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In June 2010, a three-days-workshop in Sarajevo brought together 25 representatives of memorials and NGOs working on dealing with the past-issues from Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), Croatia and Serbia on the one hand and from France and Germany on the other. The aim was to give them the possibility to make acquaintance, to learn about the existing initiatives in the different countries and to assess whether it would make sense to develop trans-European exchange and cooperation in the future. The reactions to the workshop were very positive, and the group underlined its willingness and the importance to continue, develop and deepen exchanges in this field, especially around the questions how to deal with memory sites and under which conditions memory work can contribute to reconciliation processes. On the basis and in continuation to this promising start, a study trip and a second workshop will take place in October 2011, which will also be opened to other interested organizations and which will allow to go deeper in the common work and exchange of experiences. The leading question of this workshop will be the following: "Should and can memory sites bring conflicting memories together? If yes, how?" The work will be mainly articulated around three focus groups: 1. the challenge of the conservation and the design of memory sites, 2. the challenge of educational and pedagogical approaches in the framework of such sites, especially concerning younger persons and 3. the challenge of how to reach a larger public, and here also especially younger persons, in order to involve them in a constructive dealing with the past process concerning memory sites. This second workshop will be an important step in order to strengthen the existing cooperation and to build a basis for further exchange of experience, mutual capacity-building and the realization of common projects, with the perspective to develop a long term-process of trans-European cooperation between Western/Central Europe and the Western Balkans in the field of dealing with difficult pasts around memory sites.

Program Study Trip and Workshop 2011

Study Trip:

Monday, October 17:

12.00 Departure from Zagreb by bus to Jasenovac / for participants from Prijedor: departure from Prijedor to Jasenovac

13.30: Lunch in restaurant "Kod ribiča" in Jasenovac

14.15 Visit of the Jasenovac Memorial, with Đorđe Mihovilović, historian and Jasenovac Memorial curator

16.00 Travelling to Donja Gradina / BiH
16.30 Visit of the Memorial Zone Donja Gradina (BiH), with Dejan Motl, historian and Donja Gradina memorial curator
18.15: Travelling to Prijedor
20.00: Dinner in hotel "Monument"

Tuesday, October 18:

8.00 - 11.30 Travelling by bus to Vukovar
12, 00 Lunch at Konoba Megaron
Visit of memory sites in Vukovar, with Kristina Babić (ALD Osijek):
13, 00 Visit to the Museum in Vukovar Hospital
14, 00: Visit to the Memorial Center Ovčara, to the Ovčara mass grave site and to the Memorial Graveyard in Vukovar
15, 30 Visit to the Memorial Museum of the Ministry Defense of the Republic of Croatia (ex-Army House)
16, 30 Visit to the new Memorial site on Trpinjska cesta (Tank-graveyard)
17, 30 Evaluation in the European House in Vukovar
18,30 Dinner
19.00 Travel back to Prijedor

Workshop:

Tuesday, October 18: Arrival in Prijedor of the participants who didn't take part in the study visit

Wednesday, October 19:

09.00-09.30 Welcome and presentation of the workshop program and the general project
09.30 - 10.30 Presentations of participants in changing small groups
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30: "Form and functions of memory sites in Europe from 1945 to today":
Introductory speech by Günther Schlusche (Berlin Wall Foundation, formerly Holocaust Memorial in Berlin), followed by discussion

12.45-14.15: Lunch break

14.15 - 15.30 "Prijedor from 1992 to today and current memory issues related to the war 1992-1995": Introduction by Edin Ramulic (Izvor), followed by discussion
15.30 - 17.00 Field exploration 1: discovering the Mrakovica Memorial built in 1972 to commemorate the battle of Kozara from 1942
17.00 - 17.15 Coffee break
17.15-18.30 "Should and can memory sites bring together conflicting memories?"
Introduction by Nicolas Moll (Centre André Malraux), followed by discussion

18.45-20.15 Dinner break

20.15 Informal market place - exchange of informational material of the participating NGOs and memorials

Thursday, October 20:

9.00-12.00: work in three parallel groups on the topics:

- a. the conservation and design of memory sites,
- b. the educational and pedagogical approaches toward memory sites, especially involving young generations
- c. reaching the broader public –especially young generations - and sensitizing them to dealing with the past issues concerning memory sites.

Inputs, experience sharing and defining common challenges

12.15-13.45 Lunch break

13.45-18.30: Field exploration 2: visits to the sites of the former camps Omarska, Trnopolje, Keraterm, and Monuments related to the War 1992-1995 in Prijedor Centar and Kozarac.

19.00-20.00: Dinner

Evening: To be determined together

Friday, October 21:

9.00-10.00: Discussion with Marko Pavic, mayor of Prijedor, about memory sites in Prijedor (to be confirmed)

10.00-10.15: Coffee break

10.15-12.30: Second session of work in parallel topic groups, to elaborate the conclusions and concrete proposals

12.45-14.30: Lunch break

14.30 - 15.45 Presentation of conclusions/proposals from the three topic groups and discussion

15.45-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Presentation and discussion of the text for an informal transeuropean platform of initiatives on dealing with difficult pasts

17.00-18.30 Evaluation of the second workshop and of the preceding study trip, conclusions and perspectives

19.00-20.00: Farewell dinner

Saturday, October 22: Departure of the participants

Working Languages: English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (with simultaneous translation)

Practical information:

The participation to the study trip and/or workshop is free of costs. The organizers take in charge the costs for the accommodation, restoration, program and translation during the study trip and workshop, and will reimburse the travel costs up to a certain amount on presentation of the travel tickets.

The accommodation is foreseen in hotels in Prijedor (BiH) in double-rooms or single-rooms.

For the persons participating at the study trip and the workshop: The study trip will be done with a bus, the starting point will be the central bus station in Zagreb the 17th October at 12h. Please make sure that you can be at the Zagreb main bus station at the latest at 11h45. If you don't have the possibility to arrive to Zagreb in time the Monday morning, we can also

book you a hotel room for the night of Sunday to Monday. At the end of the study trip, in the evening of the 18th October, the bus will bring the participants directly to Prijedor.

For the participants participating only at the workshop: please make sure to arrive in Prijedor at the latest in the evening of the 18th October. The best possibility to come to Prijedor from France and Germany is to travel to Zagreb, and then to take the bus (??). The travel costs for participants from France and Germany to Prijedor will be reimbursed up to 300 Euro maximum.

Departure day: A bus transport is foreseen from Prijedor to Zagreb central bus station in the morning of the 22th October. The departure is scheduled for 8am, the arrival in Zagreb around 11am.

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