

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2022 brought many challenges for Europe and the world. The brutal, unprovoked Russian attack on Ukraine, unfortunately, confirmed the diagnosis that the Platform of European Memory and Conscience has been repeating for years: the lack of judicial justice for Communist crimes means that they may be repeated today and in the future. We can clearly see that the current war is rooted in the Soviet historical narrative and the Cold War way of understanding the world. This is proven by the crimes in Bucza and Irpien, kidnapping of children, deportations, confiscation of property, and other barbaric atrocities committed by Russians. It is also no coincidence that just before the war, the Kremlin banned the activities of the International Memorial Society, which researches and documents the historical truth about communist crimes in the USSR.



As early as 24 February 2022, the Platform's Executive Board called on all member organisations to actively participate in protests against this criminal aggression. We had to act as vigorously as possible within our remit to sustain European public opinion in an attitude of support for the struggling Ukraine. Our activists were present in the media in their countries and organised direct action supporting Ukrainian partners. An example is the Committee for Assistance to Museums of Ukraine, organised by the Warsaw Rising Museum in Poland. We sought to demonstrate the importance of historical themes in the propaganda narrative and, through expert work, expose Russian disinformation. As a result, we have made ourselves heard, mainly through the conference *Russia's hybrid war against the democratic world. A challenge for European remembrance policy*, which summed up our activities. This conference has become an important event and part of the official programme of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Speakers at the event in Prague included the President of Lithuania, **Gitanas Nausėda**, the Heads of Government of the Czech Republic, **Petr Fiala** and the Republic of Poland **Mateusz Morawiecki**, the leader of free Belarus **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, as well as numerous experts and opinion leaders. Once again, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the event - especially the Government Office of the Czech Republic - and our members: Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum and all partners.

In 2022 we updated the PEMC strategy to be more audible in European institutions. We relaunched the Pan-European Memorial for Victims of Totalitarianism in Brussels project and started to push for its implementation. The project is a complex task on the administrative side. Unfortunately, we have not yet received formal confirmation of the location of the Memorial. However, we will be able to find an agreement with partners from the regional and local administrations to realise this project, which is essential not only for Europe but also for the inhabitants of Brussels.

On the other hand, the Memorial project is receiving increasing support at the political level. Support was expressed among others by the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU. In July 2022, the Presidents of Lithuania and Romania and the Prime Ministers of Poland, Latvia and Estonia sent a joint letter to the EU institutions. The letter reads, among other things: *In the recent years, important steps have been made on the European level by establishing the Platform of European Memory and Conscience. The EU could do more by*

providing the Platform with necessary political and financial resources. The establishment of a Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of Totalitarianism in Brussels would be a very important step in ensuring proper remembrance of crimes committed by totalitarian regimes, including the Soviet one, in our awareness-raising efforts in order to prevent similar crimes and to stop them in Ukraine, and in paying our tribute to the victims.

Regarding building the support at the political level, critical meaning has the cooperation with the European Remembrance Group of the European Parliament, an informal group of MEPs led by Rasa Juknevičienė. This cooperation has resulted in several initiatives related to the Memorial project and beyond. Following a presentation of the project's premises in the European Parliament, we received significant support in the following year, 2023 - a petition to the Brussels authorities on the location of the Memorial was signed by more than 70 MEPs representing various political groups and national delegations.

It is worth emphasising at this point the role of the Pan-European Memorial, its significance for European memory, and the development of our Platform. Indeed, the realisation of Tszwai So's beautiful and significant vision does not exhaust the many possibilities that the project holds. The construction of the Memorial will be linked to creating a digital Pan-European Documentary Centre. A range of educational tools will be developed alongside the Memorial. Selecting documents (letters of victims) to be presented in the Memorial space will stimulate public debate. All this should significantly help our efforts to introduce knowledge of all totalitarian systems and their victims into the canon of European memory. We also hope that the implementation of the project will become a vehicle for the development of the Platform, enabling it to expand its team and capacity for impact.

In 2022, we also continued with many other activities and projects. We were involved in the Justice 2.0 programme, one of the most essential activities of PEMC. Our efforts bore results in 2023 when the trial of former high-ranking communist official **Vratislav Vajnar** was launched in the Czech Republic. We prepared further editions of the European handbook „*Lest We Forget*“. We cooperated in the organisation of the Edith Stein Year celebrations in Poland. We organised over 18 presentations of the Platform's educational and promotional products in 7 countries. We have intensified the work of the Executive Board, which meets at regular monthly online meetings to coordinate our network's activities better. As the Platform leadership, we have sought to be the voice of our member organisations.

Unfortunately, there was no shortage of problems in 2022. The main barrier to PEMC's development, the need for a stable budget for administration, could not be surpassed. It has been a great effort to maintain our office in Prague and the team, consisting of the Executive Director, the Programme Coordinator and occasional part-time staff and volunteers. However, we were strong with the strength of our member organisations and individuals involved in bodies and specific projects.

I would like to thank all the partners and supporters of the Platform. Most sincerely, I want to thank all of you, representatives of the member organisations, who, with your daily hard work, disseminate awareness of history wherever you operate. Each one of you is struggling with adversity. But your work is essential, especially for future generations. I am glad you are members of the PEMC family, where we can all count on each other.

Marek Mutor

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JANUARY

Statement on the liquidation of the Russian International Memorial organisation

On 28 December 2021, the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation decided to shut down the Russian International Memorial organisation. In addition to earlier accusations of violation of the “foreign agent” legislation, the prosecutor accused Memorial of “creating a false image of the Soviet Union as a terrorist state”, the defamation of the memory of the Great Patriotic War, and an attempt to rehabilitate Nazi criminals.

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience condemns the liquidation of Memorial in Russia. The Memorial organisation has, over the course of more than 30 years, raised awareness about the history of the totalitarian regime in the Soviet Union as well as other Communist regimes, built up on the Soviet example and with Soviet support. The efforts of Memorial in preserving the memory of the victims of Communist crimes are known worldwide. Their input into recovering forgotten histories of mass repression both in the former Soviet Union and abroad is hard to overestimate. In addition to that, the work of Memorial in protecting human rights in contemporary Russia and other countries is invaluable.

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience calls on the European Parliament and the European Commission to take action to guarantee the continuation of the work of the Memorial organisation, Russian historians and human rights activists in uncovering the totalitarian Communist past as well as the various forms of its legacy in the modern world. We call on all individuals and organisations involved with memory and remembrance and the protection of human rights to join an international campaign of solidarity with Memorial.

In Prague, 5 January 2022

Travelling exhibition continues to new destinations across Portugal

Prague, 25 January – The Platform’s travelling exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe” continued in 2022 to new destinations throughout Portugal, after Porto, Lisbon and the University of Coimbra.

Thanks to the Platform’s partner organisation Instituto +Liberdade, the first-ever overview of available statistics on civilian victims of the worst crimes committed by totalitarian regimes in the 20th century in 14 European countries was presented to the Portuguese population in their native language.

The exhibition was newly on display in the administration centre of the Algarve region, the city



of Faro. The next destinations were the cities of Braga and Aveiro. So far, the exhibition has visited five destinations in Portugal, among them two universities (University of Coimbra and the Catholic University of Portugal).

FEBRUARY

German investigation into former Communist Czechoslovak officials continues

Prague, 2 February – In the Czech Republic the case against Lubomír Štrougal and Vratislav Vajnar for the deaths on the Iron Curtain has been interrupted as new assessments of their health are awaited. However, according to Christian Härtl, the chief prosecutor in Weiden, Bavaria, an investigation into the killings on the Czechoslovak borders continues in Germany. According to him, the case also has historical significance.

“According to our current estimates, we have exhausted all investigative options available in Germany,” said Härtl, adding that it is now time to evaluate documents and information provided “primarily from the Czech Republic, but also from Slovakia”, or to carry out other investigative actions in both these countries.

Härtl has been the German lead on a joint Czech-German investigation team that has been working on this since 2019. It was initiated based on two criminal reports filed in 2016 and 2017 by the Platform of European Memory and Conscience. The reports highlighted the culpability of top communist officials such as Štrougal, Vajnar, and Miloš Jakeš (now deceased) as well as the border guards who fired the shots.

“In our proceedings, all persons who participated in the chain of orders in individual death cases are among the accused. This includes still living members of the state leadership, namely Strougal and Vajnar, as well as individual soldiers deployed at the border,” stated Härtl.

In September 2020, Prague 1 District Public Prosecutor’s Office halted the prosecution of Strougal, now 97, and Vajnar, 91, due to an expert opinion that the defendants would not understand the proceedings due to mental illness. Last December, this was overruled by the Czech Constitutional Court because of questions over the experts’ impartiality in this case. The Court has now ordered new reports to be completed by the end of March.

During the 2022 Memory Days in Albania, the Platform presented the Albanian version of its educational reader and the Century of Martyrs exhibition

The Platform (PEMC) president Dr. Marek Mutor, Board of Trustees member Dr. Łukasz Kamiński and exhibition curator Mr Wojciech Bednarski attended the 2022 Memory Days festival (17 – 26 February 2022) in Tirana, Albania. The festival is organised annually by the Institute of Democracy, Media and Culture led by its CEO Jonila Godole.

At the opening ceremony in Scanderbeg Square in Tirana on 17 February, PEMC president Marek Mutor delivered a welcome address to the participants. The next day he actively participated in the international conference *“Communist myths, before and after the system change”* which was held at the Tirana International Hotel.

On 18 February the PEMC international travelling exhibition *“Century of Martyrs”* was

opened at the National Historical Museum in Tirana by Łukasz Kamiński, Wojciech Bednarski and Gjon Radovani from MEMO Center.

On 23 February the presentation of the Albanian language version of the Lest We Forget reader took place at Rogner Hotel for students, teachers and former persecuted people. The reader was presented by Dr. Łukasz Kamiński (PEMC) and Fatmiroshe Xhemalaj (expert in school curricula), Viktor Martini (former political prisoner) and Ylber & Shpresa Merdani (former politically persecuted).



STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN AGGRESSION IN UKRAINE

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience (PEMC) condemns the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. It is a crime against the peace. We express our solidarity with the Ukrainian people defending their country. We condemn war crimes and atrocities for which the sole responsibility lies on the Kremlin and Vladimir Putin personally.

We deeply believe that an international tribunal to deal with these crimes is needed. We assure the Ukrainian members of the PEMC of our readiness to assist in any way we can. We also stand in solidarity with all the brave Russians who have found the courage to oppose the Putin regime's violence.

The aggression was preceded by a years-long campaign of historical disinformation against Ukraine and other Central and Eastern European countries. We regret that this warning sign was ignored by democratic societies.

The criminal nature of Putin's regime cannot be understood without analysing its Soviet, and especially KGB, roots. The PEMC is ready to improve and continue countering the actions of the Russian Federation through education and supporting its partners.

We call all member organisations of PEMC to take an active part in protests against this criminal aggression.

In Prague, 24.02.2022

MARCH

A Ukrainian story from the reader Lest We Forget

Prague, 6 March – In the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, accompanied by **false propaganda** and **disinformation**, we released a freely available Ukrainian story in English, German and Czech from our international educational reader Lest We Forget for teenage students anywhere around the world, in order to support educational efforts against the current aggression, which is also taking place in the field of recent history and against Ukrainian memory institutions.



The author of this text, historian Volodymyr Viatrovykh, joined the Ukrainian territorial defence forces as the soldier defending Kyiv against the Russian troops. Volodymyr was among other volunteer fighters in the video published by the BBC on 27 February 2022.

The life story of Ukrainian teacher Oleksandra Radchenko (1896-1965) describes the survival of the Holodomor famine in 1932-1933. She wrote about those times in her diary, documenting the horrors of what was essentially a deliberate starvation of the people in Ukraine by Stalin.

Platform representatives visited German partners

On 29 March 2022, the President of the Platform Mr **Marek Mutor**, member of the Executive Board Dr. **Christian Fuchs** and former Managing Director of the Platform Dr. **Neela Winkelmann** visited the German Federal Commissioner for the Victims of the SED dictatorship Ms **Evelyn Zupke** in the Bundestag in Berlin.

They discussed issues of common interest and possible cooperation, such as the memorial for the victims of Communism in Germany and the Platform's project of the Pan-European Memorial for the victims of European totalitarianism in Brussels, the presentation of the Platform's travelling exhibitions in Berlin and cooperation on the Platform's JUSTICE



2.0 project. Within this international project, a criminal complaint was presented by the Platform in Germany regarding the killings of East German refugees in former Czechoslovakia, and rehabilitations and compensations are being claimed from courts and the Ministry of Justice of the Czech and Slovak Republics for former East German refugees who were arrested on the borders of Czechoslovakia until 1989.

The Platform representatives then held talks with Ms **Alexandra Titze**, Vice-president of the Stasi Records Archive. With the expiry of the Act on the Stasi records and the end of term of the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi records in 2021, the records of the Stasi, the former East German secret police, were transferred to the Federal German Archives, the Bundesarchiv, where they constitute a special unit. As the legal successor of the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi records, the Bundesarchiv is now taking its place as a full Member of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, which is a significant recognition of the importance of the work of the Platform.



New documentary about German victims of the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia

Prague, 31 March – The new documentary *“Europe’s Deadliest Borders – The Forgotten Victims of the Cold War”* premiered on German television stations Arte and ARD.

The documentary depicts the stories of former East German citizens who attempted to cross the protected Czechoslovak border before 1989 and was inspired by the work of the Platform, especially its Justice 2.0 project (2014 – 2022). The film also features **Miroslav Lehký**, the Platform expert and former police investigator, Dr. **Lubomír Müller**, a lawyer and victims’ advocate, and the German prosecutor from Weiden Mr **Christian Härtl**.



The documentary was directed by **Oliver Halmburger** and it was created in co-production with Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, duration: 53 min.

APRIL

Debate in Prague on the importance of memory for the future of Europe

Prague, April 7th – Representatives of the Platform and guests from Polish memory institutions participated in a debate on ‘the importance of memory for the future of Europe’. The activities of the Platform and Polish memory institutions were presented as well as the current challenges in the field of research and commemoration of modern history. The falsification of history and the ongoing information war were also discussed. Invitations were accepted by Mr. **Marek Mutor**, President of the PEMC and Director of Centrum Historii Zajezdnia, Mr. **Paweł Ukielski** from the Warsaw Uprising Museum, and Mr. **Maciej Ruczaj**, Director of the Polish Institute in Prague. The debate was moderated by Mr. **Peter Rendek**, PEMC Managing Director.

This event was held as part of the ‘*Encounters with History on the Embankment*’ (5 – 12 April 2022) week of events, organised by the Platform’s member organisation, The Twentieth of Century Memorial Museum, together with the City of Prague.



Representatives of the Lithuanian Parliament met with representatives of memory institutions in Prague

Prague, April 8th – A meeting between representatives of the Lithuanian Parliament and representatives of Czech and international memory institutions based in Prague took place on April 8th, 2022, at the Lithuanian Embassy in Prague. The Lithuanian delegation was represented by the Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Parliament Ms. **Laima Liucija Andrikienė**, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania H.E. **Laimonas Talat-Kelpšus**, members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Parliament Mr. **Audronius Ažubalis**, Mr. **Marius Matijošaitis**, Mr. **Evaldas Zelenka**, Director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Parliament and Ms. **Kristina Baubinitė** from the Lithuanian Embassy in Prague.



Representing Czech institutions, the meeting was attended by Mr **Jan Kalous**, Director of the Museum of 20th Century Memory in Prague, Mr **Ladislav Kudrna**, Director-elect of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, and Mr **Peter Rendek**, PEMC Managing Director.

The meeting, a Lithuanian initiative, focused on the area of memory policy, with a particular focus on coming to terms with the Communist past. Discussion was held on the exchange of experiences, institutional development and international cooperation. Ms Andrikienė, Chair of the Committee, informed the room that, in the case of Lithuania, there is a significant increase in financial support for memory institutions. The Baltic state considers this area very important against the background of the current military conflict in Ukraine.

The Lithuanian side confirmed its interest and active participation in the implementation of the Pan-European Memorial to the Victims of Totalitarian Regimes in Brussels, which the Platform initiated on the basis of the 2009 European Parliament Resolution.

Lest We Forget book presentation for University of Minnesota scholars

Prague, April 28 – An online presentation of the second edition of *Lest We Forget* to University of Minnesota experts was held on April 28. The seminar and presentation was led by the book's editor, Ms. **Neela Winkelmann**. She spoke to a group of professors and scholars from the University of Minnesota's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies as part of the "Mass Violence and Human Rights" seminar series. The event was moderated by Ms **Tibisay Navarro-Mana**, assistant professor and doctoral student (history), and organized by **Tomaž E. O'Donoghue** (Platform intern).

Speakers from the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (CHGS) included **Alejandro Baer**, **Stephen C. Feinstein** Chair and Director of the CHGS, Professor, Department of

Sociology; **Joe Eggers**, Assistant Director of CHGS; **Nikoleta Sremac**, Research Assistant, and PhD Student (Sociology); Dr **Ana Ferreira**, professor of Literatures and Cultures in Portuguese at University of Minnesota, **Todd Schroer**, Chair of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Department and Associate Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Department of the University of Southern Indiana College of Liberal Arts. A lively question and answer session followed the presentation of the reader.

Meeting with the Czech Minister for European Affairs

The meeting with Mr **Mikuláš Bek**, Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic, Mr **Pavel Žáček**, Chairman of the Security Committee of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, and Mr **Peter Rendek**, PEMC Managing Director took place on 29 April at the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic in Prague.

The discussion focused on the 2022 Czech Presidency of the EU Council and the government's support for the upcoming annual and international conference of the Platform, as well as the European memory policy against the background of the conflict in Ukraine.

MAY

Advisory team of the President of Lithuania visited the Platform

Prague, 10 May – A Lithuanian delegation led by H.E. **Laimonas Talat-Kelpša**, Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the Czech Republic, Mrs. **Asta Skaisgirytė**, Head of the Foreign Policy Group and Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Lithuania, and **Sigitas Mitkus**, Advisor to the President of the Republic of Lithuania, visited the Platform's Prague office on May 10.

The discussion with Mr. **Peter Rendek** took place in the context of the upcoming Czech EU Presidency in 2022. The ongoing projects of the Platform at the domestic and international level were presented and the Lithuanian side expressed its willingness to assist in the implementation of the objectives of the Platform. The debate continued on the importance of the politics of memory against the background of the war in Ukraine. This was the second meeting with senior Lithuanian officials in a short period of time.

The Czech police launched criminal prosecution against the former Minister of Interior František Kincl for the killings on the Iron Curtain

Prague, 25 May – The Office of the Documentation and Investigation of the Crimes of Communism of the Czech Police (ÚDV) launched criminal prosecution against the former Federal Minister of Interior **František Kincl** (born 1941) on 17 May 2022. The prosecution is based on the Platform's criminal complaint, from September 2017, against the last surviving members of the Czechoslovak Politburo and others for border killings.

The ÚDV accuses Kincl of committing the particularly serious crime of abuse of official authority. He is alleged to have committed this by the fact that during his term of office (from 12 October 1988 to 3 December 1989), he *“did not take any concrete measures”* to

prevent the Border Guard officers “from using firearms against persons who were illegally attempting to cross the state border of the Czechoslovak Republic without endangering the Border Guard officers or other persons in any way”.

The resolution names specific persons (citizens of the GDR) who were harmed at the time and describes the actions taken against them. The ÚDV thus reconsidered its previous opinion that Kincl had not committed any act for which he should be prosecuted.

JUNE

Paweł Ukielski as a guest of Book World Prague 2022

On 9 June, the International Book Fair and Literary Book World Prague hosted a member of the Executive board of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, Mr **Paweł Ukielski** from Poland. In addition to promoting the activities of the Platform as a co-author, he discussed the publication *1989 – Autumn of Nations*.

The presentation was held at the Václav Havel Library.



Opening of the new Museum of the Victims of Communism in Washington, DC

Platform President **Marek Mutor** attended the grand opening of the new Museum of the Victims of Communism in Washington, DC on 6 June 2022. The museum was set up and is run by the the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and its creation was generously supported by the governments of Eastern and Central Europe (Poland, Hungary).

The opening of the museum was an important day both for the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation and for the PEMC. A few hundred meters from the White House there



is now a space to remember the victims of Communism around the world and to educate the younger generation about the bloody communist regimes and their legacy in the world.

During his visit to the USA, the Platform President Marek Mutor met with the President and CEO of VOC Amb. **Andrew Bremberg**, Hon. **Don Ritter** and other representatives, with whom he discussed further deepening of future cooperation and joint projects.

Remembering Soviet mass deportations in Brussels

The Platform representatives paid respect to all the victims of mass deportations in Soviet Union and Russian Federation on 14 June in Brussels.

The annual event “Remembering Soviet mass deportations” took place at the Esplanade Solidarność in front of the European Parliament in Brussels and it was organized by MEP **Rasa Juknevičienė** together with 58 Members of the European Parliament from all 27 EU member states, Informal Remembrance Group at the European Parliament, PEMC, Mission of Ukraine to the European Union, Ukrainian community in Belgium, Lithuanian Embassy and Lithuanian community in Belgium.

“This is unfortunately a very current topic. There are mass deportations of people in Ukraine, it is happening right before our eyes. We need to remember to be able to react to such current tragedies,” said Platform President **Marek Mutor** during the event.



JULY

Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU and Annual Conference of the Platform

On 7 July, Platform President **Marek Mutor** visited Prague and, together with **Neela Winkelmann** and **Peter Rendek**, met with the Head of the Government Office Ms **Jana Kotalíková** to discuss international cooperation and projects during the Czech EU Presidency.

The Government of the Czech Republic has previously supported memory policies and institutions at both domestic and international level in its policy statement. Following this effort, the Platform, together with the Office of the Government, the Institute for the Study

of Totalitarian Regimes and the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum, were organising an international conference entitled: *Russia's Hybrid War against the Democratic World. A Challenge for European Memory Policy*.

After the visit to the Office of the Government, a meeting was held with the new Director of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, Mr **Ladislav Kudrna**. They discussed mutual cooperation and director Kudrna expressed his willingness to rejoin the Platform during the annual meeting.

Finally, a meeting was held in Prague with Mr **Jan Kalous**, Director of the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum, to discuss cooperation on the aforementioned conference.



New expert opinions on former Communist leaders keep path to justice open

Prague, 21 July – Relatives of victims of the Iron Curtain on the borders of communist Czechoslovakia were served with new expert reports on the health of former Prime Minister **Lubomír Štrougal** (born 1924) and former Federal Minister of the Interior **Vratislav Vajnar** (born 1930), both of whom were accused of being complicit in the deaths and injuries of people trying to leave Czechoslovakia at the Czechoslovak border before 1989.

The prosecution of Lubomír Štrougal, Vratislav Vajnar and others for the killing of refugees on the state borders of the Czechoslovakia was based on criminal complaints filed by the Platform in Germany in 2016 and in the Czech Republic in 2017.

New expert reports had to be prepared because the Czech Constitutional Court in December 2021 pointed out the fundamental flaws of the previous ones. The Platform pointed out that the original expert witnesses had been closely associated with the previous regime, and were in fact ideologically subordinate to those being assessed. They could therefore be considered biased. The Constitutional Court, before which the case was brought, argued the same.

After delays, the forensic experts finally completed and examined the current state of health of both former communist potentates. According to them, Štrougal is likely to avoid a fair trial, while Vajnar could stand trial.

Exhibition and educational tools presented in Romania

The Platform exhibition *Century of Martyrs*, educational reader for older secondary school students *Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe* as well as the board game *Across the Iron Curtain* were presented at the 31th Bálványos Free Summer University and Student Camp in Băile Tuşnad in Romania on 19 – 24 July 2022.

The event included a debate *Memory, amnesia, history* moderated by Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, Platform Executive Board member. Speakers in the debate were Mr **Peter Rendek**, Platform Managing Director; Ms **Boróka Prohászka Rád** from Sapientia University, Cluj-Napoca; Professor **Gabriel Andreescu** from National School for Political Studies and Public Administration in Buchares; Mr **Florian Mihalcea**, director of Timisoara Society and Mr **Áron Mathé**, the Vice-Chairman of the Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance.

After the debate, exhibition curator **Wojciech Bednarski**, **Peter Rendek** and **Zsolt Szilágyi** introduced the exhibition *Century of Martyrs* and presented book and the board game.



The EU's resilience to external threats requires a broader condemnation and commemoration of the crimes of Communism, as demanded by five Member States

Prague, 29 July – High representatives of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania have signed a joint appeal to the leaders of the EU institutions, stressing that the Russian war in Ukraine makes it necessary for the EU to pay more attention to condemning the crimes of all 20th century totalitarian regimes and to commemorating the victims of these regimes. The current call follows the European Parliament's resolution "On European Conscience and Totalitarianism" of 2 April 2009, to establish a memorial for the victims of all totalitarian regimes.

The appeal was signed by Estonian Prime Minister **Kaja Kallas**, Lithuanian President **Gitanas Nausėda**, Latvian Prime Minister **Krišjānis Kariņš**, Polish Prime Minister **Mateusz Morawiecki**, and Romanian President **Klaus Iohannis**.

The heads of state call on the EU to take a coordinating role to address the issue more broadly in EU Member States, especially at a time when Russia is intensively targeting Europe with misinformation.

Joint letter on European memory

Dear Colleagues,

The brutal unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine signals about the rise of authoritarianism that neglects and even seeks to destroy the international rules-based order. This is an alarming reminder of not very distant past, notably the crimes committed by two cruel totalitarian regimes of the 20th century in Europe – Nazism and Communism.

The background and the roots of the current Kremlin regime ideology represent, in many cases, a reflection of the predecessors of recent Russia: the USSR and the Russian Empire. Russia has never condemned the crimes of the Soviets and its current leadership openly tolerates and even enthusiastically supports the Soviet legacy. There is a need to strengthen efforts on the EU level to fight the attempts of Russia to rewrite the history and use the narratives of totalitarian regimes in the context of war against Ukraine, by using legal, political and awareness raising instruments. Without an accurate, honest and comprehensive assessment of the past, we will not be able to effectively prevent future crimes on our continent or investigate the current ones in Ukraine.

The democratic world has decisively condemned the Nazi regime and brought to justice its leaders and perpetrators. The bitter lessons of the Nazism and the crimes perpetrated by the regime have become an obligatory part of teaching about the history in our educational systems. At the same time, the memory and knowledge of Soviet crimes have yet to find their rightful place in the consciousness of the Europeans.

Today more than ever clear and visionary leadership is needed, to promote the European Remembrance narratives across the whole EU, which in the end should become a part of all Member States national educational programs. The EU is best positioned to take up this coordinated role, and such a gesture would also be timely and highly relevant, in the light of an unprecedented level of Russian disinformation and misinformation, including on issues of the European history.

In the recent years, important steps have been made on the European level by establishing the Platform of European Memory and Conscience. The EU could do more by providing the Platform with necessary political and financial resources. The establishment of a Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of Totalitarianism in Brussels would be a very important step in ensuring proper remembrance of crimes committed by totalitarian regimes, including the Soviet one, in our awareness-raising efforts in order to prevent similar crimes and to stop them in Ukraine, and in paying our tribute to the victims.

We very much count on your personal engagement and support for these initiatives which could be addressed in the EU Council.

AUGUST

Century of Martyrs exhibition opened in Wrocław

The Platform, together with its member organisation Depot History Centre launched the exhibition „Century of Martyrs“ on 20 August in Wrocław. The exhibition was part of *Year of Edith Stein Year* and events and activities organised by Centrum Historii Zajezdnia and city of Wrocław. On 23 August on the occasion of the European Day of Remembrance for Victims of all Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes **Marek Muttur** paid tribute to Edith Stein and attended a commemoration event in Auschwitz.

**Platform was a partner of the Year of Edith Stein**

In 2022 the Platform was the partners of Depot History Centre in the celebration of Edith Stein's Year. The "*Century of Martyrs + Edith Stein*" exhibition was accompanied with the beautiful concerts of the Narodowe Forum Muzyki, which have already taken place in four venues in Poland: the Ruins of the Victoria Theater in Gliwice, the Church of St. Stanisława Kostka Miasto Lubliniec, the Railway Station in Wrocław and the Church of St. Joseph in Oswiecim - Miasto Pokoju - City of Peace. In October the exhibition opened in France at Saint-Germain des Pres in Paris.



SEPTEMBER

Century of Martyrs exhibition opened in Paris

The Platform, together with its member organisation Collège des Bernardins, launched the exhibition „Century of Martyrs“ in Paris on 21 September. The opening of the exhibition was followed by a debate with Mr. **Marek Muttur**, President of the Platform, Ms. **Joanna Nowicki**, Professor of Information and Communication

Sciences at the University of Paris CY Cergy, Mr. **Didier Rance**, specialist on martyrs and former Director of Aid to the Church in Need in France. The debate was moderated by Prof. **Antoine Arjakovsky**, Director of the Department of Research on Politics and Religion at the Collège des Bernardins.



Century of Martyrs exhibition opened in Prague

The “Century of Martyrs” exhibition opened in Prague in collaboration with The Twentieth Century Memorial Museum. Dr. **Łukasz Kamiński**, Director of the National Library of the Ossolineum in Wrocław and member of the Board of Directors of the Platform (PEMC), together with **Jan Kalous**, Director of the Museum, opened the Czech and English versions of the international exhibition “The Century of the Martyrs” at the Ambit Gallery in the



Convent of Our Lady of the Snows near Jungmann Square in Prague on 26 September. The exhibition presents the lives of 26 men and women from different European countries who dedicated their lives to the service of God, people and society. After Albania, Poland, Estonia, Hungary and France, the exhibition was for the first time introduced in the Czech Republic. A bilingual Czech-English catalogue was presented simultaneously with the exhibition. The exhibition was the opening programme of the 16th Mene Tekel festival.



OCTOBER

Special Award at the 14th NNW Film Festival in Poland

The Platform Supervisory Board member and Deputy Chairman of the Warsaw Rising Museum Dr **Paweł Ukielski** handed over the Special Award of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience (PEMC) at the 14th Unruly Unbreakable Cursed International Film Festival (Festiwal Filmowy NNW) in Gdynia which was held between 28 September – 1 October 2022.

A distinction was awarded at the closing gala to the film *“The forgotten border of Europe”* directed by **Oliver Halmburger**. The Main Award festival winner was **Kevin Macdonald** for his *“The Mauretańczyk”* documentary. This year’s special award *“Doors of Freedom”* went to Czech historian **Petr Blažek** from the Twentieth Century Memorial Museum in Prague, co-creator of the similar Prague festival *“Unbreakable and sacrificial”*.

During the NNW festival, the “Century of Martyrs” exhibition was on display for visitors.



Remembrance and Future Forum and meeting of the Platform’s working groups

Remembrance and Future Forum, a three-day intellectual feast organized by Centrum Historii Zajezdnia in partnership with the Platform started on 10 October. Participants, members of the Platform from all over the world (incl. France, Czech Republic, Albania,



Canada, Romania, Latvia, Estonia, Iceland etc.) launched the Platform’s working groups. They visited Edith Stein House to learn more about the fate of an outstanding philosopher and victim of Nazism. The event was accompanied with the opening of “Century of Martyrs + Edith Stein” exhibition at Centrum Historii Zajezdnia.

Presentation of the book „Lest We Forget“ and board game in Debrecen

Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, a member of the Platform’s Executive Board, presented the Hungarian edition of the reading book *Lest We Forget* and the board game “Across the Iron Curtain” on 25 October in Debrecen, Hungary.

During his presentation he said: *“The historical reader introduces the young generation to the totalitarian dictatorships of the 20th century and the board game presents the history of what the Iron Curtain looked like, how it worked and what system operated it. The ninth language translation, the Hungarian version was produced at Sapientia University in Cluj-Napoca. The publications are aimed primarily at secondary school students and we hope that they will also appeal to their teachers, especially history teachers, librarians and parents.”*

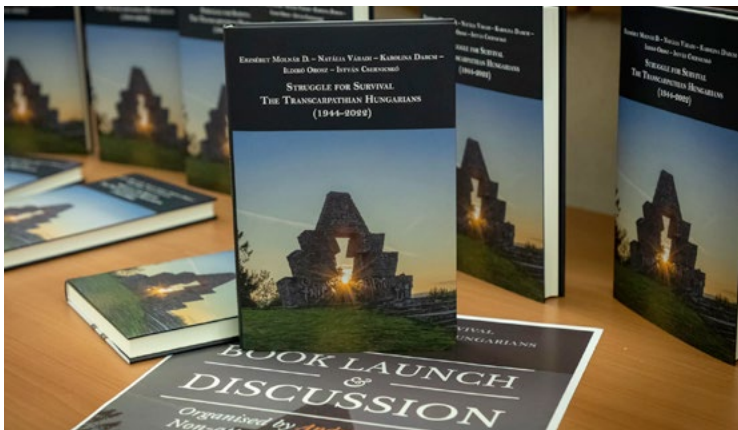


NOVEMBER

Historical book on the Transcarpathian minority presented in the European Parliament

The Platform has released a new publication focusing on the history of the Transcarpathian Hungarian minority during the totalitarian regimes entitled “The Struggle for Survival. Transcarpathian Hungarians (1944 - 2022)”. The book was first presented at the European Parliament in Brussels on 15 November 2022.

The book presents the most important turning points in the history of the community between 1944 and 2022, their turbulent and painful past, the struggle for survival and their own identity, political, linguistic and educational rights, etc.





The book was presented and co-authored by Ms **Andrea Bocskor**, non-attached Member of the European Parliament, and Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, member of the Platform's Executive Board. The authors are: **Erzsébet D. Molnár** (University of Debrecen), Dr. **Natália Váradi** (Ferenc Rákóczi Hungarian College of Transcarpathia II), **Karolina Darcsi**, Dr. **Ildikó Orosz** and Prof. **István Csernicsekó** (University of Pannonia).

International Conference “Russia’s Hybrid War against the Democratic World. A Challenge for European Remembrance Policy”

The Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, the Twentieth of Century Memorial Museum and PEMC organized the international conference on 16-18 November 2022 at the Liechtenstein Palace in Prague. The conference was held on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in the former Czechoslovakia and as an important side event of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It was attended by the President of Lithuania, Mr. **Gitanas Nausėda**, the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Mr. **Petr Fiala**, the President of the Senate of the Czech Republic, Mr. **Miloš Vystrčil**, the National Leader of Belarus, Mrs. **Sviatlana Cichanouskaya** and others.

The conference focused on contemporary Russian hybrid threats, with a particular focus on the area of falsification of 20th century history, myth-making as a tool of disinformation warfare and its relevance in light of the current military invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, and as a challenge to the international community in the field of memory policy.







The event was attended by a number of representatives of memory institutions and organizations from more than two dozen countries in Europe and North America associated in the Platform of European Memory and Conscience and a number of other invited speakers from politicians, journalists, European institutions and activists. Prime Minister **Petr Fiala** said, *“Disinformation and hybrid threats are nothing new in history, but Europe and the whole world are facing them now more than ever in the light of Russia’s aggression in Ukraine. It is good that there are memory institutions that have mapped the history of these threats and that events like this one are taking place. It is precisely the debate on the history of hybrid threats and their evolution that can help us better find ways to effectively defend against them. I am glad that the conference is being held under the Czech Presidency, in a country that has its own experience with the totalitarian regimes.”*

The opening of the conference was accompanied by the opening of the Lithuanian exhibition *Under Foreign Skies: Lithuanians in Soviet Forced Labour Camps and Exile 1940-*

1958. The Platform of European Memory and Conscience Award for 2021 was presented at a gala evening on 16 November.

On the occasion of the conference, the member organisations decided on the readmission of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes to the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, which it helped to found and from which it left under its previous leadership.

International Memorial receives Prize of the Platform in Prague

Prague, 16 November – At the opening of the international conference „*Russian Hybrid War against the democratic world. A challenge for the European Remembrance Policy*“ which is held on 16 – 18 November at the Liechtenstein Palace in Prague, the National leader of Belarus Ms **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, Mr **Miloš Vystrčil**, the Chairman of the Czech Senate and the president of the Platform Mr **Marek Mutor** presented the Platform’s 2021 prize, which was awarded to the Russian organisation Memorial International. The award was received by Mr **Boris Belenkin**, a member of the Memorial board.

“Already a year ago, members of the Czech Parliament expressed their strong dismay with the dissolution of the international human rights and educational NGO Memorial. I am pleased that the Prize of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience for the year 2021 is being awarded to this association and that it will be presented to Russian historian Boris Belenkin. It is essential and right to support efforts to seek the truth in history. I consider it symbolical that this is happening in the Czech Republic at the time of the anniversary of the Velvet revolution which brought us freedom and democracy”, said Mr Miloš Vystrčil, President of the Senate.



The Platform member institutions and organisations decided and voted earlier to award the 2021 Prize of the Platform to Memorial. *“Last year during the Platform’s annual conference we learned about plans to shut down the Memorial. We made a strong protest against it, as we knew the achievements and work done by Memorial’s people. The Memorial was soon nominated to the Platform’s Award. The voting started before the full scale Russian invasion was launched. It ended after that, when it was more than obvious that silencing Memorial was one of the preparatory steps not only to the war, but also to crimes against humanity,”* said Mr **Paweł Ukielski**, Deputy Director of the Warsaw Rising Museum, in his laudatio.

Ms Tsikhanouskaya, who is the 2020 Platform Prize laureate warned that the Belarusian regime and the Belarusian people should not be confused. Most Belarussians, she said, do not agree with Russia’s war against Ukraine, but on the contrary, many of them have helped the Ukrainians despite the threat of imprisonment. According to the politician, the fate of Ukraine and Belarus cannot be separated. *“There cannot be a free Belarus without a free Ukraine,”* she said.

Belenkin recalled the organization’s long-standing work and its current ban. *“Despite all the obstacles, our work continues,”* he said. He said that members of the society are now being persecuted and the organisation is facing fines and lawsuits. *“But the results of our work will never cease to exist,”* Belenkin added.

The organisation became famous for exposing the crimes of communism and Stalinism in the former Soviet Union and gradually became the largest human rights group in Russia. Memorial also received the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

The prize is awarded annually to a person(s) or institution who are today fighting against totalitarianism (authoritarianism), for the ideals of democracy, fundamental human rights and freedoms and the rule of law. The Platform Prize should support its laureates in their struggle, help protect them from persecution and help promote international publicity for their cause.



The Platform reached 70 members

On 16 November, representatives of more than 45 member organisations gathered at the Liechtenstein Palace in Prague for the annual meeting of the Council of Members.

They approved the annual report for 2021. Six members of the Executive Board and two members of the Supervisory Board were elected during the meeting:

Elected Executive Board members: **Antoine Arjakovsky** (France); **Toomas Hiio** (Estonia); **Jonila Godole** (Albania); **Zsolt Szilágyi** (Romania); **Pawel Ukielski** (Poland); **Andreja Valič Zver** (Slovenia)

Elected Supervisory Board members: **Maria Axinte** (Romania), **Yana Hrynko** (Ukraine)

Ms **Réka Földváryne Kiss** (elected in 2021, resigned from the Supervisory Board on 16 November). At the first meeting of the new Executive Board, the Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek**, was re-elected.

The members of the PEMC voted in favour of full membership of the **Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes** (Czech Republic), which as one of the founding members, has thus rejoined the Platform after 2014-2022. Full membership was also granted to the new Albanian member **Kujto Foundation**, and two new candidates were admitted, the **Musée de la Résistance de Limoges** from France and the **Silesian Centre for Freedom and Solidarity** from Katowice, Poland.

Activities of the board

In 2022, joint online meetings of the Executive and the Supervisory Board took place almost every month (first Mondays). The Board carried out activities related to the running of the organisation and individual activities. It was regularly informed about the activities of the Prague office and operational matters.

Board members worked closely with politicians across Europe in promoting and advocating the Platform's objectives and in fundraising. Direct communication continued with representatives of the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Lithuania, Hungary, the City of Brussels and/or representatives of the European Parliament regarding the Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of Totalitarianism in Brussels.

The results of the activities were clearly visible at the November conference in Prague, to which we managed to invite most of the members, a number of distinguished VIP guests and experts in the field of disinformation and hybrid warfare. The conference was rated as one of the best that the Platform has organized.

Platform collaborators

The 2022 Platform team in Prague/Wroclaw consisted of **Peter Rendek** (Managing Director and IT); **Wojciech Bednarski** (Program Manager and Researcher); **Olga Kolany** (Project Coordinator); **Neela Winkelmannová** (Project Manager); **Šárka Prislíngerová** (Assistant); **Gillian Purves** (Editor); **Yveta Schmalzová** (Payroll and Tax Advisor); **Lubomír Augustín** (Legal Advisor); **Tomaž E. O`Donoghue** (Intern). Accounting services were provided by MAZARS, s.r.o.

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Platform in the media

In 2022, the Platform's activities in the Czech Republic were mentioned in the context of the ongoing investigations into the communist regime in the Czechoslovakia and the border killings before 1989, but also in connection with the Platform Prize and the international conference in November. The documentary "Europe's Deadliest Borders - The Forgotten Victims of the Cold War" was presented on German Arte and ZDF television. In the Portuguese media, the Platform was mentioned in connection with the presented exhibition.

The Platform published 38 articles and press releases online, bringing the Platform's activities to the attention of the public, partners and media worldwide. All information can be found on the Platform's website www.memoryandconscience.eu. We were active on social media through our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube profiles. The Mailchimp application was used for the newsletter.

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PEMC MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

As of 16 November 2022, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience brings together 70 institutions (68 members, 2 candidate organisations) from 23 countries in 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

Bulgaria

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

Canada

- Czech and Slovak Association in 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
- Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Estonia

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

France

- Collège des Bernardins
- Musée de la Résistance de Limoges

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 (Bundesarchiv)
- 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

Island

- 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

Moldavia

- 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
- Silesian Centre for Freedom and Solidarity

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

- Nenápadní hrdinovia
- Nadácia Jána Langoša
- Ústav pamäti národa
- 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

USA

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



FINANCIAL REPORT

Period 1 January - 31 December 2022

Account name	Closing balance in CZK
Cash on hand	890
Bank account CZK	194 106
Bank account EUR	95 602
Deferred costs	3 806
Goods in stock	1 686 644
Customers	2 026
Operating advances	48 773
Fixed assets	134 897
Corrections to fixed assets	-81 878
Total assets	2 084 866
Suppliers	185 059
Other payables	60 636
Estimated accrued expenses	41 526
-Profit/+lost for last period	2 482 669
+Profit/-lost for period	- 685 024
Total liabilities	2 084 866
Office supplies, energy consumption	97 002
Sold goods	1 364
Services	2 070
Travel expenses	300 056
Representation expenses	56 526
Other expenses	1 410 280
Taxes and charges	2 500
Shortages and damages	1 044
Gifts	455 594
Exchange losses	38 476
Miscellaneous operating expenses	15 283
Tangible fixed assets depreciation	26 976
Total costs	2 407 171
Operational subsidies	1 710 701
Revenues from merchandise	3 072
FX gains	8 138
Other revenues	238
Total income	1 722 147



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