

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Negotiating Difficult Past — NeDiPa
Participant:	Fundacja Urban Memory - UMF
PIC number:	890263576

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP 12		
Event name:	Difficult Heritage & New Ways of Working with Public Memory		
Type:	Conference		
In situ/online:	in-situ (1-day event)		
Location:	Belgium, Brussels		
Date(s):	22.02.2024		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://nedipa.eu/en/blog/event/brussels-2/">https://nedipa.eu/en/blog/event/brussels-2/</a>		
Participants			
Female:	32		
Male:	15		
Non-binary:	-		
From country 1 [Poland]:	6		
From country 2 [Belgium]:	35		
From country 3 [Germany]:	2		
From country 4 [Bulgaria]:	1		
From country 5 [Sweden]:	1		
From country 6 [France]:	1		
From country 7 [Lithuania]:	1		
Total number of participants:	47	From total number of countries:	7
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The conference in Brussels was organised as a Summary Event presenting results of the NeDiPa project to the European audience. The conference took place in Norway House in Brussels, Belgium. The partners of the consortium and invited guests talked about innovative ways of engaging local			

communities in memory practices that have impact on real social change, the needs of memory activists and the importance of developing and implementing in Poland a strategy to combat anti-Semitism and foster Jewish life.

The organisers shared the main findings of the project and answered the following questions: What are the specific experiences we have gathered? What did we achieve? What proved to be the most challenging? How can we combine arts, research, community work and memory activism?

Additionally policies and funding that support civil society and memory activists were discussed. Beneficiaries shared their experiences of working with the CERV programme as well as EEA and Norway Grants.

Among the guests and in the audience were representatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament, CEJI - A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe, Polish institutions in Brussels and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, heritage professionals, artists and NGOs.

Program:

14:00 - 14:20 Welcome & Introduction. Speakers: Maciej Hofman (Urban Memory Foundation / European Cultural Foundation) - Moderator, Dr Pascale Falek (Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Justice, Unit C2 Fundamental Rights), Anna Gabriele Striethorst (Senior Sector Officer - Civil Society, Financial Mechanism Office - EEA and Norway Grants)

14:20 - 14:30 IS JEWISH HERITAGE DIFFICULT? Context of Central & East Europe based on the Polish example and NeDiPa Project (2022-24), speaker Dr Aleksandra Janus (Zapomniane Foundation)

14:30 - 14:45 PRESENTING NeDiPa IMPACT: our journey and Difficult Heritage Remembrance Framework, Magda Rubinfeld Koralewska (FestivALT), Agnieszka Jabłońska (Urban Memory Foundation)

15:00 - 15:50 PANEL DISCUSSION I: New Ways of Working with Public Memory - challenges, Dr Pascale Falek (Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Justice, Unit C2 Fundamental Rights), Witold Wrzosiński (Jewish Community of Warsaw), Agnieszka Jabłońska (Urban Memory Foundation)

16:05 - 16:15 Why is Memory Activism Important? speaker Dr Aleksandra Janus (Zapomniane Foundation)

16:30 - 17:20 PANEL DISCUSSION II: New Ways of Working with Public Memory - solutions. (Un)likely meetings: memory and community work, arts and research, civic activism and caring for neglected Jewish heritage sites. Funding and empowering civil society, Anna Schapiro (visual artist), Anna Gabriele Striethorst (Senior Sector Officer - Civil Society, Financial Mechanism Office - EEA and Norway Grants), Magda Rubinfeld Koralewska (FestivALT).

The final result of the project - the Difficult Heritage Remembrance Framework - was announced. It presents all the knowledge and experience gathered during the course of the project will be made accessible to wider audiences as DIFFICULT HERITAGE REMEMBRANCE FRAMEWORK: guidelines, recommendations, toolkits and case studies for memory activists, local doers and all interested stakeholders. It will be available online very soon on the project website nedipa.eu. Information about two commemorations and commemorative activities were published on various websites and Social Media channels:

Information about the conference was published on various channels:

[UMF Facebook post](#)

[The Zapomniane Foundation Facebook post](#)

[UMF Instagram post](#)

[Linked in post by the EEA and Norway Grants](#)

[CEJI newsletter](#)