



# CHAPTER. Challenging Propaganda Through Remembrance | 8-17 August 2021

## Call for participants

### About the Project!

Since 2014 Europe is facing the worst humanitarian crisis of refugees since World War II (WWII), the majority of them fleeing from Syria and Libya, while the economic crisis has been causing cuts to social inclusion, education and healthcare programmes. Make matters worse, populist groups' media depict third-country nationals as exploiters of the welfare system while criminalizing civil society organizations in solidarity, thus fueling social tensions into organized violence against people and institutions. An in-depth analysis shows that current propaganda roots in methodologies and tools developed under totalitarian regimes. Nazism and Fascism emphasized those features characterizing the public discourse during World War I and its aftermath such as nationalism, hatred of the enemy and dehumanization: all of that contributed to lay the groundwork for WWII.

In this sense the project **"CHAPTER. Challenging propaganda through remembrance"** aims to cast a light on propaganda before and during WWII, focusing on its role to enforce the concept of "enemy" - from national and ethnic groups to political opponents and social groups. Participants, chosen among people who aren't active citizens yet, will act as Remembrance messengers in order to relate past events to current trends. Moreover they'll draw attention to the role of grassroots media and peace organizations in challenging propaganda through innovative communication methodologies and tools. The project gathers 11 partners from 9 countries - Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain, Bulgaria - and foresees the realization of 5 Remembrance Weeks: **Italy (14th-23rd of June 2021) / Poland (25th of June - 4th of July 2021) / Greece (25th of July - 3rd of August 2021) / Austria (8th - 17th of August 2021) / Catalunya (23rd of September - 3rd of October 2021)**

We are currently looking for 8 participants from Bulgaria, Spain, Poland, Greece, Italy, Hungary, France and Germany who want to attend the **Remembrance week in Austria from 8<sup>th</sup> till the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.**

**How will this Work?** In the Remembrance Week in Austria, we will discuss and reflect about **Nationalism, Propaganda and media** through interactive discussion methods, individual research, creativity and different reflection methods. We will create our own outputs and infographics on following topics: **Fear, Propaganda, Gender, Freedom of speech, Nationalism, History, Normalization, Youth, Social Frustration, Hate crimes.** The research on those topics listed above



will be related to the Austrian context but also context of the countries participants come from both in the past during the fascist/nazi regimes and in the present, in the policies or propaganda carried on by right-wings parties or movements.

This is not university or school, we will make the Remembrance week fun and engaging. We will, among others, use methods of non-formal education, participatory discussion methods and Theater of the Oppressed.



## Who can participate

- Age 16+;
- Able to understand and express themselves in English;
- Interested in the topics of fascism, anti-fascism, propaganda, counter-propaganda, anti-racism, migration, etc.
- Able to participate in the complete project
- Motivated to create follow-up projects

We explicitly encourage participants of all genders, sexual orientations, abilities, races and ethnic backgrounds to apply.



## How can I apply?

For more details about the Remembrance Week venue and every other logistic details, [please click here](#).

If you are interested in participating [you can apply by clicking here](#), by registering and filling the required fields. You will receive feedback after a few days by the reception of your application.

For any further questions please contact us at [coordination.sciaustria@gmail.com](mailto:coordination.sciaustria@gmail.com)

This Project is supported by [European Solidarity Corps programme of the EU](#). **The travel costs will be reimbursed after the Remembrance Week for a maximum of 100 Euro per person. Food and accommodation, local transport and health insurance will also be provided to participants during the remembrance week.** The costs for the eventual Covid-19 test cannot be reimbursed.



## Who organises this?

Service Civil International (SCI) is a volunteer organisation dedicated to promoting a culture of peace by organising international voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds. The organisation consists of 41 branches and an ever growing number of partner organisations.

This project is organised by several SCI branches and partner organisations:

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