EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Negotiating Difficult Pasts] — [NeDiPa]
Participant:	[Fundacja Zapomniane] ([Zapomniane])
PIC number:	PIC 890506464,

EVENT DESCRIPTION		
Event number:	WP 6	
Event name:	Commemoration in Okopowa Jewish Cemetery in Warsaw	
Туре:	Other : event	
In situ/online:	in-situ public	
Location:	Poland, Warsaw	
Date(s):	April 18, 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:	105	
Male:	45	
Non-binary:	2	
From country 1 [Poland]:	151	
From country 2 [Germany]:	1	
From country 3 [name]:	-	
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Total number of participants: 152 From total number of countries: 2

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On April 18, 2023, on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a ceremony was held to commemorate the victims of the ghetto and a little-known mass grave, which was discovered in the recent years (not far away from the two already known mass graves that have been already commemorated). On this day, six remembrance walks, focused on the war-time history of the cemetery and the Ghetto Fighters, were conducted for six different groups. The culminating moment was gathering around the third, unknown grave, marked by us with a simple wooden marker in the form of a matzevah (Jewish tombstone). The goal of the event was to celebrate the anniversary while restoring the memory of civilians who died and suffered in the Warsaw Ghetto and raise awareness about the third, previously unknown, mass grave where they rest, which is usually not visited during the anniversary celebrations.

The events were preceded by extensive field research and non-invasive archaeological research of the burial site (radar and surveying to determine the burial site).

The ceremony was attended by young people from Warsaw high schools and a group of twenty teachers and educators, as well as memory activists and heritage professionals, community leaders and Jewish Community authorities. The participation of the local community and schoolchildren in the process is an important element in restoring the memory of the Jewish inhabitants of Warsaw, their fate during the war, the history of the Ghetto Uprising and their burial sites. During the event, the participants got acquainted with the war-time history of people who were seeking shelter in the cemetery, the hideouts that were organized there by the war-time cemetery director (including one preserved to this day), memorial sites commemorating the Oneg Shabbat group operating in the Warsaw Ghetto, monument to the Ghetto Fighters and graves of some of them, as well as mass graves of Ghetto victims located in the cemetery. The meeting was an important step towards the process of officially recognizing the third mass grave as a site of memory which will hopefully lead to erecting a monument on the site. The meeting started the process of restoring the memory of this place and its victims.

Promotion and dissemination

Information about the commemoration was published on the organizations' website & FB channels:

https://zapomniane.org/dzialania/

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

https://nedipa.eu/wydarzenia/

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

Promotion of the project:

Information about the meeting was published on the organizations' website & FB channels: https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=609125831252160&set=pb.100064642453978.-22075 20000.&type=3

The deliverable was achieved as planned.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	02.02.2023	Change the delivery date (month) of D5.1 (WP6) from month 11 (February 2023) to month 17 (August 2023).