



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Remember Together to Understand each other better (RETOUR)
Participant:	SPOLEK POLITICTI VEZNI CZ
PIC number:	938733215

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	2
Event name:	WORKSHOP/IN-SITU MEETING IN JACHYMOV
Type:	in-situ meeting with workshops, experts and visits
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Czech Republic, Jáchymov
Date(s):	August 2nd - 4th, 2022
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.bbag-ev.de/project/retour-remember-together-to-understand-better/
Participants	
Female:	15
Male:	12
Non-binary:	/
From country 1, Czech Republic:	5 women, 7 men
From country 2, Bulgaria:	2 women, 1 man
From country 3, France:	1 woman, 2 men
From country 4, Poland:	4 women
From country 5, Greece:	1 woman, 1 man
From country 6, Germany:	2 women, 1 man
Total number of participants:	27
From total number of countries:	6

Description

From 2nd to 4th of August 2022, 27 participants from the 6 different European countries met in Jáchymov in Czech Republic to discover and learn more about the history of this place. Memorial places like the Štola č.1 (mining skansen), the former uranium labor camps and mines Svornost, Nikolaj, Eliáš and Rovnost, but also the place of memory of “Řetízárna” (prisoners’ changing room) and the Memorial of Victims of Violence in the 20th Century in Ostrov nad Ohří were visited and the participants got further information about it. They also met with the locals and discussed living in the Ore Mountains. Part of the programme was also workshop with architects about future use and meaning of “Řetízárna”. Besides, they learned more about the EU-program CERV and the priorities of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU.

See also short movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kiunuU8eUw&feature=youtu.be>

See articles about this event:

<https://retizkarna.cz/2022/08/04/mezinarodni-projekt-retour/>

<https://novinarskyinkubator.cz/mezinarodni-workshop-remember-to-understand-each-other-better-retour/>

Results of the meeting:

- A short video (see above)
- New ideas for the place of memory of “Řetízárna” (prisoners’ changing room) which is currently a ruin, but which should be renovated: cultural center for locals, for exhibitions, culture, education and memorial, youth activities, “living library” – persons: storytelling, history and much more
- intercultural dialogue between 27 citizens coming from 6 different countries
- common workshops and visits to spread the Czech perspective of the historical topics
- application of new methods developed by the team in 2019 within successful project for teachers and youth workers from Germany and the Czech Republic (during planned seminar for young people from the Czech Republic, Germany and Slovakia directly at the places of memory in Jáchymov area connected with forced labour camps of communist regime in former Czechoslovakia)
- the expected long-term benefit of the project is to raise young people's awareness of the tragic events of modern history associated with totalitarian regimes and make a link between the past and the present (prevention-work)
- it will enable young people to understand the basic principles of democracy and the consequences of suppressing democratic values
- young people will understand better the context of European cooperation and the benefits of European integration, considering the fundamental principles of the European Union and the maintenance of peaceful coexistence and cooperation in Europe

During the meeting, the different perspectives of men, women and non-binary citizens were taken into account and different point of views could be changed and discussed (e.g. how was the situation especially for women in the past and what were differences and similarities in their life compared to life of men).



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