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# INTRODUCTION



**Dear Readers,  
Dear Friends of the Foundation EVZ,**

With this Activity Report 2015, we are pleased to invite you to take a look back over the activities and work of our Foundation during the remembrance year 2015. First, we want to remember the former chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors, Dr Martin Salm, who had to resign for health reasons in March of last year, and sadly passed away in November at age 60. We miss Martin Salm greatly, and we will continue to honour his memory.

The year 2015 marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second World War and the liberation from National Socialism. Again in this year, improving the living conditions of victims of National Socialism was a central focus of the funding activities of the Foundation EVZ. Projects in the programme "Dialogue Forum", for example, were funded in Russia, the Ukraine and Belarus with over 1.3 million euros. Special funding also went to supporting internally displaced persons in the Ukraine, who are again at risk in old age of the affects of war, as well as to Roma Holocaust survivors.



With the Foundation EVZ campaign “I’m still alive”, we also sent a clear signal that victims of the Nazi regime still need our support and attention today. The protagonists of the campaign have survived as children, for example, the Minsk ghetto, the Siege of Leningrad, Nazi forced labour and the Nazi crimes of “scorched earth”. These eyewitnesses are now well advanced in years, and make it clear to us that as the time of direct exchange with survivors is drawing to a close, we must find new forms of remembrance culture.

At the opening of the international traveling exhibition “Forced Labor. The Germans, the Forced Laborers and the War” at the Museum of Work in Hamburg, the Auschwitz survivor Dr Dagmar Lieblová gave a moving report on forced labour in Hamburg. The industrial building that is now the museum was formerly the factory of the New-York Hamburger Gummi-Waaren Compagnie in Hamburg Barmbek, which served as the forced labour camp where Ms Lieblová was housed as a 15-year-old. The opening with First Mayor Olaf Scholz was a fitting start to a successful and well-visited station of the exhibition, which was accompanied by an extensive programme.

We also celebrated two ten-year anniversaries in 2015: First, the funding programme “Europeans for Peace” was recognized in May with a ceremony at the Foreign Office. Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is the patron of this international youth exchange program. Three exceptional projects on this year’s theme, “Discrimination. Watch Out!” were awarded in front of 300 invited guests in the Europe Hall of the Foreign Office. With this and other funding programmes, our Foundation has signalled that our funding strategy retains a major focus on contemporary forms of discrimination, the fight against anti-Semitism and anti-Gypsyism, and the protection of sexual minorities.

Second, in October the international conference “Justice Today for Peace Tomorrow” marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Model International Criminal Court” (MICC) project, funded by the Foundation EVZ. The project of the Kreisau Initiative has become a beacon of human rights education, and is a best practice example that has found support from further significant funders over the last decade.

We thank all of our partners and supporters for the successful and fortunate cooperation during the past year. It is only through you and your engagement that the Foundation EVZ’s funding can have an impact.

We hope you enjoy reading this report.

**Dr Michael Jansen**  
*Chairman, Board of Directors*

**Günter Saathoff**  
*Board of Directors*

# GREETING

left: Dr Jörg v. Fürstenwerth, Dr Michael Jansen and Günter Saathoff  
right: Dr Jörg v. Fürstenwerth und Dr Andreas Eberhardt after the election



## Dear Readers,

You are reading the report of the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) for the year 2015. You will be able to convince yourself that the Foundation EVZ has once again successfully fulfilled its mandate in this year. This was anything but self-evident. Showing the signs of an insidious disease, Dr Martin Salm had to resign as chairman of the Foundation EVZ at the end of March 2015. His premature death on 7 November 2015 affected us, and all who knew him or worked with him, very deeply. We continue to mourn his loss.

We are all the more grateful for Dr Michael Jansen, who took on responsibility during the transitional period. Michael Jansen was the Chairman of the Board of the Foundation EVZ from September 2000 to June 2004, as well as July 2006 to July 2007. In 2008, German Chancellor Angela Merkel appointed him as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation EVZ. On 1 April 2015, the Board of Trustees appointed elected Michael Jansen Chairman of the Board of the Foundation EVZ ad interim. For the interim period, Michael Jansen was relieved of his position as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.





left: At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr Andreas Görgen, Dr Kurt Bley, Dietmar Nietan and Karin Maag  
below: Evening before the meeting of the Board of Trustees

Special thanks are also due this year to Director Günter Saathoff and all staff of the Foundation who ensured the successful work of the Foundation EVZ during the transition period – with their enormous personal commitment and active, purposeful engagement.

In December 2015, the Board of Trustees elected Dr Andreas Eberhardt as Chairman of the Board of the Foundation. Since 1 April 2016, Andreas Eberhardt has led the work of the Foundation alongside Director Günter Saathoff.

The Board of Trustees looks forward to working with the Board members and staff of the Foundation in the coming years.

**Dr Jörg Freiherr Frank von Fürstenwerth**  
*Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees*



# MOURNING FOR DR MARTIN SALM

The Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors, and the entire team at the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility, Future (EVZ) mourn the death of Dr Martin Salm. The former chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors died on 7 November 2015 in Berlin after a grave illness.



» With great understanding and passion, Dr Martin Salm led the Foundation EVZ successfully for eight years. He left an indelible mark on the Foundation EVZ with his special interest in strengthening human rights work out of a sense of historical responsibility, and expanding the humanitarian commitment to the aging victims of Nazism. After the end of payments to former forced labourers under the Nazi regime, Salm transformed the Foundation EVZ into an important international donor. And with his reorganization of the capital investments, he effectively secured the foundation's funds for the long term and achieved reliable yields. Martin Salm was a visionary chairman of the Board of Directors, who with his enthusiastic, practical approach was always able to win over the team and the Board of Trustees at the Foundation EVZ for his concept of an international foundation. In late March 2015, he was forced to resign from his position as Chairman of the Board due to his grave illness. All of us at the Foundation will miss Martin Salm, and we will keep his memory alive with deep respect and affection.

*Dr Jörg Freiherr Frank von Fürstenwerth,  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Foundation EVZ*



Dr Martin Salm was born on 27 May 1955 in Dusseldorf. After high school he studied Ancient American Studies, anthropology and economics in Bonn, Berlin and Lima. Beginning in 1981, he worked for Caritas Germany in international emergency and disaster relief. In 1997, he became a member of the Executive Committee of the German Caritas Association and headed the relief organisation Caritas International.

In October 2006 he joined the Board of the Foundation EVZ, where he was responsible in particular for the international activity of the Foundation EVZ.

Dr Salm was Chairman of the Board of the Foundation EVZ from July 2007 to March 2015. He had to resign in the spring of 2015 due to serious illness.

Martin Salm was married to Ursula Salm for over 40 years. The couple has five adult children and eight grandchildren.







## THE FOUNDATION REMEMBRANCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUTURE (EVZ)

To honour the victims of Nazi injustice, the Foundation EVZ (Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future) works towards strengthening human rights and international understanding. It also continues to promote the interests of survivors. The foundation is thus an expression of the continuing political and moral responsibility of the German state, business community, and society for Nazi injustice.

The foundation funds international projects in the following areas:

- a critical examination of history
- working for human rights
- a commitment to the victims of National Socialism







## FIELDS OF ACTIVITY



A CRITICAL EXAMINATION  
OF HISTORY



WORKING FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS



COMMITMENT TO THE VICTIMS  
OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

## FUNDING PROGRAMMES

- Dokumentation der NS-Zwangsarbeit (Documenting Nazi Forced Labour)
- Begegnungen mit Zeitzeugen (Encounters with Eyewitnesses)
- Zwangsarbeit und vergessene Opfer (Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims)

## GOALS

- To anchor the history of Nazi forced labour permanently in the European collective memory and to communicate the experiences of the victims
- To achieve greater understanding for various perspectives on history in Europe
- To strengthen the awareness of the role played by Jews in European history



## FUNDING PROGRAMMES

- Stipendien für Roma in Osteuropa (Scholarships for Roma in Eastern Europe)
- MEET UP! Deutsch-Ukrainische Jugendbegegnungen (MEET UP! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters)
- SOGIarity. Against Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
- Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism
- EUROPEANS FOR PEACE

## GOALS

- To strengthen the commitment to democracy and human rights by historical learning
- To initiate projects directed against right-wing extremism, anti-Semitism, and victim protection
- To strengthen the descendants of those minorities who were victims of Nazi persecution



## FUNDING PROGRAMMES

- Treffpunkt Dialog (Dialogue Forum)
- Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism
- Donations for the Victims of National Socialism
- Volunteers in humanitarian projects of the Foundation EVZ

## GOALS

- To fund model projects that allow now elderly victims of National Socialism to lead a life in dignity and autonomy, and to improve their situation in terms of health and social contacts
- To strengthen actors in civil society who seek to promote a greater solidarity with and willingness to help victims of National Socialism
- To call upon politicians and society as a whole in Germany and Europe to accept their responsibility to improve the social situation of the victims of National Socialism



# WHAT WAS FUNDED

342

PROJECTS FUNDED

Field of Activity

**THE CRITICAL  
EXAMINATION  
OF HISTORY**

162

PROJECTS

2.60

MILLION EUROS

Field of Activity

**WORKING FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS**

96

PROJECTS

2.03

MILLION EUROS

Field of Activity

**COMMITMENT TO  
THE VICTIMS OF  
NATIONAL SOCIALISM**

84

PROJECTS

3.67

MILLION EUROS



## PROJECT RESULTS:

\_\_\_ 32 PUBLICATIONS

\_\_\_ 22 PLAYS

\_\_\_ 56 OTHER PRODUCTS

\_\_\_ 9 PHOTOGRAPHY BOOKS

\_\_\_ 29 EXHIBITIONS

\_\_\_ 9 PUBLIC RELATIONS PACKAGES

\_\_\_ 15 WEBSITES

\_\_\_ 2 BOOKS/TRAVEL GUIDES

\_\_\_ 17 TEACHING MATERIAL PACKETS

\_\_\_ 27 FILMS

\_\_\_ 6 RESEARCH PROJECTS (EVALUATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS)

\_\_\_ 5 AUDIO PRODUCTIONS

\_\_\_ 299 HISTORICAL EYEWITNESSES  
reported about their lives in  
\_\_\_ 66 DIFFERENT PROJECTS.

## PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS:

\_\_\_ 56 Projects in **UKRAINE**

\_\_\_ 2 Projects in **BELARUS**

\_\_\_ 8 Projects in **ISRAEL**

\_\_\_ 17 Projects in **POLAND**

\_\_\_ 19 Projects in **RUSSIA**

\_\_\_ 4 Projects in the **CZECH REPUBLIC**

As well as projects in: France, Croatia, Macedonia, Austria, Romania, Hungary, the UK, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Moldova, the Netherlands, Serbia, Greece, Switzerland, Slovenia, Turkey, the United States, Sweden, Norway, Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, France, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania

# “I’M STILL ALIVE!” A CAMPAIGN OF THE FOUNDATION EVZ

2014 and 2015 were years of remembrance of the beginning and end of the Second World War. In order to increase attention for victims of National Socialism in Eastern Europe, the Foundation EVZ developed the campaign “I’m still alive!”

In October 2014, the Foundation EVZ presented the motifs of the campaign to the public. For the campaign, six survivors from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia show their faces and tell their stories. To launch the campaign “I’m still alive!”, one of the survivors, Regina Alexandrowna Lawrowitsch, told her story. In the evening following the press conference, Regina Lawrowitsch met donors and multipliers at a fundraising dinner.

The first phase of the campaign began in Berlin in fall 2014 with 500 illuminated billboards in Berlin subway stations, tram and bus stops, 38 digital advertising walls, and projections in the Friedrichstraße underground station. For one week, the campaign showed the survivors in front of a historical picture with a personal quote and the slogan of the campaign: “I’m still alive!” At the same time, the campaign page was online at [www.ich-lebe-noch.info](http://www.ich-lebe-noch.info). There, visitors could learn more about the biographies of the individual survivors before and after World War II, and the crimes they suffered





Wiktoria Sosow with students from the Ernst-Reuter-Oberschule, Berlin

under the Nazis: including deportation for forced labour and to concentration camps, the destruction of their towns and the murder of their family members, the Minsk Ghetto and the Siege of Leningrad. The campaign thereby reflected the survivors' diverse experiences of suffering. In parallel, the campaign motifs were also available on postcards in museums, theatres and other cultural institutions in Berlin.

The second phase of the campaign showed the motifs on posters and postcards in Berlin during the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in January 2015. An ad in "Der Tagesspiegel" newspaper, an eyewitness discussion with a film screening, and campaign posters in the foyer of the Komische Oper Berlin enhanced the visibility of the campaign, especially with multipliers. Through the poster sets they provided, the "Citizens' Alliance Against Right-Wing Extremism in Weimar" and the Weimar transit services, as well as many church groups, schools and libraries, brought the campaign "I'm still alive!" to the whole of Germany.



Eyewitness discussion with Wiktoria Sosow, Frieda Rejsman, Regina Lawrowitsch and Sinaida Lewanez. Greetings by Dietrich Wolf Fenner.

In the third phase of the campaign, an eyewitness discussion took place on 16 April in Berlin. Interviews with eyewitnesses were made possible on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war's end through the cooperation with the German newspapers "taz. Die tageszeitung" and "Der Tagesspiegel". In the weeks before and after 8 May 2015, online banners with the motifs of the campaign appeared on the largest online media outlets to call for more attention to be paid to Nazi victims.

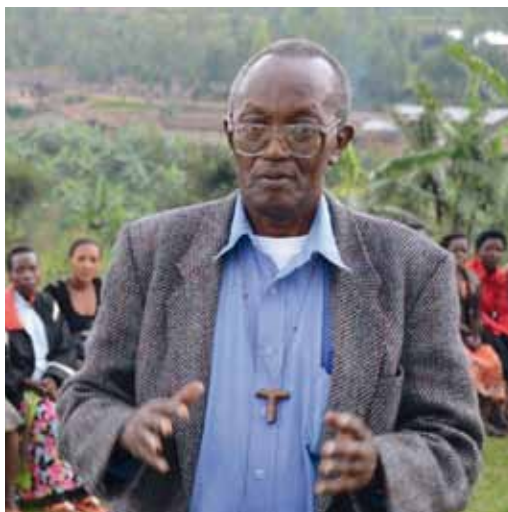
# TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: AN ONGOING CHALLENGE

The Foundation EVZ is a sought-after partner for the exchange of experiences, cooperation and project funding in the field of “Transitional Justice”. This concept poses the question of how states and societies address historical and systematic injustice. The experiences of the Foundation EVZ from the payments to former forced labourers and in coming to terms with National Socialist injustice are the subject of international interest.

The Foundation EVZ welcomed numerous groups from abroad, including from Kosovo, Armenia, Turkey, Colombia and Japan. They included educational experts, historians, journalists and students. Partners in these encounters include, for example, the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (ifa), the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), the Goethe Institute, Humanity in Action and Justitia et Pax. These meetings are valuable for the Foundation EVZ because they provide insights into developments in other country’s experiences of coming to terms with the past, and allow the Foundation to re-examine its own experiences and their relevance in an international context.

left: Lecture by Prof. Simon Gasibirege, President of the African Institute for the Integral Psychology (AIIP), in Butare, Rwanda in February 2015

right: German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier in an interview with Armin Jelenik and Dr Siegfried Grillmeyer, CPH Academy, at a visit to the Genocide Memorial in Kigali, Rwanda in February 2015







Journalists from Armenia and Turkey learn about the work of the Foundation EVZ in April 2015



left: Uta Gerlant speaking at the podium on “Sexual Violence in War” in August 2015 in Tokyo  
middle: Rüdiger Rossig speaks in October for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MICC in Berlin  
right: Uta Gerlant speaking at the podium on “Youth – Military – Peace” in August in Seoul

On 10 August, adviser to the board of directors Uta Gerlant visited the “4<sup>th</sup> International Youth Forum on Historical Reconciliation,” organized by UNESCO in Seoul. There, she gave a talk on coming to terms with the Nazi past in Germany. Using examples, she made it clear that such an approach has inherent shortcomings and is never complete – but also that it is possible through the restoration of relations within societies and across borders.

On 14 August, she took part in a conference in Tokyo on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II in the Pacific. Among other things, she took a stand on the previously insufficient addressal of the history of forced prostitution, which was established by the German Wehrmacht in the occupied countries of Europe.

In 2015, the Foundation EVZ funded two projects addressing historical injustice: in February the Caritas-Pirckheimer-Haus Academy in Nuremberg organised a German-Russian professional exchange on remembrance work and human rights education. And at the end of the year, the Maximilian Kolbe Foundation in Berlin displayed the exhibition “Pojednanie/Reconciliation in Progress” on German-Polish reconciliation. Both projects received co-financing from the Foundation EVZ.





## FIELD OF ACTIVITY 1:

### A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF HISTORY



**Sonja Begalke** (team leader)

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**Martin Bock**

**Evelyn Geier**

**Ulla Kux**

**Leonore Martin**

**Ulrike Rothe**

**Lisa Renner and Adina Dymczyk** (student assistants)



Internationale Wanderausstellung

# ZWANGSARBEIT.

## DIE DEUTSCHEN, DIE ZWANGSARBEITER UND DER KRIEG \*

\* Travelling Exhibition  
"Forced Labour:  
The Germans, the  
Forced Labourers,  
and the War"

On 4 November, Olaf Scholz, First Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, opened the 6th station of the international travelling exhibition "Forced labour. The Germans, the forced labourers and the war" at the Museum of Work in Hamburg. After successful stations in Berlin, Dortmund, Warsaw, Moscow and Prague, the exhibition was now on display in Hamburg, a city that was at the centre of forced and slave labour with its harbour and industries as well as the Neuengamme concentration camp. The museum itself is located on the site of a former factory of the New-York Hamburger Gummi-Waaren Compagnie in Hamburg-Barmbek, where many female forced labourers, primarily from across Eastern Europe, were brought and exploited during the war. Guest of honour Dr Dagmar Lieblová, chair of the Terezín Initiative and survivor of the Theresienstadt and Auschwitz concentration camps, told the moving story of her experience as a forced labourer to the 300 attendees. She was deported as a young woman from Auschwitz to Hamburg, where she was forced to work removing debris from the harbour, among other things.







Visitor to the exhibit  
in Hamburg

By the end of March 2016, around 25,000 visitors had already seen the exhibition, which remained on display in Hamburg until 3 April. The guestbook attests to the international audience: “The place [exhibition] was good and worth seeing. It is good to know the past,” wrote one visitor in Farsi. A Serbian guest added: “It is good to be able to visit such an exhibition and to be able to see what you previously couldn’t see anywhere else.”

Starting in May 2016, the exhibition will be on display in the Museum Arbeitswelt in Steyr, Austria.

The exhibition was accompanied by numerous lectures, excursions, readings, concerts and film screenings. In January, Esther Bejarano read from her book, “Erinnerungen. Vom Mädchenorchester in Auschwitz zur Rap-Band gegen rechts” (Memories. From a Girl’s Orchestra in Auschwitz to a Rap Band Against Right-Wing Extremism). Following the reading, the concert “La Vita Continua” took place together with the rap group Microphone Mafia.



Scan the QR code to  
view short films with  
eyewitness interviews.



Director Günter Saathoff,  
First Mayor of Hamburg Olaf  
Scholz with Börries von Notz,  
Executive Director, Foundation  
of Historic Museums Hamburg,  
and Dr Stefan Hördler,  
Director of the Mittelbau-Dora  
Concentration Camp Memorial,  
during the exhibition tour for  
members of the Board of  
Trustees.

# #ERINNERN\_KONTROVERS\*

\* Controversial Memories

The hashtag #Erinnern\_Kontrovers (Controversial Memories) was a digital sign for the programme: 100 participants met at the Berlin Kalkscheune in July 2015 to discuss cultures of remembrance and digitalisation. The results of the meeting are documented at [www.erinnern.hypotheses.org](http://www.erinnern.hypotheses.org). The meeting focused on three questions:

## Can the notion of an “inclusive culture of remembrance” be more than just a fashionable phrase?

In his introductory lecture, Prof. Martin Lücke of the Free University of Berlin described three qualities of remembrance activities that can be understood as part of inclusive cultures of remembrance: projects that are critical of authorities, meaning that they deal with the social and political effects of historical portrayals; projects that uncover the “forgotten” in dominant discourses and seek to make them visible; and projects that connect historical work with the empowerment of marginalised groups. Conflicting memories are not a deficit, but constitute the special quality of an inclusive culture of remembrance.

Sonja Begalke in the ‘Fish Bowl’ discussion Prof. Martin Lücke during his introductory remarks





Where do we stand? Survey interviews with moderator Shelly Kupferberg



Graphic recording with Magdalena Wiegner, and Twitter Wall at the conference

### What role can the second and third generations play?

The conference participants started the discussion with this definition: they are not authentic narrators of the stories of their fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers. However, they are witnesses in the culture of remembrance of societal and individual repression, and of remembrance. They develop their own family biographical approaches to the history of National Socialism and to the critical understanding of our culture of remembrance.

### How do digital media shape the culture of remembrance?

Recipients become producers; receivers become transmitters. It seems as though explicit emotional reactions like admiration or grief find greater resonance than differentiated messages. Conversely, social media are useful resources to enable qualified collaborative project work. Projects are pushing back against the trend towards de-contextualisation on the Internet, and finding new and impressive ways to make historical contexts visible.



# FIRST RESULTS OF SUPPORTED THEATRE PROJECTS IN THE FUNDING PROGRAMM “EDUCATION WITH TESTIMONIES”

In letters, diaries, drawings and compositions, as well as in several hours of eyewitness interviews and testimonies in court, victims of national socialism have worked through their persecution, suffering and survival, and documented their continued lives. These testimonies point to future paths of remembrance for the era in which fewer and fewer survivors are able to share their memories in person.

In a pilot tender in 2014, the Foundation EVZ first awarded funding for projects working artistically with testimonies. The call for proposals is directed at theatre professionals, as well as youth and adults in theatre education projects using testimonies of victims of National Socialism, presenting these materials on stage, and making links to contemporary issues on stage.

Following the recommendations of an expert jury, a total of ten project groups were awarded funding and began their projects in 2015. To date, six projects have presented their theatre plays on stage.

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

**“In the camp they made me into a criminal.”**

**Margarete Ries: From “Asocial” Prisoner in Ravensbrück to Kapo in Auschwitz.**

Based on interrogation and subsequent trial proceedings from the denazification process of 1948/49, the Bremen Shakespeare Company, together with the University of Bremen, developed a documentary theatre play. It tells the history of Margarete Ries, who was imprisoned in the Ravensbrück and Auschwitz concentration camps as a so-called “asocial”. In accompanying theatre pedagogical workshops, young people from schools in Brussels, Bremen and Bernburg took a critical look at historical sources.





right and below: "Action N!  
A Neukölln Commission of  
Inquiry on Nazism"

### Postcards from yesterday to day.

A theatre performance by Spreeagenten Berlin with students from the Ernst-Haeckel-Oberschule in Berlin Hellersdorf

Video interviews with survivors of the Shoah and former forced labourers enable students to approach experiences of discrimination, flight, persecution and internment from the perspective of individual destinies. The young people chose video interviews and presented their personal readings in an artistic manner. The result was 17 miniature scenes combining performance, video and text.

### "Action N! A Neukölln Commission of Inquiry on Nazism"

Documentary theatre at Heimathafen Neukölln in Berlin

Together with artists, a group of Neukölln residents examined the history of the "Heimathafen Neukölln" theatre: during the Third Reich, it served as a furniture warehouse for the belongings of Jews deported from Neukölln district. The theatre play reconstructs individual fates from the files of Nazi assets appraisals, declarations of assets by those affected, and further testimonies. The Neukölln actors report on stage of their experiences during the research, and explore questions of guilt, enrichment and compensation, as well as personal localisation and connections to the past.



above: "Out of the  
Files onto the Stage"  
left: "Postcards from  
Yesterday to Tomorrow"

# EDUCATIONAL WORK WITH THE TESTIMONIES OF VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

The Foundation's own publication series "Education with Testimonies" goes online.

In recent decades, surviving victims of National Socialism have gathered together their testimonies – against forgetting and as a warning to subsequent generations. The Foundation EVZ is looking for ways to make these testimonies accessible for historical and political education. The educational and remembrance work has particular methodological tasks, such as historical contextualisation, the interdisciplinary interpretation of these historical sources, and the exchange with forms of artistic processing.

With the seminar series "Discovery and Understanding", the Foundation EVZ has supported professional exchange on this work since 2009. With the publications now online, the results of these professional seminars are being presented to a wider public audience.

The publications are also available as 'print on demand' in bookstores.

## VOLUME 1

**Dagi Knellessen and Ralf Possekel on behalf of the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) (ed.): "Zeugnisformen. Berichte, künstlerische Werke, Erzählungen von NS-Verfolgten" (Forms of Testimony. Reports, Works of Art, Stories of Those Persecuted under National Socialism), (Education with Testimonies 1), Berlin 2015**

The German-language anthology documents five seminars on different forms of testimony: letters and diaries, drawings and compositions, poems and autobiographical eyewitness literature, audiovisual interviews, as well as material from Nazi trials. The publication offers a section on each particular form of testimony with a scholarly introduction, and renowned experts and professionals offer proven educational concepts for historical-political education.



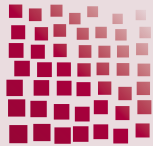


## VOLUME 2

**Dagi Knellessen and Ralf Possekel on behalf of the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) (ed.): From Testimony to Story. Video Interviews About Nazi Crimes. Perspectives and Experiences in Four Countries, (Education with testimonies 2), Berlin 2015**

The focus of this English-language anthology is the medium of videotaped eyewitness interviews with survivors of National Socialism. For decades, audiovisual eyewitness interviews have documented the experiences of victims of Nazi crimes around the world at the moment of testifying in word and image. In contrast to other forms of contemporary eyewitness interviews, video testimonies have become a particular focus of international debates over the future of remembrance.

This volume documents the results of three bi-national expert meetings with educators and scholars from Israel, Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany. The included texts, which are practical for educators, offer concrete descriptions of concepts and methods for educational work with eyewitness testimonies, and also touch on theoretical and ethical questions related to these sources.



## FORCED LABOUR and FORGOTTEN VICTIMS

Remembering National Socialist Injustice

The individual experience and memory of Nazi forced labour is alive in all countries of Europe. But for centuries, Nazi forced labour was not recognized or acknowledged as an injustice, whether in Germany or in other countries, especially in Eastern Europe. The status of processing and recognizing this history also varies across countries. Examining transnational experiences of forced labour offers the opportunity, through the consideration of different perspectives, to develop a common European understanding of history and cultures of remembrance across borders.

In addition to the victims of Nazi forced labour, who had to wait a long time for recognition of the crimes committed against them, there are also other groups of victims of Nazi injustice in Germany and in the countries occupied by the National Socialist regime or their successor states, who have not yet found a place in the respective cultures of remembrance. In Germany, these groups are often referred to as the “forgotten” victims of National Socialism.

In 2015, a total of 72 applications were submitted through two calls for applications in the funding programme “Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims”, of which 23 projects received funding. Amongst the “forgotten” victim groups, the focus was on victims of “Nazi euthanasia” as well as Soviet prisoners of war. In addition to these longer-term projects, the Foundation also funded eight international conferences examining Nazi forced labour from different disciplines and contexts.

right: From the documentary film “Deaf victims of forced sterilisation and euthanasia in the Nazi period”





Sobibor exhibition: Staff of the Foundation for Polish-German Reconciliation constructing the exhibition in the Klostergarten in September

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

### **Online Archive: “Forced Labour 1939–1945”**

The website of the online archive “Forced Labour 1939–1945” is now compatible for use on mobile devices. The Foundation funds the archive with its interviews conducted in 25 languages. On the basis of the archived interviews, the Center for Digital Systems (CeDiS) at the Freie Universität Berlin has also developed an online educational portal with didactic materials for learning with biographical video interviews from the online archive.

### **Establishing a Memorial in Shostka**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the memorial and educational centre “Rodynna pamjat” (Memorial Legacy – Family History) opened in the northern Ukrainian city of Shostka. Using individual examples, the centre depicts life before, during and after the German occupation, deportation and forced labour, as well as return and life after the war.

### **Conference “Archaeology and Memory. Nazi Camp Sites. Research – Preserve – Convey”, Brandenburg Archaeological State Museum**

The remains of Nazi camps are everywhere, and local initiatives in particular are engaged in their preservation and historical analysis. The large number of sites presents significant challenges for archaeological research and preservation. At the conference, over 100 professionals from seven countries discussed how to deal with the remains of National Socialism, including potential standards for handling sites. The Foundation EVZ funded the participation of experts on Nazi forced labour.

### **Film documentary: “Deaf victims of forced sterilisation and euthanasia in the Nazi period”**

The documentary film depicts the stories of deaf victims of forced sterilization and Nazi euthanasia. The film gives a “face”, life story and a place in history to the nameless and largely unknown victims and their families – thus returning a piece of their dignity. It was produced by the Federal Association for Deaf Culture and History.



## BEGEGNUNGEN MIT ZEITZEUGEN

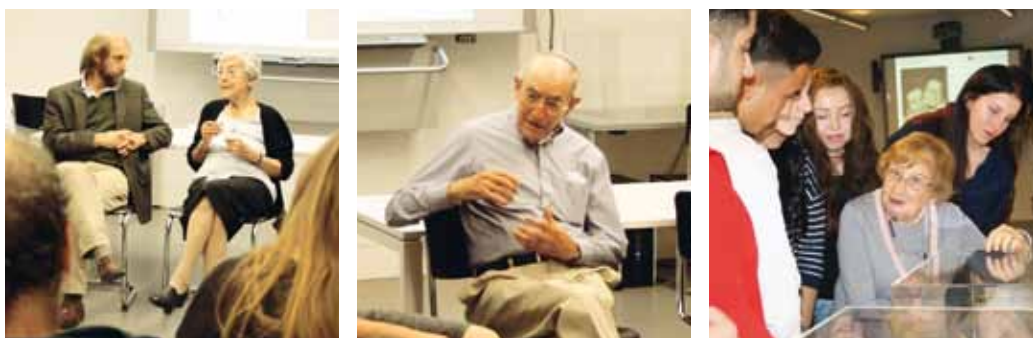
\* Encounters with Former Forced Labourers and Other Victims

With this programme, the Foundation EVZ enables transnational encounters between young people, engaged citizens and Nazi victims. It is the only nationwide funding programme for encounters with eyewitnesses in Germany. Most projects focus on passing on memories from eyewitnesses to German young people. In 2015, the Foundation funded a total of 66 encounters with 299 eyewitnesses through the programme. The eyewitnesses currently live e.g. in Israel, the Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Sweden, the United States, Poland and France.

### PROJECT EXAMPLES

#### Archive Workshops at the Jewish Museum Berlin

“Even the most powerful interventions are no substitute for an eyewitness discussion.” This statement from a project funded in the programme “Encounters with former forced labourers and other victims” gives particular appreciation to the Jewish Museum Berlin. With the support of the Foundation EVZ, the museum has been conducting archive workshops with Holocaust survivors for over ten years. The workshops are aimed at students in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as university students. In the workshops, participants work with documents donated to the museum from around the world. Following the group work with primary sources, there is a presentation, discussion and exchange with the eyewitnesses present. In 2015, the Foundation funded a total of 31 workshops with 15 eyewitnesses/donors who came to Berlin from the USA, France, Israel, Great Britain, Sweden and Switzerland.





Archive Workshops at the Jewish Museum Berlin



Dina Rajs works on the preparation of the theatre play

### **The Eyewitnesses Dina and Jovan Rajs Meet Young Berliners in a Theatre Project**

In the project, young Berliners developed a theatre play together with Dina and Jovan Rajs from Sweden using the couple's memories of the Holocaust. The resulting work, "Das Spiel von Dina und Jovan" (The Story of Dina and Jovan), was performed at the House of the Wannsee Conference in Berlin and the TeaterStudio Lederman in Stockholm with great success. The play was also invited to compete in the "Theatertreffen der Jugend 2016" national contest for young people at the Berliner Festspiele.

### **Performance of the Children's Opera "Brundibar" – Composed in Theresienstadt Concentration Camp – and Eyewitness Discussions with the Former Actress Greta Klingsberg (Jerusalem) in Calw**

The Calw Music School and the Aurelius Sangerknaben musical group focused their project work on the children's opera "Brundibar". The young people conducted research on the issue, resulting in a premiere performance on 8 November in the presence of Greta Klingsberg, an eyewitness from Israel.









## FIELD OF ACTIVITY 2:

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



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## PUBLICATION:

## "WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER EDUCATION"

RECOMMENDATIONS ON EQUALITY IN EDUCATION  
FOR SINTI AND ROMA IN GERMANY

How can access to education be improved for Sinti and Roma? How can equal opportunities be achieved? What principles must be observed to improve participation in education and educational achievement? And how can the necessary data be collected through survey and academic studies?

These questions were the subject of conversation through 2015 at the "Nationwide working group to improve participation in education and educational success of Sinti and Roma in Germany," which was founded by the Foundation EVZ in 2013 under the leadership of Dr Martin Salm. Together and on an equal basis with experts from the German states, municipalities, foundations, research and academia, specialists from Sinti and Roma organisations developed recommendations for the equal participation of Sinti and Roma in education. Representatives of the Federal Government took part in the meetings of the working group as advisors and supporters.



After two years of work, the jointly formulated recommendations were published on 11 September 2015. The recommendations included: the expansion of dialogue between members of the minority and majority, and the empowerment of Sinti and Roma. Data collection, monitoring and evaluation should also be made participatory; and more Sinti and Roma should be trained as teachers, supported by scholarships. The recommendations are directed at representatives of federal, state and municipal government, associations, academia and NGOs, including Sinti and Roma individuals and their organisations. All are encouraged to take up these recommendations in their fields to the extent possible, and where appropriate, to adapt, further develop and implement them.



The recommendations are published online; the first print run of 6,000 copies have already been distributed. Education committees in three umbrella associations (German Association of Cities and Towns; Association of German Counties; German Association of Towns and Municipalities), the Conference of Ministers of Education, as well as the National Minorities Council of the four autochthonous minority and ethnic groups in Germany have all noted the recommendations with approval.

[www.stiftung-evz.de/bildungsempfehlungen](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/bildungsempfehlungen)

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ROMA IN EASTERN EUROPE

The scholarship programme of the Roma Education Fund (REF) supports Roma studying in Moldova, Russia or the Ukraine. The goal is to promote the university education of gifted and socially committed Roma, to build an international network of well-educated Roma, and to empower them to represent the interests of Roma in society. A total of 254 applications were received for the scholarship class of 2015/16. The Foundation EVZ reacted to this positive development and financed 201 scholarships, the largest amount in the 12-year history of the programme. The programme contributes significantly to enabling Roma to study and achieve academic qualifications.

The highpoint of the year was an annual meeting of the scholars and alumni in July in Chişinău, Moldova. Workshops were offered in human rights, Roma youth movements and addressing segregation in the school system. The programme also cooperated with a PR agency for the first time, which enabled it to gain extensive media attention in Moldova.

In 2015, Miroslav Horvat was elected to the City Council of Uzhhorod. He is an alumnus of the scholarship programme and one of the first Roma in his generation in Transcarpathia to earn a university degree. In addition to a bachelor's degree in law, he was also the only Roma person in his region to earn a degree in political science. On his motivation to run for public office, he said: "I belong to the Roma national minority. I grew up in a settlement and I understand the daily lives of Roma people in our region. People face discrimination in almost all aspects of life – education, healthcare, living conditions, etc."

Olena Vaydalovich is currently being supported with a scholarship for her studies at the National Academy of International Affairs in Kiev. She has already taken part in numerous courses in the fields of anti-discrimination, human rights and combatting hate speech and hate crimes. On her future, she said: "In the future I plan to expand my skills and to become a worthy representative of Roma rights, as well as to work together with other young Roma activists and REF-scholars."

The scholarships are awarded per semester. In the second semester of the 2014/15 school year, the Foundation funded 173 scholars with 112,450 euros. In the first semester of the 2015/16 school year, the Foundation funded scholarships in the amount of 650 euros each, totalling to 130,650 euros. The largest number of scholars comes from the Ukraine (121), followed by Russia (47) and Moldova (33).

[www.stiftung-evz.de/romastipendien](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/romastipendien)





# SOGIDARITY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

Under National Socialism, tens of thousands people in Germany were persecuted on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity; several thousand lost their lives.<sup>1</sup> The discrimination faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people has not yet been overcome in European countries.

Surveys carried out by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, reports published by UN and Council of Europe bodies, research into attitudes regarding homophobia and transphobia, and findings of non-governmental organisations all show that action needs to be taken in this field across Europe. This also applies to the priority countries of the Foundation EVZ. Since 2015, the Foundation has funded projects against discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity – co-funded by Dreilinden gGmbH.





May 1st Demonstration 2015 in St. Petersburg of the citizen coalition "Together", with demands like "Right to work in a world without borders!"

### Together Against Isolation, For Human Rights in Eastern Europe

Together with other social groups, LGBTI organisations are trying to overcome their social isolation, form alliances and make human rights demands.

The first call for applications from the Foundation EVZ for project funding in Russia, Ukraine and Lithuania is encouraging: LGBTI organisations find partners in equal opportunities offices, as well as associations of psychologists and journalists. A cooperation project with Russian teachers' unions built support for the equal treatment of LGBTI people. A Ukrainian project works with local police, authorities and LGBTI groups on more effective protection against homo- and transphobic discrimination and violence. The first results of these projects are expected in 2017.

### Human Rights of LGBTI refugees in Germany

Among those refugees coming to Germany are also people marginalised for their sexual orientation or gender identity. As numerous reports indicate, it has remained a challenge to ensure dignified conditions and the fulfilment of basic human rights for refugees in general, and for LGBTI refugees in particular. This includes the question of safety in shelters and in public, as well as data protection. The challenge is to have professionals in the asylum system behave in manner free of discrimination and respectful of human rights, as well as to address other problems of civil society, service providers and government agencies. Many project implementers and initiatives are entering into new territory on this topic and are trying to find solutions. With this call for applications for a networking project, the Foundation EVZ seeks to enable those working actively with LGBTI refugees in different fields of action nationwide to network with each other. The funding is planned for 2016.



Antisemitism and antigypsyism endanger social cohesion in Europe by sowing hatred and attempting to justify the violation of human rights. They have a long and ominous tradition. In National Socialism, they prepared the ground for the murder of European Jews, Sinti and Roma. With the funding programme “Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism”, the Foundation EVZ seeks to combat contemporary discrimination, exclusion and hate against Sinti, Roma and Jews in Europe. An internal conference took place in January with 30 international experts. They evaluated the content and objectives of the programme and gave recommendations for implementation.

A total of 45 project proposals were submitted to an international call for project funding in Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Hungary, of which an expert jury recommended 13 for funding. The projects begin their work in 2016. This includes a project in Lithuania that focuses on the contemporary exclusion of Roma and Jews through events in schools and municipalities. The starting point is the laying of 14 Stumbling Stones (“Stolpersteine”) in four cities in Lithuania, commemorating the murder of Jews and Roma. Two projects in Romania and the Czech Republic seek to combat hate speech in social media and online. In Moscow, a project seeks to address Antisemitism, tolerance and human rights using a travelling exhibition about Anne Frank.

A call for applications for transnational projects addressing new challenges of “Antisemitism and Immigration in Europe” was issued at the end of last year.

## PILOT PROJECTS FROM 2015

### **Professional Conference in Germany on “Political Antigypsyism”**

The Society for Research on Antigypsyism organized a two-day conference in Berlin in November. The event took place in cooperation with the Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma, RomnoKher and Amaro Drom. The contributions indicated courses of action for exposing and confronting open and latent antigypsyism in politics and society.





Participants in the Humanity in Action competition

**Competition for Activists from Humanity in Action for Projects Against Antisemitism and Antigypsism in Europe with the Online Academy “From Survey Data to Action”**

In this project, eight action projects were realized in various European countries, including a media campaign in 13 languages: “Stop Hate Speech Against Roma”.

[www.pullthebreak.eu](http://www.pullthebreak.eu)

[www.humanityinaction.org/programs/39-senior-fellow-grant-competition/537-2015-grant-winners](http://www.humanityinaction.org/programs/39-senior-fellow-grant-competition/537-2015-grant-winners)





## BLICKWINKEL

Antisemitismuskritisches Forum  
für Bildung und Wissenschaft \*

\* PERSPECTIVES.  
Forum for  
Education and  
Academia, A  
Critical Look at  
Anti-Semitism

### 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on „Religion: Discourse – Reflection – Educational Approaches“ from 8 to 9 June in Kassel

What does Anti-Semitism have to do with religion or religious affiliation? The long tradition of anti-Judaism as well as Anti-Semitism in Christianity and contemporary forms of Islamist anti-Semitism in Europe raise questions in this regard. At the same time, populist and exclusionary positions towards Muslim people are increasingly linked to religious influences, e.g. when people talk about a supposed “Christian-Jewish West”.



left:  
Prof. Astrid Messerschmidt  
right: On the podium: Khullat  
Munir and Dr Türkân Kanbıçak



Against this background, the Foundation EVZ and its cooperation partners hosted an exchange between research and practice. 120 participants followed the invitation of the Foundation and its partners to the 6<sup>th</sup> exchange conference in Kassel. Examining different pedagogical approaches, the participants considered how to enable a handling of religion and religiosity that is reflective, historically conscious and sensitive to differences, as well as how to handle religiously charged cultural attributions in education that is critical of anti-Semitism.

**Organisers of the conference in 2015:**

Anne Frank Educational Centre, Frankfurt am Main

Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), Berlin

Educational Center of the Fritz Bauer Institute and the Jewish Museum Frankfurt

Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin



# MUSLIM JEWISH CONFERENCE 2015 BERLIN



The 6<sup>th</sup> International Muslim Jewish Conference took place from 16 to 22 August in Berlin under the patronage of Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and with the support of the Foundation EVZ.

During the week, 150 Jewish and Muslim students and young professionals from 40 countries discussed topics such as Islamophobia, Antisemitism and hate speech; life as a minority; power, religion and human rights; art and culture; gender and religion; conflict transformation; and project design and implementation.

In many countries, building Muslim-Jewish understanding is risky business. As a result, many of the conference participants can only act on a small scale in their countries. The conference participants were welcomed to the Federal Foreign Office by State Secretary Dr Steinlein and Chairman of the Foundation EVZ, Dr Michael Jansen.

Sharik H. Zafar, U.S. State Department Special Representatives to Muslim Communities, and Ira N. Forman U.S. State Department Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, asked questions of the students. Berlin State Secretary for Culture, Tim Renner, welcomed the conference participants to the “Red City Hall”.

Initiated in 2009, the Muslim Jewish Conference (MJC), supports rapprochement between the two religions through dialogue between young Jews and Muslims. Conferences have taken place in past years in Vienna, Sarajevo, Bratislava and Kiev. MJC is an international non-profit organisation based in Vienna. The Foundation EVZ funded the conference in Berlin through the funding programme “Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism”.

[www.mjconference.de](http://www.mjconference.de)



## HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action (HIA) supports young professionals in their career and personal development with the goal of anchoring engagement for human rights in their professional careers. Toward this goal, HIA carries out international educational projects addressing contemporary human rights questions against a backdrop of the history of National Socialism and the Holocaust.

The historian Judy S. Goldstein founded humanity in Action in 1997 in the USA. Former Federal Government Commissioner for Foreigners' Issues and current honorary chair Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen has shaped the work of HIA in Germany since 2001.

All HIA educational events make the connection between history and human rights, and show the historical roots of current human rights violations. Seminars, workshops and individual projects focus on the dialogue between survivors and eyewitnesses, persons currently affected, experts, policy makers and civil society actors.

The Foundation EVZ has funded the Humanity in Action Germany and Poland programmes since 2004. This year, it supported two four-week international summer seminars on human rights, migrations and diversity in Berlin and Warsaw, which ended with the HIA International Conference in The Hague. The Foundation EVZ also funded a competition for "Action Projects" by members of the HIA network on the themes of Antisemitism and antigypsism. In 2015, the Polish programme of Humanity in Action was awarded the Intercultural Achievement Award by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs.

It is with great sorrow that Humanity in Action bid farewell to Dr Martin Salm, who had supported and accompanied the organisation for many years. HIA dedicated an evening event in November 2015 to him; Chairman of the Board of the Foundation EVZ Dr Michael Jansen as well as family members of Dr Salm took part, and projects were presented on the themes of Antisemitism and antigypsism.





*Jugend debattiert*  
**international**\*

\* International Youth Debate

“International Youth Debate” is a competition for young people in eight Central and East European countries. The competition aims to encourage young people to critically explore current social and political issues in their countries or in Europe. Through debates in German, the students can also use and improve their foreign language skills, and engage in a special debate format. The best participants from eight countries competed in the international finals in Riga in an exciting debate on the question: “Should all Member States of the Council of Europe take in a minimum quota of refugees annually?”

Country Finals in Estonia  
on 23 April







left: International Final in Riga  
below: Winner Anna Ryan

The highlight of the finals week was a large final debate in the hall of the National Library of Latvia. Anna Ryan from Hungary won over the jury with her arguments and contributions, and thus was the winner of the international finals. Three further finalists – František Posolda and Iva Lambová from the Czech Republic and Csenge Dörner from Hungary – also forcefully represented their positions and enriched the debate on the admission of refugees.

“Without the team, the debate would not have been so successful. It was a team effort. We did not debate against each other – but with each other, which I loved!” said Anna Ryan after the finals. The Vice President of the German Bundestag, Edelgard Buhmann, officially presented the certificates. “The participants make an important contribution to European integration – they are the future,” she said in praise of the projects in her address at the finals.

In order to reach the finals of “International Youth Debate”, the four finalists and twelve additional participants in the finals week had to learn to listen well and make precise arguments. They managed to distinguish themselves at regional and national selections. The prize for the two best young debaters was a trip to the international finals week in Riga.

“International Youth Debate” is a project of the Goethe Institute, the Foundation EVZ, the Hertie Foundation, and the Central Agency for German Schools Abroad. The project began in 2005, and more than 10,000 students in eight countries have taken part since then. Young people aged 16 to 19 from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Hungary are eligible to participate.

[www.stiftung-evz.de/jdi](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/jdi)





DISCRIMINATION.  
WATCH OUT!

PROJECTS ON  
EXCLUSION THEN -  
AND NOW



In its EUROPEANS FOR PEACE programme, 2015 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year in which the Foundation EVZ has promoted international school and youth projects between Germany and the countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, as well as Israel. The goals of the programme are to support the historically conscious engagement of young people and to contribute to international understanding and human rights, as well as to sensitize young people to current issues in today's heterogeneous societies. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the funding programme was celebrated at the Foreign Office in May with 300 guests. Three exemplary projects were awarded for leading young people through intensive learning processes and producing impressive results.



Director Günter Saathoff honours prize-winners on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Europeans for Peace



In encounter projects, young people aged 12 to 21 work together to address common questions and develop films, websites, theatre plays and exhibits. In particular, the joint preparation of products can be a very demanding experience for the young people. Every year, the funding programme enables 1,000 young people to take part in international youth encounters. The programme is under the patronage of Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

In 2015, a total of 31 projects concluded the current theme: “Discrimination. Watch Out! Projects on Exclusion Then – and Now.” The majority of projects were very successful in addressing societal discrimination based on ethnicity, religion or political opinion, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation. Exemplary projects include:

- the exhibition “Braunschweig – Łódź 1939”, which was awarded the Sally Perel Prize 2015;
- the radio programme entitled “Forgotten stories – Forgotten People” on little-known or remembered Nazi crimes such as the treatment of prisoners of war, and the challenges of survival after the war;
- the blog of the Romanian-Polish-German project “Meetings with History”, in which young people asked the question: What is the legacy driving fights against discrimination today?

Funding began in the year 2015 for 34 further projects with participants from 18 countries. Notable in this funding year is the balance between extracurricular and school exchange projects, and cooperation between school and extracurricular education. Half of the projects take place in the context of schools. These projects are characterized by particular sustainability for the respective school communities. Funding goes almost exclusively to projects with two-way exchanges, since the intercultural encounter between the young people is made more intensive through experiencing the roles of host and guest.

Since May, the Foundation EVZ has also funded the participation of young people in the German-Israeli Youth Congress organized by ConAct and the Israel Youth Exchange Authority (IYEA). The programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE has funded German-Israeli encounters since its creation. Offerings at the Congress include diverse workshops and discussions addressing the experiences, successes and challenges of German-Israeli relations in the past, present and future. EUROPEANS FOR PEACE presented itself at the Congress with a workshop on thematic project work on the topic of discrimination in international youth exchanges.





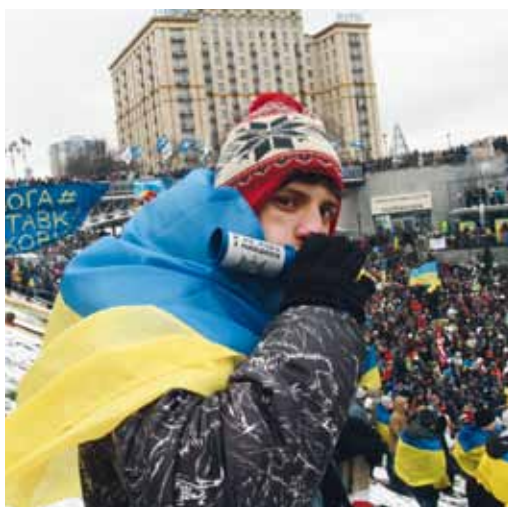


\* MEET UP!  
German-Ukrainian  
Youth Encounters

The aim of the German-Ukrainian youth encounters is to impart, through exchange, a better understanding of history, culture and current living conditions in the respective partner countries. Through contact with young people in the partner countries, the encounters provide the opportunity for young people to question their own ways of thinking and to strengthen fundamental democratic values, as well as to develop a common sense of responsibility for the future development of Europe. In 2015, projects also had the possibility of inviting additional young people from Russia to participate, and to work together with them for peace, international understanding and democratic values.

The funding programme was made possible by financial support from the Federal Foreign Office and the Robert Bosch Foundation. More than 1,200 young people from Germany, the Ukraine and Russia came to Germany or Ukraine to work on their project ideas together.

Travel to Kiev for the project  
“New Solidarity in Ukraine”  
and the revival of Jewish-  
Ukrainian music





German, Russian and Ukrainian students work on the painting "Against War – For Peace"

### New Solidarity in the Ukraine

In the fall of 2015, fourteen students from Munich and Kiev jointly explored the question of what led to heightened civic engagement during the Euromaidan Revolution in 2013–14. In the process they interviewed numerous eyewitnesses in Kiev and Munich. They experienced the enormous power of civic self-organisation, and got to know people who especially share the desire for a united Ukraine.

### Traces of Jewish-Ukrainian Music

Their love of music brought together singers from the Music Academy Weimar and the National Music Academy in Lviv, Ukraine. They worked together on Jewish-Ukrainian songs and gave new performances, thereby laying an important foundation for future-oriented dialogue and sustainable partnership in addressing an important topic for the common cultural history of Europe.

### Painting for Peace

Under the slogan "Against War – For Peace", German, Ukrainian and Russian students created a painting together in Berlin in the dimensions of Picasso's Guernica. The young people got to know each well while painting: they broke down existing resentments and considered what contribution their art could make to peaceful coexistence. They confidently presented their work on the last day.

A travelling exhibition was also developed as part of the funding programme. Using the example of seven selected projects, it shows how important it is for young people to strengthen German-Ukrainian relations, and how Ukrainians and Germans have taken advantage of the opportunities presented to them.



## TEN YEARS OF MODEL INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (MICC)

The Model International Criminal Court project of the Kreisau Initiative consists of the projects MICC School and MICC World for school students, and MICC University for university students. The projects have taken place three times a year since 2005 in Krzyżowa (Kreisau), Poland.

At MICC, young people from around the world use historical sources to take up the roles of prosecution, defence and judges in cases from the Nuremberg Trials and the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. A press team accompanies the court hearings. Legal, rhetorical and journalistic trainings, as well as discussions on historical and human rights topics round out the programme. A newspaper created on site and in film also enriches the project week. Through MICC, the participants are introduced to central questions of human rights protection and fundamental notions of justice. MICC enables learning that is not just based on knowledge, but also exposes the participants to moral dilemmas that strengthen their sense of justice and promote critical thinking. More than 2,500 young people from Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa have taken part in MICC thus far, and have carried their learning back to their home societies.







Victor Ochen, Director of the African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET) in discussion with Dr Maja Nenadović, MICC Western Balkan Coordinator

MICC has become a flagship project of the Kreisau Initiative, and celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015. On this occasion, the three-day international conference “Justice Today for Peace Tomorrow” was organised on the premises of Topography of Terror in Berlin, with a public evening event on the meaning of justice for world peace. Its director, Professor Andreas Nachama, alongside the Co-Director of the Foundation EVZ, Günter Saathoff, welcomed the guests. The Secretary General of the Association of German Foundations and initiator of the MICC project, Professor Hans Fleisch, and the Nobel Peace Prize nominee and Director of the African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET), Victor Ochen, gave talks and a keynote address. During the following two conference days, over 100 alumni and international experts discussed the historical development of the international criminal courts and current challenges.

The Foundation EVZ has funded the project since its beginning, now only proportionally with twelve percent of the total costs. The remaining funds are provided by other foundations, including the Reinhard Frank Foundation, the Hamburg Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Culture, the German-Polish Youth Office, and various programmes of the European Union.

[www.model-icc.org](http://www.model-icc.org) | [www.kreisau.de](http://www.kreisau.de)



Günter Saathof speaks on the 10th anniversary of “Model International Criminal Court (MICC)” at the Topography of Terror









## FIELD OF ACTIVITY 3:

### COMMITMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM



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## PARTNERSCHAFTEN<sup>\*</sup> FÜR OPFER DES NATIONALSOZIALISMUS

\* Partnerships for  
Victims of National  
Socialism

The funding programme “Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism” aims to enable now elderly Nazi victims to age with dignity. Towards this goal, the Foundation EVZ supports project partners in Central and Eastern Europe, Israel and Germany. This engagement for Nazi victims is also an act of international reconciliation and understanding. The Foundation EVZ has therefore particularly supported cross-border project cooperation. Since 2002, the Foundation EVZ has supported more than 240 projects in the funding programme. In 2015, 35 projects received multi-year funding. Around 60 projects were accompanied in their implementation.

The consequences of the current war in eastern Ukraine are presenting existential problems for all elderly people, but especially victims of National Socialism. In 2015, the Foundation EVZ has thus focused its project funding on particularly needy Nazi victims in Ukraine (read more on pages 66–67). In addition, the Foundation was also able to expand its commitment to Nazi victims in Germany, Israel and Poland:





“Generations – Dialogue”  
Festive in the city of Orjöl

Two newly funded projects in Israel focus on counselling and information:

- At three new counselling centres, the organisation “Springtime for Holocaust Survivors” informs Holocaust survivors about their rights and helps them to apply for benefits.
- The organisation “Yad Rivah” has specialised in the legal protection of elderly people from abuse. Especially with Holocaust survivors, violence can lead to serious re-traumatization. In addition to providing information on legal means to prevent or protect themselves from elder abuse, “Yad Rivah” also offers individual consultations for affected Holocaust survivors and their relatives.

Numerous Russian-speaking survivors of Nazi persecution live in Germany; many are not reached by the usual events for seniors and grow lonely as a result. Therefore, the Foundation EVZ is funding two new projects directed specifically at Russian-speaking Nazi victims:

- The Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) in Nuremberg offers group activities for Russian-speaking Nazi victims. It also seeks to better integrate these activities into other existing offerings for seniors, and to break down barriers between Russian- and German-speaking seniors.
- The Berlin association “Club Dialogue” organizes convivial café afternoons and eyewitness talks with survivors of the Leningrad Blockade. It also supports a counselling centre for facilitating seniors’ contact with authorities.

In Poland there are very few residential care offerings for the elderly, which especially affects Nazi victims.

- With the support of the Foundation EVZ, the Maximilian-Kolbe-Werk e.V. of Freiburg is organizing residential counselling by volunteers and nursing professionals for the most vulnerable among the former ghetto and concentration camp prisoners in Poland.
- The Foundation “German-Polish Reconciliation” in Warsaw is offering three trainings for volunteer and professional caregivers on issues of dealing with traumatized Nazi victims in elder care.

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## PARTNERSCHAFTEN FÜR OPFER DES NATIONALSOZIALISMUS

### A FOCUS OF FUNDING – UKRAINE

Since the Russian annexation of Crimea and the outbreak of the war in eastern Ukraine, many people have suffered from the on-going economic crisis and the collapse of social welfare and pension systems. Over 800,000 internally displaced persons are in need of assistance; the situation of elderly people and ethnically or socially marginalized groups is particularly precarious. The Foundation EVZ has thus strengthened its engagement in providing humanitarian assistance to Nazi victims and Roma survivors of the Holocaust affected by the hostilities in eastern Ukraine. It is funding ten additional projects with a total of 465,000 euros.



» The sight of elderly people [in separatist-controlled areas] evokes strong emotions. They look terrible, are gaunt, but their mental confusion is even more shocking; they don't understand what's going on, where they are, and in what time they're living. Some believe that the Great Patriotic War is still going on.

*Galina Poljakowa, Head of the NGO "Turbota pro litnich w Ukraini" after her visit to the separatist-controlled areas*

### Emergency Relief for Internally Displaced Persons and the Elderly in the Warzones of eastern Ukraine

Since the summer of 2015, the Foundation EVZ has been funding five emergency relief projects for Nazi victims in several conflict-affected regions of eastern Ukraine, including separatist-controlled areas. Overall, more than 2,000 elderly people in need have received food parcels, medicine, clothing and fuel. They are well cared for in new places of residence and their war-damaged houses are being renovated.

» At the beginning of our lives there was suffering, and now we face it again.

*A project beneficiary from eastern Ukraine*



Above: Arrival of aid in Alchevsk, Donetsk (separatist areas)  
Center: Food distribution in Proletarskij district (Donetsk)





One of the beneficiaries is Maria Konstantinowna Welitschko. At 16, she was deported to the German Reich and forced to work in an armaments company that produced cartridge cases. After liberation from National Socialism and several stays in DP camps, she returned to her homeland and settled in the small town of Tores, not far from Donetsk. She married and worked as a cook in a cafeteria. After her husband's death, the pensioner found purpose taking care of her self-made rose garden. In the winter of 2014, a new war came to Tores. The city was shelled, interrupting the water supply, and people had to melt snow to avoid dying of thirst. Soon after, Ms Welitschko received news that her sister-in-law was killed during a bombardment, and her brother was in the hospital. She suffered a stroke, but could not receive treatment in Tores. Despite the many obstacles and risks, her niece brought the seriously ill woman to her in Dnipropetrovsk. There, she received help from a Foundation EVZ project. Maria Welitschko is now feeling much better, and is optimistic about her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in May. Only her beloved roses will be missing...

——— » The old people were very grateful. Some even cried with joy.

*Vadim Matjuschenko, project leader from Kharkiv*

### Relief Projects for Survivors of the Nazi Genocide Against Roma

In the fall of 2015, five humanitarian projects began to support needy Roma people. Around 500 elderly Roma received humanitarian assistance for one year, including: food, hygiene and cleaning products, medicines, warm clothing, fuel, and household items, as well as operations and dentures. In addition, the project implementers – mostly local Roma organisations – also offered free legal advice, medical and social counselling. Young volunteers were involved in all project activities. The projects take place in several districts of the Transcarpathian regions (western Ukraine), Odessa (southern Ukraine) and Kharkiv (eastern Ukraine), as well as in the southeastern Ukrainian towns of Zolotonosha and Pereiaslav-Khmelnytskyi.

——— » Our beneficiaries and us are very thankful for your kindness and we pray for you every day.

*Switlana Adam, Project leader from Uzhhorod*



Maria Welitschko at her new residence



Maria Welitschko (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left) in 1942 as a forced labourer in North Rhine-Westphalia.

# PHOTO EXHIBITION: "LIFE AFTER SURVIVAL"





The survivors of the Holocaust were liberated more than 70 years ago, and their lives are still marked by severe trauma. Life after survival – what does it entail for survivors and their families?

In close cooperation with Amcha, the photographer Helena Schätzle has accompanied 14 Holocaust survivors and their families in Israel. All of the portrayed survivors are clients of the Israeli organisation Amcha, which provides psychological support and social assistance to Holocaust survivors and their families. Amcha has been a key partner of the Foundation EVZ in Israel for over ten years.

Helena Schätzle's artistic work creates images and quotes that show the emotional traces of a formative past. Initial results were presented in September 2015 at the public festival hosted by the Federal President of Germany. The complete exhibition was on display in the atrium of the Federal Foreign Office from 29 February to 9 March, accompanied by an event series. Conceived as a traveling exhibition, the images will subsequently be shown in other locations in Germany. In March 2016, Nimbus Publishing in Zurich published an exhibition catalogue.







## SPENDEN FÜR NS-OPFER

\* Donations for the Victims of National Socialism

Since 2011, the funding programme “Donations for the victims of National Socialism” has provided more than 5.6 million euros to 30 projects supporting victims of the Nazi regime in ten countries in Central and Eastern Europe. In particular, the large donation of a private company has helped to improve the living situation of around 20,000 victims of National Socialism. With its campaign “I’m still alive!” (running from September 2014 to May 2015), the Foundation EVZ has further promoted attention to the life experiences and social conditions of Nazi victims. As part of the campaign, the Foundation EVZ asked for donations to support these elderly people who are in urgent need toward the end of their lives.

In 2015, four multi-year projects were approved and a further project set in motion with donations of 220,000 euros. The funded organisations are supporting Roma survivors in southern Russia, survivors of the Leningrad Blockade, former forced labourers in the Belarusian city of Gomel, and medical and psychological care for survivors in Kiev. The project implementers organize meeting places for Nazi victims, build long-term care structures, and motivate members of local communities to engage on behalf of Nazi victims and survivors. Grants have also been provided through the projects for medicines and food items for needy Roma people. A fifth project supporting the self-help structures of Nazi victims in Belarus was approved by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation EVZ in December 2015, and began work in early 2016.

The projects, initiated with the help of donations, are primarily directed at victims of Nazi persecution in Central and Eastern Europe. In particular, they reach former Nazi forced labourers and Shoah survivors, as well as war orphans, former Soviet prisoners of war, and survivors of the Leningrad Blockade. Due to the seriousness of their persecution, independent projects have also been supported for the most disadvantaged Roma.

By the end of 2015, the Foundation received an additional 100,000 euros in donations and bequests. Thanks to the many donors, the Foundation has been able to support two more projects for Nazi victims in 2016.



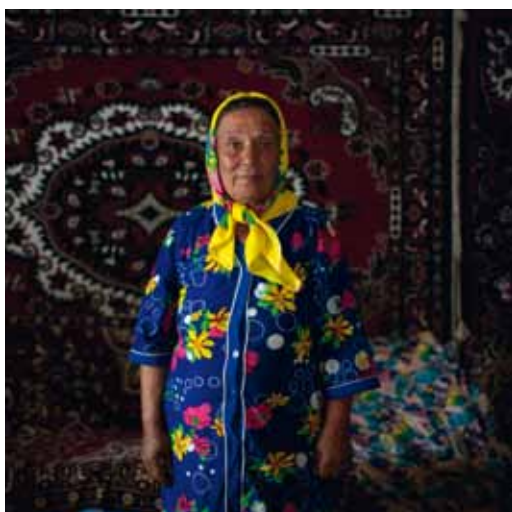
## PROJECT EXAMPLES:

### **International Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of War and Totalitarianism in Kiev (Ukraine)**

The centre provides medical as well as psychological support for 210 elderly people – among them 120 Nazi victims – in Kiev. Without long queues, the Nazi victims here receive free cardiological examinations, blood tests, and physiotherapeutic care and preventative screenings. Additionally, the centre also serves as a place for social interaction, discussion groups and therapeutic offerings for the survivors.

### **Support of 40 Roma Victims of National Socialism in Volzhskii (Russia)**

The NGO “Kongress romskich zhenschin” (Congress of Roma Women) regularly supplies food and hygiene articles to 40 particularly need Roma victims of National Socialism in Volzhskii. Since Roma often experience discrimination in access to health facilities, the organisation also provides medical and nursing support and medicines free of charge.



# INTERVIEW WITH JOST REBENTISCH: EVEN IN GERMANY THERE ARE NAZI VICTIMS LIVING IN POVERTY



Around 80,000 victims of Nazi persecution still live in Germany, says Jost Rebentisch. The German Association for Information and Advice for Victims of Nazi Persecution is the only association representing the interests of all Nazi victims in Germany. In an interview, the director of this nationally active association spoke about the current needs of Nazi victims and the work of his organisation.

***Mr Rebentisch, 70 years after the end of the war, the Foundation EVZ has advertised for the needs of victims of Nazi persecution with the campaign “I’m still alive”. Why is this still important?***

Many survivors still face difficult living conditions today. Especially in Eastern Europe, many people often lack the bare essentials, but there are also many poor survivors in Israel, the USA and Western Europe. Survivors don’t just need money, but also direct assistance, which in turn costs money: help with care, psychological support, projects against isolation, etc. We are very grateful to the Foundation EVZ for being so active in this area and for taking such important steps.

***If you compare the current situation of former victims of Nazi persecution: In which countries do they live today, and where are they most in need of urgent support?***

Survivors of Nazi persecution live all over the world. We know for example that around 200,000 live in Israel, and we estimate around 80,000 in Germany. When we consider their mere material situation, we ought to assume that survivors are doing better in Western and Northern European countries. And this appears to be the case. The situation is often notably worse in Eastern Europe, especially for survivors in eastern Ukraine right now. But Stuart Eizenstat\* has also presented a striking example: New York City has around 60,000 Holocaust survivors, of which around 30,000 live below the poverty line. It simply cannot be that people with such a history of persecution must live in material need today.



***And how is the situation in Germany?***

Many people think that people are doing well in our relatively wealthy society, but there is poverty here too. And here, before our eyes, there are Nazi victims in material need, including for example Russian quota refugees or Sinti and Roma people. Some of the victims of Nazi persecution are dependent upon social welfare, and only receive basic assistance. We see urgent need there.

***Many victims of war, totalitarianism and forced labour have barely spoken about their experiences. How important is it for them to share their stories, and to enter into dialogue with younger generations?***

That is of course very important. And we have to realize that eyewitnesses who can tell their stories are becoming more and more rare. We organize encounter cafés in Cologne, Dusseldorf and Recklinghausen in which survivors can meet and share their stories with others: in most of the encounter cafes, which take place every 14 days, only survivors of Nazi persecution meet in a “protected space”. The other aspect is the public narrative café: here survivors report on their lives and we invite school classes or youth groups to participate. We think it is important to expose young people to the personal stories of Nazi victims, and to enable them to enter into conversation with the survivors.

***What opportunities exist for people to support Nazi victims – What do you recommend to people who wish to engage as volunteers, for example?***

Unfortunately there are only a few organisations in Germany that conduct direct projects for survivors – but these organisations are always looking for volunteers. For example, we need for help with the encounter and narrative cafés in Cologne, Dusseldorf and Recklinghausen, and for the visitor service that we offer in Rhineland. Donations to active organisations can also do a lot of good – even small donations are a big help.

The full interview is available at [www.stiftung-evz.de](http://www.stiftung-evz.de)

## YOUNG VOLUNTEERS ACCOMPANY VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM

In 2014/15, the association Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ASF) sent 14 young people to engage in humanitarian projects within the field of activity “Commitment to the Victims of National Socialism” for one year in Poland, Russia, Belarus, the Ukraine and the Czech Republic. The Foundation EVZ funds the engagement of this group of young volunteers in order to promote inter-generational dialogue with Nazi victims.

Upon their return, the volunteers reported at the Foundation EVZ on their experiences in non-profit associations and homes for the elderly: They accompanied the elderly people in everyday life, offered practical assistance and went for walks with them. These social offerings are a useful complement to the work of professional caregivers. The volunteers offer their time, which the nurses often lack. Time to hear the life stories they have to tell.

» The people with whom I was able to work have experienced incredibly bad things. Yet all have been able to preserve their inner light. For many it is only a small flame – they’ve simply had to endure too much suffering, and too little love. And yet, a mere hug, or a nice conversation, inflames their small lights. They all accompanied me; they all let me into their homes and their hearts.

*Marie Glißmann, volunteer with the international public association  
“Reconciliation” in Minsk, Belarus*

“I think it is very important to talk about the past, so that the stories will never be forgotten. And I’m glad that the clients trust me and tell me more and more,” reported Louise, who did her voluntary service in the Czech town of Olomouc. For Louise, the voluntary year flew by, and also changed her view on life. She found enrichment in the lesson that “elderly people approach things slowly, so they can focus on one thing, take their time, and enjoy it.”

What close relationships had formed between the young people and the survivors became clear through the panel discussion at the Foundation in March 2015: “Living memories: Ms Skacelová and Benjamin – Voluntary service with Nazi victims in the Czech Republic.” Benjamin Brow, who did his voluntary service in the Czech Republic, spoke on this evening together with his client, Ms Skacelová, about their encounter.





Reception for returnees  
at the Foundation EVZ in  
November 2015

» Pani Bożena suffers from Alzheimer [...] and at the beginning I worried that she didn't recognize me. But she does. Her first associations with me were – walks. As soon as I'm there, everything revolves around the question of what to wear, and where our slow steps should take us today – usually to the park. There, we are an unlikely but well-known pair that always greets people in a friendly manner and asks for the names of various flowers.

*Clara Hausmann, volunteer at Pro Vita et Spe in Krakow, Poland*

For the clients, the voluntary service is not only about concrete assistance in daily life, but also about a bright spot in an often-lonely existence. The young and old people come closer – despite cultural and linguistic differences – and thereby develop an understanding of each other's lives. ASF complements the project work with an accompanying educational programme, which includes offerings in historical and political education. At the international meetings, the volunteers share their experiences. The intercultural competence that they gain during the social year, and the historical knowledge gained through confronting the history of National Socialism, typically shape the future career choices and life paths of the young men and women.

In September 2015, 14 new young volunteers travelled to their project sites with ASF and support from the Foundation EVZ. Before their departure, they learned about the history and funding activities of the Foundation.

» After I finished cleaning the apartment, we sat together for tea in the kitchen. I never asked Anna directly about her past, but while we drank our tea, she began to tell stories. She told of people who helped her, and people who betrayed her. Finally, she said: "Child, there are good and bad people everywhere."

*Marie Helene Scholz, volunteer with the international public association  
"Reconciliation" in Minsk, Belarus*





\* Dialogue Forum

Improving the living situation of victims of National Socialism is the goal of the funding programme “Dialogue Forum”. An annual call for applications goes out for Belarus, the Ukraine and Russia. The support of appropriate projects should enable Nazi victims to participate more fully in society, and have their experiences of persecution and fates recognized and honoured in society.

The programme is implemented by civil society organisations in the respective project countries who carry out administrative tasks from the submission of the application to invoicing, and who advise and guide the projects. In addition, the programme implementers support the needs of Nazi victims in their own countries, network the funded associations, and take part as experts in conferences and commissions.

Since 2009, a total of 324 one to two-year projects have been funded through the programme. In 2015, around 5,300 Nazi victims and 2,800 other elderly people took advantage of the various project offerings. Volunteers were active in many different projects – in 2015, over 2,000 volunteers took part, of whom around 40% were themselves born before 1945. In 2015, a total of 42 projects with a total funding of just over 1.3 million euros were approved out in Belarus, Russia and the Ukraine.

“Dialogue Forum” was an initiative and labour of love of Martin Salm. The program remains his legacy.

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

### BELARUS

#### **Project “A Reliable Future for All”: Improving the Living Conditions of Elderly Roma (October 2014 to September 2016)**

The aim of the project is to improve the living conditions of Roma survivors of the Holocaust. In a specially arranged counselling centre, the association “Social Projects” in Gomel regularly provides legal and social support to elderly Roma. It also organises seminars, and created a club to facilitate inter-generational dialogue. The association offers practical assistance and training to families who are taking care of elderly relatives. In order to better integrate Roma into society, Roma representatives participate, among other things, in the Council for Social Partnership. The association “Social Projects” carries out the projects, together with the association “Romano Drom”, which was founded in 2013.





## UKRAINE

### **Project “Place of Mercy”: Care, Help and Support for Elderly People, Especially Nazi Victims with Limited Mobility (October 2014 to September 2016)**

The project implementer “Ukrainian Association of Nazi Victims Novomoskovsk” organizes various recreational activities and excursions for 40 Nazi victims. Those among them who are not as mobile receive regular visits at home. The volunteers in the project can also take part in seminars. The 91-year-old Anna Alekseevna was named “Babuschka Anja” by the young project participants, and said: “I now have many beloved grandchildren and my life has become easier.”



## RUSSIA

### **Project “Long and Active Life: New Opportunities for Victims of National Socialism in Petrozavodsk” (September 2013 to April 2015, and September 2015 to August 2017)**

The Centre for Social Services “Istoki” in Petrozavodsk provides various offerings to project participants – including former concentration camp prisoners and survivors of the Leningrad Blockade. There are gymnastic groups, lectures on healthy aging, and a series of events on how to preserve mental health and memory, as well as stress management. They also organise musical evenings and handicraft groups. The formation of tandems of older people – consisting of a mobile and a limited mobility person – enables less-mobile people to take part in activities, as well as to be accompanied to doctor visits or everyday errands.









## PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, EVENTS



### TEAM, PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

**Dietrich Wolf Fenner** (team leader)

**Eugen Esau**

**Gudrun Herz**

**Nadine Reimer**

**Veronika Sellner** (events)

**Sanne Kaperlat** (fundraising)

**Sophie Heller and Paula Mangold** (student assistants)

# CAMPAIGN “I’M STILL ALIVE!” AT THE FESTIVAL FOR THE DAY OF GERMAN UNITY IN FRANKFURT AM MAIN

From 2 October to 4 October, the main celebrations were held for the Day of German Unity 2015 in Frankfurt am Main. The Foundation EVZ greeted interested visitors at its stand at the Festival at Liebfrauenberg between Paulsplatz and Hauptwache in the centre of Frankfurt am Main.

During the festival, the Foundation EVZ presented the campaign “I’m still alive!” which highlights the current situation of surviving Nazi victims in these years of remembrance 2014 and 2015. The campaign depicts the fate of six survivors and calls for donations.

Staff of the Foundation EVZ informed visitors about its funding in the three fields of activity: a critical examination of history; working for human rights; and commitment to the victims of National Socialism.





The Prime Minister of the State of Hesse Volker Bouffier and Roland Jahn, Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service, learn about the campaign "I'm still alive" from Dietrich Wolf Fenner at the festival



In addition to all federal states, constitutional bodies such as the Bundesrat (Federal Council), Bundestag (Parliament) and Bundesregierung (Federal Government) were also represented. The festival for the Day of German Unity takes place yearly in a different state capital to commemorate German Reunification on 3 October 1990. On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of reunification, the State of Hesse hosted the three-day celebrations for the first time in Frankfurt am Main.





# REVIEWS OF THE FOUNDATION EVZ ON THE EVZ FACEBOOK PAGE

★★★★★ — September 30, 2015 — 3 Comments

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Dear friends!

Our team in the Ukraine (Children's Art School in Korssun-Shevchenkivskyi) would like to thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in a program of your Foundation. From 13 to 21 September 2015, our students were in Western Europe for the first time – in our partner city Gifhorn. They were able to exchange with their German peers, were guests in their families and performed at a large concert in the Hall of Knights of Gifhorn. The Gifhorn Mayor, Matthias Nerlich, the Member of Parliament Ingrid Pahlmann, the Chairman of Gifhorn Association "Friends Korssun-Shevchenkivskyi" Adolf Langlotz, and the Ukrainian Consul General in Hamburg Oksana Tarasyuk were present as guests of honour. This was a great honour for us and made our concert into a national news item on the website of the MFA of Ukraine!

Our children are overflowing with positive impressions, and thank your Foundation very much for this wonderful journey! We have shown the photos of the trip on our school's Facebook page and on the website "Korssuner European Club", which I set up right after our return. I have also shown them on my personal website, since I am the founder and coordinator for 25 years of the Friendship Circle between our two cities. I was responsible for organising this trip as a teacher at the art school.

There were an incredible number of positive feedbacks from the trip, not only for the participants and the public in Korssun, but also by the citizens of Gifhorn who even spoke to us on the street and enthusiastically thanked us for our concert – it was a great experience! It is also important that new personal contacts have emerged, and that there is a link between the Gifhorn Music School and its teachers and students, enabling the number of personal contacts and friendships in our two cities to again grow enormously. Once again, thank you very much!

*Sincerely, Sergei Resnik,  
coordinator of the Friendship Circle Korsun-Shevchenkivskyi-Gifhorn*

★★★★★ — February 25, 2015 — 1 Comment

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On 24 February 2015, a seminar for volunteers in the project “Peace for Our House” took place at the Territorial Centre of Social Services for the population of the Minsk city district Perwomaiskij. Seven mobile volunteer brigades were formed and a project coordinator was selected from among the ranks of volunteers. The volunteers are students of the Minsk Vocational College of Medicine, members of the municipal youth organization BRSM, and veterans. The leader of one of the volunteer brigades is a representative of a veteran’s organisation. The project and seminar leader is K.W. Jatskevich.

*Konstantin Jatskevich*

★★★★★ — January 2015

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I really appreciate the work of the German Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ). Thanks to their activities, the youth in particular understand the consequences for humanity of totalitarianism, and its manifestations in xenophobia and racism, as well as other negative phenomena it brings with it. The Foundation also provides a lot of psychosocial and social support to victims of the Third Reich. Thanks to its funding of publications, the Foundation enables the preservation of memory, which is particularly important to the personal development of a young person. Many projects are being implemented in international cooperation.

*N. Slessarewa, Deputy Chairman of the Association of Ukrainian Victims of Nazism, and member of the “Committee of the European Congress of Victims of Fascism and Nazism of 1920–1945”.*

★★★★★ — December 30, 2015

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I am incredibly happy that this Foundation exists and is supported by my tax money. There is no ... “reparation” of our guilt, but we can look at it and learn from it for the future of Germany and Europe!!!!

*Dagmar Ursula*

# EVENTS

The foundation supported the following events, in individual cases with the help of cooperation partners.



## JANUARY

### 7.–9.1.15 · London Conference: “Beyond Camps and Forced Labour: Current Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution”

The aim of the scientific conference was interdisciplinary exchange on groups of survivors of Nazi persecution. Approximately 100 researchers from around the world discussed current studies on Soviet prisoners of war, forced labour in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, as well as the “Legacy of Euthanasia and Medical Experiments.” The conference was organised in cooperation with the University of Wolverhampton, the University of London, Birkbeck College and the Imperial War Museums, London. The conference was funded in the programme “Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims.”



### 20.1.15 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ Film Presentation and Discussion: “‘With a Smile and a Tear.’ Meeting Places for Holocaust Survivors in Germany”

For more than ten years, the Central Board of Jewish Welfare in Germany (ZWST) has offered meeting places for Holocaust survivors in Germany. There, affected people can meet in a protected space, and sing, laugh and dance together – but also cry when traumatic memories come up. Social workers and psychologists from the ZWST provide support and assistance where needed. By means of introduction, an SWR documentation empathetically portrayed the Frankfurt meeting place and its participants. It was followed by the reports of two Holocaust survivors, Zhanna and Yevgen Goldyner, as well as Noemi Staszewski



and Polina Flihlner from ZWST, who spoke about the meeting places. They were funded through the programme “Partnerships for Victims of National Socialism”.

### 22.1.15 · Berlin · Kino Central Film and Eyewitness Interview: “We still have a story to tell”

“In 25 years of marriage I never told my husband that I was in the camp. I just couldn’t,” was the quote of Regina Lawrowitsch from Belarus for the Foundation EVZ’s campaign “I’m still alive!” Deported from present-day Belarus to Normandy for forced labour at age 10, she only began to tell her story in retirement. At the Kino Central, Lawrowitsch spoke with the filmmaker Loretta Walz and the film journalist Knut Elstermann. Walz, who for over 30 years has been documenting the history of female concentration camp survivors with her camera, is protecting their stories from being forgotten. Over 50 video interviews conducted by Walz can be found in the archive of the Ravensbrück Memorial Site. An excerpt was presented from Walz’s documentary film “Die Frauen von Ravensbrück” (The Women of Ravensbrück) (D 2006).

### 22.1.15 · Berlin Memorial to the German Resistance Exhibition Opening: “Don’t Forget their Names – The Children of Auschwitz”

Funded by the Foundation EVZ, the exhibition by the International Auschwitz Committee on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on 27 January was opened by the Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection Heiko Maas and the publisher Gerhard Steidl. The eyewit-



nesses Dagmar Lieblová and Jack Mandelbaum told their stories: they were deported as children to Auschwitz with their families, and were liberated – alone – as children or young people. Alwin Meyers's exhibition is based on conversation logs with survivors in Poland, Israel, the Ukraine, Belarus, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, the USA and Switzerland. The exhibition showed the often decades-long search for the true identity, names and families of survivors. Many never found a point of connection to their lives before Auschwitz.

**22.–23.1.15 · Berlin, Jewish Museum**  
**Discussion: Symposium on German-Jewish History**

At this symposium, organised by the Jewish Museum Berlin and the Foundation EVZ in the LEO BAECK programme, teachers and actors in extracurricular education received important stimuli for handling German-Jewish topics in project work in schools and extracurricular education. A closing event took place on the evening of 23 January.

**27.1.15 · Lüneburg · Leuphana University Lüneburg**  
**Award: Hosenfeld/Szpilman Memorial Prize**

The Leuphana University Lüneburg, with support of the Foundation EVZ, awarded the Hosenfeld/Szpilman Memorial Prize for ethical resistance during National Socialism, accompanied by 7,500 euros. The award went to the Polish Professor of Criminal Law, Witold Kulesza, and commemorated the rescue of Polish-Jewish pianist Władysław Szpilman by the German Wehrmacht officer Wilm Hosenfeld. Kulesza, who was among the initiators of the Polish Solidarność movement in 1981, has researched the history of Szpilman and Hosenfeld, and raised awareness about it in Poland. Detlev Hosenfeld and Dr Jorinde Krejci, children of Wilm Hosenfeld, as well as Dr Halina Szpilman, widow of Wladyslaw Szpilman, took part in the event.

**27.1.15 · Berlin · Komische Oper**  
**Concert: "From Warsaw to Broadway. Farges Mikh Nit. Jewish Opera Songs"**

The artists Alma Sadé and Helene Schneidermann, accompanied on piano by Barrie Kosky, director of the Komische Oper, revived the Yiddish theatre with "Farges mikh nit – don't forget me!" on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Its authors and composers, such as Joseph Rumshinsky, Alexander Olshanetsky, Sholom Secunda, or the "Yiddish Shakespeare" Abraham Goldfaden, coming in part from Eastern Europe, was driven by local pogroms to emigrate to the USA in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Campaign posters from "I'm Still Alive!" were on display in the foyer of the Komische Oper.

**27.1. · Berlin · Kesselhaus at Kulturbrauerei**  
**Concert: REFIDIM JUNCTION. Letters of Strong Women, Against Forgetting!**

In the scenic-documentary action "Refidim Junction", the Israeli composer Marget Wolf addressed the fate of two Jewish women in Germany during the Nazi period, based on a set of letters set to music and further documentary evidence. A further performance took place at the Kesselhaus at Kulturbrauerei on 2 February, funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, the Embassy of Israel, and the Foundation EVZ.

**29.1.15 · Berlin · Heimathafen Neukölln**  
**Documentary Film: "Liga Terezin – It was a Game Against the Nazis ..."**

From 1942 to 1944, Jewish prisoners in the Theresienstadt (Terezín) ghetto played hundreds of football games on improvised fields. Thousands of people attended these games and were thus able to escape from camp life for a short time. In the summer of 1944, the Nazis shot a propaganda film in which images of football players can be seen. In one sequence, Oded Breda discovered his uncle. In the film "Liga Terezin" (Israel 2012), Breda, director of the "Beit Theresienstadt" memorial in Israel, documented the history of the football league in Theresienstadt. Based on propaganda images, the documentary draws a connection to antisemitic tendencies in football and society today. The film "Liga Terezin" was shown at the Heimathafen Neukölln theatre by the "Active Fans" group of the football club Tennis Borussia Berlin (tBAF) on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Breda and director Mike Schwartz spoke afterward with the journalist Ronny Blaschke.





**30.1.15 · Minsk · Palace of Culture, Veterans Theatre: "Untitled"**

On the occasion of the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of National Socialism, the international public association "Understanding" organised a theatre performance at the Palace of Culture, Veterans Theatre in Minsk. The piece was a collage of snapshots of Jewish life under National Socialism, quotes and excerpts from the memories and teams of people who lived through the hard times themselves. As part of the modern staging, the poems of the Nobel Prize Laureate in Literature, Josef Brodsky, were presented, along with a symbolic song. The actors spoke Belarusian, Russian, Lithuanian, Polish, German, French and English in order to demonstrate the extent of the suffering of victims of National Socialism.



**January to May · Belarus Exhibition: "... Like a Breath of Fresh Air"**

The exhibition presents the stories of nine eyewitnesses from Belarus, Russia and Ukraine whose lives were shaped by concentration camps and time as partisans and forced labourers under German occupation. The Russian version of the exhibition was shown on several occasions in Belarus: on 30 January, the Day of Remembrance for the Victims of National Socialism, at the Palace of Culture, Veterans Theatre in Minsk, starting 19 March in Kalinkavičy, again in Minsk in April on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Concentration Camp Prisoners, and in May on Victory Day (9 May) in Baranoviči. On 11 May, it was presented on the occasion of a memorial concert in the State Philharmonic in Minsk, and will be on display there until June, and on display in Vitebsk until September.



**January to April · Germany Theatre: "Änne's Last Journey"**

The starting point for the stage drama is the documented case of Anna Lehnkering, called Änne, who was a patient in the Bedburg-Hau psychiatric hospital from 1936 to 1940 and who became a victim of "euthanasia" in Grafeneck on 7 March 1940. Showing great respect, two actors in the different roles of mother, teacher, brother and sister, neighbours and doctors, and Änne herself, relate her harrowing life story using documentary material and projections, right up to the time she was taken away to the extermination centre. The Foundation EVZ is funding performances of the



drama in Germany. Dates in the first half of 2015 included: 27 January, 7 and 9 March in theater mini-art e.V. in Bedburg-Hau, 15 March at BIS-Zentrum für offene Kulturarbeit in Mönchengladbach, and 22 April at the concert hall and theatre of the city of Nordhorn.

**January to December · Russia Exhibition: "... Like a Breath of Fresh Air"**

The traveling exhibition on beneficiaries of the funding programme "Dialogue Forum" also toured through Russia in 2015: Until 1 February it was on display at the Ropsha Secondary School, on 12 February in the village of Tubinskij in Ust-Ilimsker district, and in December in the Fedotov Library in Ust-Ilimsk. On 13, 17, 18 and 27 November, it was presented to students and interested adults in the villages of Podelanka, Newon, Jerschowo and Edutschanka.

**FEBRUARY**

**February to March · Ukraine, Poland Exhibition: "Berlin-Yogyakarta"**

The traveling exhibition "Berlin-Yogyakarta: From Hitler's terror against homosexuals to the human rights of gay, lesbian and transsexuals today" was conceived by the Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH) Warsaw and originally funded through the programme "Teaching Human Rights". In 2015, the Foundation EVZ financed 15 stations of the traveling exhibition. In the first quarter of 2015, it was displayed at the following locations in the Ukraine and Poland: 1 February at the parents organisation "Tergo" in Kiev, from 5 to 13 February at the Kościuszko High School in Busko Zdrój, and from 18 to 28 February at the A. Mickiewicz High School in Góra, accompanied by workshops for teachers from 24 to 25 February.

**February to September · Ukraine Exhibition: "... Like a Breath of Fresh Air"**

After stations in Khmelnytsky (9 to 23 February), Sokal (4 to 6 March), Drohobych (23 March to 6 April), and Lubny (13 to 27 April), the Ukrainian version of the traveling exhibition "... Like a Breath of Fresh Air" was opened on 8 May in the National Parliamentary Library in Kiev. It was on display there until 24 May. The displayed portraits tell the stories of people from Russia, the Ukraine and Belarus who survived Nazi persecution, deporta-



tion, forced labour or concentration camps over 70 years ago. They are all beneficiaries of the funding programme “Dialogue Forum”. From 21 July to 5 September, another station took place in Lutsck.

## MARCH

### 17.3.15 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ Panel discussion: “Living Memories: Ms Skacelová and Benjamin – Voluntary Service with Nazi Victims in the Czech Republic”

Many young people take time after finishing school to orient themselves, engage socially and gain experiences abroad. Action Reconciliation Service for Peace (ASF) abroad offers a special form of voluntary engagement. Every year, ASF sends volunteers to projects benefiting Nazi victims. For a year, the young people visit survivors at home and learn their stories in the process. The Foundation EVZ invited Zuzanna Skacelová, a survivor of Nazi persecution from the Czech city of Ostrava, and her volunteer, Benjamin Brow, to Berlin. Tomáš Jelínek, CEO of the German-Czech Future Fund, provided the introduction, with Thomas Heldt of ASF moderating.

### 26.3.15 · Berlin Nazi Forced Labour Documentation Centre Panel Discussion: “The End of Forced Labour: The Situation of Foreign Forced Labourers 70 Years Ago”

In spring 1945, Nazi forced labour ended for millions of deported people in the German Reich. For them, the Allies’ approach meant not only liberation, but also danger. For the German authorities, the large number of foreign forced labourers presented a threat. For the guards and employers, they were unwanted witnesses to an inhuman system. Thousands were victims of crimes at the end of the war. The historians Iris Helbig and Dr Sven Keller of the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich spoke with Witold Gnauk of the German-Polish Research Foundation about the situation of forced labourers before the end of the war and after liberation. The event was a cooperation with the Nazi Forced Labor Documentation Centre of the “Topography of Terror” Foundation, through the funding programme “Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims”.

### 27.–29.3.15 · Hamburg · Funeral Forum at the Ohlsdorf Cemetery Conference: “War Landscapes: Violence, Destruction and Remembrance”

The international conference examined the traces of war in urban and rural areas – through armed violence, destruction and forced labour, in military buildings, fortifications, barracks and cemeteries – as well as through organised forms of cultural memory and remembrance. The focus was on the question of cultural strategies for dealing with these relics. A panel was organised on Nazi forced labour. The conference was directed at an international and multidisciplinary academic audience.

### March to April · Hamburg · Berlin Theatre: Ceremonial Inauguration of the Central Council of Asocials in Germany

The documentary theatre play from Tucké Royale explores the history of persecution of so-called “asocials” during the Nazi period, and asks how stigmatization continues to this day. It was a production of Tucké Royale, funded by the Foundation EVZ, the Governing Mayor of Berlin – Senate Chancellery – Cultural Affairs, the Agency for Cultural Affairs Hamburg, the Rusch Foundation and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, in cooperation with Kampnagel theatre in Hamburg and Studio R at the Maxim Gorki Theatre in Berlin. The premiere took place on 18 March in Hamburg.

## APRIL

### 7.–11.4.15 · Berlin Culture Week: “Gestatten, das sind wir!”

After 2014, Sinti and Roma presented themselves to the majority society as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Culture Week: “Gestatten, das sind wir!” The goal was to correct prejudices and clichés about Sinti and Roma people that have been anchored in the minds of many people for centuries.

### April to June · Poland · Moldova · Serbia · Russia Exhibition: “Berlin–Yogyakarta”

The traveling exhibition on the development of Hitler’s murder of homosexuals in concentration camps to the human rights of gay, lesbian and transsexuals today was conceived by the Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH) Warsaw. In







2015, the Foundation EVZ financed 15 stations of the traveling exhibition. In the second quarter of 2015, it toured through Poland, Moldova and Serbia: 13 to 24 April at the University of Opole, 16 May on the occasion of the International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) at the Museum Zemstvei in Chişinău, Moldova, 19 to 25 May in Zagreb also on the occasion of IDAHO, 24 and 26 June as part of the “MediaUdar” Festival in Samara, Russia.



**16.4.2015 · Potsdam · University of Potsdam  
Exhibition: “Jewish Mathematicians in German-Speaking Academic Culture”**

In nine stations, the exhibition shows the activities of Jewish mathematicians in Germany, from the legal and political equality of Jewish citizens in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to their persecution and expulsion under National Socialism. It presents how in the German Empire and the Weimar Republic, Jewish mathematicians played an increasingly critical role in all areas of mathematical culture. At the same time, it also recalls their emigration, flight and murder after 1933. The exhibition was on display at the University of Potsdam from 16 to 29 April.



**16.4.15 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ  
Panel Discussion: “I’m still alive!”  
Survivors of Nazi Crimes**

Sinaida Lewanez, Regina Lawrowitsch, Frida Rejsman and Viktor Sosow were four of the six eyewitnesses portrayed in the Foundation EVZ’s campaign “I’m still alive!” They belong to the last of the generation who personally witnessed Nazi crimes, and are among the last people who have to live with this trauma. They travelled to Berlin to report to a local audience on how they survived forced labour as children, with and without their parents, as well as how they survived the Minsk Ghetto and the pillaging and destruction of their villages. With the journalist Gemma Pörzgen, they explored questions of how their lives were shaped by the Nazi period, what role their experiences of Nazi crimes play in their current lives, and what support they and other survivors need today.



**18.4.15 · Oranienburg · Memorial  
and Museum Sachsenhausen  
Theatre: “We Remember:  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Inquires”**

On the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the young people of the Georg-Mendheim-Oberstufen-Zentrum school in Oranienburg grappled with the autobiography of Thomas Buergethal in their project work. They developed a performance incorporating their personal attitudes toward the Sachsenhausen memorial and discussed how their own families deal with the Nazi history. The performance took place on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp memorial site.

**April 2015 · Riga, Latvia  
Tallinn, Estonia · Vilnius, Lithuania  
St. Petersburg, Russian Federation  
Country Finals: “International Youth Debate”**

“International Youth Debate” is a debate competition for young people from eight Central and East European countries. The competition aims to encourage the exploration of human rights and their historical backgrounds, and to strengthen debating as a medium of political culture and democratic dispute. In order to at the same time promote knowledge of the German language in the participating countries and in bilateral cultural relations, the project is conducted in German. This year’s final topic in Riga on April 22<sup>nd</sup> was: “Should same-sex unions be legalized in Latvia?” In Estonia on 23 April, they debated whether military service should also be compulsory for women. In Lithuania on 24 April, the participants debated assisted suicide, while the Russian finalists debated the pros and cons of tolls in city centres.

**April to November · Germany  
Exhibition: “... Like a Breath of Fresh Air”**

The exhibition portrays people from Russia, the Ukraine and Belarus who survived Nazi persecution, deportation, forced labour or concentration camps over 70 years ago. Today, they are beneficiaries of the funding programme “Dialogue Forum”. With the exhibition, the Foundation draws attention to the various fates of victims of Nazi persecution, and engages for reconciliation and dialogue. The traveling exhibition was on display in Germany from 24 April to 29 June in Rastatt, from 28 June to 13 July in Osnabrück, and from 3 to 12 November in Dillingen.

28.–30.4.15 · Hamburg Research Centre for Contemporary History and the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial Conference: “Victims and Sites of ‘Reprisals’ in the Occupied Territories of Europe”

From an international comparative perspective, the participants at this scientific conference addressed the backgrounds and consequences of “reprisals” in the territories occupied by Nazi Germany during the Second World War. This included the structures of occupation policies as well as forms of resistance and collaboration. Key questions were: How should “reprisals” be defined? What were the legal bases and strategies of legitimisation? Which acts of resistance did they give rise to? Who was responsible, and who carried them out? Who were the victims, and what was their fate? The conference was a cooperation of the Neuengamme Concentration Camp Memorial with the Hamburg Research Centre for Contemporary History and the Institute for the History of German Jews.

## MAY

5.5.15 · Rastatt · Memorial to Freedom Movements in German History Exhibition: “... Like a Breath of Fresh Air”

The exhibition was shown from 5 May to 29 June at the “Memorial to Freedom Movements in German History” in Rastatt, a branch of the Federal Archives. In the exhibition, nine eyewitnesses from Belarus, Russia and the Ukraine tell their stories of concentration camps and time as partisans and forced labourers under German occupation. Dr Jan Ludwig from the Federal Archives in Berlin-Lichterfelde gave the opening lecture on the topic of “Documentation of Jewish Persecution – The Database of the Federal Archives of Jewish Inhabitants of the German Reich (1933–1945).

6.5.15 · Berlin Gewerkschaftshaus BerlinSchöneberg Panel Discussion: “Forgotten Nazi Victims: Members of Parliament on the Recognition of Soviet Prisoners of War as Nazi Victims”

“Eligibility cannot be based on prisoner-of-war status” – the observation made in the year 2000 by the German Parliament in the law establishing the Foundation EVZ. The inhumane conditions for Soviet POWs – comparable to concentration camps – were ignored or unknown to the German Parliament at the time. Two petitions from KONTAKTE-KOHTAKTbI for the recognition of former Soviet prisoners of war as Nazi victims remained unanswered. The focus of the panel discussion was therefore on the question: How do the political parties answer the question of recognition today? Participants included the MPs Dr Gernot Erler (SPD), Ulla Jelpke, (Die Linke) and Stephan Mayer (CSU), and the historian Dr Peter Jahn. Dr Hilde Schramm moderated the event, and Günter Saathoff, director of the Foundation EVZ, held the welcome address.

8.5.15 · Königs Wusterhausen Friedrich Schiller High School Exhibition Opening: “Königs Wusterhausen. Our History. Forced Labour”

The Friedrich Schiller High School and the project group “Forced Labour” invited the public to an exhibition opening on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war’s end. The exhibition was the result of the project “Our history/Nasza historia – Forced Labour/Praca przymusowa”. The association project group “Forced Labour” developed the exhibition and lead accompanying student seminars at the Friedrich Schiller High School in Königs Wusterhausen, and at Lyzeum No. 6 in Szczecin, Poland. The focus was on the regional history of Nazi forced labour in Königs Wusterhausen. The seminar and exhibition project was funded by the Foundation EVZ. Eyewitnesses were present for the opening, and the exhibition remained on display at the Friedrich Schiller High School until 5 June.







**8.–9.5.15 · Frankfurt am Main**  
**Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences**  
**Conference: “‘Scenic Memory of the Shoah’:**  
**Rescued, but not Freed?”**

70 years after 1945, the third meeting of the supra-regional research group of the Sigmund Freud Institute (SFI) in Frankfurt am Main addressed the late psychological consequences of the Shoah. The focus was on different modes of experience and patterns of processing history of the Nazi regime among perpetrators and bystanders on the one hand, and among survivors on the other hand. The speakers made reference to literary, historical, psychoanalytical, sociological, socio-psychological as well as educational and cultural studies perspectives.



**8.–12.5.15 · Berlin**  
**German-Israeli Youth Congress 2015**

EUROPEANS FOR PEACE took part in the German-Israeli Youth Congress 2015. It took place in Berlin on the occasion of “50 years of diplomatic relations” and “60 years of youth exchange between Germany and Israel”. The workshop “Working on Concrete Projects”, organised on 9 May by EUROPEANS FOR PEACE and Tzofim – Israeli Scouts Movement, trained the participants in project work on discrimination during National Socialism and today. On 10 May, the youth project “Translating tracks into life”, funded through the programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE, presented a theatre play on images of the self and the enemy in Germany and Israel in the past and present. At the Youth Congress, young people from Germany and Israel met and discussed the relations between their countries in the past and present, and the significance of this relationship for younger generations.



**9.5.15 · Kiev**  
**National Philharmonic of Ukraine**  
**Concert: “Memorial Concert on 9 May”**

On the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war, a memorial concert took place at the Kiev Philharmonic, followed by a reception by the German Embassy in Kiev. The Osnabrück Symphony Orchestra, under the musical director of Andreas Hotz, marked with anniversary with memorial concerts in Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine. On 9 May, it performed together with the Ukrainian pianist Denys Proshaev at the National Philharmonic of Ukraine in Kiev. Like the musicians, the Foundation EVZ and its partners



in all three countries are engaged for understanding and reconciliation. Günter Saathoff, director of the Foundation EVZ, spoke about the humanitarian engagement of the Foundation EVZ in support of the victims of the Nazi regime.

**May 2015 · Berlin · Weiden**  
**Saarbrücken · Fulda · Aachen**  
**Events for Russian-speaking Nazi Victims**  
**in Germany**

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the war was commemorated in a particularly festive manner by five organisations of Russian-speaking immigrants in Germany, together with survivors of Nazi persecution and veterans of the Red Army. On 14 May, “Club Dialog e. V.” in Berlin brought together a group of survivors of the Leningrad Blockade and veterans of the Red Army from Berlin and Kaliningrad. At a several events during the first week of May, the associations “Neue Zeiten – Weiden e. V.” in Weiden, and “Elfe e. V.” in Saarbrücken also brought together young and old people for eyewitness interviews. On 9 May in Fulda and 10 May in Aachen, the German-Russian cultural, social and educational centre in Fulda, and the association “Mosaik e. V.”, hosted festive commemorations in the presence of eyewitnesses.

**12.5.15 · Berlin**  
**Higher Administrative Court of**  
**BerlinBrandenburg**  
**Book Presentation: “Die Polinnen von Moabit**  
**1943” (The Polish Women of Moabit 1943)**

This evening was held in commemoration of the young Polish women who were victims of the criminal Nazi justice during the Second World War. They were arbitrarily accused of espionage, aiding the enemy, treason or conspiracy, and were sentenced in summary proceedings before the Reich Court to prison camps or detention centres. In some cases, innocent young people were executed by guillotine. In their presentation, the authors Simone Trieder and Lars Skowronski provided insights into their many years of research on the book “Zelle Nr. 18. Eine Geschichte von Mut und Freundschaft” (Cell No. 18: A Story of Courage and Friendship). Afterward, the publicist Helga Kirsch led a discussion with the survivor Olga Owczarek and Tomasz Steppa, the nephew of Krystyna Wituskas, who honoured the memory of his aunt with a donation.



**May 2015 · Prague, Czech Republic  
Kiev, Ukraine · Budapest, Hungary  
Country Finals: "International Youth Debate"**

This year's country finals of "International Youth Debate" took place on 14 May in Prague, on 19 May in Kiev, and on 22 May in Budapest. Once again, the debates proved very exciting: in Prague they debated whether squatting should be decriminalized in the Czech Republic. The Ukrainian finalists were asked: "Should extremist parties be prohibited in the Ukraine?" The Hungarian final debate revolved around the introduction of a state textbook monopoly. The respective winners from each country qualified for the international finals in Riga, where they demonstrate their German skills and match up against the winners from other countries.

**26.5.15 · Berlin · Topography of Terror  
Lecture: "Nazi 'Lebensraum' Ideology and the Reality of German Occupation in Poland and the Soviet Union"**

The historian Dr Christoph Dieckmann of the Fritz Bauer Institute, Frankfurt am Main, kicked off event series "Victims of the German 'Lebensraum' Policy in Eastern Europe. A Comparative Perspective" with his lecture on the meaning of racial ideologies in Nazi war planning and occupational rule. He also explained the handling of various ethnic groups in Poland and the Soviet Union. In the event series, renowned historians report on current research into the various victim groups of the Nazi 'Lebensraum' ideology from an overarching perspective. The series was funded through the programme "Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims".

**28.5.15 · Berlin · Foreign Office  
Award Ceremony in Funding Programme  
EUROPEANS FOR PEACE**

To celebrate its tenth anniversary, the funding programme EUROPEANS FOR PEACE organised an award ceremony in the Europe Hall of the German Foreign Office. Three youth projects from Germany and Russia; Serbia, Germany and France; and Israel and Germany were honoured for their engagement on the theme of "Discrimination. Watch Out! Projects on exclusion then – and now." Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier is the youth exchange programme's patron. The projects were presented through short films,

and each prize was endowed with 2,000 euros. The welcome addresses were given by Günter Saathoff, Director of the Foundation EVZ, and Dr Andreas Görgen, Head of the Directorate-General for Culture and Communication at the Federal Foreign Office. Arndt Breitfeld (rbb media) hosted the evening.

## JUNE

**8.–9.6.15 · Kassel · Kassel City Hall  
Conference: "Perspectives – Forum For Education and Academia, A Critical Look at Anti-Semitism. 'Religion as a Field of Discourse'"**

The sixth "Perspectives" conference invited actors from research and educational practice to exchange on engagement critical of Antisemitism. In recent debates on Antisemitism, the particular "vulnerability" of young Muslim people is frequently discussed. As such, educators and researchers are called to action to provide some clarification. The key question of the meeting was: What is the relationship between religion or religious affiliation and Antisemitism? Examining different pedagogical approaches, the participants considered how to enable a handling of religion and religiosity that is reflective, historically conscious and sensitive to differences, as well as how to deal with religiously-charged cultural attributions in education critical of Antisemitism. The Foundation EVZ was a cooperation partner.

**15.–16.6.15 · Berlin  
Central Station Youth Hostel  
Conference: "Second Generation"**

Many children of Nazi victims take care of their parents, whether in the family or professionally. Meanwhile, the "second generation" are reaching an aid where they need assistance themselves. Increasingly, they are looking to professionals that have already taken care of their parents. Yet offerings for their own particular needs remain rare. Participants discussed the "inheritance of trauma". For the first time, the "German Association for Information and Advice for Victims of Nazi Persecution" hosted a large conference addressing the "second generation". This has ensured attention to the needs of affected people, addressing research gaps and impulses for solutions.





**18.6. · Warsaw, Poland**  
**Country Finals: "International Youth Debate"**

The country finals of "International Youth Debate" 2015 took place on June 18th in Warsaw. The two winning debaters who discussed the question: "Should cannabis be legalized in Poland for medical purposes?" can now look forward to the International Final 2015 in Riga.



**21.6.15 · Lohheide · Bergen-Belsen Memorial Exhibition Opening: "'Where should we have gone after the liberation?' Transit Stations: Displaced Persons after 1945"**

The exhibition of the International Tracing Service (ITS) depicts the fate of survivors of Nazi persecution, the Holocaust and forced labour, who were called "Displaced Persons (DPs)" by the Allies. There were more than ten million DPs in Europe after 1945. For them, former concentration camps became transit camps. The survivors struggled to cope with what they had suffered, while at the time same orienting themselves to the future. In the DP camps, they established structures ranging from nursery schools to theatres, through which they also demonstrated their extraordinary will to live. In many stations, the exhibition showed Allied strategies with various aspects of the DP history, as well as biographies.



**22.6.15 · Frankfurt/Main · Goethe University Book Presentation: "Politische Bildung nach Auschwitz: Erinnerungsarbeit und Erinnerungskultur heute" (Political Education after Auschwitz: Memory Work and Remembrance Culture Today)**

The publishers Gerd Steffens, professor of political education and didactics at the University of Kassel, and Benedikt Widmaier, director of the Academy for Political and Social Education, Diocese of Mainz, led a discussion with the authors of this anthology. Terms like "overcoming the past" or "remembrance culture" were not only constitutive, but have also long been formative for the self-understanding of political education in Germany since 1945. Meanwhile the consensus around Adorno's famous formulation of "Education after Auschwitz" seems to be weakening. The publishers saw the challenge of non-formal political education to be working with young people to analyse and address Nazi crimes and their societal conditions and categories, in order to allow for a



mature political self-understanding in the present. The book was written in collaboration with the German Association for Political Education in Hessen, and was funded by the Foundation EVZ.

**JULY**

**1.–5.7.16 · Berlin, Theater an der Parkaue Festival: "Playground Israel"**

To mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany, the Theater an der Parkaue presented the country of Israel, together with the Israeli Embassy in Berlin, as part of a theatre festival in Berlin. The festival was aimed at Berlin families and young audiences who were able to experience first-hand the offerings from Israeli children's and youth theatre. The Haus allen Generationen opened itself to the public with an evening programme for adults, and thereby became a place of encounter on equal footing for Israeli and Berliner artists. Berliners took active part in participatory projects for the artistic takeover of Germany and Israel. The festival was funded through the "Leo Baeck" programme.

**4.7.15 · Berlin Trinitatis Church, BerlinCharlottenburg Concert: "Memorial Concert in Honour of Gertrude Evans"**

Gertrude Evans was the last Jewish student at the former Berlin Academy of Music. In 1939, she fled from Nazi terror to London. There, she helped found the Linden Baroque Orchestra, which came to Berlin on her behalf on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, and the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the partnership between the cities of Berlin and London. The memorial concert was organised by the Faculty of Music of the University of the Arts in Berlin, and funded by the Foundation EVZ.

**8.7.15 · Berlin · Haus der Kirche Lecture: "Historical Bases of the Nazi's 'Lebensraum' Policy"**

Dr Wolfgang Wippermann, professor of modern history at the Free University Berlin, spoke as part of the event series "Victims of the German 'Lebensraum' Policy in Eastern Europe. A Comparative Perspective", which is funded by the Foundation EVZ. He focused on the historical



bases of this Nazi policy. Marion Gardei, Pastor for Remembrance Culture with the EKBO (Evangelical Church in Berlin, Brandenburg and Silesian Upper Lusatia), introduced the topic.

**July to December · Germany**  
**Theatre: "Anne's Last Journey"**

The theatre play about Anna Lehnkering, called Anne, who was a patient in the Bedburg-Hau psychiatric hospital from 1936 to 1940 and who became a victim of "euthanasia" in Grafeneck on 7 March 1940, was performed on the following occasions in the second half of 2015: 8 July at Burg-Gymnasium Wettin, 9 July at TAC – Theater am Campus Merseburg, 21 August at August Helmholz-Gymnasium Essen, 4 September at Dokumentationszentrum Prora e. V. (school and evening event), 24 October at Aachen Theatre, and 9 and 10 November at Schlosstheater Moers. The Foundation EVZ funded a total of ten performances of the play in Germany in 2015.

**9.–10.7.15 · Berlin · Kalkscheune**  
**Conference: "'#erinnern\_kontrovers' (controversial memories) – New Approaches to Narratives on National Socialism in Civil Society"**

The meeting served to promote exchange between research and education. Together with the participants, experts on current issues of the remembrance culture(s) in Germany shared impulses and developed arguments. The focus was on the changing (migration) society, the advent of digital media and the handling of the second and third generations as well as testimonies. The conference was organised by the "Agency for Education – History, Politics and Media", and was funded by the Foundation EVZ and the German-Russian Museum Berlin-Karlshorst.

**23.7.–16.8.15 · Berlin · Washingtonplatz (next to Central Station)**  
**Exhibition Opening: "'Between Success and Persecution.' Jewish Stars in German Sports before 1933 and After"**

At Berlin Central Station, the Center for German Sports History and the Universities of Potsdam and Hannover organised a sculptural exhibition dedicated to the great achievements of Jewish athletes in the development of modern sports in Germany. As national players, world and European champions, Olympic champions and record holders, the German-Jewish sports personalities were among the celebrated idols of their time. On

the basis of 17 portraits, the exhibition documents their persecution during National Socialism. The exhibition was part of the cultural programme of the European Maccabi Games.

**26.7.–1.8.15 · Osterholz-Scharmbeck**  
**Tagungshaus Bredbeck**  
**Reading: "The Soul is Burning: Young German and Ukrainian Voices Read and Perform their Own Texts!"**

As part of the programme "MEET UP! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters", the Foundation EVZ funded the project "The Soul is Burning: Literary Projects to Strengthen Engagement for Democratic Rights." The project was carried out by the Tagungshaus Bredbeck and the Zentrum Gedankenbach (based in Tscherniwzi), and enabled 28 young literary enthusiasts from Germany and the Ukraine to meet each other in the partner countries and to work together on texts, which they presented in Osterholz-Scharmbeck.

## AUGUST

**August to October 2015 · Sweden · Poland**  
**Exhibition: "Berlin–Yogyakarta"**

In the third and fourth quarters of 2015, the 21 exhibition panels of "From Hitler's murder of homosexuals in concentration camps to the human rights of LGBTI people today" travelled to Malmö, Sweden from 3 to 9 August, and then to Wrocław from 1 to 15 October on the occasion of the local CSD. The exhibition went on to Warsaw from 2 to 9 October, and to Gdansk from 14 to 23 October. It was conceived by the Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH) Warsaw and the Foundation EVZ funded its travel.

**16.–23.8.2015 · Berlin**  
**Conference: Muslim Jewish Conference 2015**

The annual Muslim Jewish Conference invited a hundred international students and young leaders to address relevant themes in Jewish-Muslim relations for a week. Six different committees lead by experts offered a platform for jointly combating stereotypes, and addressing important questions of religious identity, Antisemitism and Islamophobia through interreligious dialogue. The conference took place for the first time in Berlin, under the patronage of Federal Foreign Minister Steinmeier.





## SEPTEMBER

### 1.9.15 · Berlin · Foundation EVZ Exhibition Opening: "'Bückeburg under the Swastika.' Forced Labour in Rural Areas"

How many forced labourers were there in Bückeburg and surrounding areas? Where did they come from, where were they housed, and how did they live? How did German employers and colleagues treat them? All of these questions were answered at the Foundation EVZ through the exhibition presented to an interested public on the occasion of the anniversary of the invasion of Poland. After a welcome address by Günter Saathoff, Foundation EVZ, Chris Humbs reported on the project group "Forced Labour", and how the association produced the exhibition together with students, researchers and regional archives. In total, they analysed around 15,000 historical documents, and interviewed over 20 eyewitnesses at home and abroad. The Foundation EVZ previously presented the exhibition at the festival for the Day of German Unity in Hannover in 2014.

### 1.9.15 · Bonn · Regional Court Exhibition Opening: "'Oppressed Existence'. Roma Survivors of Nazi Terror in the Ukraine"

Sixteen Roma people who survived German tyranny in the Ukraine during the Second World War report on their eventful lives during the war, in the postwar period, and on their everyday lives today. In May 2012, the photographer Birgit Meixner portrayed Roma in the Ukraine who participated in Foundation EVZ projects. Meixner's portraits are snapshots from the life of an ethnic minority that is still strongly oppressed today. The projects benefiting needy Roma people were funded through the humanitarian engagement of the Foundation EVZ. The welcome address was given by Margarete Gräfin von Schwerin, President of the Regional Court Bonn. The Regional Court Bonn displayed the exhibition in its foyer from 1 to 30 September.

### 11.9.15 · Berlin · TAK, Theater Aufbau Kreuzberg Presentation: "'Together for Better Education'. Recommendations for the Equal Educational Participation of Sinti and Roma in Germany"

How can access to education be improved for Sinti and Roma? How can their equal participation be achieved? To address these questions, the Foun-

ation EVZ formed a nationwide working group in 2013, in which experts from Sinti and Roma organisations were significantly involved. Representatives from the states, municipalities, foundation and academia took part on equal footing. Representatives of the German federal government took part in meetings of the working group as advisors and supporters. After two years of work, the jointly formulated recommendations were presented and discussed publicly at Theater Aufbau Kreuzberg. The welcome address was held by Günter Saathoff, Foundation EVZ, and Wanja Hargens of the Foundation EVZ presented the recommendations.

### 11.9.15 · Berlin, Heimathafen Neukölln Theatre: "Action N! A Neukölln Commission of Inquiry on Nazism"

Who was Simon Luft? Until 1935 he was a shoemaker in Berliner Straße in Neukölln. Six years later he was one of the 53 Jewish residents of Neukölln who were deported to Minsk on 14 November 1941. His few possessions were stored in a ballroom in the former Bergstraße – today the Heimathafen Neukölln theatre. Based on this knowledge, a group of Neukölln residents and a team from Heimathafen Neukölln set out on a research trip and searched for the people behind the furniture, their whereabouts and recognition of their fates. The result was a theatre play about guilt and debts, ordinary people and what all of this has to do with us today. The premiere took place on 11 September at Heimathafen Neukölln, with further performances on 12, 25 and 26 September and 9, 10, 28 and 29 October.

### 17.9.15 · Berlin · Foundation Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Lecture: "'War is war?' The German Occupational Regime in France and the Soviet Union 1940–1944"

Prof. Dr Johannes Hürter, head of the "History until 1945" unit of the Institute of Contemporary History Munich-Berlin, spoke as part of the event series "Victims of the German 'Lebensraum' Policy in Eastern Europe. A Comparative Perspective" about the occupational regime in France and the Soviet Union. The lecture series was funded through the programme "Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims".



17.–19.9.15 · Brandenburg an der Havel  
Brandenburg Archaeological State Museum  
in St. Paul's Monastery

Conference: "'Archaeology and Memory'. Nazi  
Camp Sites. Research – Preserve – Convey"

A social practice of remembrance away from historical sites is hardly imaginable today. The desire for clearer realization led to the "rediscovery" of a variety of previously unnoticed sites. Local civic initiatives are making an important contribution to this "tracing" work. Yet this development presents new challenges for archaeological research and the conservation of monuments. Despite growing experience in dealing with historical monuments, efforts for their protection, maintenance and presentation raise many questions. The participants discussed interdisciplinary objectives, methods and perspectives in dealing with the archaeological remains of Nazi forced labour camps.

21.9.15 · Mauthausen, Österreich  
Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial  
Exhibition Opening: "'Where should we have  
gone after the liberation?' Transit Stations:  
Displaced Persons after 1945"

The exhibition of the International Tracing Service (ITS), funded by the Foundation EVZ, depicts the history of so-called "Displaced Persons (DPs)". It was on display at the Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial from 22 September to 30 November.

23.9.15 · Berlin · Representation of the  
Federal State of Brandenburg  
Panel Discussion: "'Monument to the War.'  
Remembrance and Tourism in Polish and  
German Museums"

The river landscape on both sides of the Oder River is also a remembrance landscape: today, memorials on both sides of the Oder commemorate Nazi prison camps and postwar Soviet internment camps. At the same time, the Oder region has become a cross-border recreation area. How do the local memorials fit into the evolving cultures of remembrance in Germany and Poland? How does the local population perceive them? And what roles do they play for cross-border tourism in the region today? The questions were discussed by Dr Petra Hausteil (Brandenburg Ministry of Science, Research and Culture), Gerd-Ulrich

Herrmann, (Memorial Seelower Heights), Dr Przemysław Słowinski (University of Applied Sciences Gorzów), and Marcin Wichrowski (Küstrin Fortress Museum). Dr Gabriele Freitag (German Society for Eastern Europe) moderated the discussion, and Dr Olga Kurilo (European University Viadrina) introduced the topic. Thomas Kralinski, Plenipotentiary of the Land Brandenburg to the Federation, welcomed the guests. The Foundation EVZ funded the event.

30.9.–2.10.15 · Berlin · Theater o.N.  
Theatre: "'Postcards from Yesterday to  
Tomorrow.' Berlin Students Develop a Media  
Theatre Performance Using Original Reports  
by Eyewitnesses from the Nazi Period"

Eight interviews from the "Visual History Archive" and the archive "Forced Labour 1939–1945" were the starting points for students from the Ernst Haeckel Oberschule to delve into foreign biographies and to develop their personal readings into artistic performances on stage, together with Spreeagenten Berlin. The results are tableaux and scenic miniatures in which performances, video and text come together: these postcards are the message of young people to their audience today, as well as to eyewitnesses from that time.

## OCTOBER

1.10.15 · Berlin · Jewish Museum  
Panel Discussion: "'On Life/Survival –Dealing  
with People Traumatized by the Shoah"

70 years have passed since the survivors of the Shoah were liberated. Their liberation was a rescue from death, but no salvation for life – this trauma continues to shape their lives today. War, genocide or mass violence are political and social occurrences that shake entire societies and affect individuals; assistance to survivors is of central importance. However, the discourse on trauma often does not reflect the particular needs or challenges of working with seriously traumatized people. The panel discussion presented the extensive experiences of AMCHA, the centre for psychosocial assistance for Holocaust survivors and their descendants in Israel, which has worked with extremely traumatized people around the world. The event was a cooperation with the Jewish Museum Berlin and was funded by the Foreign Office and the Foundation EVZ.







**2.–4.10.15 · Frankfurt am Main  
City Centre, Liebfrauenberg  
Information Stand: Festival for the  
Day of German Unity**

The Foundation EVZ presented its funding engagements at the central celebrations of the Day of German Unity in downtown Frankfurt am Main. The stand of the Foundation EVZ could be visited at the “Platz der Geschichte” at Liebfrauenberg.



**7.10.15 · Hamburg · W3 – Workshop for  
International Culture and Politics  
Lecture: “Repression and Activism”**

The situation of the LGBTI community in Russia has deteriorated dramatically since the passage of the new law against “propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations” in June 2013. Activists are increasingly threatened by the Anti-Homosexuality Act, the Agents Law, media control, attacks and state repression by the Putin regime, and the significant increase in violence. Barbara Mansberg of the Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD), who visited activists in St. Peterburg, reported on the situation there. The event series “StereoOst – Taking a Broader View of Eastern Europe” was organised by W3 – Workshop for International Culture and Politics and funded by the Foundation EVZ.



**8.–11.10.2015 · Berlin  
Topography of Terror Foundation  
Conference: “‘Justice Today for Peace  
Tomorrow’. A Conference Marking Ten Years  
of Model International Criminal Court (MICC)”**

The “Model International Criminal Court (MICC)” project of the Kreisau Initiative Berlin encompasses three simulation projects on the International Criminal Court. All three projects – MICC School, MICC School (World) and MICC University – are aimed at school and university students from Europe, Israel, the USA and other countries, and take place in Krzyżowa (Kreisau), Poland. For the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the project, an international alumni conference was organised under the patronage of Federal Justice Minister Heiko Maas, in cooperation with the Topography of Terror Foundation and the Nuremberg Human Rights Center. On the podium, the Foundation EVZ discussed its compensation programme and support



of remembrance cultures in the context of transitional justice. On 8 October, the Nobel Peace Prize-nominated director of the African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET), Victor Ochen from Uganda, spoke at the opening of the conference. Günter Saathoff gave a welcome address. The conference was organised by the Kreisau Initiative Berlin and funded by the Foundation EVZ.

**14.10.15 · Saarbrücken  
Foundation Democracy Saarland  
Exhibition Opening: “‘Oppressed Existence’.  
Roma Survivors of Nazi Terror in the Ukraine”**

The exhibition about sixteen Roma people who survived German tyranny in the Ukraine during the Second World War was opened by Bernd Rauls, director of the Foundation Democracy Saarland. On 9 December, Prof. Dr Klaus-Michael Bogdal gave an accompanying lecture with the title “Europe Invents the Gypsy. How Do Fascination and Contempt Fit Together?” The Foundation Democracy Saarland displayed the exhibition from 14 October to 16 December.

**14.10.15 · Berlin · Centre Marc Bloch  
Lecture: “Between Maintaining Alliances  
and Mass Destruction. German Occupation  
Policy in Yugoslavia”**

Prof. Dr Milan Ristović, Department of Modern History at the University of Belgrade, spoke about occupation policy in Yugoslavia as part of the lecture series “Victims of the German ‘Lebensraum’ Policy in Eastern Europe. A Comparative Perspective”, which was funded by the Foundation EVZ.

**16.10.–13.11.15 · Berlin  
Paul Lobe Haus of the German Parliament  
Exhibition: “Israelis and Germans”**

The establishment of diplomatic relations 50 years ago was a particularly controversial decision in Israel. With courage and vision, people in both countries helped to build up a dense network of connections and to create a common vision for the present day. The exhibition of the German-Israeli Society (DIG) shows the multifaceted development of the German-Israeli relationship with all its ups and downs. Above all, the exhibition gives voice to the people behind the headlines who,



beyond the official diplomatic cooperation, established very human and very often friendly relationships.

19.–24.10.15 · Riga, Latvia

International Final: “International Youth Debate” 2015

The highpoint of the international competition and the final week in Riga, Latvia was the international final of “International Youth Debate” on 23 September. The 18-year-old Anna Ryan from Budapest was able to demonstrate her persuasiveness and expert knowledge in the final debate on the topic “Should all Member States of the Council of Europe take a minimum number of refugees every year?”, a proposal which she supported. František Posolda from the Czech Republic took second place. A total of 2,000 students took part in the competition in 2015.

31.10.15 · Gröbzig · Museum Synagogue Theatre: “... streicht dunkler die Geigen’ – Paul Celan, Selma Meerbaum-Eisinger, Rose Ausländer – Poetry and Destiny”

The dance theatre worked with the poems of three major poets from Chernivtsi: Paul Celan, Selma Meerbaum-Eisinger and Rose Ausländer, who were rooted in the Judeo-German culture in Bukovina in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The poems reflect on the Holocaust and the individual fates under Nazi occupation; they are a testimony to persecution, ghettoisation, forced labour and survival in hiding. In their production, the professional dancers and musicians, together with young people from Germany and the Ukraine, discovered the works of these three poets for themselves. Choreography and scenic representations are accompanied by the music of Jewish composers such as Hans Krása and Erwin Schulhoff. The theatre performances were organised by the Association of Friends and Patrons of the Museums Synagogue Gröbzig, in cooperation with the Museum of Jewish History and Culture of Bukovina in Chernivtsi (Ukraine). A further performance took place at the Thalia theater, Halle (Saale) on 2 November.

## NOVEMBER

4.11.15 · Hamburg · Museum of Work Exhibition Opening: “Forced Labour. The Germans, The Forced Labourers and The War”

Over 20 million men, women and children from almost all countries of Europe were forced to work in the German Reich and the occupied territories in Europe as “foreign workers”, prisoners of war or concentration camp inmates. Since 1942 at the latest, forced labourers were part of everyday life in Nazi Germany. The deported workers from almost all corners of Europe, but primarily from the eastern countries, were used everywhere: in armaments factories as well as in construction, agriculture, trade, in public institutions and in private households. Whether as an occupying soldier in Poland or farmer in Thuringia – all Germans encountered forced labourers, and many profited from them. Forced labour was no secret; it was a largely public crime. The international traveling exhibition of the Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation, initiated and funded by the Foundation EVZ, was on display at the Museum of Work in Hamburg from 4 November 2015 to 3 April 2016. It was extended with specific local material related to Hamburg, and accompanied by an extensive programme.

6.–7.11.15 · Berlin · Aufbau Haus at Moritzplatz Symposium: “Political Antigypsyism in Germany”

The Society for Antigypsyism Research, in cooperation with RomnoKher, the Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma and Amaro Drom, organised a symposium for multipliers, policy makers and administrators, students, activists and journalists. They considered political agreements in Germany and Europe, and the related parliamentary debates in Germany. The results will subsequently be published. The Foundation EVZ funded the symposium through the programme “Facing Antisemitism and Antigypsyism”.





**11.–12.11.15 · Cologne**  
**Professional Conference on Social Projects for Victims of the Nazi Regime: Experiences – Exchange – Possibilities**

The German Association for Information and Advice for Victims of Nazi Persecution, Cologne and its Israeli project partner JDC-ESHEL, Jerusalem, have implemented many successful projects over the years to the benefit of survivors of Nazi persecution in Germany and Israel. This cooperation has produced projects such as the Cologne “Warm Homes” for Russian-speaking victims of Nazi persecution, and the “Eyewitness Theatre”. The project partners invited people to evaluate German-Israeli cooperation in support of Nazi victims, as well as to share perspectives on developing future cooperation. The conference was directed at persons and organisations implementing projects with survivors of Nazi persecution.



**12.11.15 · Cologne · W3 – Workshop for International Culture and Politics Lecture: “70 Years after the End of the War. Remembrance Cultures between Germany and its Eastern Neighbours”**

The historian Tobias Weger, expert on the history of Czechoslovakia and Silesia, as well as on stereotypes research, remembrance cultures and historical memory, commented on the current controversies in remembrance cultures which currently burden German-Czech and German-Polish relations. He asked: How can and should a sensible remembrance and commemoration policy look in Germany, 70 years after the end of the war? And what role does this play in the current debate around migration and refugees? The lecture was funded by Katholischer Fonds (Catholic Funds) and the Foundation EVZ.



**13.11.15 · Cologne, W3 – Workshop for International Culture and Politics Workshop: “Antigypsyism and other Stereotypes – Racist Images in the Media”**

“Antigypsyism in the Media” – what is it exactly and what does it have to do with racism, segregation and exclusion? In the workshop, examples of typical portrayals of Sinti and Roma in the media offer a basis for understanding and dealing with terms frequently used in everyday life which are not only racialised, but also often fraught with a social connotation that is seen as negative and criminal. Together with the participants, the speakers pursued these issues in theory and practice. The workshop was funded by the Katholischer Fonds (Catholic Funds) and the Foundation EVZ.

**19.11.15 · Berlin · Crown Prince’s Palace**  
**Exhibition: “Reconciliation in Progress. The Catholic Church and German-Polish Relations after 1945”**

Germany and Poland – two countries whose successful reconciliation history is marked by many points of resistance and difficulty. The correspondence between Polish and German bishops in 1965 is considered a milestone in the reconciliation process. At the suggestion of German and Polish bishops, the joint German-Polish exhibition “Pojednanie/Versöhnung in Progress” (Reconciliation in Progress) was shown simultaneously in Berlin and Wrocław on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this correspondence. By way of examples, the exhibition shows paths of reconciliation and presents individuals and initiatives from both countries that have made important contributions.

23.–28.11.15 · Krzyżowa/Kreisau, Poland  
MICC School

MICC is a simulation of the International Criminal Court for young people from around the world. At the end of November, students from Germany, Estonia, the Netherlands and Poland met in Krzyżowa, Poland.

19.–24.11.15 · Gailhof, Hannover  
Federal Youth Conference “Me sem kate! E tu?  
– Count me in! And you?”

The slogan for this year’s Federal Youth Conference, organized by Amaro Drom and Ternengo Drom e Romengo, was “I’m in – Are you?” The conference had an international focus: in the current appraisals of everyday life of Sinti and Roma, it is also necessary to consider people who have emigrated from Balkan countries. In Germany and South-Eastern Europe, Roma people are joining forces to improve their own situation. Young people from across Germany took part in the Federal Youth Conference alongside 50 young people from Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro.

## DECEMBER

7.12.15 · Berlin · Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship  
Lecture and Discussion: “Experiences Addressing State-Sponsored Violence and Mass Human Rights Violations”

The event marked the beginning of the series “Transitional Justice. Instruments – Experiences – Challenges.” Prof. Dr Anja Mihr, Humboldt-Viadrina Center on Governance through Human Rights, Berlin, held the introductory lecture. Speakers included the author Verena Boos, Rainer Eppelmann (Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship), Radu Preda (ICCMR Bucharest), Prof. Dr Beate Rudolf (German Institute for Human Rights) and Nenad Vukosavljević (Center for Nonviolent Action Belgrade/Sarajevo). Jacqueline Boysen moderated. The event series is a collaboration of the Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship, the German Institute for Human Rights and the Foundation EVZ. It was organised by Prof. Dr Anja Mihr, Humboldt-Viadrina Center on Governance through Human Rights, Berlin.





# PUBLICATIONS FUNDED BY THE FOUNDATION EVZ IN 2015



**Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) (ed.):** *Gemeinsam für eine bessere Bildung – Empfehlungen zur gleichberechtigten Bildungsteilhabe von Sinti und Roma in Deutschland.* Berlin 2015.

How can access to education be improved for Sinti and Roma? How can their equal participation be achieved? What principles must be observed in order to increase their educational participation and success? And how can we ensure that the necessary data are collected and scientific studies conducted for this purpose? These questions are discussed by a nationwide working group founded by the Foundation EVZ in 2013. After two years of work, the jointly formulated recommendations are now available.

60 pages, free download: [www.stiftung-evz.de/Bildungsempfehlungen](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/Bildungsempfehlungen)  
ISBN-13: 978-3-9813377-1-6 (Print), ISBN-13: 978-3-9813377-0-9 (PDF)



**Agentur für Bildung – Geschichte, Politik und Medien e. V. (ed.):**

*LaG – Magazin. Eugenik und “Euthanasie” im historischen Kontext.* Berlin 2015.

The LaG Magazine “Eugenics and Euthanasia in a Historical Context” addresses both topics from different perspectives. The majority of the contributions by external authors raise questions of how to convey these topics. Others focus on historical sites of these crimes, which, as opposed to the killing institutions in Brandenburg an der Havel, Hadamar and elsewhere, have received less attention in the German culture of remembrance. The second part of the LaG Magazine includes presentations of learning sites, recommendations for online offerings and reviews of textbooks on eugenics and “euthanasia”.

51 pages, free download: <http://lernen-aus-der-geschichte.de/Lernen-und-Lehren/Magazin/12621>



**Agentur für Bildung – Geschichte, Politik und Medien e. V. (ed.):** *LaG – Magazin. Flucht und Migration im Vorfeld und während des Zweiten Weltkrieges.* Berlin 2015.

The focus of the LaG Magazine issue “Flight and Migration Before and During the Second World War” is on the examination of selected aspects of flight, migration and exile in connection with National Socialism and the Second World War. The contemporary relevance of the topic of flight is clear, despite the important differences from the historical situation. In essence, it is democratic

states, above all the EU and with some differences, the USA, which have opposed the reception of people who have been forced to flee their home countries. The idea of universal human rights is being put to the test, and consequently, human rights education and its credibility. The second part of the LaG Magazine includes presentations of learning sites, recommendations for online offerings and reviews of textbooks.

49 pages, free download: <http://lernen-aus-der-geschichte.de/Lernen-und-Lehren/Magazin/12431>

**Zuzanna Bogumił/Joanna Wawrzyniak/Tim Buchen/Christian Ganzer/Maria Senina:**

**The Enemy on Display. The Second World War in Eastern European Museums.**

New York/Oxford 2015.

The book explores how the siege of Leningrad, the Warsaw Uprising and the bombing of Dresden have been depicted in local museums. In the process, special attention is directly to the image of the “enemy”. The publication describes methods of analysing exhibitions and the role of historical museums in the present.

190 pages, 18 illustrations., hardcover, in English language

ISBN: 978-1-78238-217-1



**Elke Gryglewski/Verena Haug/Gottfried Kößler/Thomas Lutz/Christa Schikorra im Auftrag der AG Gedenkstättenpädagogik (ed.): Gedenkstättenpädagogik. Kontext, theorie und Praxis der Bildungsarbeit zu NS-Verbrechen.** Berlin 2015.

For many years, memorials for the victims of National Socialism have also been places of learning. This volume provides an overview of the current state of site-based education. It illuminates the sociopolitical conditions, introduces the fundamental debates, and presents the diverse educational work as well as wide range of memorials. As a link between theory and practice, the book is directed at employees of memorials, school teachers and extracurricular educators, as well as students.

363 pages, hardcover, 22,00 euros

ISBN: 978-3-86331-243-5





**Peter Hallama/Stephan Stach (ed.): Gegengeschichte. Zweiter Weltkrieg und Holocaust im ostmitteleuropäischen Dissens. Leipzig 2015.**

Was there a “return to history” after 1989 in Central and Eastern Europe? Had historical memory previously been “frozen”? Undoubtedly, the ruling parties instrumentalised, suppressed and distorted history, especially the history of the Second World War. So far, little attention has been played to the dissidents in these countries that came to terms with history in their own ways. They proposed a variety of “counter histories” that ran counter to the prevailing communist narrative. With regard to the Holocaust, the expulsion of Germans or the non-communist resistance to National Socialism, they discussed sensitive or taboo subjects that have returned to the public debate since 1989. This volume presents these debates – in part for the first time – and analyses a part of the oppositional culture of history.

294 pages, hardcover, 29,00 euros

ISBN: 978-3-86583-933-6



**Elisabeth Desta/Ludwig Henne (project leaders): Redrawing Stories from the Past. Baltic comics Magazine š! #23. Riga 2015.**

With the gradual deaths of the last remaining eyewitnesses to National Socialism, it has become even more urgent to devise new concepts for remembrance. Within the project “Redrawing Stories from the Past”, artists and young people from various European countries explored the past and present together. In comics, they brought the forgotten stories of Nazi victims to light – with pen and paper they traced the different narratives in Western and Eastern Europe.

188 pages, 14,00 euros, in English language

ISBN: 978-9934-518-35-5



**Agentur für Bildung – Geschichte, Politik und Medien e. V. (ed.): LaG-Magazin “Diskriminierung damals und heute. Ein Thema in der internationalen Jugendarbeit”/**

**“Discrimination in the past and present – An international youth work topic”. Berlin 2015.**

The special issue of the magazine “Learning from History” was published at the initiative of EUROPEANS FOR PEACE, the youth exchange programme of the Foundation EVZ. The issue includes professional articles and examples from practice for international project work. The online magazine is published by the Agency for Education – History, Politics and Media, and the special issue is available in English and German. The authors, including Monique Eckmann, Michael Sauer, Anne Sophie Winkelmann and Steffen Jost, write about various aspects of contemporary and historical discrimination and exclusion in the context of international youth exchanges. They present exemplary youth projects, success factors and potential challenges for youth exchanges and international project work with young people.

81 pages, free download:

German: [http://lernen-aus-der-geschichte.de/sites/default/les/attach/januar\\_2015\\_-\\_diskriminierung\\_damals\\_und\\_heute.pdf](http://lernen-aus-der-geschichte.de/sites/default/les/attach/januar_2015_-_diskriminierung_damals_und_heute.pdf)

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**Benedikt Widmaier, Gerd Steffens (ed.): Politische Bildung nach Auschwitz.**  
Erinnerungsarbeit und Erinnerungskultur heute. Schwalbach/Ts. 2015.

Terms like “overcoming the past” or “remembrance culture” were not only constitutive, but have also long been formative for the self-understanding of political education in Germany since 1945. Especially in the context of the frequent remembrance years, the question arises of the extent to which Adorno’s famous formulation of “Education after Auschwitz” and his pedagogical premise and demand “that Auschwitz not happen again” still is or should still be central to political education today.

192 pages, paperback, 19,80 euros  
ISBN: 978-3734400698



**Dagi Knellessen/Ralf Possekel (ed.): Zeugnisformen. Berichte, Künstlerische Werke, Erzählungen von NS-Verfolgten. Band 1. Berlin 2015.**

Victims of National Socialism have left behind a variety of impressive testimonies: memoirs; literary, musical and artistic works, video interviews and last but not least, court testimonies. This anthology provides a comprehensive overview and presents pedagogical concepts for historical-political education.

308 pages, free download: <http://stiftung-evz.de/zeugnisformen>  
ISBN: 978-3-9813377-2-3 (online)/978-3-9813377-3-0 (print)



**Dagi Knellessen/Ralf Possekel (ed.): Zeugnisformen. From testimony to Story.**  
Video Interviews about Nazi crimes. Perspectives and Experiences in Four countries.  
Band 2. Berlin 2015.

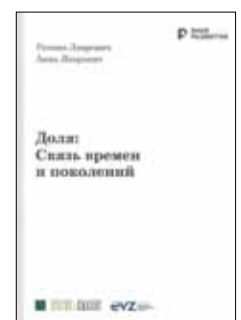
The English-language anthology focuses on educational concepts for video interviews with survivors of National Socialism from an international perspective. Experts from Israel, Poland, the Czech Republic and Germany present various collections of eyewitness interviews and discuss pedagogical approaches to these digital certificates of National Socialism.

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ISBN: 978-3-9813377-4-7 (online)/978-3-9813377-5-4 (print)



**Regina Lawrowitsch/Anna Lawrowitsch: Dolja: Brücke zwischen Zeiten und Generationen.**  
Minsk 2015.

The Russian-language brochure by the chair of the association “Dolja”, Regina A. Lawrowitsch, and her assistant, Anna P. Lawrowitsch, is being published on the occasion of the organisation’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Founded in 1995, the NGO “Dolja” (Fate) was one of the first organisations of victims of National Socialism in Belarus. The publication not only looks back on the eventful history of the association, but also gathers contributions on longer-term project work, through which “Dolja” has been connected to the Foundation EVZ since 2004. The band is rounded out by memories, biographies and photos from association members, as well as texts on the voluntary work and memories from young volunteers. The book was presented in Minsk on 4 May 2015.









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# FINANCIAL REPORT

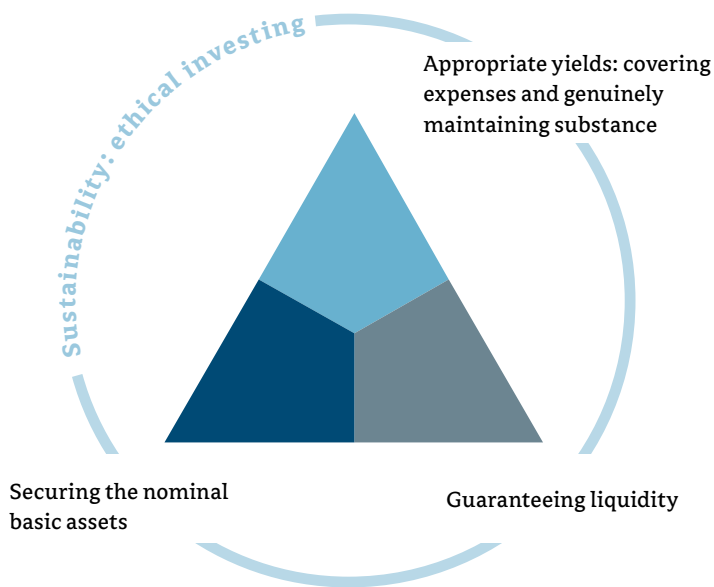
The Foundation EVZ was founded in 2000 with a total of 10.1 billion DM. Of this, 9.4 billion DM (4.8 billion euros) and interest accumulated were used to compensate former forced labourers and other victims of the Nazi regime and to cover the costs of organizing these payments. 700 million DM (358 million euros) represented the capital basis for the long-term funding of Foundation EVZ. After concluding payments in 2007, the main task of the foundation is to promote international projects in the foundation's three fields of activity. These activities are funded exclusively from the yields of the foundation's capital and occasionally financed using additional donations.

The capital investments of the foundation follow ethical criteria that are derived from the purpose of the foundation. Thematically speaking, the foundation focuses here on modern forms of forced labour and human rights violations in the working world. At companies where the foundation is invested in stocks or bonds, at issue are human rights violations in the realms of child labour, forced labour, and discrimination. To the extent possible, the supply chain as well is investigated. The concept follows the criteria of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), a sub-organisation of the United Nations.

Once a year, the foundation has its investments examined for violations of the exclusion criteria human rights violations and "modern forced labour". The Foundation EVZ commissioned a rating agency with developing a negative list that is especially catered to the specifications of the foundation. On the basis of this screening, all companies where violations of the defined exclusion criteria are found are confronted with the accusations and in writing asked to respond. Those companies that do not respond are removed from the investments. The answers submitted are subjected to further analysis until a decision can be made. In addition, the foundation's financial service providers are examined under ethical criteria and, if necessary, collaboration is ended. In recent years, a number of companies were removed from the investments due to various controversies, including Royal Dutch Shell, Apple, Wal-Mart Stores, Barrick Gold, Exxon Mobil, Mitsubishi, Seven & I Holdings and Sony.

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## INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES



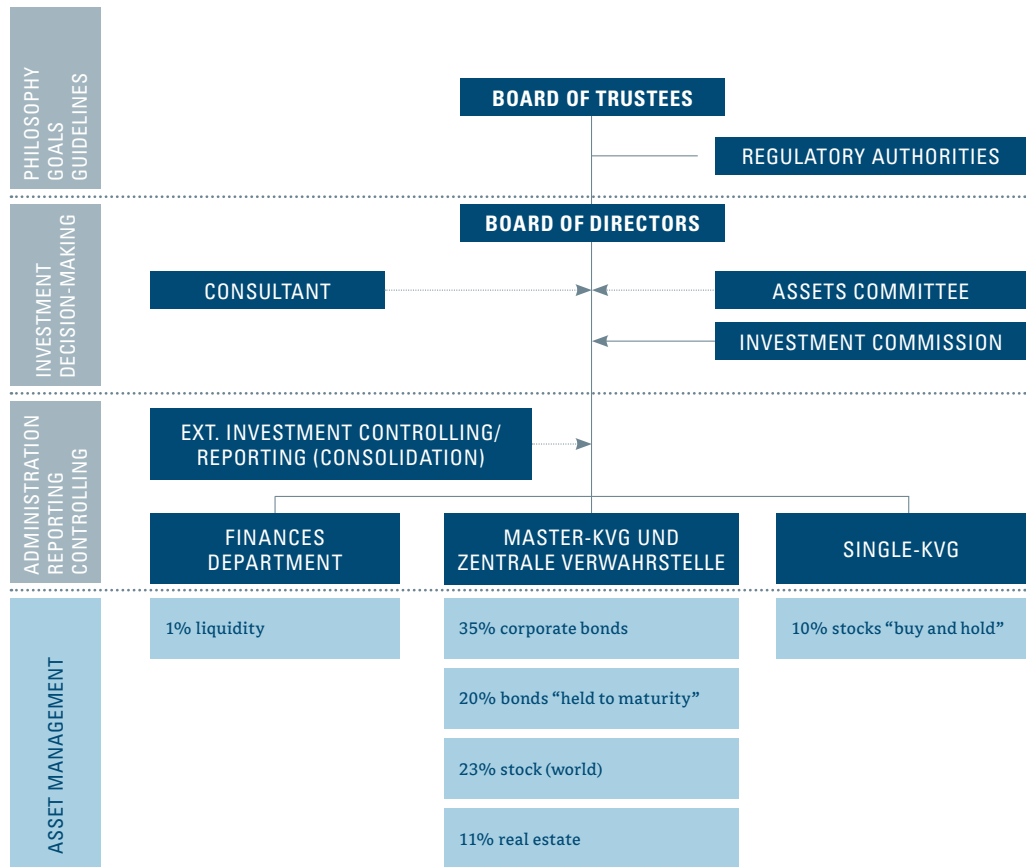
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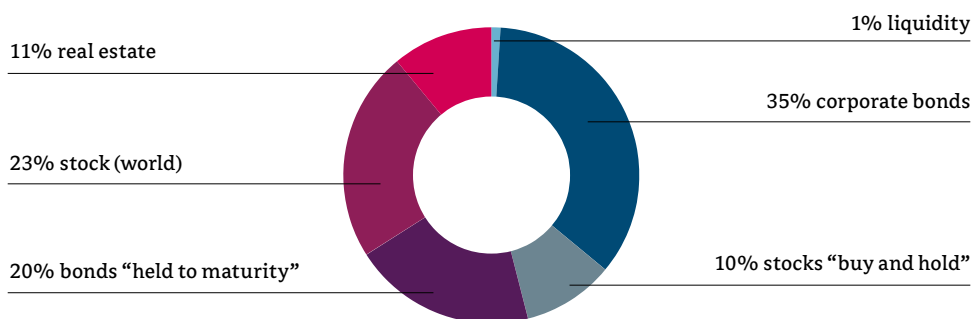
In September 2014, a second special assets fund was established with a volume of 10 percent of the allocation to generate attractive dividend yields for the Foundation in the framework of an “buy and hold” stock mandate. The titles were entered into the balance sheet as continuous acquisition costs.

The foundation’s assets were worth 490.6 million euros on 31 December 2015.

## INVESTMENT ORGANIZATION



## INVESTMENT CLASSES





## INVESTMENT GOALS

In its investment policy, the Foundation EVZ pursues three main goals. On the one hand, sufficient funds should be available to cover funding activities and the administrative costs with a manageable risk. In so doing, this is to avoid covering running costs with a high-risk reshuffling of assets. On the other hand, the capital is to be maintained at its real, that is, inflation-protected value. Finally, it must be insured that at any time sufficient liquidity is available for the running costs. All three goals were (more than) fulfilled in the fiscal year 2015.

## MEMBERS, ASSETS COMMITTEE (AS OF DECEMBER 2015)

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The illustration on p. 102 depicts the structure of financial administration at the foundation. The financial goals, derived from the charter, statutes, and directives from the Board of Trustees, are implemented by the foundation's Board of Directors. The Board in turn consults with various committees to assist in decision-making. The Assets Committee advises the foundation's Board of Directors in strategic questions of capital investment, the Investment Commission is responsible for tactical investment decisions. In addition, specialized consultants also support the decision-making process.

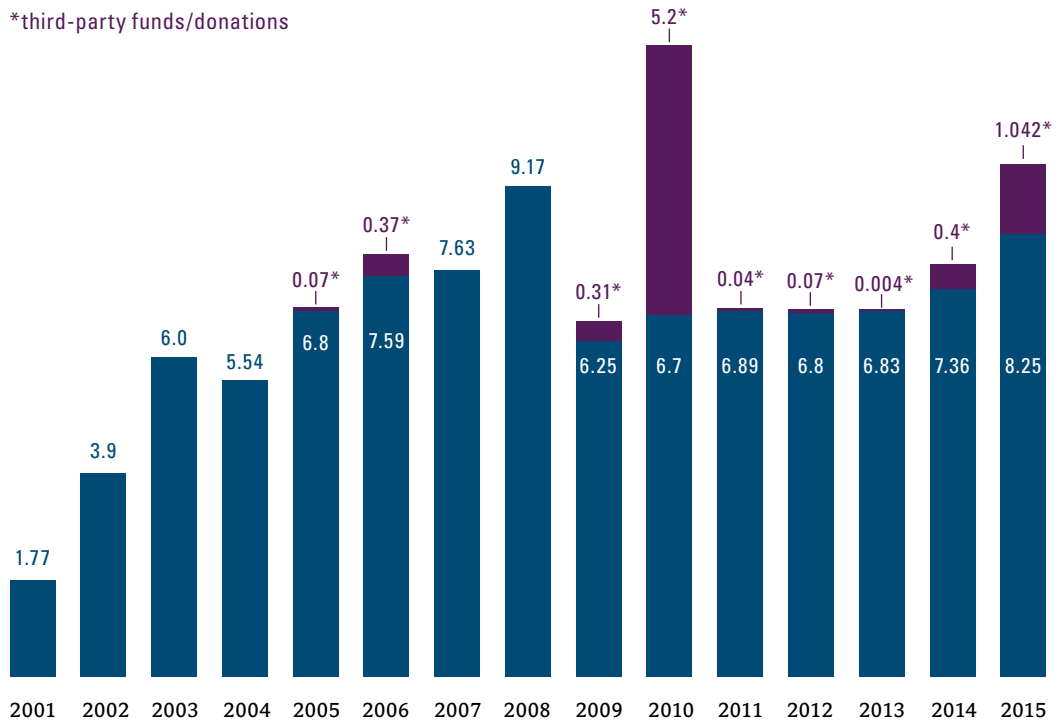
In daily operations, assets management is handled by a capital management company in a so-called "MASTER KVG" with a central deposit. The key part of assets management is handled by specialized investment managers. The investment class liquidity is held directly by the finances division and administered accordingly. The consolidation of both realms to ascertain performance and other key variables takes place by way of external reporting. This specialized service provider also has the task of managing running investment controlling. The admissible decision-making framework directors, is stipulated in detail for all those involved in the form of investment guidelines, contracts, internal process descriptions decided by the Board of Directors.

The several eye principle and the requirements of corporate governance in the realm of capital investment are implemented across the board. All decision-making processes are recorded in writing and subject to external examination. In recent years, the investment organisation of the Foundation EVZ has been awarded with distinction several times by renowned expert journals.

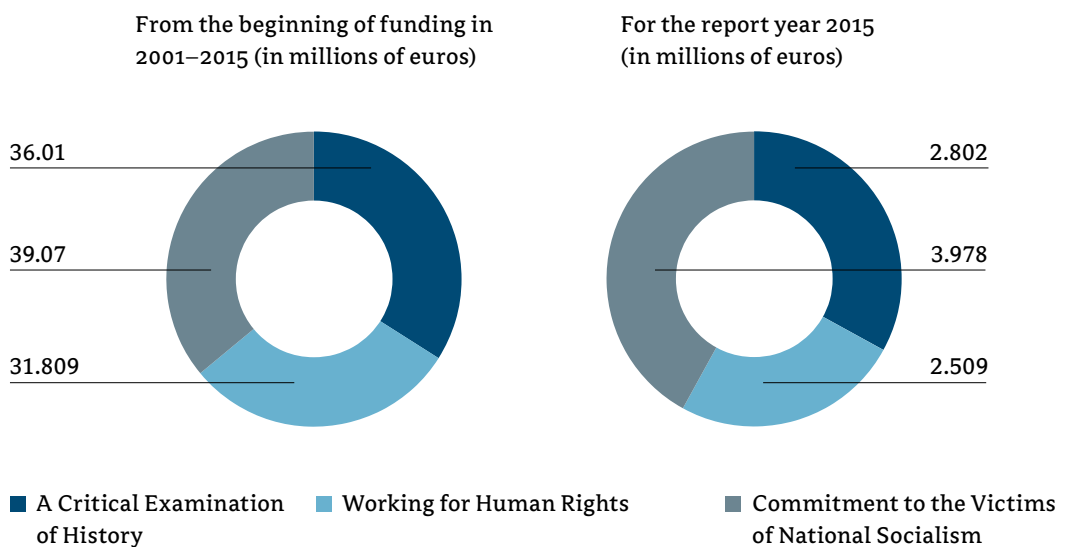
## FUNDING ACTIVITIES

### ANNUAL FUNDING (IN MILLIONS OF EUR)

\*third-party funds/donations



### FUNDING VOLUME ACCORDING TO FIELD OF ACTIVITY (INCLUDING THIRD-PARTY FUNDS AND DONATIONS)



## KEY FIGURES, 2015

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### EXCERPT FROM THE BALANCE SHEET (in compliance with the German Commercial Code)

<b>Assets</b>	
Financial assets	435.8 million euros
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Foundation capital	357.9 million euros
Assets maintenance fund	67.6 million euros
Deferred liabilities	2.7 million euros
Liabilities due to project funding	6.3 million euros
<b>Balance</b>	<b>436.2 million euros</b>

### EXCERPT, BALANCE OF YIELDS AND COSTS

Foundation management costs	8 million euros
Staffing costs	2.7 million euros
Public relations	0.11 million euros
Other administrative costs	0.66 million euros

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### COSTS OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

In 2015, the costs of asset management were 1.16 million euros, consisting of costs for the depot bank, capital management company, manager fees, costs of consulting and investment reporting and controlling. These costs are paid directly using the special fund of the foundation and calculated against running yields.

### AUDITING

The annual balance sheet of the Foundation EVZ is calculated according to the principles of the German Commercial Code by an accounting firm. The Federal Office for Central Services and Unresolved Property Issues (BADV) audits annually the foundation's calculations, budgeting and business management. Audits comply with the regulations of the German Commercial Code with the assistance of the Federal Central Tax Office. The auditing of budgeting and business management complies with the regulations of the Federal Budget Code. At irregular intervals, audits are performed by the Federal Audit Office.



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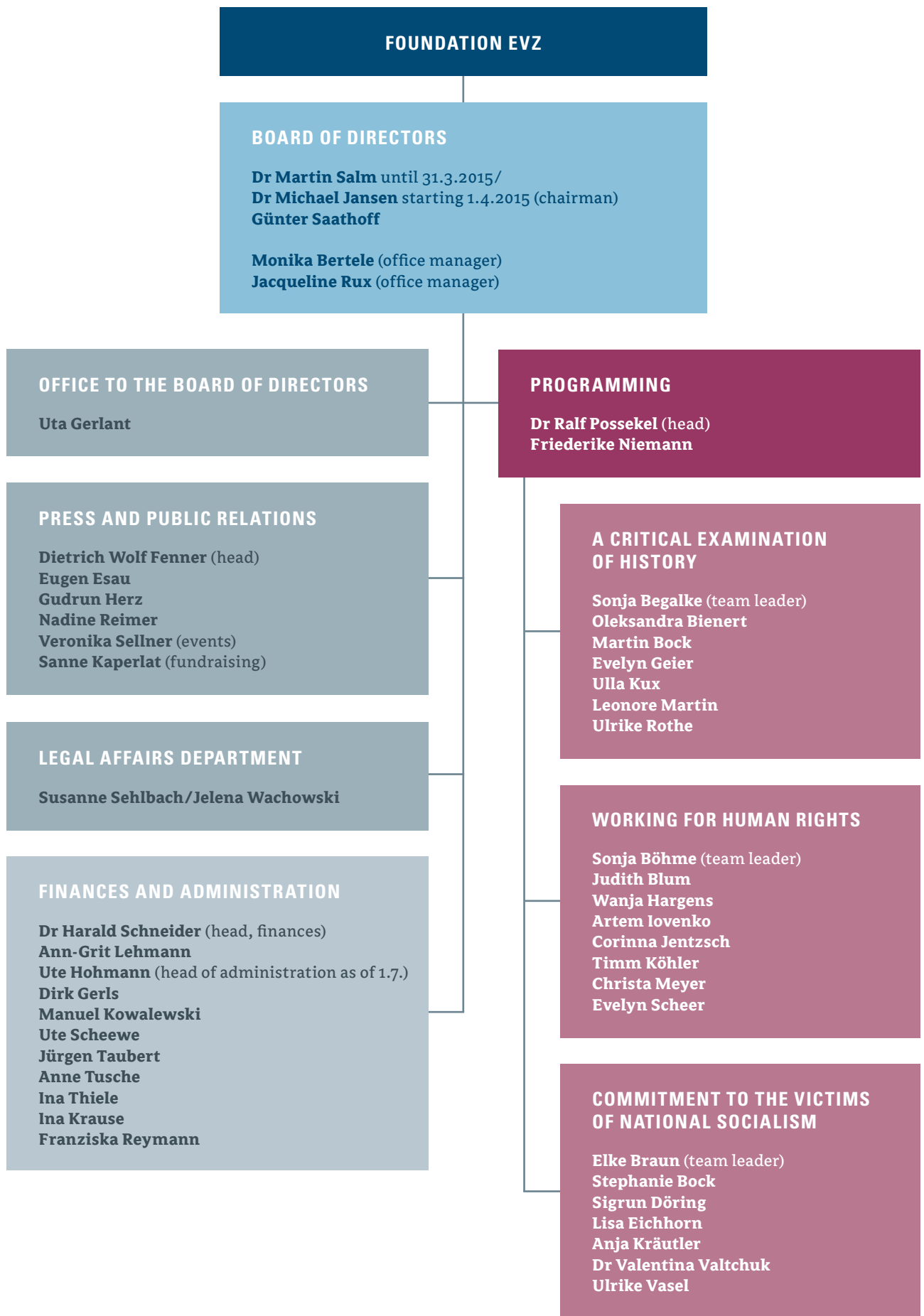
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Team and directors of the Foundation EVZ as of December 2015





As of December 2015

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In selecting projects, evaluating various concepts, and awarding prizes, we rely on the expertise of our committees and juries, and we thank them for their committed work and support.

## A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF HISTORY

### FORCED LABOUR AND FORGOTTEN VICTIMS

#### Jury

**Prof. Michael Wildt**, professor for twentieth century German history with a focus on National Socialism, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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**Dr Imke Hansen**, staff of the Hugo Valentin Centre of the Uppsala University Hugo Valentin Centre, Uppsala University

**Prof. Alvydas Nikžentaitis**, president, Lithuanian Society of Historians

**Dr Karola Fings**, deputy director, NS-Dokumentationszentrums der Stadt Köln

**Dr Tetiana Pastushenko**, research assistant at the Institute of Ukrainian History, Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, Kiev

## WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

### EUROPEANS FOR PEACE

#### Jury

**Awi Blumenfeld**, chairman of the Historical Commission, Claims Conference, Joseph Carlebach Institute (JCI), Tel Aviv, Israel

**Dr Christoph Hamann**, fellow at the Landesinstitut für Schule und Medien Berlin-Brandenburg (LISUM), Ludwigsfelde, Germany

**Jan Krebs**, project leader in the exhibition *7 × jung – Dein Trainingsplatz für Zusammenhalt und Respekt bei Gesicht Zeigen!*, Berlin, Germany

**Charlene Krüger**, history/biology teacher at the integrated secondary school Max-Beckmann-Oberschule, Berlin, Germany

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**Christine Mähler**, psychologist and mediator, managing director of *ConAct – Koordinierungszentrum Deutsch-Israelischer Jugendaustausch*, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany

**Prof. Dr Astrid Messerschmidt**, visiting professor at Technische Universität Darmstadt, Institut für Allgemeine Pädagogik und Berufspädagogik, with a focus on gender/diversity, Darmstadt, Germany

**Prof. Dr Vadim Oswalt**, professor for historical didactics, Historisches Institut, Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen

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## **FACING ANTISEMITISM AND ANTIGYPSYISM – FUNDING PROGRAMME AGAINST ANTISEMITISM AND ANTIGYPSYISM**

### **Jury**

**Dr hab. Jolanta Ambrosewics-Jacobs**, professor and director of the Center for Holocaust Studies at the University of Krakow, long-standing member of the Polish delegation of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)

**Costel Bercus**, political scientist, former chairman of the Roma Education Fund, Bucharest, Romania

**Anetta Kahane**, journalist, chairman of the Amadeu Antonio Foundation, Berlin

**Stefan Kramer**, former secretary general of the Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland, and former representatives of the American Jewish Congress for Europe, Berlin

**Anna Lenchovska**, representative of the Shoah Foundation Ukraine and head of the Congress of National Minority Groups in the Ukraine, Kiev

**Stephan Müller**, political scientist, former programme director at the European Roma Rights Center (ERRC), Budapest, Hungary

**Prof. Dr Barbara Schäuble**, professor for “Diversitätsbewusste Ansätze in Theorie und Praxis” at the Alice Salomon Hochschule, Berlin



## **SOGIDARITY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

### **JURY FOR LITHUANIA, RUSSIA, UKRAINE**

**Natalija Bitiukova**, deputy director of the Human Rights Monitoring Institute in Vilnius, Lithuania

**Anna Dovgopol**, coordinator of the programme for gender democracy and LGBT at the Heinrich Böll Foundation Ukraine

**Yuri Dzhibladze**, director of the Moscow Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Development, representative of the “Civic Solidarity Platform” and “EU-Russia Civil Society Forum”

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**Igor Nikolayevitch Lushnikov**, president of the NGO International Foundation Understanding and Tolerance, Kiev

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