

PRESS RELEASE

FOUNDATION EVZ AND "TRAIN OF REMEMBRANCE" AGREE ON USE OF THE DONATION BY GERMAN RAILWAY COMPANY

Berlin, 22.09.2009. The Foundation EVZ and the citizens' initiative "Train of Remembrance" have reached an agreement on the use of the donation from the German railway operator. In July 2009 Deutsche Bahn AG transferred a donation of EUR 175,000 to the Foundation EVZ to promote the work of the citizens' initiative "Train of Remembrance" and a humanitarian project of the Foundation EVZ for the benefit of victims of National Socialism.

The citizens' initiative "Train of Remembrance" is now to receive EUR 150,000 and will use this in particular for the coming commemoration journeys with the "Train of Remembrance", training young people in encounters with victims of deportation, for historical research work and for concrete assistance to survivors.

The Foundation EVZ is making EUR 25,000 available to the "Polish-German Reconciliation" Foundation operating in Poland for a humanitarian project in favour of victims of National Socialism. Urgently necessary rehabilitation equipment such as walking aids or wheelchairs for sick persons are to be procured within the framework of this project and be handed out to survivors in need of assistance in Poland.

Günter Saathoff, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation EVZ, comments: *"We are glad that the 'Train of Remembrance' can continue its important education work and like the Foundation EVZ is committed to today's survivors. With the Warsaw Foundation we have been able to gain a further competent partner for the additional humanitarian project with whom we can collaborate in a spirit of trust and confidence. This partner will place its own resources, above all human resources, at the disposal of the project in order to bring urgently required aid to the persons affected as quickly as possible."*

Hans-Rüdiger Minow, Chairman of the Board of the citizens' initiative "Train of Remembrance", explains, *"hundreds of thousands of children and young people were transported to destruction on the German railway network. The few survivors who escaped from the 'Reichsbahn' assistance to mass murder must now finally be given some satisfaction, in material terms too. The donation by Deutsche Bahn AG is a beginning. It is thanks to the intermediary activity of the Foundation EVZ that it is benefiting the "Train of Remembrance" and its assistance projects."*

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