

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	101196284 - Centar za promicanje tolerancije i ocuvanje sjećanja na holokaust (Cen tolerancije)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3
Event name:	Conference at the Moses Mendelssohn Center in Potsdam and Study visit to Berlin memorial spaces
Type:	Conference and study visit
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Germany, Potsdam, Berlin, Ravensbrück
Date(s):	15-01-2026, 16-01-2026, 17-01-2026, 18-01-2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.centartolerancije.hr ; https://www.mmz-potsdam.de/en/research/current-projects/teaching-about-race-and-gender-exclusion-timelines-target ; https://www.mmz-potsdam.de/en/news/events/international-conference-between-past-and-present
Participants	
Female:	19
Male:	15
Non-binary:	0 (7 not reporting)
From country 1 [Germany]:	23
From country 2 [Romania]:	7
From country 3 [Croatia]:	4
From country 4 [Spain]:	2
From country 5 [Austria]:	1
From country 6 [Finland]:	1
From country 7 [Italy]:	1
From country 8 [Netherlands]:	1

From country 9 [Poland]:	1		
Total number of participants:	41	From total number of countries:	9
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Between 15 and 18 January 2026, Work Package 3 (WP3) of the CERV-funded project “Teaching about Race and Gender Exclusion Timelines” (TARGET) took place in Potsdam, Berlin and Ravensbrück (Germany) as an integrated programme comprising an international academic conference, a structured study visit to memorial and documentation sites, and internal coordination meetings (project meeting and Steering Committee meeting).</p> <p>WP3 contributed directly to the project’s objectives by consolidating research-based inputs for the new 1930s–1940s timeline and learning tools (SO1), reinforcing a cross-national perspective on linkages among extremist movements and regimes (SO2), and facilitating exchange of practice among partners active in memory work, musealisation, commemoration and digital presentation formats (SO4).</p> <p>The international conference “Continuities of Right-Wing Extremist Images of Womanhood” (15 January 2026) was hosted by the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies (MMZ), University of Potsdam. Following welcome remarks and an introduction to MMZ resources, the programme consisted of a keynote lecture and four thematic panels, each followed by moderated discussion and Q&A. Prof. Dr. Ljiljana Radonić (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria) delivered the keynote on female perpetrators and authoritarian projections. The panels addressed women’s roles and mobilisation within far-right milieus (including Prof. Dr. Esther Lehnert, Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin, Germany), women and political mobilisation in Fascist Italy (Prof. Dr. Perry Willson, University of Dundee, United Kingdom), gender and politics in the Romanian Legionary Movement (Dr. Anca Diana Axinia, Italy), women and the Ustaša/right movement in Croatia and the diaspora (Dr. Martina Bitunjac, MMZ, Germany), and comparative perspectives on gendered nationalism and multiple narratives in Poland and Ukraine (Prof. Dr. Alexandru-Florin Platon, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania; Dr. habil. Urszula Markowska-Manista, University of Warsaw, Poland; Dr. Olena Petrenko, University of Bochum, Germany). The concluding discussion expanded the comparative frame to England/Britain (Prof. Dr. Julie V. Gottlieb, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom) and India (Dr. Benjamin Zachariah, Einstein Forum, Germany), illustrating how gendered political imaginaries travel, adapt and re-emerge across political and cultural settings. Throughout the conference, speakers situated historical analyses in relation to contemporary political debates in their respective contexts, while maintaining a strictly evidence-based and analytically contextualised approach.</p> <p>The study visit (16–18 January 2026) translated conference insights into in-situ learning and professional exchange on interpretative practices, visitor engagement and safeguards when working with sensitive content, including extremist imagery. Activities included a guided visit to the Potsdam Synagogue (hosted by Jan-Niklas Zimmel), a meeting at the Landtag Brandenburg with Andreas Büttner, Commissioner for Combating Antisemitism in the State of Brandenburg, and an institutional exchange at the Jewish Museum Berlin (W. Michael Blumenthal Akademie) with Dr Daniel Wildmann. Further visits covered the Ravensbrück Memorial Museum (historically the largest women’s concentration camp in the German Reich, with guided tour and exchange), the House of the Wannsee Conference (with guided tour and exchange), the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism, the Memorial to Homosexuals persecuted under Nazism, and the Topography of Terror Documentation Center.</p> <p>Internal coordination meetings in Berlin (18 January 2026) translated WP3 outputs into operational follow-up: responsibilities for content development, criteria for selecting and validating case studies, and alignment between research inputs, dissemination planning and the project’s multimedia website. Eliza Ilie (Romania), School Inspector for History and Socio-Humanities at the Iași County School Inspectorate (ISJ Iași), contributed to the internal discussion on structuring content and on practical modalities for transferring research-based knowledge into learner-oriented digital outputs.</p> <p>Key findings and outputs can be summarised as follows:</p> <p>gendered ideals and role models function as a central organising element of extremist politics and exclusionary projects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historical continuities and transformations in gendered extremist imagery can be mapped across the 1930s–1940s and the present; • and accurate Holocaust education requires sustained attention to local agency, collaboration and transnational ideological transfer, in order to counter responsibility-shifting narratives. 			

Partners agreed safeguards for educational use of sensitive materials (contextualisation, clear learning objectives, moderated discussion, and avoidance of decontextualised reproduction).

WP3 generated direct inputs for subsequent work packages, including a consolidated thematic map of priority concepts and a preliminary set of themes and case examples for integration into the 1930s–1940s timeline, learning tools and the multimedia website.

Documentation includes the final agenda/programme, printed leaflet with conference programme, printed booklet with conference abstracts, printed conference poster, minutes of the project and Steering Committee meetings, signed presence lists, photo documentation, and, where available, presentation titles/notes and site-visit notes.

HISTORY OF CHANGES

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).

TARGET – Work package 3: Conference and study visit to Berlin memorial spaces

Agenda

Potsdam – Berlin, 15-18 January 2026

Wednesday, 14 January 2026

Individual arrivals throughout the day, Mercure Hotel Potsdam City (Lange Brücke, Potsdam)

Thursday, 15 January 2026

Conference at the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies (Am Neuen Markt 8, Potsdam)

10:00 Guided tour through the library of the Moses Mendelssohn Center with the librarian Sebastian Drost

11:00 Welcome speeches

Dr. habil. Werner Treß (Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies)
Nataša Popović (Center for Promotion of Tolerance and Preservation of Holocaust Remembrance)

11:15 – 12:00 **Keynote**

Moderation: Dr. Martina Bitunjac (Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies)

Prof. Dr. Ljiljana Radonić (The Austrian Academy of Sciences): Female Perpetrators and their Antisemitic, Racist and Antiziganist Authoritarian Projections

12:00 – 12:15 Coffee break

12:15 – 13:15 **Panel I**

Moderation: Dr. Olaf Glöckner (Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies)

Prof. Dr. Esther Lehnert (Alice Salomon Hochschule Berlin): Women in the Far Right: fighting for Women's Rights?

Prof. Dr. Perry Willson (University of Dundee): The Political Mobilisation of Women in Fascist Italy: 1922-1943

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 **Panel II**

Moderation: Dr. Roy Knocke (Lepsiushaus Potsdam)

Dr. Anca Diana Axinia (New Europe College): Women, Gender, and Politics in the Romanian Legionary Movement

Dr. Martina Bitunjac (Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies): Women, the ustaša and the right movement in Croatia and in the diaspora

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45 **Panel III**

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Alexandru-Florin Platon (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași)

Dr. habil. Urszula Markowska-Manista (University of Warsaw): Sensitive Knowledge and Multiple Narratives in Intertwined Contexts: Women in Poland

Dr. Olena Petrenko (University of Bochum): Gender and Nationalism: The Role of Women in the Ukrainian Nationalist Movement

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:00 **Panel IV**

Moderation: Urszula Markowska-Manista (University of Warsaw)

Prof. Dr. Julie V. Gottlieb (University of Sheffield): Continuities, Changes and the (Re)presentation of Women in Extreme-Right Politics in Britain, 1923 to the Present

Dr. Benjamin Zacharias (Einstein Forum): Nationalism, the Volk, and Women’s Agency: The Case of India

18:00 **Closing remarks:** Nataša Popović, Sandra Prlenda, Martina Bitunjac

19:30 Dinner at the restaurant Genuss Werkstatt, Breite Strasse 1a, Potsdam

Friday, 16 January 2026

Study visit to memorial spaces in Potsdam and Berlin

9:30 Guided tour through the Synagogue Potsdam with the head of the facility Jan-Niklas Zimmel

11:00 Meeting with Andreas Büttner, The Commissioner for Combating Antisemitism in the State of Brandenburg in the Landtag Brandenburg

12:00 – 13:30 Transfer to the hotel in Berlin, Motel One Berlin-Potsdamer Platz (Leipziger Platz 12, Berlin)

14:30 Visit of the Jewish Museum Berlin (Lindenstr. 9-14, Berlin), meeting with dr. Daniel Wildmann, head of the W. Michael Blumenthal Akademie

Saturday, 17 January 2026

9:00-16:00 Visit to the Ravensbrück Memorial Museum, self-guided tour from 11h

Sunday, 18 January 2026

9:30 Project meeting and Steering committee meeting, Motel One Berlin-Potsdamer Platz

12:00 Guided tour in the House of the Wannsee Conference (Am Grossen Wannsee 56-58, Berlin)

15:00 Visit of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism and the Memorial to Homosexuals persecuted under Nazism

17:00 Visit of the Topography of Terror Documentation Center (Niederkirchnerstraße 8, Berlin)

Monday, 19 January 2026

Departure of Participants

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