

# **Civ-Ashoah** Report on event 1: Exchange workshop (Italy)

#### 1. <u>Presentation of the event</u>

The event's objective were:

- To raise awareness among citizens about the Shoah's remembrance.
- To propose to citizens resources learn more about the Shoah and the Ashkenazi community in Europe.

It took place in Polo del 900 of Torino, a cultural centre, open to citizens and aimed above all at the younger generations and new citizens, on the morning of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The event was built around three time and included a participative introduction conducted by two historian which goal was to present the subject and build a common ground about the history of the Shoah. Therefore, after the introduction, a conference took place leaded by three speakers: Antonella Salomoni, Guido Furci e Francesco Filippi. The goal of this conference was to deepen the participant's knowledge about the genocide of Ashkenazi Jews and to raise awareness as well as to share a common remembrance of the history of the Holocaust.

The event included then a round table to discuss and debate with the audience about the topic. Finally, a workshop was put in place. The participants were divided into small groups to work on testimonies and photos of the Shoah. This workshop was conducted by Deina Torino Association that every year organises the visit of Auschwitz Death Camp for 2000 Italian students.

#### 2. Participants

The event brought together 97 participants (57 women and 40 men e.g. the attendance list).

#### 3. <u>Methodology</u>

The event permitted, thanks to the participative conference and the workshop, to create moments of debate and the exchange of ideas in small groups as well as a transnational approach of the history of the Shoah. The introduction realised before the workshop has been very important to create a common ground about the history of Eastern Europe under the





Nazi occupation. Testimonies, images and memories of the Shoah were shown to the participants with the aim of transmitting knowledge about the life of the victims of the Shoah and to increase awareness and empathy towards the disappeared.

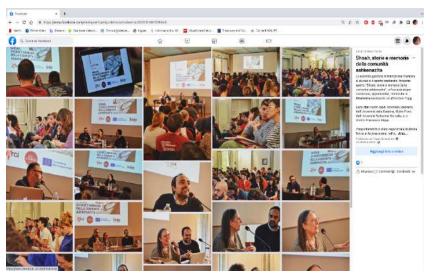
The workshop was held using non-formal education methods. The objective is to use planned and structured programmes and processes coming from personal and social education for young people. It is designed to improve a range of skills and competences by being participatory, learner-centred and directed to prepare for active citizenship.

The outcomes of the exchange workshop were:

- The reinforcement of citizen participation when it comes to talking and discussing about the Holocaust.
- The improvement and the strengthening of the awareness of an intergenerational audience about the Holocaust.
- The creation of a space to talk about a major period of common European history and the understanding of its past and current issues.
- The transmission and preservation of the Ashkenazi community's remembrance

## 4. Dissemination









## Pictures of the event

Introduction, presentation and round table







#### Workshop in small groups on testimonies and images







## 5. <u>Evaluation</u>

An evaluation questionnaire was distributed during the event to all the people that participated in the event. The event helped all participants to know more about the CERV program. Most participants were very satisfied of the event.

