



## **Annual report 2021**

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## JANUARY

### **Czech Police prosecuting Communist Party ideologue Jan Fojtík for shooting at the borders before 1989**

Prague, 8 January

The Czech Police launched a criminal prosecution of **Jan Fojtík**, a former member of the presidency of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. The 92-year-old man is accused of abusing the authority of an official, which he allegedly committed by co-causing the death and injury of several people on the Czechoslovak border as a leading party ideologue.

Fojtík's prosecution is related to an earlier accusation of three former top representatives of the Communist regime, **Miloš Jakes, Lubomír Štrougal** and **Vratislav Vajnar**. The prosecutor announced that their prosecution would be stopped last year.

The case was initiated by the Platform's criminal complaint in 2017.

### **2020 Council of Members meeting, new organisations admitted into the Platform**

Prague, 25 January 2021

During the 2020 annual Council of Members meeting held online on Monday, 25 January 2021, the Platform approved the annual report for 2019, admitted and granted full membership to its 2019 candidate organisation, and the candidate status was granted to five new applicant organisations.

Member organisations, Executive and Supervisory Board members, as well as the new applicants met online (in total more than 50 people). The annual council, chaired by its President **Lukasz Kamiński**, admitted and granted full membership to its 2019 candidate Gariwo, la foresta dei Giusti from Italy. Another five new applicant organisations from five countries were admitted with the candidate status.

New candidates of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience admitted in 2020 are:

- Georgian National Museum (GEO)
- The Twentieth Century Memorial Museum (CZE)
- UIPN State Archive (UKR)
- Jože Pučnik Institute (SVN)
- Museum of Communist Terror (GBR)

Ms **Monika Kareniauskaitė** from Lithuania was re-elected as a member of the PEMC Supervisory Board.

Since January 2021 Platform is networking 68 (63 members, 5 candidates) institutions and organisations from 23 countries (Albania, Bulgaria, Canada, the

Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States of America).

### **JUSTICE 2.0 project breakthrough: Czech Ministry of Justice awards 33,333 Czech crowns to daughter of East German refugee killed on the Iron Curtain in 1977**

Prague, 28 January 2021.

The Czech Ministry of Justice awarded the sum of 33,333 Czech crowns (about 1,280 euros) to the daughter of East German citizen **Gerhard Schmidt** who was shot and killed by border guards while trying to cross from Czechoslovakia to West Germany with his family in 1977. This was the first time that the Czech Republic awarded a compensation for the killing of a refugee on the Iron Curtain. Mr Schmidt's is one of the five cases of Germans killed on the Czechoslovak borders during Communism presented by the Platform in a criminal complaint in Germany which has led to an ongoing international investigation.

This was a first-time case and a breakthrough in the Czech Republic. An analogous compensation was awarded in Slovakia in 2017 to the bereaved of **Hartmut Tautz**, an 18-year-old East German refugee who was killed by border guard dogs at the Czechoslovak-Austrian border in 1986.

### **The online discussion „Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the Holocaust“**

Prague, 29 January 2021

The online discussion „Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the Holocaust“ organised by the Informal Group of MEPs on „European Remembrance“ to commemorate the International Day in memory of the victims of the Holocaust led by its coordinator MEP **Rasa Juknevičienė** (LT) took place on 29 January 2021. The discussion focused on the tragedy of the Holocaust in the crossroads of two biggest totalitarian regimes and how Russia's current historical revisionism and state-fueled disinformation use the sensitivities of the Holocaust, World War II and Soviet remembrance to further divide and weaken Europe. Open speech was presented by Mrs **Rasa Juknevičienė**, MEP, Coordinator of the Informal Group on European Remembrance.

Speakers were **Dr. Roger Moorhouse**, the UK historian, a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Warsaw, he is the author of a number of books – including “The Devils’ Alliance: Hitler’s Pact with Stalin 1939-1941” (2014) and the recent “First to Fight: The Polish War 1939”, which was published in the UK in September 2019; **Mrs. Irina Lazarevna Shcherbakova**, a historian, manager of educational programs and a member of the Board of international organisation “Memorial” (Russia); **Dr. Inga Zakšauskienė**, PhD, Vilnius University Faculty of History; **Dr. Łukasz Kamiński**, Polish historian and President of the Platform.

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Two new language versions of educational board game “Across the Iron Curtain” released**

Prague, 10 February 2021

The Platform launched its educational board game “Across the Iron Curtain” in its German and Hungarian versions. The game is a play-and-learn opportunity to acquire deeper awareness of history and human rights related to the Communist regime. In the game, the situation during the Cold War is re-created, when people were trying to escape to the West, oftentimes with the assistance of helpers at home and abroad. The players are such escape helpers attempting to bring 30 refugees from 15 East European countries across the Iron Curtain in eight different ways. Its purpose is to educate on recent European history, on human rights and their violations during Communism, as well as inform about the geography and nations of Europe.

The game was originally produced by the PEMC and the Polish IPN in 2017. So far the English and Czech version have been introduced.

### **“Totalitarianism in Europe” exhibition presented during Memory Days in Albania**

23 February 2021

The Platform participated in the 6th edition of the “Memory Days”, which took place from 19 to 23 February in Albania. During the week, the Albanian partners presented activities that strengthened dialogue about the past and helped to share knowledge about the communist regime, such as: discussions, exhibitions, study visits to sites of memory, film and documentary screenings, presentations of publications, etc. The main speaker of this edition was the well-known Austrian historian Prof. Dr. Oliver Schmitt. On 23 February Platform presented the international travelling exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe”.

## **MARCH**

### **A Ukrainian story from the Reader**

Prague, 5 March

In the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, accompanied by false propaganda and disinformation, the Platform published a freely available Ukrainian story in English, German and Czech from our international educational reader *Lest We Forget*, to support educational efforts against the current aggression in the field of recent history and against Ukrainian memory institutions.

Story of Ukrainian teacher Ms **Oleksandra Radchenko** (1896-1965) describes survival of the Holodomor famine in 1932-1933. She wrote about those times in her diary, documenting the horrors of what was essentially deliberate starvation of the people.

### **Platform deeply concerned regarding statement of Albanian MP candidate on dictator Hoxha**

Prague, 31 March 2021

The Platform expressed deep concern regarding the statement by **Luljeta Bozo**, Member of Parliament candidate in the election campaign in Albania, who said that Communism was a “constitutional dictatorship” and that it “developed Albania”, and that the Communist dictator **Enver Hoxha** had “more positives than negatives”. The Platform was also concerned that the Socialist Party did not distance itself from the words of its candidate.

Albania was one of the countries most severely affected by Communism. Such historical negationism dishonours the memory of the thousands of victims and stands contrary to basic democratic values such as truth and justice. Glorifying any totalitarian regime should not be accepted in public life. The Platform wholeheartedly supported civil society representatives who call for Ms. Bozo to apologise and resign.

The Platform firmly stands by the position of the European Parliament, expressed in the resolution of 19 September 2019 on the importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe, in which the Parliament *“condemns all manifestations and propagation of totalitarian ideologies”* and *“expresses its deep respect for each victim of these totalitarian regimes and calls on all EU institutions and actors to do their utmost to ensure that horrific totalitarian crimes against humanity and systemic gross human rights violations are remembered and brought before courts of law”*.

### **MAY**

#### **Prosecution of a former member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party continued**

Prague, 4 May

The Czech supervisory public prosecutor agreed with the criminal prosecution of the former top representative of Communist Czechoslovakia, **Jan Fojtík** (93), who was accused by police officers from the special Office for the Documentation and Investigation of Crimes of Communism (ÚDV) of complicity in the deaths and injuries of at least eight people on the Czechoslovak border. He is said to have done so by being a “leading party ideologue”, and as secretary and member of the presidency of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, he co-caused the death and injury of several persons who tried to cross the Czechoslovak border.

*“In the first half of April, the public prosecutor rejected the defendant’s complaint against the resolution to initiate criminal proceedings, so the investigation of the person in question continues,”* told Jan Lelek, the head prosecutor from Prague 1.

Former top representatives of the Communist regime, Miloš Jakeš, Lubomír Štrougal and Vratislav Vajnar, were accused of the same crime in November 2020. However, the public prosecutor, unlike in Fojtík’s case, called a halt to their prosecution in September 2020.

This is a result of the ongoing police proceedings which were opened in the Czech Republic in November 2019 in response to a detailed complaint filed by the Platform in September 2017.

### **Commemorating the heroism of all people in anti-totalitarian resistance**

Prague, Brussels – 25 May

The Platform together with the Informal group on European Remembrance of the European Parliament, an informal inter-party group, and following the 19 September 2019 European Parliament resolution on the importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe, commemorated all heroes of the resistance against all forms of totalitarianism and paid full respect and tribute to all those who have shown their heroism and true love for humanity in the fight against tyranny.

On 25 May 1948, the Polish patriot Rotamaster **Witold Pilecki** (1901-1948), was executed. He actively participated in the resistance against Nazism and, after its defeat, against Communism. He was convicted for his actions in a fabricated political trial by the Communists and executed.

Countless women, men and children actively stood up, gun in hand, against Nazism, Fascism and Communism in the 20th century. After the Second World War, liberation brought freedom to only a part of Europe’s population. The other part, the eastern part, was freed from Nazism, but was replaced by another totalitarianism – Communism. The inhabitants of the countries in the East waited another 40 years for real freedom. In these countries, however, a part of the population put up active armed and unarmed resistance against the new form of oppression. To these heroes, dedicated to the idea of true freedom and patriotism, we pay our respect and give our thanks.

In addition to Witold Pilecki were presented short biographies of five women and men who, in their respective countries, resisted the onset of a new form of “unfreedom”. Many of them paid the ultimate sacrifice for it.

### **New Platform exhibition “Century of Martyrs” launched online**

Prague, 26 May

The Platform has launched the new online exhibition Century of Martyrs. The history of the 20th century was marked by the rise of totalitarian ideologies and

regimes and the subsequent erosion and suppression of human rights and values. Among the millions of victims of these regimes, as well as of ideologically allied movements and guerrilla groups, it is necessary to include a large number of Christians of various denominations. For many of them, persecution became an opportunity to bear witness to their faith. Today we can consider them “martyrs of the 20th century”, even though the respective churches and religious communities have not officially conferred this title on them.

The exhibition introduces 27 individuals, men and women, from various European states who devoted their lives to the service of God, people and society. Their activities, attitudes and positions represented a “threat” to the newly emerging non-democratic totalitarian regimes of the 20th century. These people became the conscience and inconvenient witnesses to the perversity of these regimes and were therefore systematically silenced. Recalling the fate of people, their lives and the testimonies they left us, who suffered for their commitment to their inner convictions and beliefs, helps us to better understand the true meaning of values like freedom, truth and democracy.

The exhibition is available here: [centuryofmartyrs.eu](http://centuryofmartyrs.eu)

Exhibition creators: **Wojciech Bednarski & Łukasz Kamiński**

Authors: Artur Aleksiejuk, Luigi Aluisi O.F.M, Maria Axinte, Wojciech Bednarski, Volodymyr Birchak, Petr Blažek, Cor Faber, Jožica Friedrich, Marta Georgieva, Isó Gergely, Yana Hrynko, Łukasz Kamiński, Iryna Kurhanska, Merita Mece, Marge-Marie Paas, Greta Paskočiumaitė, Jaroslav Slašťan, Immanuel Volkonsk

Exhibition partners:

- Apostolic Administration of Estonia
- Catholic Church in Albania, Archdiocese of Shkodër-Pult
- Center for Research on the Liberation Movement, Ukraine
- Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, Poland
- Citizens’ Initiative for Dismantling the Soviet Army Monument in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Committee of National Remembrance, Hungary
- Estonian Institute of Historical Memory, Estonia
- Foundation History of Totalitarian Regimes and their Victims, Netherlands
- Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania
- Institute of National Remembrance, Poland
- “MEMO” Center, Albania
- National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide, Ukraine
- Pitesti Prison Memorial, Romania
- Society New Slovenian Covenant, Slovenia
- Warsaw Icon Museum, Poland
- The Twentieth Century Memorial Museum

## JUNE

### **Ms Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya awarded Prize of the Platform in Prague**

Prague, 9 June

Belarusian opposition leader Ms **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya** was awarded the 2020 Prize of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience (PEMC) in Prague on 9 June during her official visit to the Czech Republic.

The Member institutions and organisations of the PEMC decided and voted earlier in 2020 to award the Prize of the Platform to Ms Tsikhanouskaya.

Ms Tsikhanouskaya received the Prize in recognition of her personal courage and her tireless efforts in advocating human rights and fundamental democratic values and freedoms during her campaign and after the last presidential elections in Belarus in 2020.

The Platform particularly recognises and endorses Ms Tsikhanouskaya's current struggle to uphold fundamental human rights, which have recently been suppressed in Belarus. The Platform hopes that the Prize will contribute toward support of all democratic movements in Belarus and trusts that the current political situation will finally lead to a peaceful solution with full respect for the will of the Belarusian people.

### **Commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Soviet deportations**

Prague, 15 June

On 14 June 1941, the first wave of mass deportations swept across the Soviet-occupied Baltic States, leading to the forced mass resettlement of tens of thousands of people. This was part of dozens of deportation campaigns that affected millions of people in the former Soviet Union and its satellite states.

On 15 June a commemorative event was held in front of the European Parliament in Solidarity Square in Brussels. The commemoration event was opened by the President of the European Parliament, **David Sassoli**, and other representatives of the participating countries, European Parliament officials and Members of the European Parliament. The opening was followed by a solemn reading of the names of the deportees.

The commemoration was jointly organised by MEP **Rasa Juknevičienė**, together with members of the informal group of MEPs on European Memory, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the Lithuanian Embassy in Belgium and the Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the European Union.

## The transformation of the STASI archives completed

Prague, 23 June

After 30 years German Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records ceased operations and new offices were established.

The German Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records (BStU) ceased operations after 30 years of activity on 17 June 2021. On the very same day the successor the Stasi Records Archive (Das Stasi-Unterlagen-Archiv) became part of the German Federal Archives. Its tasks, powers and working methods are governed by the Stasi Records Act (StUG). The Stasi Records Archive will use the same premises as the previous BStU and it is headed by the Federal Archives Vice-Chairman Ms **Alexandra Titze**. The Archive also continues as a member of the Platform

The Platform expressed its thanks to the last BStU commissioner Mr **Roland Jahn** for his work. He was one of the founding members in 2011 who supported the creation of the international network organisation, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, in 2011, *„and we believe that our fruitful mutual cooperation will continue with the new office as well,”* said **Łukasz Kamiński**, president of the Platform.

## AUGUST

### International conference “Illusive Reconciliation: Transitional Processes in Central and Eastern Europe in a Comparative Perspective”

Prague, Ljubljana – 20 August

The National Council of the Republic of Slovenia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Study Centre for National Reconciliation in collaboration with the Platform organised the international conference titled “Illusive Reconciliation: Transitional Processes in Central and Eastern Europe in a Comparative Perspective”, which was held on 23 August 2021 at the Hall of the National Council, in Ljubljana.

Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes is linked to 23 August 1939, when the Hitler-Stalin Pact was signed, which paved the road that led to the World War II. Under totalitarian regimes, tens of millions of people were deported, tortured and murdered.

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Slovenia, the 25th anniversary of the Redressing of Injustices Act and the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the World War II in Slovenia, the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of the 2021 gave a favourable moment for legal and historical consideration of what has already been achieved in the area of reconciliation, redressing of injustices,

punishing the guilty parties responsible for trampling human rights and thus the rule of law in the former Socialist countries.

Due to the situation regarding the Covid-19 epidemic, the international conference was also available online.

The Platform President **Łukasz Kamiński** addressed a lecture entitled „*Dealing with Communist Past – the Polish Experience*“.

### **International exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe” opened in Porto, Portugal**

Prague, 23 August

On the eve of the European Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Totalitarianism, the Platform’s international travelling exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe” was presented for the first time in Porto, Portugal. The presentation of the exhibition was launched on 12 August 2021 in Porto at the Palácio da Bolsa and was later subsequently presented in other destinations in the country.

The event was organised with the Platform’s partner organisation Instituto +Liberdade, and was presented to the Portuguese population in their native language.

*“The purpose of the exhibition is to remember Europe’s tragic totalitarian past, helping to prevent the recurrence of any form of totalitarian regime in the future. As time passes, it is easy to forget the past and fall back into the same mistakes. Memory is important so that we never forget the importance of defending fundamental human rights, individual freedoms and guarantees, and democratic values in society,”* said Mr **Carlos Guimarães Pinto**, Executive Director of Instituto +Liberdade.

*“This is an exhibition about the past – political, social, economic, cultural – of the old continent. The oldest Portuguese business association is associated with this exhibition at the Palácio da Bolsa in order to promote public awareness of the consequences of totalitarian regimes and the dark pages of our continent’s history,”* said Mr **Nuno Botelho**, President of the Porto Trade Association.

### **Commemorating the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes**

Prague/Wroclaw – 23 August

On this day the Platform with its member organisations commemorates the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes. This date coincides with the date of signing of the Molotov– Ribbentrop agreement in 1939, the non-aggression pact between the USSR and Nazi Germany which divided Eastern Europe into designated German and Soviet spheres of influence.

Throughout the 20th century, Europeans experienced various forms of totalitarian regimes in which their human rights were systematically violated and crimes against humanity were committed. On this day, we commemorate all victims of oppression, intolerance and hatred under totalitarian regimes (Nazism, Fascism, Communism).

Two poems were recited by 13 representatives of the Platform's member institutions from 11 countries in 2 videoclips.

There are many ways to remember the victims of totalitarian systems. In 2021 we wanted to recall two of them, both poets, using their own words.

*The Butterfly by Pavel Friedmann, 1942*

*The poem "The Butterfly" was written by the young Jewish Czechoslovak poet Pavel Friedmann in the Terezín concentration camp on 4 June 1942. On 29 September 1944, he was deported to Auschwitz, where he was later murdered. In Friedmann's poem, the butterfly, with its story of rebirth and transformation into a new life, becomes a symbol of liberation from oppression, intolerance and hatred.*

*Stalin Epigram by Osip Mandelstam, 1934*

*The poem "Stalin Epigram" was written by the Russian poet Osip Mandelstam. Born in Warsaw, of Jewish origin, and raised in St Petersburg, Mandelstam became one of the leaders of the Acmeist literary movement. After being arrested twice he was sent for forced labour in the Gulag and died in the Vtoraya Rechka transit camp on his way to Vladivostok in December 1938. As the influence of the Bolsheviks grew and the Soviet Union was established, he strongly opposed Stalin's government and refused to consent to any form of political intrusion in his art. The poem illustrates his strong opposition to Stalin, whom he describes as a murderer and a dictator.*

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **International travelling exhibition "Century of Martyrs" presented for the first time in Albania**

Prague, 22 September

The Platform's international travelling exhibition "Century of Martyrs" was presented for the first time in Shkodër, Albania. The presentation of the exhibition was launched on 18 September 2021 in the "Site of Witness and Memory Museum" with cooperation of the MEMO Center and was subsequently presented in other destinations in the country.

The exhibition was opened by a 12-year-old child, who recited a poem by the martyr **Monsignor Vinçenc Prennushi**. The child in question is called Vinçenc Prennushi and is the relative of the martyred bishop.

The MEMO Center was represented by its Executive Director Mr **Gjon Radovani** and Platform was represented by its president **Łukasz Kamiński**.

The exhibition accompanied the premiere of “Unmarked Graves,” a documentary produced by the Kutjo Foundation.

## OCTOBER

### **The international exhibition “Century of Martyrs” presented in Poland during the NNW Film Festival in Gdynia**

Gdynia, 3 October

The Platform opened the Century of Martyrs international exhibition at the heart of the *Unruly Unbreakable Cursed International Film Festival (13th NNW Festival)*, which was held between 29 September – 2 October 2021 in Gdynia, Poland.

The Polish National Foundation’s delegation visited the exhibition and Dr **Marcin Zarzecki**, President of the Foundation, had a personal tour with dr **Łukasz Kamiński**, President of the Platform. **Arkadiusz Gołębiewski**, director of the NNW Film Festival also participated.

The discussion panel followed the opening of the exhibition as part of the festival programme. *“Communism and Christianity have two messages that are in deep conflict with each other. While Communists are suspicious and look in everyone for an enemy to the community, Christianity sees above all the good in others, focuses on the desire to help others, to support and forgive. Communists could not comprehend how one could love one’s enemy,”* said **Maria Axinte**, director of the Memorial in Pitești, Romania.

The NNW Film Festival is the oldest film festival in Poland and on the film map of Europe addressed to artists and all communities that are interested in history.

### **Platform’s Special Award at the 13th NNW Film Festival in Gdynia**

Gdynia, 3 October

The Platform Supervisory Board member and Deputy Chairman of the Warsaw Rising Museum Mr **Paweł Ukielski** handed over the Special Award of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience at the Unruly Unbreakable Cursed International Film Festival (Festiwal Filmowy NNW) in Gdynia which was held between 29 September – 2 October 2021. A distinction was awarded at the closing gala to the film *“My Favorite War”* directed by **Ilze Burkovska Jacobsen**. The NNW Film Festival is the oldest film festival in Poland and on the film map of Europe addressed to artists and all communities that are interested in history.

## Educational board game “Across the Iron Curtain” released in two new language versions

Prague, 8 October

The Platform educational board game “Across the Iron Curtain” was newly published in French and Romanian versions. The purpose of the game is to educate about recent European history, human rights and their violations during the communist period, as well as to inform about the geography and peoples of Europe. The original game was created in collaboration with the Polish Institute of National Remembrance and was first published in 2017 in the English version. So far, Czech, Hungarian and German versions have also been published.

The game recreates situations from the Cold War period, when people tried to escape to the West although legal travel was mostly impossible, often with the help of helpers at home and abroad. The game players are such helpers in their escape, trying to bring 30 refugees from 15 Eastern and Central European countries across the Iron Curtain in eight different ways.

## Visit of partners from Albania

Prague, 12 October

The Executive Director of the Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture in Albania Dr **Jonila Godole** accompanied by the director of the Albanian office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Dr. **Tobias Rüttershoff** visited the Platform office in Prague on 12 October. They met with the Platform Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek**, Mr **Jan Kalous**, director, and Mr **Vít Fojtek** from the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum, and Mr **Pavel Žáček**, historian and Member of Parliament of the Czech Republic.

The situation in terms of coming to terms with the communist past and the transition process in Albania and the Czech Republic was discussed. Ms Godole outlined the current situation in Albania and informed about the official authorities' approach in this area. She identified the rehabilitations and compensations for victims of the communist regime as important, as well as a national memorial to all victims of communist atrocities, which are lacking in both Albania and the Czech Republic.

The Czech experience in the field of the creation of memorial institutions and a brief historical development were outlined by Mr. Kalous and Mr. Žáček. The latter also outlined possible further developments in the Czech Republic, after the last parliamentary elections, when the Communist Party failed to get into a democratic parliament after maintaining a presence for 30 years.

## Platform exhibition opened at the oldest university in Portugal

Prague, 14 October

The Platform's international travelling exhibition "Totalitarianism in Europe" was opened for the public and students at the University of Coimbra in Portugal by the Platform president **Łukasz Kamiński**, the dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. **Jónatas Machado** and the executive director of the Institut +Liberdade Mr **Carlos Guimarães Pinto** on 8 October.

*"The aim of the exhibition, which is on display in the Gerais monasteries, is to educate our young people to realise that this is part of the past, but if they are not careful, it can also become part of the future,"* said Prof. Jónatas Machado. According to him, *"we should be vigilant, and so alert our young people to take seriously the teachings about democracy and human rights that they are receiving here."*

*"I'm glad that our exhibition is presented at the oldest university in Portugal. I believe that students will take the opportunity to learn about the dark side of European history. First of all, to remember victims, but also to become immune to the totalitarian temptation, which arises in times of crisis,"* said Mr Łukasz Kamiński.

The University of Coimbra was established in Lisbon in 1290, it went through a number of relocations until moving permanently to Coimbra in 1537. The university is among the oldest universities in continuous operation in the world, the oldest in Portugal, and played an influential role in the development of higher education in the Portuguese-speaking world.

## UK partner visited Platform

Prague, 14 October

Mr **James Bartholomew**, the director of the Museum of Communist Terror in London visited the Platform in Prague. He and the Platform managing director Mr **Peter Rendek** discussed the current mutual cooperation in the field of education of the young generation about the tragic Communist past. The Platform is closely cooperating with the museum as a Platform member organisation as well as with its partners, such as the Foundation for the History of Totalitarianism, based in London. Later that day they both visited the "Red Tower of Death" memorial site in Jáchymov in the Karlovy Vary region, which served as a labour work camp for political prisoners in which they crushed uranium for later transportation to the USSR. This memorial site, which served for political prisoners in the 1950s is now a part of a broader area which was recognised as part of a UNESCO world heritage site in 2019.

The Museum of Communist Terror aims to keep alive knowledge and understanding of the deaths, terror and economic failure that took place under Communist regimes, primarily in the 20th century. The strategy is to do this through social media, its website, talks and films for schools and universities,

lobbying for improvements in the teaching of the history of Communist regimes, events and the creation of one or more small museums leading up to the development of a full-size museum in London.

### **Meeting with the Informal Remembrance Group at the European Parliament**

Prague/Brussels, 14 October

The Platform representatives met online with the Members of the European Parliament (EP) from the Informal group on European Remembrance of the European Parliament during its session on 14 October 2021. The discussion was led by the head of the informal group Ms **Rasa Juknevičienė**, MEP (LT). During the meeting, Mr **Łukasz Kamiński**, president of the Platform, gave a presentation about the current and ongoing activities of the Platform. The Platform projects such as Justice 2.0, three travelling exhibitions, educational tools (readers for students, board games), and the need for a memorial for all victims of totalitarian regimes in Brussels, were highlighted. The Platform is ready to play an important role in the field of research, education, remembrance and commemoration policy and offers a wide range of institutions and experts in the field.

Ms Juknevičienė highlighted the good cooperation with Platform as a partner of the group. She pointed out the joint activities from this year and stressed the need for further cooperation in other areas, such as disinformation or the abuse of history from third countries against EU countries.

### **On the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution, the Platform opened two exhibitions in Budapest**

Prague/Budapest, 28 October

On the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, the Platform together with its partner the Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance, opened its exhibitions “Century of Martyrs” and “European Gulag” in Budapest.

The “Century of Martyrs” exhibition was opened on 22 October, at the seat of the Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance (NEB), by Mr **Viktor Attila Soós**, Member of the NEB, and Mr **Wojciech Bednarski**, the curator of the exhibition and the Platform’s international projects manager.

The second exhibition “European Gulag” was opened on 26 October at the University of Public Service Ludovika by Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Brig. Gen. Prof. **Tamás Csikány**; Mr **Áron Máthé**, Deputy Chairman of the National Remembrance Committee; and Mr **Łukasz Kamiński**, the President of the Platform.

*“I’m thankful to our friends from NEB for the possibility to present “European Gulag” in Hungary. This exhibition tells the forgotten story of the Soviet-style camp*

*network built in East-Central Europe after World War II. In cooperation with our member organisations PEMC collected all available data, but the topic is still under-researched. However, for the first time, we can present the estimated number of camps (800) and prisoners (1.5 million),” said Kamiński.*

### **Platform at the 9th European Remembrance Symposium in Estonia**

Prague, 29 October

The Platform representatives Mr **Łukasz Kamiński** (President), **Marek Mutor**, **Paweł Ukielski**, **Toomas Hiio** (Executive Board members) and **Wojciech Bednarski** (international project coordinator) participated at the 9th European Remembrance Symposium on 26 – 28 October in Tallinn, Estonia, and the Platform exhibition “Century of Martyrs” was presented for the first time in Estonia.

The symposium aimed to garner opinions, recommendations and suggestions for the future of broadly understood remembrance policies in Europe, and the role of history and memory in creating contemporary European identity. The focal point of the second day of the symposium was the debate titled “Remembrance in action: everyday challenges and recommendations for the future,” where the representatives of institutions active in the field of history education and commemoration operating at an international level like the European Observatory on Memories (Oriol Lopez Badell), the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (Rafał Rogulski), the House of European History (Constanze Itzel) and the Platform (Łukasz Kamiński), presented a summary of experiences to date and the day-to-day challenges of their activities, along with recommendations for the future. Statements prepared by the institutions were presented and debated by the panelists and the participants. The debate was part of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

During the symposium, the “Century of Martyrs” exhibition was opened for the audience in KultuuriKatel in Tallinn.

### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Meeting with the representatives of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, USA**

Prague, 3 November

The Platform (PEMC) Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek**, Project Coordinator Ms **Anabela Žigová** and Mr **Donald Lawrence Ritter**, the Trustee and the Member of the Board of Directors and Ms **Kristina Olney**, the Director of Government Relations from the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, met on 3 November in Prague.

Together they built on previous cooperation and discussed current ongoing activities such as the opening of a museum in Washington and mutual international cooperation in the field of remembrance, education, exhibitions,

etc. Mr Donald Lawrence Ritter, a former Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Pennsylvania (1979 – 1993), stressed the importance of networking and education in the field of the history of Communism and added *“Americans never experienced communism as a nation, so the works of organizations like yours are essential to fulfilling our institutional depth of focus and ability to best deliver our message.”*

The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation is a non-profit anti-communist organisation in the United States, authorised by a unanimous Act of Congress in 1993 for the purpose of “educating Americans about the ideology, history and legacy of communism.” It has been a member of the PEMC since November 2013. The organisation was responsible for building the Victims of Communism Memorial in Washington, D.C.

### **Platform is a partner of the international festival of documentary films ‘Unbroken and Sacrificed’ in Prague**

Prague, 10 November

The Platform was an official partner of the second annual 20th Century documentary film festival ‘Unbroken and Sacrificed’ which was organised by the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum in Prague from 10 to 14 November 2021.

The main guest was director **Arkadiusz Gołębiewski** (Poland), and his film about a young anti-communist resistance fighter was part of the festival.

The programme included 24 documentaries not only from the Czech republic, but also films from Poland, Hungary and Belarus.

The International Festival of Documentary Films was established in 2020 as a project of the Platform member organisation the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum. It was inspired by the Polish film festival NNW (Niepokorni Niezłomni Wyklęci) in Gdynia. The first edition of the festival took place online from 10 to 12 November 2020.

### **Platform held an international conference, elected a new president, and celebrated its 10th anniversary during its meeting in Prague**

Prague, 15 November

Ten years ago on 14 October 2011, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience was founded in Prague by 20 founding members from 12 EU Member States. Ten years later, the Platform anniversary annual Council of Members meeting took place on 11-13 in Prague. As of November 2022 the Platform network brought together 68 organisations worldwide.

During the event a new president Dr **Marek Mutor** (PL) was elected, as well as new Executive and Supervisory Board members. Full-membership was also granted for 5 candidates. As a part of the 10th anniversary, the international conference *Year 1991 – New map of Europe* was held on 12-13 November and the

anniversary reception took place on 12 November, with the awarding of the special Prize of the Platform.

On Friday, 12 November 2021, the annual Council of Members Meeting of the Platform members took place at the Hotel Centure Old Town City in Prague. The incumbent President 2017-2021 Dr. **Łukasz Kamiński** had decided not to stand for further election. In his letter to the members, he added: *“Four years ago the Council of Members placed its trust in me, choosing me as the Platform’s president. These years were marked by dynamic growth of the Platform, establishing contacts with new partners, and new projects, including two new exhibitions and a new edition of our Reader. The Platform was the only organisation mentioned in the European Parliament resolution of 19 September 2019 on the importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe. The recent pandemic has limited our activities, but did not stop our work.”*

The Council of Members elected Mr **Marek Mutor**, director of the Remembrance and Future Centre in Wrocław, as the new President of the Platform. The members of the Platform have thus elected their third President. Mr Göran Lindblad (SWE) was the first President from 2011-2017, followed by Łukasz Kamiński (POL) from 2017-2021.

The new Executive Board member Mr **Paweł Ukielski** (Warsaw Rising Museum) was elected for the period of 1 year until regular Executive Board elections in 2022. The new Supervisory Board member Ms **Jonila Godole** (Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture, ALB) was elected for the period of 1 year, and Ms Dr. **Földvárné Kiss Réka** was re-elected for the next 3-year term.

Ms **Rasa Juknevičienė** (LT), Member of the EU Parliament, Chair of the Informal Group on European Remembrance of the European Parliament and Mr **Łukasz Kamiński** were elected as new members of the Board of Trustees.

The Annual Meeting approved the 2020 Annual Report and granted full membership to 5 organisations admitted in 2020:

- Twentieth Century Memorial Museum (CZ),
- Georgian National Museum,
- Jože Pučnik Institute (SI),
- UIPN State Archive (UA),
- Museum of Communist Terror (UK)

and the Kujto Foundation from Albania was elected as a new candidate.

### **The international conference**

The annual Council of Members was accompanied with the international conference entitled Year 1991 – New map of Europe which took place on 12-13 November 2021. The individual panels were devoted to the Slovenian road to independence in 1991, the end of the Soviet Union from the Estonian, Lithuanian and Ukrainian perspectives; Central European and local perspectives were discussed as well. The special guest **Hon. David Kilgour** from Canada introduced

the perspective: *30 years after the fall of the USSR. Is China still a Communist country?*

On 12 November the anniversary reception took place in the same venue and the special Prize of the Platform for significant results in the field of helping former victims of Communism as part of the Justice 2.0 project was awarded to Ms **Neela Winkelmann**, the first managing director in the years 2011-2018.

Because of Covid-19 situation, the Council of Members and conference was organized in a hybrid form as an on-site and online meeting.

The event was co-organized with the member organizations, the Remembrance and Future Institute in Wroclaw and the Study Centre for National Reconciliation in Ljubljana with the support of Czech private donors.

### **Statement on the Russian International Memorial organisation**

Prague, 16 November

At a meeting of the Platform's Council of Members in Prague on 12 November, the member organisations mandated the President and the Executive Board to prepare and issue a Platform statement on the current situation in Russia, where the state authorities were taking steps to close the international historical, educational, charitable and human rights organisation International Memorial (Международный Мемориал).

### **Statement of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience on the Russian International Memorial Organisation**

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience expresses its deepest concern regarding the new legal procedures initiated by Russian Federation authorities to liquidate the Memorial association. The Prosecutor General's office and Moscow Prosecutor's office filed a lawsuit requesting that International Memorial and Memorial Human Rights Centre be delegalized.

Memorial is known worldwide for its efforts to save the memory about victims of communist crimes and to protect human rights in contemporary Russia and other countries. Memorial has gathered a unique archive, published numerous books and online databases, and organised countless educational campaigns.

Their input into recovering forgotten histories of mass repression in the former Soviet Union is hard to overestimate.

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience calls on the European Parliament and European Commission to undertake action in order to protect Memorial. We call on all individuals and organisations involved with memory and remembrance to join an international campaign in defence of Memorial. Let us show solidarity with those who have done so much for all of us!

In Prague, 15 November 2021

## DECEMBER

### **The Platform thanks the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic for its precedent-setting decision and for reopening the road to justice for the victims of Lubomír Štrougal and Vratislav Vajnar**

Prague, 3 December 2021

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience welcomed precedent-setting ruling of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic that the Office for the investigation and documentation of the crimes of Communism cannot commission an attestation about the health of the prosecuted former Communist leaders from an expert who defended the Communist regime under oath. Based on this clearly biased attestation, the District state attorney for Prague 1 stopped the prosecution of L. Štrougal and V. Vajnar for the killing of refugees on the border of former Czechoslovakia. Although the Platform of European Memory and Conscience provided the superior Prague state attorney with the respective archival evidence, the office confirmed the decision. Now it has to reopen the case.

The ongoing prosecution of Lubomír Štrougal, Vratislav Vajnar and others for the killing of refugees on the state borders of the ČSSR is based on criminal complaints filed by the Platform of European Memory and Conscience in Germany in 2016 and in the Czech Republic in 2017.

In November 2019, the Platform welcomed the opening of criminal prosecution by Czech authorities against three top-ranking perpetrators responsible for the killings of civilians on the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia – the last chairman of the Communist party Milouš Jakeš (1922-2020), the last prime minister of Czechoslovakia Lubomír Štrougal (b. 1924) and one of the last ministers of interior Vratislav Vajnar (b. 1930). However, in September 2020, the district state prosecutor in Prague 1 announced they wanted to stop the prosecution of Štrougal and Vajnar (Jakeš had died in July 2020), based on a medical attestation commissioned by the Office for investigation and documentation of the crimes of Communism of the Police of the Czech Republic. Two military medical experts came to the conclusion that neither of the men can stand trial because they would not understand it (see press release PEMC of 24 September 2020).

Archival research by the Platform however found that at least one of the two experts was heavily biased. He was a member of the Communist party and he served as a medical doctor with the anti-aircraft defence forces in the 1980s (see press release PEMC of 16 November 2020). The Platform informed the Supreme state attorney about the issue and in the beginning of November 2020, forwarded the archival records to the Prague city attorney Martin Erazim. He confirmed that the materials would be used during their decision making.

Based on a complaint by the legal representative of the victims, JUDr. Lubomír Müller, the Constitutional Court now repealed the decision of the Prague city attorney who has to reopen the case.

*“We thank the Constitutional Court for saying out loud what must be clear to a schoolchild and for reopening the door to justice for the victims who have been waiting for it since the fall of Communism 32 years ago. The two accused nonagenarians have gained another year. It is a hard-to-believe sad truth that the office created for investigating the crimes of Communism is shielding Communist perpetrators from prosecution and that it is being supported by both levels of state attorney offices where the cases are handled by people who graduated in law after the fall of the dictatorship”,* said Dr. **Neela Winkelmann**, manager of the Platform’s JUSTICE 2.0 project.

## **Statement on Gdańsk Shipyard**

In Prague, 8 December 2021

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience strongly supports the nomination of Gdańsk Shipyard as the birthplace of “Solidarity” and a symbol of the Fall of the Iron Curtain in Europe (Poland) for the UNESCO World Heritage List. We also express our deepest concern regarding the emerging reinterpretation of the role of the “Solidarity” movement and Gdańsk Shipyard in world history.

The fall of the Communist totalitarian regime was no doubt one of the most important events in 20th century history. It not only ended the Cold War but also granted freedom and democracy to tens of millions of people. As such, it brought fulfilment of the UN’s goals, as the United Nations was established to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation, and be a centre for harmonising the actions of nations.

Therefore, we perceive as deeply disturbing the opinion presented by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in its Interim Report, that it might be divisive, could cause conflicts of memories or raise questions in other East-Central European countries. We also strongly condemn the argument that universality of the nomination’s message is limited, because countries where Communism is a reference ideology, still exist. Referring to totalitarian ideology, which had tens of millions of victims, by no means could be accepted as an argument against recognition of the peaceful, citizen’s movement of “Solidarity” and its worldwide significance in the process of dismantling the oppressive system in East-Central Europe.

As an organisation that brings together 68 remembrance institutions from 23 countries we call on UNESCO to include the Gdańsk Shipyard on the World Heritage List as a strong symbol of anti-totalitarian and human rights movement not only in Poland, but in the whole of Europe.

## Second edition of Platform reader “Lest We Forget” released

Prague, 21 December 2021

The new second edition of the educational reader “Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe” edited by **Neela Winkelmann** and **Gillian Purves** was released in English, Czech and Albanian.

The book now contains 37 remarkable life stories of people affected by totalitarianism from 20 European countries, accompanied by photographs and facsimiles of documents. Twenty-three institutions dealing with Europe’s totalitarian past, associated in the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, collaborated on the first and 5 new organisations collaborated on the second edition. New stories have been added from Nazi-occupied France, Franco’s Spain, Mussolini’s Italy and Albania, which had the most isolated Communist regime outside of North Korea.

The foreword to the new edition was written by the English historian Roger Moorhouse, the author of the *The Devils’ Alliance: Hitler’s Pact with Stalin, 1939-1941*. The preface to the first edition was written by French historian Prof. Stéphane Courtois, the author of the *Black Book of Communism*.

The new editions are released now in English, Czech, Albanian and Spanish mutations in cooperation with the Collège des Bernardins, France; Universidad Complutense de Madrid, The Spanish Federation of Geography and History Teachers, Foundation Gariwo, Italy and the Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture in Albania. The project was supported by the Polish National Foundation.

## Activities of the Board

Joint meetings of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board took place almost every month, mostly in the form of online events (25 January, 16 April, 6 and 24 May, 7 and 16 June, 21 September, 13 October, 26 October, 18 November, 6 and 22 December). The board was mostly involved in face-to-face (online) meetings and seminars such as the CERV Civic Dialogue Week 2021 in May 2021 or in regular communication with the office of Mrs. Rasa Junknevičienė in Brussels (22 February 2022). Indirect communication took place through a letter to Commissioner D. Reynders on 31 March 2021 and further communication with representatives of the European Commission regarding the modalities for further funding of the Platform and the preparation of a framework partnership agreement and operational grants (working group) under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) for the period 2021-2027. The boards discussed all ongoing and planned events, including financial details and other grants. During the annual meeting in November in Prague new President as well as members of the boards were nominated and elected (see previous parts).

## Platform Staff and Collaborators

The Platform team in Prague in 2021 included Mr **Peter Rendek** (managing director and IT); Ms **Anabela Žigová** (project and media coordinator); Ms **Kateřina Švecová** (assistant); Ms **Šárka Prislíngerová** (assistant); Mr **Wojciech Bednarski** (assistant and project coordinator); Mr **Teun Jansen** (intern and project coordinator); Ms **Gillian Purves** (editor); Ms **Yveta Schmalzová** (payroll and tax advisor); Mr **Lubomír Augustín** (lawyer); Ms **Neela Winkelmann** (project manager); Ms **Emeline Ogereau** (intern); Mr **Tomaž E. O'Donoghue** (intern), Mr **Andrea Ghilardi** (intern). Accounting services were provided by MAZARS, s.r.o..

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## Platform in the media

In 2021, we published 35 articles and 22 press releases online bringing the activities to public, partners and media worldwide. All information can be found on the Platform website [www.memoryandconscience.eu](http://www.memoryandconscience.eu). On the social media we were active via Mailchimp application, Facebook official page, Twitter and Youtube channels.

The online tool Mailchimp was used for disseminating press releases and the Newsletter.

During 2021 we issued 10 Newsletters for our members. In the period of 2021 the official Platform website had more than 16,300 visitors with 37,050 page views according to the Google Analytic statistic code.

Our activities in 2021 were covered mainly in Albanian, Czech, Portugal and Polish media (selected articles):

### **January**

- Policie stíhá ideologa KSČ Fojtíka kvůli střelbě do lidí na hranicích (Czech Press Agency)

### **March**

- Platforma Europiane e Kujtesës dhe Ndërgjegjes dënon deklaratën e Luljeta Bozos (Exit News – Albania)
- Luljeta Bozo nderoi Enver Hoxhën/ Platforma Europiane e Kujtesës dhe Ndërgjegjes: Kërko falje, dorëhiq nga kandidimi (tpz.al)
- European NGO Asks Albanian MP Candidate to Resign over Praise of Communism (Exit News – Albania)

### **April**

- Platforma Europiane e Kujtesës dhe Ndërgjegjes dënon deklaratën e Bozos: Të kërkojë falje dhe të dorëhiqet (Politiko.al)
- Lartësimi i komunizmit nga Bozo, Platforma Europiane e Kujtesës dhe Ndërgjegjes: Kërko falje, tërhiq nga kandidimi (dosja.al)

### **May**

- Štrougal a Vajnar za střelení na hranicích stíháni nebudou, rozhodlo státní zastupitelství (Czech TV)
- Stíhání někdejšího člena KSČ Fojtíka bude pokračovat (Novinky.cz)

### **August**

- Prime Minister Janez Janša: We need to agree that one evil cannot justify another (gov.si)
- Причины, итоги и уроки великой отечественной войны (1941-1945 гг.). правда и вымыслы (history.ric.mil.ru)

### **September**

- “Shekulli i Martirëve”, një ekspozitë kundër diktaturave (voal.ch - Voice of America)
- Stát zaplatil části bývalých estébáků skoro miliardu a půl na výsluhách (Info.cz)

### **October**

- Frank Shkreli: “Fajtori” i pafajshëm! 50-vjetori i ekzekutimit të Dom Shtjefën Kurtit nga regjimi barbar komunist i Enver Hoxhës (telegraf.al)

**November**

- Marek Mutor nowym prezydentem Platformy Europejskiej Pamięci i Sumienia (Wrocław TVP)

**December**

- Žalobci musí znovu rozhodnout o Štrougalovi a Vajnarovi (Czech Press Agency)

## Platform representatives 2021

### President

- Dr. Łukasz Kamiński (2017 – Nov 2021)
- Dr. Marek Mutor (elected in Nov 2021 - )

### Executive Board members

- Prof. Antoine Arjakovski (FR)
- Dr. Wolfgang-Christian Fuchs (DE)
- Toomas Hiio (EE)
- Zsolt Szilágyi (RO)
- Dr. Marek Mutor (PL) - until Nov 2021
- Dr. Paweł Ukielski (PL) – elected in Nov 2021
- Dr. Andreja Valič Zver (SI)

### Supervisory Board members

- Dr. Jonila Godole (AL) – elected in Nov 2021
- Dr. Földváryné Kiss Réka (HU)
- Dr. Monika Kareniauskaitė (LT)
- Dr. Paweł Ukielski (PL) – until Nov 2021

### Managing Director

- Peter Rendek (SK)

### Board of Trustees

- Rasa Juknevičienė (LT)
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- Göran Lindblad (SE)
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- Janez Janša (SI)
- Ondřej Vetchý (CZ)

## **Platform members as of December 2021**

as of December 2021, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience is networking 68 (67 members, 1 candidate) institutions and organisations from 23 countries of Europe and North America.

### **Albania:**

- Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture
- Institute for the Integration of Persecuted People in Albania
- MEMO Center
- The Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences
- Kujto Foundation (candidate)

### **Bulgaria:**

- Citizens` Initiative for Dismantling the Soviet Army Monument in Sofia

### **Canada:**

- Czech and Slovak Association of Canada
- Black Ribbon Day Foundation

### **Czech Republic:**

- Association of Former Soldiers of the Auxilliary Technical Battallions – Military Forced Labour Camps with Seat in Prague
- Centre for Documentation of Totalitarian Regimes
- Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic
- Memory (Paměť)
- Political Prisoners.eu
- Post bellum
- Prague Academic Club 48
- Security Services Archive
- The Memory Traces
- The Twentieth Century Memorial Museum

### **Estonia:**

- Estonian Institute of Historical Memory
- Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom

### **France:**

- Collège des Bernardins

### **Georgia:**

- Georgian National Museum

### **Germany:**

- Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial
- International Association of Former Political Prisoners and Victims of Communism
- Meetingpoint Memory Messiaen e.V.
- Saxon Memorial Foundation for the Remembrance of Victims of Political Tyranny
- The Stasi Records Archive (the German Federal Archives)
- Union of the Associations of the Victims of Communist Tyranny (UOKG)

### **Hungary:**

- Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance
- The Public Foundation for the Research of Central and East European History and Society – House of Terror Museum

### **Iceland:**

- Icelandic Research Centre for Innovation and Economic Growth

### **Italy**

- Gariwo, la foresta dei Giusti

### **Latvia:**

- Koknese Foundation
- The Occupation Museum Association of Latvia
- The Occupation of Latvia Research Society

### **Lithuania:**

- Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania
- Secretariat of The International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania

### **Moldova:**

- Centre for the Study of Totalitarianism

**Netherlands:**

- Foundation History of Totalitarian Regimes and their Victims

**Poland:**

- Institute of National Remembrance
- Polish History Museum
- Remembrance and Future Institute
- Warsaw Rising Museum
- Witold Pilecki Center for Totalitarian Studies
- Fundacja Ośrodka KARTA

**Romania:**

- Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile
- The Memorial to the Victims of Communism and to the Anticommunist Resistance
- Timisoara Society
- Former Deportees from Baragan Association
- Pitești Prison Memorial Foundation

**Slovakia:**

- Inconspicuous Heroes
- Ján Langoš Foundation
- Nation's Memory Institute
- Truc sphérique
- Living Memory

**Slovenia:**

- Nova slovenska zaveza
- Study Centre for National Reconciliation
- Jože Pučnik Institute

**Sweden:**

- The Institute for Information on the Crimes of Communism

**Ukraine:**

- Center for Research on the Liberation Movement
- Foundation to Preserve the History of Maidan
- Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People
- National museum "Holodomor Victims Memorial"

- Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance
- UIPN State Archive

**United Kingdom:**

- Museum of Communist Terror

**United States of America:**

- Joint Baltic American National Committee
- Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

## Financial report as of 31 December 2021

Period	01.01.2021 - 31.12.2021
Account name	Closing balance EUR
Cash on hand EUR	278,36
Bank account in CZK	22 978,98
Bank account in EUR	58 174,96
Cash in transit	1 949,68
Goods in stock	79 539,98
Customers	81,86
Provide advances	1 035,28
Deferred costs	62,71
Fixed assets	5 426,27
Depreciation	-2 208,45
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>167 319,6</b>
Suppliers	13 023,33
Accrued payables	3 290,39
Deferred revenues	51 139,82
Profit/lost for last period	194 852,61
<b>Profit/loss for period</b>	<b>-94 986,56</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>167 319,6</b>
Office supplies	2 870,68
Promotional materials-books	-18 722,63
Sold goods	64,88
Repairs and maintenance	37,97
Energy consumption - office	3 204,66
Travel expenses	16 200,84
Representation expenses	-1 568,02
Services	176 732,14
Salaries costs	3 218,02
Other taxes and charges	175,42
Depreciation of assets	1 085,16
Donation	30 471,32
FX losses	10 525,46
Other expenses	1 981,21
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>226 277,15</b>
FX gains	1 864,76
Revenues from merchandise	64,12
Revenues from services	181,94
Received contributions	128 328,52
Other revenues	851,25
<b>Total income</b>	<b>131 290,59</b>