

# ReActMem

## Restituting Memory: Education, Transmission and Memory Activism

### REACT MEM DISSEMINATION EVENT

Concept note

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Brussels

#### Presentation of the ReAct Mem project

The European project Rescue Memory – Activism, Arts and Public Remembrance (ReActMem), funded by the European Union, works on new forms of commemoration and new ways of speaking about the past.

ReActMem works with difficult heritage, supporting artistic, research and educational activities, involving local communities and organising further public events. The project approach is derived from the rising tides of “memory activism” and it aims to inspire a collective effort of bringing together activists and institutions to discover and work with the past for the sake of a better future. It addresses antisemitism, racism and different forms of discrimination against other minority groups in Europe.

#### ReAct Mem Dissemination Conference

This final ReAct Mem dissemination event will showcase the project’s activities and results while creating a space for reflection and exchange on memory restitution and education. The event will be structured around two parts: a workshop dedicated to the restitution and transmission of memory in educational settings, and a presentation of the ReAct Mem project activities and outcomes related to memory activism.

More specifically, the event aims to:

- Explore memory restitution in educational contexts with a focus on methodology development, critical historical engagement, and the transmission of difficult histories in relation to contemporary social issues of violence, exclusion and discrimination;
- Present and disseminate the ReAct Mem project activities, methodologies, and results related to memory activism to relevant stakeholders at Belgian and European levels;

- Foster dialogue and knowledge exchange between educators, researchers, cultural practitioners, activists, and policy makers working on memory, education, social justice, cultural diversity, and anti-discrimination.

## Draft Programme

### Part I 14:00 – 16:00

#### Workshop “Memory restitution in educational settings”

This workshop will explore the restitution and transmission of difficult histories in educational contexts, with a focus on methodological development, critical historical engagement, and the links between historical memory and contemporary social issues such as violence, discrimination, and exclusion. Bringing together educators, cultural practitioners, and activists, the workshop aims to reflect on how educational approaches can support more inclusive and participatory forms of memory work.

*Sabiha El Youssfi – Teacher, project coordinator and cultural advisor*  
*Cathy Del Rizzo – CEJI*

## Break

### Part II 16:15 – 17h30

#### Memory activism in practice | Presentation of project activities

The second part of the event will be devoted to a summary of the “ReActMem” project, which brings together research, activism, and innovative approaches to protecting memory in spaces marked by layers of violence. The presentation will offer an overview of the project’s achievements, with particular attention given to two initiatives from Poland and Spain.

**Researchers on the Border** - an initiative addressing the current migrant crisis on the Polish-Belarusian border - will explore the links between war, displacement, and migration. **LABA Barcelona** will share reflections on using the arts to engage with medieval Jewish heritage that remains invisible in the contemporary landscape.

The session will conclude with a presentation of the **ReActMem handbook**, *Rescue Memory: Practices of Care*, intended as a shared resource for practitioners working on related topics.

*Nathalie Kertesz, Laba Barcelona (ES)*  
*Agata Strzadala and Agnieszka Jablonska, Urban Memory Foundation (PL)*  
*Natalia Judzinska, Researchers on the Border (PL)*



*Dr. Alexandra Janus - FUNDACJA ZAPOMNIANE (PL)*

Q&As

Snacks and Drinks 17:30 – 18:30

Registration form

<https://forms.gle/bH3CwuKjsnjVhtes5>

Target audience

4-6 countries, 51-75 participants. Heritage professionals, academics and scholars, NGOs, civil society organizations and unaffiliated activists, community leaders, educators.

Languages

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