

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - Stichting Liberation Route Europe (LRE Foundation)
PIC number:	939053703
Project name and acronym:	Resistance Through Their Eyes — RTTE

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP4
Event name:	Training for guides and learning officers
Type:	Workshop
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Mauthausen-Linz-Vienna, Austria
Date(s):	1-3 February 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.lre-foundation.org/resistance-through-their-eyes/
Participants	
Female:	12
Male:	13
Non-binary:	-
France	4
Germany	1
Netherlands	3
Belgium	1
Poland	3
Austria	11
Italy	1
UK	1
Total number of participants:	25
From total number of countries:	8
Description	

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The LRE Foundation, in collaboration with the Mauthausen Memorial, Gusen Memorial and the Austrian Documentation Centre in Vienna invited guides, educators and cultural heritage professionals to the Guide Training, which was held from the 1st to the 3rd of February 2024. The training leading theme was “Storytelling about WWII Resistance in the context of Nazi memorials”.

The programme of the training was designed to equip participants with the most effective methods and techniques for conveying knowledge about the WWII resistance movements, with a special emphasis on engaging a younger audience. Through workshops, discussions, and practical exercises, participants explored specific educational solutions implemented by the partners at their respective sites. Attendees gained insight into the experiences of the Mauthausen and Gusen Memorials in creating new remembrance sites as well as the educators’ work in the context of disseminating WWII events awareness at the Austrian Documentation Centre in Vienna. The training was enriched by guided tours of the aforementioned memorial sites.

The programme included in particular:

- Guided tour at Mauthausen Memorial: Focus on resistance;
- Talk about educational work at Mauthausen Memorial;
- Panel discussion: Teaching about Resistance at Nazi Memorials;
- Guided tour at Gusen Memorial: Focus on Resistance and Culture of Remembrance;
- Presentation and discussion: Creating a new Memorial – opportunities and challenges of participation; regional example of resistance: Johann Gruber;
- Talk with an educator of the Austrian Documentation Centre about the main exhibition and the work as an educator;
- Lectures of Dr. Winfried R. Garscha on Nazi persecution and resistance in Austria 1938-1945 & History of the Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance.

As for the communication activities, the relevant invitations were sent to institutions and independent WWII guides/educators cooperating with the LRE Foundation, and those thematically related to provide the event with relevant participants. Information about the event was published on the LRE website and social media. Likewise, project partners were obliged to undertake promotional activities through their own media channels. Furthermore, materials promoting the event in online form (programme including front page with all required logos and information) were prepared.

It is also worth noting that representatives from non-European countries also attended the training, but their presence at the event was not funded by project funds.