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## A Word from the President



Dear friends,

2019 has been a successful year for us in many ways. It was a year of many anniversaries, where we commemorated the start of the Second World War, as well as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain. Our activities reflected these events, and we were represented at many professional conferences, seminars and workshops, including partner support for other events in member countries.

We have actively communicated with European and Brussels authorities and individual governments in the area of remembrance or support for the pan-European Memorial for all victims of totalitarian regimes. In the field of education, we have continued to present our projects to the younger generation and have produced new online educational tools.

Without a doubt the best result at European level was the approval of the resolution of the newly elected European Parliament on the importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe, which was adopted on 19 September 2019 in Strasbourg. This result would not have been possible without our active involvement and the letter to all the political groups in April 2019.

We have also written to individual European governments asking them to support the idea of a pan-European memorial to all victims of totalitarianism. Here too we have received a mostly positive response and this encourages us to continue our activities in the future. We also had a working meeting with representatives of the city of Brussels, where we presented the idea of a memorial and initiated the necessary next steps to achieve this goal.

We have recently started international cooperation with a Polish festival of documentary films dealing with the history of the 20th century (Unruly, Undeterred, Cursed film festival).

In our Justice 2.0 project, we achieved further significant results, especially in the area of defending the rights of the victims of the Iron Curtain.

Within the Platform, we have adapted and approved our statutes in a much more responsive and operational way to better reflect our activities and the activities of the members themselves, etc. The Platform continues to be an attractive organisation and in 2019 the number of members has climbed to 62 and 1 candidate organisation.

All of these activities, which you will find in our annual report, would not be possible without your active participation and cooperation. For this I want to thank you all and wish us a successful year ahead in our meaningful and committed work.

Thank you all

Yours,

Łukasz Kamiński

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### The Platform commemorated the 50th anniversary of the self-immolation of Jan Palach

The 16th of January marked the 50th anniversary of the self-immolation of Czech student Jan Palach on Wenceslas Square in Prague. His act was a political protest against the apathy in society and the end of the Prague Spring resulting from the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Warsaw Pact armies. He set himself alight on 16 January 1969 and died from his injuries three days later in hospital. Twenty years later, in January 1989, a series of violently suppressed demonstrations known as Palach Week proved to be a crack that was the beginning of the collapse of the regime in Czechoslovakia a few months later.



Platform President **Łukasz Kamiński** was participating at an international conference held at Charles University in Prague entitled *"Jan Palach and Other Living Torches in the Soviet Bloc"*. Palach attended Charles University and also the University of Economics in Prague, where a plaque was unveiled in his honour.

### Meeting with the Regional Minister of Justice of Valencia was held in Brussels

Platform Executive Board Member Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi** met with the Regional Minister of Justice of Valencia, Ms **Gabriela Bravo** and a Spanish socialist MEP, Ms **Inmaculada Rodríguez-Piñero Fernández** on 22 January in Brussels.

In the name of the Platform Mr Szilágyi introduced the chronology and the activities and projects in the field of history of totalitarian regimes and the remembrance policy, especially the idea of a planned Pan-European Memorial to all the Victims of the Totalitarian Regimes in Brussels. The Spanish delegation expressed their interest in the Spanish version of the Platform's reader *Lest We Forget* and in the travelling exhibition as well. A discussion about the mass graves and exhumation of the victims of the Spanish Civil War was also held. The Spanish delegation expressed its respect for the activities of the Platform and introduced possible Spanish remembrance institutions, which are doing similar activities and could be possible partners or in the future could join the Platform's work.

### "Justice 2.0" project presentation in Berlin

The recent development and history of the Platform project "Justice 2.0" was introduced by the Platform Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** at the international working conference about the victims on the Iron Curtain, which took place on 24 – 25 January



2019 in Berlin at the Max-Planck Society Harnack House conference premises. The conference was organised by Freie Universität Berlin – the Research Association of the SED State, led by Dr. **Jochen Stadt**.

Around 30 researchers, historians, scholars, former diplomats and legal experts from Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Greece, Poland and Romania discussed the situation regarding the state of research regarding the victims of the former Iron Curtain. Possible future cooperation on the projects was discussed.

Mr **Peter Rendek** presented the state of prosecution of the cases of Germans who were killed in the course of their attempts to cross the Iron Curtain in Germany. The latest developments in the Czech Republic were presented, especially developments in the new methods and perspectives in the field of justice for victims and their rights after [the Platform and the UOKG called on former East German refugees in November 2017](#). As of 24 January 2019, 13 former GDR citizens had been rehabilitated in cases of unsuccessful attempts to cross the borders before 1989 in Czechoslovakia and 10 other cases were in progress.

The prosecutor of the Polish Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) – the Main Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation – Mr **Bogusław Czerwinski** –introduced the developments in the criminal proceedings in cases of Polish refugees killed along the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia. This initiative is based on close cooperation with the Platform and its [Justice 2.0](#) project. Mr **Miroslav Lehký** from the Platform expert group introduced several cases of former GDR citizens in Czechoslovakia and talked about the situation as regards access to the files in the archives in the Czech Republic and in Slovakia.

**The Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic for the first time compensated a former GDR citizen for injury caused by the Czechoslovak Border Guards**

In a decision issued by the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic on 28 January 2019, compensation was granted to a former East German refugee who was badly injured in 1982 by the Czechoslovak Border Guard in his attempt to cross the Iron Curtain.

In his escape attempt 27-year-old Mr **Siegfried Fröbel** was shot to his right leg by the



patrol near Volary in South Bohemia. After being detained for 6 days he was expelled back to the GDR. Mr Fröbel was, in June 2018, fully rehabilitated by the Czech District Court in Prachatice. This is the first time that the Czech authorities have acknowledged a significant financial compensation to a German for the injury caused by the Border Guard.

The court decisions are based on Act No. 119/1990 on judicial rehabilitations, confirming unlawful restrictions on individual liberties. The first rehabilitation in the Czech Republic for a German who attempted to escape across the Iron Curtain was issued by the District Court in České Budějovice in May 2018.

## JUSTICE 2.0

### FEBRUARY

#### Working meetings in Budapest

The President of the Platform Mr **Łukasz Kamiński** altogether with member of the Executive Board Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi** and Managing Director Mr **Peter Rende** visited Budapest on 12 to 13 February. During the first working day in Hungary, they met with the representatives of the member organisation – the Hungarian Committee of National





Remembrance – led by its Chairperson Ms **Földvárné Kiss Réka**, the deputy Mr **Áron Máthé** and Mr **Gergely Iső**. During the working meeting, they discussed the cooperation and participation in the common projects, especially those regarding the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Communist regimes in central and Eastern Europe in 1989. Later, the Platform delegation met with Mr **Zsolt Németh**, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian National Assembly and they discussed the Platform's work from the international perspective.

On 13 February the delegation attended the international conference *The Mindszenty Trial in the Perspective of Seventy Years*, which took place in the Hungarian National Assembly, where Mr Łukasz Kamiński also actively participated with a lecture about the Communists vs. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński.

Later that day, a meeting with Mr **Schaller Baross Ernő**, Deputy State Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office, took place.

### **Platform met representatives of the House of European History in Brussels and held a Board meeting**



On 14 February 2019 the Platform Executive Board members Ms **Andreja Valič Zver**, Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, Mr **Wolfgang-Christian Fuchs** and Mr **Toomas Hiio** with the President Mr **Łukasz Kamiński**, the Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** and the main editor of the report on the House of European History (HEH) exhibition Mr **Paweł Ukielski** (Deputy Director of the Warsaw Rising Museum) met for the first time the HEH representatives Ms **Constanze Itzel**, Museum Director; Ms **Taja Vovk van Gaal**, Museum Creative Director; Ms **Andrea Mork**, Museum Head Curator and Mr **Jozef van Hove**, Assistant Curator, in Leopold Park in Brussels.

The working meeting was held with a view to presenting and discussion about the activities of both institutions. The HEH representatives introduced the activities since the very beginning phase of the idea until the opening of the exhibition in 2017 and its current situation. The Platform introduced its position and activities in the area of the remembrance policy and offered its experience and knowledge in that field to the Museum.

The idea of creating a museum dedicated to European history was introduced by President of the European Parliament **Hans-Gert Pöttering** (CDU, EPP) in 2007 and it



was officially opened 10 years later on 6 May 2017. The Museum focuses on the history of Europe since 1789. After the working meeting in the HEH, the Executive **Board meeting** took place in the Platform office in Brussels.

### **German embassy representative visits the Platform office in Prague**

The Platform office in Prague was visited by Dr **Guido Müntel**, the Head of the press office of German embassy on 15 February. He and the Platform Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** discussed ongoing projects, especially the recent development in the Justice 2.0 project and rehabilitations and compensations of former Eastern German citizens. Other international and educational activities of the Platform were also introduced.

### **Commemoration of the 71st anniversary of the Communist coup in Prague**

The Platform and its Czech members, the Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic, the Association of Former Soldiers of the Auxilliary Technical Battallions – Military Forced Labour Camps with Seat in Prague and Prague Academic Club 48 commemorated the anniversary of the Communist coup of 25 February 1948 at a solemn gathering on Nerudova Street in Prague. At this site, a peaceful march of several thousand students – the only protesters against the Communist seizure of power – was stopped and the students were beaten up by Communist-controlled police. The gathering was organised by the President of the Czech Senate, Mr **Jaroslav Kubera**, and Platform member organisation Prague Academic Club 48, which is also responsible for the reconstructed memorial site on Nerudova Street.

Representatives of the Czech government, Slovak, Hungarian, Polish, German, Latvian and Ukrainian embassies attended the event.



### **Call for experts: Competition for Platform educational tools presentations and lectures**

Commemorating the 30th anniversary of the fall of Communism in central Europe and in former Czechoslovakia in 2019 and following the 70th anniversary of the adopting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Platform announced a competition



for a winning proposal of a series of educational lectures for high school (and older elementary school) students in the Slovak Republic.

The goal of the Project was to promote, in the school year 2019, the Platform's work and its educational products (a reader, a game) to the younger generation (20 - 24 presentations in eight regions), especially to students in Slovakia in the form of lectures, based on successful dissemination of the Project in previous years in the Czech Republic.

## MARCH

### Remembering the victims of Communism in Oradea

The 100 million victims of Communism were remembered at a memorial plaque placed on the wall of the inner court of the Partium Christian University on 25 February in Oradea city, Romania. The commemoration event was opened by Mr **József Nagy**, President of the Hungarian Civil Association.



*"The future generation can only live in freedom if it is aware how horrible Nazism and Communism were. The horrors of the Holocaust will be no less, if we remember the horrors of Communism in a worthy way,"* said Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, member of the Executive Board of the Platform. He laid stress on the issue that the West is still using double standards when it comes to totalitarian regimes. Karl Marx is seen as a kind of philosopher, his statues are inaugurated, even though he was the first to say that the past must be completely abolished, even by force if necessary. With this, Marxist ideology laid the foundations for the modern-day genocide.

Mr Szilágyi also pointed out that many believe that Gulag camps existed only in the Soviet Union. This misconception has to be dispelled; that is why it is planned, in cooperation with the Hungarian National Remembrance Committee, to present the devastation of Communism, how many internment and death camps existed in Central Europe, and how the totalitarian regime tried to destroy Christianity. *"Christian persecution in Europe is not new. Communists brought it to perfection on an ideological basis,"* he said. He added that as long as the Romanian Socialist Party, the successor of the Communist Party, does not return the seized property to the Church, or provide monetary compensation, we cannot talk about full freedom.



*"We should never forget the horrors that our ancestors suffered was actually a sacrifice for our freedom,"* he concluded. As the final act of commemoration Mr Zsolt Szilágyi, on behalf of the Platform placed a wreath on the Plaque of the Victims of Communism.

## Justice 2.0 working meeting in Wroclaw

The representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions and organisations from the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia convened in Wroclaw on 21-22 March 2019 for a working meeting of the **JUSTICE 2.0** project. The participants discussed the current situation, and they introduced and exchanged information about the project development in their countries.

The event was co-organised and hosted by the Polish member organisation – Zajezdnia History Center – led by its director Mr **Marek Mutor**.

The purpose of the JUSTICE 2.0 project is to raise international awareness about the issue of unpunished international crimes of Communism and to contribute to finding ways of achieving international justice for these crimes. A new part – a series of rehabilitations and compensations for the victims – was introduced in the project in 2016.



## APRIL

### The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Parliament resolution on “European Conscience and Totalitarianism”

On 2 April 2009, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on “*European Conscience and Totalitarianism*”, which, besides other things, called for establishing the Platform of European Memory and Conscience to provide support for networking and cooperation among national research institutes specialising in the subject of totalitarian history, and for the creation of a pan-European documentation centre/memorial for the victims of all totalitarian regimes.

In its brief history the Platform became the biggest supranational organisation in the field and proved to be an important actor in fulfilling the tasks which the resolution called for. The Platform has organised a dozen international conferences, seminars and workshops regarding the 20<sup>th</sup> century totalitarian past, launched the successful international project “Justice 2.0”, introduced a new reader for high school students in Europe, launched a competition for a Pan-European Memorial to the victims of all totalitarian regimes in Brussels, and much more.



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Prague, 4 April 2019

Dear Mr Co-Chair,

2019 is a year of two important anniversaries:

- the 80th of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact (23 August 1939), an agreement of two totalitarian powers (Nazi Germany and the Communist Soviet Union), which led to the outbreak of World War II,
- the 30th of the fall of Communism in East-Central Europe (1989), which was followed by the dissolution of the Soviet Union and freedom for the enslaved nations (1991).

In 2019 we will also recall the 15th anniversary of the accession to the European Union of the first countries that had experienced both Nazism and Communism (2004). In the same year an election to the European Parliament will be held, widely considered crucial for the future of the European project.

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience was established in 2011 on the basis of the European Parliament resolution from 2 April 2009 “European conscience and totalitarianism”. Currently we represent 62 organisations from 20 countries, both governmental and NGO, dealing with the totalitarian past of Europe.

In the Platform of European Memory and Conscience we firmly believe that the shape of European remembrance is vital not only for the contemporary times, but also for the future. Therefore, we would like to ask you, as a leader of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group, a few questions regarding the attitude of your political group towards the past and problems of remembrance. As representatives of dozens of European organisations and EU citizens we kindly ask you for your answers.

1. Nazism and Communism both caused suffering and deaths of millions in Europe and beyond its borders. Do you believe they both should be condemned, and all their victims remembered equally?
2. Do you agree that “in order to strengthen European awareness of crimes committed by totalitarian and undemocratic regimes, documentation of, and accounts testifying to, Europe’s troubled past must be supported, as there can be no reconciliation without remembrance” (p. 5 of the EP resolution from 2 April 2009)?

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*“After a decade, the European Parliament resolution from 2009 remains, in many aspects, unfulfilled. Our duty to the victims is to continue the work on commemorating the crimes of all totalitarian regimes and to honour all those who resisted them. Those efforts are focused on the past, but are crucial both to the present and future. Should we fail to preserve this painful part of European legacy, we would risk facing such atrocities again,” said dr Łukasz Kamiński, the president of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.*

### A Letter to the EP political groups

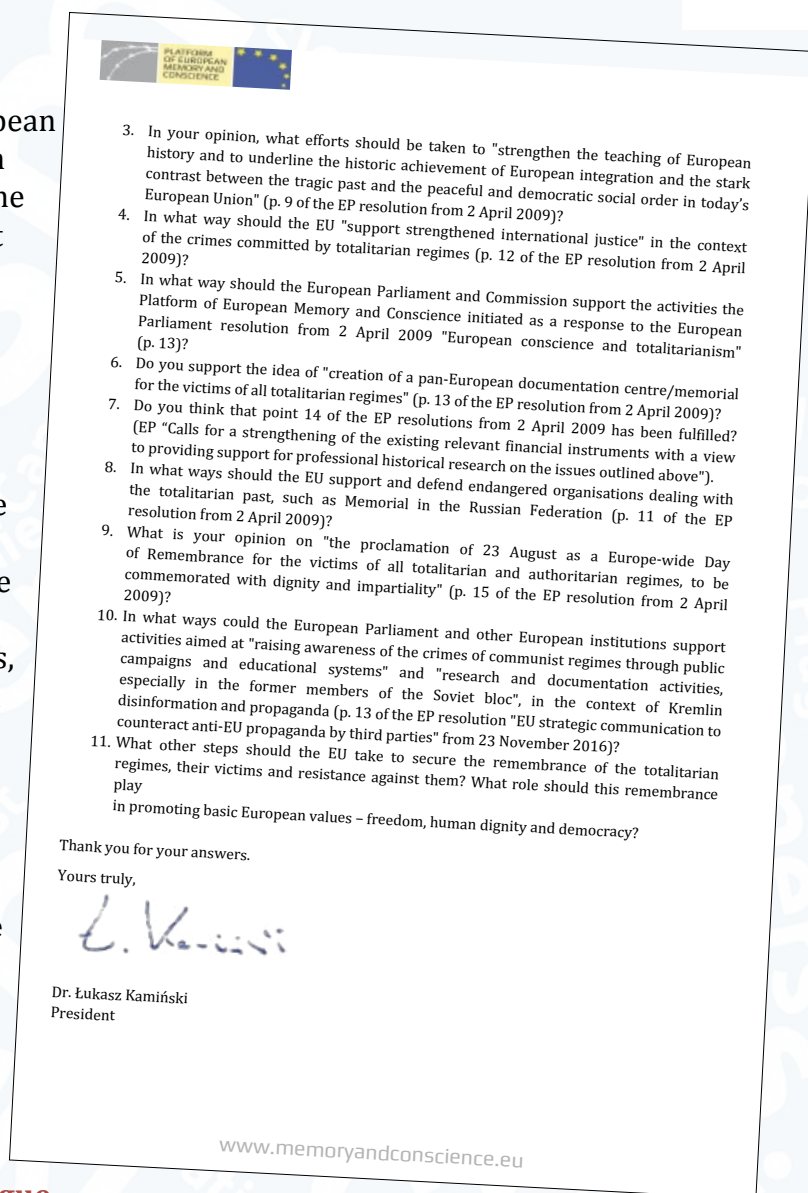
In the 2019 the European Union was commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War II and also the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the collapse of the Communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe and the fall of the Berlin Wall, which brought millions of people new hope for a better future and life in freedom. Today, countries from both sides of



the former Iron Curtain from the European Union together. However, the European remembrance is still fragmented and the harsh experience of Communism is not widely recognised.

The Platform strongly believes in the values on which the European Union is built. Respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights are an elementary basis of its work. The professional experience and knowledge of all members allows the Platform to face dangerous re-emerging tendencies, threatening to undermine our freedom and democracy.

On 4 April 2019 the Platform sent letters to all EP group representatives with eleven questions regarding the attitude of political groups towards the past and problems of remembrance.



### Platform representatives met in Prague

The common working meeting of the Platform Executive Board and the Supervisory Board took place at the office in Prague on 10 April. The Executive Board members Ms **Andreja Valič Zver**, Mr **Toomas Hiio** and the Supervisory Board members Ms **Földvárné Kiss Réka** and Mr **Marek Mutor** altogether with the President Mr Łukasz Kamiński and the Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** met to discuss the current development and situation among the member organisations, the Platform's work and ongoing projects as well as the planned activities in the near future.



## MAY

### Presentation of anti-totalitarian reader in Slovak schools

**Prague, 3 May 2019.** The Platform in cooperation with Slovak NGO Living Memory launched its international reader presentations at secondary schools in eight regions in Slovakia.

The purpose of the reader (*"Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe"*) is to educate today's young generation about Europe's tragic totalitarian past and about the importance of upholding fundamental human rights, freedoms and democratic values in society. The goal is to promote a better understanding and integration among European citizens and to help prevent the recurrence of any form of non-democratic rule in the future. The project was based on a successful series of presentations at schools in the Czech Republic.



*"The reader brings stories of ordinary people also from Slovakia, including stories of young people the same age as today's students. It represents totalitarian regimes in their monstrosity, with solutions that are presented today by non-systemic parties that fight against democracy. Very often we hear that the solution to the inclination of young people towards undemocratic solutions should be an open critical debate on the totalitarianism of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with students. And this is what the association has been doing for three years. That is why we are happy to launch the project in cooperation with the Platform. We know that discussion and knowledge of totalitarian regimes can change the attitudes of young people,"* said **Lubomír Morbacher**, Director of the Living Memory association.

### A delegation from Taiwan visited the Platform in Prague

On 16 May representatives of Taiwanese government agency, the Ill-gotten Party Assets Settlement Committee (CIPAS), led by Mr **Lin Feng-Jenq**, Chairperson, visited the Platform office in Prague. They met with the Platform Managing Director Mr. **Peter Rendek** and Mr. **Pavel Žáček**, a Czech historian and MP. The aim of the visit was to share the experience of handling transitional justice issues and ill-gotten party assets of Taiwan, and to learn more about how the Czech Republic (Czechoslovakia) dealt with



transitional issues after previous totalitarian regimes.

The CIPAS was established under the authority of the Statute for the Handling of Ill-gotten Assets by Political Parties and Their Affiliate Organizations, which was passed by Taiwan's parliament on 25 July 2016. Under the authority of the Act, CIPAS is authorized to handle the problem of the political party's ill-gotten assets obtained by the former authoritarian regime.



### Commemoration event in former Communist gulag in Jáchymov, Czech Republic

The Platform attended a commemoration event organised by the Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic together with the local municipalities in the region of Jáchymov in the northwest of the Czech Republic on **17-18 May 2019**. In the name of the Platform Mr **Miroslav Lehký** (a former Supervisory Board Member) gave a speech and laid a wreath in memory of all political prisoners who died in the labour camps – “local gulag” in the Jáchymov region in former Czechoslovakia.

The annual commemoration event called “Hell of Jáchymov” is attended by survivors, associations of victims and representatives of municipalities, the Government and Parliament of the Czech Republic.



### Platform representatives visited Polish partners in Warsaw

Platform Executive Board member Mrs **Andreja Valič Zver** altogether with the Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** visited the Polish Institute of National Remembrance on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May in Warsaw.



A meeting with the IPN deputy president Mr **Mateusz Szpytma**; Mr **Paweł Blażevicz**, acting deputy director of the National Education Office; Mr **Mariusz Żulawnik**, deputy director of the IPN Archival Department; and Mr **Rafał Leśkiewicz**, director of the Information Department, took place at the IPN headquarters in Warsaw.

A working discussion was held about the ongoing cooperation and future projects in the field of justice, education and archival work. A new initiative – the creation of an international, travelling exhibition devoted to gulags – was discussed. The “*European Gulag*” exhibition should present the phenomenon of Communist “local gulags” in the former Eastern Bloc countries.





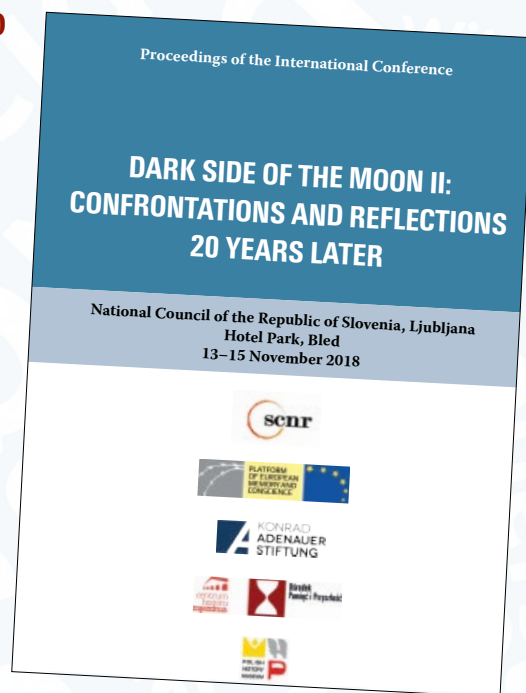
During the two-day stay a press conference and workshop related to the Polish edition of the student reader *Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe*, and the educational board game *Across the Iron Curtain* were held on 23 May.

Also on 23 May, the Platform representatives visited the Warsaw Rising Museum, where they met deputy director Mr **Paweł Ukielski** and discussed the current projects in which the museum is involved.

### Proceedings of the international conference “The Dark Side of the Moon II: Confrontations and Reflections 20 Years Later”

**Prague, Ljubljana, 24 May** – A collection of articles from the international conference entitled *The Dark Side of the Moon II: Confrontations and Reflections 20 Years Later*, which was held from 13 – 15 November 2018 at the premises of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia in Ljubljana was published.

The conference was dedicated to the twentieth anniversary of the exhibition and the book with the same title, the tenth anniversary of the Slovenian Study Centre for National Reconciliation (SCNR) and at the same time to the annual Platform Council of Members meeting.



### A seminar about hybrid warfare, disinformation and Ukraine in the Parliament of the Czech Republic

On 27 May 2019, the Czech MP Mr Pavel Žáček and the Centre for Documentation of Totalitarian Regimes organised a 1-day international seminar on “Hybrid threats from the perspective of the Czech Republic and Ukraine”, during which experiences about hybrid conflicts, active measures and disinformation were discussed. Mr **Volodymyr Birčak** and Ms **Anna Oliinyk** from our Ukrainian partner, the Center for Research on the Liberation Movement, presented the history of disinformation and hybrid conflicts with



Russia in the past. Representing the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, its Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** presented a historical overview of information warfare by Communist Czechoslovakia against its own people before 1989.

## JUNE

### Meeting with the President of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies in Prague

The Platform Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** met the President of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies Mr **Mikuláš Dzurinda** (former Prime-minister of Slovakia) on 7 July in Prague. Altogether they discussed the Platform activities and possible future cooperation in common projects.

The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies is the official think tank of the European People's Party, which aims to be a key platform of cooperation for centre-right partners and experts.

### Meeting with the deputy mayor of the City of Brussel

On 9 June the meeting with Mrs **Ans Persoons**, the City of Brussels deputy mayor, was held in Brussels. The Platform was represented by the President **Łukasz Kamiński**, Board members Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, Mr **Wolfgang Christian Fuchs**, Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** and the author of the winning proposal of the *Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of all totalitarian regimes* Mr **Tszwai-So** from the UK. Altogether they discussed the idea of such a work-of-art in a public place in the city further technical details and steps are needed.



### International Conference “Like a stake in a fence”. The year 1989 in context.

The President of the Platform Mr **Łukasz Kamiński** participated at the international conference “Like a stake in a fence”. The year 1989 in context on 24 June in Prague. Among other speakers were Mr **Alexandr Vondra**, Member of European Parliament and Member of the Platform Board of Trustees; Mr **Michael Kraus**, Professor of Political Science, director of Russian and East European studies at Middlebury College; Mr **Igor Lukes**, University Professor of History and International Relations at Boston University; Mr **Jan Kalous** and **Petr Blažek**, Czech historians, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, and Mr **Jerguš Sivoš**, historian, Slovak Nation's Memory Institute.

The conference was organised under the auspices of Mr **Petr Fiala** (Chairman of the Civic Democracy Party) and historian and Czech MP Mr **Pavel Žáček**.





The conference focused on the international and domestic context of democratic transition of Czechoslovakia and its reflection after 30 years of freedom.

*In July 1989 the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia Mr Milouš Jakeš in his speech to the party official in Červený Hrádek used the formulation that the Communists lost public support and stayed alone “like a stake in a fence”. This speech foreshadowed the collapse of the regime in Czechoslovakia some months later.*

## JULY

### Remembering the victims of Communism in Prague

Commemoration events for all victims of Communism in the Czech Republic took place in many places. The Platform commemorated the event by attending the official commemoration ceremony with laying flowers at the memorial to the victims of Communism in Prague in Újezd on 27 June 2019. We commemorated the show-trial and execution (on 27 June 1950) of Mrs. **Milada Horáková**, one of the most enlightened politicians of the pre-war Czechoslovak Republic, a champion of democracy and women's rights, who spent most of the war in Nazi prisons and concentration camps.

### Summer conference in Tusnád 2019

**Łukasz Kamiński**, the President of the Platform, and Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**, a member of the executive board, were invited to the summer university in Tusnád, Romania, which is organised annually by representatives of the 1989 revolution in Hungary and Romania together with a number of NGOs. During their stay, they gave a lecture on the Platform's work in the field of memory, education and presented ongoing activities and the student reader *Lest We Forget*. The Summer University takes the form of a camp with lectures, workshops, discussions, presentations and music concerts.



## AUGUST

### Platform terminated its office in Brussels

As of 31 August the Platform closed its Brussels office as a result of the previous Executive Board decision. The Platform office was operational from its office in Brussels between November 2014 and August 2019 and held many working meetings there. The Platform stays present in Brussels regarding its projects and especially towards creating the *Pan-European Memorial for the Victims of all totalitarian regimes*.

### Czech-German Joint Investigation Team Established for Killing East German Refugees on the Border of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic

**Prague**, 5 August –Based on a bilateral agreement, the Joint Czech-German Investigation Team was established in June and it is working to investigate the killing of East German refugees at the borders of former Czechoslovakia.

**JUSTICE 2.0**

The first working meeting of the JIT took place on 25 July in Weiden; the next meeting was held in Prague. German Attorney General **Christian Härthl** expected cooperation to speed up the investigation, which has been underway since December 2017 on the German side on the basis of a complaint filed by the Platform. Murder has no statute of limitations and this is especially true for soldiers and former politicians, a German state prosecutor's office in Weiden and a federal criminal office in Munich (LKA) said in a press release on 26 July.

The joint team was formed because the Platform filed a similar criminal complaint in cases of killing of refugees of various other nationalities on the border of the CSSR to the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office in Brno, which referred the matter to the relevant investigative bodies in the Czech Republic. Both criminal complaints involved perpetrators from the same structures of the Border Guard and the leadership of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, including both surviving members of the Communist Party Central Committee, **Lubomir Strougal** and **Milos Jakes**.

### Platform supported the efforts to establish a Museum of the 20th Century Memory in Prague

**Prague, 21 August** – The Platform supported the initiative to establish a new museum devoted to the history of the 20th century in Prague. During a press conference representatives of the Prague municipality introduced the idea of establishing such a museum in the capital of the Czech Republic. Up to 30 Czech and international institutions dealing with the totalitarian past signed a declaration calling for establishing such a museum.



## Platform commemorated the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarian Regimes in Warsaw on 23 August

The Platform president Mr **Łukasz Kamiński**, Executive Board Member Ms **Andreja Valič Zver** and Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek** participated at the commemoration event the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarian Regimes on 23 August in Warsaw.

An official ceremony was held at the Museum of the Cursed Soldiers and Political Prisoners of the Polish People's Republic in Warsaw, in the former Mokotów prison, which is a well-known site where both political prisoners of Nazism and Communism were held and executed.

The event was accompanied by a discussion between representatives of the Ministries of Justice of EU Member States from Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, the Czech Republic and representatives of academia. The debate of deputy ministers of justice on the experience of building an independent judiciary in countries ruled for many years by communist regimes was attended by Polish Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Justice Mr **Marcin Warchoł**, Latvian deputy prime minister Mr **Jānis Bordāns**, deputy ministers of justice of the Republic of Lithuania Ms **Irma Gudžiūnaitė**, Hungary Dr. **János Bóka** and Croatia Mr **Kristian Turkalj**.

The historical discussion *"Around accounts of the past. Attempts at de-communisation of the Polish justice system after 1989"* was attended by: historian **Paweł Sztama**,





prosecutor **Marek Rabiega** from the investigating department of the IPN, historian **Dr. Grzegorz Majchrzak**, political scientist and historian **Dr. Piotr Gontarczyk**, and editor **Bronisław Wildstein** – writer, publicist and opposition activist democrat in the PRL.

The legal debate was devoted to the problems of justice in totalitarian states, including accountability for judicial crimes. Panelists included: **Prof. Patrycja Grzebyk** – lawyer, political scientist, lecturer at the Institute of International Relations at the University of Warsaw; **Prof. Kevin Heller** – a specialist in the field of international criminal law, who has participated as an adviser to organisations defending human rights, including in the trials of Saddam Hussein and Radovan Karadzic; **Dr. Łukasz Kamiński** – a historian specialising in the recent history of Poland, former president of the Institute of National Remembrance and the president of the Platform; **Prof. Marek Chodakiewicz** – an American historian of Polish origin who studies the history of Central and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries and the subject of the Holocaust; **Prof. Veronika Bílková** from Prague – specializing in the field of international law; and **Dr. Zoltán Oszkár Szóts** – historian and archivist from the Hungarian Committee of National Remembrance.

## SEPTEMBER

### Platform welcomed release of Mr Oleg Sentsov from Russian imprisonment

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience welcomed the news about the release of Mr **Oleg Sentsov**, Ukrainian filmmaker and writer, from Russian imprisonment on 7 September 2019.

In November 2018, the Platform members awarded Mr Oleg Sentsov the Platform Prize in recognition of his personal courage, struggle and sacrifice for upholding fundamental democratic values and freedoms after his show trial in the Russian Federation.

### Czech Senate roundtable about the Museum of Memory of the 20th Century

**Prague, 12 September** – The Committee on Education, Science, Culture, Human Rights and Petitions of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic with its Chairperson Mr **Jiří Drahoš** and its Member Mr **David Smoljak** organised a roundtable called “Do





*we need a museum of memory of the 20th century?"* on 12 September in Prague. A discussion was held about the need for such a museum, its goals and location, and international examples of similar projects were presented as well. Representatives of the City of Prague, politicians, historians and other important organisations were involved in the discussion. The Platform was represented by its Managing Director Mr **Peter Rendek**, who introduced its activities and offered further help and willingness to participate on such a project from the perspective of international know-how and experience of similar organisations and museums gathered under the Platform.

The idea of establishing of new Museum of Memory of the 20th Century in Prague was unanimously adopted by the City Hall of Prague in recent days. As it was presented by Prague City Councillor Ms **Hana Kordová Marvanová** the plan is to open the museum to the public within 3 years. Since the very beginning of the project the Platform has been participating in working meetings and supports the idea of new museums of this kind in Prague.

### **Platform President on the XXXI Seminar on Central Europe in Madrid, Spain**

On 17-18 September the Association of European Journalists (Asociación de Periodistas Europeos) organised in Madrid the XXXI Seminar on Central Europe entitled "Del fervor al desafecto" ("From fervor to disaffection") in *Madrid, Spain*. The President of the Platform Mr Łukasz Kamiński took part in the panel "Thirty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall". Other speakers included prof. **Marlene Wind** (University of Copenhagen), prof. **Victoria Rodríguez** (Nebrija University) and Mr **Pavel Telička**, the former Vice-President of the European Parliament and EU commissioner from the Czech Republic. During the debate dr Kamiński stressed the importance of the past for the current situation in Europe, including lack of punishment for Communist crimes and the lost chance of using the events of 1989 as one of the sources of legitimisation for European integration.



### **Platform Justice 2.0 project presented in Bratislava, Slovakia**

The Platform representative and project Justice 2.0 expert team member Mr **Miroslav Lehký** participated on the conference entitled *Communism and human rights*, which took place on 24 September in the Hall of Mirrors of the Primate's Palace in Bratislava, Slovakia. The conference was organised on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in former Czechoslovakia.

In the panel "Amorality and unlawfulness of the Communist system", Mr Lehký presented results of the Justice 2.0 project, the shooting on the borders during the Cold War as crimes of Communism and crimes against humanity and introduced the latest development of the project as well.





Later during the conference Mr Lehký joined the panel debate with the Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the former German Democratic Republic **Mr Roland Jahn** on the topic *“The settlement process of the Communist injustice regimes – experiences from Germany and Slovakia”*.

### **Platform supported new educational exhibition Multimedia Guide to Totalitarianism 1948–1989**

**Prague, 24 September** – The new educational exhibition **Multimedia Guide to Totalitarianism 1948–1989** launched across the several cities in the Czech Republic. A number of sociological research studies show that a major part of the young generation has no historical knowledge of the Communist regime, its totalitarian nature, and the key events of the turn of 1989. This educational project aims to help change this situation. The exhibition was displayed in five cities from September until November.

The project was prepared on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the November Revolution with cooperation of well-known historians and under the auspices of Mr **Jaroslav Kubera**, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, and the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.



### **Platform welcomed new European Parliament resolution on the importance of European remembrance**

**Prague, 25 September** – The Platform welcomed the new European Parliament resolution *on the importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe*, which was adopted on 19 September 2019 in



**European Parliament**



Strasbourg. The resolution was supported by 535 votes in favour, 66 against, and 52 abstentions. The resolution is partially a reply on the Platform letter to the EP political groups from 4 April.

It was the first time since 2009 that the EP has recognised the importance of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience and its activities and also called for the provision of effective support for it.

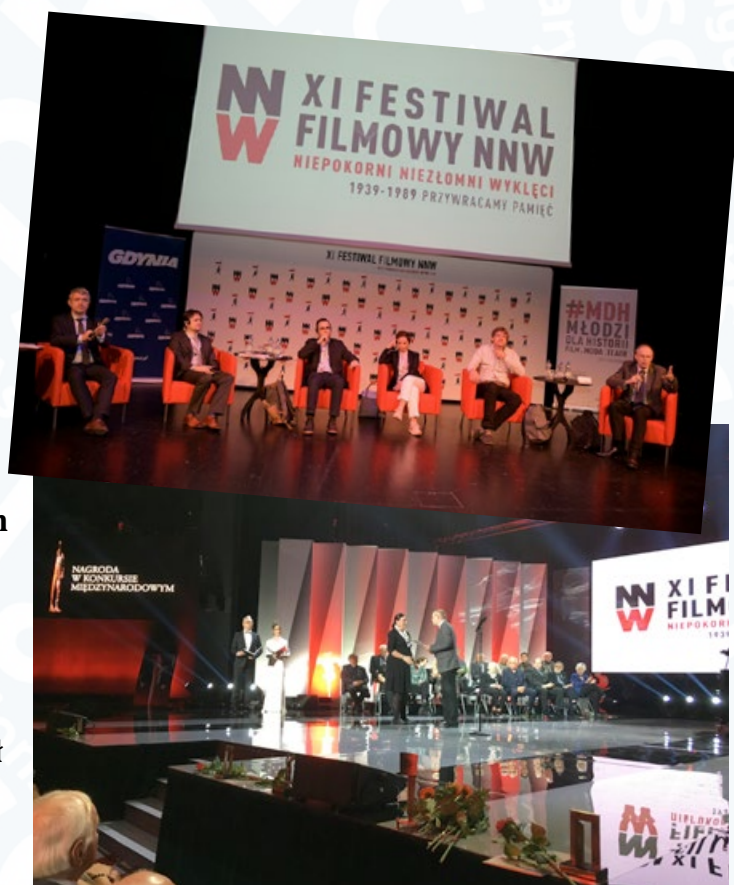
*“The Platform of European Memory and Conscience wishes to express our utmost appreciation for the adoption of the new resolution on the importance of European remembrance for the future and the huge support for it, which is a sign that the fundamental meaning of remembrance for Europe’s present and future is widely understood. We would like to thank all MEPs who proposed and backed this important document. We hope that it will result in concrete EU Commission actions,”* said **Łukasz Kamiński**, President of the Platform.

### **“Justice 2.0” – presentation at the Unruly, Undeterred, Cursed film festival in Gdynia, Poland**

The Platform project “Justice 2.0” was introduced on 27 September during the 11th Film Festival – Unruly, Undeterred, Cursed (NNW), which took place on 26 – 29 September 2019 in Gdynia, Poland, during the discussion panel which followed the movie presentation. The speakers were Dr. **Łukasz Kamiński**, the President of the Platform, Mr **Peter Rendek**, the Platform Managing Director, Ms **Jonila Godole**, the Managing Director of the Albanian Institute for Democracy, Media and Culture, Mr **Catalin Constantinescu**, lawyer representing the Institute of the Investigation of the Crimes of Communism and Memory of Romanian Exile and the Czech historian Mr **Petr Blažek** from the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes. The panel moderator was Mr **Paweł Ukielski**, the deputy director of the Warsaw Rising Museum. A discussion was held about the late justice 30 years after the fall of the Communist regimes and punishing the perpetrators, about the latest development of the Platform project and the latest development in other countries of central and Eastern Europe as well.

The programme was accompanied by a screening of the documentary film “**Justice 2.0**” by Stefan Weinert and the Platform of European Memory and Conscience (2015).

The XI NNW Festival took place under the National Patronage of the President of the Republic of Poland **Andrzej Duda**. It is the oldest and the only film festival in Poland that widely treats historical topics.





## Platform a partner of the 11th NNW Film Festival in Gdynia

The Platform of European Memory and Conscience was invited for the first time to participate as a co-organising partner for the newly established international competition in the international part of the 11th NNW (Unruly, Undeterred, Cursed) Film Festival in Gdynia, Poland held on 26 – 29 September 2019. The main idea of the festival is to bring documentary stories from the recent totalitarian history to the public, especially to the young generation of Poles.

For the first time the international competition category introduced documentary films also from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania etc. to the Polish audience.

In the international competition, the prize went to the Czech director Roman Vavra's *"As if we should die today"*; screenwriter Miloš Doležal received the award on behalf of the director.

A distinction was awarded to the film *"The current of two rivers"* by Tadeusz Śmiarowski, and the special Platform award for a story of the victims of totalitarianism was presented by the Platform President **Łukasz Kamiński** for the film *"Șapte martori pentru Mica Romă – Seven witnesses of little Rome"* by **Anca Berlogea-Boariu**.

During the NNW festival the Platform's international activities to the Polish audience were presented.



## OCTOBER

### "How to deal with the past? Memory in a post-truth world" international conference in Kyiv, Ukraine

The President of the Platform **Łukasz Kamiński** participated in the international conference "How to deal with the past? Memory in a post-truth world" («Як домовитися з минулим? Пам'ять у світі постправди») on 3 October 2019 in Kyiv, Ukraine. He and





other experts from Ukraine, Georgia, Poland and the USA discussed topics such as what should be the policy of national memory, how to have a serious discussion about the tragedies of the past, standards and responsibility of the media in discussions about the past, what injuries totalitarianism caused to the arts and whether we survived totalitarianism.

The conference was organised by the Ukraine branch of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, International Renaissance Foundation and the Center for Research on the Liberation Movement.

## NOVEMBER

### Travelling exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe” opened at Shkodra, Albania

The Platform’s international travelling exhibition “Totalitarianism in Europe” was opened at the Site of Witness and Memory museum in Shkodra, Albania on 4 November.

The opening ceremony was held by Mrs **Voltana Ademi**, Mayor of Shkodra, Mr **Pjerin Mirdita**, Director of the Museum, Ms **Inese Vaidere**, Member of the European Parliament, Ms **Jonila Godole**, Managing Director of the Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture and on behalf of the Platform, President Mr **Łukasz Kamiński**, members of the Executive and Supervisory Board. The Platform’s travelling exhibition depicts the numbers of civilian victims of Nazism, Fascism and Communism from 15 European countries framed by photographs of select perpetrators. The new Albanian panels were introduced in the updated version of the exhibition.

The “*Site of Witness and Memory*” is the first site of remembrance in Albania, which commemorates the victims of the communist regime in Shkodra. The museum building was first erected in the 19th century as a private property. In 1930 the Franciscan Fathers opened a college here for training parish priests. In 1946 the building was confiscated by communists and transformed into the local branch of the Ministry of Interior prison for political prisoners and preserved this role till the 90’s. The event was part of the annual Council of Members meeting, which was held in 3 – 6 November in Tirana, Albania.





## Platform supported new Appeal for Nuremberg Trials for Communism

On 7 November the *Appeal for a Nuremberg of Communism* (Bukovsky-Cristin document) was introduced in the Senate of the Italian Republic in Rome by Prof. **Renato Cristin**, Prof. **Roberto de Mattei**, Dr. **Dario Fertilio**, senator **Adolfo Urso**, senator **Lucio Malan** and **Vito Comencini**.

It is an international initiative promoted by Renato Cristin (University of Trieste, Italy), which expresses an idea of recently passed former dissident Vladimir Bukovskij, whereby Communism would receive the historical and moral judgment of irrevocable condemnation that Nazism has rightly received.

The Appeal received large international support. Among the first 200 signatories is **Antonio Tajani** (former president and currently member of the European Parliament, Italy), **Prof. Stéphane Courtois** (historian, author of the Black Book of Communism, France), **Robert R. Reilly** (director of the Westminster Institute, former director of The Voice of America, former member of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, USA), **Mart Laar** (former prime minister and chairman of the supervisory board of the Bank of Estonia), **Erhard Busek** (former vice-chancellor of the Austrian Republic, Austria), **Vladimir Kara-Murza** (Chairman, Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom, Russia) and many others.

The Platform joined and supported this initiative because it is in line with its goals and projects. *"The Platform is in fact the only organisation capable of preparing such a tribunal in a symbolic way, and the experience of our members seems to be crucial to do it in a legal way,"* said **Lukasz Kamiński**, President of the Platform and one of the signatories.

The other Platform representatives and member organisation signatories include **María Schmidt** (director of the Institute of the Twentieth Century, director of the House of Terror, Hungary), **Paweł Ukielski** (former deputy president of the Institute of National Remembrance in Poland, current deputy director of the Warsaw Rising Museum), **Andreja Valič Zver** (member of the Executive Board of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, Slovenia), **Marion Smith** (executive director, Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, USA), **Ana Blandiana** (writer, president of the Memorial of the Victims of Communism from Sighet, Romania), **Ronaldas Račinskas** (executive director, Secretariat of the International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation regimes in Lithuania, Prof. **Antoine Arjakovsky** (historian, Research director, Collège des Bernardins, Paris, France), **Wolfgang-Christian Fuchs** (president, Inter-Asso, Germany), **Jonila Godole** (executive director, Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture, Albania), **Robert Kostro** (director, Polish History Museum, Poland), **Gjon Radovani** (chairman of the Board, MEMO Center, Albania), **Florian Razvan-Mihalcea** (president, Timisoara Society, Romania), **Milos Suchma** (president, Czech and Slovak Association of Canada), **Marek Mutor** (director, History Centre Zajezdnia, Poland), Dr **Jarosław Szarek** (President of the Institute of National Remembrance, Poland), **Johann Grünbauer** (chairman, Foundation History of Totalitarian Regimes and their Victims, Netherlands).



## Platform elected new representatives, paid tribute to the victims of Communism in Shkodra and met with the Albanian Parliament representatives

At its annual Council of Members meeting held on **3 – 6 November** 2019 in Tirana, Albania, the Platform of European Memory and Conscience updated its Statute and re-elected the President, the Executive Board representatives and one Supervisory Board Member. A new candidate for membership from Italy was admitted.

On 5 November the annual Council of Members meeting took place in Tirana International Hotel. The re-elected President of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience is Dr. **Lukasz Kaminski**, Polish historian and President of the Institute of National Remembrance in the years 2011-2016. The new Executive Board of the Platform consists of Dr. **Andreja Valič Zver**, Director of the Slovenian Study Centre for National Reconciliation; Prof. **Antoine Arjakovsky**, research director at the Collège des Bernadins in Paris; Dr. **Wolfgang-Christian Fuchs**, CEO of the German Union of Victims of Political Tyranny; **Toomas Hiio**, research director at the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory; **Zsolt Szilágyi**, political scientist; and **Marek Mutor**, Director of the History Centre Zajezdnia in Wrocław.

The new member of the Supervisory Board of the Platform is Mr **Pawel Ukielski**, Deputy Director of the Warsaw Rising Museum. The newly admitted candidate organisation is **Gariwo**, la foresta dei Giusti from Italy.



During the annual meeting the travelling exhibition *Totalitarianism in Europe* was officially opened in the city of Shkodra on 4 November. The Platform representatives also paid tribute to the victims of Communism in Shkodra. The participants of the meeting visited the National Museum of Secret Surveillance “House of Leaves”, in the city centre of Tirana in the building of a former prison where during the brutal Communist regime many political prisoners were imprisoned and tortured.

On 6 November the discussion seminar *German Experience in Dealing with the Past in Albania* with Dr. **Tobias Rüttershoff**, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Tirana, took place. The Platform representatives visited and met with the representatives of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights of the Albanian Parliament led by its Chairman Mr **Ulsi Manja** and Vice-Chairman Mr **Korab Lita**. The Foreign Affairs Committee was represented by its Vice-Chairman Mr **Ralf Gjoni**. They discussed its work and the legal aspects of the reconciliation process in Albania.

The Platform had in November 62 Member institutions and 1 candidate organisation in 21 countries of Europe and North America.

#### **Statement**

*On 4-6 November 2019 the annual Council of Members of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience was held in Tirana. Delegates of member organisations had the possibility to visit memorial places and museums, as well as hold meetings with representatives of Albanian memory institutions. In the name of the Platform the Executive Board declares that:*

- 1. The Platform acknowledges the suffering of the Albanian people under totalitarian regimes, especially during Communist rule, and expresses its regret that this painful past is not widely known in Europe.*
- 2. The exceptional scale of Communist repression caused not only a great number of human losses, but also consequences still starkly felt to this day. In this situation the efforts to heal the wounds by dealing with the past are essential. They should include a wide range of activities in the fields of justice, education, memorialisation, research etc.*
- 3. The Platform expresses its appreciation for the NGOs, public institutions and individuals in Albania, who undertake efforts to overcome the tragic legacy by means of remembrance, truth and justice. The PEMC calls for support for these efforts by Albanian authorities, society, and international actors.*
- 4. The PEMC learned with great concern about threats addressed to Mr Agron Tufa, director of the Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and its Consequences. The Platform calls on the appropriate authorities to ensure his safety and secure the work of the Institute and its representatives.*

#### **Platform invited to the 8th Congress of the Croatian Society of Victimology**

The Platform Executive Board member and the director of the Study Centre for National Reconciliation in Slovenia Dr. **Andreja Valič Zver** attended the 8th Congress of the Croatian Society of Victimology which was held on 8 – 10 November in Zagreb.



The main topic of the Congress was the totalitarianisms of the 20th century and the consequences for the Croatian people (in accordance with the resolutions of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the Croatian Parliament). Dr. Zver introduced the activities of the Platform and the latest European Parliament resolution on “Importance of European remembrance for the future of Europe” of 19 September 2019.

The Croatian Society of Victimology was founded on 7 March 1991 and deals with the problems of war and post-war victims, individuals and entire groups during the totalitarian regimes – fascism, Nazism, Communism and other undemocratic regimes.



### Anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain commemorated in Mikulov, Southern Moravia

Mikulov, Prague, 23 November – The commemoration act and the international conference “*The Iron Curtain inside us*” accompanied the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain event which was held on 22 November in Mikulov, Southern Bohemia.

The representatives of the Czech Ministry of Culture, regional government, the German, Polish and Austrian embassies as well as Czech memory institutions paid tribute to all victims of the Iron Curtain on the Freedom Path on the Czech-Austrian border near Mikulov. The statuery “A separation” was newly unveiled close to the Memorial to the Victims of the Iron Curtain. The Platform representative Mr **Miroslav Lehký** introduced in his speech the crimes of Communism, especially the shooting of unarmed civilians as a crime against humanity.



He stressed that it is our obligation for the present and for the future to spread the truth about Communism and its victims. The complex and specific truth, even when it is not popular and sometimes people do not want to hear it.

The event was followed by the international conference in Mikulov Castle. The conference was organized by the civic association Paměť, a Platform Member organisation, under auspices of the Czech Minister of Culture, the President of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the governor of Southern Moravia, the mayor of the City of Brno and the bishop of the Brno diocese.



### **Czech Police launch investigation into former high-ranking Communist officials for shootings on the borders**

The Office of the Documentation and the Investigation of the Crimes of Communism of the Police of the Czech Republic officially launched a prosecution on 26 November 2019 against the former high-ranking Communist politburo members for the shooting of civilians on the Czechoslovak borders in the period of 1976 – 1989. The prosecution is based on the Platform's criminal complaint, which was delivered to the office of the Supreme State Prosecutor of the Czech Republic in Brno in 2017.

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The prosecution was initiated for abuse of power by Mr **Milouš Jakeš**, former general secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, **Lubomír Štrougal**, former prime minister, and **Vratislav Vajnar**, former minister of interior. The police claim that due to their inactivity between 1976 and 1989 nine civilians were killed in their attempts to escape the country and another seven people were seriously wounded. In 1976 the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* entered into force, which guaranteed everyone the right to leave any country, including their home country. The Czechoslovak representatives did not change the legislation in order to stop using weapons on the borders.

*"The prosecution was launched after the key archival documents were found showing that the accused were informed about border fire and that they were directly instructing ministers on what legislation to adopt. ... They were aware of the use of firearms on the state borders of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic by members of the Border Guard against persons trying to cross the state illegally in order to leave the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. Despite this, they did not, in their capacity as leaders of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, take any measures to prevent the use of firearms,"* said Head of the District State Attorney for Prague 1, Mr **Jan Lelek**.

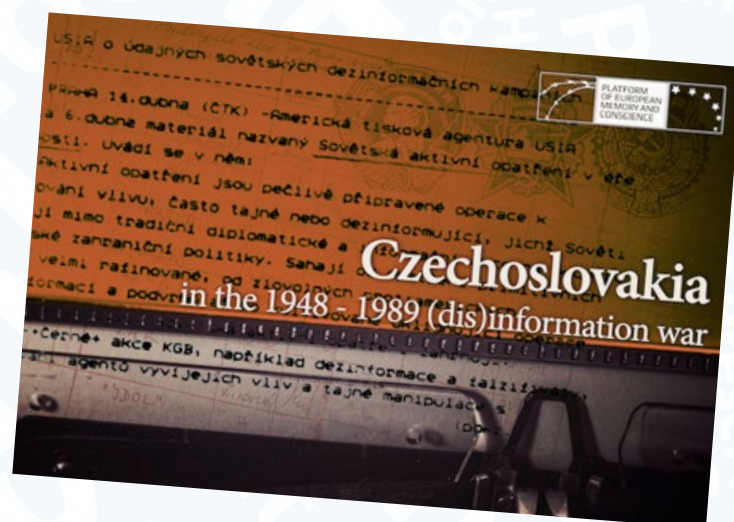


Supervising prosecutor **Tomáš Jarolímek** added that the prosecution is based on newly found archival materials. All three men are prosecuted at large. If they are found guilty, they face two to ten years in prison. *"Today's news proves that the Platform's activities within the Justice 2.0 project are slowly but systematically having an effect. Pressure from Polish and German judiciary systems eventually prompted the Czech authorities to act,"* said **Łukasz Kamiński**, President of the Platform.

Based on the Platform's initiative similar investigations are being held in Germany and in Poland with the Polish Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) – the Main Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation.

### **Czech version of the online project on Communist disinformation launched**

In November, the platform launched the Czech version of the online project **Czechoslovakia in the (Dis)Information War 1948-1989**, which provides a unique insight into the little-known psychological and disinformation operations carried out by totalitarian regimes through their secret services during the Cold War. Even then - before the advent of the Internet - these operations were conducted against the European Community, the US, NATO and in domestic operations against their own citizens.



The project offers details of the institutionalized tools, objectives, forms, methods and agency networks that were professionally employed in the preparation and dissemination of these campaigns against foreign and domestic publics prior to November 1989.

Selected operations in the West and their impact are presented in detail, such as the operation to disseminate the false political testament of German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer (1963), the operation against the US as the "arch enemy" - interference in the 1964 US presidential election, and the disinformation campaign about AIDS as a secret US biological weapon in 1985.

The project is part of the Czech-English on-line project [communiststatesecurity.eu](http://communiststatesecurity.eu) ([ibadatelna.cz](http://ibadatelna.cz)) of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.

## **DECEMBER**

### **Justice 2.0 – a database of the Iron Curtain victims**

The most important activity of the Justice 2.0 project is helping those surviving victims of the Iron Curtain who were captured in their attempts to leave the Communist bloc countries through former Czechoslovakia's borders.

As of December 24 people (former East-German citizens) were rehabilitated and compensated by the Czech and Slovak courts, another 12 people were rehabilitated and



are waiting for a compensation, and more people are still waiting on court decisions.

In the new phase of the project, documentation of further cases and work on a database of victims of the Iron Curtain (killed, wounded, imprisoned) in Europe has been started. The new part of the Justice 2.0 project was launched altogether with the Remembrance and Future Institute in Wrocław, Poland.

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No.	Lastname	Name	born	nationality	Date of incident	Border Guard Unit	Subunit or place (incident area)	Victim status	State border (direction)
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2	Volkov	Rita Ignatov	1987	BGR	09-01-1987	11.BPS	10.BPS Pitești	captured for the preparation of crossing the state border	CSK.AUT
3	Sevick	Robert	1989	CSK	19-01-1987	11.BPS	4.BPS Butchard	captured for the preparation of crossing the state	CSK.AUT

## 70th anniversary of Pitești Communist experiment

In December 2019, 70 years has passed since the cruel re-education programme in Pitești prison started. It was described by Alexandr Solzhenitsyn as *“the most terrible act of barbarism in the contemporary world”*. The anniversary was marked by a conference organised by the Pitești Memorial, a Platform member organisation, on 10 December 2019.

The conference started with opening remarks by **Maria Axinte**, the memorial founder and director. The event was attended by **Bogdan Gheorghiu**, the Minister of Culture and National Identity, who in his address paid homage to former political prisoners and promised the establishment of a museum of Communist atrocities in Romania. **Octav Bjoza**, State Undersecretary within the State Secretariat for the recognition of the merits of fighters against the Communist regime installed in Romania between 1945-1989 and a former political prisoner himself, in an emotional speech reminded the audience about the fate of prisoners, especially those who were victims of the Pitești phenomenon. The re-education programme was presented by **Alin Mureșan**, a researcher at the Institute

for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile (a Platform member organisation).



In the next part of the conference, the history and legacy of the Berlin Wall was presented by **Axel Klausmeier**, director of the Berlin Wall Foundation and Manfred Wichmann, Curator of Collections at the Berlin Wall Memorial. **Markus Pieper**, Head of Memorials and Remembrance Culture at the Federal Foundation for the Study of Communist Dictatorship in East Germany, described the

Foundation's activities connected with documenting memorial sites.

In his speech dr **Łukasz Kamiński**, president of the Platform, stressed the importance of the Pitești Memorial: *“This place and its history forces us to ask the basic questions, such as: ‘What are our limits?’, ‘Would I resist this?’, ‘What does it mean to be human?’ etc.*



*Simply asking those questions is the first step towards becoming a better person. That is why the memorial should be visited by more people from all of Europe in the future.”*

### **Hungarian version of the reader *Lest We Forget* released**

Timișoara, 13 December – The Platform of European Memory and Conscience has released the Hungarian version of the reader *Lest We Forget. Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe* (*Hogy el ne feledjük. A totalitarizmus emlékezete Európában*). **It is so far the 8th language version of the book, which is intended for older secondary school students anywhere in Europe.**

The book was introduced during the international conference “Road to Freedom” at the Polytechnical University in Timișoara, Romania on 13 December by the translator of the book Ms **Prohászka-Rád Boróka PhD.**, the assistant professor at Sapientia University, and the Executive Board member **Mr Zsolt Szilágyi**.

The presentation was the part of the of the *Commemorative Events at the 30th Anniversary of the Revolution from Timișoara (12–16 December 2019)*.



### **The international conference “Road to Freedom” took place in Timișoara**

The international conference “*Road to Freedom*” took place in Timișoara, Romania as a part of the commemoration events marking the 30th anniversary of the beginning of the Romanian revolution. While in other countries (Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia), the Communist regimes collapsed in a more peaceful way, the Romanian revolution was bloody and claimed more than a thousand victims.

The conference, which took place on 13 – 14 December at the K1 Amphitheatre of the Polytechnical University, in Timișoara was organised by the Platform of European Memory and Conscience (PEMC) together with the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania and Bálványos Institute. The conference participants were welcomed by a video message from the former Romanian president **Emil Constantinescu**.

Among the participants and speakers of the two day conference were historians, researchers and journalists from Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Germany,





Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the UK, Ukraine and more. After the first day of the conference, participants attended the theatrical performance “Unburied” directed by **Tamás Lovassy Cseh**.

The second day of the conference concluded with the debate entitled “*Forum of those who changed the regime*”, which was participated in by: Mr **László Tőkés**, reformed priest and the man who sparked the revolution from Timișoara; Lord **David Alton**, member of the House of Lords, Great Britain; Mr **Zsolt Németh**, MP, president of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Hungarian Parliament, Mr **Janez Jansa**, former prime minister of Slovenia and Mr **Łukasz Kamiński**, the president of the PEMC. The final discussion was moderated by the PEMC executive board member Mr **Zsolt Szilágyi**.



The conference was a part of broader programme activities dedicated to the fall of Communism in Romania. The commemoration events were accompanied by a Gala cultural programme on the evening of 14 December at the Timișoara regional cultural centre with the presence of **Viktor Orbán**, Hungarian Prime Minister, **László Tókes**, President of the Hungarian National Council of Transylvania and Mr **Nicolae Robu**, Mayor of Timișoara.

### Platform Reader presentations in all regions in Slovakia

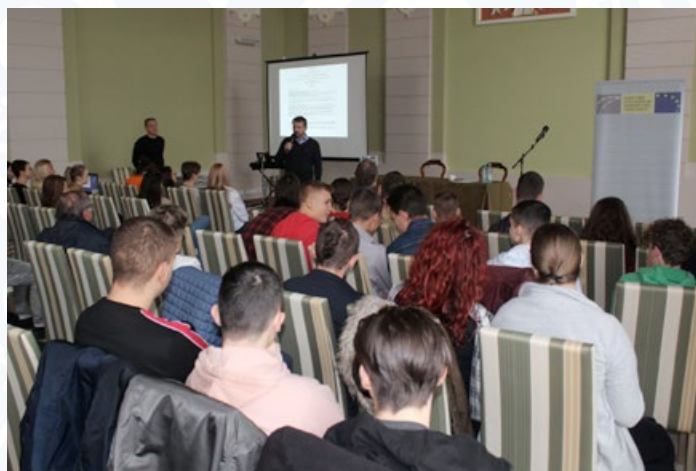
In 2019 for the first time the Platform of European Memory and Conscience presented its international reader *Lest We Forget* (Memory of Totalitarianism in Europe) and the board game (*Across the Iron Curtain*) to students of different types of secondary schools in all regions of Slovakia. The project builds on the successful three years of reader presentations at schools in the Czech Republic.

Together with its member organisation Living Memory, the Platform organised 25 presentations for more than 1100 students in Slovakia between April – December 2019.

The project aims to educate today's young generation about Europe's tragic totalitarian past and the importance of respecting fundamental human rights, freedoms and democratic values in society. An important goal was to promote better understanding and integration among European citizens and to help prevent any form of undemocratic governance from recurring in the future.

During the presentations of the reader, real stories and testimonies of witnesses of the past and well-known personalities (actors, etc.) were introduced. A discussion with the students about the book and the totalitarian past was a part of the presentation.

The presentations were held in 20 locations in all regions in Slovakia including Bratislava, Budimír, Košice, Kremnica, Liptovský Mikuláš, Lučenec, Modra, Nitra, Nové Mesto Nad Váhom, Prešov, Raslavice, Rozhanovce, Spišský Hrhov, Trenčín, Trenčianska Teplá, Trnava, Trnavá Hora and Výchov.









## Activities of the Board

The President - Dr. **Łukasz Kamiński**. The Executive Board of the Platform: Dr. **Andreja Valić Zver**, Dr. **Wolfgang-Christian Fuchs**, **Toomas Hiio**, **Zsolt Szilágyi**. The Board was extended after adopting a new Statute in November 2019: Prof. **Antoine Arjakovsky** and **Marek Mutor** were elected. Supervisory Board - Dr. **Földvárné Kiss Réka**, Dr. **Monika Kareniauskaitė**, Dr. **Paweł Ukielski**.

The Boards met in person in February in Brussels, in April in Prague and in November during the annual meetings of the Council of Members. Members of the Board have individually participated or engaged in various events on behalf of the Platform, which are described in the Annual Report.

## Platform Staff and Collaborators

The Platform team in 2019 included Mr **Peter Rendek** (managing director and IT); Mr **Amir Salykbayev** (assistant), Ms **Kateřina Švecová** (assistant); Mr **Wojciech Bednarski** (assistant); Ms **Elise Pia** (intern, France); Mr **Gergely Isó** (project coordinator); Ms **Gillian Purves** (editor); Ms **Yveta Schmalzová** (payroll and tax advisor); Ms **Veronika Schováňková** (maintenance); Mr **Lubomír Augustín** (lawyer). For the project "JUSTICE 2.0", we engaged researchers Mr **Martin Slávik** (Masaryk University, CZ); Mr **Miroslav Lehký** (Jan Langoš Foundation), Mr **Miroslav Kasáček** and Mr **Luděk Navara** (civic association Paměť); Dr. **Lubomír Morbacher** (Living Memory). Accounting services were provided by MAZARS, s.r.o..

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## Platform & the Media

In 2019, we published 42 on-line articles and released 16 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](http://www.memoryandconscience.eu). The Platform was also active on its Facebook official page.

The new on-line tool for disseminating press releases and Newsletter was used. In 2019 we issued 8 online Newsletters. In the period 1 January – 31 December 2019, the official Platform website had 6991 unique users with 10,397 sessions and a total of 25,327 page views, according to the Google Analytics statistic code.

**In the Czech Internet media only the Platform was mentioned or its activities introduced 48 times.**

## Platform selected activities – articles in the media

### January

Forscher untersuchen Todesfälle von DDR-Flüchtlingen (Deutschlandfunk)

### February

- Historische Entscheidung: Tschechien entschädigt DDR-Flüchtlinge (Onetz.de)
- Uprchlíka z NDR postřelili u Volar pohraničníci, nyní dostal odškodnění (MF Dnes)
- Tschechien zahlt erstmals Schmerzensgeld an DDR-Flüchtling (DPA)
- Späte Entschädigung für DDR-Flüchtling (Deutschlandfunk)

### March

- Soud v Chebu rehabilitoval dva bývalé občany NDR (ČTK, blesk.cz)
- Němec, zatčený při útěku na Západ, dostal po třiceti letech odškodnění: 407 korun (aktualne.cz)

### May

- Spravedlnost pro oběti pohraničnicků: Štrougal i Jakeš vědí, že jsou v Německu vyšetřováni (hlidacipes.org)

### July

- Eiserner Vorhang: Ermittlungen verstärkt (Onetz.de)
- Erschossene DDR-Flüchtlinge: Ermittlungsgruppe gegründet (BR.de)
- Zločiny na hranicích vyšetřuje společný česko-německý tým. V hledáčku má vojáky i Jakeše či Štrougala (Hlídacipes.org)
- Zastřelili je nebo je roztrhali psi. Bavoři s Čechy vyšetřují vraždy Němců na hranici za totality (novinky.cz)
- Bavorsko a Česko vyšetřují na 40 komunistů a pohraničnicků kvůli vraždám na hranicích (Echo24.cz)
- Ermittlungen gegen ehemalige Grenzsoldaten und Politiker der CSSR (idowa.de)

### August

- Kdo se bude zodpovídat? Před soudy se vrací tragédie těch, kteří chtěli utéct komunistům (Seznam TV)

### September

- „Den, který zničil naši rodinu.“ Dcera východoněmeckých uprchlíků bojuje v Česku o rehabilitaci (Seznam Zprávy)
- Interview with Łukasz Kamiński done by Witold Banach for Polish Radio
- European Parliament ties denial of totalitarian crimes to information wars (news.err.ee)



## October

- Platforma Europejskiej Pamięci i Sumienia chce osądzenia zbrodni komunizmu (dzieje.pl)
- Walczą o Trybunał Międzynarodowy do osądzenia zbrodni komunistycznych (niezalezna.pl)
- Platforma Europejskiej Pamięci i Sumienia chce osądzenia zbrodni komunizmu (tvp.info)
- Platforma Europejskiej Pamięci i Sumienia chce osądzenia zbrodni komunizmu (wiadomosci.onet.pl)
- Platforma Europejskiej Pamięci i Sumienia chce osądzenia zbrodni komunizmu (gazetagazeta.com)
- Uciekali reżimowi. Znaleźli śmierć (Rzeczpospolita.pl)

## November

- Nevyrovnali jsme se s totalitou, takže máme premiéra, jakého máme, vysvětluje publicista Navara (Czech Radio)
- The border cold cases of East Germany (ozy.com)
- Příběh opravdového pohraničnicka (Czech TV)
- Policie stíhá Jakeše a Štrougala kvůli střelení na hranicích (Czech Press Agency)
- Česká justice se probrala z dlouhého spánku, říká historik Navara ke stíhání Jakeše a dalších komunistů (Czech Radio)
- Policie stíhá komunistické pohlaváry Jakeše, Štrougala a Vajnara. Nezabránili střelení na hranicích (Czech Radio)
- Policie obvinila Jakeše, Štrougala a Vajnara kvůli střelení na hranicích (novinky.cz)
- Policie zahájila stíhání komunistických funkcionářů Jakeše a Štrougala (idnes.cz)
- Jakeš a Štrougal po třiceti letech k soudu? Neuspěli jsme to? (seznamzpravy.cz)
- Komunisti brání Jakeše a Štrougala. Jde jen o náhradní téma opozice, tvrdí Filip (Echo24.cz)
- Policie obvinila Jakeše a Štrougala kvůli střelbě na československých hranicích (Czech TV)
- Tote am Eisernen Vorhang: Tschechien eröffnet Verfahren (onetz.de)
- Obvinění komunistických bossů Jakeše a Štrougala má smysl (Respekt.cz)
- Policie stíhá Jakeše a další komunisty kvůli střelení na hranicích. Na svědomí mají devět mrtvých (ihned.cz)
- Policie stíhá bývalé komunistické šéfy Jakeše a Štrougala kvůli střelení na hranicích (lidovky.cz)
- Policie po třiceti letech obvinila Jakeše i Štrougala za střelbu na hranicích. Našly se klíčové dokumenty, vysvětluje žalobce (dennikn.cz)
- „Pozdě, ale přece,“ píše Slováci ke stíhání Jakeše a dalších komunistů za střelbu na hranicích (lidovky.cz)
- Stíhanie Jakeša, Štrougala a Vajnara je podľa historika ÚPN oprávnené (sme.sk)
- Jakeša a Štrougala obvinili za mŕtvych na hraniciach (pravda.sk)
- Czech ex-leaders charged over communist-era border killings (france24.com)
- Former top Czechoslovak Communist officials prosecuted over pre-1989 border shootings (expats.cz)
- Komunistickí pohlavári Jakeš, Štrougal a Vajnar: Stíhaní za strel'bu do ľudí na hraniciach (cas.sk)

- Communists prosecuted in the Czech Republic for the deaths on borders (spectator.sme.sk)
- Police launch prosecution of pre-1989 Communist over border shootings (radio.cz)
- Rozliczenia ze zbrodniami komunistycznymi po 30 latach (rzeczpospolita.pl)
- To svinstvo si zaslouží trest, řekl Zeman ke stíhání Jakeše a Štrougala (idnes.cz)
- Albania Can Only Move On from Communism Once It Has Dealt with the Past (exit.al)
- Communists Honored on 75th Anniversary of Liberation of Tirana (exit.al)
- Norimberga del comunismo: un Appello al mondo libero (opinione.it)

## December

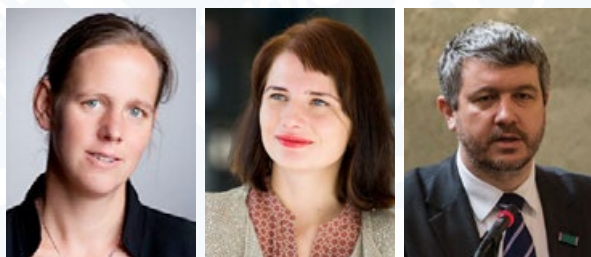
- TV Nova – Střepiny
- Týden v justici (Czech TV)
- Reportéři ČT (Czech TV)
- „Věřím, že je to začátek,“ říká o stíhání komunistických pohlavárů spoluautorka trestního oznámení (tv.blesk.cz)
- Strážca pamäte: Kto by chcel žiť v štáte, kde sa nebude stíhať vražda? (dennikn.sk)
- Díky stíhání lídrů komunistického režimu se dostávají do popředí osudy obětí, míní Winkelmannová (Czech TV)



## Platform representatives



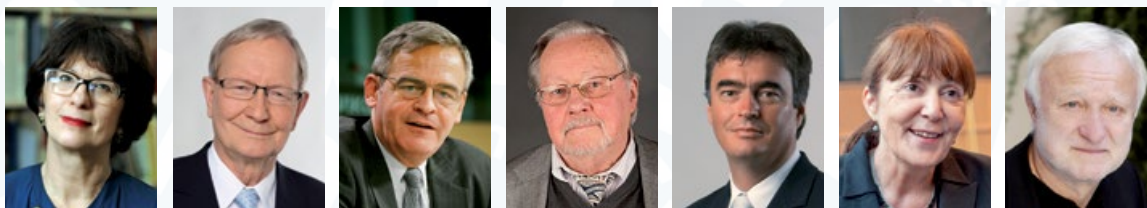
Platform representatives (from the left): Dr. **Wolfgang-Christian Fuchs** (DE), CEO of the German Union of Victims of Political Tyranny, Executive Board member; **Zsolt Szilágyi** (RO), political scientist, Executive Board member; **Toomas Hiio** (EE), Research Director of the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory, Executive Board member; Dr. **Andreja Valič Zver** (SI), director of the Study Center of National Reconciliation Executive Board member; Dr. **Łukasz Kamiński** (PL), president of the Platform; **Marek Mutor** (PL) - Director, Remembrance and Future Institute, Executive Board member; **Peter Rendek** (SK), Managing Director; Prof. **Antoine Arjakovski** (FR), Research Director at the Collège des Bernardins in Paris, Executive Board member.



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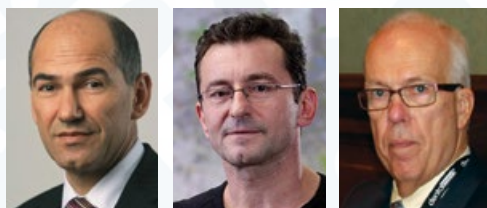
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## Members of the Platform as of November 2019

### Albania:

1. Institute for Democracy, Media & Culture
2. Institute for the Integration of Persecuted People in Albania
3. MEMO Center
4. The Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes and Consequences

### Bulgaria:

1. Citizens' Initiative for Dismantling the Soviet Army Monument in Sofia

### Canada:

1. Czech and Slovak Association of Canada
2. Black Ribbon Day Foundation

### Czech Republic:

1. Association of Former Soldiers of the Auxilliary Technical Battallions – Military Forced Labour Camps with Seat in Prague
2. Centre for Documentation of Totalitarian Regimes
3. Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic
4. Memory (Paměť)
5. Political Prisoners.eu
6. Post bellum
7. Prague Academic Club 48
8. Security Services Archive
9. The Memory Traces

### Estonia:

1. Estonian Institute of Historical Memory
2. Kistler-Ritso Eesti Foundation. Museum of Occupations

### France:

1. Collège des Bernardins

### Germany:

1. Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial
2. Hannah Arendt Society
3. International Association of Former Political Prisoners and Victims of Communism
4. Meetingpoint Music Messiaen
5. Saxon Memorial Foundation for the Remembrance of Victims of Political Tyranny
6. The Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the former GDR
7. Union of the Associations of the Victims of Communist Tyranny (UOKG)

### Hungary:

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

Iceland:

1. Icelandic Research Centre for Innovation and Economic Growth

Italy

1. Gariwo, la foresta dei Giusti (candidate status)

Latvia:

1. Koknese Foundation
2. The Occupation Museum Association of Latvia
3. The Occupation of Latvia Research Society

Lithuania:

1. Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania
2. Secretariat of the International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania

Moldova:

1. Centre for the Study of Totalitarianism

Netherlands:

1. Foundation History of Totalitarian Regimes and their Victims

Poland:

1. Institute of National Remembrance
2. Polish History Museum
3. Remembrance and Future Institute
4. Warsaw Rising Museum
5. Witold Pilecki Center for Totalitarian Studies
6. Fundacja Ośrodek KARTA

Romania:

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

Slovakia:

1. Inconspicuous Heroes
2. Ján Langoš Foundation
3. Nation's Memory Institute
4. Truc sphérique
5. Living Memory



**Slovenia:**

1. Nova slovenska zaveza
2. Study Centre for National Reconciliation

**Sweden:**

1. The Institute for Information on the Crimes of Communism

**Ukraine:**

1. Center for Research on the Liberation Movement
2. Foundation to Preserve the History of Maidan
3. Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People
4. National museum "Holodomor Victims Memorial"
5. Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance

**United States of America:**

1. Joint Baltic American National Committee
2. Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation

## Financial report as of 31 December 2019

Period	01.01.2019
	- 31.12.2019
Account name	Closing balance EUR
Cash on hand EUR	746,6
Bank account in CZK	20 056,06
Bank account in EUR	370 914,24
Cash in transit	2 112
Goods in stock	24 206,73
Customers	313,14
Receivables to employees	60,02
Other receivables	2 441,56
Accrued assets	0
Deferred costs	74,77
Fixed assets	2 164,11
Depreciation	-613,5
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>420 475,72</b>
Suppliers	11 049,94
Liabilities to employees and institutions	8 093,7
Other payables	8 699,06
Accrued payables	15 593,59
Deferred revenues	212 486,42
Profit/lost for last period	107 159,5
<b>Profit/loss for period</b>	<b>59 393,51</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>420 475,72</b>
Office supplies	1 259,18
Sold goods	430,32
Energy consumption - office	2 486,01
Travel expenses	54 341,55
Representation expenses	17 144,65
Services	74 850,69
Salaries costs	99 570,13
Other taxes and charges	28,54
Depreciation	433,06
Provided donations	2 518,77
FX losses	12 914,34
Other expenses	95,40
Bank fees	1 957,53
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>268 030,11</b>
Bank interest	45,99
FX gains	5 538,71
Revenues from merchandise	240,21
Revenues from services	2 349,86
Received contributions	319 248,89
<b>Total income</b>	<b>327 423,66</b>





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