

## **EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY ON MEMORIES (EUROM)**

### **MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT –**

#### **MEETING**

On the one hand, the University of Barcelona Solidarity Foundation legally represented by its Director, Mr. Xavier López Arnabat, under the provision of its statutes.

On the other hand, the Comune di Predappio (Italy) represented by its Sindaco, Mr. Giorgio Frassinetti, under the provisions of its statutes.

#### **WHEREAS**

Both parts has a common interest in the transnational and multidisciplinary networking on the memorial public policies, promoted by the European Observatory on Memories –hereinafter the Observatory- which is coordinated by the University of Barcelona Solidarity Foundation with the support of its partners.

Europe has a plurality of memories that shape our current democratic system and its present socio-political map. These various memories are different and the best way to analyze, manage and spread them is through a transnational work. The Observatory has this mission and has therefore created a network to address those memories which are projected on the twenty-first century public policies: the consequences of Nazism and Stalinism; the struggle for democracy during the Franco dictatorship in Spain; the vindication of civil rights in Northern Ireland; the pro- democratic movements in Eastern Europe during the Cold War; the resistance movements against dictatorships in Greece and Portugal; the transitional processes in countries of Europe and America; the conflicts related to the decolonization of the twentieth Century; the ethnic cleansing in the Balkans; and others. Therefore, it seems that there is a need to establish a network of European institutions and organizations considering and respecting the diversity of memories, each one with its own peculiarities.

Similarly, the Observatory aims to act as a bridge between Europe and America, as well as countries that do not formally belong to the European Union but are part of Europe, such as Norway, the Balkans area countries and others.

To establish the basis for this collaboration, and to carry out joint actions, the two institutions sign the agreement to abide by the following considerations:

#### **FIRST**

The aim is to create a permanent network -the Observatory- that addresses the multiple memories in today's Europe and to analyze the public policies on memory of local, regional, national and transnational governments.

This work should be developed from the analysis and the study of commemorative initiatives, but also the analysis of silences and omissions. The study of the politics of memory in the twenty-first century must therefore be made from a transnational perspective. It is this challenge that requires us to create a solid network of partners with permanent and professional commitments.

#### SECOND

The specific objectives of the Observatory are:

- 1 / Identify and analyze the different memorial processes in Europe and other continents from the point of view of experts, professionals and civil society. That is, universities, institutions and associations are the basis of the network partners.
- 2 / Initiate a discussion for a representative European -or international- memorial policy. Create a scientific committee for this purpose.
- 3 / Networking with all the project partners and others which can play a temporary role.
- 4 / Design and implement a joint working program for the next 6 years.
- 5 / Find funding to develop joint projects.
- 6 / Make a contribution to the analysis and management of memory policies and to the socialization of commemorative initiatives.
- 7 / Fostering multidisciplinary research and work on activities about the construction of public memory.
- 8 / Encouraging the citizens' right to use and redefine memorial heritage.
- 9 / Promote a real connection among institutions, practitioners and researchers from Europe and other continents, with special attention to Latin America where memorial policies have had a very significant presence in the political where memorials policies have had a very significant presence in the political and social sphere in the past decades .

#### THIRD

As far as possible, the members of the Observatory will collaborate, directly or indirectly, in financing the joint activities; and in seeking public funds for the network. Members also commit to forecast the necessary budget for the co funding of specific programs or actions within the Observatory.

#### FORTH

The members will disseminate the activities of the Observatory and will give institutional support to the network.

#### FIFTH

To ensure compliance with the above clauses and to coordinate joint actions, the two parts must meet at least once a year.

**SIXTH**

**This agreement shall enter into force upon signature and lasts 3 years and can be renewed if the parties expressly agree.**

Barcelona, 23.2.2015

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