

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Memory Futures, MF
Participant:	COMMUNAUTE ISRAELITE D'ESCH-SUR-ALZETTE COMMUNAUTE JUIVE LIBERALE DU LUXEMBOURG (LJCL)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	05
Event name:	LIMMUD RHINE
Type:	Conference and seminars
In situ/online:	online
Location:	zoom.events
Date(s):	Nov 26-28.2022
Website(s) (if any):	https://limmudeurope.org/event/limmudrhine/ https://events.zoom.us/j/Aj54NQmxtM6hRHtTC8KkI04D1pChW4Xr5IO8THMGV-sKKdh5pYBd~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg https://www.facebook.com/events/482868400570036
Participants	
Female:	107
Male:	62

Non-binary:	1		
From country 1 Belgium	16		
From country 2 Germany	55		
From country 3 Denmark	5		
From country 4 France	33		
From country 5 Hungary	3		
From country 6 Luxembourg	23		
From country 7 The Netherlands	25		
From country 8 Poland	3		
From country 9 Spain	3		
From country 10 Sweden	4		
Total number of participants:	170	From total number of countries:	10
Description <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>LimmudRhine was a three-day, very successful, evening programme filled with history, culture, stories, language and much more discovering Rhineland Judaism of yesterday, today and tomorrow. It attempted to address the questions of: What is Rhine/Rhineland Judaism? Where does it come from and what role has it played in broader Jewish history? What are the current challenges and opportunities and how will it evolve in the decades to come? What languages do we speak? What do we eat and drink? What makes us distinctive? Are we different?</p> <p>The event was curated by an international team of 19 volunteers from Luxembourg, France, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands with support from a 2-member staff. The main program comprised 43 sessions organized into 4 parallel tracks over 3 evenings. Presenters of the sessions were located in Belgium, France, Germany, Israel, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland and USA. The sessions were presented in English, French and German with either translated captions or live translation available for participants. It was the most comprehensive and well-attended conference on this topic to date, allowing not only to spread knowledge of Rhineland Judaism, but also to create connections between individuals, museums, organisations etc. The buzz around the event in the Rhine region aligned perfectly with its broader themes of Activism, Grassroots movements and self-organizing communities.</p> <p>The event was organized on ZoomEvents, a new zoom platform allowing for conference-type events. As this is a new platform the event was preceded by dedicated three preparatory sessions planned for</p>			

moderators and presenters in order to address technical questions as well as improve online presentation outcomes. Though not without technical issues in the end, the team was satisfied with the choice of the platform, which made navigating the online program organized into multiple tracks quite easy. Moreover, the platform allowed participants to watch sessions later on and up to a month after the end of this event.

Altogether 170 people participated in the event from 10 countries. The sessions covered a broad range of topics from history and memory to culture and contemporary issues. Discussions of the sessions were lively and after each day of sessions a common virtual space was open for participants to continue discussing, which frequently closed only around midnight, only proving how inspiring and engaging the program was and how these kinds of spaces for discussion are needed. To increase access to a broad range of topics sessions to a diverse audience were held in English, French and German. On one of the days all the sessions were live translated into English. Furthermore Zoom.Events made it possible to test out live translated captions on all days - offering live subtitles in a variety of European languages.

The event was heavily promoted via facebook as well as through organizations located in the Rhineland region (Jewish communities and local Limmud partners, museums, NGOs and even wineries in the Benelux, France, Germany, Switzerland), Europe (European Union of Progressive Judaism, European Council of Jewish Communities, Fédération francophone du Judaïsme libéral, European Heritage Association) and beyond (National Library of Israel, World Union of Progressive Judaism, Arzenu/Progressive Zionists to name a few).

The event overachieved its set goals, reaching more than twice the people foreseen initially, despite being the first of its kind in the framework of Memory Futures.

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