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1. General Information:

Memory Lab - Trans-European Exchange Platform on History and Remembrance brings together organizations, institutions and persons from Southeast Europe and from Western/Central Europe, which are working on memory sites and remembrance education related to difficult pasts (wars, mass crimes, dictatorships).¹ The aims of this initiative are to deepen mutual knowledge, exchange experiences, build capacities, facilitate contacts and realize common projects. Its general purpose is to strengthen constructive approaches of dealing with the past as part of civic education and democracy-building, and to contribute to cooperation and understanding processes in South Eastern Europe and in Europe in general, as well as to the integration of the countries of former Yugoslavia into a common European civil society and memory space. The project was launched, under the name “Dealing with difficult pasts in the Western Balkans and Western Europe” in 2010 with the first gathering in Sarajevo; since then, six more annual workshops/study trips have taken place, in BiH and Croatia (2011), France (2012), Germany (2013), Kosovo and Macedonia (2014), Belgium (2015), and Serbia (2016). More than 40 bilateral and multilateral activities have been developed in this time by partner organizations which met through the *Memory Lab* platform.

In 2017, the annual study trip/workshop is taking place in Spain and will focus on the exploration and discussion of history, consequences and memories of the Spanish Civil War. Spain has been chosen for the annual study trip/workshop mainly for two reasons:

1) Because of the importance of the Spanish Civil War and its consequences: for the history of Spain on the one hand, where the war led to the 35-year-long Franco dictatorship and to long-lasting divisions, and for the history of Europe in general on the other hand, with the numerous international implications of the war and its violence and political-cultural divisions which are often seen as precursors of the Second World War and other conflicts to come.

¹ For more information see our website : www.memorylab-europe.eu

2) Because of the particularity of the Spanish post-dictatorship-transition which is often praised as a model to follow: After the death of Franco in 1975 and the “Amnesty Law” from 1977, for more than two decades the political elites privileged an approach of consensual historical amnesia, the so-called “Pact of Oblivion”. At the same time, since the end of the 1990s, this approach has been seriously challenged, especially by the multilayered movement for “the recovery of the Historical Memory”. All in all, the history of post-dictatorial Spain in the last 50 years raises a lot of crucial questions of general significance, as for example: Is confronting the past a necessary precondition for building a stable peace and democracy, and if yes, under which conditions? What is the role of silence on the one hand, and of memory on the other hand, and what is the relation between both, in transition processes of post-war societies?

The program of the 8th *Memory Lab* study visit/workshop consists of a combination of visits to memory sites, feedback-sessions after visits, presentations by/discussions with experts, and working sessions within the group. The program will take part in different towns and include visits to different sites, in order to allow a differentiated approach to the existing culture(s) of remembrance in Spain, and to explore the questions of differences and similarities between different regions in Spain. The program will end with a comparison of the findings and observations from Spain with the cultures of remembrance from other European countries, and a discussion whether there is really a specific “Spanish model” of (not) dealing with the past, and to what extent “lessons from Spain” can be useful for other countries. Additionally, the program will provide space for the participants to discuss about the further development of *Memory Lab* and about the organization of future joint activities.

2. Participants

40 representatives of memorial centers, historical museums, NGOs and other organizations/ initiatives from South Eastern Europe on the one hand, and from Western and Central Europe on the other hand, who are active in the field of dealing with difficult pasts (wars and dictatorships in Europe during the 20th century) in a practical way, especially around memory sites and in the educational field.

3. Aims of the study trip/ workshop in 2017 in Spain:

- To explore and discuss the history of the Spanish Civil War and of its consequences, including its international dimensions (especially the role of the International Brigades, with a particular look on the Yugoslav participation, and the exile of Republican refugees in France and elsewhere)
- To explore and discuss memorialization processes regarding the Spanish Civil War in Spain and in Europe, from Franco’s dictatorship (1939-1975) through the transition to democracy (1975-1978/81), until today: What characterizes these processes? Which continuities and evolutions can be seen through this time period regarding the dealing with the Spanish Civil War? What local and regional differences can be seen, for example by comparing Barcelona and Madrid?
- To connect the experiences from Spain with the memory-politics and memory-work in other European countries, and especially with the question of the role of silence and memory for transition processes in post-war-societies - in order to look for differences and similarities between the Spanish and other European memory cultures, and to address the question: Is there really a ‘Spanish mode’ of (not) dealing with the past?
- To deepen contacts and cooperation and to provide a space to develop future activities between the participants of the *Memory Lab* platform

4. Program:

Sunday, September 17, 2017:

Arrival of the participants in Madrid

Accommodation in Madrid :

Hotel Infanta Mercedes, C/ Huesca 21, 28020 Madrid

<http://www.hotelinfantamercedes.es/en/>

19.45 : Meeting in the hotel lobby

20.00 Welcome dinner

Monday, September 18, 2017:

9.00: Introduction/ Presentation of participants / Interactive exercise "Dancing Chairs"

10.45-11.00: Break

11.00: Basic introductions

- History of Spain in the 20th century, with special focus on the Civil War : Gareth Stockey, University of Nottingham

- (Not) Dealing with the Civil War from the Franco-era until today - continuities and evolutions: Oriol Lopez-Badell, EUROM

- Memory politics in Madrid : Txema Urkijo, in charge of remembrance policies at the city of Madrid

13.15: Common lunch in the hotel

15.00: Visit of memory sites related to the Civil War and the Franco-era at the Madrid University Campus, with José Luis González, Carolina Rodríguez López and Jara Muñoz Hernández

16.30-17.00: Break

17.00-19h.00: The role of memory and silence in the transition to democracy and peace

Group work

20.30: Common dinner at El Cabanon, <https://www.lafourchette.com/restaurant/el-cabanon/309301>

Tuesday, September 19, 2017:

9.00-10.30: The question of mass graves in Spain

- Before the 'forensic turn'. Bottom-up memory initiatives in Spain at the local level: Paloma Aguilar, National Distance Education University (UNED), Madrid

- The Valley of the Fallen : History, current situation and future : Paco Ferrandiz, Spain's National Science Council (CSIC)

Presentations and discussion

10.45: Travel to the Valley of the Fallen

How to deal with Francoist memory sites (1)?

11.30: Visit of the Valley of the Fallen, with Paco Ferrandiz

13.30: Travelling to Belchite / Lunch bags

How to deal with Francoist memory sites (2)?

18.00: Guided visit of Belchite: History and role of the battle, and history, current situation and future of the site

19.30: Common dinner in Belchite, Restaurant *La Lomaza*

20.30: Continuation of the travel to Barcelona

Arrival to Barcelona approx. 23.30

Accommodation in Barcelona: Hall of Residence Campus del Mar, Salvat Papasseit 4, 08003 Barcelona,

<https://www.resa.es/en/residences/barcelona/residence-hall-campus-del-mar/residence/>

Wednesday, September 20, 2017:

9.30 : Transfer to El Born Cultural and Memorial Center

10.00-11.15: Feedback session: How to deal with memory sites of a criminal regime ?
11.15-12.15: **History and memories of the International Brigades**, with a special focus on the Yugoslav dimension : Presentation by Vjieran Pavlakovic, University of Rijeka, followed by discussion
12.15-13.30: Common Lunch in El Born Cultural and Memorial Centar
How is Barcelona dealing with its past?
13.30: Guided memory walks through Barcelona, in two parallel groups, with Oriol Lopez Badell and Nick Lloyd
16.00: Coffee break
16.30-18.00: Visit of the La Model Prison, site of Francoist repression which is about to be transformed into a Memorial
18.00-19.00 : Presentation and discussion of the memory politics of the Barcelona City Council, with Ricard Vinyes, in charge of memory politics at the Barcelona City Council
Free evening

Thursday, September 21, 2017:

Dealing with the history of refugees and exile

9.00: Travel to La Jonquera
11.00-13.00: Exile Memorial Museum in La Jonquera : Welcome by Jordi Font, director of the Museum, guided visit and individual exploration
13.00: Common Lunch in the Museum
14.30: Travel to Rivesaltes (France)
Memorial Site of Rivesaltes :
15.30-16.00: Introduction to the Memorial of Rivesaltes, by Agnès Sajaloli and Elodie Montès, Rivesaltes Memorial
16.00-17.30: Exploration in small groups, with specific focus on the presentation of the refugees and exile from the Spanish Civil War
18.00: Travel back to Barcelona
20.30: Arrival to Barcelona
21.00: Common Dinner in Restaurant *La Taberna Gallega* (<http://www.latabernagallega.com/>), in presence of Manel Vila, Director of the Department for Cooperation and Development of the Government of Catalonia

Friday, September 22, 2017:

9.00 : Transfer to El Born Cultural and Memorial Centar
9.30-10.30: Feedback-session: Comparing the presentation of refugees and exile in La Jonquera and Rivesaltes
10.30-10.45: Break
10.45-12.30: Working session about **Memory Lab and common activities**
12.30-14.30: Common Lunch in El Born Cultural and Memorial Centar
14.30-16.00: Connecting the experiences of Spain to other European countries: group work
16.00-16.30: Break
16.30-18.00: **Is there a specific ‘Spanish model’ of (not) dealing with the past? Sharing comparative international examples and experiences** : Presentation of the group work and discussion with Jordi Guixé, EUROM, and Mark Freeman, Institute for Integrated Transitions
18.30-19.30: Final plenary - Evaluation, conclusions, perspectives
21.00: Common dinner in Restaurant *Ascent* (<http://www.restauranteascent.com/>)

Saturday, September 23, 2017: Departure of participants

Working languages will be English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, with simultaneous or consecutive translation. Some presentations might take place in Spanish, Catalan or French, and will be translated into English and B/C/S.

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www.memorylab-europe.eu

<http://europeanmemories.net/activities/spanish-model-not-dealing-past/>

Facebook: @memorylabeu

Twitter: #MemoryLab2017

Participants / Učesnici Memory Lab 2017

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| Gruia Badescu | Centre for Advanced Studies- Southeastern Europe, University of Rijeka / Centar za napredna istraživanja – jugoistočna Europa, Sveučilište u Rijeci | Research fellow / istraživač | Rijeka (HR) |
| Tamara Banjeglav* | | Freelance researcher / nezavisna istraživačica | Zagreb (HR) |
| Julie Biro | | Documentary film-maker / Režiserka dokumentarnog filma | Paris (F) |
| Ervin Blažević | Optimisti 2004 Kozarac | President / Predsjednik | Prijedor (BiH) |
| Judith Brand* | Forum ZFD BiH | Program Manager / Programska menadžerica | Sarajevo (BiH) |
| Laura Boerhout | University of Amsterdam / Univerzitet u Amsterdamu | Freelance researcher, PhD candidate / nezavisna istraživačica; doktorandica | Amsterdam (NL) |
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| Branko Ćulibrk | Youth Centre KVART Prijedor / Centar za mlade KVART Prijedor | Project coordinaor / koordinator projekata | Prijedor (BiH) |
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| Dea Marić | Department for History, Zagreb; Croatian Association of History Teachers / Odsjek za povijest u Zagrebu; Hrvatsko udruženje nastavnika povijesti | Teaching associate; president / asistentica u nastavi; predsjednica | Zagreb (HR) |
| Ružica Marjanović | Festival „Half way“/ Festival “Na pola puta“ | Programska urednica i osnivačica Festivala/ Programme editor and festival founder | Užice (SRB) |
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| Elodie Montes | Memorial of Rivesaltes Camp / Memorijal logora Rivesaltes | Relation with the visitors at the Rivesaltes Memorial / Osoba za odnose s posjetiteljima u memorijalu Rivesaltes | Salses-le-Château (F) |
| Frank Morawietz* | French-German Youth Office / Francusko-njemački ured za mlade (OFAJ) | Special coordinator for the activities of OFAJ in SEE / Specijalni koordinator za aktivnosti OFAJ-a u Jugoistočnoj Evropi | Berlin (D) |
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| Ivo Pejaković | Jasenovac Memorial Centre / Javna ustanova spomen-područja Jasenovac | Director / ravnatelj | Jasenovac (HR) |
| Edin Ramulić | Association of citizens of Prijedor "Izvor" / Udruženje Prijedorčanki "Izvor" | Vice president / Potpredsjednik | Prijedor (BiH) |
| Günter Schlusche | Berlin Wall Foundation / Fondacija Berlinski zid | Architect, Planner / arhitekt, planer | Berlin (D) |
| Kaja Širok | National Museum of Contemporary History / Nacionalni muzej suvremene povijesti | Director / direktorica | Ljubljana (SLO) |
| Tamara Šmidling | Peace Academy Sarajevo / Mirovna Akademija Sarajevo | activist and researcher / aktivistkinja i istraživačica | Sarajevo (BiH) |
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