



Press release

British-Chinese Architect Tszwai So Wins Platform's Competition for a Proposal of a Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of Totalitarianism in Brussels

Brussels / Prague, 28 March 2018. The Platform of European Memory and Conscience is delighted to announce the winners of its competition for a proposal of a Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of Totalitarianism in Brussels!

The competition was held under the patronage of European Parliament President Mr **Antonio Tajani**, of EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Mr **Tibor Navracsics** and of the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Belgium Mr **Jaroslav Kurfürst**. The goal of the project is to propose the first-ever pan-European memorial for all victims of 20th century totalitarianism in Europe on the Place Jean Rey, in the heart of the European district in Brussels.

Thirty-nine anonymous entries from all over the world were forwarded to the Jury members, including, among others: EU **Commissioner Tibor Navracsics**; Deputy Mayor of Brussels Mr **Geoffroy Coomans de Brachène**; world-renowned British architect **Lord Norman Foster**; and Ms **Julie Beckman** and Mr **Keith Kaseman**, authors of the Pentagon Memorial in Virginia, USA.

After careful consideration, the Jury have announced the top 5 laureates: in first place **Tszwai So**, Spheron Architects, Unit 5C, London, UK; in second place **Sabina Tanovic & Dario Kristic**, Netherlands; in third place **Mantas Maziliauskas, Povilas Šorys, Gitana Stankiene**, Klaipeda, Lithuania.

"First of all I would like to warmly thank all contestants for their commitment and their sincere compassion for the victims. I do believe that the monument will serve as a touching reminder of the fate of the victims and a warning against any kind of totalitarianism," says Platform President Łukasz Kamiński.

The 10 top-ranking entries will be displayed in an exhibition in the European Parliament in Brussels on 24 April 2018, courtesy of Mr **László Tőkés**, MEP.

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The Platform of European Memory and Conscience brings together 57 public and private institutions and organisations from 14 EU Member States, Ukraine, Moldova, Iceland, Albania, Canada and the USA working in the field of coming to terms with the legacy of totalitarianism on European soil. We represent about 200,000 Europeans and over 1,100,000 North American citizens with European roots.

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