2020-2023 CONNECTING MEMORY»

We would like to share with you our joint accomplishments within the framework of the «Connecting Memory» project over the past four years (2020–2023).

For two years we worked under the influence of a COVID-19 pandemic and for the next two under conditions of full-scale war.

In the context of the Russian aggression against Ukraine and the danger to the democratic world order, the study of the tragic past and the restoration of memory of the forgotten victims of Germany's genocidal policy in Ukraine have acquired a new importance. We are impressed by the active commitment of our local partners, who continue their work and seek to integrate the memory of the Holocaust into school curricula and public activities.

2020-2023

Unfortunately, we have not yet received information about continued funding for our project from the German Federal Foreign Office. We very much hope that public initiatives launched within the framework of our project will continue to receive expert support and resources for exchange and further development in future, because the network established with local partners has huge potential.

ACHIEVEMENTS WITH OUR PARTNERS TO DATE



WORK WITH SITES OF MEMORY



Development and maintenance of 24 sites of memory

By 24 February 2022, at all sites where memorials were erected and funded by the project, local autonomous bodies had taken over the responsibility for their upkeep. After this date, due to a lack of funds in local communities, the need for maintenance of the sites appeared again



Installation of information plaques about the local history of the Holocaust in Holoby, Sobolivka, Raihorod, Mizoch and Kysylyn

Documentation of landscapes of memory — LiDAR surveys

Development of the memorial sites in Sobolivka and Holoby, Kolodyanka and Kysylyn

Regular commemorative ceremonies at the project sites



WORK WITH COMMUNITIES AND INITIATIVES



3 1 Quents and local projects dedicated to commemoration and the preservation of local cultural heritage

Development of a network of

4 Unitiatives from various communities across Ukraine



Cooperation with

23 mentors, experts working in the field of commemorative culture and cultural and project management

Work with local museums: updating exhibitions

Psychological support for project partners, both individual and in groups Regular moderated online meetings of the initiatives, online meetings of experts and discussions of current research approximately

In-depth interviews and preparation of a report on the significance of the Protecting Memory project with psychologist Maryna Chernivsky

Touring exhibition about the work of the project, which visited

communities across Ukraine Docudays UA: presentation and discussion of films in 1

across Ukraine

new active documentary film clubs in small communities across Ukraine



Project Discourses of War Analysis of public discourse about the events of World War II in the context of a full-scale Russian war

> tens of thousands of sources were collected, a report was prepared with a quantitative and qualitative interpretation of key sources

Hilfsnetzwerk

Financial support for those persecuted under National Socialism in Ukraine

Ukrainian Hour Berlin

Co-organisation of 6 out of 10 online meetings in 2023 with Ukrainian experts and participants of the «Connecting Memory» working in the field of commemorative culture

Docudays UA

Supplementing the collection of Docudays UA documentaries with 5 films that provide information on the subject of the Holocaust and creating transcripts for moderated discussions of these films

DIGITAL PRESERVATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF LANDSCAPES OF HISTORY AND MEMORY



Development of an online OMEKA archive

with information about the Holocaust at 9 project sites





Cooperation with Osnabrück University

regarding the potential of working with historical aerial photographs

Spaces of memory

A project to photograph local memorial sites related to World War II in 9 communities, covering more than 120 settlements (mainly rural areas)

HISTORICAL WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS



historical publications on the local history of the Holocaust

Primary source published for the first time in two languages (English and Ukrainian)



Jack Glotzer. I Survived the Holocaust Against All Odds

1000 copies / 750 distributed

Republished in an adapted version for middle-school students (Ukrainian)



The Daughter We Had Always Wanted – The Story of Marta

2000 copies / 970 distributed

New edition of a methodological collection of primary sources (Ukrainian)



From the First Person: The History of the Holocaust in Eyewitnesses Testimonies

500 copies / 440 distributed

The Ukrainian-Belarusian version was prepared, published and distributed to researchers and libraries

Catalogue of the exhibition

Mass Shootings. The Holocaust from the Baltic to the Black Sea 1941-1944

2000 copies / 720 distributed

RECORDINGS OF WITNESS TESTIMONIES AND PUBLIC HISTORY (PODCASTS AND TRANSCRIPTS)



After Silence

Interviews with witnesses to the Holocaust

After Silence

Wordless documentary film and a learning scenario for its discussion

Public screenings were organised in 12 communities involved in the «Connecting Memory» project

and more than 20 additional locations both in and outside «Connecting Memory» and Ukraine,

and were also made available for screenings in 401 documentary film clubs of the Docudays UA network



Podcast How we Survived -- Part Two

episodes about the various ways in which residents of the Ukrainian territories experienced World War II. Posted on many public platforms

Learning scenarios for schools based on the podcast How we Survived — Part Two

scenarios, tested with schoolchildren, transferred to community initiatives for piloting. Piloting will take place in January 2024



Podcast of the Hulyaipole initiative Two centuries of history. Conversations about the war and the reconstruction of Hulyaipole

GEOGRAPHY OF «CONNECTING MEMORY» IN UKRAINE





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