

FINAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

AGENDA

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

26 - 27 MAY 2026

The NOA Project

The NOA – Networks Overcoming Antisemitism project brings together four European Jewish organisations, namely the European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ), the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS), CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe (CEJI), and the World Jewish Congress (WJC), to develop innovative public–civil society partnerships to combat antisemitism. Supported by EU funding, NOA has created practical tools and initiatives ranging from training and educational materials to socio-cultural programming, sports workshops, and the pioneering National Report Card methodology. The project takes a holistic approach that links policy and practice, security and education, and national and transnational action. The second edition of the project began in 2024 and will conclude with the Final European Conference.

The Final European Conference

The Final European Conference will mark the culmination of this second edition. It will gather representatives of Jewish communities, civil society, and public authorities to reflect on results, lessons learned, and future measures in preventing and combating antisemitism, using the tools and insights developed through the NOA Project.

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2026

12:00 **Welcome and Registration**

12:30 **Lunch buffet**

13:30 **Opening Plenary**

Welcome and Introduction by:

1. **Dr. Thomas Eckert**, Director, Representation of the State of Hessen to the European Union
2. **Robin Sclafani**, Executive Director, CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe
3. **John Malkinson**, Chief Operating Officer, World Jewish Congress

14:00 **Overview of the NOA Project (2024 – 2026)** by **Estelle Cincinatis**, NOA Project Coordinator, CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe

14:15 In Conversation: **David Benatar**, Spanish Union of Jewish Students & **Mark Dorfman**, Jewish Community of Estonia

14:30 **From Data to Policy: Turning NOA National Report Cards into Action**
Panel discussion

This panel will explore the impact of the National Report Cards across different contexts and stakeholder levels, including government, research, education, and civil society. It will examine how these assessments can move beyond evaluation to foster dialogue, strengthen cooperation, and serve as a catalyst for policy development and implementation. Finally, speakers will assess how these tools can help bridge the gap between policy ambition and on-the-ground implementation.

1. **Anu Laas**, Board member, Poli OÜ
2. **Marta Simó**, Independent Researcher
3. **Rosa Méndez**, Head of Education, Holocaust and Combating Antisemitism Department, Centro Sefarad-Israel
4. **Irina Shlick**, Board Member, Jewish Community of Estonia

Moderated by **Sacha Gutmann**, Member of the Coordination, Golem Belgium

15:30 **Coffee Break**

- 16:00** **Parallel Sessions I.**
1. **Education in Action** led by **Tralalere**
2. **Healing Society: Diagnosing Antisemitism Together** led by **CEJI**
- 17:00** **Plenary Session: Feedback from Parallel Sessions**
- 17:15** **Excerpt of the documentary film *Diasporas: Sephardic Jews from Here and Elsewhere*, directed by Clara Elalouf**
- 18:00** **End of Day 1**
- 19:30** **NOA Celebration Evening**
Food & refreshments, with music by **DJ La Dame**

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 2026

09:00 **Welcome and Registration**

09:30 Opening remarks by **Dr. Pascale Falek**, Policy Officer, Office of the Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life, European Commission

09:40 **From Dialogue to Action: Building Urban Ecosystems for Jewish Life**
Panel Discussion

This panel explores the concept of the “urban ecosystem” as a framework for understanding how cities, Jewish communities, and international actors can work together to create meaningful, sustainable environments for Jewish life to thrive. Bringing together perspectives from municipal leadership, Jewish organizations, global networks, and youth representation, the discussion will examine how relationships are built and maintained across different levels of engagement—and how these connections can translate into real action.

1. **Nehama Uzan**, Program Director, European Jewish Community Center
2. **Simona Dragan**, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Calatayud, Spain
3. **Hanna Veiler**, President, European Union of Jewish Students

Moderated by **Victor Sorensen**, Director, European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ)

10:40 **Coffee Break**

11:10 **Parallel Sessions II.**

1. **Shared Space and Sacred Time** facilitated by **Dario Helman**, President, Or Hadash
2. **Who is responsible for Jewish heritage?** facilitated by **Sonja Viličić**, Program Manager, European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage

12:10 **NOA Partners Closing Panel**

1. **Victor Sorensen**, Director, European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage
2. **Robin Sclafani** and **Estelle Cincinatis**, CEJI – A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe
3. **Jonas Markowitz**, Executive Director, European Union of Jewish Students
4. **Dany Levin Prist**, Director of European Affairs, World Jewish Congress

Moderated by **Emily Bowman**, European Affairs and Diplomatic Outreach Officer, World Jewish Congress

12:30 **Performance of *Layers* by LABA Barcelona**
Mizar Martínez Álvarez and Elinor Indich Vaisman

This performance grows out of the relationship between Elinor and Mizar, whose first meeting was immediate and simple: two dancers, two mothers, two artists, and two curious women drawn together by a shared desire to create. Through live performance and video art, *Layers* explores the cultural traditions, beliefs, and memories that shape us, and the more fundamental human encounter that exists beneath them. The work offers a lived experience of how connection can emerge through curiosity, care, and presence.

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **End of the NOA European Conference**