



Memory Lab
Trans-European Exchange Platform on History and Remembrance

Sixth annual study trip and workshop, October 4 – 10, 2015, Belgium

Organized by:

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1. Development and aims of the platform:

The trans-European platform “Memory Lab” brings together initiatives in the field of dealing with difficult pasts (wars, dictatorship) from different countries of Western/Central Europe and South Eastern Europe. The aims of this informal platform are to deepen mutual knowledge, exchange experiences, build capacities, facilitate contacts and realize common projects. Its general purpose is to strengthen self-critical and constructive approaches of dealing with the past as part of civic education and democracy-building, and to contribute to the integration of the countries of the former Yugoslavia into a common European civil society and memory space. The platform is organized around an annual study trip and workshop. The project was launched, under the name “Dealing with difficult pasts in the Western Balkans and Western/Central Europe”, in June 2010 with a first workshop in Sarajevo, and continued in 2011 with a workshop in Prijedor, and a study trip to Jasenovac, Donja Gradina and Vukovar. In the following years, the workshop and study trip took place in France (2012), in Germany and at the German-Polish border (2013), and in Kosovo and Macedonia (2014). - Several bilateral or multilateral cooperation and activities involving different participating organizations have resulted from these annual meetings.

For more information see: <http://www.memorylab-europe.eu/>

2. Target group:

40 representatives of memorial centers, historical museums, NGOs and other organizations/initiatives from South Eastern Europe (especially Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia) on the one hand, and from Western and Central Europe (especially France and Germany) on the other hand, who are active in the field of dealing with difficult pasts (wars and dictatorships in Europe during the 20th century), especially around memory sites and in the educational field.

3. Study trip and workshop 2015 in Belgium:

After Kosovo and Macedonia in 2014, the sixth edition of the annual study trip and workshop will return to Western Europe and take place from 4th to 10th October 2015 in Belgium. The specific aims of this study trip and workshop are:

- To explore Belgium and its history, with a specific focus on World War I and Belgian Colonial History, through visits of historical sites, monuments and museums.
- To discuss current Belgian memorialization of its past and the challenges it faces, through meetings and debate with academics and persons working in the field of Remembrance and Remembrance education.
- To explore and discuss possibilities and challenges to present a history of Europe and to develop a common European memory.
- To connect the experiences from Belgium with the situations and remembrance-work in other European countries, and to discuss what other countries can learn from historical experiences and remembrance-work in Belgium

- To deepen contacts and cooperation and to provide a space to develop future activities between the participants of the Memory Lab - platform.

The program will consist of a combination of guided visits of memory sites, meeting with experts and working sessions within the group. The workshop will take place in Brussels, the capital of Belgium and of the European Union, with excursions to memory sites in Wallonia and to Flanders, in order to explore remembrance challenges in the two different regions of Belgium.

PROGRAM:

Sunday, 4th October 2015:

Arrival of participants to Brussels

20.00: Welcome dinner at the restaurant *The Grapevine*, Luxemburgplein 11, 1050 Brussels

Monday, 5th October 2015: Brussels

8:45: Meeting in the hotel lobby / Walk to the International Press Centre

9.00 -10:30: Introduction into the program / Presentation of the participants

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee break

10:45 – 12:45: “Belgium for dummies”: introduction into the history of Belgium, with Valerie Rosoux and Axel Tihon

12:45 – 13:45: Lunch at the International Press Centre

14.00 -16.00: Memory Walk through Brussels to discover the city’s colonial heritage, with Lucas Catherine, author of the book “Walking to Congo”

16.00 – 16:30: Coffee break

16.30 – 18.30: Belgium's colonial memory: an interactive round table on the place of colonial history in Belgium, with representatives from the African Museum in Tervuren and the NGO “Justice and Democracy”.

19.00: Dinner at *Le Roi d’Espagne*, Grote Markt 1, 1000 Brussel

Tuesday, 6th October 2015: Liège/ Dinant

9.00: Departure by bus

10.00 – 11.30: Visit of Fort de Loncin World War I Memorial Site (Liège)

11.30 – 12.00: Coffee break

12.00: Travel by bus to Dinant

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch in Dinant at *Le Moma*, Chaussée de Namur 73, 5537 Annevoie-Rouillon

14.00 – 15.30: Visit of memory sites related to World War I in Dinant

15.30 – 16.30: City Hall - Q&A-session about the visit of Dinant and drink offered by the Mayor of Dinant

16.30: Travel back to Brussels

18.00 – 19.00: Feedback session about the day (at The Belgian National Institute for Veterans and Victims of War, Regentlaan 45-46 Blvd du Régent, 1000 Bruxelles)

19.00: Free Dinner

Wednesday, 7th October 2015: Ypres / Ieper

8.00: Departure by bus

10.00 – 12.00: Visit of Yser Tower Memorial and Museum related to World War I, the Peace Movement and the Flemish Movement

12.00 – 13.00: Lunch in Diksmuide, Restaurant *Lettenburg*, Lettenburgstraat 15, 8600 Diksmuide

13.45 – 14.30: Introduction into the In Flanders Fields Museum about the First World War in the West Flanders front region

14.30 – 15.30: Visit of the In Flanders Fields Museum

15.30 – 15.45: Coffee break

15.45 – 16.15: Q&A-session about the visit

16.15 – 18.00: Art Workshop “Coming World Remember me”, related to the 600.000 victims of World War One in Belgium

18.00 – 20.00: Individual walk through Ypres and dinner at *Brasserie Kazematten*, Bollingstraat 1, 8900 Ieper

20.00: Last-Post-Ceremony

20.15: Travel back to Brussels (arrival approx. 22h15)

Thursday 8th October 2015:

9.00 – 10.15:- Feedback-session about the day in Flanders

10.15 – 10.30: Coffee break

10.30 – 12.45: Discussion on Memory Lab and common activities

12.45 – 13.45: Lunch at the International Press Centre

13.45: Walk to the European Parliament

14.30 – 16.30: Presentation (at the European Parliament) of the "House of European History"-project, discussion and visit of the future site

16.30 – 17.15: Walk back to the International Press Centre and coffee break

17.15 – 18.45: What do we understand by European History? Exercise in parallel groups

19.00: Free dinner

Friday, 9th October 2015:

9.00 – 11.00: Workshops: What can we learn from what we have seen in Belgium for the work on history and remembrance in other countries?

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: Evaluation of the week and perspectives for the future work

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch at the International Press Centre

14.00 – 16.00: Closing session / public discussion: “Belgium and the Balkans: laboratories for an European memory?” with Heleen Touquet, University of Leuven; Maarten Van Alstein, Flemish Peace Institute

16.00 – 20.00: free afternoon

20.00: Dinner at Ristorante *Il Buongustaio*, 85 Rue d'Arlon, 1000 Bruxelles

Saturday, 10th October 2015:

Departure of participants

4. Working languages

Working languages will be English – Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, with simultaneous or consecutive translation.

5. Accommodation and workshop venue

Accommodation in Brussels (from 4th to 10th October 2015):

First Euroflat Hotel
Boulevard Charlemagne 50
Brussels 1000
Belgium
<http://www.euroflat-hotel-brussels.com/contact.htm>

The accommodation is foreseen in double-rooms or single-rooms.

In order to get from the Airport to the hotel, please take at the Airport the bus number 21, until the station "Schuman"; just nearby the Boulevard Charlemagne where our hotel "First Euroflat Hotel" is located (Boulevard Charlemagne 50).

See also: <http://www.firsteuroflathotel.be/index.php/en/contactlocations>

The workshop venue in Brussels is:

International Press Centre (IPC) / Residence Palace
155, rue de la Loi – Blok C
1040 Brussels
<http://www.presscenter.org/page/how-to-get-to-the-residence-palace>

6. Practical information

Arrival is foreseen for Sunday 4th October 2015, and departure Saturday 10th October 2015. The organizers will cover the costs for the accommodation and meals for the length of the program, the program, the translation, the transport during the study trip and the workshop. The travel costs to Belgium for the participants from the Western Balkans will be reimbursed by the organizers on the basis of the cheapest possible travel prices, up to an amount of maximum 300 Euro. For the participants coming from Western/Central Europe, it is expected that their travel costs are covered by their institution; if the institution cannot take over the travel costs, the travel ticket will be reimbursed up to a certain amount, depending of the available budget.

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