

**Visualising the past through graphic novels. Prompting local involvement for Holocaust remembrance in Romania**

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Abstract	The document outlines the structure, content and results of the public debate organised in Tg. Jiu, Gorj county

**WORK PACKAGE 12 – Vernissage of the graphic novel exhibition for Gorj county****D12.2 Public debate**

The objectives of this work package as stated in the Grant Agreement were:

1. To raise awareness among the general public in Tg. Jiu about the fate of local Jews and Roma during the Holocaust.
2. To make visible to the general public, the dangers that prejudice, dehumanization, and intolerance have for fueling crimes against humanity.

To achieve these goals, in addition to the vernissage of the exhibition (D12.1), the project team organized a public debate on the local history of the Holocaust and the relevance of the topic for the present.

**Task 12.3. – Public debate and media coverage**

The “Alexandru Ștefulescu” Gorj County Museum hosted the event with 100 participants (70 female, 29 male, and one not declared). Attendance lists were filled out and could be provided to the project officer upon request.

The debate was moderated by the journalist Răzvan Chiruță and attended by Marcela Mrejeru, Inspector General of the Gorj County School Inspectorate as well as representatives of the project team, and of the local students involved in the project. The public actively participated in the discussions, offering their feedback on the topic.

The discussions included topics such as the specificities of the Holocaust in Romania, the relevance of the history of the Holocaust for the present, the history of the Tg. Jiu and Vapniarka camps, the need for educational projects focused on Holocaust history in Romanian schools, the importance of the local perspective when approaching the national past, the anti-Roma policy of the Romanian government at the time.

To increase dissemination, the debate was broadcast on Facebook after the event: <https://www.facebook.com/PressHubRomania/videos/1500436754081304>

The event was covered by local and national media. A press release was published in the week before the event and was widely distributed locally and nationally.

The project coordinator offered an interview at a local station, *Radio Oltenia*, <https://www.radiooltenia.ro/targu-jiu-expozitia-imagini-din-trecut-holocaustul-in-gorj/>

Articles related to the project were also published after the event.

Media coverage of the event:

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PRESShub	<a href="https://www.presshub.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi-296306/">https://www.presshub.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi-296306/</a>
GAZETA de Sud	<a href="https://www.gds.ro/tag/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi/">https://www.gds.ro/tag/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi/</a>
As în Gorj	<a href="https://www.asingorj.ro/tg-jiu-joi-expozitie-de-benzi-desenate-despre-holocaust-in-piata-prefecturii/">https://www.asingorj.ro/tg-jiu-joi-expozitie-de-benzi-desenate-despre-holocaust-in-piata-prefecturii/</a>
AGERPRES	<a href="https://www.agerpres.ro/comunicate/2023/11/20/comunicat-de-pres-a-institutul-national-pentru-studierea-holocaustului-din-romania-elie-wiesel--1206836">https://www.agerpres.ro/comunicate/2023/11/20/comunicat-de-pres-a-institutul-national-pentru-studierea-holocaustului-din-romania-elie-wiesel--1206836</a>
Ziare Online 24	<a href="https://www.ziareonline24.ro/expozitie-dedicata-holocaustului-la-muzeul-judetean-gorj-673648/">https://www.ziareonline24.ro/expozitie-dedicata-holocaustului-la-muzeul-judetean-gorj-673648/</a>

Adevarul	<a href="https://adevarul.ro/stiri-locale/targu-jiu/viata-de-cosmar-a-mii-de-evrei-din-estul-romaniei-2319360.html">https://adevarul.ro/stiri-locale/targu-jiu/viata-de-cosmar-a-mii-de-evrei-din-estul-romaniei-2319360.html</a>
Gorjeanul	<a href="https://gorjeanul.ro/expozitie-despre-holocaust-la-targu-jiu/">https://gorjeanul.ro/expozitie-despre-holocaust-la-targu-jiu/</a>
Gorjexpress	<a href="https://www.gorjexpress.ro/targu-jiu-expozitie-dedicata-holocaustului/">https://www.gorjexpress.ro/targu-jiu-expozitie-dedicata-holocaustului/</a>
Radio Vacanța	<a href="https://www.radiovacanta.ro/evenimente/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi-25867.html">https://www.radiovacanta.ro/evenimente/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi-25867.html</a>
Radio Oltenia	<a href="https://www.radiooltenia.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi/">https://www.radiooltenia.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi/</a>
Știrile Gorjului	<a href="https://www.sgorj.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi/">https://www.sgorj.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi/</a>
Reporter 24	<a href="https://reporter24.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi-conferinta-la-muzeul-judetean-gorj-alexandru-stefulescu/">https://reporter24.ro/holocaustul-in-gorj-trecutul-de-langa-noi-conferinta-la-muzeul-judetean-gorj-alexandru-stefulescu/</a>
Viața Gorjului	<a href="https://viatagorjului.ro/2023/11/holocaustul-in-gorj-expozitie-de-banda-desenata-si-discutii-intre-istorici/">https://viatagorjului.ro/2023/11/holocaustul-in-gorj-expozitie-de-banda-desenata-si-discutii-intre-istorici/</a>
Pandurul	<a href="https://www.pandurul.ro/articol/despre-holocaust-si-cum-a-afectat-comunitatile-din_168027.html">https://www.pandurul.ro/articol/despre-holocaust-si-cum-a-afectat-comunitatile-din_168027.html</a>

The link to the EC survey was provided to the participants.

The event was presented on the social media channels of both partners:

INSHR-EW:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.941296684224282&type=3>

<https://bit.ly/3sNRhZo>

<https://bit.ly/47V4ezq>

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid08k1Q6EL8R4xb9QJQENv9UrUDKZrNWg83Jd7fojBmmbwYHttMnjgJeiXLYPzBvD2NI&id=100063663968440](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid08k1Q6EL8R4xb9QJQENv9UrUDKZrNWg83Jd7fojBmmbwYHttMnjgJeiXLYPzBvD2NI&id=100063663968440)

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz-4oyfIXVL/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

[https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz\\_Qfb1oDBi/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/Cz_Qfb1oDBi/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)

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