**Minutes of the**

**ENRS Meeting of Advisory Board and Academic Council 2022**

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**ENRS MEETING OF ADVISORY BOARD AND ACADEMIC COUNCIL   
online, 21 February 2022 (10.00-15.00 CET)**  
  
PARTICIPANTS:  
  
**Advisory Board Members:** Iván Bertényi (HU), Josef Höchtl (AT), Mihail E. Ionescu (RO), Robert Kostro (PL), Zoltán Maruzsa (HU), Sergei Metlev (EE), Marius Pečiulis (LT), Marcela Sălăgean (RO), Johannes Schraps (DE), Gentiana Sula (AL)

**Academic Council Members:** Marie-Janine Calic (DE), András Fejérdy (HU), Constantin Hlihor (RO), Anna Kwiatkowska (PL), Róbert Letz (SK), Attila Pók (HU), Malkhaz Toria (GE)  
  
(hereinafter „Assemblies members“ or „the Assemblies“)  
  
**Steering Committee Members:** Réka Földváryné Kiss (HU), Ján Pálffy (SK), Jan Rydel (PL),   
Matthias Weber (DE)  
  
**ENRS Secretariat:** Rafał Rogulski (President of the ENRS Foundation Management Board), Iga Raczyńska (Deputy Director), Anna Wachowiak (Deputy Head of Projects Department), Maciej Kidawa (Deputy Head of Communication and Promotion Department), Małgorzata Pakier (Head of Academic Department), Beata Drzazga (Head of Strategy and Development Department), Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk (Academic Department), Antoni Zakrzewski (Strategy and Development Department)

**Observers:** Peter Jašek (ÚPN, Slovak Republic), Burkhard Olschowsky (BKGE, Germany; Member of the ENRS Foundation Management Board)

OVERVIEW:

Due to safety reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 ENRS Assemblies Meeting was held online on 21 February from 10.00 to 15.00. The meeting was attended by 31 participants: 21 representatives from 10 member countries; supported by 8 staffers of the ENRS Warsaw Secretariat and observed by two additional persons from Slovakia and Germany, close collaborators of the Assemblies members. The discussions focused mainly on ENRS plans for 2022 and prospects for 2023.

The meeting included both plenary sessions and separate meetings of the Academic Council and Advisory Board. Representatives of the ENRS Secretariat presented a comprehensive report on the Network’s activities and projects in 2021 and their editions planned for 2022 and 2023; gave an overview of ENRS PR and communications; as well as presented the current financial structure of the ENRS and prospects for the future. Participants discussed strategic issues of the Network, such as accession of the new member states to the ENRS, perspectives of the Network’s development and prospects for the years 2022 and 2023. The challenges for the Network in the face of recent developments in international historical policy in Europe were also addressed.

## Part I: Conclusions

**ORGANISATIONAL ISSUES**

* Three dates were considered for the next year’s Assemblies meeting: 6-7 February 2023; 9-10 February 2023; 2-3 March 2023. The Secretariat shall distribute an online poll among the Assemblies members, including members not present at the meeting, to establish the most convenient date.
* The terms of office of chairmen of the Academic Council and the Advisory Board (Prof. Attila Pók and Mr Robert Kostro) were extended by one year, due to the coronavirus pandemic and the limited capacity of the chairs to carry out their duties.
* Mr Rogulski informed the Assemblies members about the European Commission 4-year Framework Partnership Agreement (2022-2025) signed at the beginning of 2022 with the ENRS, and the subsequent grant awarded to the Network’s operation in 2022.

**BLOCK I & II. ENRS REPORT & PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE**

* The Assemblies members agreed that the successful application of the ENRS to the European Commission, which resulted in signing a 4-year Framework Partnership Agreement for 2022-2025, constitutes a new chapter in the history of ENRS and will contribute to the development of the Network, as well as increase the visibility of its actions on the European level.
* ENRS budget in 2022 will be the largest in the Network’s history.
* The Assemblies members appreciated the operation of the ENRS and the implementation of its projects under the challenging circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.
* The Assemblies members expressed their satisfaction with the prospect of closer cooperation with Spain, despite the possible challenges of such collaboration, and agreed that Madrid or Barcelona should be very seriously considered as the venue for the 11. European Remembrance Symposium in 2023.
* The Assemblies members and especially the observer member countries representatives, declared their intent to continuously promote the values of the ENRS in their countries and governments, to advance the further development of the Network and to bring in more permanent members.
* ‘After the Great War’ exhibition will be finishing its tour in 2023, with further presentations highly improbable.

**CONCLUSIONS OF THE SEPARATE MEETING OF THE ENRS ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

* Possible venues for the ‘Between Life and Death’ exhibition were discussed, pointing to Switzerland and the United States, with focus on the premises of the United Nations.
* Prof. Pók suggested contacting Prof. Marius Turda with regard to the planned ‘Genealogies of Memory’ conference in the context of the topic ‘Health and Body’.
* The question of materials (interviews, photographs) accumulated during the ‘In Between?’ project has been discussed. Prof. Pók pointed that these materials should be archived for educational purposes and as a source for historians. He advised that ENRS should consult professional archives on this operation in the context of logistics, organisation and future access to these materials.
* He also noted that this is an issue relevant for all the results of ENRS activities.
* Prof. Pók and Dr Olschowsky recommended Prof. Sándor Horvath and Prof. Csaba Gy. Kiss to the academic council of the new exhibition ‘Artists and Arts vs. Power’.
* Academic Council members were in favour of the idea to hold the 2023 European Remembrance Symposium in Spain.
* Prof. Pók stressed that ENRS should make its voice louder in the context of Russia’s politics of memory.

**CONCLUSIONS OF THE SEPARATE MEETING OF THE ENRS ADVISORY BOARD**

* The members discussed the further enlargement of the Network with conflicting opinions of Mr Kostro who pointed to the development in the East-Central European region, and Prof. Weber indicating closer cooperation with the Western European countries.
* All members agreed the prospect of future cooperation with Spain looks promising.
* The status of the observer members was discussed, with different opinions regarding this form of membership and further decisions necessary.
* Discussion was held on the dangers brought on by the Russian memory politics and the possible action of ENRS in response to these threats.

**BLOC II. plenary session**

* An idea has been put forward that ENRS should organize an informal meeting of experts in Russian memory politics in order to identify the institutions willing to jointly develop adequate activities and projects.
* One of the concepts could be the ENRS award as suggested by Prof. Pók.
* ENRS should express stronger support for the members of the Memorial Association.
* As the Assemblies members are not experts in the Russian politics of remembrance, ENRS should seek professional assistance in order to deepen the understanding of the current situation in Russia itself, as well as with relation to Ukraine.

## Part II: Minutes

ORGANISATIONAL WARM-UP

[Mr Rafał Rogulski starts chairing the meeting]

* Mr Rogulski welcomed all participants of the ENRS Assemblies Meeting.
* Prof. Matthias Weber in the name of the Steering Committee commenced the meeting with warm congratulations regarding the successful application of the ENRS to the European Commission, which resulted in signing a 4-year Framework Partnership Agreement for 2022-2025, and the subsequent grant awarded to the Network’s operation in 2022.

BLOCK I. OPENING REMARKS

[Mr Rafał Rogulski starts chairing the meeting]

**Organisational Issues**

1. INTRODUCTION OF THE MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Mr Rogulski introduced a new member of the Academic Council – Dr Anna Kwiatkowska from Poland, and asked the participants to briefly present themselves.

1. PRESENTATION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Agenda was accepted without any remarks.

1. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING’S PROTOCOL

Protocol of the last meeting was approved unanimously.

1. DECISION ON THE DATE OF THE NEXT ENRS ASSEMBLIES MEETING

Three dates were considered for the next year’s Assemblies meeting: : 6-7 February 2023; 9-10 February 2023; 2-3 March 2023. An internet poll regarding the new date will be sent out to the Assemblies Members following the meeting.

1. EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMEN OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL   
   AND ADVISORY BOARD

With the support of the ENRS Steering Committee and with the prior consent of Prof. Attila Pók and Mr Robert Kostro, Mr Rogulski suggested that due to to the coronavirus pandemic and the limited capacity of the chairs of the Academic Council and the Advisory Board to carry out their duties, the terms of office of chairmen should be extended by one year. This proposal has been accepted by the Assemblies members.

BLOCK II. ENRS REPORT AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

* Mr Rogulski started the presentation with the issue of cooperation with the observer members and the prospects for the future in this regard.
* Mr Rogulski mentioned the successful presentation of the ‘After the Great War’ exhibition in Hofburg Austria, and the subsequent letter to Ms Andrea Meier issued in July 2021, with an official answer still to come. Prof. Höchtl promised to support this case by personally contacting Ms Meier.
* With regard to the Czech Republic, Mr Rogulski mentioned the official letter to the newly appointed PM Mr Peter Fiala, and the possible intervention of Dr Oldřich Tůma in this respect.
* Estonia and Lithuania have the observer member status until November and December 2022, later decisions on full membership are to take place.
* Mr Rogulski reminded that the situation of Lithuania and Estonia is different to the situation of Austria and the Czech Republic, because when Lithuania and Estonia joined it has already been decided that the observer status will be temporary.
* Mr Rogulski mentioned the problems with contacting the Ministry of Culture of Georgia, with no official answer since April 2021. The same regarded Albania and their decision on accessing the Network on the basis of full membership to be made by the end of 2022.
* Mr Rogulski also informed the Assemblies members on the recent contact from the representative of the Spanish Ministry of Presidency, Relationships with the Cortes and Democratic Memory – regarding Spain's interest in the cooperation with the Network.
* Mr Pečiulis said that the recent year has been challenging for the Lithuanian government due to the last elections, new political arrangements and other difficulties brought on by the COVID pandemic, but he underlined that the issues related to historical memory are very important also to the new Minister of Culture of Lithuania and with an additional year to decide, Mr Pečiulis is certain that Lithuania will join ENRS as permanent member.
* Ms Gentiana Sula confirmed Albania’s interest in joining ENRS and said that she will be holding talks with ministerial representatives in the coming weeks. Mr Rogulski reassured her of the ENRS support for further cooperation with Albania.
* Prof. Malkhaz Toria also mentioned challenges resulting from the change of the administration and assured the Assemblies members of his efforts to receive concrete information on the future of Georgia in the ENRS.
* Mr Sergei Metlev confirmed that such initiatives as ENRS remain a priority for the Estonian administration due to the geographical location and historical background of Estonia. The Minister of Justice is to review the declaration of full membership this year. Mr Metlev said that the Ministry of Justice was impressed by the recent European Remembrance Symposium held in Tallinn. Mr Metlev expects this decision in the second half of 2022.
* Prof. Höchtl confirmed that he will reach out to Minister Meier.
* Mr Rogulski continued the meeting with the presentation of ENRS projects implemented in 2021 and gave the floor to Ms Anna Wachowiak – Deputy Head of the Projects Department, Ms Małgorzata Pakier and Dr Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk of the Academic Department.
* Ms Wachowiak summarized the European Remembrance Symposium which took place in Tallinn, Estonia on 26-28 October 2021 and presented the plans for the upcoming 10. edition of the Symposium to be held in Dublin, Ireland on 1-3 June 2022, under the title: ‘Reconciliation: a long and winding path’.
* Mr Rogulski mentioned that the governmental representatives from Spain showed interest in cooperation with the ENRS.
* Dr Małgorzata Pakier continued with the overview of the 2021 ‘Genealogies of Memory’ Conference, organized within the Memory Studies Association 5th Annual Conference. She followed with a presentation of the 2022 ‘Genealogies of Memory’ conference, planned for 26-28 October 2022 in Warsaw in a hybrid formula, under the topic: ‘History and Memory in International Relations’; and presented the topics under consideration for 2023 edition: Memory and Health/Body or Memory and Social Class. Ms Pakier encouraged the Assemblies members to send in their comments and suggestions regarding the future editions of this conference.
* Dr Pakier reminded the Assemblies members of the upcoming May conference in Cluj-Napoca, Romania on ‘Cultural Pluralism and Identity in Europe after 1945’.
* Prof. Sălăgean took the floor providing the Assemblies with more details of the upcoming conference and the plans to hold it on-site in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. She informed that registration is open and encouraged the meeting members to register.
* Prof. Weber welcomed the extension of topic to ‘Health and Body’ as relevant and giving a broader perspective, at the same time he supported leaving the ‘national perspective’. He stressed that finding new approaches to memory studies is important.
* Prof. Pók supported the ‘Health and Body’ topic for the following ‘Genealogies’ conference and he stressed that the issue of “improving the quality of the population” remains a neglected element of memory studies. He suggested contacting Prof. Marius Turda from the Oxford Brookes University.
* Dr Pakier went on to inform the Assemblies about the first titles to be published in March 2022 in the ENRS Publishing Series in cooperation with Routledge Publishing House: ‘Image, History and Memory’ (M. Haake, P. Juszkiewicz [ed.]); ‘Memory and Religion from a Postsecular Perspective’ (Z. Bogumił, Y. Yurchuk [ed.] ) and ‘A New Europe, 1918-1923. Instability, Innovation, Recovery’ (B. Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk, J. Winter [ed.]).
* Prof. Pók praised the fact that ENRS operates in a mode of long-term planning and that the book series will finally be published, 3 years since the initial idea. He suggested that it is appropriate to move on in this direction.
* Mr Rogulski thanked the members of the editorial board of the book series for their engagement in the process.
* Ms Wachowiak continued with the overview of ENRS educational projects implemented in 2021. She stressed that despite the pandemic the project ‘In Between?’ has been implemented in full and was held at the envisaged locations, together with a concluding conference in Berlin.
* Prof. Sălăgean recommended Serbian-Romanian-Hungarian border region to be considered for the next edition.
* Ms Wachowiak informed the Assemblies that the ‘Sound in the Silence’ project was stopped for the time being of the pandemic, but plans are made for the next 4 editions of the program, with two new editions to be held in 2022 in Kaunas 9th Fort Museum and Mauthausen-Gusen. In 2023 the program will be held in Wannsee and Jasenovac, with a concluding seminar in Brussels, organized in cooperation with the House of European History. Ms Wachowiak also informed about the grant of the European Commission under the CERV Program, with funding obtained for the 2022-2023 SIS editions.
* Ms Wachowiak continued with the presentation of the Hi-Story Lessons project. She spoke about new animations available on the portal, and new set of materials created within the ‘No to disinformation!’ project. Ms Wachowiak also mentioned the accessibility audit which the portal underwent in 2021. She also spoke about the increased promotion of the website and further development of the portal.
* Ms Wachowiak went on to present the tour of the ‘Between Life and Death’ exhibition in Japan, which was visited by ca. 5 000 people, and was organized with the support of many diplomatic institutions. Ms Wachowiak then talked about the future plans of the ‘Between Life and Death’ exhibition, to be displayed in Japan (Tsuruga, Gifu/Tokio and Osaka) and Poland (Bełżec) in 2022 and possibly in Ukraine, Ireland (Dublin and Cork) and Italy (Milan and Rome) in 2023. Ms Wachowiak also informed that in 2023, in order to broaden the impact of the exhibition and to foster the interest in the Holocaust history with an emphasis on different personal stories of survivors and their rescuers, the ENRS intends to translate the package of English-language educational materials accompanying the exhibition (created during first months of the pandemic in 2020) to other ENRS languages and promote them among the teachers and youth.
* She noted that the ‘After the Great War’ exhibition, on the other hand, was exhibited in Poznań, Lublin, Vienna, Kaunas, Vilnius, Tallinn in 2021. It was accompanied by additional events.
* ATGW exhibition will be available to the public in 2022 in Darmstadt, Dublin, Belfast, Bucharest and Triest, with an estimated audience of 40 000 people. The year 2023 has been planned as the last year of the ‘After the Great War. New Europe 1918–1923’exhibition’s international tour. Shortlisted cities for 2023 include (among others): Coimbra (Portugal), London (UK), Brussels (Belgium), Riga (Latvia), Athens (Greece), Barcelona (Spain), Rome (Italy). Ms Wachowiak noted that final presentation of the exhibition (concluding its international tour) could be accompanied by an academic conference on migrations in Europe under the working title of ‘Europe on the Move. A Conference on the Centenary of the Lausanne Peace Treaty’. The suggested venue for both the exhibition’s presentation and conference is Switzerland, on the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Lausanne.
* Mr Rogulski confirmed that is it highly improbable that the exhibition will be shown past 2023.
* Dr Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk went on to present additional two ENRS publications ‘Central and Eastern Europe after the First World War’ and ‘A New Europe, 1918-1923 Instability, Innovation, Recovery’.
* He continued with information on the preparatory works related to the new exhibition ‘Artists and Arts vs. Power’. He presented the major activities planned for 2022 and 2023 and mentioned the necessity of obtaining additional funds for the creation of the exhibition and its presentations, as the finance available is sufficient only for the preparatory stage.   
  Dr Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk asked the Assemblies members for suggestions regarding the potential authors and creators of such exhibition.
* Prof. Weber asked whether ENRS had any reactions in the press regarding the ‘After the Great War’ exhibition and whether the exhibition has already been shown in all ENRS member countries.
* Mr Rogulski explained the challenges related to the presentation of the exhibition in Hungary, which prevented it from being shown there, but he expressed hope that it will be possible in the coming years.
* Following Prof. Weber’s questions, Mr Maciej Kidawa talked about the media response related to the ATGW exhibition, with the Lithuanian presentations of the exhibition gaining the largest media attention, also thanks to engagement of local partners.
* Ms Wachowiak additionally mentioned the success of the thematical podcasts related   
  to the ATGW exhibition.
* Ms Wachowiak continued with an overview of ENRS annual information campaigns – the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the ‘Remember. 23 August’ campaign. She informed that Ieva Lase from Latvia and Doina Cornea from Romania will be commemorated in the 2022 campaign. She informed that the campaign will gather 400 000-person audience. In 2023 there is a plan to arrange meetings with protagonists of victims of totalitarian regimes.
* Mr Maciej Kidawa presented a summary of the PR and communication of ENRS. He highlighted the Network’s activity on its websites and on social media channels, informed about ENRS new accounts on Simplecast and Spotify, underlined the live broadcasts on Facebook and YouTube from ENRS conferences in 2021 and presented the outcomes of accessibility improvements on the main ENRS webpage.
* He stressed that ENRS communication success depends on the activity of partners, followers and public figures and thus encouraged the Assemblies members to support the ENRS communication activities. At this point, Mr Kidawa praised the activity of Prof. Sălăgean who always promotes ENRS content in her social media.
* Mr Kidawa talked about the further development and redesigning of the website, with more accessibility improvements and new functionalities. He informed the Assemblies about the ongoing audit of online presence of ENRS, with 4 specific ideas to test: cooperation with public figures; new forms of interaction with ENRS’ fan base; cooperation with fanpages, interest blogs, popular science media; entering new social media platforms.
* In the next part of the meeting, Mr Rafał Rogulski summed up the ENRS engagement in the Conference on the Future of Europe, by providing the Assemblies members with details of a debate held within the 2021 European Remembrance Symposium on 27 October 2021, entitled 'Remembrance in action: everyday challenges and recommendations for the future'. The debate was attended by: Mr Oriol López-Badell on behalf of the European Observatory on Memories (EUROM), Ms Constanze Itzel for the House of European History, Mr Łukasz Kamiński for the Platform of European Memory and Conscience and Mr Rafał Rogulski himself and was moderated by Sergei Metlev, a member of the Board of the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory. Mr Rogulski informed the Assemblies Members that the summary of the discussion was published on the ENRS website and on the portal of the Conference on the Future of Europe and that during the meeting an idea was put forward to issue a common statement of all participating organizations.
* Ms Iga Raczyńska presented a summary of the meeting of ministerial representatives of the Network countries held in October 2021 in Tallinn in order to maintain the contact of the representatives with members of the ENRS Secretariat and to facilitate the exchange between member countries. The meeting was held in synergy with the Tallinn Symposium and the opening of the exhibition ‘After the Great War’ with ministerial representatives from Hungary, Slovakia and Poland present on-site, and with Germany and Romania represented by Steering Committee members. Ms Raczyńska informed the following meeting of the ministerial representatives will be held in Dublin and will accompany the 10. edition of the European Remembrance Symposium held there.
* She went on to give an overview of the current financial structure of the Network. She informed the Assemblies about the increased contributions from the Polish Ministry of Culture, also for the BLAD and ATGW exhibitions.
* Ms Raczyńska informed the Assemblies members about the European Commission 4-year Framework Partnership Agreement (2022-2025) signed at the beginning of 2022 with the ENRS, and the subsequent grant awarded to the Network’s operation in 2022 in the amount of 300 000 EUR. She informed the Assemblies that this year’s budget will be the largest in the Network’s history.
* Ms Raczyńska stressed that the operating grant will provide the opportunity for the constant development of the ENRS and will increase the visibility of the Network’s activities in Europe.
* She also presented the award-winning proposal for the 2022-2023 ‘Sound in the Silence’ educational project for youth and teachers submitted to the European Commission’s ‘Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values’ grant program.

SEPARATE MEETINGS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL   
AND THE ADVISORY BOARD

**Meeting of the ENRS Academic Council**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Academic Council Members:** Marie-Janine Calic (DE), András Fejérdy (HU), Constantin Hlihor (RO), Anna Kwiatkowska (PL), Róbert Letz (SK), Attila Pók (HU), Malkhaz Toria (GE)

**ENRS Secretariat:** Jan Rydel,Iga Raczyńska, Beata Drzazga, Bartosz Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk

**Observers:** Burkhard Olschowsky

[Prof. Attila Pók starts chairing the meeting]

* Prof. Pók started with presenting the agenda and asked for additional issues to be discussed.
* Dr. Dziewanowski-Stefańczyk asked for recommendations to the academic council of the new exhibition.
* Prof. Pók evaluated the Tallinn Symposium as extremely successful and asked about the preparations for the Dublin Symposium.
* Ms Raczyńska informed about the preliminary program which awaits the approval of the Steering Committee, following which it will be sent to the Academic Council.
* Prof. Pók praised the concept of including the issue of ‘Health and Body’ for the Genealogies of Memory conference and recommended contacting Prof. Marius Turda as an expert   
  in this field.
* Prof. Pók thought the new publishing series of the ENRS a great success, including the structure of decision-making, publishing, distribution and promotion of the series.
* Prof. Pók then went on to speak about the ENRS education projects, giving the priority to the further development of the ‘In Between?’ project.
* In the context of the ‘In Between?’ project Dr Olschowsky pointed to the possibility of accumulating the outcomes of the project and to archive the sources obtained in the course of the project.
* Ms Raczyńska confirmed that the Secretariat is considering this issue, but stressed it is quite problematic due to the different quality of the collected materials. However, she informed that some of these materials will supplement the Hi-story Lessons portal.
* Prof. Pók stressed the need to inform the participants in advance of the purpose of the collected materials – that it can serve as a professional historical source, which could improve the quality.
* Prof. Rydel agreed that creating such an archive is an inspiring idea and that ENRS should set up an electronic archive so that the materials be useful in the future.
* Ms Drzazga added that the amount of material is huge and there were efforts made to catalogue it, but it is difficult also due to the accessibility laws imposed on the Institute   
  and expressed fear that the resources to do that are insufficient.
* Prof. Pók suggested contacting specialist in the field of archiving for consultations on this process and suggested applying for a subsidy specifically for this purpose.
* Prof. Pók moved on to the BLAD exhibition and suggested Switzerland, Geneva, the UN Headquarters as possible venues for this exhibition.
* Prof. Rydel suggested the United States as an important venue for the subject of Holocaust.
* Ms Raczyńska explained there were plans to present the exhibition in 2020 connected with a study visit of ENRS representatives, but due to the pandemic these plans needed to be cancelled. She also added that now the exhibition continues its tour through Japan, but the USA could be considered for the next year.
* Prof. Pók suggested the UN Headquarters in New York as a venue for consideration.
* Prof. Pók assessed the ATGW as a great success of the ENRS and moved on to speak about the new exhibition. He suggested Prof. Sándor Horváth as a contributor to the new exhibition and as a person to contact for further suggestions.
* Dr Olschowsky suggested engaging Prof. Csaba Gy. Kiss in the works on the new ENRS exhibition ‘Artists and Art vs. Power’.
* Prof. Pók praised the cooperation with EUROM, the House of European History and the Platform of European Memory and Conscience within the framework of the Conference for the Future of Europe.
* Prof. Pók highly welcomed the idea of organizing the 2023 Symposium in Spain.
* Prof. Rydel assessed that the cooperation with Spain might be challenging and will change the Network.
* Prof. Pók moved on to discuss the Russian politics of memory and the issue of Russian Memorial and stressed that ENRS should stand up for Memorial and proposed acknowledging the Memorial work’s with a dedicated award.
* Prof. Rydel stressed the need to consult experts in the field of Russian politics and history and suggested organizing some informal consultations on this case to better familiarize with the situation in Russia and to be able to react accordingly.
* Dr Kwiatkowska shared a link to an OSW (Centre for Eastern Studies) publication ‘Forward to the Past’ and suggested organizing a meeting with the authors J. Rogoża and M. Domańska for the ENRS Assemblies to gain knowledge about the situation.
* Prof. Toria stressed the importance of these issues and informed that Russian authorities are looking closely on the work of scholars in Georgia and Ukraine dealing with the totalitarian past, and underlined the need to express support and take stand, but advised being careful not to make the situation of the invited panelist even more difficult.
* Prof. Rydel reminded of the ENRS statement published on the ENRS website and in the social media in the support of the Russian Memorial.
* Prof. Pók stressed the need of a more powerful statement, maybe in the form of the beforementioned award.

**Meeting of the ENRS Advisory Board**

Members present:

**Advisory Board Members:** Iván Bertényi (HU), Josef Höchtl (AT), Mihail E. Ionescu (RO), Robert Kostro (PL), Zoltán Maruzsa (HU), Sergei Metlev (EE), Marius Pečiulis (LT), Marcela Sălăgean (RO), Johannes Schraps (DE), Gentiana Sula (AL), Robert Kostro (PL), Matthias Weber (DE)  
  
**ENRS Secretariat:** Rafał Rogulski, Anna Wachowiak, Małgorzata Pakier, Maciej Kidawa

[Mr Robert Kostro starts chairing the meeting]

* The Advisory Board members discussed the further enlargement of the Network with conflicting opinions of Mr Kostro who pointed to further development in the East-Central European region, and Prof. Weber indicating closer cooperation with the Western European countries.
* Dr Sălăgean pointed also to former Yugoslav countries.
* Dr Maruzsa expressed his disappointment with the lack of new permanent members to the Network, however he stressed that the existing members are strongly committed to working together. He suggested not to invest so much energy to obtaining new members.
* Mr Rogulski reminded that observer members need to make a decision to remain in the Network as permanent members, so that this is a process in progress.
* Mr Ionescu stressed that the Network should focus on topics that unite and are attractive to all the member countries and tailor the Network’s programs accordingly. Maybe then the countries with the observer status will be convinced to join as permanent members.
* Prof Höchtl promised to advocate in Austria for permanent membership of his country.
* Ms Sula suggested that advocacy by prominent international figures could help in convincing the observer countries to join as permanent members.
* Mr Rogulski stressed that membership should be useful in promoting ENRS projects and promoting different viewpoints, but as long as we have financial means to implement projects in different countries of Europe we should do so and we should also welcome any country interested in becoming ENRS member – Spain being the best example. He said that not only geographical key should be taken into account, but also common historical experiences.
* Prof. Weber expressed his conviction that the Network should not concentrate only in the East-Central European region, and underlined that ENRS needs members from both Eastern and Western Europe. He stressed the need of finding supporters for the Network on the European level and suggested that maybe Mr Schraps could help in doing so.
* Mr Schraps underlined that we have a common European history and that every country is welcome to add to this narrative. He stressed that he always promotes the work of the Network and he promised to use his contacts to make other colleagues interested in our work so that they can push more in their countries to win more member countries.
* Mr Schraps also praised the ENRS webpage as a professional place to promote the work of ENRS.
* Mr Ionescu suggested replacing the observer status with associated membership in order to attract more members from the EU.
* Mr Rogulski stressed that we should cooperate only with the countries that are truly invested in the idea and concept behind the Network and that there is a huge difference in the quality of cooperation between the countries which make even the minimal financial contribution.
* Mr Kostro referred to supporting independent Russian researchers who examine the totalitarian past, as they have very limited international support for their work.
* Advisory Board members went on to discuss the dangers brought on by the Russian memory politics and the possible action of ENRS in response to these threats.
* Mr Kostro proposed to issue a joint statement. He also put forward the idea of implementing a special project regarding the raising aspiration of Russia to use the totalitarian communist past narratives vis a vis neighboring countries.

BLOCK III. PLENARY SESSION

[Prof. Matthias Weber starts chairing the meeting]

* Prof. Weber welcomed the participants of the plenary session and excused himself for having to leave at 14.30.
* He stressed the satisfying development of the ENRS, especially during the challenging times of the pandemic. He praised the successful role of the ENRS in bringing people together for historical discussions, despite different political situations in the member countries.
* Mr Kostro provided the members with a summary of the discussions during the Advisory Board meeting.
* Prof. Pók delivered the summary of the discussions in the Academic Council meeting.
* Prof. Weber suggested to discuss the Russian politics of remembrance, the further enlargement of the Network, the idea of setting up the ENRS archive and the suggestions for the new exhibition academic council members and asked for the opinions of the Assemblies members.
* Prof. Rydel put forward the idea that ENRS should organize an informal meeting of experts in Russian memory politics in order to identify the institutions willing to jointly develop concepts of adequate activities and projects. One of the concepts could be the ENRS award as suggested by Prof. Pók. He stressed that members of the Assemblies are not experts in the Russian politics of remembrance, but the Network is in the position to organize something and take over the function of a coordinator of such an event.
* Mr Ionescu agreed with Prof. Rydel.
* Mr Rogulski shared the opinion that the best thing to do is to deepen the discussion on common European history, including the history of Russia. He suggested expressing support by inviting members of the Russian Memorial to take part in the discussions co-shaped by the ENRS.
* Mr Kostro stressed the importance of the moment in history with regard to the situation between Russia and Ukraine. Mr Kostro supported the idea of holding a conference/panel of experts and suggested that ENRS should develop a specific position towards this ongoing situation.
* Mr Kostro once again mentioned the concept of the ENRS Award and Mr Rogulski reminded the Assemblies about the difficulties behind this concept – whom the prize should be awarded to and who should decide on that.
* Prof. Höchtl agreed with Mr Rogulski that the concept of the award is quite risky. He also agreed with Prof. Rydel to hold a meeting with a member of the Russian Memorial to recount the actual status and situation of Memorial in Russia.
* Prof. Pók stressed that the discussion on the award could be useful as it could reflect the Network’s priorities. He also suggested putting on the agenda of the proposed meeting the issue of the interpretation of the historical role of the Soviet Union.
* Dr Olschowsky agreed that Russian historians should be invited to the discussions and included in ENRS projects on different levels. He stressed that organizing a special event could be useful, but other institutions do it and probably have the means to do it better.
* Mr Rogulski said that it would be difficult to invite anyone from Russia in the current circumstances to take part in the discussions on the topic of reconciliation.

Closure

* Mr Rogulski expressed hope that the next General Assemblies meeting will be organized in person and he invited all the members both to the next year’s meeting, but also to all ENRS projects planned in the coming months.
* Mr Rogulski promised to keep the members informed on the developments within the ENRS and thanked the Secretariat members for the organizational work and the Assemblies members for participation.