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A Word from the President



Dear friends,

The year 2015 was the year when the Platform got better international attention than before. This is very much thanks to the economic support we got from the Hungarian government. Our main activities, first and foremost, the justice project would not have been possible without proper finances.

To secure the future of our work establishing justice for victims we need even more attention. To achieve this we have to continue co-managed activities with members, as well as taking part in international events in order to increase the important networking.

Besides the activities presented in this report, I also took part in a conference in Tbilisi called Totalitarianism in Georgia in the light of Hannah Arendt's theory on totalitarianism. Georgia's history during the Communist dictatorship is interesting not only because Stalin was born there, but also because of the level of the Orthodox Church playing along as collaborators with the regime.

Historical knowledge is ever so important. Our task as the Platform is to keep the memory of past totalitarian crimes alive so that we can prevent dictators in making from gaining power.

Yours sincerely,

Göran Lindblad

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Working luncheon with Members of the Reconciliation of European Histories group in the European Parliament, Brussels on 21 January 2015

The meeting was attended by seven Members of Parliament: **Sandra Kalniete** from Latvia, host of the meeting, **Michał Boni** from Poland, **József Nagy** from Slovakia, **Alojz Peterle** from Slovenia, **Tunne Kelam** from Estonia, **Joachim Zeller** from Germany, **Monica Macovei** from Romania. Also present were the Brussels Office Manager of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, **Agnieszka Delis-Szeląg**, and Assistants of MEPs Sandra Kalniete, **Mara Lesina** and **Maris Berzins**. The planning and execution of the event on 27 May 2015 in the European Parliament were discussed – the presentation of the results of the project “International Justice for Communist Crimes” and the documentary film screening.

Executive Board meeting in Brussels on 27-28 January 2015

The Board of the Platform met in the Brussels office to discuss the work of the Platform during the past quarter and plans for the next months. The approaching 70th anniversary of WWII was discussed, the award of the Prize of the Platform 2015, the itinerary of the international traveling exhibition, as well as fundraising activities.



International call for a film team to create a documentary film as a part of the “International Justice for the Communist Crimes” project, between 3-18 February 2015

On 3 February 2015, the Platform announced a Call for a Film Team to create a documentary film accompanying the international justice project. As of the deadline on 18 February 2015, a total of 8 highly qualified and competitive entries were received. Three came from Germany and one each from teams from Canada, Switzerland, Romania, the Czech Republic/ Austria and the Czech Republic/USA. The Board decided to give the contract to **Stefan Weinert**, director of the acclaimed documentary films “Gesicht zur Wand” (Face the Wall) and “Die Familie” (The Family), which deal with the Berlin Wall and its victims.



Commemoration of the anniversary of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia of 1948 on 25 February 2015

Platform Member organizations commemorated the 67th anniversary of the Communist coup in former Czechoslovakia. There was a solemn gathering on 25 February 2015 at the site just below the Prague castle where a student protest march was beaten up in 1948. The Prague Academic Club 48, the Confederation of Political

Prisoners of the Czech Republic and the Union of Auxiliary Technical Units –

Military Forced Labour Camps were among the organisers of the event. The documentary film “Gulag 113” by **Marcus Kolga** was screened in Prague on 24 February as a part of the MENE TEKEL festival against totalitarianism which takes place annually during the week of 25 February. Marcus Kolga, who is also chairman of the Black Ribbon Day Foundation from Canada, a Platform Member, spoke at a conference on 25 February in the Senate in Prague.



International working meeting of the “International Justice for the Communist Crimes” project in Prague on 26-27 February 2015

Members of the International Legal Advisor Team of the Platform, the project researchers and film director Stefan Weinert met in Prague to discuss the current state of work and the next steps in the project. The preparation of the documentary film was outlined, as well as a publication which will be presented in the European Parliament in Brussels on

27 May 2015. The working meeting and a lunch was kindly hosted by the office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



Results of the first Platform-wide survey among Members on their priorities, needs and focus of work, launched among Platform Members in September 2014, published in the Platform newsletter for February 2015

The survey **“Coming to Terms with 20th Century History”** was designed by Platform visiting scholar **Iga Kozłowska** from the University of Chicago to better understand the Platform’s member organisations and their goals, challenges and attitudes about coming to terms with totalitarianism in the context of European integration. At a 40% response rate, survey results are not representative of all Platform members, but nonetheless provide a look into the issues relevant to members. In brief, respondents indicated that

- (1) justice and mutual understanding have not been adequately achieved
- (2) awareness raising is a top goal with the most potential for being achieved
- (3) low EU support and interest pose major challenges and
- (4) national and EU democracies are not working very well.

The first major finding is that the European field of justice and remembrance with regard to Communism is perceived to be in a sad state of affairs. More than half of respondents indicated that courts have not adequately served justice for Communist crimes and that Western Europe and EU institutions do not adequately understand or recognise the history of Communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe.

Second, responding members indicated their top three objectives as raising public awareness, educating youth, and historical research—these are perceived to be the least difficult tasks to achieve. The most difficult tasks are justice, Western recognition of human rights abuses, supporting victims and keeping secret police archives open and accessible.

Third, while national challenges exist, low EU support and interest seem to be most critical. The top ranked challenges to achieving organisational goals include, in order of importance, low public interest in the EU, insufficient support from the European Parliament, different perceptions of the past between East and West, low political will in one’s country, and insufficient support from the European Union.

Fourth, when it comes to European integration and institutions, responding members indicated that values, culture and history are the top three issues that most create a feeling of European community. While respondents ranked values first, the average European ranks values fifth.

For respondents, the top values specifically were rule of law and democracy, individual freedom, and human rights. Unfortunately, 64% of respondents are not at all or not very satisfied with how democracy is working in their own country (50% in the EU). They also tend to believe that things in general are not going in the right direction in their own country (69%) and the EU (62%).



Visit of Platform of European Memory and Conscience Board to Budapest on 2-3 March 2015

On 2-3 March 2015, the Platform Board – **Göran Lindblad**, **Paweł Ukielski**, **Siegfried Reiprich**, **Zsolt Szilágyi** and **Neela Winkelmann** – travelled to Budapest. They paid a visit to Platform Member institution the Committee of National Remembrance, led by Chairperson **Réka Földvárné Kiss**. They discussed joint cooperation on the upcoming Platform conference “The Iron Curtain - Consequences of WWII” and were kindly hosted on their premises to hold a Board meeting. The following day, the Platform Board held



meetings with **László Szőke**, director of the Presidential Department of Foreign Affairs, and with **Zsolt Németh**, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly and **Szabolcs Takács**, State Secretary for European Union Affairs. The discussion was followed by a meeting with the media organised by Mr Németh.



Executive Board meeting in Budapest on 2 March 2015

The Board of the Platform discussed the work of the Platform during the past two months and plans for the next months. The upcoming conference “The Iron Curtain - Consequences of WWII” and the International Justice for the Communist Crimes project were the main topic, as well as fundraising activities of the Platform.

Visit of the Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance at the Platform Office in Prague on 5 March 2015



The Committee of National Remembrance from Hungary, Member organisation of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, visited the Platform's office in Prague. Chairperson of the Committee **Réka Földvárné Kiss** Committee Members **Áron Máthé**, **Attila Sóos** and Head of the Legal Department **Gábor Katona** continued the discussion on common projects with Platform Managing Director Ms **Neela Winkelmann** started earlier in the week in Budapest.

Partnership of the Platform in conference “Repressions & Human Rights: Remembering the March 1949 Baltic Deportations” in Toronto on 27 March 2015

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the Black Ribbon Day Foundation in Canada and other partners co-hosted a conference entitled “Repressions & Human Rights: Remembering the March 1949 Baltic Deportations”, in Toronto at the Isabel Bader Theater at the University of Toronto. Renowned Finnish author, **Sofi Oksanen** (Purge, Stalin's Cows, When the Doves Disappeared) delivered the keynote address. Platform President **Göran Lindblad** held a presentation at the conference.



Filming and creation of documentary film and video clip for the project “International justice for the Communist Crimes” with the title “JUSTICE 2.0”, March – May 2015

Director **Stefan Weinert** and cameramen **Frederik Walker** and **Benjamin Greulich** from Germany shot the film, which was presented on 27 May 2015 in the European Parliament in Brussels. They were supported by researchers and legal experts working on the International Justice for the Communist Crimes project. They filmed crime scenes and interviewed witnesses, victims and family members of victims in three countries. The film was named “JUSTICE 2.0”.



Presentations of the Platform Reader for Schools “Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe” in 14 schools across the Czech Republic



For the second time, the Platform received a grant from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation to present the Czech version of the Platform Reader “Abychom nezapomněli. Výpověď o totalitě v Evropě” at 14 secondary schools across the Czech Republic, one in each administrative region. At the presentations done by Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**, a well-known actor/actress reads from the book and a local eyewitness of totalitarian crimes tells the students about their experience with the dictatorship. At the end, the students are asked to fill in a questionnaire about coming to terms with totalitarianism. The project was carried out between March and October 2015.

April 2015

Presentation of the Platform Reader for Schools “Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe” at the Czech Center in New York, USA on 2 and 9 April 2015



On 2 and 9 April 2015, the Platform Reader for schools “Lest We Forget – Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe” was presented by the editor of the book **Gillian Purves** at the Czech Center New York, as part of the Czech Center’s Acts of Courage programme, which continued until 8 May 2015. The screening of a documentary about Czech war pilot Josef Bryks “The Man Who Overestimated the Czech Soul” on 2 April was followed by a discussion with Brigadier General **Jiří Verner** and a brief

presentation of the reader by **Gillian Purves**. The reader was presented in more detail on 9 April, following a screening of director Jan Mudra’s documentary “The Case of Dr. Horáková” about the show trial of Milada Horáková and her colleagues.

Public discussion “Searching for the Czech identity II – Elite versus role models” in Prague on 22 April 2015



A second public discussion evening with the title “Searching for the Czech identity II – Elites versus role models” took place on 22 April 2015 at the Centre for Contemporary Art DOX in Prague, in cooperation between the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, DOX – Centre for Contemporary Art and Czech Television. Participants were Prof. **Jan Sokol**, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Humanities of the Charles University, **Jana Adamcová**, advisor of Deputy Prime Minister

Pavel Bělobrádek, **Pavel Stopka** of the Biotechnology and biomedical centre of the Academy of Sciences and Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**. Moderator was sociologist **Jan Urban** of New York University in Prague.

Presentation of the Platform Reader for Schools “Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe” at a conference of European history teachers EUROCLIO in Denmark on 23 April 2015



During the week-long annual conference of the European History Teachers’ Association EUROCLIO in Helsingør, Denmark, Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann** presented the Reader for Schools at an evening discussion called “Political cafe” on 23 April 2015. About 30-40 history educators from different countries in Europe, North America, Israel, India and other



countries attended the presentation. Complimentary copies of the Reader were handed out to the audience. The book received positive and interested responses. It is welcomed by the teachers as a handy and useful resource for teaching history. It was confirmed that no similar publication has been created yet.

May 2015

Presentation of the international travelling exhibition "Totalitarianism in Europe" in New York, USA on 1-15 May 2015

On the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII, the international travelling exhibition "Totalitarianism in Europe" opened at the Czech Center in New York. Platform President **Göran Lindblad** held a speech, followed by a discussion in an informal setting with the guests of the opening.



Annual international conference of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience "Iron Curtain – The Consequences of WWII" in the National Assembly in Budapest on 5-6 May 2015

The aim of the international conference which was held on the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe was to draw attention to the fact that the defeat of National Socialist Germany meant the seamless transition into totalitarian Communist dictatorship for the citizens of Central and Eastern Europe. The Iron Curtain, the fortified and impassable border barrier between the free democratic world and the countries under Communist dictatorship, became the symbol of the violent division of Europe for another 45 years. It was on the Iron Curtain that thousands of innocent Europeans met their death while trying to escape into freedom, it was behind the Iron Curtain that the atrocities and grave crimes of Communism were successfully concealed.

The purpose of the conference was to fill in some of the remaining white areas on the map of Europe's history and to analyse how the post-WWII division of Europe was planned and prepared, to create an overview of the ascent of the Communist dictatorships to power in the wake of WWII, to present latest research on the statistics of the people killed on the Iron Curtain as well as to examine the





knowledge in the West about the reality of life behind the Iron Curtain and aspects of Western economic collaboration with the Communist bloc. The conference also discussed the issue of justice for the crimes and possible modes of commemoration of the victims of the Iron Curtain in Europe today.

The goal of the conference was to improve historical knowledge in Europe and to foster a better understanding and integration between the West and East of the formerly divided Europe.

The Committee of National Remembrance were the conference partners and co-organisers. Twenty-six speakers and moderators participated in the conference, half of them from abroad. The House of Terror Museum, the Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security, the Institute of State and Social Theory of the National

University of Public Service, the VERITAS Research Institute and Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Centre for the Humanities provided panelists for the conference. Foreign guest speakers included **Łukasz Kamiński**, President of the Polish Institute of National Remembrance, **Valters Nollendorfs**, Chairman of the Board of the Occupation Museum Association of Latvia, **Andreja Valič Zver**, Director of the Study Centre for National Reconciliation in Slovenia and others.

Close to 100 members of the audience, many of them young people, attended the event on both days. The conference was opened by **Gergely Gulyás**, Deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, and concluded by **Szabolcs Takács**, Secretary of State for European Affairs in the Prime Minister's Office.

Based on the feedback, the information presented at the conference was new for many participants – such as the data about the victims of the Iron Curtain from Bulgaria or Czechoslovakia. It is to be anticipated that further international cooperation will continue along these research lines.



Prize of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience 2015 awarded in Budapest on 7 May

The Prize of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience 2015 was awarded to **Oleg** and **Alexei Navalny**, unjustly persecuted in the Russian Federation, at a ceremony in the Duna Palota hall in Budapest.

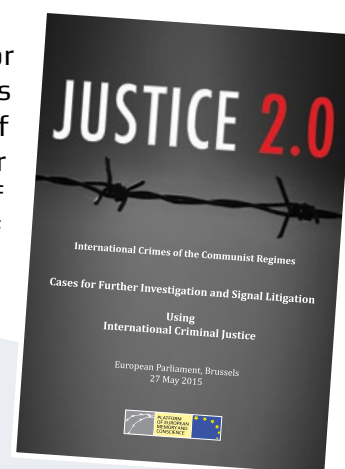
Speakers at the award ceremony were **Göran Lindblad**, President of the Platform, and **Zsolt Németh**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian



Parliament. The Prize was received by **Nikita Kulachenkov**, an associate of Alexei Navalny. Mr Kulachenkov expressed hope that there will be no division between Europe and Russia in the near future. Especially the young generation is keen on seeing democracy prevail in the country.

Completion of research and legal analyses for the pilot project “International Justice for the Communist Crimes”

As of 27 May 2015, the research, documentation and legal work for the pilot project on International Justice for the Communist Crimes was successfully concluded. Consensual legal opinions on cases of crimes against humanity committed in the 1970s – 1980s in former Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria were formulated and a publication of the resulting findings about concrete cases and living perpetrators of international crimes of Communism was written by Project manager **Neela Winkelmann**. It was published for the event in the European Parliament on 27 May 2015.



Event “JUSTICE 2.0” on 27 May 2015:

Unveiling of a modern art installation by Czech artist group Pode Bal on the Esplanade Solidarność in front of the European Parliament in Brussels



Prominent Czech artist group Pode Bal and the Platform of European Memory and Conscience presented a modern art installation on the Esplanade Solidarność in front of the European Parliament in Brussels. The work of art was to remind the general public and policy makers of the unpunished crimes against humanity committed by the Communist regimes. It depicts the scene of the killing of **Hartmut Tautz**, an 18-year-old boy who was mauled by dogs while trying to escape from East Germany to the democratic world on the Czechoslovak – Austrian border on 8 August 1986.

The sculpture was installed based on a request of 35 Members of the European Parliament from 14 countries led by **Sandra Kalniete**, Chairwoman of the

Reconciliation of European Histories group. It was inaugurated in the presence of the mother and sister of Hartmut Tautz by EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport **Tibor Navracsics** on 27 May 2015. About 100 people attended the unveiling of the sculpture which was presented on the site until 1 June 2015.



Presentation of the results of the project “International Justice for the Communist Crimes” in the European Parliament. Conference and documentary film and YouTube clip screening

The Platform and the Reconciliation of European Histories group organised a conference “JUSTICE 2.0” which took place on 27 May 2015 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

At the conference, the results of the year-long ground-breaking pilot project of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience were presented. With the help of legal experts, researchers, victims, witnesses and archival documents, a



number of living perpetrators of international crimes committed during Communism in Central and Eastern Europe were identified. Their names were presented at the conference, together with the publication “JUSTICE 2.0”. The documentary film “JUSTICE 2.0” and video clip showing testimonies of witnesses of the crimes were screened at the conclusion of the event.



Presentation of the results of the project “International Justice for the Communist Crimes” at a press conference in the Chamber of Deputies in Prague

At a press conference of the Platform hosted by Deputy Prime Minister **Pavel Bělobrádek** (KDU-ČSL) in the Chamber of Deputies in Prague on 27 May 2015, the Platform researcher team presented results of the project “JUSTICE 2.0” and the call for international justice for the persons responsible for crimes against humanity committed under Communism. The echo in the media has been significant. A debate about the late punishment of Communist perpetrators has started in the Czech Republic.



Publication of proceedings of conference “Legacy of Totalitarianism Today” held on 12-13 June 2014 in the Senate in Prague



The aim of the Platform annual conference in 2014 was to assess the problem areas in today's post-totalitarian societies which are hampering the establishment of advanced democracies and to seek possible solutions. The conference brought together representatives of a wide spectrum of stakeholders: policy makers, legal specialists, members of academia, national institutions and non-governmental organisations dealing with the legacy of the totalitarian past, anti-corruption initiatives and the interested public. The conference dealt with the situation in Europe's post-totalitarian countries and focused especially on the areas where, even 25 years after the fall of Communism, the legacy of totalitarianism is still present: the quality of democracy, rule of law, justice for the crimes of the past, corruption, quality of media, the role of memory institutions. The proceedings were published in English at 500 copies.

June 2015

Presentation of the international travelling exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe” in Washington, D.C., USA on 29 May - 8 June 2015



very interested in the posters and were eager to discuss how their experience in China related to the larger tradition of totalitarianism across Europe. There was another public showing of the exhibition on 8 June 2015.

The Platform's international travelling exhibition was hosted by the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., USA. This offered an opportunity to combine the exhibit with other programming, such as a conference on the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre. The conference participants were



Celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Polish Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw on 15-16 June 2015

Several Platform Member institutions and representatives participated in the conference “Reappraisal of Communist Dictatorship. 25 Years of European Experience: Achievements and Failures” on 15 June and a solemn ceremony at the Royal Castle on 16 June organised by the IPN under President **Łukasz Kamiński**. Speakers at the conference were, among others, the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records **Roland Jahn**, Director of the

Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial **Hubertus Knabe**, Director of the Museum of Occupation of Latvia **Gunārs Nāgels**, Platform President **Göran Lindblad** and Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**. Distinguished guests at the celebration on 16 June were, among others, President-Elect **Andrzej Duda** and former Soviet dissident and human rights activist **Sergei Kovalev**.



July 2015

Platform Czech Members call on Government not to introduce state funding for extremists on right and left

The Platform and some of its Czech Member organisations delivered a letter to Prime Minister **Bohuslav Sobotka** and the Christian Democrats in the coalition on 8 July 2015 asking them to remove the planned “political institutes” from a Government proposal of an act on financing of political parties. The new act would introduce limits on party sponsoring, at the same time establishing vaguely defined “political institutes” closely linked to the parties. These institutes, operating without any control mechanisms, would be entrusted with political education. Both the unreformed Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia KSČM and the populist right-wing Úsvit movement could then run such institutes directly funded from the state budget.

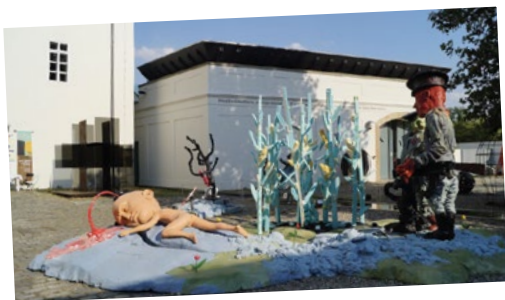
Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann** was quoted by the Hospodářské noviny news server www.ihned.cz: “We need to see the situation in its context. There is growing frustration in Greece and the pressure of refugees on Europe is extraordinary. All this is playing into the hands of extremists.” The signatories of the letter warn the Government that its proposal could weaken the quality of democracy in the country. The Government proposal was later amended, it excluded the Úsvit movement from the beneficiaries of the legislation.

Presentation of sculpture by Pode Bal in Prague at Museum Kampa starting on 16 July 2015

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience participated in the launch of the Prague presentation of the sculpture by the artist group Pode Bal which was first presented on 27 May 2015 in front of the European Parliament in Brussels, as a part of the Platform event “JUSTICE 2.0”.

The sculpture depicts the East German boy **Hartmut Tautz** who was severely wounded on 8 August 1986 on the Iron Curtain between Communist Czechoslovakia and Austria by so-called “independently attacking dogs” of the border guards.





Speakers were **Jiří Pospišil**, former Minister of Justice and member of the Museum board, **Petr Motyčka** and **Dan Trantina** of Póde Bal and Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**.

The sculpture, which raised considerable attention of the media in the Czech Republic, was on display in the courtyard of Museum Kampa until the autumn.

Prosecution of Communist crimes against humanity: Platform commends Romania and welcomes Estonian EU-initiative

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience congratulated its Romanian Member, IICCMER, on the first sentencing of a pre-1989 Communist perpetrator, Alexandru Visinescu.

The sentencing of Alexandru Visinescu for crimes against humanity was a milestone for the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMER). "This is only a first victory and by far not the necessary justice for the crimes of Communism. The chain of command must be reconstructed and the political leadership brought to court, not only from the first years of Communism but also all the way until the end of the Ceausescu regime. Plenty of perpetrators are still alive," said **Radu Preda**, President of IICCMER.

In May 2015, the Platform launched a call to the international community to bring perpetrators of international crimes of Communism to court. The Estonian Minister of Justice responded by convening an EU – wide roundtable on the occasion of 23 August, the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarianism, which would deal with the responsibility for the Communist crimes. An international working group is to be established which should plan possible criminal proceedings. The Platform welcomed the Estonian initiative and announced it would participate in it.

August 2015

Platform commemorates European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Totalitarianism in Tallinn on 23 August 2015



The Platform of European Memory and Conscience commemorated the millions of victims of 20th century totalitarianism in Europe at an event organised by the Estonian Ministry of Justice and the Estonian Institute of Human Rights in Tallinn. After a ceremony on Freedom Square, the Platform and its Member institutions and organisations from Estonia, Latvia, Poland and Hungary participated in the conference "The Criminal Legacy of Communism and Nazism" at

the Museum of Occupations, alongside with representatives of Ministries of Justice of European countries, witnesses and victims of totalitarianism and other stakeholders. The importance of commemorating the day is gaining another dimension. "There is a clear

connection between history and today. The Hitler-Stalin pact of 23 August 1939 is again popular in the Kremlin," said **Göran Lindblad**, President of the Platform.

Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann** also had talks with the Director of the Office of the President of Estonia **Alo Heinsalu**, Minister of Justice **Urmas Reinsalu**, Chairman of the Human rights group in the Parliament **Mart Nutt**, the Ambassador to Israel **Malle Talvet-Mustonen** and **Janne Jõesaar-Ruusalu**, Director of Division of Northern and Central Europe at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Platform becomes partner in Estonia's initiative toward an international institution for justice for Communist crimes

Estonia's Minister of Justice **Urmas Reinsalu** announced the beginning of work leading to a new institution of justice for Communist crimes. A working group will be established with participation of experts from the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.

Only two months after the Platform's appeal to the international community to establish a supranational institution of justice for the international crimes of Communism, a meeting of representatives of Ministries of Justice from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Georgia in Tallinn, Estonia adopted a document called the **Tallinn declaration** which asks for the establishment of such an institution and of a working group to this end.



The participants also condemned the use of symbols of totalitarianism and stressed the need of public access to archives containing information about the crimes.

"We are truly pleased that Estonia has decided to raise the issue and to lead the initiative. The Platform will support this work the best we can," said **Neela Winkelmann**, Managing Director of the Platform. "We are now hopeful that the surviving perpetrators of Communist crimes against humanity will face prosecution soon."

September 2015

Platform calls for attention to the cause of the Tatars in Crimea

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience supported its Members, the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars, in their blockade of Crimea. The Platform called on the international community to uphold the rights of the Crimean Tatars and the human rights and democratic freedoms in Crimea. By their desperate blockade, the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatars wanted to attract international attention to the persecution and discrimination they face in Russian-occupied Crimea.

The Platform joined the Mejlis in calling for immediate release of Mejlis Deputy Chairman **Akhtem Khygoz** and all other Ukrainian citizens in unlawful Russian detention, for the raise of the entry ban to Crimea for other leading Mejlis representatives including **Mustafa Dzhemilev**, winner of the 2014 Prize of the Platform, for the re-establishment of freedom of press in Crimea, for the freedom of entry for foreign journalists and human rights observers to Crimea and for an immediate end to administrative harassment and criminal prosecution of Crimean Tatars and other Ukrainians in Crimea.

“Crimea must stay in our focus and we call on European leaders to put the rights and rightful demands of the Crimean Tatars on the agenda of any political discussions with Russia,” said Platform President **Göran Lindblad**.

October 2015

Call on the German Bundestag to finally endorse a memorial to victims of Communism in Germany



The Platform of European Memory and Conscience joined its Members, the Union of the Victims of Communist Tyranny (UOKG) and the Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial in a postcard mailing appeal to the German Bundestag, asking the deputies to finally decide on the erection of a monument to the victims of Communism in Berlin.

The Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial and the umbrella organisation UOKG, uniting over 30 associations of victims of Communism, held a podium discussion in Berlin on 1 October 2015 on the long struggle to create a central memorial honouring all those who were killed, imprisoned, tortured and oppressed, to families destroyed by the taking away of children, to the survivors marked for life by the brutal methods of the Stasi during Communist rule in Germany.

“Memorials to the terrible human toll of Communism exist in most post-Communist capitals. We call upon the Bundestag to finally take the necessary decision which will pave the road to the long overdue memorial in Germany,” said Platform President **Göran Lindblad**.

Conference “Justice in Communist and Post-Communist regimes” by the IICCMER in Bucharest on 7-10 October 2015

Several Platform Member institutions participated in the international conference dedicated to the issue of justice for the crimes of Communism organised by the Romanian Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile at the Faculty of Law in Bucharest. Among the speakers were IICCMER President **Radu Preda**, Chairperson of the Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance **Réka Kiss**, CEO of



the Unitas Foundation from Estonia **Sandra Vokk**, Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann** and Prof. **Albin Eser** of the Platform International Legal Advisor Team who presented the "JUSTICE 2.0" project, and others.

Presentation of the "JUSTICE 2.0" project at the Faculty of Law in Prague on 13 October 2015

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience organised a discussion seminar "JUSTICE 2.0" under the auspices of Czech Deputy Prime Minister for science, research and innovation **Pavel Bělobrádek** at the Faculty of Law, Charles University. At the event, the results of the project "International Justice for the Communist Crimes" were presented during which surviving persons responsible for crimes against humanity committed under Communism in Europe were identified. They include the surviving members of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and others.



Speakers were the Dean of the Faculty of Law Prof. **Jan Kuklík**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic **Pavel Bělobrádek**, project manager **Neela Winkelmann** and members of the International Legal Advisor Team of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience **Roberta Arnold** from the Department of criminal law and criminal procedure including international criminal law at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, and Prof. **Albin Eser**, Director emeritus of the Max Planck Institute for foreign

and international criminal law and former judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia from Freiburg, Germany.



The discussion was moderated by renowned TV anchorwoman **Daniela Drtinová**. The seminar was followed by a screening of the documentary film "JUSTICE 2.0".

Platform condemns incredible official funeral for Czech Communist perpetrator

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience called for a stop to any official glorification of totalitarian perpetrators, such as an official funeral provided by the Czech Ministry of Defence on 8 October 2015 for one of the top-ranking persons responsible for the killings of civilians along the Iron Curtain. The deceased František Šádek, responsible for the death of at least 17 fleeing civilians killed under his command between 1969-1982, was a former general, so a general's funeral was organised for him by the Ministry.

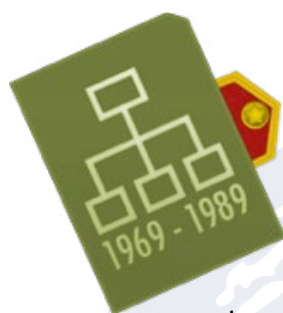
"It would be unacceptable for any country to provide an official funeral for a retired Nazi general. The lack of prosecution of Communist criminals is proving to be a grave ethical and societal problem," said Platform President **Göran Lindblad**. "We can see that the state readily uses taxpayers' money to glorify these people. Our CALL FOR JUSTICE 2.0 to the international community is extremely important – we need to finally sentence the surviving Communist perpetrators using international law."

Platform delegation holds talks with leading Polish prosecuting authorities at the Institute of National Remembrance in Warsaw on 22-23 October 2015

Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann** and research team members **Miroslav Lehký** and **Lubomír Morbacher** met with top-ranking Polish prosecuting authorities to discuss the possibilities of applying extraterritorial jurisdiction in connection with the ongoing work on the “JUSTICE 2.0” - project. On the Polish side, **Paweł Ukielski**, Deputy Director and **Krzysztof Persak**, Director of the Office of the President of the IPN took part, as well as **Dariusz Gabrel**, Head of the Main Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation, with prosecutors **Robert Kopydłowski** and **Waldemar Szwiec**, **Józef Gemra**, Director of the Office of the Prosecutor General and **Przemysław Domagała** from the Ministry of Justice. The film “JUSTICE 2.0” was also screened and the issue of Polish victims of Communism in the Eastern bloc was analysed from the legal point of view.

November 2015

Platform launches international web on totalitarian State security



The Platform of European Memory and Conscience launched an interactive Czech-English website on the Communist state security on 5 November 2015. Equipped with unique visualisations of the structure and function of the Czechoslovak secret police apparatus between 1969-1989 and expandable to further countries, its goal is to help a better understanding of totalitarian history and its influence on today's societies. The bilingual website launched on **www.comuniststatesecurity.eu** was created by the Platform

in cooperation with the Czech Centre for Documentation of Totalitarian Regimes and in partnership with the Polish Institute of National Remembrance, the Slovak Ján Langoš Foundation, the Embassy of Estonia in the Czech Republic and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

The first to be depicted in the project is the Czechoslovak state security, in particular its foreign intelligence and the ‘fight against the internal enemy’ directorates. A particularly interesting feature are the residenturas around the world, with brief descriptions of their tasks and key staff.

“We have created a unique educational tool for the international public, including e.g. Western European decision makers and EU institutions. Many are probably not aware how far the influence of the KGB and its satellite secret services reached, how they thought and worked and what their structure looked like,” said **Peter Rendek**, Director of the Centre for Documentation of Totalitarian Regimes.



Public discussion “Searching for a European identity” in Prague on 11 November 2015

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the DOX Centre for contemporary art and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation held the third in a series of debates on the search for the Czech national identity, this time with the title “Searching for a European identity” which took place on 11 November 2015 at the DOX contemporary art centre in Prague. Speakers were **Jana Hybášková**, former EU Ambassador to Iraq and current EU Ambassador to Namibia, **Miloš Havelka**, philosopher and sociologist, **Jefim Fištejn**, journalist and **Petr Kratochvíl**, director of the Institute for international relations. Moderator was **Petr Honzejek**, commentator of the Hospodářské noviny newspaper.



Council of Members meeting in Wrocław, Poland on 17-19 November 2015

At the annual Council of Members which took place on 17-19 November 2015 in Wrocław, Poland, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience elected a new Board, admitted three new Members and adopted a statement on reconciliation.

At its gathering hosted by the Remembrance and Future Institute in the beautiful Wrocław Town Hall, the Platform discussed the situation in Ukraine and the Polish-German reconciliation after WWII started by a letter of the Polish bishops to their German brothers in faith 50 years ago. Representatives of the Platform then attended the solemn opening of the exhibition “Pojednanie/Versöhnung in progress...” in the Town Hall of Wrocław and a memorial concert in the National Forum of Music.

The new Board of the Platform elected as of 19 November 2015 are Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**; President **Göran Lindblad**; Executive Board – 4 members: **Toomas Hiio**, member of the Board, Estonian Institute of Historical Memory; **Siegfried Reiprich**, Director, Saxon Memorial Foundation for the Remembrance of Victims of Political Tyranny from Germany; **Zsolt Szilágyi**, head of cabinet of László Tőkés, Member of the European Parliament from Romania and **Paweł Ukielski**, Deputy Director, Institute of National Remembrance from Poland.



Prof. **Valters Nollendorfs**, Chairman of the Board, Occupation Museum Association of Latvia, was re-elected to the Supervisory Board. Acclaimed American-Polish journalist and author **Anne Applebaum**, former Prime Minister of Slovenia **Janez Janša** and renowned Czech actor and civic activist **Ondřej Vetchý** were appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Platform.



New Members of the Platform admitted as of 19 November 2015 are:

National museum “Holodomor Victims Memorial”, Ukraine
Polish History Museum, Poland
Timisoara Society, Romania

Resolution of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience

On the 50th anniversary of sending The Address of the Polish Bishops to their German Brothers containing the historical and deeply touching declaration “We forgive and ask for forgiveness”;

In recognition of the exceptional service of Cardinal Bolesław Kominek, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Wrocław, in the process of reconciliation between the nations;

Remembering that a dialogue based on the historical truth is a condition for peaceful coexistence of nations;

Fully aware of challenges that Europe is facing today;

We, gathered in Wrocław at the convention of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, pay tribute to all those people who contributed to the process of European reconciliation.

Reconciliation built on the truth has healed and may still heal the wounds inflicted by the totalitarian systems. We believe that the heritage of the Address of Polish Bishops from 1965 is still relevant and may be rediscovered as a universal model for solving conflicts and constructing an order based on the truth and forgiveness.



Latvian Museum of Occupations under serious threat

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience called for international attention to the situation of the Museum of the Occupations of Latvia whose existence was jeopardised due to the administration of the City of Riga. The internationally acclaimed Museum documents the 20th century totalitarian rule in Latvia. The Platform sent letters to the heads of state of Latvia asking for help.



The administration of the City of Riga under Mayor Nils Ušakovs was deliberately protracting the untenable situation of the Museum. It stopped the previously approved plans for expansion of the Museum into a new building. Surviving in its temporary quarters for several years, the Museum lost $\frac{3}{4}$ of its 100,000 annual visitors and was facing a threat of closing down for economic reasons.



The Platform adopted the resolution below on the issue and sent letters to Latvian President **Raimonds Vējonis**, Prime Minister **Laimdota Straujuma**, Speaker of the Saeima **Ināra Mūrniece** and to Mayor **Nils Ušakovs** asking them to attend to the matter.

"There are various malicious strategies to prevent historical truth from being told. The question we need to ask is – who are the forces who do not want the public and especially the young generation to be reminded of the Nazi and Soviet occupation of Latvia and why are they doing it," said **Göran Lindblad**, President of the Platform.

Resolution of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience

The Council of Members of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, representing 51 Member institutions and organisations in 18 countries at its annual meeting in Wroclaw, Poland on 19 November 2015,

having assessed the present situation of the long-delayed Building for the Future of the internationally acclaimed Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, which belongs to and is operated by its founding Member, the Occupation Museum Association of Latvia, unanimously

- commends and expresses its gratitude to Latvian state institutions and high officials for their positive efforts and steady support for the completion of the reconstruction and extension project in time to fully recommence the Museum's work by the 100th anniversary of the independence of Latvia in 2018;
- deplores, condemns and urges to cease the deliberate attempts by the authorities of the City of Riga to exploit legal pretexts and employ administrative manipulations to frustrate, thwart and delay the completion of the Museum's Building for the Future.

Platform delegation holds talks with Hungarian Deputy Minister of Justice in Budapest on 3 December 2015



Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**, research team members **Miroslav Lehký**, **Luděk Navara** and **Lubomír Morbacher** met with Deputy Minister of Justice **Pál Völner**. The Minister referred to the 1956 revolution and its upcoming 60th anniversary. In this context, in addition to the national commemoration, he underlined the importance of judicial cooperation. Neela Winkelmann presented the Platform's work in researching the crimes committed by Communist

regimes, identifying the victims and the perpetrators, and the difficulties encountered with criminal proceedings at the national level. For this reason the Platform calls for international cooperation in prosecuting the crimes of the Communist regimes in line with the Tallinn declaration adopted on 23 August 2015.

Public hearing in Czech Senate on mass grave with victims of Nazism and Communism in Prague on 10 December 2015

A public hearing was held in the Czech Senate on 10 December 2015 in response to a call issued a year ago by the Platform of European Memory and Conscience together with organisations of former political prisoners. Its aim is to find a way to deal with the large mass grave in Prague – Ďáblice containing the remains of victims of Nazism and Communism.

On 10 December 2014, the Human Rights Day, the Platform had co-authored a letter to Czech Prime Minister **Bohuslav Sobotka** asking for urgent attention to the mass grave containing over 2,800 bodies, among them victims of Nazism and Communism and members of the 2nd and 3rd resistance from the years 1943-1961.



Speakers were historians and forensic scientists, family members of the victims, representatives of victims' associations and the state as well as guests from the Polish Institute of National Remembrance who have been conducting successful exhumations, identifications and solemn re-burials of victims of totalitarianism in Poland.



"In post-Communist Europe, we are still counting the people killed by the totalitarian dictatorships", said Platform Managing Director **Neela Winkelmann**. "Next, we need to redeem from oblivion the names, faces and life stories of those who died for the values which democratic Europe is enjoying today. We also need to pursue criminal prosecution where perpetrators are still alive. It is a necessary process which will lead to healing and strengthening democracy internationally".

Conference “JUSTICE 2.0” in Timisoara on 19 December 2015



László Tökés, MEP, member of the Board of Trustees of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience and the Timisoara Society, Member of the Platform, organised a conference “JUSTICE 2.0” in the Vega gallery in the Bastion Teresia in Timisoara, Romania on 19 December 2015. Speakers were **Göran Lindblad**, President of the Platform, **Florian Mihalcea** of the Timisoara Society, **László Tökés**, **Zsolt Szilágyi**, member of the Executive Board of the Platform and **Neela Winkelmann**, Managing

Director of the Platform. The “JUSTICE 2.0” film was screened and the eponymous Platform project aiming for international justice for the Communist crimes was discussed with an interested audience and media representatives. The conference participants, many of them initiators of the democratic change in Romania 26 years ago, raised the issue of the classified archival records of the violent events which unfolded on 15-30 December 1989. Many grave crimes were committed then against unarmed civilians, over 1 100 people were killed and over 3 500 people were wounded.



Following the conference, the participants posted wreaths on the wall of the Reformed church in which bishop László Tökés was held under house arrest in 1989 and where the Romanian revolution against the Ceausescu regime started in December 1989.

No justification to keep records of crimes against unarmed civilians secret - letter to the President of Romania

As a follow-up to the conference “JUSTICE 2.0” held in Timisoara on 19 December 2015, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the Timisoara Society and **László Tökés**, Member of the European Parliament sent a letter to **Klaus Werner Iohannis**, President of Romania asking for the de-classification of the records of the Communist party, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Interior and other branches of state power pertaining of the Romanian Revolution of 1989.

“There is no justification to keep the records of these crimes secret,” said Platform President **Göran Lindblad**. “We owe it to the victims and the perpetrators alike that the truth be finally told, that justice can be sought and that we can learn important lessons for a better, democratic future.”

Platform Reader for Schools “Lest We Forget” published in Ukrainian

In December 2015, the Platform together with its Member, the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance, published the Ukrainian language translation of the Reader for Schools “Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe”. The book was distributed directly to secondary schools all over Ukraine by the Institute.



Member's Newsletter

For the months January - May 2015, we published a monthly electronic Members' Newsletter put together by editor **Gillian Purves**, bringing information from the Platform Office and from our Members, including Platform projects, a "Member of the Month" feature and a calendar of events. Its aim is to keep the information flow and communication within the Platform alive. The Newsletter has about 8 pages per month. It is well appreciated by the Platform Members. With renewed grant funding, a joint autumn - winter newsletter for October 2015 - February 2016 was published. The **Calendar of events** is published at the end of the Newsletter as well as on the Platform website.



Activities of the Board

The President and the Executive Board of the Platform - **Göran Lindblad** and Dr. **Andreja Valič Zver**, replaced by **Toomas Hiio** as of 19 November 2015, **Siegfried Reiprich**, **Zsolt Szilágyi** and Dr. **Paweł Ukielski** worked for the Platform on an honorary basis. The Executive Board held meetings in person in Brussels on 27-28 January, in Budapest on 2 March and in Wrocław on 17 November 2015.

Platform Staff and Collaborators

The Platform team in 2015 included **Peter Rendek**, IT and project manager; **Agnieszka Delis-Szeląg**, Brussels office manager; **Gillian Purves**, editor; **Dana Bellany**, graphic artist; **Lucie Včeláková**, accountant; **Veronika Schováňková**, maintenance; and Dr. **Neela Winkelmann**, Managing Director. Legal advisors in the Czech Republic were NH Partners, s.r.o. and the year-end closing was done by MAZARS s.r.o.. For the project "International Justice for the Communist Crimes", we engaged researchers **Martin Slávik** from the Centre for Documentation of Totalitarian Regimes, **Miroslav Lehký** from the Ján Langoš Foundation, **Miroslav Kasáček** and **Luděk Navara** from the civic association Paměť and **Vasil Kadrinov** from the Hannah Arendt Center - Sofia, as well as members of the International Legal Advisor Team of the Platform Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. **Albin Eser** from the Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Freiburg, Prof. Dr. **Frank Meyer** from the University of Zürich, Doc. Dr. **Jernej Letnar Čerňič** from the Graduate School of Government and European Studies in Kranj and Dr. **Nika Bruskina** from Vilnius University. Volunteers were **Muzaffer Kutlay**, postgraduate student from the University of Kent, UK and graduate student **Suzie Irglová** from the Faculty of Philosophy of the Charles University in Prague.

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State security www.comuniststatesecurity.eu and for the continuing partnership. The Platform is grateful to its Members the Occupation Museum Association of Latvia, the Remembrance and Future Institute, the Czech and Slovak Association of Canada, the Union of Victims of Communist Tyranny and the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance for supporting the operation of the Platform in 2015. The Platform is further indebted to W.A.G. payment solutions and IPVIC for providing sponsorship to the Platform in 2015.

Platform`s film and videoclip JUSTICE 2.0

The documentary film JUSTICE 2.0 (50 min) in English and with English subtitles can be obtained from the Platform for screening for non-commercial purposes. Please write to director@memoryandconscience.eu. The videoclip can be viewed on www.memoryandconscience.eu/justice-2-0-video-clip



Platform in the Media

In 2015, we published altogether 24 press releases bringing the activities of the Platform closer to a wide range of partners, contacts and media worldwide. All information, including audio and video recordings and photo galleries can be found on the Platform website www.memoryandconscience.eu. We also share them on the Platform facebook page www.facebook.com/platformofeuropeanmemoryandconscience. In the period 1 January – 31 December 2015, the official Platform website had 9742 unique users with 14196 sessions and total 73915 page views, according to the Google Analytics statistic code.

The work of the Platform, particularly the ongoing project "JUSTICE 2.0", is being noticed and quoted in international media.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 28 July 2015

Späte Aufarbeitung

Author: **Karl-Peter Schwarz**

The article on page 5 "Späte Aufarbeitung" (Late coming to terms) describes the Platform's project "JUSTICE 2.0" and the Platform's call to the international community for international justice for the Communist crimes.

Magdeburger Volksstimme, 1 September 2015

Hartmut Tautz: Der ungesühnte Grenztod

Author: **Lion Grote**

The article on page 3 describes the life and death of Hartmut Tautz on the Czechoslovak border in 1986 and discusses the initiative of the Platform for a new international court. Opinions of a legal expert and the German Federal Ministry of Justice are quoted.



Hartmut Tautz: Der ungesühnte Grenztod

Das Schicksal des Magdeburgers soll der Ausgangspunkt werden für eine neue europaweite juristische Aufarbeitung. Von Lion Grote



Financial Report as of 31 December 2015

Period

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015

Account name	Closing balance EUR
Cash on hand EUR	0.00
Bank account in CZK	-1.30
Bank account in EUR	4305.14
Customers	547.48
Receivables to employees	267.16
Other receivables	2700.00
Deferred costs	3378.42
Total assets	11196.90
Suppliers	22202.65
Liabilities to employees and institutions	11681.41
Tax payable	512.78
Other payables	3622.00
Profit for last period	2041.62
Profit/loss for period	-28863.57
Total liabilities	11196.90
Office supplies	1664.76
Energy consumption - office	3455.77
Travel expenses	38579.05
Representation expenses	3585.66
Mechandise sold	0.00
Services	132522.42
Salaries costs	42377.95
FX losses	4168.16
Other expenses	143.27
Shortages and damages	0.00
Bank fees	1202.27
Depr. expenses	0.00
Total costs	227699.31
Bank interest	69.19
FX gains	2275.47
Other revenues	392.64
Revenues from merchandise	878.38
Revenues from services	10112.51
Received contributions	185107.55
Total income	198835.74

Members of the Platform as of December 2015

BULGARIA

Hannah Arendt Center – Sofia
Citizens' Initiative for Dismantling the Soviet
Army Monument in Sofia

CANADA

Czech and Slovak Association of Canada
Black Ribbon Day Foundation

CZECH REPUBLIC

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
Union of Auxilliary Technical Units (PTP)

ESTONIA

Estonian Institute of Historical Memory
Kistler-Ritso Eesti Foundation, Museum of
Occupations
Unitas Foundation

GERMANY

Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial
Hannah Arendt Society
International Association of Former Political
Prisoners and Victims of Communism
Meetingpoint Music Messiaen
Saxon Memorial Foundation for the
Remembrance of Victims of Political Tyranny
The Federal Commissioner for the Records of the
State Security Service of the former GDR
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

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

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

SLOVAKIA

Inconspicuous Heroes
Ján Langoš Foundation
Truc sphérique

SLOVENIA

Nova Slovenska zaveza
Study Centre for National Reconciliation

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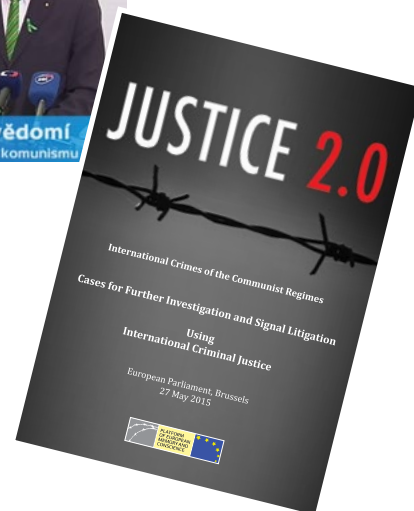
The Institute for Information on the Crimes of
Communism

UKRAINE

Center for Research on the Liberation Movement
Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People
National museum "Holodomor Victims Memorial"
Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance

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