

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Multidirectional Memory: Remembering for Social Justice – [MultiMemo]
Participant:	Fundacja Zapomniane
PIC number:	PIC 890506464

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 36
Event name:	Participatory remembrance - a local community workshop (Szczepieszyn)
Type:	Other : event
In situ/online:	in-situ public
Location:	Poland, Szczepieszyn
Date(s):	March 20, 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/event/spotkanie-pamieci-partycypacyjnej-szczepieszyn/ https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/en/event/participatory-memory-meeting-szczepieszyn/
Participants	
Female:	10
Male:	16
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 (Poland):	
Total number of participants:	26
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
On March 20, an event took place in Szczepieszyn focused on the site of four previously unmarked mass burials of over 2500 Holocaust victims at the Jewish cemetery in Szczepieszyn. The victims were Jewish inhabitants of the city,	

murdered by the Nazis in 1942.

The event consisted of three parts:

1. field research was conducted on the site, confirming the location of four burial sites identified by the Zapomniane Foundation in the course of the previous research (historical aerial photo analysis, LiDAR analysis, archival queries); field research included the GPR survey (ground-penetrating radar) and identifying the burials in the area thanks to the previously gathered data; local activists who initiated the process of marking this site were present in this part along with some representatives of local community,
2. meeting at the local cultural center was organized in order to discuss the history of the site and the results of the research; meeting was attended by memory activists, employees of the cultural center, researchers, members of the local community and representatives of two foundations: Zapomniane Foundation and Miejsce Uwagi Foundation,
3. ceremony at the cemetery was held in the afternoon, during which a symbolic wooden marker was placed near the identified mass burials; the ceremony was attended by people who met before at the cultural center as well as representatives of local authorities: mayor of the town of Szczepieszyn, member of the city council; tourists guides and local historians also joined the ceremony.

Thanks to this event, the previously unknown precise location of the mass burials of the victims were identified and marked, including boundaries of all four burial sites (which is of great importance from the perspective of the Jewish religious law).

The event was a result of a collaboration with another NGO, Miejsce Uwagi Foundation, as well as local memory activists and representatives of local authorities. As agreed during the event and declared by representatives of local authorities, this is the beginning of a process aimed at permanently commemorating these burials.

Information about the commemoration was published on the organizations' and our partners FB channels:

[LINK](#)

[LINK 2](#)

[LINK 3](#)

[LINK 4](#)

[LINK 5](#)

Mentioned in local media:

[LINK](#)

The deliverable was achieved as planned.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	18.02.2024	The change of location from Suchowola to Szczepieszyn