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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"
Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"
Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

5 events have been carried out within this project and 1 extra activity:

Extra Activity – Kick Off

Participation: The event involved 21 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Makrakomi (**Greece**) 4 participants from the city of Essen (**Germany**), 3 participants from the city of Trnava (**Slovakia**), 2 participants from the city of Lodz (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of Kiev (**Ukraine**) and 1 participant from the city of Riga (**Latvia**) .

Location / Dates: The event took place in the city of Athens through the usage of a digital platform due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic (**Athens, Greece**), from 02/10/2020 to 02/10/2020

Short description: The aim of the event was the formal initiation of the project. The Kick-off event took place under the coordination of the lead partner Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs. At the Kick- Off meeting, attendees were representatives of the partner organisations, young people and students, representatives from the Jewish community and the civil society.

During the event, the lead partner presented the project in details, the idea behind the project and its forthcoming activities. Moreover, each participant presented to the audience their role to the project and how they would enable their local society to get engaged to the project. The last part of meeting concerned an interactive discussion between the partnering organisations and the attendants regarding the involvement of any interested body to the project. A fruitful dialogue between all parts took place about details on the content of the activities setting the frame for the project implementation.

More information regarding the activity can be found below:

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/2020/10/05/kick-off-online-meeting-2/>

Event 1(Interactive Workshop “Remember the past-React for the future”)

Participation: The event involved 76 citizens, including 32 participants from the city of Essen (**Germany**), 9 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 3 participants from the city of Thessaloniki(**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Makrakomi (**Greece**), 9 participants from the city of Lodz (**Poland**), 9 participants from the city of Trnava (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Rome (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Moscow (**Russia**), 1 participant from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Prague (**Czech Republic**), 1 Participant from the city of Lublin (**Slovenia**), 1 participant from the city of New Delhi (**India**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Essen through the usage of a digital platform due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic (**Essen, Germany**), from 20/10/2021 to 20/10/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to draw participants' attention to the paradigm of Holocaust, how the Nazi-fascist crimes were rooted in that ideology, and how its debris still affects people towards stereotypes, prejudices and xenophobia. During the workshop, the participants explored forms of racist propaganda and its consequences, as in the case of the rise of far-right regimes. The participants also reflected on the practices that empower the values of dignity, freedom, diversity and inclusion: the common values of the Union's member states as stated in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

The participants, during the workshop, shared their experiences on the topic of Holocaust and if and when they had visited the remembrance sites. Together the team analyzed caricatures in an interesting and deep discussion and also exchanged perspectives on current politics and the political situation in the world.

Regarding the expectations and outcomes of the participation to this workshop, the activity flow achieved to enable the participants to get actively engaged to a dialogue about how the debris of Holocaust still affect people and reflect on issues of stereotypes, xenophobia, the rise of far-right regimes and how they have been faced from the beginning of WWII since now. Based on the participants personal comments, the workshop let them shared their views and personal experiences on how EU values of freedom, diversity, inclusion have turned societies into tolerant and inclusive communities and how remembrance and historic moments can work as an open-minding force for peace and well-being.

The online workshop “Remember the past – React for the future” took place as a part of our project “Remember Holocaust – Building Bridges for a common future” under the coordination of the partner organisation JuBUK. Around 80 participants joined this workshop creating a diverse group of students, youth workers, representatives of youth organisations and civil society, volunteers, representatives of the Jewish community, cultural and peace workers etc. who interacted with each other, discussed upon common interest issues of propaganda, extremism, inclusion and discrimination through a set of non-formal activities coordinated by an experienced youth trainer who is expert on the abovementioned issues.

The workshop consisted of two parts of 115 minutes each, divided by a 15-minute break after the first half.

More information regarding the activity can be found below:
<http://rememberholocaust.eu/interactive-workshop/>

Event 2 (Structured Dialogue)

Participation: The event involved 91 citizens, including 61 participants from the city of Trnava (**Slovakia**), 5 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 3 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Makrakomi (**Greece**), 1 participant from the city of Lodz (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of Lublin (**Slovenia**), 1 participant from the city of Kisinou (**Moldova**), 1 participant from the city of Rome (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Harare (**Zimbabwe**), 1 participant from the city of Tunis (**Tunisia**), 1 participant from the city of Seoul (**South Korea**), 1 participant from the city of Moscow (**Russia**), 1 participant from the city of Kiev (**Ukraine**) 3 participants from the city of Istanbul (**Turkey**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in the city of Trnava through the usage of a digital platform due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic (**Trnava, Slovakia**) from 04/12/2020 to 04/12/2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to facilitate an online structured dialogue activity between policy makers of National Council of the Slovak Republic, Museum of Jewish culture and a Holocaust survivor, representative of Comenius University, NGO and young people will take place under the coordination of the project partner Youth for Equality, as part of the project “Remember Holocaust- Building Bridges for a common future”. On the 4th of December, the second project activity of a Structured Dialogue took place, coordinated by the Slovak project partner Youth for Equality. Around 90 people, including students, teachers, young people, representatives of organisations and the civil society as well as youth workers, academics and policy makers from 12 different countries attended actively the event which lasted around 3 hours and was carried out via the ZOOM platform. After the introduction to the activity and the overall project by the hosting organisation, Mrs. Mgr. Eva Baumann, an internal doctoral student of the Comenius University (expert in the field of didactics of history), presented the history about the Holocaust paradigm and analyzed how European countries and their citizens like Italy or Slovakia reacted to the Holocaust and how local societies had treated the Jewish community they lived with. The second guest of the activity was Mr. Ing. Jozef Cipin, a Holocaust survivor, who narrated and shared with the participants his story of how he got to the camp, how he perceived it later on, and how it passed over time. The participants had the chance to pose questions to Mr. Ing. Jozef Cipin about his experience and general discussions about freedom also were made. The Structured Dialogue also included a presentation about the current situation of perception of the Holocaust, hate speech in society and discrimination by Mr. Mgr. Andrej Stančík, a member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the OĽANO movement and chairman of the Civic Democrat Youth. During his inputs, Mr. Stančík raised questions to the audience such as citizens’ tendency to forget the past, the arise of extremism within some communities and the role of policy- makers towards eliminating hate speech occurrences. Mrs. Kristína Grečková from the Milan Šimečka Foundation took also the floor and presented the current situation in Slovakia towards inclusion and discrimination. During the event, the participants joined a series of discussions with the official guests and had the opportunity to express their views, get answers to their questions and navigate to examples of active citizenship and tolerance. The whole event was moderated by a professional moderator and coordinated by the staff of Youth for Equality.

More information regarding the activity can be found below:

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/structured-dialogue-activity/>

Event 3 (Human Library).

Participation: The event involved 164 citizens, including 35 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 11 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (**Greece**), 11 participants from the city of Makrakomi (**Greece**) 54 participants from the city of Trnava (**Slovakia**), 18 participants from the city of Essen (**Germany**), 8 participants from the city of Lodz (**Poland**), 8 participants from the city of New York (**USA**), 2 participants from the city of Tel-Aviv (**Israel**), 2 participants from the city of London (**United Kingdom**), 2 participants from the city of Kiev (**Ukraine**), 1 participant from the city of Kiev (**Ukraine**), 1 participant from the city of Moscow (**Russia**), 1 participant from the city of Prague (**Czech Republic**), 1 participant from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 1 participant from the city of Paris (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Istanbul (**Turkey**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in the city of Athens through the usage of a digital platform due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic (**Athens, Greece**), from 12/02/2021 to 12/02/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to share with the participants their experiences as members of Jewish communities in various European countries. Also, listen to testimonies and stories from the events of the Holocaust, and to have a constructive dialogue on issues of racism, stereotypes and social exclusion. The activity gathered young Europeans, civil society representatives, local authorities etc.

During the opening of the event, Mr. Moses Elisaf, Mayor of Ioannina Municipality, shared stories about the Holocaust and the importance of commemoration of such historical events for a more tolerant and non-discriminatory future. Among the "Human Books" of the activity was Mr. Jozef who, as a Holocaust survivor, shared with the participants moments from his life before, during and after his transfer to the concentration camp and his liberation from the Nazis. Also, Mr. Jerome, who shared with the participants his experience as a member of the Jewish community in various European countries and the treatment he received throughout the years as an expat.

More information regarding the activity can be found below:

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/human-library/>

Event 4 (Virtual Exhibition on the Holocaust)

Participation: The event involved 150 citizens, including 52 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 28 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (**Greece**), 28 participants from the city of Makrakomi (**Greece**) 4 participants from the city of Trnava (**Slovakia**), 8 participants from the city of Essen (**Germany**), 20 participants from the city of Lodz (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of London (**United Kingdom**), 1 participant from the city of Kigali (**Rwanda**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in the city of Athens through open-source material, available online at the project' website, due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic (**Athens, Greece**), from 20/03/2021 to 20/04/2021

Short description: The Virtual Exhibition aimed to portray milestones of the extermination of the Jews, their everyday life in times of the war while providing a clear, easy understanding of facts that led to the genocide of the Jews. During your tour, you will be navigated to historic turning points, to everyday life testimonies of the people who lived back in those times while you will get to know interesting stories of flagship personalities that their names got interrelated with the Holocaust times. The Exhibition is structured into 4 rooms with a specific topic. Each exhibit shares a story or an explanation of worth-mentioning historic point accompanied by videos or audios that you can watch or listen to.

The Digital Exhibition concerned an open-source material, available online at the project' website for the duration of the project' lifecycle but also 5 years after the end of it. It concerns the digital representation of a Museum with exhibits structured in 4 main rooms, where the attendee can go through and navigate through main historical facts. Each exhibit shares a story or an explanation of worth-mentioning historic point accompanied by videos or audios that you can watch or listen to.

It mainly aimed and succeeded to portray milestones of the extermination of the Jews, their everyday life in times of the war while providing a clear, easy understanding of facts that led to the genocide of the Jews. During the virtual tour through the exhibits, the attendee is navigated to historic turning points, to everyday life testimonies of the people who lived back in those times while he/she gets to know interesting stories of flagship personalities that their names got interrelated with the Holocaust times. The exhibition is available at the project' website rememberholocaust.eu and has attracted more than 150 visitors from 5 countries around the globe.

More information regarding the activity can be found below:

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/digitalized-exhibition-of-holocaust-history-and-memories/>

Event 5 (Online Volunteer Activity)

Participation: The event involved 221 citizens, including 203 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 14 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (**Greece**), 17 participants from the city of Makrakomi (**Greece**) 4, 2 participants from the city of Trnava (Slovakia), 1 participant from the city of Essen (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Lodz (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in the city of Athens through a digital platform due to the limitations of the Covid-19 pandemic (**Athens, Greece**), from 03/05/2021 to 16/05/2021

Short description: The Virtual Voluntary Activity gathered 12 volunteers from the 4 partnering countries to the project, who, after receiving a specialized training by the Trainers Team and Youth Workers of the lead partner, I.R.T.E.A. who was responsible for the organization of the event, interacted with almost 210 pupils of 7 High Schools of Greece, with innovative and youth-friendly non-formal activities.

The VVA focused on the paradigm of Holocaust as a milestone for highlighting the importance of tolerance, acceptance, diversity and unity for a peaceful coexistence in the EU and beyond. This volunteering activity concerned a set of workshops that were implemented virtually in High Schools in Greece during which, the volunteers, based on the outcomes of other project activities, interacted with the students and through non-formal approach discussed upon issues of equity, diversity, and tolerance.

The schools that took part in the activity were:

- Piramatiko Lykeio Panepistimiou Kritis (Rethymno)
- 1st Lyceum of Thessaloniki
- 12th Lyceum of Thessaloniki
- Lyceum of Kallimasia, Chios
- 1st Protypo Lyceum of Athens, "Gennadios"
- Greek-French school Kalamari
- Arsakeio of Thessaloniki

More information regarding the activity can be found below:

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/online-voluntary-activity-to-high-schools-in-greece-03-16-may-2021/>

After the end of the event, the results of this event and those of the whole project were used to draft a policy paper and a short video describing the event was created by the volunteers of the activity.

The policy paper as the main deliverable of the Voluntary Activity, produced with the contribution of the Volunteers and reflecting the results of all project' activities, can be found here:

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/activities/>

The short video can be found here

<http://rememberholocaust.eu/online-voluntary-activity-to-high-schools-in-greece-03-16-may-2021/>