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*Standing up for Remembrance:
Testimonies from the Past as Lessons for the Present
- Holocaust and Human Rights Education through Oral History*

STAND UP

Teacher Training Seminar Budapest

Report

October 17-19, 2025



Executive Summary

The seminar was an in-person teacher training held in Budapest on 17–19 October 2025. It brought together 28 educators from six countries.

The objectives were improving Holocaust education, teaching educators to use oral history testimonies, promoting cross-border collaboration, and linking past and present through critical reflection.

Activities included an introduction, a workshop on using oral testimonies, lesson plan creation, historical dialogue session reflecting on current national similarities and differences, a lecture on Hungarian Holocaust memory, a guided memorial walk, and an optional Roma history walk by UCCU Foundation.

- Total participants: 29
- Country breakdown: Croatia 6, Bosnia & Herzegovina 3, Slovenia 5, Germany 2, Hungary 11, Serbia 2
- Gender: 21 women, 8 men

In the seminar evaluation survey, participants expressed strong motivation and they reported finding the activities valuable. Several teachers indicated that they intend to create more lesson plans than required. There were no negative comments or reflections in the survey.

Background Information

The Subjective Values Foundation organised an international teacher training seminar in Budapest on 18–19 October 2025, within the STAND UP project. The seminar brought together educators from six European countries to learn how to use Holocaust oral history testimonies in classroom teaching.

The objectives of the seminar were:

- To teach educators how to implement oral history testimonies in their teaching.
- To familiarise teachers with the USHMM Oral History Archive.
- To enable them to select testimonies relevant to their national and classroom context.
- To encourage international cooperation and exchange of pedagogical approaches.

Key Figures

Total participants : **29**

Participants/country breakdown:

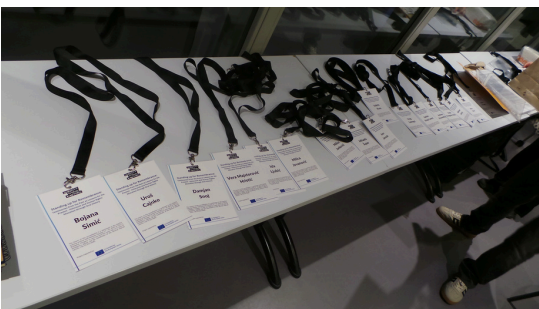
- Bosnia-Herzegovina = 3
- Croatia = 6
- Germany = 2
- Hungary = 11
- Serbia = 2
- Slovenia = 5
- Other = X

*Men: 8
Women: 21
+
14
towns/municipalities,
25 schools or
professional
organizations.*

Key Activity Agenda & Flow

- Participants created initial lesson plan ideas based on oral history testimonies.
- They completed a collaborative group work session.
- They participated in a guided memorial walk and contextualised Holocaust remembrance in Budapest.
- They held a final evaluation and discussion session.
- They are expected to implement one classroom lesson based on oral history testimonies by fall 2026.

Gallery



Evaluation

Here is the analysis of the participants' survey questionnaire:

- Participants expressed strong motivation and found the activities valuable.
- Several teachers indicated that they intend to create more lesson plans than required.
- No explicit negative comments or scores are included.

Evaluation forms were filled out by 19 people altogether (organizers/partner organisation representatives did not fill out the survey).

Did the seminar meet your expectations: 19 responded YES

The seminar increased my interest in Holocaust education: 12 x strongly agree, 7 x agree

I feel more confident as a Holocaust educator:

12 x strongly agree, 5 x agree, 2 x neither agree nor disagree

I feel prepared to implement lessons in class based on oral history and testimonies:

13 x strongly agree, 6 x agree

I feel better equipped to handle difficult and sensitive conversations related to Holocaust and contemporary issues:

13 x strongly agree, 3 x agree, 3 x neither agree or disagree

Explain any negative/lower reviews or grades received:

- Everyone found the session very inspiring, useful, and pleasant, as well as appreciated the logistics and other arrangements.
- A few people mentioned the lack of time for developing individual activities.
- Many people liked the local walk and found the related knowledge very useful.

Quotes from the survey:

- "I especially liked working with colleagues, learn how to listen and understand others learn that complexity and national narratives working together or against each other"
- "maybe some extra hour for planning the lesson would have been useful"
- "the most interesting part of the program was when we shared our opinions about the current situation and answering the question about what we are not proud of as a citizen of our country"

Annexes

PARTICIPANTS SIGNATURE LIST

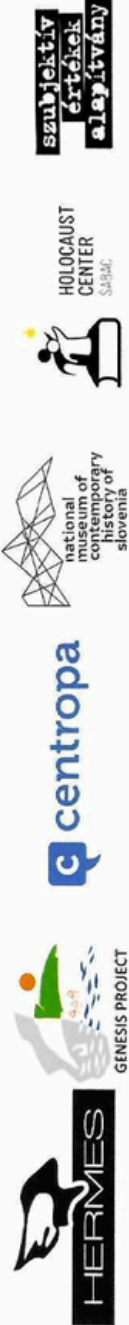


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1. NEASA		HERTES	CROATIA IDRIJAC		
2. TURTKO		HERTES	CROATIA DARUVAR		
3. Hannah		SUF	SUF		
4. Sandra		SUF	Hungary Budapest		
5. Noemi		USAKM	Hungary		
6. IDA		UGOSLAVJSKO TURISACKO UCLISNE	CROATIA		
7. MIRA		OŠ VLADIMIR NAZVI ĐAKOV	CROATIA		








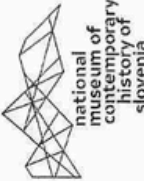


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8	[REDACTED]	Gimnazija KM Draškovići	Bih Pörnye	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
9	INES	GIMNAZIJA A.G. MATIJA DAKOV	CROATIA / DAKOV	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
10	Bojana	„Zu sica“ Vrh Lije Ostrški Solodac	Bi H Solodac	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11	Vera MAJSTROV	OŠ Dolemar OŠ V.E/OŠ Vahmat OŠ B. DAVICA	Slovenia Ljubljana	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
12	DAKUN STOJ	OŠ MARIJE VERE	SLOVENIA GUBLJANA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
13	MIHAELA ŠEBER	OŠ SLADKI VRH	SLOVENIA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
14	MILICA	Prva niška gimnazija „Stevan Gramac“	SERBIA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



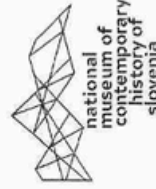
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16 Andreas	[REDACTED]	Drehten - Gymnasium	Germany	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
17 ZORAN	[REDACTED]	GIMNAZIJA FRAN GALOVCIC	CROATIA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
18 Steffen	[REDACTED]	Heinz Benggwey Gymnasium	Berlin/ Germany	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
19 Silvia	[REDACTED]	UCCU Föld.	Hungary	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
20 ANDREA	[REDACTED]	SUBJECTIVE U.F.	HUNGARY	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
21 MONIKA	[REDACTED]	NATIONAL MUSEUM of contemporary History of Slovenia	Ljubljana / Slo	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]





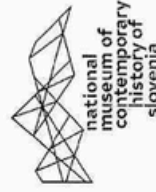
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23	[REDACTED]	PNŠ "Stevan Sremić"	Serbia, Niš	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
24	[REDACTED]	FÖLDES FERENC GIMNÁZIUM	MISKOLC HUNGARY	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
25	[REDACTED]	FÖLDES FERENC GIMNÁZIUM (MISKOLC)	MISKOLC HUNGARY	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
26	[REDACTED]	BUDAPEST BUSINESS SCHOOL	BUDAPEST HUNGARY	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
27	[REDACTED]	DEBRECENI	BUDAPEST	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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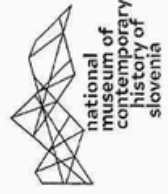
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30		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
31		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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35		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

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🇮🇹 The STAND UP project continues in Budapest!

Following the seminar held two weeks ago in Šabac, Serbia, the international project "Advocating for Remembrance: Testimonies from the Past as Lessons for the Present – Holocaust and Human Rights Education through Oral History (STAND UP)" continued in Budapest from 17–19 October.

The event was hosted by the Subjective Values Foundation at the Central European University (CEU). Teachers of history, literature, civic education, and other humanities subjects from several countries explored how oral testimonies of Holocaust survivors can be used as educational tools to promote human rights and remembrance among young people.

The seminar combined expert lectures, workshops, and discussions on adapting archival video testimonies from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) for classroom use. Participants also visited memorial sites in Budapest, deepening their understanding of local history and its relevance for today.

The project, coordinated by HERMES (Croatia) and co-funded by the European Union, brings together partners from Germany (Centropa), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Genesis Project), Slovenia (Museum of Contemporary History - Muzej novejšje in sodobne zgodovine Slovenije), Hungary (SVF), and Serbia (Holocaust Center Šabac).

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The STAND UP project took history and civic education teachers from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Slovenia and Serbia to Budapest, from October 17 - 19, 2025.

We gathered at Central European University (CEU) for the second international seminar of "Advocating for Remembrance: Testimonies from the Past as Lessons for the Present – Holocaust and Human Rights Education through Oral History (STAND UP)", hosted by the partner organisation [Subjective Values Foundation](#).

Building on the seminar held earlier in Šabac, Serbia, participants explored how oral testimonies of Holocaust survivors and contemporary witnesses can serve as powerful tools for human rights and remembrance education.

Through expert lectures, workshops, and discussions, they examined ways to adapt archival video testimonies from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) for classroom use, bridging historical memory with present-day civic learning. A visit to memorial sites in Budapest provided a space for reflection on how the city's layered history continues to shape our understanding of responsibility, empathy, and resilience today.

By connecting educators across borders, the STAND UP project strengthens the role of teaching in countering antisemitism, promoting human rights, and ensuring that the lessons of the past remain alive for future generations. We are grateful to the [Citizens, Equality, Rights & Values Programme](#) for supporting the project, and to our project partners [Subjective Values Foundation](#), [Genesis Project](#), [Holocaust Center Šabac](#), [Centropa](#) and National Museum of Contemporary History Slovenia (<https://lnkd.in/ePD2p8Ev>) for their cooperation and commitment!

with Vera Majstorović Hristić and 2 others

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PARTICIPANT NAME TAG, AGENDA AND CERTIFICATE



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**Sandra
Vatovec**

The bearer of this accreditation is a participant in the teacher training seminar held between October 17 - 19, 2025 at CEU in Budapest, Hungary. In case you find this name tag, or in case of emergency, please call the coordinator of the seminar Marcell Lőrincz: +36 70 253 0685.

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AGENDA

STAND UP Teacher Training Seminar

Budapest 17 - 19.10.2025.

The seminar takes place at CEU, 1051 Nádor Street 15, Room 106.

DAY 1 - FRIDAY 17.10.2025.

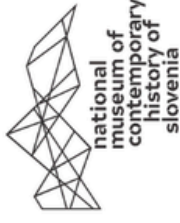
17:00 - 18:00 Registration, hotel check-in
18:00 - Group dinner

DAY 2 - SATURDAY 18.10.2025.

- 08:30 Meeting in the hotel lobby
09:00 - 09:30 Seminar welcome & introductions
09:30 - 11:00 Group work: lesson plans development
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
11:15 - 13:00 Dialogue about history & present
13:00 - 14:30 Lunch
14:30 - 15:30 Perspectives of historical remembrance
15:30 - 17:30 Holocaust related walking tour
17:30 - 18:00 Seminar closing & evaluations
18:00 - Dinner



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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

BOJANA SIMIĆ

Completed eight hours of professional development while attending the
Standing up for Remembrance: Testimonies from the Past as Lessons for the Present -
Holocaust and Human Rights Education through Oral History
teacher training seminar held on October 18, 2025 in Budapest, Hungary.

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