

PROGRAM

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26 MAY 2015

10:00 – 12:00 Registration and refreshments

12:00 – 13:00 **OPENING REMARKS**

- Host Organisation & Moderator: Ms. Halyna Senyk, *Executive Director of the European Shoah Legacy Institute*
- Co-Host of the Conference: Ms. Michaela Marksová, *Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic*
- Co-Host of the Conference - Mr. Jakub Kulhánek, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic*, on behalf of Minister Lubomír Zaorálek
- Co-Chair of the Conference: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, *Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Holocaust Issues, USA*
- Co-chair of the Conference: Ambassador Jiří Šitler, *Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues and Combat of Antisemitism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic*
- Representative of the European Parliament: Mr. Pavel Svoboda, *Committee on Legal Affairs*
- Representative of Holocaust Survivors and Other Victims of Nazi Persecution: Mr. Hugo Marom, *Israel*
- Video address from European Union Commissioner for Justice, Consumers, and Gender Equality: Ms. Věra Jourová

SESSION I - CURRENT STATE OF WELFARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND OTHER VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION

13:10 – 14:10 **PANEL I - The Role and Responsibility of States Towards Holocaust Survivors and Other Victims of Nazi Persecution** (10 min presentation, Q&A)

Moderator: Mr. Christoph Heubner, *International Auschwitz Committee, Germany*
Panelists: Ms. Rovana Plumb, *Minister of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly of Romania*
Mr. Michael Farrugia, *Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity, Malta*



Mr. Marek Bucior, *Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Poland*

14:20 – 15:20 **PANEL II – Analysis of Existing Welfare Mechanisms Across the Forty-Seven Terezin Declaration Countries** (40 min. presentation, Q&A)

Prof. Lyle Scruggs, *University of Connecticut, USA*

Presentation of the Database on Social Welfare based upon governmental questionnaires

15:20 – 15:50 Coffee break

15:50 – 17:20 **PANEL III - The Situation of Holocaust Survivors and Other Victims of Nazi Persecution: Current Needs and Future Challenges** (2 rounds of 5 min per speaker led by a moderator, Q&A)

Moderator: Prof. Dina Porat, *Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, Tel Aviv University, Israel*

Panelists: Ms. Colette Avital, *Center of Organizations of Holocaust Survivors, Israel*
Col. Pavel Vranský (Ret.), *Czech Union of Freedom Fighters, Czech Republic*
Mr. Jost Rebentisch, *German Association for Information and Advice for Victims of Nazi Persecution., Germany*
Ms. Anastasia Gulei, *Holocaust survivor, Ukraine*
Agnes Daroczi, *Romani Institute, Hungary*

17:20 – 17:30 **CONCLUSION OF DAY'S EVENTS**

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19:00 Social Event – Hotel Lindner, Strahovská 128



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8:15 – 9:00 Registration, security clearance and coffee

SESSION II - EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES

9:00 – 10:15 **PANEL IV - Enhancing Cooperation Between State and Non-State Providers of Welfare Services**

(2 rounds of 5 min per speaker led by a moderator, Q&A)

Topics: Accessibility of welfare services; networking; awareness of benefits provided by governments; and special programs

Moderator: Prof. Michael Bazylar, *Chapman University School of Law, USA*

Panelists: Ms. Marta Malá, *Foundation for Holocaust Victims, Czech Republic*

Ms. Elke Braun, *EVZ Stiftung, Germany*

Mr. Rony Kalinsky, *Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel, Israel*

Ms. Jarmila Balážová, *Press Spokesperson, Ministry of Human Rights of the Czech Republic*

10:25 – 11:45 **PANEL V – Optimisation of Available Welfare Funding**

(2 rounds of 5 min per speaker led by a moderator, Q&A)

Topics: Tax exemptions; focal points; financing of organisations helping Holocaust survivors and other victims of Nazi persecution

Moderator: David Vaughan, *Czech Radio, Czech Republic*

Panelists: Mr. Greg Schneider, *Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, USA*

Mr. Gilad Semama, *Ministry for Senior Citizens, Israel*

Mr. Kurt Wegscheidler, *Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria*

Mr. Dariusz Pawłoś, *Foundation for Polish-German Reconciliation, Poland*

Ms. Rachel Rimmer, *Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah, France*

11:45 – 13:15 Buffet lunch



13:15 – 14:30 **PANEL VI – Innovative Approaches** (2 rounds of 5 min per speaker led by a moderator, Q&A)

Topics: professional training for caregivers; creation of a national and international volunteer network; public awareness; PR /outreach

Moderator: Prof. Jeffrey Isaac, *Department of Political Science, Indiana University, USA*

Panelists: Mr. Michael Newman, *Association of Jewish Refugees in Great Britain, Great Britain*
Ms. Elisheva Flamm-Oren, *AMCHA-National Israeli Center for Psychological Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation, Israel*
Ms. Darina Sedláčková, *Living Memory, Czech Republic*
Ms. Jutta Weduwen, *Action Reconciliation Service for Peace, Germany*
Ms. Galina Poliakova, *Age Concern Ukraine, Ukraine*

14:30 – 15:00 **CONCLUDING STATEMENTS**

- Representative of Holocaust Survivors and Other Victims of Nazi Persecution: Mr. Felix Kolmer, *International Auschwitz Committee, Czech Republic*
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15:00 – 15:30 Final refreshments

15:30 **CONFERENCE CLOSE**