

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	MEMORIAL DE LA SHOAH OFFICE NATIONAL DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS ET VICTIMES DE GUERRE PANSTWOWE MUZEUM AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU W OSWIECIMIU YPOURGEIO PAIDEIAS, THRSKEVMATON KAI ATHLITISMOU THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF GREECE Stiftung Gedenkstätten Sachsen-Anhalt MINISTARSTVO ZNANOSTI, OBRAZOVANJA I MLADIH
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Project name and acronym:	Network of European Youth for Holocaust Remembrance — NESHAMA

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP8
Event name:	4th online testimonial meeting with a European personality related to the Holocaust
Type:	Training
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online
Date(s):	6 May 2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.memorialdelashoah.org/neshama.html
Participants	
Female:	125
Male:	56

Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [POLAND]:	48		
From country 2 [CROATIA]:	31		
From country 3 [GERMANY]:	15		
From country 4 [FRANCE]:	38		
From country 5 [GREECE]:	49		
Total number of participants:	181	From total number of countries:	5

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Objectives of the session

The 4th online testimony session was dedicated to the theme “Holocaust Remembrance”, in correlation with the 4th online lecture. Who better than Ms Beate Klarsfeld to embody Europe, Holocaust Remembrance and dedication. Who better than Ms. Beate Klarsfeld could embody a European citizen’s commitment to Holocaust remembrance: first as a young German woman, then as an activist alongside her husband, she fought her entire life to track down Nazi criminals and worked tirelessly to preserve the memory of the Holocaust. Formerly known as “nazi hunter” along with her husband Serge, Beate Klarsfeld dedicated her whole life to finding nazi criminals and taking them to court but also to making the memory of victims alive by its work for Holocaust Remembrance.

As a non-Jewish German, who knew nothing about the Holocaust before coming to France, working in the Franco-German reconciliation and meeting her husband Serge, Beate embodies a European figure, pro-europeist, who believe in a Europe free of war. She became famous when slapping former nazi and West German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger, launching a series of actions for Germany to recognize its past.

A role model for young students wondering how to take action against discrimination and antisemitism, and how to commit to preserving the memory of the Holocaust. An essential presentation that will remain etched in the minds of the Young Ambassadors for a long time to come.

Biography of the lecturer: Beate KLARSFELD

Beate Klarsfeld is an activist of German origin dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust who, for several decades, has fought against the presence of former Nazis among German political leaders, for the prosecution of war criminals, against antisemitism, and for the defense of Jewish communities around the world, alongside her husband, the Frenchman Serge Klarsfeld.

Born Beate Künzel on February 13, 1939, in Berlin into a Protestant family, she moved to Paris as a young au pair, where she met and married Serge Klarsfeld in November 1963. The father of Serge had previously been murdered at the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp.

While working as a secretary at the Franco-German Youth Office¹, Beate was dismissed in 1967 after exposing the Nazi past of West German Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger. She became internationally known for publicly slapping Kiesinger in November 1968. As a leading figure among youth protesting the complacency of part of German society regarding its Nazi past, she also carried out several protest campaigns in Eastern Europe and in Arab countries to denounce antisemitism and express her support for Israel, while pursuing former Nazi criminals with her husband Serge.

In 2012, Beate was chosen by the party “Die Linke” as a candidate in the German presidential election. In 2015, Beate and Serge were appointed honorary ambassadors and special envoys of UNESCO for Holocaust education and genocide prevention.

Beate is the author of *Wherever They May Be*, Special Edition, 1972, and, with Serge Klarsfeld, *Memoirs*, Fayard/Flammarion, 2015, translated into several languages. *Nazi Hunter: The Beate Klarsfeld Story*, an American television film by Frédéric Hunter and Michael Lindsay-Hogg, 1986.

Moderated by the Coordinator of the project, all testimonial meetings took place on Zoom and were followed by a Q&A session between the Ambassadors and the speaker. The sessions were only

accessible to members of the NESHAMA network (ambassadors, teachers and partners). Each partner and/or teacher ensured locally that ambassadors were present at the session and signed the attendance lists.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).