

# European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI-ERIC)

(1) We – Ministers, State Secretaries and representatives of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Israel, the Netherlands, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and the United Kingdom – are assembled at the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw on 26 January 2025 to inaugurate the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

(2) We note that the inauguration of EHRI-ERIC takes place one day before the International Holocaust Remembrance Day when the world will commemorate the victims of the Holocaust and mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of German Nazi Concentration and Death Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

(3) We note with sadness that survivors of the Holocaust are dwindling in number and that we are approaching a time when we will be without anyone who can speak directly from experience about these critical events.

(4) We recognise the imperative of keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive through Holocaust research and documentation and through raising awareness among younger generations to ensure that this dark chapter in history will never be forgotten.

(5) We, therefore, welcome the establishment of EHRI-ERIC by the European Commission and support the mission of EHRI-ERIC to become a unique, sustainable research infrastructure that coordinates and integrates distributed resources and expertise from national collections to offer state-of-the-art services to a wide community of international users.

## Signatures

The Ambassador of the Republic of **Austria** to Poland, **Andreas Stadler**

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The Minister of Science, Education and Youth of **Croatia**, **Radovan Fuchs**

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The Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of the **Czech Republic**, **Jaroslav Miller**

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The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of **Germany** to Poland, **Viktor Elbling**.

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The Commercial Consul and Head of the Economic and Commercial Mission to Poland at Trade with Israel – the Embassy of **Israel**, **Bar Sandarovich**

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The Minister of Education, Culture and Science of **the Netherlands**, **Eppo Bruins**

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The Minister of Culture and National Heritage of **Poland**, **Hanna Wróblewska**

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The Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of **Romania**, **Dragoș Hotea**

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The Director General Research and Development Division of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the **Slovak Republic**, **Robert Ševčík**

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The Director International Research and Innovation of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology of the **United Kingdom**, **Adam Jackson**

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