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Unsettling Remembering and Social Cohesion in Transnational Europe

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Abstract: Description of work for Sub - WP5.1

Identify and engage stakeholders through a series of activities designed to maximise the impact of the project and its responsiveness to the needs of potential end users.

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Key Topics of the Stakeholder Newsletter November 2016:

What is UNREST? – Website launched – Stakeholder workshop and Questionnaire – Advisory and Management Board Meetings

What is UNREST?

Funded in 2016 as part of the European Commission's Horizon 2020 programme (Reflective 5-2015: The cultural heritage of war in contemporary Europe), the three-year project Unsettling Remembering and Social Cohesion in Transnational Europe (UNREST) brings together researchers and non-academic partners from Germany, Denmark, Poland, Spain and the UK to address pressing questions about the role of memory of conflict in Europe today.

UNREST starts from the observation that the EU's foundational myth of transnational reconciliation is increasingly being called into question. While the EU has consistently championed a consensual approach to traumatic memory, reaching from the abyss of the World Wars and the Holocaust to post war peace and prosperity, this narrative is today losing its lustre. All across Europe, populist and nationalist movements are successfully challenging the official EU narrative. They use the heritage of war and violence to promote confrontational notions of collective belonging – with very dangerous consequences.

UNREST proposes to fill the perilous vacuum between top-down cosmopolitan EU memory and bottom-up, antagonistic memory. UNREST pursues a third mode of memory, which acknowledges and engages with widespread discontent with the EU's official narrative, without losing sight of fundamental EU ideals. We call this third way agonistic memory. It designates a new mode of remembrance that embraces political conflict as an opportunity for emotional and ethical growth. For this purpose, UNREST combines ground-breaking theoretical reasoning with the empirical study of existing memory cultures and the implementation and rigorous testing of innovative memory practices.

For more details on UNREST's theoretical framework, please see [Anna Cento Bull and Hans Lauge Hansen's article 'On Agonistic Memory'](http://mss.sagepub.com/content/9/4/390) (<http://mss.sagepub.com/content/9/4/390>).



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UNREST Website

In October 2016, the UNREST website (<http://www.unrest.eu/>) was launched. Here you can find out more details about the project, the project partners, our planned activities, and the content of the project's work packages.

UNREST Stakeholder Workshop

On 19th October 2016, UNREST's first stakeholder workshop took place in Brussels.

The video presentations from the workshop can be viewed on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIXE5Eios6G4Xd5LarHOLKPHK8V2OBLru>.

We are very interested in hearing from stakeholders who have an interest in memory and heritage, whether they be museum and heritage professionals, representatives of civil society organizations or policymakers. We have set up a [stakeholder questionnaire](#) here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CK7T2NN> and look forward to hearing your feedback.

UNREST Advisory Board Meeting and Management Board Meetings

On 17th October 2016, UNREST's first Advisory Board and Management Board Meetings took place in Brussels. All workpackages were presented by the respective WP-leaders. The presentations were discussed with excellent feedback and contributions from the Advisory Board Members that were duly noted for further development of the work packages and for further discussion at other consortium meetings.

Members of the UNREST-Advisory Board

Anstett, Elisabeth (<http://iris.ehess.fr/index.php?1023>)



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Smith, Christopher (<http://www.bsr.ac.uk/about/staff-and-fellows>)

**Picture of the UNREST-Advisory Board and Management Board Members
(Brussels, 17.10.2016)**



From left to right:

Hans Lauge Hansen, Wulf Kansteiner, Stefan Berger, Paco Ferrandiz,

Zofia Woycicka, Peter Aronsson, Christopher Smith, Elisabeth Anstett, Ann Rigney, David Clarke