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PROTECTING THE JEWISH CEMETERIES OF EUROPE – HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF SITES

INVITATION TO TENDER
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The European Jewish Cemeteries Initiative (ESJF) has been leading a consortium of three organisations, along with the Foundation for Jewish Heritage and Centropa, working in the framework of a pilot project, co-funded by the European Commission. The pilot project works towards surveying vulnerable Jewish cemeteries in Central & Eastern Europe. There is also an important educational dimension to the project recognising the particular circumstances of the Holocaust and why these sites are especially neglected and vulnerable. Data gathered from each cemetery will form the basis of awareness raising campaigns as well as valorisation projects.

Information on each cemetery site is being made available through an open source database - <https://www.esjf-surveys.org/home/> and each contains an historical overview, for example - <https://www.esjf-surveys.org/surveys/object/chernivtsi-sadhora-jewish-cemetery/>

In the course of 18 months, the project foresees 1,700 Jewish cemeteries being added to the database. These additional Jewish cemeteries are located in seven countries, namely – **Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine**. The project collects GPS coordinates, information on ownership, and visual documentation; it produces a taxonomy dividing cemeteries into categories according to the level of threat they experience, and the urgency of protection.

The Requirement

In conducting this further mapping work, historical profiles are needed to accompany each new database entry. This entails providing several paragraphs briefly outlining the history of the cemetery and the local Jewish community, while noting significant personages and/or events. These entries should be designed for a broad readership, but should adhere to the standards of accuracy of scientific work. They should be written in English.

It is anticipated that there will be around 1,700 sites to write up covering the seven countries highlighted above

The project is now seeking to recruit an organisation or a group of individuals to carry out this work - ideally, one body that will cover all the seven countries, although we are willing to entertain applications for specific countries, or a number of project countries only.

The Tender

We are inviting tender submissions to undertake these historical overviews, and the tender should include the following:

- the credentials of the submitting organisation, relevant to this assignment
- the individuals who will carry out the assignment and their suitability (including CVs)
- an explanation as to how the assignment will be carried out and the sources that will be used (2-3 pages)
- a summary plan indicating the phases of the assignment, individual deliveries, the division of labour etc. (3-4 pages)
- a fully costed breakdown for the assignment

Timetable

The proposed timetable is as follows:

- 15 August 2020 – announcement of the tender
- 15 September 2020 – deadline for tender submissions
- 25 September 2020 - assessment of tenders and shortlisting for interview
- 30 September 2020 – completion of interviews and appointment
- 15 April 2021 - delivery of assignment

Making a Submission

Tender submissions should be sent via email to

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