

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

| PROJECT | |
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| Project name and acronym: | Negotiating Difficult PastS — NeDiPa |
| Participant: | Fundacja Zapomniane |
| PIC number: | PIC 890506464 |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION | |
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| Event number: | WP 3 |
| Event name: | Second Stakeholders Annual Meeting |
| Type: | Other : Meeting |
| In situ/online: | in-situ |
| Location: | Poland, Będzin (Upper Silesia) |
| Date(s): | August 19, 2023 |
| Website(s) (if any): | https://zapomniane.org/dzialania/ https://zapomniane.org/en/actions/ https://nedipa.eu/wydarzenia/ https://nedipa.eu/en/our-events/ |
| Participants | |
| Female: | 19 |
| Male: | 8 |
| Non-binary: | 0 |
| From country 1 [Poland]: | 27 |
| From country 2 [name]: | |
| From country 3 [name]: | |
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| Total number of participants: | 27 |
| From total number of countries: | 1 |
| Description | |
| <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i> | |

On August 19, 2023, the 2nd Annual Meeting of NeDiPa Project Stakeholders: Negotiating the Difficult Past was held in Będzin.

The purpose of the meeting was to connect with project's stakeholders, including memory activists and representatives of institutions operating in the Upper Silesia and Dąbrowa Basin. This region of Poland was, before WWII, inhabited by a large and diverse Jewish population. During WWII it was also an important center of resistance, which in contemporary memory is oftentimes overshadowed by the focus on the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The crucial project partners and stakeholders in the area are Brama Cukermana Foundation (Cukerman's Gate Foundation) and Upper Silesian Jews House of Remembrance in Gliwice.

The meeting began with a walk around the area of the Będzin ghetto, celebrating the 80. anniversary of the uprising and armed resistance to the liquidation of the ghettos in the region that took place there in August 1943 (and where a commemorative plaque from 1947 was renovated). Representatives of the Brama Cukermana Foundation and local memory activist guided us and other stakeholders through the Będzin ghetto and the the house under which the Jewish Combat Organization hideout was located in Będzin (where an exhibition has been created, telling the story of the fighters). Later we visited the Cukerman's Gate - the Jewish house of prayer located in the city center of Będzin, where historic polychromies have been preserved and restored. The project partners and invited local activists, heritage professionals, educators and representatives of Jewish community, where presented with a collection of rare photos of the inhabitants of another town located in the region, Żarki, from 1937-42, as well as other valuable memory objects received recently by the Cukerman's Gate Foundation's team.

The whole group continued to visit the Upper Silesian Jews House of Remembrance in Gliwice (a branch of the Museum in Gliwice), organized in the preserved and renovated Jewish pre-burial house, housing a great exhibition about the history of Jews in Upper Silesia. The event culminated in a city tour around Bytom, where the group visited and discussed examples of preserved architectural heritage (in particular buildings designed by Jewish architects from Breslau, the Ehrlich brothers).

At the final part of the day, current activities carried out as part of the NeDiPa project were discussed with stakeholders, next steps planned in the project were presented and ideas for innovative best practices in working with difficult heritage were exchanged. The meeting was a beginning of a closer collaboration between the project partners and activists and organizations operating in Upper Silesia Dąbrowa Basin (which has already resulted in a plan for a joint study visit in The Falstad Centre in Norway).

This was followed by an internal meeting of representatives of organizations participating in the project of the Zapomniane Foundation, the Urban Memory Foundation and FestivAlt.

Project promotion:

Information about the meeting was published on the organization's website and on FB channels:

[link 1](#)

[link 2](#)

<https://zapomniane.org/dzialania/>

<https://zapomniane.org/en/actions/>

<https://nedipa.eu/wydarzenia/>

<https://nedipa.eu/en/our-events/>

The product was achieved as planned.

| HISTORY OF CHANGES | | |
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| VERSION | PUBLICATION DATE | CHANGE |
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| 1.0 | 01.04.2022 | Initial version (new MFF). |
| 2.0 | 19.04.2023 | Change the delivery date (month) for WP 3 (D3.1) Second Stakeholders Annual Meeting from Month 13 (April 2023) to Month 17 (August 2023) and change the place of the event from Warsaw to Będzin. |
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