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## **Strand 1 – European Remembrance**

**26** events have been carried out within this project, organized in seven thematic packages:

### **Package 1 – Preparatory activities**

**Participation:** The 4 events of this package involved 15 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 4 participants from the city of Perpignan (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**) and 4 participants from the city of Figueres (**Spain**)

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Brussels, Perpignan, Madrid and Figueres, from 15/10/2015 to 15/12/2016

**Short description:** Within this package, we have included those meetings and workshops dedicated to prepare joint activities with partners, collaborators and other stakeholders. This is the case of the meetings with the dean of the University of Perpignan (partner of EUROM's network) to prepare the seminar that took place in Berlin; different meetings in Figueres and La Jonquera -where the Exile Memorial Museum is- to prepare the 2016 conference on Walter Benjamin; the meeting in Madrid with two representatives of the Spanish Ministry of Culture and Education; or meetings in Brussels to explore the possibility to organize the commemoration of the Holocaust Remembrance Day together with the European Commission.

### **Package 2 – Networking**

**Participation:** The 6 events of this package involved 50 citizens, including 7 participants from the city of Pamplona (**Spain**), 5 participants from the city of London (**United Kingdom**), 4 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 3 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 10 participants from the city of Paris (**France**), 21 participants from the city of Lyon (**France**)

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Pamplona, Spain; London, UK; Madrid, Spain; Brussels, Belgium; Paris, France; Lyon, France, from 15/10/2015 to 30/10/2016

**Short description:** Under this package of activities we have included all meetings, seminars and workshops aimed at enlarging the network with new members as well as to strengthen the links with the existing partners. All of these meetings were fruitful to

expand the project goals among new partners, official institutions, and civil society organizations:

- Pamplona > Representatives from EUROM visited the Spanish region of Navarre (North of the Iberian Peninsula) and signed an official agreement with the autonomous Government of Navarre that is implementing a regional law on remembrance policies that was passed at the end of 2013. Now the Government of Navarre is a member of the EUROM's network and as a result of this, both institutions have organized different conferences together. See link: <http://bit.ly/2rmNlIbx>

- London > Prof. Jordi Guixé, the EUROM's director, visited the London School of Economics to explore possible joint actions in the near future. Once in London, Prof. Guixé also met the representatives of the University of Brighton. As a result, in May 2017 an international conference (not included in this project) was organized in London by EUROM. See link: [europeanmemories.net/activities/bombings-barcelona-london/](http://europeanmemories.net/activities/bombings-barcelona-london/)

- Madrid: A representation of EUROM visited members of Madrid City Hall in order to start a scientific collaboration in the project to recover the history and memory of Las Ventas women's prison, one of the most infamous sites of Francoist repression in the Spanish capital city.

- Brussels > A meeting with representatives from the House of European History (European Parliament) was held in Brussels. The objective was to discuss possible contributions of EUROM to the ongoing preparations for the permanent exhibition. The team of EUROM had been already contacted by the House of European History to look for original artifacts to enlarge the museum collection.

- Paris > Prof. Jordi Guixé (EUROM's director) visited the Memorial de la Shoah in Paris in order to set a stable collaboration with this organization dealing with the study of Holocaust and other genocides. As a result, in May 2017 a joint international seminar (not included in this project) was organized to show how to teach genocides to school teachers. See link: <http://bit.ly/2pwGzzz>

- Lyon > EUROM participated in a working session at the Université de Lyon 3 to discuss the construction, reconstruction and deconstruction of memory through a reflection on the testimonies and places that reveal it. Since that exchange, both organizations have been collaborating in the organization of seminars and conferences. See link: <http://bit.ly/2sXvNFv>

### **Package 3 – Research**

**Participation:** The 5 events of this package involved 125 citizens, including participants from Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Ireland, Finland, Estonia, Denmark, Norway, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Greece.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Barcelona, Spain, and Madrid, Spain, and were organized on different dates between 15/10/2015 and 31/12/2016

**Short description:** Under this package we have included those activities devoted to research. One of the main goals of the EUROM is identifying and analyzing the different memorial processes occurring in Europe (and other continents) from the point of view of scholars, institutions and civil society. Our aim is contributing to the analysis of remembrance policies and this means fostering multidisciplinary research focused on the construction of public memory. In this regard, we have launched different activities to conduct (and promote) research in the field of history and memory studies in different forms: archival research, publications and scholar conferences.

- Book "Past and Power: Public Policies on Memory" > This is the first book published by EUROM as a contribution of specialists in multiple disciplines who aim to present some of the key challenges of the conflict of memories. Published by Edicions Universitat de Barcelona, the book proposes a transnational perspective of memories within the views of European and American thinkers. The book is divided into 3 sections: Memory beyond the borders; States and memory; and Memorials and debates. See link: <http://bit.ly/2sodqwk>

- Conference "The left in Southern Europe during the 1970s" > Taking the year of 1976 as starting point, the seminar focused on the analysis and interpretation of dynamics and historical changes – social, cultural, economic and political – that occurred in Southern European societies in the seventies. The seminar counted with the participation of 52 assistants, 15 experts and delivered a communication by Professor Geoff Elley introducing the turning points faced by the left in the seventies in Southern Europe. See link: <http://bit.ly/2rGZMDR>

- Conference by AMESDE (Association of Social and Democratic Memory) > Memorial processes in the 21st century face new challenges. For this conference -organized by AMESDE at Centre Cultural Blanquerna in Madrid- EUROM's director, Jordi Guixé, proposed a brief theoretical reflection before discussing specific examples of remembrance policies and initiatives in the European Union. Prof. Guixé addressed topics such as memory and public space, participatory processes or the necessary work from a transnational point of view. See link: <http://bit.ly/2sxia2C>

- Summer course at Complutense University (Madrid) > Under the title "Public Space, Remembrance and Human Rights" this course was organized in collaboration with EUROM and aimed to analyze, debate and compare different memorial initiatives conducted in different European countries. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the course addressed remembrance policies in the framework of the Human Rights, taking memory as an inalienable right of all societies to know the truth about its past. See link: <http://bit.ly/2rdXOYg>

- Seminar "Public space and the urbanism of Madrid" > A member of the EUROM team took part in this conference to contribute with his research on Memory and Public Space (one of the main topics that EUROM is addressing). Different cases were explained and discussed to deal with memorial conflicts that have recently jumped into the public arena. Discussions regarding monuments, street names and artistic interventions took place during the seminar. The public policies of memory have evolved through different situations, generating new debates on what to do with the remains of the dictatorship: what is the role of the government in this regard? How do societies remember their recent past? These were some of the addressed issues.

#### **Package 4 – Organization of international conferences**

**Participation:** The 5 events of this package involved 275 citizens, including participants from the cities of Munich (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Girona (Spain), Mauthausen (Austria), Berlin (Germany), and also from the United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, France.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in of Munich (Germany), Barcelona (Spain), Girona (Spain), Mauthausen (Austria), Berlin (Germany) in different dates from 15/10/2015 to 15/02/2017

**Short description:** Under this package we have included the international conferences

organized by EUROM together with its partners and collaborators in the framework of the project. The aim is promoting discussion and a real connection among institutions, practitioners and researchers from Europe and other continents.

- ICMEMO 2015 Annual Meeting: "Form, architecture, memory" >The seminar -hosted by the Jewish Museum in Munich- discussed a series of topics related with the role of architecture for activating social action in memorial museums. Participants also explored these topics during the scheduled visits to the Munich Documentation Centre for the History of National Socialism and the Education Center at the Flossenbuerg Nazi camp Memorial. Also they took part in the commemoration of Kristallnacht (November 9/10, 1938) at the site of the former Main Synagogue of Munich. See link: [europeanmemories.net/activities/icmemo-2015-annual-meeting/](http://europeanmemories.net/activities/icmemo-2015-annual-meeting/)

- International conference "The Soviet Child, the War and the Holocaust" > Organized together with Yahad – In Unum, the symposium addressed the evolution of the WW2 in the East front from the perspective of the fate of children, who were victims and witnesses. The symposium featured presentations from 29 European and American researchers and professors and received a total of 82 participants including researchers, students and professors from the University of Barcelona, as well as representatives of civil organizations. See link: <http://bit.ly/2roMufm>

- The 7th Mauthausen Memorial Dialogue Forum > Entitled "Liberation: between the historical moment and an endless process", the seminar marked the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the camp and was organized under the collaboration agreement signed by the EUROM and the Austrian Interior Ministry. The opening speech was delivered by Mr. Aba Lewit, a survivor of the camp, and during the seminar more than 15 experts presented their positions and debated around the concept of "liberation".

- Girona and Portbou > The Walter Benjamin Lecture - 2016 conference was entitled "Civil wars in the contemporary era". The event included presentations; a homage to Walter Benjamin; a guided walk following the paths of the exile in the Pyrenees mountains during the Spanish Civil war and the WW2 (in both directions). The opening keynote was delivered by Robert Gerwath (University College of Dublin) who discussed "The vanquished: Europe and the violent aftermath of the First World War, 1917-23". His presentation was followed by the speech "Public memories of war in contemporary Europe" by Jordi Guixé, EUROM's director.

- Berlin > From September 12th to 16th 2016, different EUROM partners and collaborators met in Berlin for a seminar and study visits to memorial sites. The seminar was organized in collaboration with Stefanie Endlich, honorary professor of at the Universität der Künste (Berlin). During the visits, participants discussed about borders and public space from the perspective of memorial politics in West and East Berlin. The seminar was recorded in video, resulting in a 5 minutes summary piece and also 3 video interviews were conducted to explain the creation of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Berlin Wall Memorial and the German-Russian Museum. See link: [europeanmemories.net/video-category/citizens-voice/](http://europeanmemories.net/video-category/citizens-voice/)

### **Package 5 – Participation in international conferences**

**Participation:** The 5 events of this package involved 320 citizens, including participants from all the countries of the European Union.

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Belgrade (Serbia); Sant Sebastián (Spain); Wasaw (Poland), Predappio (Italy) and Ljubljana (Slovenia), in different dates from 01/12/2016 to 15/03/2017

**Short description:** Under this package we have included all the international conferences in which EUROM representatives have taken part in the framework of the project. One of the tasks of the Observatory is participating and giving support and advice to different events related to remembrance policies in Europe. In this regard, different members of the EUROM team participated in various meetings and international conferences in which they were invited to explain the Observatory goals, to discuss on different memorial issues or to establish partnership with other organizations working in the field.

- San Sebastián "24th EUROCLIO Annual Conference" > Under the title "Intersections: How Can History Education Change Today?" the conference was organized by EUROCLIO, the European Association of History Educators, which aim is promoting innovative and responsible history education to helps to build democracy, peace and stability in the world. The conference addressed two key themes Local vs. the Global: Community and Identity - Where do we draw the line? and Past vs. Present: History education and current affairs: Where does history start? Then, Now or Both? Both topics aimed to help the participants to understand better the intersections of past and present and of local and global perspectives.

- Ljubljana "European Memory in the Making: Refugees and Global Expulsions" > The seminar was opened by professor Ksenija Vidmar Horvat (University of Ljubljana) together with Jordi Guixé -EUROM director. In the afternoon, Tanja Rozenbergar director of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and Zoran Stancic, head of the European Commission Representation in Ljubljana, introduced the exhibition "I am a Refugee", a project by Widad Tamimi and Vesna Bukovec. All activities were recorded in video and are now available at EUROM's website. The session closed with a roundtable about the role of the Slovene Ethnographic Museum in the refugee crisis. The closing was addressed by Urša Valič, who presented the project in progress Vanishing Heritage and Migration.

- Belgrade "7th annual Memory Lab workshop" > EUROM participated in this seven-days workshop that took place in Serbia in October 2016. "Memory Lab" is a platform that brings together organizations, institutions and persons working on memory sites and remembrance education in the Western Balkans and in Western/Central Europe, and promotes mutual learning, dialogue, exchange and constructive critical assessment of remembrance and history in Europe. The program focused on 3 main topics of memorialization: the Second World War, the Socialist Yugoslavia, and the period of the 1990s, with the Milosevic-regime and the break-up wars of Yugoslavia. During the conference, EUROM's representative proposed Spain to host the 2017 workshop and it was accepted by all the 40 participants. Visit link: <http://bit.ly/2swMVoo>

- Warsaw "In Between?" Conference by ENRS > Since 2016, EUROM participates in the "In Between?" project, led by the European Network of Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS), which aims to encourage European youngsters to explore the relevance of oral history in contemporary borders. The conference in Warsaw included presentations of the youngsters' study visits, discussion panels and the screening of the documentary "The Border" directed by Jaroslav Vojtek. EUROM director, Jordi

Guixé, was one of the panelists of the roundtable “What Can We Learn from Those Living in Borderlands?” moderated by Anna Czyżewska. EUROM participates as a scientific partner, and sponsored two students of the University of Barcelona during its latest edition, held on September 2016. Visit link: <http://bit.ly/2gO5Jd3>

- Predappio "Narrating Fascism" > EUROM's Italian partner, INSMILI, proposed a program that addressed the most relevant aspects, including the most controversial, of the fascism narratives. Organized in collaboration with the municipality of Predappio (Mussolini's birthplace), the seminar aimed to question the way fascism has been told, transmitted and made accessible in Italy and other European countries. The seminar was worthwhile not only for a general reflection on the past, on the teaching and the transmission of fascism but also for the expectations and the shape that should take the future "Museum of Fascism" in Predappio. Visit link: <http://bit.ly/2rrwGV2>

### **Package 6 – Citizens' participation**

**Participation:** The 3 events of this package involved 1020 citizens, including participants from Barcelona, Guernica, Bilbao, Madrid (Spain), Toulouse (France), London (United Kingdom) and Paris (France)

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Barcelona (Spain), Guernica and Bilbao (Spain), Toulouse (France), in different dates from 15/10/2015 to 31/03/2017

**Short description:** Under this package we have included all the activities organized in the framework of the project to foster citizens' participation in memorial processes and events. One of EUROM's goals is to address the complexity of memory in the 21st century without complexes or political pressure; this is an asset to work close to grassroots movements and all kind of civil society organizations. EUROM activities want to contribute to the socialization of commemorative initiatives and projects.

- Among the implemented participatory activities it's worthy to highlight the "Franco 40/40", a program that included over 20 academic and cultural events in the frame of the 40th anniversary of General Franco's death. The program gathered an overall direct audience of almost 863 people and also received a good coverage of the local media. Visit website for further information: <http://bit.ly/2rGSSys>

- 85th Anniversary of the Spanish Republic > A remembrance event for the Republican women oppressed under Franco's regime. The activity included a tribute to Maria Salvo, a former political prisoner who was present in the commemoration, as well as a guided walk through the different memorial panels located around the former prison precinct. Also, civil society representatives explained the existing links between the struggle of antifascist women under fascist regimes and nowadays' efforts to preserve democracy, freedoms and welfare state in the EU. Visit link: <http://bit.ly/2skvKpx>

- Victory over fascism: Barcelona 1936 > To mark the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, EUROM and the Public Diplomacy Council of Catalonia promoted a seminar to debate some of the key issues of the conflict that lasted three years and is considered a turning point in 20th century Europe. The main topics of discussion were antifascist resistance, women militias in defence of the Republic, and the role of the International Brigades in the Spanish conflict. Link: <http://bit.ly/2rYw22A>

### **Package 7 – Dissemination**

**Participation:** The 3 events of this package involved 840 citizens, including participants from Barcelona (Spain), and Madrid (Spain)

**Location / Dates:** The events were presented online, throughout the EUROM webpage and social networks. They occurred in different dates from 15/10/2015 to 14/04/2017

**Short description:** Under this package we have included the specific activities aimed to disseminate the project goals as well as the results of the research conducted by the members of EUROM network. Through these actions EUROM aims to raise awareness as well as promote discussion and reflection among citizens in regard to the memorial conflicts and processes that Europe is experiencing today.

- Photo exhibition "Srebrenica: memory of a genocide" > EUROM shew this exhibit containing pictures by Alfons Rodriguez in the lobby of the Education Faculty of the University of Barcelona in the framework of the "Solidarity Autumn" a series of activities organized by the UB Solidarity Foundation in different faculties with the aim of raising awareness of situations of exclusion, inequality and injustice from all over the world.

- "The struggles of Barcelona" > It is a 35 minutes film directed by Xavier Montanyà and Antonio Cortés. It involved nearly 20 witnesses of historical episodes of social struggle and resistance and includes images of 15 different archives. See video: <https://youtu.be/e8WEIsPHDjI>

- Graphic motion film "Victory over fascism: Barcelona 1936" > On July 19, 2016, Barcelona commemorated 80 years of the historical fight against the military coup that had risen in arms to overthrow the legitimate government of the Second Republic and that marked the beginning of the Spanish Civil War. With this purpose a short animated movie was made with images of different historical archives. The two minutes' piece illustrates the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in Barcelona during the morning of July 19, 1936, and pays tribute to citizen resistance during the conflict. See video here: <http://bit.ly/2rO33Bw>