JOINT DECLARATION

NETWORK OF EUROPEAN YOUTH FOR HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE (NESHAMA)





Eighty years after the end of the Holocaust and WWII, we, the founding members of the Network of European Youth for Holocaust Remembrance (Neshama), are gathered in Paris on Tuesday, April 29th, 2025 to ratify the cooperation agreement governing Neshama.

Aware that the disappearance of the last survivors of the Shoah presents an unprecedented challenge for the transmission of their memory and the teaching of Holocaust history, we, members of the Neshama network, representatives of memorial and public institutions, have the responsibility to work towards perpetuating the transmission of their memory.

Convinced that the teaching of the history of the Shoah is not limited to the knowledge of the crimes committed, but also includes the history of European Jewry, the partners of Neshama are jointly committed to training young Europeans in their journey to become Holocaust Remembrance Ambassadors.

Therefore, we pledge to:

- Carry on the legacy of Holocaust remembrance across generations, following up the memory work carried out by Holocaust survivors.
- Commemorate both the history and memory of the Holocaust, and above all the victims'
 Memory, based on the history of our remembrance sites that are the custodians of this
 memory.
- Deepen and broaden the scope of the work of transmission and awareness-raising about the history of the genocide of the Jews perpetrated by the Nazis and their collaborators on the European continent, in its memorial and educational dimensions, through a threefold local, national, and transnational perspective.
- Provide new generations with a better understanding of these crucial historical phenomena, the mechanisms that led to them, and their consequences for all of humanity.
- Work, through the engagement of young generations accompanied by partner institutions in the fight against the spread of anti-Semitic acts and ideas, to overcome the ignorance that often fuels them, the falsification, distortion and denial of history, and hatred in all its forms, especially as the distortion of the Shoah is massively and insidiously spread through modern means of communication.
- Support new generations in building active and responsible citizenship through education, dialogue, reflection, and engagement in the respect for diversity and equality, by including all regardless of gender and origin, in continuity with the values of the European Union, guaranteed by Article 2 of the Treaty of the European Union, and promoted by the "Citizenship, Equality, Rights and Values" programme.
- Contribute, through an educational and civic approach, to the promotion of democratic values, human dignity, equality, and respect for human rights, which are at the heart of the European project, by fostering the construction of a European culture of memory that values and preserves Jewish life in Europe for future generations.

Official signing of the Joint Declaration

Network of European Youth for Holocaust Remembrance (NESHAMA)

Paris, April 29th, 2025

Under the patronage of Minister, Patricia MIRALLES,

Minister Delegate to the Minister for the Armed Forces, in charge of Remembrance and Veterans

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