



DECONSTRUCT

Deconstructing Distortion and Disinformation via Campaign and Digital Education

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INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER EVENT

Date: April 15, 2026, 9:00 - 14:00

Venue: Európa Pont (Lövőház u. 35. Budapest, 1024, Hungary)

This international stakeholder event is aimed at educational stakeholders, education professionals, policymakers, decision-makers, and other interested participants. The event will present the results of the DECONSTRUCT project and feature roundtable discussions bringing together expert perspectives and good practices. The discussions will address contemporary forms of antisemitism, Holocaust distortion, and the educational and societal responsibilities related to countering these challenges.

The event will be conducted in English with simultaneous translation provided.

9.00 - 9.10	Introduction and Welcoming Andrea Szőnyi, Director, Zachor Foundation Gábor Balás, Director, HÉTFA Research Institute
9.10 - 9.15	Opening Remarks Dr János Bóka, Minister, Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism, Hungary
9.15 - 9.45	Dangers of Holocaust Distortion Keynote by Dr. Kathrin Meyer, former General Secretary of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
9.45 - 10.15	The DECONSTRUCT Project – Brief Outline of the Project Andrea Szőnyi (Director, Zachor Foundation) Luca Koltai (Research Director, Division for Public Policy and Impact Assessment, HÉTFA RI)
10.15 - 10.35	Coffee break

10:35 -11:45	Panel discussion 1 – International Approaches and Good Practices in the field of Holocaust distortion Moderator: Zsófia Gombár, University of Lisbon Speakers: Leon Saltiel, Director of Diplomacy of the World Jewish Congress, former Chair of Academic Working Group, IHRA Oana Nestian-Sandu, International Program Director at TOLI – The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights Patrick Siegele, director, OeAD-erinnern.at, Austria, Chair of Education Working Group, IHRA
11.45 – 12:05	The Role of Education within the DECONSTRUCT project Educational materials in skills and literacy development Speaker: Andrea Szőnyi
12.05 -12.45	Panel discussion 2 – Educational Good Practices in Countering Holocaust Distortion Moderator: Gabriella Komoly, Head of Education and International Programs, Zachor Foundation Speakers: In-service educators from Hungary Ingrid Alexovics – Apáczai Gimnázium, Pécs Magdolna Czomba – Bessenyei Gimnázium, Kisvárd Mónika Mészáros – Berzsenyi Gimnázium, Budapest Dénes Csőke – Vocational School, Szolnok
12.45-13.00	Final Remarks Ana Raquel Fernandes Assistant Professor at Universidade Europeia, Lisbon; Adjunct Invited Professor at the Lisbon Accounting and Business School (ISCAL); and Full Researcher at CEAUL/ULICES – Centre for English Studies, University of Lisbon
13:00-14:00	Event closure & networking with drinks and refreshments

About the **DECONSTRUCT** (Deconstructing Distortion and Disinformation via Campaign and Digital Education) project:

The project is a transnational initiative addressing the rising tide of antisemitism and Holocaust distortion by enhancing media literacy. The project delivers research-based findings, localised online educational resources, and public awareness campaigns designed for students, educators, and policymakers. Its ultimate goal is to empower stakeholders to move from learning to active mobilisation against disinformation and distortion. The project is coordinated by Zachor Foundation for Social Remembrance in partnership with Hétfa Research Institute and brings together international partners from Greece (Aristotle University, Thessaloniki), Italy (University of Florence and Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) and Portugal (University of Lisbon).