

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Multidirectional Memory: Remembering for Social Justice – MultiMemo
Participant:	Fundacja Urban Memory (UMF)
PIC number:	890263570

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP5
Event name:	Breslau/Wrocław 1933 - 1949: Studies on the topography of the Shoah
Type:	Series of events: academic session, public event, guided city walk
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Poland, Wrocław
Date(s):	23 & 24.11.2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/en/blog/event/breslau-wroclaw-1933-1949-studies-on-the-topography-of-the-shoah/ https://multimemo.difficultheritage.eu/blog/event/breslau-wroclaw-1933-1949-studia-nad-topografia-zaglady/
Participants	
Female:	67
Male:	27
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 (Poland):	89
From country 2 (Germany):	4
From country 3 (Belgium):	1
From country 4 (Sweden):	2
Total number of participants:	96
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

UMF organized a series of three events in Wrocław over two days, 23 & 24 November 2023, around the book launch “Breslau/Wrocław 1933 - 1949: Studies on the Topography of the Shoah” discussing the themes connected to the MultiMemo project. The series included:

- 1) Academic session, 11.00 - 14.00, at the OP ENHEIM house in Wrocław, 23.11.2023
- 2) Public session as part of the series OP_BOOKS, 18.00 - 21.00, at the OP ENHEIM house in Wrocław, 23.11.2023
- 1) Guided City Walk through Jewish places related to history of the Shoah discussed in the book, 12.00 - 14.00, Wrocław, 24.11.2023

UMF together with partners, Dresden University of Technology, the Department of Jewish Studies of the University of Wrocław, OP ENHEIM Foundation and the German-Polish Foundation for the Protection of Cultural Monuments invited the academic community and general audience in Wrocław to a series of meetings with the editors, Maria Luft and prof. Tim Buchen and the co-authors of the book "Breslau/Wrocław 1933–1949. Studien zur Topographie der Shoah" (2023, Neofelis Verlag, Berlin). Among co-authors who presented their research papers and the book were Annelies Augustyns, Karolina Jara, Agnieszka Jabłońska and Daniel Ljunggren. The academic session was led by the editors and the public conversation was moderated by Dr. Marek Szajda, senior specialist in the Research Department at Centrum Historii Zajezdnia, Wrocław. The next day the editors and authors gave a city tour of places discussed in the book.

In the book, which was the focus of our series of events, the authors take a new look at the history of the Holocaust in Wrocław. The interdisciplinary team selected various perspectives and contexts in which exclusion, persecution and extermination occurred in urban space and reconstructed places and spheres of Jewish life: work and housing, religion and politics, art and culture. The effects of the Holocaust were also examined in retrospect - for example in relation to cemeteries, city cartography, memories of Wrocław or archival sources regarding the Holocaust. The talks during the series of events concerned, among others: the importance of topography and the adopted unusual time frame of research, 1933–1949, as opposed to the usual look at the history of Wrocław before and after 1945. The adopted perspective allowed us to notice the interconnection of worlds, the pre- and post-war ones, and to notice the continuity of some processes, such as functioning of the school in the building at the current Żelazna Street, liquidation of the Jewish cemetery at Gwarna Street, or contemporary challenges related to the preservation and commemoration of some places, such as the area of the New Synagogue at Łąkowa Street, where the 19th-century foundations of the building are still located.

The book is the result of several years of research work by an international interdisciplinary team of 22 people from 6 countries, conducted in 2018–2021 by the Dresden University of Technology. It was published by Neofelis, and the texts were published in English or German. Link to publication: [link](#).

The events promoted the book and raised awareness about the history and places of the Holocaust in Breslau/Wrocław. The participants of all the events were among others: scholars, university students, researchers, teachers and educators, residents of Wrocław, local memory activists, and guides.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1135410784314095/>

<https://www.facebook.com/UrbanMemoryFoundation/posts/pfbid0UXpflSYPKiMgltvxhzraswfmhK4LHwfvzUzKAVp8TeUaChhEZJ8C8mKnajR1Dzg9I>

<https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/multimemo-pl/>

<https://urbanmemoryfoundation.org/en/multimemo/>

The deliverable was achieved as planned.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	17.11.2023	The change concerns the event format from 1-day event to a series of events
3.0	10.02.2025	Change of the number of countries from 1-3 to 4-6 and the number of participants from 51-75 to 76-100