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Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

7 events for teachers and educators have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 43 citizens, including 15 participants from Serbia, 15 participants from Croatia, 07 participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 6 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Belgrade, Serbia, from 08/01/2019 to 10/01/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to address the common historical legacy between Croatia, Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In this regard, the Holocaust plays a key role to build "bridges" between communities in terms of recognition, responsibilities, and duty to remember. National textbook review, pedagogical tools against Anti-Semitism, and the tour in the camp of Staro Sajmište lead the way to a shared legacy.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 50 citizens, including 15 participants from Albania, 15 participants from Serbia, 15 participants from North Macedonia and 5 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Skopje, North Macedonia, from 26/03/2019 to 28/03/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss the Holocaust and mass atrocity events related to WWII in this region by understanding the complexity of divergent national narratives. For the first time, the teachers from the 3 countries addressed together sensitive issues and tried to build up a common reflection on educational contemporary challenges.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 47 citizens, including 15 participants from Italy, 10 participants from Slovenia, 15 participants from Croatia and 7 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Trieste, Italy, from 09/07/2019 to 11/07/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss topics like antisemitism, the history of Jewish communities in the region of Trieste, the Nazi occupation and the Holocaust in the Adriatic region, mass killings in Istria during WW2, Foibe massacres after the war, conspiracy theory, border issues in 1918 and 1945

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 18 participants from Greece, 17 participants from North Macedonia and 5 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Skopje, North Macedonia, from 13/12/2019 to 15/12/2019

Short description: The dialogue for teachers between Greece and North Macedonia is a very important as a first of its kind thanks to the support of the public educational authorities and the Memorial of North Macedonian Jews. For 3 days, the group of educators worked on the best pedagogical practices for Holocaust Education.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 46 citizens, including 22 participants from Hungary, 18 participants from the city of Slovakia and 6 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Budapest, Hungary, from 17/02/2020 to 19/02/2020

Short description: It was the first meeting between Hungarian and Slovak teachers to compare and share their legacy related to the Holocaust. Topics as gender violence within the Holocaust or anti Judaism-Antisemitism were also at the heart of the discussions. Zachor Foundation and Cedin brought the 40 educators to the Mémorial of the Shoes on the Danube.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 19 participants from Greece, 16 participants from North Macedonia and 5 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place online, from 26/10/2020 to 27/10/2020 and from 02/11/2020 to 03/11/2020.

Short description: The second round of this regional dialogue between Greece and North Macedonia was implemented online due to the pandemic. Preference was given to interactivity and pedagogical workshops on the problematics of racial prejudice or anti-Semitism on social networks. During the training, the trainees also built up a common learning activity on the Holocaust which was disseminated within the group.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 42 citizens, including 20 participants from Spain, 16 participants from Portugal and 6 participants from France.

Location / Dates: The event took place online, from 13/11/2020 to 17/11/2020

Short description: Taking the Holocaust as starting point, the participants addressed together the mass atrocities related to both countries under colonization, slavery and gender violence within the Holocaust. The goal was to provide knowledge about key issues related to the Iberic peninsula ("cleanliness of blood") and challenging competing memories. A follow-up meeting was proposed to the teachers 6 months after the training.