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**To Whom It May
Concern**

Subject: Letter of Intent for the purpose of the Project "*Power of Personal Stories in Confronting Oblivion*"

Dear Sir/Madam,

With this Letter of Intent, we wish to express our sincere intention and commitment to respect and uphold the rights of children and minors under the age of 18 while participating in the conducting of research on the CERV European Remembrance project "*Power of Personal Stories in Confronting Oblivion*". We understand the importance of ethical behavior and protection of the interests of children and minors in every step of the research process, as well as maintaining the highest standards of behavior towards them. In accordance with the above, if a child or minor under the age of 18 appears as a participant in the subject research that is to be conducted by the The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka, we undertake to apply the above standards to the fullest extent, all in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the University of Rijeka, National Code of ethics for research with children and other applicable regulations and norms.

In accordance with the above, we are committed to the following measures and methods of conducting research in order to ensure adequate protection of the rights of children and minors under the age of 18:

- 1.- Informed consent - all research participants will be carefully informed about the purpose of the research, the procedures and methods that will be carried out and the expected results. Informed consent will be obtained from the research participants, while for children up to 14 years of age, the consent of their parents or legal guardians will be obtained. Parents or legal guardians of other research participants will, without exception, be informed about the research that is planned to be conducted;
- 2.- Right for withdrawal - research participants as well as their parents or legal guardians will be unequivocally and provably informed on their right to withdraw, at any time, their consent to participate in this research, without any negative consequences for them or their children;
- 3.- Prior approval of the Ethics Committee for Scientific Research of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka - the research in question will not be initiated prior to obtainment of the consent to conduct scientific research, which will guarantee

compliance of the proposed methods and models of research and treatment of its participants with the Code of Ethics of the University of Rijeka and other applicable ethical obligations. Conducting this research will never, under any circumstances, exceed or leave the boundaries of the aforementioned consent. In the case of determining a potential risk in relation to this group, if they were to be involved with research, during the course of the research, which risk was not possible to foresee during the process of issuing consent, the researchers will halt the research until additional risk evaluations for this group are performed in cooperation with the Ethics Committee for Scientific Research of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka;

4.- Anonymity and confidentiality - special attention will be provided to ensure that the data obtained during the research is anonymous and that all information related to this group of participants is kept confidential. Researchers are obliged to take all foreseeable precautions to prevent or reduce the possibility of identifying research participants of this group in published results or other communications;

5.- Safety and well-being of research participants - a safe environment will be provided during the conduct of the research and it will be ensured that no physical, emotional or psychological harm is caused to children or minors participating in this research. In the case of the use of information and communication technologies (Internet, social networks, network platforms, communication platforms, etc.) great importance will be given to ensuring the conditions in which this group of research participants will be protected from any possible and foreseeable risks;

6.- Customization of research methods – any action that Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka is possible to undertake and that could not lead to disruption or endangerment of the conduct and/or results of the research, while it enables greater adaptability of the research methods in regard emotional maturity and understanding of the children or minors under 18 years of age, will be implemented;

7.- Ensure that the researchers are aware of the issue of violation of the rights of children and minors - the researchers will be instructed on the necessity of respecting the rights of this group of research participants and the need to treat them with respect, honesty and dignity. It is strictly forbidden to conduct research in such a way as to use inappropriate language in communication with this group or to give inappropriate and offensive comments, advice and/or suggestions or to act in a way that aims to embarrass, humiliate, disparage, discriminate or express contempt for a child or minor or commit any other related form of emotional abuse.

With this Letter of Intent, we would like to emphasize our seriousness and responsibility towards respecting the rights of children and minors under the age of 18, should they appear as research participants. If you have additional questions or want additional information about our approaches and measures, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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