

## E-FoR – Education for Remembrance

### International Meeting

Date: February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2010

Venue: Jasenovac, Croatia



*The participants of the seminar in front of the Flower Memorial in Jasenovac*

The international meeting united representatives of partners and other civil society organisations who discussed different projects of remembrance education and new methods.

**Presentations** on diverse relevant subjects informed the participants about best practices from other institutions and gave them background knowledge. The meeting included presentations of the educational methods of the partners: Jasenovac Memorial, the Junction, the Institute of National History and the Caen Memorial made presentations on this subject, as did ALDA and a Local Democracy Agency. The meeting further included a theoretical presentation about the importance of remembrance for younger Europeans and active citizenship. In the discussion following this presentation, participants stated that projects like the present one are an excellent starting point, but suggested that creating a network to share and exchange experience on this issue could be a great opportunity to increase the value of memorial activities in cooperation with young educators, teachers, professors and researchers.

A **guided tour** of the Jasenovac Memorial as well as the Donia Gradina site, on the other bank of the river Sava in Bosnia and Herzegovina, was also part of the programme. It allowed all participants to get a close insight of how a historical site can be used for remembrance education and inspired them for the further discussions.

Participants then divided into **working groups** that discussed their ideas for the content of an educational booklet on remembrance. Because of the different background of participants the participants decided to focus on different target groups (children, young, adult group). The results of the discussions in these workshops were tested in the local events and integrated into the final publication of E-FoR (attached to this report).

In the last session of the Seminar, the Europe for Citizens programme and possibilities to apply for another call on Action 4 were presented to the partners.

The group then brainstormed about possible activities for the new project. The most important idea was to develop a European network starting from this first experience. To this aim, the group developed ideas for international conferences attracting further participants to the network. This idea will be realised in the project “PEACE – Peace Education for Active Citizenship in Europe”, which was granted for funding by the EACEA in 2010. Other financing ideas included the Rockefeller Foundation and the Croatian state. Most participants also stressed the importance to continue to support and work at the local level.



*Participants discussing in working groups*

Moreover the Seminar hosted participants from the museum of Prijedor who expressed the intention to cooperate with Jasenovac Memorial. ALDA proposed a training for Prijedor curators in Jasenovac, to which the staff of Jasenovac Memorial agreed.

Another external participant was the association Terra del Fuoco (<http://www.terradelfuoco.org>), which is active in Nova Gorica and works on borders relations (historical researches, exhibitions and study visits MEMOBUS). They discussed with ALDA the opportunity to be involved in the new project on Remembrance and are now partners of the PEACE project.

**See next page for programme.**

Day	Morning : 9 -13		Afternoon : 14.30 -17.00	
22 <sup>ND</sup> February	Arrival	<b>L u n c h  B r e a k</b>	Welcome Addresses Introduction to the topics and working methods	
23 <sup>RD</sup> February	<p>Education for Remembrance</p> <p><b>Memorial of Jasenovac Site :</b></p> <p>The experiences of Jasenovac Memorial</p> <p>Present, past and future</p> <p>Museum and educational centre</p>		<p><b>Remembrance and education for Europe</b></p> <p>Relevance of remembrance for younger generations</p> <p>Views and aims for the future</p> <p>How to combine education for remembrance and active citizenship</p> <p>The experience of ALDA and the LDAs in the Balkans</p>	
24 <sup>TH</sup> February	<p>Education for remembrance:</p> <p><b>The experience of Institute of National History</b> presentation institution examples brief presentation of the historical textbooks for primary and secondary education</p> <p><b>Memorial of Caen :</b> History for peace</p>		<p><b>The Junction : building reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>Contribution from all the participants</b></p> <p>WORKSHOP :</p> <p>Preparation of the educational formats on remembrance and active citizenship</p>	
25 <sup>TH</sup> February	<p>Remembrance and active citizenship : discussion and production of a common project</p>		<p><b>ANOTHER PROJECT IS POSSIBLE</b></p> <p>Evaluation of the meeting</p>	
26 <sup>TH</sup> February	Departure			