

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
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Project name and acronym:	Teaching about Race and Gender Exclusion Timelines — TARGET

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	2
Event name:	Commemoration and transfer of good practices, Iași (Romania)
Type:	Commemorative events, workshop and study visit in Iasi
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	IASI
Date(s):	29-06-2025, 30-06-2025, 01-07-2025, 02-07-2025
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.primaria-iasi.ro/dm_iasi/portal.nsf/atasament/757B592AFC36D58AC2258CC40040C126/\$FILE/Proiect%20Target.pdf?Open">https://www.primaria-iasi.ro/dm_iasi/portal.nsf/atasament/757B592AFC36D58AC2258CC40040C126/\$FILE/Proiect%20Target.pdf?Open</a>
Participants	
Female:	140
Male:	95
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Romania]:	226
From country 2 [Croatia]:	4
From country 3 [Germany]:	4
From country 4 [Cyprus]:	1
Total number of participants:	235
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
Between June 29 and July 2, 2025, in the context of commemorating 84 years since the Iași Pogrom, the Municipality of Iași, as the beneficiary of the T.A.R.G.E.T. Project, organized a series of	

commemorative and educational events dedicated to the memory of the painful events of the Second World War, focusing on ethnic exclusion and violence. The events in Iași were attended by the European partners of the project, namely the team from the Centre for the Promotion of Tolerance and Holocaust Remembrance in Zagreb, Croatia, as the project coordinator, and the representative of the Moses Mendelssohn Centre of the University of Potsdam, Germany. Participants took part in various activities organized under the T.A.R.G.E.T. project. Activities carried out included:

### **I. Memory Places – The Jewish Heritage Trail**

Iași Pogrom took place on a Sunday, June 29, 1941. Eighty-four years after that dark Sunday, a series of events were organized for the general public, focusing on the history, culture, and life of the Jewish community in Iași. Several free guided tours along the Jewish Heritage Path were offered to the public. In the morning, two guided tours were held using the café-tram, with 85 participants. In the afternoon, starting at 6:00 PM, a walking guided tour was organized, attended by 42 participants. Registration for the walking tour was done via a Google Forms questionnaire: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UbZbJeihOAUII98tb5U3t4GkN7e8JMje3KitZlJK8ec/edit>.

At the end of the walking tour, all participants stopped at NegruZi Art Café to view the exhibition dedicated to Jewish heritage and to learn more about the T.A.R.G.E.T. project. This initiative aimed to raise public awareness of the importance of understanding local history, preserving collective memory, and appreciating Jewish cultural heritage. Sites of memory such as the Iași Train Station, the former Police Headquarters, and the Târgu Cucu neighborhood became points of reflection on both the remarkable contributions of Jews to the city's development and the tragic events of 1941, which must never be forgotten.

In Romania generally, and in Iași in particular, history and memory are carefully preserved. It is important that younger generations learn, understand, and ultimately decide for themselves how to act so that such events never happen again.

The guided tours were promoted through local media and with the support of NGOs such as the Public Transport Enthusiasts Association Tramclub Iași and the Iași Travel Association.

### **II. Commemoration of the Iași Pogrom**

On the morning of June 30, 2025, a memorial service was held at the Jewish Cemetery in Iași to honor the victims of the Iași Pogrom. The event was organized by the Jewish Community of Iași. The message from the descendants of those buried in the cemetery was a call to inform current and future generations about the tragic days of 1941 — a remembrance and a symbolic lighting of a candle in the name of those who perished, especially for those who no longer have descendants to honor their memory. The delegation of the T.A.R.G.E.T. project was also present and had the opportunity to visit the monuments dedicated to members of the Jewish community who lost their lives in the two world wars, the mass graves of the victims from the death trains, and the graves of those found in the mass burial sites in the Popricani forest.

Given the concerns about the escalation of the conflict in the Middle East — which led to drastic mobility restrictions in the State of Israel, including the cancellation of numerous international flights — the Municipality of Iași postponed the organization of the “March of Life”, an impactful commemorative and solidarity activity. This event was meant to be attended by descendants and relatives of the Iași Pogrom survivors who had settled in Israel or in other countries.

Following the memorial at the Jewish Cemetery, the project team visited the Great Synagogue and the Community Museum, where they met with representatives of the Jewish Community.

### **III. Workshop: Education for Remembrance – Commemorating Iași Pogrom**

In the Conference hall of the Museum House (Casa Muzeelor), where the Pogrom Museum is also located, the workshop *Education for Remembrance – Commemorating the Iași Pogrom* was organized. In the presence of a large audience of over 100 people — including students, history teachers from pre-university education, and members of the Jewish community — a series of presentations were delivered on the history of the Jewish community and on how today's society relates to the massacre of the summer of 1941:

- The History of Jews and the Holocaust in the Historical Consciousness of Romanians (1989–2025)
- Iași Pogrom – June 1941
- The Jewish Community of Iași: Past and Present
- The Popricani Case: An Archaeological and Historical Perspective of common graves
- The Jewish Community and Schools in Iași, 1900–1940
- Political Structures and Jewish Associations in Interwar Iași

- Teaching and Learning Activities about Iași Pogrom through Holocaust Education

Participants (108 people) received the T.A.R.G.E.T. brochure, which included information about the project and archive images from the interwar period, presented in an engaging graphic design.

The event concluded with the presentation of the project *The Stage as a Bridge Between Cultures: The History of the Pomul Verde Jewish Theater in Iași*, which won second place in the National Contest Culture and Civilization in Romania. The project was created by students from “Mihail Sadoveanu” National College in Pașcani, Iași County

The Steering Committee meeting with project members took place on the morning of July 2, 2025.

The events organized in Iași were covered by local and regional media, including Curierul de Iași — the official newspaper of the Iași City Hall — and shared on the official Facebook pages of institutions such as Iași City Hall and the Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania.

**Press articles:**

[https://www.facebook.com/tvriasi/videos/target-un-proiect-despre-memorie-educa%C8%9Bie-%C8%99i-incluziune/711412194852729?locale=ro\\_RO](https://www.facebook.com/tvriasi/videos/target-un-proiect-despre-memorie-educa%C8%9Bie-%C8%99i-incluziune/711412194852729?locale=ro_RO)

<https://www.ziaruldeiasi.ro/stiri/proiect-educational-al-primariei-traseele-memoriei-prin-iasul-istoric-tururi-ghidate-gratuite--1768762.html>

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlf4\\_uug\\_IE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlf4_uug_IE)

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	16.07.2022	Initial version (new MFF).