

Final Report

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS Action 4

The final report should be submitted within 60 days of the end of the project period, except if stated otherwise in the grant decision.

The final report includes one **narrative section** on the carrying out of the project, and one **financial part** (grant calculation sheet for 'event' projects' or detailed budget for 'production and realisation projects').

Programme	<i>CITIZENSHIP EACEA</i>
Sub-programme	<i>Action 4 – Active European Remembrance</i>
Programme Guide	<i>Europe for Citizens</i>
Action	<i>Action 4: Active European Remembrance</i>
Sub-Action	<i>n/a</i>
Reference number of the project (as indicated in the Decision)	
Project title	EUROPEAN EXILE 1920 - 1945 INFORMATION CENTRE
Project acronym	EEIC

Part A. Identification of the beneficiary**A.1 ORGANISATION**

Full name of the organisation	DRUŠTVO IZGNANCEV SLOVENIJE 1920 - 1945
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Part B. Description of the project**B.1 Timetable of the project**

Please indicate the total duration of the project from preparation to evaluation.

Project start date: 01 / 10 / 2010 **Project end date:** 30 / 09 /2011

B.2 Venue(s) of the activities: Ljubljana, Murnce, Telče, Bučka, Sotla, Kozjansko, Rajhenburg

B.3 Participants

Name of the organisation	Country	Participants by target group (number)				Disadvantaged participants	Women	Men	Total number of participants
		Distribution by age group							
		<30	30-65	>65					
Društvo izgnancev 1920 -1945	Slovenija	0	100	8300	1500	5221	4579	9800	
Municipality of Rudolstadt	Germany	3	9	3	3	7	8	15	
Circle of Czech republic	Czech republic	0	2	3	0	2	3	5	
The museum of Second World War Gdansk	Poland	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	
The Museum of	Slovakia	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	

Slovak National Insurrection								
International Suchdienst	Germany	0	1	0	0	1	1	2
Total								9827

B.4 Description of the activities.

Please indicate the implemented activities and the methods used

1. Opening an EEIC - EUROPEAN EXILE 1920 - 1945 INFORMATION CENTRE

Discussion the contents of research study on EU exiled and displaced 1920-1945 took place in Ljubljana on 29th of September 2011. The discussion and preparation of the study took place from 9.00 hours to 14.00 hours. There were more than a hundred people present at the opening.

For opening of the information centre we have gathered, systemized and organised archive content in the field of exiled and displaced in years 1920 – 1945 and have actively included the victims and families of exiled in years 1920 -1945 in the building an EEIC. The opened centre includes systematic information on our work and work of our partners, more than hundred films on all bigger events, related with exiled in Slovenia and EU, thousands of photos and promotional and didactical tools, developed in cooperation with different experts. The contents of EEIC are sorted by contents as follows: On war damage, Overlook on development of legislation for practicing rights of war victims, written work of Ivica Žnidaršič on practicing the rights of war victims, exiled, displaced and other victims of war, Documentation on written appeals to Republic of Germany (letters to German canclers, German parlament and German ministries), Cooperation with International organization for migrations (IOM), Cooperation with EU, The contents of bilateral agreement with Circle of Czech republic , Federation of Polish people, deprived by third reich 2007, Content of first EU congress of exiled and displaced, victims of fascism and nacizm in years 1920 – 1945, Contents of first international conference on care for care for exiled and forced labour workers in some european countries, Internationa conferencde in banska Bystrica, audio – visual material, publications, films, administration data on DIS, material on memorial walks at he borders of Second World War in Slovenia and elsewhere, material on contests for pupils and didactical data for teachers.

We have established partnering net f experts, researchers of archive legislation and history material, related to exiled ind displaced 1920 -1945, prepared the book of Memory and Rememberance Vol.III, with more than 500 memories of Slovenian Exiled during 1920 – 1945, 285 photographs to verify the memories, edited and published five numbers of Vestnik DIS, dedicated to the ptogramme of EEIC and 20th anniversary of DIS. Also an expert publication of elaborates for gaining the right of Slovenian exiled and other victims of war was published and public appeal to establisht the EU Museum of exiled and displaced 1920 – 1945 at the castle Rajhenburg was set out to the public. Opening hours of EEIC are every first and second Monday in the month from 8.00 to 12.00 hours and every first Wednesday from 14.00 to 16.00 hours, and after aggreament upon request the research is possible in other hours too.

Method used were public discussion, public presentation of the centre on EU exiled and displaced 1920-1945 and opening of the archive for the regions of the EU, Balkans and Russia. Method of promotion was quarterly newsletter Vestnik and public promotion in Trbovlje (12.1.2011), Ljubljana (22.1.2011), Globoko (29.1.2011), Dole pri Litiji (30.1.2011), Kozje (26.2.2011), Komen (13.2.2011), Dobova (27.2.2011), Gornja Radgona (4.3.2011), Brežice (10.3.2011), Hrastnik (11.3.2011), Jesenice (15.3.2011), Trebnje (19.3.2011), Ravne na Koroškem (19.3.2011), Polšnik (20.3.2011), Mozirje (26.3.2011), Žalec (30.3.2011), Celje (30.3.2011), Kapele (2.4.2011), Čatež ob Savi (3.4.2011), Šentjanž (3.4.2011), Polje ob Sotli (9.4.2011), Cerknica (9.4.2011), Bizeljsko (10.4.2011), Ptuj

(13.4.2011), Murska Sobota (14.4.2011), Krmelj (16.4.2011), Novo mesto (16.4.2011), Maribor (10.5.2011), Nova Gorica (12.5.2011), Bohinj (13.5.2011), Artiče (14.5.2011), Ljutomer (14.5.2011), Podkum (15.5.2011), Boštanj (21.5.2011) in Cerklje ob Krki (21.5.2011), Litija (21.6.2011), Lendava (22.6.2011), Leskovec pri Krškem (27.6.2011), Radeče (10.8.2011), Maribor (20.9.2011) and lasted for 32 days on 36 different locations in Slovenia.

2. 20th anniversary of DIS

Presentation of 20 years of work of DIS took place from 1 5th of January with introduction of the project to the public, with the main event on 4th of June in Brestanica by presenting twenty years of DIS's work with the publications of the project and DVD, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. The activity ended on 30th of September 2011. The presentation of twenty years of work was accompanied by the four memorial walks took place during the period of 30th of April (Form Murnc to Telče), walk in Grand Valley (11th of June), walk from Telče to Bučka (9th of July), and walk on Kozjansko (3rd of September) and all lasted for a day, starting in the morning 8.00 and ending in the afternoon 5.00 and exhibitions. At regional and local level on 17th of June in Škofja Loka, 18th of June in Lenart, 10th of July at Bučka and 3rd September in Lenard, the memorial walks were accompanied by events where the mayer of Škofja Loka Miha Ješe, mag. Franc Žnidaršič, the mayer of Lenard, mag. Janez Kramberger and the mayer of Cerklje ob Krki, Marjan Žmavc and Ivan Godec, the president of local DIS organisation were the public speakers.

The central event on 4th of June 2011 was visited by thousands of people (app. 10.000), including delegations from EU partnering organisations from Germany, Austria, Poland, Czech, Slovakia, Ukraine, Russia, Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The speakers from EU and non EU organizations included the relevance and importance of DIS work, since DIS became the example of good practice for evaluating the practice on human rights of exiled and displaced and also for evaluating and completing the missing parts of history on fascist and nacist violence in EU.

The main event, organized by 84 local organizations of DIS at the castle Reichenburg in Brestanica has presented adequately the twenty years of DIS's work, with presentation of 90 issues of newsletter Vestnik DIS, 10 books, 11 brochures and 5 flyers, some also in English and German language, the production history, which speaks of DIS work.

The speaker of honour was president of Republic of Slovenia, dr. Danilo Tuerk, who held an opening speech. Twenty years of DIS's work was described by Ivica Žnidaršič, the president of DIS:

At the occasion, a reward for citizen's courage was given to DIS by German delegation by the mayer of Rudolstadt Joerg Reichl. The president of Polish organization The Circle of Czech republic, Jozef Sowa and president of Republic of Slovenia have awarded four members of DIS, Ivica Žnidaršič, Albin Prašnikar, Janez Komljanec and Zdenka Kaplan by public appreciation rewards.

The main event was also an opportunity for meeting of International board of exiled and displaced, victims of fascism and nazism 1920 -1945, led by Ivica Žnidaršič. All who visited the event were given *The publication of expert articles, presented at International conference on care for exiled and forced workers in some european countries.*

Part of the event was dedicated to the opening of memorial sign, put on the wall of exile camp, from where 63.000 Slovenian people left for concentration camps as an appeal and memory of 20 years of DIS's work. The event was covered by twelve different media representatives from newspapers, three televisions, radios and different photographers, therefore the event was covered adequately in media. A film about the event was made also.

The **Exhibition on exile of Slovene people and violence upon other Slavic nations during the Second World War** took place in January in Krško Museum on the international day of the holocaust on 27th of January, and opening lasted for a day (3 hours of opening). Exhibition was accompanied by two other exhibitions of the same content, one opening on 16th of September in Radlje ob Dravi, closing on 25th of September and other opening in Lenard on 26th of September 2011 and closing on 6th of October.

The exhibition includes 42 pannels on exile of Slovene, Polish, Ukraine, Czech, Slovak and Russian people, set as mobile construction triangles to be put in a simple manner in every bigger place.

A brochure with information on Slavic victims of war was published and disseminated at the same time. The opening of an exhibition was visited by hundreds of people (app. 300) and covered by 15 different media representatives. The opening event was filmed by regional TV VAŠ KANAL, emitted on 27th of January 2011 and afterwards put into open public archive on www.vaskanal.si.

The promotion of the project results took place in Trbovlje (12.1.2011), Ljubljana (22.1.2011), Globoko (29.1.2011), Dole pri Litiji (30.1.2011), Kozje (26.2.2011), Komen (13.2.2011), Dobova (27.2.2011), Gornja Radgona (4.3.2011), Brežice (10.3.2011), Hrastnik (11.3.2011), Jesenice (15.3.2011), Trebnje (19.3.2011), Ravne na Koroškem (19.3.2011), Polšnik (20.3.2011), Mozirje (26.3.2011), Žalec (30.3.2011), Celje (30.3.2011), Kapele (2.4.2011), Čatež ob Savi (3.4.2011), Šentjanž (3.4.2011), Polje ob Sotli (9.4.2011), Cerknica (9.4.2011), Bizeljsko (10.4.2011), Ptuj (13.4.2011), Murska Sobota (14.4.2011), Krmelj (16.4.2011), Novo mesto (16.4.2011), Maribor (10.5.2011), Nova Gorica (12.5.2011), Bohinj (13.5.2011), Artiče (14.5.2011), Ljutomer (14.5.2011), Podkum (15.5.2011), Boštanj (21.5.2011) in Cerklje ob Krki (21.5.2011), Litija (21.6.2011), Lendava (22.6.2011), Leskovec pri Krškem (27.6.2011), Radeče (10.8.2011), Maribor (20.9.2011) and lasted for 32 days on 36 different locations in Slovenia.

Methods used were public presentation, opening of three exhibitions, promotion of DIS activities with DVD, published publication titled *International Conference on care of exiled and displaced workers in some EU countries* in Slovene language and announcement of publication *Memories and Stories III*. Method of promotion was quarterly newsletter *Vestnik DIS*, printed invitations and internet page advertisements along with two paid ads on the national radio ON 25th of January and 26th of January 2011. Mode of communication for all activities of the project were also two press conferences, held on 26th of January and 1st of June in Ljubljana.

3. Seminars for teachers in a form of public call and supporting activities for teachers and mentors

A public call to pupils and their mentors/teachers to 400 primary schools in Slovenia was published in December 2010 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of exile in Slovenia and 20th anniversary of Dis's work with a goal to gather and evaluate the essays of pupils with working title 70th anniversary of exile in Slovenia and 20th anniversary of DIS and intention of promotion of exiled and displaced in Slovenia and EU as an appeal and commitment of overcoming the horrors of all Slovene and EU exiled and displaced in years of 1920 – 1945. Contest of writing was well accepted by public schools as 35 primary schools, school teachers and history mentors gained knowledge, skills and methods to teach about EU exile 1920-1945 and had the possibility to develop new didactical tools to deepen and widen the knowledge and interest of their pupils.

All participating schools and pupils were given a confirmation form of participation to be signed by parents. Direct contact of mentors/teachers and members of DIS enabled the possibility for pupils to gather basic and specific information on the content of the contest and have empowered the discussion about events during the second world war significantly.

We have enabled the nourishing of mutual EU values, identity and history of EU exiled and displaced 1920 – 1945 and their descendants with a public call and have enhanced the development of applicative and innovative didactical tools to be used when studying the information in our archive a great deal. By activities of the Seminar we have interrelated 40 schools and 35 teachers, who have participated actively in our project. The registration of the participation was closed by 31st of January, the call's activities lasted until 22nd of April, evaluation of pupils' work and awarding the pupils ended on 31st of May 2011.

Methods used to reach the results were: public contest for pupils and teachers, published by Zavod za šolstvo RS (Public Association for education in Slovenia) which closed on 22nd April 2011, TITLED 70 YEARS OF EXILE OF SLOVENE PEOPLE AND 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIS, questionnaire, rewards for best articles (11 rewards awarded; 10 with amount of 100 EUR and one with amount of 300 EUR) and certificate of quality for all participants of the contest.

B.5 Eventual changes of the original application.

Please indicate the reasons for eventual changes between your initial application and the activities finally implemented in terms of timetable, partners, participants and activities.

Changed date of main event due to circumstances of organisation and coordination of the project from 9th of May to 4th of June.

Part C: Project implementation

C.1 Objectives and priorities

Describe how your project achieved the objectives (general and specific) planned in the original application.

The project EEIC developed a sense of European identity, based on common values, history and culture with a net and cooperation between different types of public organizations, archives, independent researchers and regional partnerships (altogether 57, including partners of the project, Public institution for education of Slovenia, 45 Slovenian local communities, Archive of republic of Slovenia, International Board of exiled and displaced 1920 -1945, Museum of Banska Bystrica, Ministry of culture of Republic of Slovenia, Museum of modern history of Slovenia), enhanced the tolerance and mutual understanding between European citizens respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue by EU and international exhibition and event at 20th anniversary of DIS, brought Europe closer to its citizens by promoting Europe's values and achievements, while preserving the memory of its past by 4 organized tours of remembrance in Slovenia (Murnce –Telče, Velika Dolina, Telče – Bučka, Kozjansko), responded to the challenges of migration by producing the expert publication on EU exile and displaced 1920-1945 and brochure on exiled Slavic nations 1920 – 1945 and by that impacted the EU policies and societies, promoted European Values - tolerance, mutual understanding and solidarity, cultural and linguistic diversity by including EU and non-EU partners (11 altogether) and associates in the project ,fostered a transnational approach with a local dimension (able to reach European citizens in their everyday lives) by opening of EEIC and the information strategy of EEIC, giving the possibility of cooperating and research for target publics, contributed to informal learning for active European citizenship by developing and running of EU programme for primary and secondary school teachers of history with activities of public call, awarding the pupils,, fostered cross-fertilisation (synergies and wider multiplier effect) involving different types of organizations by connecting archives, museums, NGOs, independent researchers and teachers. Multiplying effect of the project are seen in cooperation between victims, their families, experts and public institutions when producing new contents of EEIC. The project is designed as a programme equally accessible to all including legal residents without any form of discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, elief, disability, age and sexual orientation. Equal opportunities for all, with a particular attention on equality between men and women and on senior citizens, who represent the majority of target publics was realized by ways of informing about the project and of choosing the staff of the project to carry out the tasks. By fitting the objectives with conceptual and result oriented manner the project revealed, promoted and formed the call of non-violent actions and active

participation of EU citizen(s) in defining new EU guidelines of social position of victims of Nazi and Fascist violence.

C.2 Impact of the project

Please indicate the impact of the project on the target groups and the possible future development of sustainable cooperation networks.

Expected impact on the target group of victims and their families was gained by positive self identification and possibility to search for family members in EU. The victims and their families were included in a project actively by communication to other EU victims and their families and by that lost the feeling of being deserted by the nation, state and cultural society. The discussion and published results on victims social status, policy issues on the status and legislation of EU exiles occurred.

The impact on expert and researchers of exile and refugee topics during 1920-1945 produced new studies, new cooperation between public and private sector and new cooperation in gaining or exchanging documents and data was achieved. Partners of the project established cooperation of local authorities in Slovenia (45 local communities), Cabinet of president of Slovenia and potential partners for future cooperation. Museums as public institutions gained new public expert net and internet page to explore and deepen the horizon of EU exile specifics. Result of new public expert net is presentation and opening of the exhibition on EU refugees and displaced 1920 – 1945 in Bratislava and Prague in year 2012.

The partners, which have already formed a sustainable cooperation, since they have established The International Board of Exile and Displaced 1920-1945 got the chance to develop database and ways of promotion of EU exile topics at the international level. A meeting of the Board took place at Reichenburg on 4th of June 2011.

Also new ways of cooperation between regional, national and European institutions was founded by the project. The project interrelated partners of the project, local municipalities of the partner organisations and President of Slovenia.

The possibility for gaining new knowledge, methods and skills to present the values and importance of values of non - violence, solidarity and mutual understanding was developed with the seminars for primary and secondary school teachers of history and European dimension of teaching and developing new didactical tools happened.

Network of experts, institutions, NGOs and publics of interest is by concluding the project able to provide EEIC with the relevant questions an information on exile and refugee 1920-1945 topics. The impact of the project on Society DIS is empowerment of the role of DIS as an information institution for all EU countries as well as opening the horizon of international cooperation in the future.

C.3 Visibility and follow-up of the project

Please indicate the results achieved in raising awareness of the project among the general public and how their dissemination has been ensured.

The activity, publication and promotion goals of the project were achieved, we gained response of six national bodies (Ministry for social affairs, ministry of culture, Museum of modern history in Ljubljana, Modern gallery of Ljubljana and Ministry for external affairs and public office for equal opportunities, our information goals were also achieved and our project tends to develop the project activities of EEIC further with organisation of meetings of International Board of Exiled and Displaced 1929 – 1945 and realisation of public initiative of establishing the EU museum of Exiled and Displaced 1920 – 1945 in next two years. Our goal and development of project results is to

establish a permanent exhibition on Exiled and Displaced 1920 – 1945 in castle ob Rajhenburg in year 2013 in cooperation with Museum of modern history of Slovenia and ministry for Culture of Republic of Slovenia to set the foundation for development of new didactical, cultural and documentary contents of the exiled and displaced 19230 – 1945 and form the ground for permanent archivating of material and visual evidence of exiled and displaced 1920 – 1945 for public use and research of the topics selected..

If one or more of the three types of communication tools below have been used in the project, please indicate the number of copies produced, the content, and the format.

x Publications

Publication of newsletter Vestnik DIS, 5 issues (two double issues), 27000 copies, in a format 30 x 42 cm, (16,12,10,16) pages

xDVD/CD-ROM

Publication of three different DVD, 5000 copies, put on public/national web page TV Skledar (2500 visits)

x Website

Construction of web page: www.eu-eric.eu (one page)

C.4 Additional information and best practices

Give any additional information, observations, comments or recommendations that may be useful for future projects. Describe specific difficulties you encountered in implementing your project.

Specific difficulties to organize and implement the project were the age and ability of our members and experts to jointly execute the project tasks, other were difficulties in coordination of time of public speakers at the events

C.5 Budget/ Grant Calculator (Annex 1)

PART D: Work programme

Date		Type of activity	Venue of the activity	Content (short description)	Quantity (number of participants, of copies, etc.)	Results achieved
Start	End					
1.10.20 10	30.9.20 11	Opening an EEIC - EUROPEAN EXILE 1920 - 1945 INFORMATION CENTRE	LJUBLJANA	Systematization of material and visual data of DIS, opening of EEIC	300	Successful establishment of archives of DIS and partnering organizations, opening of EEIC and 300 visitors at the opening
15.1.20 11	30.9.20 11	20th anniversary of DIS	LJUBLJANA, KRŠKO, TELČE, BUČKA, KOZJANSKO, VELIKA DOLINA, RADLJE OB DRAVI, LENARD	Three exhibitions, four memorial walks, anniversary event, meeting of international Board of Exiled and Displaced 1920 - 1945	9827	Successfully achieved all activity goals of the project, related to second activity, published expert study The publication of expert articles, presented at International conference on care for exiled and forced workers in some european countries
12.201 0	31.5.20 11	Seminars for teachers in a form of public call and supporting activities for teachers and mentors	Republic of Slovenia	Public call to 400 primary schools in Slovenia, mentorship work of DIS members with teachers of history	40 primary schools, 35 teachers of history,	
1.10.20 10	30.9.20 11	Publication of Vestnik DIS	Republic of Slovenia			

PART E: Declaration

I the undersigned hereby certify that all the information and financial data contained in the final report n° are accurate, correct and exact.

The beneficiary allows the European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency to make available and use all data provided in this report for the purposes of managing and evaluating the Europe for Citizens Programme. All personal data collected for the purpose of this project shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies.

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Beneficiary

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Place, date :
LJUBLJANA,
14.10.2011

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