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Municipality of Haidari implements the project :

"HOPE II"



The Story of Europe Remembrance and the Circle of European Friends who Resisted Hitler

The Greek martyr Municipality of Haidari,

manages with various events of commemoration the glorious path of the values of Democracy, Freedom and Respect of human rights and furthermore their violations by the Nazis.

During these events, **Block 15**, the Disciplinary where the prisoners were waiting to be executed, was declared a preservable monument while on 1986 during the contest for the **emblem of the Municipality**, the final choice constituted of a red flower growing through the building of Block 15 full of gratings, as a message of optimism. The Municipality has named Street of Fighters of the Haidari Concentration Camp, the street that was used for carrying with trucks the prisoners to be executed and at the same time the street that the trucks with the dead bodies of the executed fighters that had fallen in the Concentration Camp, the largest Greek Nazi concentration camp. A big portion from this area has been utilized for public benefit uses (schools, sport installations, hospital) and also for green spaces, an open theatre, relaxation places. The surviving ex-prisoners of the Camp participate in parades for the national celebrations while there have been sponsored quite a few remarkable individual initiatives for the preservation of the documentation files during the Nazi Occupation. Last but not least, the Municipality has initiated the creation of a Park of Historical Remembrance where a monument of National and European Resistance will be placed, in the meanwhile the Municipality participates in relevant events for the creation of monuments of historical remembrance and museums throughout Europe commemorating all the resistance actions and holocausts that took place in various European cities.

The actions of Municipality of Haidari a) commemorating the victims of Nazism, **b)** γfor the preservation of the places are monuments that are linked with massive deportations, torture and eliminations, **c)** for the preservation of the documentation files of these facts and **d)** for the projection of real testimonies by survivors and their descendants through conferences, seminars, discussions, radio and television shows and productions of audiovisual material, all as a total have as their goal the awareness of the citizens concerning the contribution of the National Resistance in Peace, Democracy and Protection of human rights but also, the better knowledge for the contribution of European Resistance in the Social Justice and Solidarity between the European citizens and furthermore in the Progress, Growth and Independence throughout the world.

The project **"HOPE II"** is the continuation and second phase of the same titled project that was implemented by the Municipality of Haidari during the period 26/03 – 18/05/2013.
Both projects concern **a)** narrations by fighters of national resistance in national and European level, ex prisoners that managed to survive and descendants of the executed fighters, Greek and other European nationalities, **b)** relevant discussion with children and young people, amongst them immigrants and their children and **c)** publication to a wide audience of national and international guests in order to reinforce the knowledge concerning the atrocious events that took place during the Nazi Occupation and to stimulate further the active involvement of European citizens in the Common Affairs, to forge the concept of common identity

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and to reinforce the vision of European unification, solidarity between nations and also, the disarmament in the world and a peace – loving environment between all nations.

Participants : resistance organizations from all of Europe, citizens and unions, institutes, Research Centers, Universities, museums and further organizations, non – governmental organizations from cities in national and European level with relevant historic past.

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