

**The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic on behalf of  
the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union,  
the Platform of European Memory and Conscience and  
the European Shoah Legacy Institute**

**cordially invite students aged 16 - 21 from around Europe to take part in a**

## **Competition for a proposal of a pan-European memorial to the victims of totalitarianism in Brussels**

**under the auspices of**

**EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Mr Tibor Navracsics**

### **Background:**

In 2008-2009, the European Parliament established 23 August, the date of the signing of the Hitler-Stalin pact of 1939, as the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarianism. The European Union Member States commemorate the day with an EU-wide event. In 2009, the European Parliament also called for the creation of a pan-European memorial for the victims of all totalitarian regimes. However, no memorial has yet been created to the millions of victims of Fascism, National Socialism and Communism in Europe. Especially in these times, with the growing threat of extremism and nationalism, such a memorial would be of great significance. It should stand in the centre of the European Union, in the vicinity of the European Parliament, the EU Council and the European Commission, as a memento to present and future generations.

### **The jury:**

The jury will include EU Commissioner Mr Tibor Navracsics; Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of Slovakia Ms Lucia Žitňanská; President and Managing Director of the Platform of European Memory and Conscience Mr Göran Lindblad and Ms Neela Winkelmann; Executive Director of the European Shoah Legacy Institute Ms Halyna Senyk and Member of the European Parliament Ms Sandra Kalniete.

### **Announcement and presentation of the winners:**

The winner and the runners-up will be announced and notified on **31 July 2016**. The winning entries will be exhibited as an accompanying event of the European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Totalitarianism held on 22-23 August 2016 by the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU in Bratislava and thereafter in Brussels. The authors of the winning entries will be invited to both events and will be received by EU Commissioner Mr Tibor Navracsics.

### **For further inquiries, please contact:**

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### **Instructions:**

A competition entry must fulfil the following criteria:

- it must be a drawing, painting or another 2-D artistic rendition (including computer graphics) on white paper of the size A1 (594 x 841 mm) or A2 (420 x 594 mm)
- it must be a piece of original work
- the memorial must be inclusive of the victims of National Socialism, Fascism and Communism
- it must be inclusive of men, women and children
- it must represent an object made of durable material which can be installed in a public space
- the real size must be identifiable by comparison to persons, trees, houses, etc.
- it must include the name, age, e-mail, telephone number, postal address of the author and the name and address of the school, if applicable
- it must include a short explanation of the proposal by the author (4000 characters including spaces)
- it must be sent either in electronic form to the e-mail address [competition@memoryandconscience.eu](mailto:competition@memoryandconscience.eu) or by post in hard packaging (poster tube) to the following address: Platform of European Memory and Conscience, Londýnská 43, 120 00 Praha 2, Czech Republic

Deadline for the submission of entries is **10 July 2016** (receipt by e-mail or postal stamp).