

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Negotiating Difficult PastS - NeDiPa CONFERENCE - WROCLAW
Participant:	Fundacja Urban Memory - UMF
PIC number:	890263576

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP9
Event name:	Difficult Heritage. Jewish Breslauers and Other Local Stories, Contexts and Activities (Trudne dziedzictwo. Żydowski breslauerzy oraz inne lokalne historie, konteksty i działania.)
Type:	conference & accompanying events
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Poland, Wroclaw
Date(s):	8-9.10.2022, 12.10.2023, 10.01.2023, 20.01.2023, 24.01.2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://nedipa.eu/event/trudne-dziedzictwo/ Facebook UMF: https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid02z1eJdXZ78c6xUjKTNJYFNRC8tWEAAh4J89NAy4JdeHKLULCr4CRuJytPr6hdTazAI https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid0JtayZvKqg44qZLi2Ck1h7poaZa54xKXZ2jjZa6kVknBLqbbxtVWK8K87hXSmFwQ9I https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid0ntDKiyyDu78jCuuobtXiEosTLudqE2vrDn9Wb7MGADhj9pJjDifwPnAVchoNvESI https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid0XEgDBaUyJvBUtAkqb9cudqawTXnap4qyyVvJhMo13p4Bnd48jZHi2mda319GdYxGI
Participants	
Female:	134
Male:	54
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Austria]:	1
From country 2 [Germany]:	6
From country 3 [France]:	1
From country 4 [Italy]:	1

From country 5 [Sweden]:	1			
From country 6 [Portugal]:	1			
From country 7 [Poland]:	177			
Total number of participants:	188		From total number of countries:	7
Description				
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>				
<p>UMF organised a series of events directed to various audiences in Wrocław, Poland between October 2022 and January 2023 related to the main theme of “Difficult Heritage” with the key event - the conference on 12 October 2022. The series included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Heritage City Walk 1: Jewish Wrocław and its non-sites of memory, 08.10.2022. 2) Heritage City Walk 2: Jewish art collections in Borek district, 09.10.2022. 3) The conference: “Difficult Heritage. Jewish Breslauers and Other Local Stories, Contexts and Activities” with 3 guided tours of “Three Earths” artwork at Gwarna Street for conference participants, 12.10.2022. 4) Meeting with students of Sociology at the Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław: “Working with Difficult Heritage - an NGO perspective”, 10.01.2023. 5) Two lectures for Erasmus+ students at the Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław: a) hybrid lecture “Non-places of memory. Polish necrotopography from the perspective of the Zapomniane Foundation”, 20.01.2023 and, b) in person lecture on working with sites of difficult heritage with guided tour of “Three Earths” artwork at Gwarna Street, 24.01.2023. <p>The events raised awareness and knowledge among participants about definitions and places of difficult heritage - focusing on Jewish heritage - in Wrocław, in Poland and in Europe. The series of meetings enriched the network of contacts, fostered relations with new partners - especially cultural, educational and academic - and raised the visibility of UMF and NeDiPa among local communities. Different participants took part in the series of events and participants were not counted twice in the event series statistics.</p> <p>Every event was organised in such a way that space was left for participants to share their questions, remarks and ideas. This approach resulted in collecting questions during Q&A sessions, which enriched the event and left UMF with new ideas for future actions.</p>				
October 2022 events				
<p>The main, almost 9 hours long, event was a multidisciplinary conference entitled: Difficult Heritage. Jewish Breslauers and Other Local Stories, Contexts and Activities. It took place on Wednesday, 12.10.2022 in Ibis Styles Hotel in Wrocław. The decision to host the conference in this venue was taken after careful consideration and was preceded by market research. The hotel is adjacent to the Jewish cemetery on Gwarna which is at the centre of UMF’s advocacy for commemoration in Wrocław. This helped participants to visit the site during guided tours and realise that places of difficult heritage might surround them and be invisible in the urban space.</p> <p>The event was divided into 3 parts and these parts were further broken down into 8 sessions, which together covered the conference’s main topic from all the different points of view: academic & historical, local activism and urbanism. All voices were included.</p> <p>UMF recorded the audio material during the conference, which is available on UMF website, under the following link: https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/konferencja-trudne-dziedzictwo/. The goal of the Foundation was to introduce transparency to the DHRF process and reach a broader audience.</p>				
Sessions and panellists at the conference:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and introduction. Paulina Kufel-Ślęczek (European Commission Regional Representation in Wrocław), Agnieszka Jabłońska (UMF), Maciej Hofman (NeDiPa) 2. DIFFICULT HERITAGE - definitions, perspectives, examples - Kamilla Biskupska (Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław), Katarzyna Liszka (Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław), Aleksandra Janus (Zapomniane Foundation), Marta Derejczyk (Ethnographic Museum in Wrocław) 3. Jewish Museum in pre-war Wrocław - Jewish space? - Małgorzata Stolarska-Fronia, (Collegium Polonicum w Słubicach and Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa) 				

4. Everyday life in Breslau on the example of Willy Cohn's family before 1933 - Monika Piechota (graduate student at Philology Faculty, University of Wrocław), Danuta Piókarz (State Archive in Wrocław, also researcher at UMF)
5. WORK IN THE FIELD - Implementation of projects by non-governmental organizations, condition of civic involvement - Maja Zabokrzycka (Dom Pokoju Foundation), Marek Mielczarek (Bente Kahan Foundation), Karolina Jara (OP ENHEIM Foundation), Bartłomiej Świerczewski (Department of Social Affairs, Wrocław Municipality), Tadeusz Rudzki (Education for Democracy Foundation), Wiktoria Morawska (graduate student at Polish Academy of Sciences)
6. COMMEMORATIONS - Possible courses of action, good and bad practices, green commemorations - a solution or a threat? - Wojtek Chrzanowski (UMF, ch+), Agnieszka Nieradko (Zapomniane Foundation, Rabbinic Commission for Cemeteries), Łukasz Wojciechowski (Faculty of Architecture, Wrocław University of Science and Technology), Daria Kieżun (Association of Polish Architects), Agata Chmielowska (art historian and conservator of monuments)
7. What is left of the achievements of the Haddas - Jewish architects from Breslau - in contemporary Wrocław? - Daniel Ljunggren (Tidens arkitekter AB and PhD student at TU Dresden)
8. Closing and farewell

Moreover UMF prepared accompanying programme to the event:

- 2 guided tours (listed above)
- 3 guided tours of "Three Earths" artworks by Anna Schapiro (listed above)

The goals of the accompanying programme were: to provide participants with historical context, to raise awareness and (in case of guided tours) to promote the main event.

January 2023 events

January events were a follow up of the topics discussed during the conference with the main goal to reach a larger number of students based in Wrocław.

- One meeting took place at the Institute of Sociology and gathered students willing to enhance their knowledge about local activism, work with difficult heritage and career paths available for graduates of the Institute. The additional value of the event was an invitation to organise similar events in the near future.

Title: Meeting with students of Sociology at the Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław: "Working with Difficult Heritage - an NGO perspective". Date: 10.01.2023.

Speakers: Agnieszka Jabłońska (UMF), Wiktoria Morawska (PhD student at the Polish Academy of Sciences and volunteer at UMF)

- Two meetings were organised for the foreign students, Erasmus+, of the Jewish Studies at the University of Wrocław:
 - A hybrid academic lecture: the lecturer connected online with a group of students gathered in person in a classroom and presented works of the Zapomniane Foundation, challenges and needs of researchers and activists in their field work. The event helped the students to understand local and national conditions of working with places of difficult heritage and to compare these conditions with the ones present in their countries of origin. Title: "Non-places of memory. Polish necrotopography from the perspective of the Zapomniane Foundation". Date: 20.01.2023. Speaker: Aleksandra Janus, PhD (Zapomniane Foundation)
 - A guided tour around Gwarna district and "Three Earths" artwork by Anna Sachapiro allowed participants to grasp challenges awaiting researchers and activists advocating for commemorative actions, as well as to understand the need to listen to voices of all the stakeholders. The participants learned about the approach and practical tools that the local activists can use in their daily work with places of difficult heritage. Speaker: Agnieszka Jabłońska (UMF). Date: 24.01.2023.

The participants of all the events were among others: residents of Wrocław, high school students, university students, researchers, teachers and educators, neighbours living in the vicinity of Gwarna cemetery, journalists, local activists, guides, representatives of municipality.

3 participants from outside of the EU took part in the events - 2 residents of the USA and 1 of Ukraine.