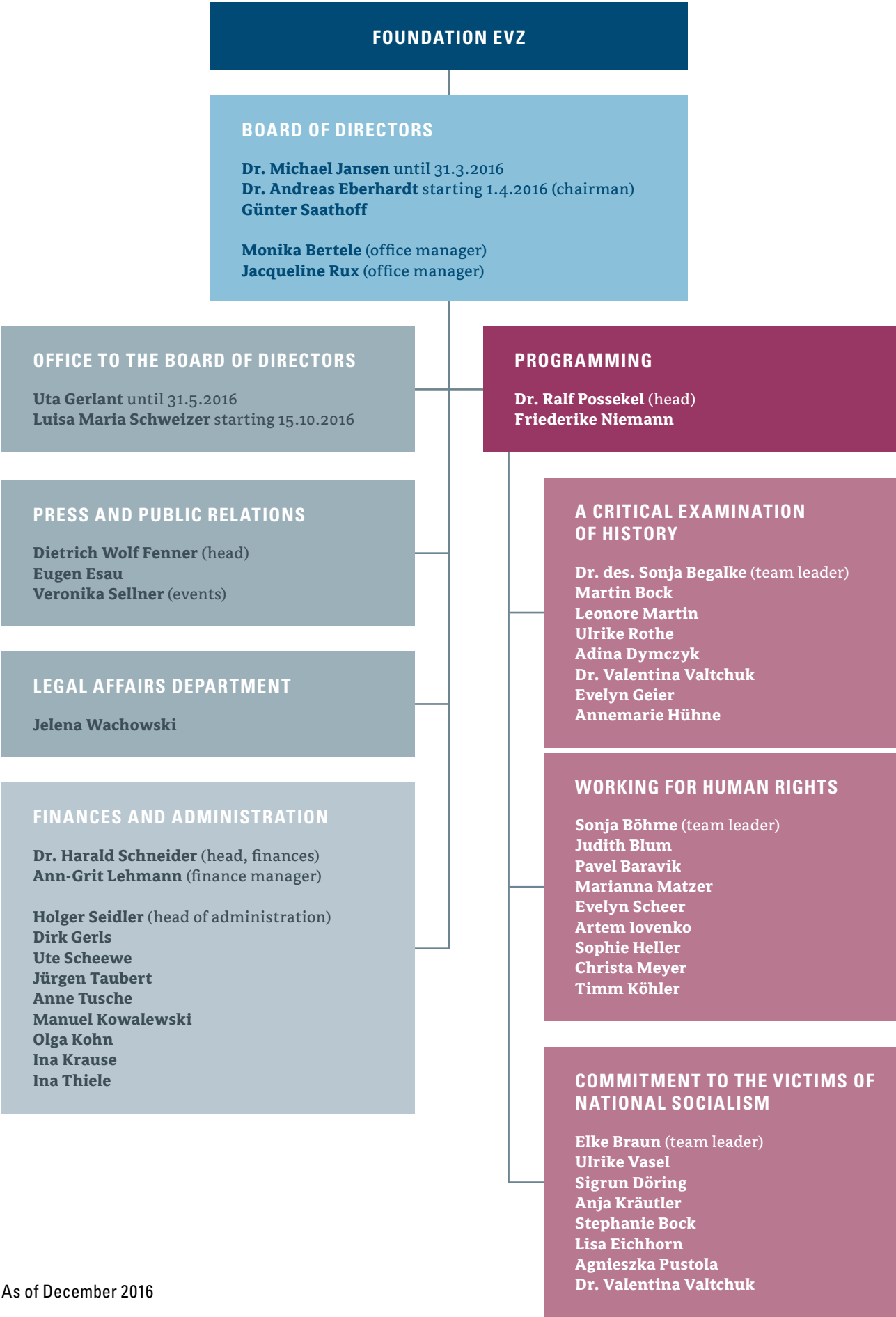


Moshe Hans Jahoda died on 19 October 2016. As a former member of the Board of Trustees, representing the Jewish Claims Conference (JCC), he supported the interests of Jewish survivors. His engagement was just as dedicated to cross-border remembrance culture as to the discussion of the Nazi injustice and dialogue with youth. We learned to greatly appreciate him as an adviser and supporter of our Foundation's work. After time at the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture, the Embassy Council in South America and as the head of social organisations, he represented the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the JCC in Hungary, Bulgaria and Slovakia since the beginning of the 1990s. From 1997 onward he was vice president of the Jewish Claims Conference and negotiated the compensation agreement with the Republic of Austria.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TEAM



Team and Directors of the Foundation EVZ in May 2016



As of December 2016

JURIES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN 2016

In selecting projects, evaluating various concepts, and awarding prizes, we rely on the expertise of our committees and juries, and we thank them for their committed work and support.

A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF HISTORY

EDUCATION WITH TESTIMONIES

Members of the jury for the exhibition "Theatre Projects with Testimonies of Victims of National Socialism" 2016:

Prof. Michele Barricelli, professor for historical didactics, Leibniz Universität Hannover

Prof. Ulrike Hentschel, professor for theatre pedagogy and performance at the Universität der Künste Berlin, co-editor the "Zeitschrift für Theaterpädagogik. Korrespondenzen"

Günter Jeschonnek, theatre director, drama lecturer and television director

Christiane Richers, director, theatre author and educator

FUNDING PROGRAMME "MIGRATION AND REMEMBRANCE CULTURE"

Prof. Julia Eksner, professor for education and social participation at the University of Applied Sciences in Frankfurt am Main

Dr. Dilek Güven, researcher at the Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung, TU Berlin, Berlin

Hanna Liever, specialist in the field "Remembrance Culture and Memorial Sites" at the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, Berlin

Prof. Birgit Schäbler, professor of West Asian history at the Universität Erfurt

Prof. Stefan Troebst, professor of the cultural history of Eastern Europe at the faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy at the Universität Leipzig, deputy director of the Geisteswissenschaftlichen Zentrums Geschichte und Kultur Osteuropas (GWZO)

Andreas Weinhold, media consulting NRW, LVR-Zentrum für Medien und Bildung

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ROMA IN EASTERN EUROPE

MOLDOVA

Dorina Ardeleanu, deputy director, Terre des Hommes Foundation, Chişinău

Ion Duminica, head, Division of Ethnic Minorities, Institute for Cultural Heritage, Academy of Sciences, Chişinău

Marina Kaim, Top English School of Today/Global Connect, Chişinău

RUSSIA

Olga Abramenko, director, Anti-Discrimination Centre Memorial, St. Petersburg

Kirill Koshanov, researcher, Institute of Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Iлона Mahotina, Russian Center of Romani Studies, Moscow

UKRAINE

Michail Tjaglyj, researcher, Ukrainian Centre for Holocaust Studies, Kiev

Oleksandra Voytenko, coordinator of the programme “Understanding Human Rights”, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Kiev

Ivan Korzhov, Roma activist and alumnus of the scholarship programme

EMPOWERMENT OF SINTI AND ROMA IN GERMANY

Kasm Cesmedi, student of teaching at the Universität zu Köln and teacher for native language training in Romani, Cologne

Dr. Mareile Krause, director of the Department of Continuing Education, Organisational and Personnel Development, State Institute for Teacher Training and School Development, Hamburg

Wolfgang Schlump, specialist in policy issues and lifelong learning, Federal Ministry for Education and Research, Berlin

Dr. Jane Schuch, researcher at the Institute of Educational Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

JURY FOR THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OF TRANSNATIONAL PROJECTS ON “ANTISEMITISM AND IMMIGRATION IN EUROPE”

Prof. Michael Brumlik, (until retirement) professor at the Faculty of Educational Sciences at the Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, currently a senior advisor at the Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg

Patrick Siegele, director of the Anne Frank Zentrums Berlin, member of the Advisory Council of the Alliance for Tolerance and Democracy (BfDT) and the expert group on Antisemitism of the Federal Government, Berlin

Prof. Riem Spielhaus, director of the Department on School Books and Society at the Georg-Eckert-Institut (GEI), Leibniz-Institut für internationale Schulbuchforschung, and professor of Islamic Studies with a focus on “Education and Knowledge Cultures” at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Michael Whine, Government and International Affairs Director at Community Security Trust, Great Britain

EUROPEANS FOR PEACE

Awi Blumenfeld, chairman of the Historical Commission, Claims Conference, Joseph Carlebach Institute (JCI)

Simon Klippert, teacher of music, French and German at the Gemeinschaftsschule on the Rütli Campus, Berlin

Jan Krebs, project leader in the exhibition *7 × jung – Dein Trainingsplatz für Zusammenhalt und Respekt bei Gesicht Zeigen!*

Charlene Krüger, teacher of history and biology at the Hans-Litten-Schule/OSZ für Recht und Wirtschaft, Berlin

Hannah-Maria Liedtke, educator/trainer for Kompetenznachweis International, including with the Deutsch-Polnisches Jugendwerk, Berlin, Germany

Christine Mähler, psychologist and mediator, managing director of ConAct – Koordinierungszentrum Deutsch-Israelischer Jugendaustausch, Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Olga Onyszkiewicz, head of the educational department of the International Youth Meeting Center in Oświęcim/Auschwitz

Prof. Dr. Vadim Oswalt, professor for historical didactics, Historisches Institut, Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen

Karin Reindlmeier, educator and freelance researcher in political education for youth and adults

MEET UP!

Ivanka Chupak, coordinator of the programme for non-formal civic education “Rural Initiatives Workshop”, Kiev

Antje Rempe, chair of the city partnership association Nuremberg-Kharkiv

Dr. Mykhaylo Banakh, until 2015 worked at the Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (ifa) in Stuttgart on projects in political education, peacebuilding and conflict management, Freiburg

Astrid Nebelung, Slavist, staff at the Stiftung Deutsch-Russischer Jugendaustausch, Department of extracurricular exchange, Hamburg

Dr. Kyril Savin, country manager for Ukraine, DW Akademie

Alexander Beribes, Eastern Europe expert, project “Europa in my Suitcase” to promote dialogue between people from the European Union and neighbouring European countries, Berlin

COMMITMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

DIALOGUE FORUM

BELARUS

JURY

Natalja Karawaja, adviser, Division for Personal Social Assistance and Services, State Social Support of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk

Dr. Wladimir Milkamanowitsch, lecturer, social research and rehabilitation, State Institute for Administration and Social Technology, Belarusian State University, Minsk

Arkadij Semtschenko, former chairman, expert commission, former deputy board director, Belarusian Republican Foundation “Understanding and Reconciliation”, Minsk

Valery Shurakovsky, member, Board of Directors, International Education Association AKT, representative of NGOs, Belarus, Minsk

Ulrike Vasel/Elke Braun, Foundation EVZ, Berlin

UKRAINE

JURY

Swetlana Michailowna Awramtschenko, director, Psychological Institute, Bogdan Chmelniczki University, Cherkasy

Tatyana Viktorovna Koshurina, psychologist, Veterans Palace, Kiev

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