

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:	WP9
Event name:	End conference
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Krakow, Poland
Date(s):	11.03.2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.lre-foundation.org/forum/
Participants	
Female:	90
Male:	92
Non-binary:	-
Belgium:	10
France:	38
Poland:	40
Germany:	18
Netherlands:	25
United Kingdom:	18
Italy:	13
Spain:	2
Ukraine:	2
Czech Republic:	2
United States:	4

Canada:	3		
Finland:	4		
Latvia:	2		
Romania:	1		
Total number of participants:	182	From total number of countries:	15

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On the 11th of March, the LRE Conference took place in the historic building of the Jagiellonian University - Collegium Novum. The event gathered around 200 participants, addressing issues related to memory education and the preservation of WWII heritage.

The Conference was preceded by the Member Seminar, an event bringing together members of the LRE Foundation and creating a space for them to share information and best practices about recent projects and visions for future activities. The highlight of this session was the overview of the precise course of the Resistance Through Their Eyes project.

Entitled 'Resistance to Oblivion: Preserving WWII Memories and Lessons for Future Generations', the conference was an event full of inspiring and mind-expanding speeches delivered by guests from historical institutions across Europe.

The introductory speech was delivered by Rémi Praud, Managing Director of the LRE Foundation. Then Dr. Paweł Sękowski from the Institute of History at Jagiellonian University has guided the participants through the topic of memory in Polish society in the past and in the present.

This was followed by the keynote speech, delivered by Yuriy Savchuk, Director of the National Museum of Ukraine in World War II. His words emphasised the importance of preserving the memory of 20th century history amidst the contemporary conflicts. He also highlighted how documenting wars in real time influences future historical narratives.

Next, a panel discussion titled "Memory in a Challenged World — Preserving Memory, Confronting the Present" was carried out, delving into the issue of keeping memories in a challenged world. This talk, moderated by Oriol López-Badell, Coordinator of the European Observatory on Memories, brought together representatives from prominent European institutions dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Second World War to address the issue of keeping memories in a challenged world. Panellists included:

- Adelina Hetnar, Head of the Educational Projects Department of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum,
- Victor-Jan Vos, Director Collections and Services, Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide studies,
- Jan Blažek, International Cooperation Coordinator at Post Bellum.

The conference culminated in a unique, enlightening panel 'Generations in Dialogue - The Legacy of WWII Memory', moderated by Larysa Michalska from the Max Kopstein Association and Humanity in Action Poland, during which the participants had the opportunity to hear the moving testimonies of Karolina Maczek-Skillen, Tania Szabo and Noemie Lopian, all of whom are actively working to commemorate their relatives, in various ways connected to the fate of World War II. The amazing testimonies of our guests presented not only the story of their famous relatives, but also on how the life of a person who inherited such a legacy changes and made us reflect on the importance of preserving

and passing on the memory of such stories.

This panel provided the perfect conclusion to the conference, appealing to ideas close to us about the preservation and cultivation of history and the memory of individuals whose deeds have shaped the shape of today's world.

To participate in the event, registration was required. The audience included educators, curators, teachers, tourism stakeholders, academics and students from countries all over the world. Among the invited guests were eminent representatives of various institutions involved in the preservation of memory and historical education, involved in the activities of the LRE network. In addition, the conference was open to the public.

Information about the event was spread through various social media, websites and newsletters, promoting the conference and encouraging participation.