

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS **local.history** INTERNATIONAL 2020

How present is the past? Why is a critical engagement with National Socialist history still relevant? Which history / histories continue to be untold?

75 years after the end of Second World War we are still engaged in the discourse on remembrance of those persecuted under National Socialism. The critical engagement with National Socialist history takes place not only at the state and scientific levels but in many ways also at the local level. The EVZ Foundation supports locally and regionally active history initiatives from Central and Eastern Europe through projects aimed at re-examining and remembering the period of National Socialism and the Second World War. In addition to the local historical re-examination, current debates centring on remembrance cultures and their impact are also to be included in these projects.

With international cooperative projects, it is possible to delineate interconnections between places, persons and events in different countries and thus bring to light the European dimension of the persecution of people during the time of National Socialism and the Second World War.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How can we help to shape the remembrance and commemoration in our region of persecution, marginalisation and disenfranchisement during the time of National Socialism and of National Socialist German occupation, as well as during the Second World War. How can we combat forgetting and stand up for democracy on a socio-political level?
- How can we ensure that forced labour and forced labourers and other persecuted groups are remembered?
- What coherent narratives are there for the corresponding local histories? What connects, what is contested?
- What historical interconnections do various sites and border regions have in common?

TOPICS

The thematic references are (depending on the country/region), for example, the National Socialist past, National Socialist forced labour, Holocaust, Porajmos, remembrance of various persecuted groups, including in connection with current forms of group-focused enmity.

FORMATS

The project formats are open-ended: podcast, graphic novel, theatre, exhibition, music and other art forms, events, workshops, summer school, etc. The chosen format should match with the project's objectives and contribute to shaping local cultures of remembrance.

PROJECTS FUNDED INCLUDE THOSE THAT

- critically examine historical sites, persons / families, events, companies, buildings and institutions from National Socialist period at local level;
- create educational opportunities with historical eyewitnesses and their descendants – embedded in a more comprehensive project context;
- involve local players, groups that have hitherto received little attention and different generations;
- link the past and present and facilitate a critical engagement with current phenomena such as forms of group-focused enmity, populism and historical revisionism;
- have an impact at the local and/or transnational level by means of relevant participation offerings and public relations work.

PROJECTS NOT FUNDED INCLUDE THOSE THAT

- focus exclusively on research, film, publication and historical eyewitness interviews.
- implement construction and renovation.
- are commercial.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS BY

- non-profit organisations such as local NGOs/associations, memorial sites, sponsor associations at historical sites, international meeting centres, museums, local history initiatives, local heritage societies, regional museums, libraries, universities, schools.
- Applications may be submitted by all European countries, in particular Central and Eastern European countries. Applications may not be submitted by organisations based in Germany but they can participate in projects as cooperation partner.

FUNDING AND DECISION

- Two-stage online selection process
- Requested funding of up to EUR 60,000
- Start of the projects at the earliest on 1 December 2020
- Project duration of up to 24 months

Explanation of the **two-stage online selection process**:

- **Outlines:** Using our [online form](#), please submit by **15 July 2020** a brief outline in German or English of your project and the corresponding costs required by the EVZ Foundation.
- We will assess your outline by means of a comparative evaluation. You will be informed of our decision by e-mail.
- In the event of a favourable decision, you will be issued the relevant application submission clearance by e-mail.
- A consultation webinar will take place on **14 September 2020** in which **at least one member of the project team must participate**. The aim of the seminar is to know each other, exchange among the selected projects and for staff members of the EVZ Foundation to provide guidance on the application process.
- **Application:** Following up on the seminar, you will need to complete all sections of the application form, as well as the budget, and submit both by **1 October 2020**.

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