



MEMORY DAYS 2016

The Mission to Remember

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Venue & Dates

MEMORY DAYS will take place in Tirana, Hotel Rogner (24, 25, 26 Tetor), Telekom Community Store/ish-Blloku (27 Tetor), Xheko Imperial Carlsberg (28 Tetor).



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Dear participants,

on behalf of MEMORY DAYS organizing institutions, Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture (IDMC) and Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS) we are happy to welcome you in this activity, which is organized for the first time in Tirana, **24-28 October 2016**, under the motto “Memory as a Mission“, at Rogner Hotel, Tirana, Albania.

During this week, national and international institutions represented by 60 experts from Albania, Germany, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Kosovo will present, to a wider public, their work and projects in the field of memory.

The memory week will be focused on three main areas: building of a common agenda of various actors dealing with the field of memory; revision of the school curricula with regard to the dictatorship period; raising awareness of youth about the past through creative projects.

In the following pages you will find some more information about the activities of the memory week, as well on the participating actors. In order to remember your thoughts and ideas, which will come up during the activity, at the end of this text you will find some blank pages.

Attached you will find an evaluation form of the panels and organization in general, we kindly ask you to give it back completed until the end of the activity. Your evaluation would help us to improve our project in incoming years.

MEMORY DAYS activity is organized under the frame of German October, in cooperation with OSCE, Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany, Ministry of Education and Sports and other local and international partners

We wish you nice MEMORY DAYS and we are always available to help on any question that you might have.

Jonila Godole
IDMC Director

Walter Glos
KAS Director

PROGRAM

24-28 October, Tirana

Monday, 24 October 2016, Antigonea Room/Rogner Hotel REMEMBERING OR FORGETTING THE PAST	
17:30	Registration
18:00 – 18:20	Opening speeches from the organizers Jonila Godole , Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture (IDMC) and Walter Glos , Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS). Welcome address by Romana Vlahutin , Ambassador of European Union in Albania; Anke Holstein , Deputy Ambassador of Germany
18:20 – 18:30	“Cold War” Exhibition presented by Ulrich Mählert , Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany
18:30 – 18:45	Keynote by Agron Gjekmarkaj , University of Tirana «Albanian Perspective as Part of the European Memory»
18:45 - 19:30	Documentary Screening “Children of Dictatorship” directed by Besnik Bisha , University of Arts
19:30	Reception
Tuesday 25 October, Antigonea Room/Rogner Hotel INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: DEALING WITH THE PAST THROUGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM	
8:30	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Plenary Session Moderator: Jonila Godole, IDMC Nora Malaj , Deputy Minister of Education and Sports Genc Pollo , Chairman of the Parliamentary Education & Media Committee Valentina Duka , Historian, Dean of the Faculty of History and Philology Romeo Gurakuqi , Historian, European University of Tirana
9:30 - 10:30	Panel I: Curricula Development After 1990 – Problems and Challenges Moderator: Elsa Ballauri, Executive Director of Albanian Human Rights Group Ulrich Mählert , Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany, Berlin Gerti Janaqi , Director of the Institute for Educational Development, Tirana Radu Preda , Executive President of ICCMER, Bucharest Vytene Muschick , Expert for Curricula and Educational Programmes, Lithuania
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:15	Panel II: Applied History in Eastern Europe Moderator: Eva Tafili Hyskaj, University of Tirana Neela Winkelmann , Managing Director of the Platform of European Memory

	<p>and Conscience, Czech Republic Vincent Lungwitz, Project Manager, Forum Civil Peace Service (ZFD), Pristina Kinga Hartmann-Wóycicka, German-Polish Educational Projects, Görlitz Karolina Dzielak, Senior Project Manager, European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, Warsaw</p>
12:15 - 13:00	<p>Panel III: Applied History in Albania Moderator: Gentiana Kera, University of Tirana Luljeta Lleshanaku, Institute for Studies of Crimes and Consequences of Communism, Tirana Enriketa Papa, University of Tirana Adis Hukanović, Forum Civil Peace Service (ZFD), Bosnia and Herzegovina Fatmiroshe Xhemalaj, Ambassador of the European Association of History Educators (Euroclio) in Albania Bilal Kola, Institute for Integration of Former Political Persecuted, Tirana</p>
13:00 – 13:30	Discussion and Conclusions
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch at Rogner Hotel
15:00 – 16:30	<p>Presentation I: School Projects and Initiatives Reflect upon the Dictatorship Moderator: Enriketa Papa, University of Tirana</p> <p>«#throwback», New York High School, Tirana «Against the Catholic Religion in Mirdita», High School of Rrëshen «Places of Memory – Spaç Prison Study Trip», Master I, Department of History «Every Day Life under Communist Regime», Sami Frashëri High School, Tirana «Family Photographs to Understand the Past», Isa Boletini High School, Vora «Researching Communist Newspapers: Processes, Findings, and Opening Dialogue», OTTONomy «Victims of the dictatorship», Çajupi High School, Tirana «Study: The post-communist trauma syndrome», Trudy Anderson</p>
17:00 – 18:30	<p>Panel IV: Young Generation Towards Albanians Dictatorship* Moderator: Rezar Balla, Journalist.</p> <p>Nevila Nika, European University of Tirana Afrim Krasniqi, Director of the Albanian Institute of Political Studies, Tirana <i>*Joint activity of Public Broadcaster (RTSH) & OSCE</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 26 October, Tirana Room, Rogner Hotel MEMORY AS A MISSION</p>	
8:30	Registration
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Presentation II: Projects and Initiatives in the Field of Memory Moderator: Elira Çanga, OSCE Presence in Albania Pjerin Mirdita, “Site of Witness and Memory”, Shkodra Migen Qiraxhi, Albanian Institute of Political Studies, Tirana Nehari Sharri, Programme Manager, Forum Civil Peace Service (ZFD), Pristina Rrapo Zguri & Valbona Bezati, “Albanian Observatory of Memory”, IDMC Uran Butka, Director of the Institute for Albanian Studies "Lumo Skëndo Luigj Mila, Justice & Peace Organisation, Shkodra</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Literary Break & Coffee - Autobiographical memory by Alma Liço, Gjeto Vocaj

11:00 – 12:30	<p>Presentation III: Projects and Initiatives for the Former Persecuted People Moderator: Jonila Godole, IDMC</p> <p>Bilal Kola, Director of the Institute for Integration of Former Political Persecuted Simon Mirakaj, Head of the Association of Democrat Former Political Persecuted Arjeta Kokalari, Musine Kokalari Museum, Gjirokastra Miran Butka, Institute for Studies of Crimes and Consequences of Communism Filip Guraziu, Deputy Director, Association Former Political Persecuted, Shkodra Gëzim Peshkëpia, «The Spaç Project»</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Discussions and Final Conclusions
<p>Thursday 27 October, Telekom Albania Community (Former Blloku) «ASK YOUR GRANDPARENTS» COMPETITION – AWARDS CEREMONY</p>	
17:30 – 18:00	Registration
18:00 – 18:30	Opening by the organizer Jonila Godole , Director of IDMC. Welcome address by Walter Glos , Director of KAS, Blendi Klosi , Minister of Social Welfare and Youth of Albania, Anke Holstein , Deputy Ambassador of Germany in Albania and Nora Malaj , Deputy Minister of Education and Sports.
18:30 - 19:30	Best Works of the Competition and Awarding presented by the Jury: Fatos Lubonja (Publicist, Journalist); Eno Popi (Moderator, TV Top Channel); Persida Asllani (Director, Albanian National Bibliothek); Eol Çashku (Academy of Film and Multimedia “Marubi”); Zamir Kokonozi (University of Arts).
19:30	Reception
<p>Friday 28 October, Xheko Imperial (Carlsberg Hotel) OPENING SIGURIMI FILES – SOONER THE BETTER</p>	
9:00	Registration
9:30	Welcome address by Walter Glos , Director of KAS; Bernd Borchardt , Head of the OSCE in Albania; Anke Holstein , Deputy Ambassador of Germany.
9:40 – 10:30	<p>Keynotes</p> <p>“Opening the files- meeting an obligation” Hildigund Neubert, Deputy Board Chairman, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Former Commissioner for STASI Files, Thüringen</p> <p>“Delays in the process- consequences in the future” Edmond Spaho, Deputy Speaker of the Albanian Parliament</p> <p>“The opening of secret files and their impact in dealing with the communist past” Luljeta Lleshanaku, Director of Studies at the Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences in Albania</p> <p>“The right to truth around communism- the case of Albania” Gentiana Sula, Former Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Youth</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 11:30	<p>Panel I: Sigurimi Victims – Psychological Trauma until Today Moderator: Adrian Kati, ARCT Albanian Rehabilitation Center for Trauma and Torture</p>

	<p>Ariel Çomo, Psychiatrist, Department Head at Tirana University Hospital Center Stefanie Knorr, Dipl. Psych. Gegenwind Beratungsstelle für politisch Traumatisierte der SED-Diktatur, Berlin Fabian Kati, Anthropologist & Filmmaker</p>
11:30 - 12:00	<p>Panel II: Access in the Past – An Opportunity Not to Be Missed Moderator: Ben Andoni, Journalist</p> <p>Daut Gumeni, contemporary witness, Albania Valjeta Dosti Kaftali, contemporary witness, Albania Thomas Raufeisen, contemporary witness, Germany</p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Book Presentation: ENCYCLOPEDIA Çelo Hoxha, Deputy Director of the Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences</p>
13:00	Lunch

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES

Monday, 24 October 2016, 18:00 - 19:00, Antigonea Room, Rogner Hotel **Opening ceremony: REMEMBERING OR FORGETTING THE PAST**

The opening ceremony of MEMORY DAYS activity will be greeted by the organizers of the activity, Dr. Jonila Godole (IDMC) and Mr. Walter Glos (KAS), as well as by the representatives of the partner institutions: Ms. Romana Vlahutin, EU Delegation in Albania, Ms. Anke Holstein, German Embassy. Dr. Ulrich Mählert, Federal Foundation for the Study of Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany, who will present exhibition “Cold War: Causes, History, Consequences”, which will be present and with free access for all during Memory Days.

For more than half century Albania has been a totally isolated country, while experiencing a tough Stalinist dictatorship under the regime of Enver Hoxha. This is one of the reasons why Albania has been known a little, or better to state it was almost unknown, to the Western society. After 1990s, Albania and the Albanians have been identified more as "the miserable" people of Europe, rather than a nation who loved Europe, which is not simply a geographical notion in the continent. MEMORY DAYS aim to bring out the isolation, that dark side of the Albanian history, dictatorship of Enver Hoxha, and to make it part of the joint European culture.

This perspective will be presented in the keynote speech of the well-known publicist and researcher, Dr. Agron Gjekmarkaj and it is entitled: «**Albanian Perspective as Part of the European Memory**».

The evening musical accompaniment by **Gent Rushi Trio**
Gent Rushi, Accordion / Dritan Hekurani, Double Bass / Emiljani Dhimo, Drums

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Monday, 24 October 2016, 18:45 - 19:30, Antigonea Room, Rogner Hotel **“Children of Dictatorship”, a documentary directed by Besnik Bisha (University of Arts).**

The “Children of Dictatorship” Documentary is centered on four characters of various ages that were born and passed their childhood in prisons or internment areas. These individuals are from different generations and bring to the Albanian and foreign audience an autobiographical approach to the system. This documentary, produced by the IDMC in cooperation with the Direction Branch at the University of Arts, aims at raising the awareness of especially the younger generation on the life of the individual, when often even newborns were punished according to the law of the time as “enemies of the people”.

This film will be shown in 2017 in educational institutions and public meetings to raise awareness on dictatorship in the Albanian society. The documentary is subtitled in Albanian and English. Any institution interested in showing the documentary in various activities related to the memory campaign can contact the IDMC at office@idmc.al

KEYNOTE

Albanian Perspective as Part of the European Memor

Dr. Agron Gjekmarkaj, University of Tirana

Principal monuments of the Albanian identity, History of Skanderbeg, Kanun of Lek Dukagjin, Songs of the Frontier Warriors, the Albanian language with its point of departure from Buzuku's Meshari to Kadare's literature, all constitute a part of the European memory as they are conceived right from the movement of tectonic plates of such an identity. It must be stated that Europe has maintained the chronicler's position to this country even when the connection between the two seemed ultimately interrupted. Figuratively, those chronicles served as an anchor helping to a return after many centuries!

... 45 consecutive years, namely from 1944 to 1990, chronicle writing got stuck. Isolation, clone, vigilant guards, night-stricken information as well as conversion of any news into propaganda, stand for lubricants of totalitarianism, and no doubt even of the one we already experienced. Thousands of people were executed to death. Thousands others went to jail up to 40 years. A large number of people were interned, expropriated, deprived of their rights, psychologically and physically violated. One in every three persons was reportedly recruited as a collaborator of the state security. Religious belief was banned and besides, poverty and hunger razed to the ground the limits of inequality.

... (but) Albanian historians have resorted to the rhetoric of 1944-1990, with Enver Hoxha's figure, in an attempt to find positive features, given that some of them are ideologically indoctrinated. Their research on prisons, tortures, executions, border assassinations, looting, rape, dossiers, inquests and state security is quite inexistent.

Today it is therefore necessary that Europe accepts, certifies, recognizes, and preserve them as it has almost done in other things throughout centuries, since fate may play us a trick in the surge of energy that have swept us in the aesthetisation of the communist crime, as it is likely we shall honor those cruel and bloodthirsty and disregard heroes!

**Tuesday, 25 October 2016, 9:00-13:00, Antigonea Room, Rogner Hotel,
International Conference: Dealing with the past- historiography, teaching and
education.**

The International Conference on school curriculum in the former communist countries aims to bring together local and international experts who are engaged in the field of memory, curriculum and other educative projects.

21 experts from Albania, Germany, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo will share with each other, and for a wide public, their experience in their countries in field of education and the challenge for curriculum changes after the fall of the Iron Curtain. The conference will be attended by history teachers, students, journalists and people interested on this topic.

The debate during the three panels of the conference will be attended by senior representatives of the Ministry of Education and Sports and will serve as a forum for improving the curriculum of Albanian schools, a perfect process in these 25 years of democracy.

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**Tuesday, 25 October 2016, 17:00-18:30, Antigonea Room, Rogner Hotel,
New Generation against Albanian Dictatorship**

Panel discussion *New Generation against Albanian Dictatorship* is organized by the OSCE Presence in Albania and the Albanian Public Broadcaster (RTSH). It aims at promoting better knowledge and discussion on the totalitarian past of Albania. The discussion with Prof. Afrim Krasniqi and Prof. Nevila Nika is going to be interactive for the young audience.

The debate will be recorded and broadcast by RTSH during October.

Tuesday, 25 October 2016, 15:00 – 16:30, Antigonea Room, Rogner Hotel
Presentation of school projects

Under the frame of the Memory Days, in the period January-July 2016, IDMC has contacted several schools and history teachers across the country in order to encourage them to participate in the MEMORY DAYS. Thus under the frame of the activity, there will be presented winning projects across the country.

- 1) **"#throwback"** project, "New York" High School in Tirana, led by the teacher Anila Bashaj with the participation of students: *Enis Lalmi, Erisa Ganellari, Grejdi Meta, Sara Kosturi*. The project consists in a combination the graphic image and videos. The topic chosen is directly linked to the present regime, reflecting its dark sides.
- 2) **"Against the catholic Religion in Mirdita"**, High School of Rreshen, led by teacher Marie Brozi. The topic is chosen because Catholicism in Mirdita is part of social, cultural and education life. The project presents the loss of Christian, museum, cultural and artistic values in Mirdita.
- 3) **"Places of Memory – Prison of Spaç"**, First Year Master, Department of History. Led by lecture Enriketa Papa, history students bring their reflection regarding their study visit organized by IDMC in 18 February 2016 in Former Prison of Spaç.
- 4) **"Everyday life in the communist regime"**, "Sami Frashëri High School" in Tirana, led by the teacher Elmira Gjonaj with the participation of the students: *Kristiana Ndoni, Zhaklina Elezaj, Sonja Mermaj, Livia Gjonaj, Aldi Hidi, Xhesilda Mehmeti, Andi Bzgo*. The project aims to recognize the daily life realities under the communist dictatorship as a mission of history memory for the younger generations, in order to have a secure future.
- 5) **"Understand the past through family photos"**, "Isa Boletini" High School in Vora, led by the teachers Vojsava Kumbulla and Renata Fetah with the participation of students and parents in project. The project aims to reflect the power of communist propaganda for disguising their real face with the intention of worship, humility and respect for leadership and communist power.
- 6) **"Searching in communist newspapers, processes, results and open dialogue"** lead by Prof. Lori Amy, OTTONomy, with the participation of the students from University of New York and Department of Journalism.
- 7) **"The victims of Dictatorship"**, Çajupi High School, led by teacher Ina Kasimati. The project acknowledges the young generation with communists' victims and their sentences.
- 8) **"The Post-communist Trauma Syndrome"** study, Trudy Anderson. The study represents the young views on the communist period, and if they feel they are influenced by the Albanian communist past.

Wednesday, 26 October, 9:00 - 13:00, Tirana Room, Rogner Hotel
MEMORY AS MISSION - Presentation of memory institutions

Which are the institutions that are dealing with the treatment of dictatorship in Albania and region? In which areas they are working? Which are the concrete projects undertaken by them? How to create an efficient collaboration network to serve the cause of Memory as a Mission? These questions, and others, will be under the focus of presentation on Thursday. The meeting with MEMORY DAYS intended to serve as a bridge between interested stakeholders for youth and society awareness in causes and consequences of dictatorship in Albania and abroad.

Participants in this activity will be the following institutions:

Institute for the Studies of Crimes and Consequences of Communism in Tirana
 Institute for Integration of former Political Persecuted in Tirana
 Association of Democrat Former Political Persecuted of Albania in Tirana
 Association of former Political Persecuted People in Shkodra
 Site of Witness and Memory in Shkodra
 Albanian Institute of Political Studies in Tirana
 Forum Civil Peace Service (ZFD) in Prishtina
 Institute of Albanian Studies "Lumo Skëndo" in Tirana
 Association "Peace and Justice" in Shkodra
 Association "Musine Kokalari Museum" in Gjirokastra
 The Spac Project group
 Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture (IDMC)

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Wednesday, 26 October, 10:30 – 11:00, Tirana Room, Rogner Hotel
Readings from the autobiographies of contemporary witnesses

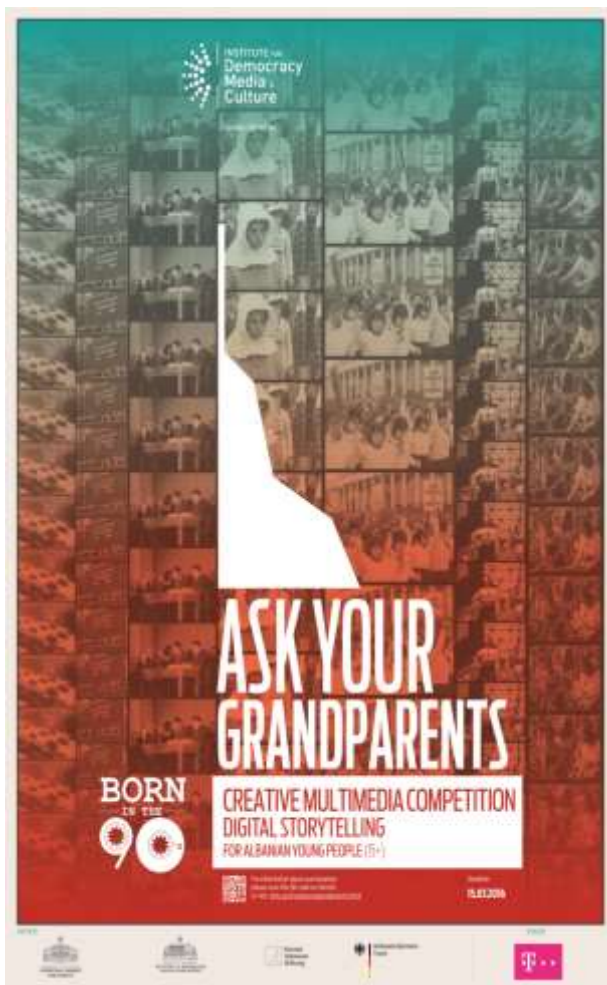
Young actors will read short passages from the autobiographies of the two authors: **Alma Liço** dhe **Gjeto Vocaj**. In the "Broken Wings" book, Alma Lico describes her ordeal of suffering in the communist dictatorship. She was deported together with her family at the age of 10 years old and was forced to live in difficult conditions of survival. Gjeto Vocaj speaks in his book "Fatal meeting with the dictator" for the meeting with the dictator Enver Hoxha and how changed for the worse way his life as a teacher in later decades.



IDMC continuously organizes readings of formerly persecuted authors during the communist regime with the participation of the younger generation. When the society remains silent on the past, when there are no museum sites to document the crimes of dictatorship, autobiographical literature and memoirs of witnesses of the time remain the only living testimonies serving as memory sites.

**Thursday 27 October, 18:00 – 20:00, Telekom Community Store (former Block)
“ASK YOUR GRANDPARENTS” COMPETITION – AWARD CEREMONY**

The “ASK YOUR GRANDPARENTS” Competition was announced on 18 May 2016 for young individuals over 15 years of age. It invited them to reflect through creative *Multimedia* works on stories, experiences and family histories during the Albanian dictatorship period. Through this project, IDMC aimed at enabling an exchange and interaction between the generations, a process which has not been present in the last two decades. Even though dictatorship in Albania was one of the harshest in South East Europe, Albanian youth remain unaware of the dark communist times.



Through its creative competitions, IDMC aims at breaking the social amnesia regarding the dictatorship by supporting and motivating the younger generation to ask the questions they have not until now.

The “ASK YOUR GRANDPARENTS” Competition is supported by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth and the Ministry of Education and Sport. In 2016, IDMC organized the “**Born in the 90s: Discover the past, create the future**” competition, which was successfully concluded on 22 October 2015 with ten winners in 3 categories: *essay and literature, multimedia, and figurative arts*.

Këtë vit do të shpallen 6 fitues nga juria dhe 1 fitues nga publiku përmes klikimeve të punimeve të hedhura online në faqen zyrtare të IDMC në FaceBook.

The jury of this year:

Fatos Lubonja (Publicist, journalist);
Persida Asllani (Director of the National Bibliotheca);
Eol Çashku (“Marubi” Movie and Multimedia Academy);
Eno Popi (Moderator, TV Top Channel);
Zamir Kokonozi (University of Arts).

**Friday, 28 October, 9:00 – 13:00, Xheko Imperial (Carlsberg Hotel)
OPENING THE *SIGURIMI* FILES – THE SOONER, THE BETTER**

On May 2015, it seems that almost a quarter of century after the fall of communism, Albania has ended the political debate on the merits of opening the Sigurimi files. But more than one year since Albania's parliament approved a law on opening up communist-era secret police files, there is no sign of it being implemented. The main institution in charge of implementing it has still not been created.

In this context, the activity which will be organized on 28th October on the framework of MEMORY DAYS aims at raising awareness for law implementation and putting all the necessary pressure on the parliament and various important stakeholders. The dilemma of how emergent is opening the files, so that Albanians can face the past will be given answer by international experts, bringing in the experience of other countries that have already passed this process.



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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS DURING *MEMORY DAYS 2016*

24 – 26 October, Antigonea & Tirana Rooms, Rogner Hotel
Free entry exhibition during the MEMORY DAYS

In the framework of this week, three free access exhibitions will also be available to the public:



The “Cold War: Reasons, history, consequences” Exhibition will bring the main moments of the East-West relations between 1945 and 1991, from the end of World War II to the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The exhibition is a cooperation between the “Cold War” Berlin College and the Federal Foundation on Study of Crimes in Eastern Germany Communist Dictatorship. The exhibition will showcase in photographs and facts the conflict between the societies involved in the Cold War and the consequences of this war to present day.

In order to come as close as possible to the Albanian public, four posters on the participation of Albania in the Cold War have been added to the original exhibition, with facts and photographs little known to the general public and curated by Prof. Dr. Petrit Nathanaili, of the History Department at the University of Tirana. This exhibition comes to Albania as a cooperation between the Federal Foundation on Study of Crimes in Eastern Germany Communist Dictatorship and the IDMC and aims to serve

schools and the university institutions as a travelling exhibition for all those interested.

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Muzeu i Memories is a project implemented by Institute of Politic Studies and supported by the Ministry of Culture for creating a virtual museum in memory of communist victims. The website consists of several sections which describe the prisons, internment camps, social life in communism, the fight against art and religion, as well as special court and the tortures towards the prisoners. (www.muzeuimemories.info)

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«A night of a Regime“ Photo Exhibition by Antonio Fantasia

APPENDIX

Presentation of the participating institutions

IDMC - Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture is an independent, non-profit and non-governmental organization based in Tirana, which inspires and supports projects with an interdisciplinary approach to study, understand and promote the development of democratic values, the role and impact that media and culture can play both locally and abroad. It aims to extend its activities to three important fields: democracy, media and culture. IDMC will endeavor to accomplish its mission through civic involvement programs, principally among the young generation, for it is our belief that the young people deserve more room and guidance to be active participants in the processes of policy-making.



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KAS - Konrad Adenauer Foundation is a political foundation, which stands near the Christian Democratic Union of Germany. Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967), as co-founder of the Christian Democratic Union and the first chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, brought together Christian, social and conservative traditions with liberal traditions. His name is a symbol for the democratic reconstruction of Germany, to deploy its foreign policy in a transatlantic community of values, the vision of a united Europe and orientation towards the social market economy. His spiritual heritage is our duty and commitment at the same time.



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The Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany contributes, through research sponsorships and its own projects (including exhibitions and publications), to a critical reappraisal of the causes, history and long-term consequences of the communist dictatorships in the Soviet area of occupation in Germany and later in Eastern Europe. In accordance with its Act of Appointment the foundation works to keep alive the memory of the injustice that was committed, and the victims it left behind, and to promote and strengthen democracy, the process of German unification, and the anti-totalitarian consensus throughout society. Simultaneously, the foundation collaborates internationally with a number of projects that investigate and reappraise dictatorships. The foundation also organizes panel meetings and conferences on these topics, promotes written publications and film documentaries.

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The OSCE has a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses politico-military, economic and environmental, and human aspects. It therefore addresses a wide range of security-related concerns, including arms control, confidence and security-building measures, human rights, national minorities, democratization, policing strategies, counter-terrorism and economic and environmental activities. All 57 participating States enjoy equal status, and decisions are taken by consensus on a politically, but not legally binding basis. The OSCE Presence in Albania operates in field, and has its headquarters in the capital, Tirana. The Presence is led by Ambassador Florian Raunig of Austria and has a staff of 21 international and 64 local personnel.

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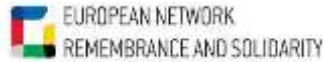


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The Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Albania is a permanent diplomatic mission. The Delegation was established in 1993, when the European Commission decided to upgrade its Office of the Special Envoy to a full Delegation in the light of the positive democratic development, which had taken place. The Delegation's main tasks are: Facilitate the development of political and economic relations between the EU and Albania in the framework of the Stabilization and Association Process (SAP), which is the strategy for helping Albania in its path towards integration into the EU. Managing EU Assistance programmes. Disseminating information on the EU, informing the Albanian general public, decision makers and opinion formers about the integration process, EU institutions and its policies.

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European Network Remembrance and Solidarity was created by the ministers of culture of Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia. In 2014 Romania joined the Network. Its purpose is to document and promote the study of 20th-century history and how it is remembered. The fields of interest centre on times of dictatorial regimes, wars, and resistance to oppression. The organization support academic research, educational projects and promotional events through an international network of international scholars and ENRS partner institutions. The Network's activities contribute to building better relations between European societies through discussing our common past

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forumZFD Kosovo Established in 1996, Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst (*forumZFD*) is a German non-partisan, non-profit organisation. Its vision is a world society that will solve their conflicts without violence. They strive for a culture of nonviolence, where conflicts will be dealt with constructively with the goal of ensuring a sustainable and just peace. Mainly funded through the Civil Peace Service Programme (Ziviler Friedensdienst) by the German government, currently there are projects running in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and the western Balkans (Bosnia and Hercegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia). In addition, *forumZFD* implements projects within Germany at municipal level to contribute to civil conflict management. In Kosovo, *forumZFD* is present since year 2000, with a current thematic field focuses being: (1) Dealing with the past and (2) Peace Education.

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MemorInmotion: pedagogical tool on the culture of remembrance – second supplemented edition

After a successful series of workshops across Bosnia and Herzegovina and reaching out to more than 150 young people, educators, and teachers *forumZFD* and EUROCLIO-HIP BiH invited university teachers and experts in the fields of history and Culture of Remembrance to contribute - by their respective visions, ideas and competence in the development of new pedagogical materials for the “MemorInmotion” - The Pedagogical Tool on Culture of Remembrance. MemorInmotion is constructed as an interactive toolkit for teachers, professors and educators working with 16 to 25 years old participants.

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EUROCLIO - European Association of History Educators is an umbrella association of more than seventy history, heritage, and citizenship educators' associations and other organizations active in the field. The organization was established in 1992 on request of the Council of Europe.

Since then, EUROCLIO has worked in many European countries and beyond on a large variety of issues related to the learning and teaching of history. A special focus has been on countries in political transformation and in particular those with inter-ethnic and inter-religious tensions such as Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Russia and Ukraine. It also worked in regions that have experienced recent violent conflicts such as Former Yugoslavia, Cyprus, Lebanon and the Caucasus. The work has brought together hundreds of historians and history educators to share experiences, to implement innovative learning about the past, discussing also sensitive and controversial issues and therefore creating new and inclusive historical narratives.

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SITE OF WITNESS AND MEMORY

Slogan: DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER!

"Site of Witness and Memory" is the first site of Historical Memory (Site of Historical Memory), which commemorates the victims, methods of torture practiced by the communist regime on thousands of innocents. Today the building is redesigned as a place of memory where the most sublime parts are original detention cells (called by the prisoners *dungeons* for their very small size and low light). Their mission is to remember the past, but not only this. They seek to build a piece of history for which still little is spoken and to address to the new generations for learning more on these facts and to raise their awareness on the mistakes of the past, in order not to repeat them in the future.

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The Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences in Albania (ISCC) mission is the study and the objective evaluation of the crimes of Communism in Albania, to highlight and demonstrate them by means of documentation. Our staff consists of 15 specialists. Currently our work, beyond sensibility of the society about the crimes of communism, is focused on the oral testimony and materials of the survivors of the dictatorship and especially on the research in the national archives and the former State Security archive, among them.



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Institute for Integration of former Political Persecuted

No nation, that is aspiring and projecting the future based on the values of democracy, peace and social cohesion, must allow the deletion of the pain cavalcade of such magnitude. MEMORY as an immediate mission must transmit to the new generations the sacred message that a nation's history is written based in the past. Activities developed by IIPP include: commemorative activity on the day of the communist massacre at the Soviet Embassy on 22 February; commemorative ceremony and placement of a memorial monument at the infamous Camp of Tepelena; Inauguration of the Memorial to honor and respect the martyrs of freedom in the district of Mat, 15 July 2016; promotions of books in memory of history and anticommunist figures, etc

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Albanian Institute of Political Studies has implemented two virtual projects already known and published on internet regarding the communist past. First project is titled www.muzeumemories.info and is a project implemented by Institute of Political Studies and supported by the Ministry of Culture for creating a virtual museum in memory of communist victims. Even the Second Project "Lugina e Qëndresës" www.luginaeqendreses.al has been implemented by the Institute of Political Studies (www.isp.com.al), with the support of the Ministry of Culture. This Project aims to enhance the dialogue and reflections on the past. It represents, for the first time, the dramatic history of Spaçi, resistance, life and its organization.

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The Association "Musine Kokalari Museum"

The mission of this association is to organize cultural, commemorative and promotional activities on the writer and dissident Musine Kokalari, and victims of the dictatorship communist regime in Albania, building the Musine Kokalari Museum as a historical memory for patriotic and social activity of Kokalari family, publication of manuscripts of the writer, researcher and politician Musine Kokalari. The main goal is to recognize her image from those that do not recognize her, by promoting her work for those who are interested.

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The Association of former Political Persecuted People in Shkodra

The association aims to get the material and moral attention for former political prisoners, as well as to share information among the young generation regarding the 'historical memory' of the crimes of the communist dictatorship in Albania. In the activities of the association are included: annual events dedicated to the first anti-communist demonstrates in Albania (14 January 1990); the national contest for selecting the monument's model in memory of the crimes of communism; books promotion in the field of 'historical memory of the crimes of communism'; thematic visits and annual activities in memory of the victims of communism.

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Association of Democrat Former Political Persecuted of Albania

Association of Democrat Former Political Persecuted of Albania has as its primary aim the organization of ceremonial activities and study conferences in memory of the martyrs of the communist dictatorship. For the Association of Democrat Former Political Persecuted of Albania, the punishment of children under Article 1 of Law 649 dt.10 January 1949 is a unique case. It will never forget the punishment of children and treatment of internees in internment camps in Tepelene, Turan, Berat, Porto Palermo. Particular attention is paid to the unmasking and arrests in internment camps in the district of Lushnja.

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Gegenwind Beratungsstelle. The project, started in winter 1995, and the counseling centre for political traumatized people from the former GDR, founded in 1998. It focuses on the assistance and support for victims of persecution, imprisonment, suppression and psychological decomposition by the former SED dictatorship, and offers them psychotherapeutical advice. The counseling centre gets support and is sponsored by the "Stiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED Diktatur" ("Foundation for the Study of the GDR"), the "Berliner Senat" ("Berlin Senate"), the head-associations of the "Freien Wohlfahrtsverbände" ("Free Welfare Associations").

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