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EUROM NETWORK MEETING 2018

TAKING STOCK OF EUROPEAN MEMORY POLICIES

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PRESENTATION

PROGRAMME

According to the historian Tony Judt “the post-national Europe, the one of the welfare state, cooperative and peaceful, was not born of the optimistic, ambitious and progressive project that today’s euro-idealistic imagined from pure retrospective; it was the fruit of an insecure anxiety. Harassed by the ghost of history, its leaders carried out social reforms and founded new institutions as a prophylactic measure to hold the past at bay.”

The ghost of history was at the foundation of the common European project, but keeping the past at bay was – and is – impossible. Since the end of the 20th century, especially, memory has become a cultural and political battlefield where stories about the past have a hegemonic vocation. These conflicts have required a European response, a response in the form of management, in the form of a public policy of memory.

The European Observatory on Memories (EUROM) of the University of Barcelona and the House of European History (HEH) jointly host this one-day open conference in order to discuss the role of the policies of the past for the democratic improvement of our societies.

9 am: Guided visit to the permanent exhibition, with Martí Grau, curator

11.00 am: Welcome session

Constanze Itzel, Head of Unit, House of European History

Jordi Guixé, Director of the European Observatory on Memories (EUROM)

11.15 am: Opening keynote

A broader view on politics on memory. Peter Vermeersch (Leuven University)

Chair: Martí Grau, House of European History

11.45 am: Roundtable 1 - Members of the European Commission

Europe for Citizens programme: future challenges.

Pavel Tychtl (Policy Officer European Commission) and Gilles Pelayo (Head of Unit, Europe for Citizens) | Chair: Jordi Guixé (EUROM)

1 pm: Lunch at Cafe Europa

2.30 pm: Trans European practices on memorial heritage

The Iron Curtain Trail. Michael Cramer (MEP)

Chair: Oriol López (EUROM)

3.30 pm: Roundtable 2 - Members of the European Parliament

Transnational group of Historical Memory: Ana Maria Gomes | Izaskun Bilbao

Barandica | Ana Miranda Paz | Chair: Miguel Urban

4.45 pm: Coffee break

5 pm: Roundtable 3 - Civil society networks and projects

Best practices of remembrance initiatives. European Observatory on Memories

(EUROM) | European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS) | Memorial de la

Shoah | The Beit Project | Chair: Anna Cozzoli (EC)

6.30 pm: Closing and proposals