

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Negotiating Difficult Pasts — NeDiPa
Participant:	Fundacja Urban Memory - UMF
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 8
Event name:	Commemoration in Wrocław
Type:	Public event
In situ/online:	in-situ (series of events)
Location:	Poland, Wrocław
Date(s):	12-15.09.23 (Schapiro), 20.11.23 (Wińsko school visit), 28.11.23 (Z sercem do historii), 19.02.2024 (Stolpersteine ceremony)
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://nedipa.eu/en/">https://nedipa.eu/en/</a> ( <a href="#">site 1</a> - Schapiro), ( <a href="#">site 2</a> - Stolpersteine)
Participants	
Female:	76
Male:	41
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Poland]:	107
From country 2 [Germany]:	4
From country 3 [Portugal]:	4
From country 4 [Sweden]:	2
Total number of participants:	117
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The series of meetings and events throughout 2023-2024 were centred around <b>commemoration and commemorative activities for two Jewish sites in Wrocław</b>: destroyed Jewish cemetery on Gwarna Street and the Oppenheim House at pl. Solny 4. The first site was commemorated thanks to a renewed artistic intervention by visual artist Anna Schapiro and UMF volunteers (ephemeral and temporary commemoration) and the second place through an artistic project - installing four Stolpersteine, memory stones, for 4 members of the Jewish family Herz who lived and worked in the house before WWII (permanent commemoration). During the course of the series of events different forms of commemoration and working with memory were explored involving the following groups of recipients: heritage professionals, local authorities - including municipality representatives and consul</p>	

of Germany, local volunteers - mainly youth, teachers, educators, pupils from local and regional primary schools, local memory activists, Wrocław citizens and tourists.

The series consisted of:

- 1) **Schapiro Artistic Intervention:** 12-15.09.2023. The main activity was renewal of artistic installations at Gwarna Street and Konstytucji 3 Maja Square marking the fragments of historic borders of the 18th century Jewish cemetery. The original installations were made in September 2022 and needed a renewal as the earth pigments started fading away. The renewal in the city space was organised during three days in September 2023 by UMF and visual Berlin-based artist - Anna Schapiro who came to Wrocław to lay another layer of pigments at her installations. The commemorative action involved 3 UMF volunteers, who were painting together with Anna, as well as many passers-by who were asking questions and learning about the history of the site from UMF team and information boards placed together with the art installation. The artist used the same materials, that is earth based pigments this time in a higher amount, covering more space at Konstytucji 3 Maja Square, making her work more pronounced and visible for passersby. Later in November a Swedish architect came to Wrocław to see the site and consulted UMF on the future steps for possible permanent commemoration of the cemetery.
- 2) **Educational Walk and Presentation:** 20.11.2023. The Gwarna artistic installation and the Stolpersteine initiative were presented to the pupils of the primary school in Winsko (town in Lower Silesia region), who visited Wrocław in November 2023. Students and their teacher are actively working on commemorating the Jewish community which lived in Winsko before WWII and preserving their heritage. Visit in Wrocław was meant to present different commemoration approaches to Jewish heritage taken in Wrocław - from commemorative plaques, monuments, through Stolpersteine to artistic installations. This was achieved during the guided city tour with a professional guide, meeting with UMF team and followed by a lecture by the OP ENHEIM Foundation staff. The latter was also attended by pupils of Etz Chaim - local Jewish school. Students from both schools, from Wińsko and Wrocław, had the opportunity to exchange knowledge and ideas about commemorating activities in their respective municipalities.
- 3) **Volunteers Memory Project for Herz family “Z Sercem do Historii”:** 28.11.2023. Inauguration of a “Z sercem do historii - śladami rodziny Herz” project (“With a heart for history - in the footsteps of the Herz family”) aimed at commemorating Jewish Herz family in a variety of new forms, including artistic and educational. UMF partnered with OP ENHEIM Foundation on this initiative and recruited a group of 15 local volunteers, who worked together for over six months and developed 7 commemorative ideas and projects for the Herz family. These included children’s book, series of postcards, posters, audioguide, glass sculpture, website, and a shop window display. Each project was made with a creative approach and applied different types of artistic expression and educational elements. The results were presented to the public at a special inauguration event at OP ENHEIM in November 2023. In addition, 4 more volunteers from Portugal joined the project and contributed to one of the final results (photographs).
- 4) **Stolpersteine Ceremony:** 19.02.2024. The commemorative event organised around the International Holocaust Remembrance Day was divided into two parts, first a series of official speeches and presentations of the Herz family took place inside the house, then the commemorative act of installing four memory stones for Olga, Hilde, Walter and Steffi took place in front of the building. The ceremony was met with great interest by the inhabitants of Wrocław, and the event was attended by, among others, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, representatives of the city authorities, media, urban activists, researchers of Jewish culture, members of the Jewish community, artists and activists. The guests were presented with the history of the Herz family, activities undertaken so far to commemorate the family, and the idea of Stolpersteine as a dispersed monument. The event was attended by representatives of local, national and international media, whose reports were published on their respective websites. Interest in the ceremony exceeded the organisers’ expectations.

All goals related to this Work Package were met and the work was delivered with great accuracy. Two Jewish sites were commemorated as a result of this WP and over 60 young people were directly involved in a series of events and commemorative activities, including over 20 of them who co-created new commemorative forms themselves as part of a volunteering project with OP ENHEIM.

Information about two commemorations and commemorative activities were published on various websites and Social Media channels:

- 1) Schapiro

[Facebook post 1](#), [Facebook post 2](#), [Instagram post 1](#)  
[Gazeta Wroclawska press article 1](#)

2) Wińsko school visit

[SP in Winsko Facebook post](#), [UMF Facebook post](#)

3) Z sercem do historii

[OP ENHEIM Facebook post](#), [UMF Facebook post](#)

4) Stolpersteine ceremony

[UMF Facebook post](#), [UMF & OP video clip](#)  
[wroclaw.pl post](#), [TVP3 video](#), [Gazeta Wroclawska press article 2](#)

[Gazeta Wyborcza press article](#), [Radio Wroclaw note](#)

[Silesia news press article 1](#), [Silesia news press article 2](#)

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
	26.09.2023	Change of the event format from 1-day to a series of events
	29.11.2023	Change of due date from M19 to M21