

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Rescue Memory - Activism, Arts and Public Remembrance – ReActMem
Participant:	ŻYDOWSKIE STOWARZYSZENIE CZULENT (CZULENT)
PIC number:	945138416

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 37
Event name:	Training 1 about Holocaust Denial & Distortion
Type:	workshops
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Poland], [Krakow]
Date(s):	12-13.06.2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://reactmem.difficultheritage.eu/blog/event/szkolenie-na-temat-negacji-i-zniekształcania-holokaustu/ https://reactmem.difficultheritage.eu/en/blog/event/training-about-holocaust-denial-distortion/
Participants	
Female:	23
Male:	3
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Poland]:	27
Total number of participants:	27
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The workshop was designed for professionals working in the fields of historical education, anti-discrimination, and human rights protection. Participants included municipal officials from the City of Kraków responsible for civic participation, equality policies, and violence prevention, as well as civil society activists and historical educators.</p> <p>The two-day workshop focused on strengthening assertive communication skills and using dialogue as a tool to counteract polarization and promote inclusive public discourse. On the first day, the session was led by Natalia</p>	

de Barbaro – a social psychologist, lecturer at the Jagiellonian University and trainer in social skills. Participants explored how to recognize and communicate their emotions and boundaries when facing difficult or uncomfortable situations. Through guided exercises and group work, they developed calm yet assertive strategies that reflect self-respect and respect for others.

The second day opened with a presentation by Piotr Kwapisiewicz (Jewish Association Czulent), who shared research findings on recent trends in the politicization of human rights issues—particularly antisemitism and disinformation in the context of electoral campaigns—and their impact on democratic discourse and social cohesion. This was followed by two interactive sessions led by Eliza Gaust – a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) expert, cultural studies scholar, dialogue facilitator, and anti-discrimination trainer. She has long been active in advancing human rights and equal treatment, drawing on experience in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors. In the first session, participants were introduced to dialogue as a practice for building mutual understanding, including its core principles and role in empowering local communities. The second session focused on practical facilitation tools and competencies, such as deep listening, asking reflective questions, and fostering safe and inclusive spaces for conversations across differences.

The aim of the training was to strengthen the participants' capacity to respond to challenging social situations with assertiveness and empathy, and to equip them with dialogue-based tools to counteract polarization and foster inclusive, respectful public discourse.

Information about the event was promoted on the Facebook page [LINK](#)

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).