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# THE EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Securing Holocaust research, commemoration and education on a transnational level

# **EHRI CENTRAL HUB**

EHRI's mission is to overcome the geographical fragmentation of sources and expertise and set standards for excellence in transnational Holocaust research, documentation, education and remembrance. As such, EHRI continually develops and maintains a distributed, digital and human infrastructure that provides access to archival resources and services to a diverse community.

The Central Hub is the operational hub of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) and is based at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, which is part of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. The Central Hub is responsible for all central activities of the organisation such as the financial and legal administration, events planning and communications, strategic planning and reporting. It supports the various governing bodies of EHRI-ERIC and provides the overall coordination and technical support to deliver the many EHRI services.

#### As such, it will:

- maintain and further develop a state-of-the-art digital infrastructure;
- develop innovative digital research tools;
- offer fellowships, events and training opportunities for researchers, archivists, and heritage professionals.

### **HOSTING ORGANISATION**

NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies

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# **AUSTRIA**

The Austrian National Node (EHRI-AT) seeks to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Holocaust research infrastructure within Austria and beyond by representing Austrian institutions working in the field of documentation, commemoration and research on the Holocaust through a strong research consortium. EHRI-AT promotes the exchange and the sharing of expertise on digital developments and connecting resources through a stateof-the-art digital infrastructure. In addition, EHRI-AT is dedicated to the dissemination and implementation of innovative research tools in Holocaust research and education. EHRI-AT will offer transnational access and training opportunities for researchers, archivists and heritage professionals.

- EHRI-AT connects archives, museums, commemorative organisations and research institutions in the field of Holocaust research, documentation and education in Austria.
- EHRI-AT works towards making source material on National Socialist crimes in Austria findable and accessible through a digital research infrastructure.
- EHRI-AT fosters cross-border cooperation and promotes research on the various groups of victims of the Holocaust.

### **REPRESENTING ENTITY**

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Graz Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance OeAD (Programme ERINNERN:AT) Institute for Jewish History in Austria University of Innsbruck

Memorial Site Hartheim Castle - Place for Learning and Remembrance The National Fund of the Republic of Austria for Victims of National Socialism

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# BELGIUM

The Belgian National Node (EHRI-BE)\* supports EHRI's overarching aims by carrying out research, remembrance and educational activities relevant to Belgium while also considering regional particularities and promoting transnational research.

EHRI-BE aims to facilitate advancements in fields such as access to archives, archival sciences, scientific research, networking and international outreach, education, commemoration and remembrance, digital humanities and artificial intelligence.

EHRI-BE contributes to the long-term sustainability of Holocaust research by:

- representing institutions active in Belgium in the fields of Holocaust documentation, commemoration and research;
- establishing and developing a strong and diverse consortium including big and small institutions: museums, collection holding institutions, research centers but also IT oriented partners;
- exchanging and sharing expertise on digital developments and connecting resources through a state-of-the-art digital infrastructure;
- disseminating, implementing and developing innovative digital research tools;
- offering fellowships and training opportunities for researchers, archivists, educators and heritage professionals.

EHRI-BE's impact is primarily scientific but it also pursues a broader societal agenda.

\* Belgium intends to join in 2025

## REPRESENTING ENTITY

Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO).

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTIONS**

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### **PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

AMSAB-Institute for Social History Archiefpunt City of Antwerp Archives Auschwitz Foundation Belgium Fondation de la Mémoire Contemporaine Huis Belgisch-Franse verzet Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp Musée des Résistances-Museum van het Verzet ADVN-Archief voor Nationale Bewegingen Zentrum für Ostbelgische Geschichte







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# **CROATIA**

The Croatian National Node (EHRI-HR) brings together two public institutions from research and higher education – University of Zagreb and Institute for Croatian History – and the Croatian National Archives as well as the Croatian History Museum.

EHRI-HR enables connections within the individual disciplines of the humanities and provides a platform for increasing the public visibility and building awareness of the Holocaust as a historical subject. The accomplishment of these tasks helps expand the knowledge about the state of scientific research by linking previously fragmented results of this research into a single and clear form. It is expected that such a platform will significantly direct future work, as well as public perception. Therefore, EHRI-HR, as part of EHRI-ERIC, expects the following outcomes:

- encourage new innovative Holocaust research, using a transdisciplinary approach;
- achieve stronger internal connections within the Holocaust research community;
- provide a balanced and connected approach to national, transnational and global perspectives that are complementary in nature;
- emphasize the digitization component as the basis for further qualitative advances;
- enable high-quality collection and interdisciplinary analysis of sources;
- encourage and connect new generations of Holocaust researchers;
- inspire researching the Holocaust as a socially responsible activity, taking into account issues of social justice, civil rights and democracy;
- use the synergy of the gathered institutions to achieve the set goals.

## **REPRESENTING ENTITY**

Ministry of Science, Education and Youth

### **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

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## **PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

Croatian History Museum Croatian National Archives Croatian Institute for History



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The Czech National Node (EHRI-CZ) serves as a gateway to EHRI services and community, acting as an important resource for Holocaust research in the Czech Republic. Since 2023, it has been part of the LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ research infrastructure, supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports. The primary objective of EHRI-CZ is to make Holocaustrelated data and services accessible to the broader research community. An integral part of its mission is organising workshops and conferences for researchers focused on Holocaust studies such as archivists and historians.

In addition, the Czech node curates and maintains data on sources related to the history of the Holocaust in the Czech lands. EHRI-CZ connects and enhances victim databases in the Czech Republic and provides methodological support for their continued development.

EHRI-CZ also facilitates access to Holocaust.cz, a portal that documents the names and fates of approximately 80.000 individuals deported from the territory of today's Czech Republic and other European countries during World War II, based on the Nazi classification of these individuals as Jews.

Finally, EHRI-CZ actively supports research employing spatial methods and interactive mapping tools, including the MemoMap application.

#### REPRESENTING ENTITY Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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# GERMANY

The German National Node (EHRI-DE) will represent Germany within the permanent and distributed consortium of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI). In fulfilling its mission of enhancing and supporting Holocaust research in Germany, EHRI-DE will pursue a number of objectives.

These include:

- linking institutions involved in Holocaust Studies, education and commemoration and providing excellent networking opportunities on a national and transnational level:
- providing access to person-related data of people persecuted by the Nazis in Germany;
- Interconnecting Holocaust-related archival resources and institutions:
- offering fellowship and training opportunities for early career scholars, archivists, educators and those committed to Holocaust commemoration:
- fostering a transnational approach to the study of the Holocaust;
- developing and securing a digital infrastructure for Holocaust Studies.

## REPRESENTING ENTITY

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

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# ISRAEL

The landscape of Holocaust-related centers in Israel is rich and diverse, featuring a range of memorials, museums, and educational institutions dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust, conducting research and teaching, educating future generations, and honouring the victims and survivors through exhibits, archival documentation, and remembrance activity. The Israeli National Node (EHRI-IL), coordinated by Yad Vashem, brings together various institutions dealing with the Holocaust, in the archival sphere as well as in academic research. Its key objectives include enhancing support for Holocaust research in Israel by providing access to archives, offering fellowships to Israeli scholars, and organizing academic events pertaining to the Holocaust and archiving. EHRI-IL will maintain its presence on the European landscape by contributing metadata from Israeli archives to the EHRI portal and fostering its connection with EHRI, offering transnational access to numerous archives within the country. It will also initiate and strengthen international collaboration and activities with the Node.

## REPRESENTING ENTITY

Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology

## COORDINATING INSTITUTION

Yad Vashem: The World Holocaust Remembrance Center

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## **PROSPECTIVE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

May include universities, research institutes and archives such as:

Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People

The Ghetto Fighters' House

Ganzach Kiddush Hashem

Moreshet – The Mordechai Anielewicz International Center for Holocaust Documentation, Research, and Education

Wiener Library for the Study of the Nazi Era and the Holocaust, Sourasky Central Library, Tel Aviv University

The Weiss-Livnat International Center for Holocaust Research and Education, University of Haifa

Western Galilee College







The Mordechai Anielewicz International Center for Holocaust Documentation, Research, and Education





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# **THE NETHERLANDS**

The Dutch National Node (EHRI-NL) is a research infrastructure that combines data and collections about the Second World War (WW2) and the Holocaust in The Netherlands with innovative tools and methods to discover, enrich, store and access archival collections and research data. EHRI-NL fosters strong connections between researchers, archival collections, and innovation initiatives. EHRI-NL provides information about and enables enrichment and preservation of collections in The Netherlands and encourages deeper cooperation between researchers and archivists, thus increasing our collective understanding of WW2, the Holocaust, and its aftermath. New methods, digital resources, and tools based on artificial intelligence – such as computer vision and image recognition, document classification, handwritten text recognition, and named entity recognition – will be made available and applied to Dutch collections. It enables the network to further integrate dispersed archival collections and to overcome biases and undesired emphasis that stem from disparities in the degree of digitisation across archives and varying levels of access.

### **REPRESENTING ENTITY**

**Dutch Research Council (NWO)** 

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

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### **PARTNER INSTITUTIONS**

The Cultural Data & Al Lab (CuDAL) at University of Amsterdam The Jewish Cultural Quarter





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# POLAND

The Polish National Node (EHRI-PL) was established as a consortium of three leading institutions conducting multifaceted archival and scientific research on the Holocaust: Jewish Historical Institute (EHRI-PL coordinator), Polish Center for Holocaust Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Filip Friedman Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Łódz.

The EHRI-PL consortium will undertake activities that pursue the strategic objectives of the EHRI-ERIC international research infrastructure in four main areas:

- broad international access to Holocaust-related archival sources; integration with the EHRI portal of collections of institutions with thematically relevant resources, including work on their digitization and processing in accordance with the methodology of digital humanities;
- initiating and strengthening cooperation between researchers from national and international centers, including: delineating new research directions and methodological approaches, international exchanges, support for researchers working on the topic of the Holocaust;
  - developing and making available data and findings from research done by Polish scholars through EHRI online services in cooperation with other National Nodes;
  - disseminating the activities of the EHRI-PL and EHRI-ERIC consortium.

### **REPRESENTING ENTITY**

Ministry of Culture and National Heritage

### **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Polish Center for Holocaust Research IFiS PAN Filip Friedman Center for Jewish Studies at University of Łódz



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# ROMANIA

The Romanian National Node (EHRI-RO) represents Romania within the international research infrastructure and gathers partners and professionals with expertise in Holocaust research and in supporting Holocaust education and remembrance.

The focus of EHRI-RO as part of EHRI-ERIC is on:

- Collections: offering access to sources, testimonies, interviews, database with Jewish victims' names;
- Research: supporting research by facilitating access to sources through EHRI-RO fellowships;
- Education: offering access to a wide range of educational tools and programs addressing various audiences (including students, educators, and public authorities);
- Remembrance: promoting Holocaust remembrance and local memory through commemorative activities and various educational and cultural programs.

## REPRESENTING ENTITY AND COORDINATING INSTITUTION

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies The Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities The Museum of Art in Cluj The Intercultural Institute in Timisoara











# **SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

The Slovak National Node (EHRI-SK) was created as a consortium of institutions that focus on high-quality scientific research as well as the organisation and support of educational and commemorative activities.

The EHRI-SK consortium therefore includes three scientific institutions focused on research and education as well as a non-governmental organisation dedicated to Holocaust research, documentation and education.

As part of EHRI-ERIC, EHRI-SK will focus on:

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- conducting and encouraging transnational Holocaust research using a transdisciplinary approach;
- enabling high-quality collection and interdisciplinary analysis of Holocaust-related sources;
- providing access to aggregated data on Holocaust victims from across present-day Slovakia;
- supporting new generations of Holocaust researchers in Slovakia;
- organising educational programs for various target groups, including teachers, law enforcement officers, and policymakers on Holocaust and related phenomena.

## **REPRESENTING ENTITY**

Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTION**

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences Institute of Geography, Slovak Academy of Science Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences







# **UNITED KINGDOM**

The National Node of the United Kingdom (EHRI-UK) brings together different expertise from Higher Education Institutions, Collection Holding Institutions and Technical Partners. It is working to encourage researchers, archivists and heritage professionals to cooperate and collaborate beyond institutional boundaries, opening up new research opportunities and creating greater impact through a powerful research consortium. EHRI-UK seeks to transform the current landscape by combatting the fragmentation of expertise and documentation that has previously been a weakness of disseminating Holocaust and refugee research to a wider audience.

The aims and objectives of EHRI-UK, as part of the EHRI-ERIC, are to:

- overcome the fragmentation of Holocaust resources;
- accelerate the digital transformation of Holocaust and other related studies;
- innovate national, trans-national and interdisciplinary research;
- amplify the social relevance of the Holocaust and related studies;
- provide virtual and physical access to resources;
- create new communities of experts;
- train the next generation of practitioners;
- disseminate the results of Holocaust and related studies research.

## **REPRESENTING ENTITY**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

## **COORDINATING INSTITUTIONS**

The Parkes Institute, University of Southampton The Wiener Holocaust Library

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## PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The National Archives Holocaust Research Institute at Royal Holloway, University of London

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Department for Science, Innovation & Technology



The Wiener Holocaust Library

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