

Columbia University and the Government of Navarra join the European Observatory on Memories of the Solidarity Foundation

- With these two new agreements, EUROM gathers a total number of 38 members and it gains strength as a transnational network of public memory policies in Europe;
- The agreement with Columbia University in the city of New York promotes the exchange and selection of students in the international training program “Alliance for Historical Dialogue”;
- With Navarra’s government, the agreement plans collaborations in analysis and creation of public policies of memory.

Barcelona, July 2, 2016. The European Observatory on Memories (EUROM), the multidiscipline and transnational network of public memory policies driven by the Solidarity Foundation of the University of Barcelona, signed two collaboration agreements in June: with the Institute for the Studies on Human Rights of Columbia University, and the government of Navarra. Columbia University is the first North American institution to join this European project, aimed to promote interdisciplinary research and academic and cultural activities related to the construction of democratic memory. The Government of Navarra is the first governmental Spanish institution to join.

In this agreement with Columbia University the student exchange stands out, in the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Responsibility ([AHDA](#)) –a training project about the impact of conflict memory from recent past in current societies. AHDA gathers annually different people from politics, social affairs and cultural affairs such as academics, representatives of civil society, journalists, educators, and artists. From this year on, EUROM will take part in the selection process of a candidate to join the program, and will give a financial aid of 2.000,00 euros. Moreover, this summer the European Observatory on Memories hosts a trainee student from Columbia University in June and July.

Regarding the agreement with the Government of Navarra, the management analysis of the public memory policies stands out, nationally and transnationally, and also the promotion of the research through the joint action development. The agreement with Navarra highlights the objective of analysing, creating and promotion public memory policies which take into account initiatives from other European countries and that use this experience in the development of the established policies in the [Floral Law 33/2013](#) for the recognition and moral repair of murdered citizens and victims from Navarra due the repression after the military coup in 1936.

Created in 2012, with the support from the European Commission, the European Observatory on Memories works for the recognition of memory diversity. In this sense, and

through the promotion of transdisciplinary, transverse and transnational projects, EUROM aims to identify and analyse the diversity of the memory process in Europe and other continents; to promote debate for the creation of representative public policies and to contribute to the analysis and management; promote socialization of memory initiatives and real connections among institutions, professionals and researchers. At the moment the network has 38 institutions and research groups in Europe and America. Apart from the Government of Navarra and Columbia University, this year EUROM signed agreements with the Spanish Social and Democratic Memory Association (AMESDE), the Riga Ghetto and Latvian Holocaust Museum, and the Institute of Leuven International and European Studies (LINES).

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About the European Observatory on Memories

The European Observatory on Memories –EUROM is a transnational network of institutions and organizations committed to research and promotion of public historical memory policies. Its main objective is to contribute to the reflection surrounding recent history defending memory diversity and plurality. EUROM is driven by the [Solidarity Foundation of the University of Barcelona](#) with the support of the European Commission's program *Europe for Citizens*.

About the University of Barcelona

The UB is the top public university in Catalonia due to its size of student population, 64,000, and its course offerings. The UB is also the principal centre of university research at state level and has become a European benchmark for research activity, both in terms of the number of research programmes it conducts and the excellence these have achieved.

The UB has a prominent position in the most prestigious international rankings: it is the only university in the Spanish State that has managed to get in among the world's top 200 according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) —a classification also known as the Shanghai Ranking. Moreover, the UB is the top Spanish university and one of the best 200 universities in the world according to QS World University Rankings 2014-2015. In addition, it is the only Spanish university which is among the 200 best worldwide universities in 25 out of 30 subject areas, according to the QS World University Rankings 2014 by Subject.



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