

Network Guidelines for the project „Multiperspective Holocaust Remembrance in Contemporary Europe“ (MuRem)

The project „Multiperspective Holocaust Remembrance in Contemporary Europe“ (short: MuRem) is funded by the European Union within the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) and is running from 01.04.2022 – 31.03.2024.

The project is coordinated by the Berlin-based organization *Minor – Projektkontor für Bildung und Forschung* (Minor – project office for education and research, short: Minor).

Goals

The aim of the project is to critically reflect and strengthen multiperspectivity and interdisciplinarity in European Holocaust Education by taking into account the diversity of memory cultures and their consequences for the present. Existing approaches to Holocaust Education, which encourage a critical examination of Antisemitism, racism, and all forms of extremism in the 20th century and today, are to be explored and further developed.

Multiperspectivity as an approach and concept is increasingly present in current discourses around the present challenges of Holocaust Remembrance and Education in Europe. The term “multiperspectivity” is very broad and can be interpreted in many ways: in terms of topics (transhistorical and transregional connection lines, different historical roles and sources), different actors’ perspectives, target groups and teams, methodology, interdisciplinarity and others.

In our network we want to find out more about:

- What multiperspectivity means precisely in different European regional and institutional contexts,
- how it is put into practice,
- and what role this approach plays in dealing with contemporary challenges of Holocaust Remembrance and Education.

In order to spread awareness on various issues and approaches in Europe and to provide a basis for exchange and mutual learning, it is important for us to have a wide variety of perspectives, both regionally and in terms of the type of institutions represented in our network.

Moreover, in addition to our focus on the regionally diverse perspectives, we would like to engage with questions of how the topic of multiperspectivity touches on fundamental issues of Holocaust education and its goals today:

- How can we reach people who have no or little interest in the history of Holocaust and do not feel connected to it
- How do we show the relevance of the past for the present without instrumentalizing or banalizing the Holocaust and Nazi crimes and their commemoration?
- What is our mission in Holocaust education? What are we responsible for (or not)?

MuRem Network Partners

The MuRem Network is open to all kinds of educational institutions/organizations of remembrance work from European countries in the field, e. g. museums, memorials, research institutions and networks, NGOs and grassroots organizations and teachers.

The current network partners of the founding phase can be found on the MuRem website. We have a great interest in attracting new partners throughout the duration of the project. To become a member of the network and be included into the network's activities, please contact the project team (a.hampel@minor-kontor.de).

Activities

Along with a Europe-wide survey, overview analysis of current challenges and novel approaches to Holocaust-related educational work, the participating institutions will exchange ideas in two large online-events and several key topic workshops on site:

- Kick-off-Workshop in Berlin (November 2022)
- Online event and presentation of the survey (February 2023)
- 3 on site workshops, places to be determined (expected in May 2023, October/November 2023 and February 2024)
- Final online conference (expected in March-June 2024)

The network partners are expected to take part in these events, if possible, and promote them in their networks. The goal is to hold workshops at various locations and to learn more specifically about the approaches on site. Network partners are welcome to submit their workshop location proposals to the project team.

In addition, a Europe-wide survey will be conducted with the aim of finding out more on the 'state of art' of multiperspectivity in European Holocaust education. The survey will be prepared by the project coordinator in cooperation with the network partners. The results will be presented at the online event in February 2023 and disseminated from February-April 2023. The project partners are expected to fill out the survey and distribute it in their networks. The results of the survey will be analyzed and published on the project website to then be discussed in the forthcoming workshops and conference.

Publications / Outcomes

The main results of the project will be published on the project website. This includes:

- An overview of the growing MuRem network
- Event documentation
- Examples for multiperspective approaches from the network (methods, tools, publications etc.) as a tool-kit
- Articles and publications, e. g. the publication of the survey outcomes

If you want to publish contents that are related to the MuRem project (event documentations, outcomes etc.) please discuss this with the project team first and wait for confirmation. All publications must comply with the publication and data protection requirements in the Project Grant Agreement and must refer to the funding by the European Union.

Code of Conduct and Anti-Discrimination Statement

In order to create a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment for mutual learning and exchange, the MuRem network partners treat each other with respect, fairness and equality. We want to benefit from the diversity of our positions and perspectives. We do not tolerate any form of discrimination, marginalization, abuse, insulting behaviors, hurtful language, and violence.

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