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TAKING STOCK
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The House of European History hosts a debate on memory policies in Europe

- Organized by the European Observatory of Memories of the University of Barcelona, the meeting “Taking stock of European memory policies” will discuss the current situation of the policies of the past in Europe with Members of the European Parliament, representatives of civil society, the European Commission and the Agency Executive Education, Audiovisual and Culture;
- The event is open to the public and will take place on Tuesday, June 5, from 9 am to 6 pm at the House of European History in Brussels;
- **Peter Vermeersch**, professor at the University of Louvain and researcher at the Institute for International and European Politics (IIEB), will hold the inaugural lecture.

Brussels, June 1, 2018 - The European Observatory on Memories (EUROM) of the University of Barcelona and the House of European History (HEH) organize a joint conference in Brussels to discuss the role of the policies of the past for the democratic improvement of European societies. The meeting is open to the public and will take place on June 5, 2018, at the House of European History, bringing together academicians, representatives of organizations and trans-European networks of memory, and those responsible for memory policies at a European level. The meeting also aims to highlight the work developed by active players in the field of memory. The assistance is free, but prior registration is required.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a visit to the permanent exhibition of the House of European History, guided by **Martí Grau**, commissioner at the HEH. It will be followed by a welcome session at 11 a.m. with the participation of **Constanze Itzel**, Head of Unit, House of European History, and **Jordi Guixé**, director of EUROM. The opening keynote, titled “A broader view on politics of memory”, will be delivered by **Peter Vermeersch**, professor at the University of Louvain and senior researcher at the Institute for International and European Politics (IIEB).

The first round table will be formed by representatives of the European Commission and is scheduled to begin at 11,45 a.m. The debate will revolve around the challenges of the Europe for Citizens Program. Linked to the Executive Agency of Education, Audiovisual and Culture (EACEA), the program is one of the entities responsible for the financing of memory projects at European level. The debate will include the contributions of **Pavel Tychtl**, responsible for policies

in the DG of Communication of the European Commission, and **Gilles Pelayo**, Head of Unit of the Europe for Citizens Program (EACEA).

The afternoon session will begin at 2.30 pm with the contribution of **Michael Cramer**, Member of the European Parliament (Green / AEP), who will analyze the trans-European memorial heritage practices through the "[The Iron Curtain Trail](#)" project. His speech will be followed by a roundtable with Members of the European Parliament. Starting at 3.30 pm. It will be chaired by MEP **Miguel Urbán Crespo** (GUE-NGL), featuring the participation of the MEPs Ana Maria Gomes, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, and Ana Miranda Paz, members of the Transnational Group of Historical Memory of the European Parliament.

The final roundtable will begin at 5,00 pm and will present the best practices developed by memory projects and networks in Europe. Moderated by **Anna Cozzoli**, Head of Sector, Europe for Citizens Program (EACEA), the table aims to present the civil society's expectations for the future of memory policies in Europe. It will count with the contributions of the representatives of the European Memo Observatory (EUROM), Memorial de la Shoah, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS), and The Beit Project. The meeting will conclude with observations and proposals at 6:30 p.m.

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<https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/>

About the European Observatory on Memories

The [European Observatory on Memories](#) (EUROM) is a translational network of institutions and organizations committed to the analysis and promotion of remembrance public policies. Its main aim is to contribute to reflect on recent history, standing up for the diversity and plurality of memories. EUROM is led by Fundació Solidaritat of the University of Barcelona, with the support of the Europe for Citizens program of the European Commission.