

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Documenta – Centre for dealing with the past (Documenta)
PIC number:	942095526
Project name and acronym:	Power of Personal Stories in Confronting Oblivion (PPSCO)

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP5
Event name:	Dissemination
Type:	Seminar for educators; Local multiplier events
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Timisoara, Romania (A11) Partner countries – see A14
Date(s):	26-29 September 2025 (A11) Different dates – see A14
Website(s) (if any):	Power of Personal Stories in Confronting Oblivion - Kultura sjećanja (documenta.hr)
Participants	
Female:	193
Male:	108
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Croatia]:	70
From country 2 [Germany]:	16
From country 3 [Italy]:	39
From country 4 [Lithuania]:	1
From country 5 [Romania]:	35
From country 6 [Serbia]:	3
From country 7 [Slovenia]:	75

From country 8 [Spain]:	63		
Total number of participants:	302	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

WP5 aimed to disseminate the project results with the main target groups of the project, to promote the created biographies and personal stories as a tool to counter Holocaust denial and distortion, raise awareness among EU citizens on the challenges of Holocaust denial and distortion today, and improve the visibility and impact of the partners on the local and international level.

To reach these objectives, the consortium organized the following activities:

A11) Seminar for educators, Timisoara, 26-29 September 2025.

The seminar was held by IIT, in cooperation with the project's partners, in Timisoara, Romania, from the 26th to the 29th of September 2025. On the first day of the program, the coordinator introduced the project, its main objectives and activities. Then, she presented the project results, with a focus on the toolkit and the researched biographies, which could be used by the participating teachers and educators in their everyday work with youth. The morning program also included sessions on Holocaust distortion and denial, and the use of personal stories to counter it, in the experience of the organization TOLI (The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights) and its representatives. In the afternoon, the participants became more familiar with chosen biographies from the partner countries, and were involved in workshops on how to use them as a tool to discuss Holocaust education, as well as to counter Holocaust denial and distortion in the classroom. On the second day, the partner organization EUROM and Synagogue Maribor presented their work and methods. Teachers from Spain presented their good practices and workshops, while the director of the Maribor Synagogue presented his research and the chosen biographies and personal stories selected for the project. In the afternoon, the participants discussed possible challenges and risks that might arise when using personal stories to discuss Holocaust with youth, and reflected on the use of oral histories and direct sources in the classroom. Then, divided into groups, the participants developed new learning activities based on the shared biographies. At the end of the seminar, they evaluated the results and the event, giving relevant feedback to the consortium.

The seminar involved 24 participants.

A14) Local multiplier events

- **Conference “Institutional remembrance of Ustaša concentration camps during WWII in Croatia: challenges and opportunities in the 21st century”. Zagreb, 28.10.2024.**

On October 28, 2024, representatives from Dcoumenta and CHGR organized the conference „Institutional remembrance of Ustaša concentration camps during WWII: challenges and opportunities in the 21st century“. The conference was held at the Cultural Information Centre in Zagreb. In the first part of the conference, Ljiljana Radonić from the Austrian Academy of Culture held a lecture on the case of Jasenovac and its museum, from the perspective of current trends of memorialization in the EU. The discussion on Jasenovac concentration camp was also central in the second part of the conference, during which different researchers from the partner organizations and other institutions discussed the challenges connected to remembrance genocide in Croatia, in particular in connection to the remembrance of Serbian and Roma victims. Other than on Jasenovac, the program focused on the remembrance of Slana and Metajna, Ustaša concentration camps during WWII, today mostly forgotten and non memorialized. The speakers underlined the need to place a new memorial plaque in the location, to keep the memory of the victims present. They discussed as the lack of recognition from the institutions of Jasenovac complex, and how, because of this reason, locations as Stara Gradiška, Slana and Metajna can become subject of historical revisionism. The project PPSCO was presented at the beginning of the conference, and its activities were introduced as an example of good practices in

connection to the memorialization of concentration camps such as Jasenovac and Stara Gradiška in Croatia. The upcoming study visit to Stara Gradiška (A10), organized in the context of the project, was presented and students participating were invited to apply.

The event involved 43 participants.

- **Conference “Ways to Communicate Dissonant Heritage: Architecture, Art, Exhibitions”. Barcelona, 14.05.2025.**

On May 14, 2025, representatives of EUROM organized the international conference “Ways to Communicate Dissonant Heritage: Architecture, Art, Exhibitions”. The conference was held at the La Model Memory Site in Barcelona, and gathered historians, architects, artists, and curators from across Europe, with an interest in discussing current challenges connected to changing values of cultural heritage, and its connection to remembrance. The conference addressed how societies can critically and inclusively engage with the architectural and artistic legacies of undemocratic regimes, including Francoism, Nazism, and Fascism. Through lectures, discussions, and site visits, participants explored different sites of memory from an architectural perspective, focusing on the use of art as a tool for giving voices to diverse perspectives and memories. On the conference, the partners introduced the project PPSCO and its results, and presented the upcoming conference (A12), which was held in Barcelona in October 2025.

The live event included 60 participants.

- **Presentation of the project „Power of personal stories” at Max Mannheimer Study Center, Dachau, 10.11.2025.**

On November 10, 2025, representatives of MMH organized a presentation of the project and its results for teachers and educators, who are part of the Max Mannheimer Haus network. After an introduction to the project's objectives, the partner representatives presented the activities organized during the project implementation, with a focus on the training for teachers held in Dachau, and the creation of methods based on personal stories and biographies of WWII victims and survivors. The partners then presented the project results, with a focus on the educational materials included in the toolkit and digital biographies. The participants explored the digital biographies created in German language, and discussed their possible further use in their everyday work with young people.

The event included 16 participants

- **Presentation of the project “Power of personal stories” at House of Human Rights, Zagreb, 14.11.2025.**

On November 14, 2025, representatives of Documenta and Topografia per la storia co-organized the presentation of the project in the House of Human Rights in Zagreb. The presentation involved Italian youth workers participating in a study visit in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Because of the professional background and interest of the participants, the partners focused on the topics of civic education and active citizenship, and how to approach these topics with youth from the perspective of Holocaust education and human rights education. The partners presented the activities with a stronger focus on non-formal methods of learning, as for example the Study visits for youth organized in Stara Gradiška and Le Fraschette, and the results including non-formal approaches, as the toolkit and the online photographic exhibition.

The event included 33 participants.

- **Presentation of the project „Power of personal stories” at the University of Rijeka,**

Rijeka, 11.12.2025.

On December 11, 2025, representatives of CHGR organized a presentation of the project on the premises of the Faculty of Humanities, at the University of Rijeka. The presentation was held in the context of the “Cultural studies” Bachelor program, which includes a course on Holocaust education. The representatives of the partner organization presented the project, its aims and results, with a focus on the activities aimed at students’ and youth. They also introduced the students to the digital biographies in Croatian language, and discussed the use of personal stories as an educational tool for youth.

The event included 27 participants

- **Presentation of the project “Power of personal stories” at the West University of Timișoara, Timișoara, 18.12.2025.**

On December 18, 2025, representatives of IIT organized a dissemination event at the West University of Timișoara, Romania. The event gathered history teachers from Romania and Moldova. The partner representatives presented the project PPSCO and discussed the created results, with a focus on the biographies and methods how to use personal stories in the classroom. They also introduced how to relate personal stories to the relevant Competences for Democratic Culture, in a way to support students’ learning. On the last session of the event, they tested the methods created in the Toolkit, linking them to the curricula in Romania and Moldova. In this way, they supported the participating teachers in using the created workshops in their classroom, suggesting practical tools and tips.

The event included 28 participants

- **Presentation of the project “Power of personal stories” at the First Grammar School, Maribor, 15.01.2026.**

On 15 January 2026, representatives of the Synagogue Maribor organized a dissemination event on the premises of the First Grammar School in Maribor, Slovenia. The event targeted high-school students and teachers, with the majority of the participants being students enrolled to the last year of high-school. The partners presented the biographies and personal stories they have researched during the project, and discussed the diverse fates and destinies of individuals during WWII. Finally, the representatives highlighted how the created materials are available to all interested users, either as a starting point for the preparation of similar programs related to the remembrance of the Holocaust and other genocides, or as supplementary teaching material.

The event included 71 participants.

In total, the dissemination and multiplier events organized by the partner organizations involved 278 participants from the partner countries.

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Please note that two of the multiplier events, the two conferences organized by Documenta and EUROM, were held in M8 (October 2024) and M15 (May 2025), earlier than the official beginning of WP5, set on M18 (August 2025). In communication with the project officer, we would like to include these events in the current EDS for the following reasons:

- The conference organized by Documenta and the CHGR was held in October 2024 in response to the growing pressures around the work of the Jasenovac Memorial Complex, and in solidarity with the curators and researchers of the memorial site, whose studies and research have been questioned by far-right political platforms with the aim to distort and deny the historical facts and the number of victims perished in the camp. The conference has been an occasion to discuss these challenges in

the perspective of the PPSCO project, to share the results created until that moment, and present the planned activities, including the visit to Jasenovac and Stara Gradiška that took place in 2025.

- The conference organized by EUROM was held in May 2025 and has been the occasion to present the project and its aims to a larger public of interested experts. On this event, other than presenting the project, the partners introduced the upcoming conference, organized in the context of the PPSCO project, and held in Barcelona in October 2025.

Both events represented an opportunity for the continuous dissemination of the project, and to promote the CERV program and its objectives to interested experts and professionals working in the field of Holocaust remembrance.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).