



Working Package 7

Policy Maker Conference: Shaping Police Education and Training in Berlin

In this afternoon event, the project was presented to policy makers from mainly Berlin but also other parts of Germany, like Bavaria, Sachsen and North Rhine Westphalia. They were informed about the project's first steps and its findings. Not only how the workshops and the journey went by, but only an academic insight in the effectiveness of the project was part of this event. In small groups the participants were invited to share firsthand their experiences with the audience. We discussed about the conditions for historical educational project on the history of the Holocaust when working with police officers.

We invited policy makers and partners from memorials, the police, ministries and foundations to see our findings and to discuss the educational work with the police on topics such as the holocaust.

In our presentation, we tried to show the quality of the project by combining both workshops on sites and at the cities where participants came from and traveling with them to unknown sites of the holocaust by police officers as perpetrators – in Poland.

After welcoming the audience and introducing ourselves as project consortium, there were some greeting words by the Antisemitism Commissioner of the Bundesland Nordrhein-Westfalen. Unfortunately, Sylvia Löhrmann was not able to attend the event, but she recorded a very important video which was screened.

Thereafter, Dr. Andreas Kahrs gave an overview on the project as a whole. He explained the motivations and didactics of the educational project. By screening historical sources, the audience could understand the role of the police in the Holocaust, and with pictures from the workshops and journeys they gained insight into the atmosphere and development during the last months.

During the next step, there were 6 former participants, police officers, in 4 corners of the room offering the audience to be quizzed about their experiences. For 30 minutes they were ready to share their thoughts and reflections first-hand.

At last, we presented a scientific perspective on the research on effectiveness of educational projects such as ours. How can we measure success? How can we find out more about the differences and developments that happen to participants?

During coffee breaks, after presentations and in the last part of this event, there was time and lots of eagerness to ask each other questions, share ideas and get into contact to expand the network.

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