

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	PAEDAGOGISCHE HOCHSCHULE KAERNTEN - PHK
PIC number:	948535841
Project name and acronym:	RE 4 Healing: Crossborder Remembrance, Reconnection, Restoring and Resilience — RE4 Healing

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP 2		
Event name:	Kick-off Workshop Austria		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Klagenfurt, Austria		
Date(s):	09. 05. 2025 – 10. 05. 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.phk.ac.at/		
Participants			
Female:	23 (-)		
Male:	16 (-)		
Non-binary:	1 (+)		
From country 1 [Austria]:	31		
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	5		
From country 3 [Turkey]:	2		
From country 4 [Polska]:	1		
From country 5 [Italy]:	1		
Total number of participants:	40	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>This workshop was held partly as open conference, partly as workshop for invited participants at the PHK, University of Teacher Education Carinthia, Klagenfurt/Celovec. It was dedicated to the thematic area of cultures of remembrance, dealing with social diversity – multilingualism, linguistic and ethnic minorities, minority languages, hybrid identities – as well as the concealment of traumatic experiences in the Alps-Adriatic region</p>			

and beyond. It also addressed the social opportunities offered by coming to terms with the burdensome past and revitalising historical diversity, with a particular focus on the role of education, art and culture. The past century was marked by totalitarian and authoritarian regimes, the First and Second World Wars and a multitude of inter-ethnic conflicts. Changes in borders, attempts at assimilation or even the eradication of minorities, 'forced monolingualism', flight and migration, and other upheavals have left deep scars in our border regions today. It was not uncommon for former neighbours to become enemies. History and stories were written by the victors, whose views of the past were publicly disseminated. While some memories were openly discussed or even romanticised, others were concealed or denied. During this conference, experts gave interdisciplinary lectures and provided a variety of examples of how successfully coming to terms with the past can lead to the acceptance of social diversity. Discussions after the lectures were an integral and important part.

Important programme parts were e.g. on the 10th of May 2025 :

Katja Hrobat Virloget, Univerza na Primorskem, Koper, Slovenia: Ethnography of Silence. Traumatic Memories, Memory Conflicts, Hybrid Identities on the Former Yugoslav-Italian Border

Franco Finco, Carinthia University of Education: Language minorities in Italy: from the nation state to Sergio Salvi's 'Le Lingue tagliate' (1975) and beyond

Bartłomiej Chromik, PhD, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland: Revitalisation of Wymysiöeryś. The return of memory through the return of language

Danijel Grafenauer, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Ljubljana, Slovenia: Efforts to preserve and revitalise the German-speaking ethnic population in Slovenia after 1991

Musical and Literary Accompaniment: Nikolaj Efendi & Stefan Feinig as artists, they also discussed their artistic content (award-winning lyrics and composed music) with Daniel Wutti from PHK.

The second day, 11th of May 2025, continued with deepened discussion:

Moderated panel discussion: Štefan Čok, Associazione Quarantasettezeroquattro, Trieste, Ilse Geson-Gombos, teacher at WiMo Klagenfurt/Celovec, Gerti Malle, curator of Remembrance Year 2025 Leto spominjanja, Mateja Mesner, Director of VS Bleiburg/Lš Pliberk, Manfred Morokutti, Mauthausen Committee Association Carinthia/Koroška: Inclusive, transnational and contemporary culture of remembrance in school and extracurricular education – opportunities and challenges

Short presentations with panel discussion: Rudolf Winkler, specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry, psychotherapist, Silvia Jelinek, psychotherapist, Aspis Association, Brigitte Opetnik, psychologist and psychotherapist, Aspis Association, and Manca Švara, psychotherapist, Epiona Association. Moderator: Daniel Wutti, Carinthia University of Education: Assimilation – transgenerational trauma – integration. Psychological and psychotherapeutic aspects of traumatic silence, minority languages, discrimination and 'healing' or integration

Martina Tonet, Univerza na Primorskem, Koper, Slovenia: Anthropological studies of silence in minority realities: From the indigenous Diné (Navajo) and Runakuna (Quechua) peoples in North and South America to the Slovenes in Trieste

Marko Galič, Univerza na Primorskem, Koper, Slovenia: From historical trauma to the right to self-determination: The case of the Māori in New Zealand

The event finished with a special psychological workshop: Manca Švara, Epiona Association & Daniel Wutti, Carinthia University of Education: Borders within us – collective memory and identity. Creative storytelling and therapeutic workshop

Deliverable:

ORF – media news (radio interview)

1. <https://volksgruppen.orf.at/slovinci/stories/3303690/>
2. <https://volksgruppen.orf.at/slovinci/stories/3304507/>