

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority
(hereinafter "Yad Vashem")**

and

**the Federal Ministry for Education and
Women's Affairs of the Republic of Austria
(hereinafter "the Ministry"),**

hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Sides",

Preamble

Recalling the fifteen years of successful cooperation between the International School for Holocaust Studies of Yad Vashem and the Federal Ministry for Education and Women's Affairs of the Republic of Austria and its association [_erinnern.at_](http://erinnern.at);

Bearing in mind the annual seminars held at Yad Vashem since 2000 for approximately 580 Austrian educators who have benefited from the program;

Recalling that both the Republic of Austria and the State of Israel are member states of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and committed to the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust in which they pledged, in part, to strengthen efforts to promote education and remembrance of the Holocaust and encourage the study of the Holocaust in schools and universities, communities and other institutions as well as encourage Holocaust commemoration;

In consideration of the achievements of the Ministry and [_erinnern.at_](http://erinnern.at) in creating a sophisticated multi-tiered base of support for Holocaust educators in Austria;

Emphasizing the important work of [_erinnern.at_](http://erinnern.at) in advocating for Holocaust awareness and creating and supporting Holocaust memorial events;

Underlining the importance of the numerous German-language Holocaust education materials that Yad Vashem and the Ministry and [_erinnern.at_](http://erinnern.at) have produced;

Recognizing the numerous accomplishments of Austrian seminar graduates in Holocaust education and the many graduates who have received funding from the ICHEIC Program for Holocaust Education in Europe at Yad Vashem;

Recognizing the professional contributions of Yad Vashem experts to various seminars organized by the Ministry and erinnern.at for educators throughout Austria;

Convinced of the link between preservation of memory and the shaping of a better future;

Aware of the potential positive outcome that may result from continued association, consultation and cooperation;

Article 1: Objectives

The Sides have reached a mutual understanding on the following points:

I. The Sides will continue their ongoing successful cooperation to organize seminars designed for Austrian educators at Yad Vashem:

- a. The Ministry and erinnern.at will, within the scope of their budgetary capacities, annually recruit one group of active classroom teachers, representing a broad spectrum of Austria's regions. A minimum of twenty teachers will be selected, not exceeding twenty-five persons. The Ministry/erinnern.at will choose these teachers from among those having not previously participated in a Yad Vashem teacher-training seminar. A second seminar may be coordinated pending budgetary considerations on both sides.
- b. As in past years, the Sides will financially contribute, according to respective available funds, to cover the expenses related to seminars at Yad Vashem. Specifically:
 - i. Yad Vashem will undertake the coordination of the seminar lectures, workshops and study trips included in the seminar agenda. Participants' meals, local transportation and teaching materials will also be provided.

- ii. The Ministry will secure funding to cover the expenses associated with participants' seminar fees (coordination costs), their round trip airfare from Austria to Israel as well as their lodging in Israel.
- c. The Ministry will select the participants, who will be active classroom teachers in middle- and high-schools, students of pedagogy (future teachers) and educational multipliers.
- d. The program of the seminars will be designed jointly by Yad Vashem and erinnern.at.
- e. The Austrian Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs, together with the University of Applied Sciences of Upper Austria and the University of Applied Sciences of Salzburg, will officially accredit the Austrian seminars at Yad Vashem as Holocaust Education Training within the framework of the European Credit Transfer System.

II. Organization of preparatory and follow-up sessions in Austria for the participants of the seminar in Yad Vashem.

- a. The Sides will financially contribute, according to respective available funds, to cover the expenses related to workshops to be held in Austria. Specifically:
 - i. Yad Vashem will cover the flight costs, per diem and work days for one expert to participate within the framework of preparatory and follow-up sessions in Austria.
 - ii. For the duration of the workshop in Austria, the Ministry will cover board and lodging costs for one Yad Vashem expert, as well as his/her local travel expenses and other costs pertinent to the organization of this programming.

III. Exchange of Experts

- a. The Sides plan an exchange of experts with the aim to develop joint points in view to combat racism, antisemitism, nationalism and right-wing extremism, as part of the cooperation within the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

- b. The Sides plan to exchange lecturers who will speak in relation to Holocaust education and remembrance. Speaking opportunities may include events, seminars and international conferences.

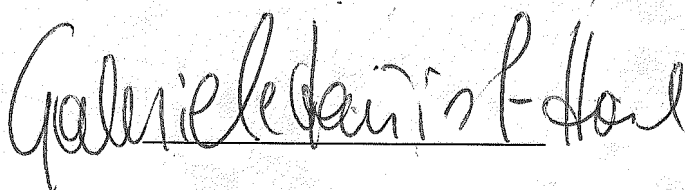
Article 2: Validity

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of the signature and will expire on December 31, 2020. Its validity may be extended, should the Sides concur.

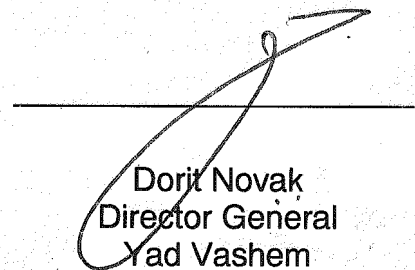
This Memorandum of Understanding shall not create any rights or obligation under national or international law.

Either Side may cancel this Memorandum of Understanding at any time, upon a written notification received by the other Side at least three months prior to its expiry.

Signed in Jerusalem on November 1st 2015, which corresponds to the 19 day of Cheshvan 5776, in two originals in the English language.



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