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PRESS RELEASE

International Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation meets in Gdansk

Gdansk as venue for Board of Trustees Meeting and Information Exchange with Partner Organisations

Berlin, 19 June 2019 – Following its visit to Prague last year, the Board of Trustees of the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) is meeting in Gdansk on 19 June 2019. The meeting of the Committee, which is made up of representatives from eight nations, is to take place at the Museum of the Second World War.

“We are very pleased to have the opportunity to hold our meeting in such a highly symbolic city as Gdansk – 30 years following the Peaceful Revolution in the GDR, for which the Solidarność movement was a profound source of inspiration. Not only against this backdrop is it today of central importance to the EVZ Foundation to maintain its role as reliable civil society partner in Central and Eastern Europe through its funding activities”, commented Dr. Jörg Freiherr Frank von Fürstenwerth, who will be representing Dr. Harald Braun as Chairman of the Board of Trustees until a new chairman is elected. Dr. Braun resigned from the Board of Trustees at the end of May 2019 for personal reasons.

On the eve of the meeting, the Board of Trustees gained insight at the European Solidarity Centre [*Europäisches Zentrum Solidarność*] into new projects supported by the EVZ Foundation. The Foundation for “Polish-German Reconciliation” [*Stiftung Polnisch-Deutsche Aussöhnung*] reported on its wide-ranging work with survivors of National Socialism and young people. The KARTA Centre Foundation [*Stiftung Zentrum KARTA*] presented the Polish version of the web application “Learning with Interviews. Forced Labour 1939-1945” [*Lernen mit Interviews: Zwangsarbeit 1939-1945*], which was launched at the end of May 2019. Last but not least, Humanity in Action Poland presented its pilot project “Impact Hub. Social Up! Actions for Change”, which focuses on combating hate speech.

The Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation

The Board of Trustees decides on all the fundamental issues within

the scope of responsibility of the EVZ Foundation, in particular regarding budget approval. The Board, made up of international members, issues guidelines for the use of the funds. Each serving a four-year term, the 27 members are delegates of the German Bundestag and Bundesrat, the German business community and the countries and organisations involved in the international negotiations regarding the Foundation's establishment, among others. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and his deputy are appointed by Germany's Federal Chancellor.

About the EVZ Foundation and its funding priorities

The EVZ Foundation was established in the year 2000 to provide compensation for forced labour during the period of National Socialism. Since 2001 the EVZ Foundation has also been making humanitarian aid available for survivors, fostering the discussion about the past and strengthening civic involvement in Central and Eastern Europe.

For more information about the fields of activities of the EVZ Foundation, visit www.stiftung-evz.de.

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