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H2020 REPAST project – Revisiting the Past, Anticipating the Future

Several European societies are still suffering from the conflicts rooted in the past and look for the means to overcome the difficult historical legacy. RePAST is a research project that addresses this issue; relying on a multi-method interdisciplinary approach, it investigates how six member states of the EU and two non-member states (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Kosovo, Poland, Spain) deal with their troubled pasts today. By analysing the discourses in history, media, politics and arts & culture, the project explores how these conflicting discourses impact European integration and hinder attempts to increase internal cohesion of these societies. Based on an extensive research, the project implements several actions and proposes strategies for reflecting upon these discourses to strengthen European integration.

A range of topics will be discussed:

- In general, what can be done about troubled past(s) of European societies?
- What have we theoretically and practically learned so far regarding the troubled past(s) and the effective means for overcoming it?
- Are in a strongly differentiated European context, marked with the rise of illiberalism, hate speech and other undemocratic standards, good practices, transferable from one context to another?
- What roles can be played by European countries – members of the EU and non-members – and the EU as an institution in the attempts to overcome troubled past(s)?

We kindly invite you to participate at our workshop. Please register [here](#). A full list of recommendations that will be presented at the conference will be available on the RePAST project's website two weeks before the conference (www.repast.eu; see *Publications – Policy documents*). If you have any question, please contact us at info@repast.eu or organizer of the workshop Dr Rok Zupancič (rok.zupancic@fdv.uni-lj.si).

We are looking forward to meeting you online,
The RePAST Team



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- 09:00–10:00 **Opening session and introduction of the project RePAST: Why the EU should be addressing the troubled past(s) throughout Europe?**
- Dr Dimitra L. Milioni**, Associate Professor at the Cyprus University of Technology and Coordinator of the RePAST project
Dr Rodrigo Martin Galan, the Project Officer of the RePAST project, European Commission, Research Executive Agency
Dr Rok Zupančič, Associate Professor at the University of Ljubljana, Coordinator of the work package 'Policy recommendations' in the RePAST project
- Keynote speech: Diego Marani**, Cultural policy coordinator at the European External Action Service
- Chaired by Georgios Terzis*, Associate Professor at the Vesalius College & Coordinator of dissemination in the RePAST project
- 10:10–11.20 **Policy recommendations for Ireland, Cyprus and Germany (followed by Q&A)**
- Dr Anke Fiedler**, Associate Professor at LMU Munich
Dr Seamus Farrell, Researcher at University College Dublin & **Dr Eugenia Siapera**, Professor at University College Dublin
Dr Vicky Triga, Assistant Professor at Cyprus University of Technology & **Nikandros Ioannidis**, Researcher at Cyprus University of Technology
- Chaired by Faris Kočan*, Researcher at University of Ljubljana
- 11:30–12.40 **Policy recommendations for Poland, Spain and Greece (followed by Q&A)**
- Dr Katarzyna Bojarska**, Assistant Professor at the SWPS University Warsaw and researcher at Widok Foundation & **Dr. Tomasz Rawski**, Assistant Professor at University of Warsaw, Faculty of Sociology
Dr Irene Martin, Professor at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Dr Giorgios Antoniou, Assistant Professor at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Discussant: Dr Dimitrios Konstantinos Kairidis*, Member of the Hellenic Parliament (New Democracy) and Professor at Panteion University of Athens
- Chaired by Dr Kenneth Andresen*, Professor at University of Agder
- (Break)
- 13:20–14.00 **Policy recommendations for Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo (followed by Q&A)**
- Dr Rok Zupančič**, Associate Professor at University of Ljubljana & **Faris Kočan**, Researcher at University of Ljubljana & **Iris Ivaniš**, Researcher at University of Ljubljana
Dr Kenneth Andresen, Professor at University of Agder & **Abit Hoxha**, Researcher at University of Agder
- Discussant: Dr Klemen Grošelj*, Member of the European Parliament (Committee on Foreign Affairs)
- Chaired by Dr Irene Martin*, Professor at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

14.10–15.10 **Addressing the troubled past(s) in the era of populism, illiberal practices and fake-news (round-table discussion)**

Giacomo Mazzone, Member of the Advisory Board of EDMO, Deputy director at RAI News Department and a former Head of institutional relations at the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

Sonya Reines-Djivanides, the Executive Director of the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)

Dr Jamie Shea, Professor at the University of Exeter & former Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges at NATO

Chaired by Dr Vicky Triga, Assistant Professor at Cyprus University of Technology

15.10–15.15 **Closing remarks**

Dr Dimitra Milioni, Associate Professor at Cyprus University of Technology and Coordinator of the RePAST project

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