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## **European Jewish Congress**

Report on Activities

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**TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2021**

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA**



On the 83rd anniversary of Kristallnacht, EJC President Dr Moshe Kantor presented an unprecedented and detailed study “An End to Antisemitism!”.

The study was conducted under the patronage of the President of the Austrian National Council, Wolfgang Sobotka, the City of Vienna and the European Jewish Congress.

Comprised of a five-volume book series, the study is the outcome of an international high-level conference held in Vienna in 2018, as a collaboration between the University of Vienna together with New York and Tel Aviv universities and the European Jewish Congress.

The study aims to prevent further Jew-hatred, as it manifests in the current political and social climate and into the future. 119 international experts scrutinize the multi-faceted problem of antisemitism: they shed light on the

history of antisemitism and onto its specific features. Based on their analysis, they offer recommendations for a joint and effective fight against antisemitism.

Among the authors are renowned political and religious decision makers, including Katharina von Schnurbein (European Commission coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life), Natan Sharansky (former Chairman of the Jewish Agency), Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa (Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem) and Imam Hassen Chalgoumi (President of the Conférence des Imams de France).

The study comprises five parts. The first offers practical solutions and recommendations for decision-makers, the second deals with Jew-hatred in religion, the third deals with the history of antisemitism, the fourth with its role in philosophy, pedagogy and social sciences, while the fifth explores manifestations in modern media, and in the legal and political worlds. Other speakers at the event included Wolfgang Sobotka, President of the Austrian National Council, Karl Nehammer, Federal Minister of the Interior, Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister of European Affairs and Dr Ariel Muzicant, Vice President of the EJC.

In addition, Dr. Kantor was awarded the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria. This prestigious national honour was bestowed on him by the President of the Austrian National Council, Austria's parliament, Wolfgang Sobotka, for "his fight against antisemitism, racism, extremism and intolerance and for greatly contributing to preserving the memory of the Shoah and revitalizing Jewish life in Europe."

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**WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

The European Jewish Congress held its Executive Meeting where members of the Executive gathered for the first time in person since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. They had the opportunity to discuss pressing issues affecting Jewish communities in Europe.

EJC President Moshe Kantor opened the Executive by thanking both IKG Honorary and EJC Vice-President Ariel Muzicant and IKG President Oskar Deutsch for such a warm welcome and for organising an impressive series of events in Vienna.

On November 9th, the Executive members attended a ceremony in front of the Shoah Memorial at the Judenplatz in order to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of Kristallnacht. The president of the Austrian National Council, Wolfgang Sobotka, laid a wreath together with Israeli Minister of Diaspora Affairs Nachman Shai, EJC President Moshe Kantor and IKG President Oskar Deutsch.

At the Executive meeting, Moshe Kantor outlined the priorities for the next months and insisted on the importance of educating young people against the threats of extremism and antisemitism.

EJC Executive Vice-President Raya Kalenova briefed Executive members on the latest developments and activities by the EJC, in particular the participation of an EJC delegation led by Moshe Kantor to the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism. Raya Kalenova also explained the importance of the recent European Commission Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life to which the EJC contributed in a substantial way.

Executive members were then briefed by Katharina von Schnurbein, EC Coordinator on combatting antisemitism and fostering Jewish life, about the most important recommendations included in the strategy and about the positive developments it can bring to Jewish communities in the European Union.



Executive members gave updates on matters affecting their respective communities. In addition to rising antisemitism especially on social media and the lack of prosecution of antisemitic incidents, a matter of concern to the EJC Executive is the assault on religious rights affecting Jewish Communities across Europe.

Finally, Israeli President Isaac Herzog addressed a special video message to the EJC Executive and members had the opportunity to exchange on the current state of Israel-Diaspora relations with Israeli Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Nachman Shai. Israeli Ambassador to Austria, Mordechai Rodgold, was also in attendance.

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## **TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **ONLINE**

The EJC team had a zoom meeting with Aedin Conboy, Public Policy and Government Relations Manager, and Elizabeth Kanter, Director of Government Relations and Public Policy at TikTok, to discuss the efforts of this social media platform in tackling online hatred and antisemitism, educating about the Jewish life and expanding cooperation with the civil society.

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## **TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **ONLINE**

EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO Raya Kalenova and Head of Projects and Diplomatic Affairs Maria Bagdasarova had a zoom meeting with Oleg Rogatnikov, incoming President of the Union of Belarussian Jewish Public Associations and Communities.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **ONLINE**

EJC took part in the exchange between the Board of the European Parliament Working Group Against Antisemitism (WGAS) and President of the Austrian National Council Mag. Wolfgang Sobotka.

Raya Kalenova and Ariella Woitchik, EJC Director of European Affairs, stressed the importance of including European Jewish communities, represented at the EU level by the EJC, in the International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration ceremony held in the plenary of the European Parliament, and of continuing the long-standing tradition of side-events promoting the memory of the Holocaust in coordination with WGAS.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

### **BRUSSELS – CCOJB OFFICE**

Raya Kalenova took part in a meeting of leaders of the Belgian Jewish community with Idan Roll, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel.

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## **THURSDAY, 02 DECEMBER 2021**

### **BRUSSELS**

EJC Policy Director Johanan Seynave took part in a conference and exchange of views on the future of the two-state solution, organised by MEP Bert-Jan Ruissen.

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## WEDNESDAY, 08 DECEMBER 2021

### ONLINE

The EJC team took part in an exchange of views between the European Parliament Working Group Against Antisemitism (WGAS) and the Inter-Parliamentary Task Force to Combat Online Antisemitism.



The Inter-Parliamentary Task Force to Combat Online Antisemitism is a task force of lawmakers from the United States, Israel, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom to combat online antisemitism. The group is a cross-party alliance of legislators, including Anthony Housefather (Canada), Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (US), Michal Cotler-Wunsh (Israel) and Alex Sobel (UK).

Ariella Woitchik welcomed cooperation between WGAS and the Online Taskforce, provided the perspective of European Jewish civil society and insisted on the importance together with online platforms to implement the IHRA working definition in its entirety, and to implement it in their monitoring efforts.

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## TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2021

### ONLINE

Raya Kalenova took part in the first meeting of the European Commission Working Group on the implementation of the EU Strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life.



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## **FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2021**

### **BRUSSELS**

Raya Kalenova had a phone conversation with Philippe L glise-Costa, Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the European Union, to discuss the forthcoming French Presidency of the Council of the EU, and to establish cooperation for the International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD) commemoration in January 2022.

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## **TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2021**

### **ONLINE**

EJC Social Media Officer Xavier Ruiz and Maria Bagdasarova had a zoom meeting with Tomer Aldubi, CEO of Fighting Online Antisemitism (FOA), an Israeli-based non-profit organization, to discuss possible cooperation on monitoring antisemitic and hateful content online.

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## **THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY 2022**

### **ONLINE**

Ariella Woitchik had a call with Veronika Roubicek Sternova, Counselor at the Security Policy Department at the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic, to discuss the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2022.



WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2022

ONLINE

## International Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration 2022

The EJC hosted its annual International Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration that took place in partnership with the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the CRIF, the Representative Council of French Jewish institutions.

As 2022 marked the 80th anniversary of the round-ups of French Jews, the ceremony focused on the Holocaust in France. As such, testimonies of French survivors and historical footage were featured in line with the EJC's long-standing tradition of commemorative events.



The EJC was honored by the presence of Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, Charles Michel, President of the European Council, and Roberta Metsola, the newly elected President of the European Parliament.

EJC President Moshe Kantor delivered a keynote address at the ceremony.

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## WEDNESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2022

### ONLINE

Johanan Seynave and Policy Officer Dylan Bokler had a call with MEP Ilan De Basso (S&D, Sweden) to discuss efforts at the European Parliament in the fight against antisemitism.

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## THURSDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2022

### ONLINE

Raya Kalenova addressed the European Economic and the Social Committee (EESC) on behalf of Europe's Jewish communities in a debate on antisemitism held by the EESC Section for employment, social affairs and citizenship in the context of the EESC upcoming opinion on the EU strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life.

She was joined by EESC president Christa Schweng, European Commission coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life Katharina von Schnurbein, Director of A Jewish contribution to an inclusive Europe (CEJI) Robin Sclafani and President of the section for external relations at the EESC Dimitris Dimitriadis. The meeting was chaired by EESC member Laurențiu Plosceanu.

The debate took place in preparation of the EESC opinion on the EU Strategy by rapporteur Ákos Topolánszky.

This was the second time since 2019 that the EESC, a consultative body of the European Union composed of members of employer organisations, trade unions representatives of social, occupational, economic and cultural organisations, devoted a session to the fight against antisemitism.

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## MONDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2022

Maria Bagdasarova took part in the round table of major Jewish organisations hosted by the office of the European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life Katharina von Schnurbein.

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## FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2022

The EJC team met with Karel Fracapane, Programme Specialist, Global Citizenship and Peace Education Section at UNESCO, to discuss cooperation on the issue of combatting conspiracy theories, including co-hosting a joint conference on this topic.

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## THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022

### PARIS

The 36th annual Dinner of the CRIF took place at the Carrousel du Louvre, in the presence of Prime Minister Jean Castex. Moshe Kantor, Raya Kalenova, and Ariella Woitchik attended on behalf of the EJC.

Numerous government ministers, diplomats and politicians, as well as religious representatives, representatives of associations, unions, intellectuals, artists, and businesspeople were in attendance.



**THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022**

**POLAND, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA,  
AUSTRIA**

The image contains two promotional posters. The left poster has a dark blue background and features the text: "EJC AND SACC BY EJC MOBILISE TO HELP REFUGEES DURING UKRAINE CRISIS". Below this, it states: "Over recent days and weeks, we through our crisis management arm, SACC by EJC, and our affiliated Jewish communities have mobilised to assist all refugees fleeing from Ukraine." and "Crisis management teams have been activated in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia." It includes two photos: one of two men in blue jackets and another of a woman at a desk. Logos for EJC, European Jewish Congress, and the Security and Crisis Centre by EJC are at the bottom. The right poster also has a dark blue background and says: "We are providing assistance and support to all refugees in need." It lists four actions with icons: "Set up eight 24/7 hotlines", "Arrange accommodation", "Provide transport to safe locations", and "Offer support for basic necessities". A fifth line states "Community volunteers provide assistance" with a person icon. It features two photos: one of a group of people outdoors and another of a person in an orange vest at a table with supplies.

Since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, the European Jewish Congress, working through its communal crisis management arm, SACC by EJC, and its affiliated Jewish communities, has mobilised to assist refugees fleeing from Ukraine.

Crisis management teams were activated in the Jewish communities of the bordering countries of Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Hungary, and in the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to provide assistance to all refugees and to facilitate their journeys to safe locations.

This included setting up 24/7 hotlines and providing accommodation, transport and basic necessities. These efforts were also being conducted in cooperation with local churches.

"This is an enormous humanitarian challenge for all our communities and exactly the sort of mission for which SACC was set up," said SACC by EJC CEO Ophir Revach.

"It is a source of immense pride to see our communities mobilise in solidarity to protect refugees and offer their homes and assistance in this way. We will continue to assist all those in need to the best of our ability, skill set and resources, in line with our Jewish values," he added.



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## MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2022

### ONLINE

Raya Kalenova took part in the WJC briefing on the Ukraine-Russia conflict where the current situation of the Jewish communities in the two countries was discussed. Raya Kalenova took the floor to present the efforts of EJC and its security arm SACC by EJC in providing help to the refugees fleeing Ukraine.

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## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, 7-9 MARCH 2022

### AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA, HUNGARY

As part of its ongoing efforts to assist refugees fleeing Ukraine, the EJC initiated deliveries of trucks to the Hungarian and Slovak borders with Ukraine.

EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO Raya Kalenova, together with EJC Vice-President Dr Ariel Muzicant and ÚŽŽNO President Richard Duda supervised the first

dispatch of relief trucks leaving Bratislava to the Slovak- and Hungarian-Ukrainian borders. The trucks contained basic necessities including food, medicine, sanitary products and other items to provide immediate aid to refugees.

In Vienna, Raya Kalenova was hosted at the Jewish community of Vienna (IKG Wien) by Dr Ariel Muzicant and President Oskar Deutsch. She met with refugees hosted by the Austrian community.

IKG Wien conducted efforts to provide a dignified welcome to refugees. Shelter and basic necessities were organised in three hotels, as well as access to medical doctors and psychologists. In addition, two Russian-language school classes and a kindergarten have been opened for small children, as well as cultural programmes.



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## **WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2022**

### **ONLINE**

Ariella Woitchik addressed the discussion of the WJC National Communities Director's Forum regarding the Ukraine Crisis - Humanitarian Support & Community Reactions. She detailed on EJC's and SACC's by EJC ongoing efforts to assist refugees fleeing Ukraine.

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## **THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2022**

### **ONLINE**

Ariella Woitchik addressed a round table organised by EQUINET, the European Network of Equality Bodies, on Equality Bodies Combating Antisemitism.

The meeting brought together representatives of Equality Bodies, European Institutions, National Authorities and Jewish organisations to discuss how they can jointly combat and prevent antisemitism.

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## **MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2022**

### **WARSAW**

SACC by EJC and the Jewish Community of Warsaw held a conference entitled 'The Circle of Security for Community Leaders'.

The conference brought together leaders for Poland's Jewish communities to discuss current security challenges, and in particular the work of the crisis management teams of Poland's Jewish communities to assist refugees fleeing Ukraine.

"From the beginning of the crisis in Ukraine, we have been in contact with EJC President Moshe Kantor, who offered us his full support to assist as many people as possible," said the President of the Jewish Community of Warsaw, Lesław Piszewski.

"We are grateful to EJC and SACC by EJC for the outstanding cooperation, which has ensured the provision of medical assistance and accommodation

for refugees, but also facilitated their integration through schooling and by helping them and accompanying them in this extremely difficult stage of their lives,” he added.

Other issues discussed at the conference included current security threats in the Republic of Poland, practical implementation of acquired knowledge in religious facilities, and an introduction to SACC by EJC’s interfaith communal security initiative SASCE, Safer and Stronger Communities for Europe.

Speakers included the President of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities in Poland, Klara Kołodziejska, SACC by EJC CEO Ophir Revach, and Lt. Col. Res. Dr. Tomasz Biątek, CEO of Bezpieczny Projekt.

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## **TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022**

### **ONLINE**

The EJC held an online briefing on the humanitarian action by the European Jewish Congress and its affiliated communities in connection with the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Moshe Kantor delivered introductory remarks, Raya Kalenova provided an update on the humanitarian action lead by the EJC and SACC by EJC, community leaders reported on their efforts and needs.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022**

### **BRUSSELS, EJC OFFICE**



EJC hosted a delegation of young Jewish activists as part of the 2022 EU Activism Seminar organised by the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS).

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## THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022

### BRUSSELS, EJC OFFICE

Ilan Cohn, HIAS Europe Director and Rachel Levitan, HIAS Vice President of International Policy and Relations, had a meeting with Raya Kalenova, Ariella Woitchik and Johanan Seynave to discuss cooperation in support of Ukrainian refugees, including resettlement of the Ukrainian Jewish community.

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## THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022

### BUCHAREST, ROMANIA



SACC by EJC Head of Crisis Management Danny Choueka visited the Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania (FCER) in Bucharest to celebrate Purim with refugees from Ukraine who have been welcomed into the community.

Purim presents and costumes were distributed at the Choral Temple in Bucharest as well as in a hotel where refugees were being hosted, celebrating the deliverance of the Jewish people and aiming to bring happiness and joy through the difficult times.

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## MODAY, 21 MARCH 2022

### WARSAW, POLAND

### POLISH-UKRAINIAN BORDER

At the invitation and initiative of SACC by EJC and the Jewish community of Poland, a delegation of Jewish community leaders from Estonia, Latvia and the Czech Republic came to Warsaw to participate in a two-day training and to contribute to the humanitarian operations at the Polish-Ukrainian border.

Among those present were President of the Jewish Community of Warsaw Leslaw Piszewski, Executive Director of the Jewish community of Estonia Vadym Rivlin, Executive Director of the Federation of Jewish communities



in the Czech Republic Michael Pelisek, Crisis Manager of the Jewish Community of Estonia Yuka Shterenberg and Elena Spungina representing the Council of the Jewish communities of Latvia. They were accompanied by SACC by EJC Head of Crisis Management Elie Kagan.



The delegation visited a refugee camp outside Warsaw, where they met with Ukrainian refugees and brought presents to children. They also visited the CMT and the control room of the Jewish Community in Poland set up by SACC by EJC, from which assistance to refugees in Poland was being coordinated.



The next day, the delegation helped EJC to fill its truck with humanitarian aid and travelled to the Polish-Ukrainian border where those goods were delivered to assist refugees entering Poland.

The delegation also received a briefing from journalist Klara Vlahcevic Lisinski about the current situation inside Ukraine.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022**

### **BRUSSELS, EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

Raya Kalenova participated in a special round table with major Jewish organisations hosted by the office of the European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life dedicated to the war in Ukraine. Raya Kalenova reported on the efforts of EJC and its affiliated Jewish communities in support of Ukrainian refugees and the implications of the war in Ukraine.

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## **THURSDAY, 23 MARCH 2022**

### **ONLINE**

Johanan Seynave took part in a panel discussion hosted by Radio Sefarad entitled “The duty to support one another” on the efforts of the State of Israel and Europe’s Jewish communities during the war in Ukraine.

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## **MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2022**

### **BRUSSELS, EJC OFFICE**

The EJC team met with Nicole Birtsch, incoming Head of Office of Vice-President of the European Parliament Nicola Beer, to discuss the continuous collaboration and future activities of the European Parliament Working Group against Antisemitism (EP-WGAS).



**TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2022**

**PARIS, FRANCE**

The EJC collaborated with ECJC, HIAS, and the Fonds Social Juif Unifié to organise a two-day seminar in Paris on how to welcome refugees into new communities.

At the seminar, Ariella Woitchik gave opening remarks and outlined the coordinated efforts made by the EJC and its affiliated Jewish communities to provide humanitarian aid and shelters for as many Jewish and non-Jewish refugees as possible.

During the seminar, interactive workshops were organised and participants were able to share their experiences and best practices. Representatives from over 18 different countries talked about their successes and challenges in the hosting of Ukrainian refugees and discussed ways to further enhance cooperation.

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## **TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2022**

### **ONLINE**

Xavier Ruiz participated in the online meeting between Meta and major Jewish organisations. This time, the meeting covered the situation in Ukraine as well as Meta's approach to state-controlled media entities.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL 2022**

### **BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**



Raya Kalenova was hosted by the Federation of Hungarian Jewish Communities (MAZSIHISZ) in Budapest.

MAZSIHISZ President András Heisler convened a special Executive meeting of Jewish community leaders from across Hungary to discuss pressing issues, especially continued support for refugees fleeing Ukraine.

Subsequently, Raya Kalenova visited the Budapest Jewish Charitable Hospital, where she met with Director General Dr Assaf Shemesh, and delivered a contribution from the EJC consisting of necessary medical equipment.

Finally, Ms Kalenova met with a group of Ukrainian refugees who were being hosted by the MAZSIHISZ, listened to their concerns and offered practical assistance.

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## **FRIDAY, 8 APRIL 2022**

### **EMBASSY OF ISRAEL, BRUSSELS**

EJC Public Affairs Officer Caroline Totaro took part in a briefing by Haim Regev, Head of Israeli Mission to the EU and NATO, for Brussels-based Jewish organisations.

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**MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2022**

**ONLINE**

An extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee was convened. Executive members acknowledged Moshe Kantor's decision to step back with immediate effect as President of the organization in order to ensure that the EJC continues its important mission without distraction.



The members of the EJC Executive Committee thanked Moshe Kantor for his outstanding work at the head of the EJC over the last 14 years and saluted his strong leadership, commitment, and dedication to Jewish life in Europe.

Dr Ariel Muzicant, who has served as Vice-President of the EJC since 2012, was unanimously appointed Interim President.

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**MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2022**

**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**



Dylan Bokler participated in European Report talk show on the role of European youth in combating antisemitism organized by the European Coalition for Israel (ECI). The other panelists were Bert-Jan Ruissen MEP and ECI Communications Officer Rebeka Goba, the discussion was moderated by journalist Marco Gombacci.



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## **TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2002**

### **PRESS CLUB, BRUSSELS**

Caroline Totaro and Dylan Bokler attended the policy report launch and round table event entitled “Countering Antisemitism in the Visegrád countries” organised by the Tom Lantos Institute of Budapest and the Institute for Public Affairs of Bratislava.

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## **TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2022**

### **UAE EMBASSY, BRUSSELS**

Raya Kalenova attended an Iftar dinner hosted by the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to the Kingdom of Belgium H.E. Amb. Mohamed Al Sahlawi.

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## **TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2022**

### **LISZT INSTITUTE, CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY, BRUSSELS**

Ariella Woitchik attended an event on the occasion of the Memorial Day of the Hungarian Victims of the Holocaust hosted by H.E. Tamás Iván Kovács, Ambassador of Hungary to Belgium and Luxembourg.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022**

### **JERUSALEM, ISRAEL**



EJC President Dr Ariel Muzicant held meetings with Prime Minister of the State of Israel Naftali Bennett, and Diaspora Minister Nachman Shai in Jerusalem. In addition, he had a call with President of the State of Israel Isaac Herzog.

Subsequently, Dr Muzicant met with officials from the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Jewish Agency for Israel, such as Senior Deputy Director General of Public Diplomacy

Noam Katz, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor Amb. Zvi Vapni and Head of the Bureau of World Jewish Affairs and World Religions Shuli Davidovich.

Among topics discussed in the meetings were coordinating efforts between Israel and the diaspora in support of Ukrainian refugees, the security challenges currently faced by Europe's Jewish communities, a continued response to the rising antisemitism around the world and the nuclear threat posed by the Iranian regime.

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### **FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2022**

#### **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**

Maria Bagdasarova and Caroline Totaro met with Oliver Schuster from the cabinet of Vice-President of the European Parliament Othmar Karas to discuss cooperation in the scope of WGAS and in the framework of the European Parliament's dialogue with churches, religious associations or communities, and philosophical and non-confessional organisations (Article 17, Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

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### **WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022**

#### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION, BRUSSELS**

Maria Bagdasarova took part in the round table of major Jewish Organisations hosted by the office of the European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life Katharina von Schnurbein.

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## MONDAY, TUESDAY 9-10 MAY 2022

### PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC



EJC President Dr Ariel Muzicant and Director of European Affairs Ariella Woitchik took part in the Executive Committee Meeting of the World Jewish Congress held in Prague.

Resolutions were adopted on the Launch of the Jewish Youth Assembly, Welcoming EU Strategies against Jew Hatred, Rejection of the Designation of Israel as an Apartheid State, Welcoming the

(OAS) Appointment of Antisemitism Commissioner, Welcoming Recent Bans of Holocaust Denial and Distortion, and Reaffirming Freedom of Religious Practice.

An opening dinner hosted by WJC President Amb. Ronald S. Lauder and Petr Papoušek, President of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic.

The meeting was preceded by a tour of the Terezín Ghetto Museum followed by a Memorial ceremony on the Day of Liberation.

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## SATURDAY, SUNDAY 14-15 MAY 2022

### THESSALONIKI, GREECE

Maria Bagdasarova attended the conference “Times of Crisis, Threats and Uncertainty” organised by SACC by EJC and the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki. The event aimed at bringing together the local authorities and presidents and leaders of the Greek Jewish Communities to discuss security, crisis management and cooperation.



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**WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2022**

**BRUSSELS, EJC OFFICE**

Raya Kalenova and Ariella Woitchik attended the combined online meeting of the Executive Committee and Council of the World Jewish Restitution Organisation (WJRO).

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**MONDAY, 18 MAY 2022**

**VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Ariel Muzicant addressed the high-level meeting on antisemitic hate crime organised by The Austrian-Jewish Heritage Task Force at the Austrian Federal Chancellery and the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

The conference brought together special envoys and coordinators on combating antisemitism across Europe, representatives of Jewish communities, and representatives of the European Commission working group on hate crime facilitated by FRA to discuss practical ways to enhance cooperation in the fight against antisemitism and to encourage reporting of antisemitic incidents.



Dr Muzicant took part in a panel discussion on collecting antisemitic hate crimes and its challenges. He was joined at the meeting by FRA Director Michael O'Flaherty, Petra Bayr, rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and European Commission Coordinator on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life Katharina von Schnurbein, among others.

At the meeting, Dr Muzicant presented the perspective of Europe's Jewish communities with a focus to improving cooperation in the fight against antisemitism. In particular, Dr Muzicant emphasised the importance of building trust with Jewish communities and of working together towards unified methodologies across the EU for collecting data on antisemitic incidents.

The meeting was hosted by Austrian Federal Minister for EU and Constitutional affairs, Karoline Edtstadler. The President of the Jewish Community of Vienna (IKG Wien), Oskar Deutsch delivered opening remarks.

The meeting was a follow-up on the implementation of the 2018 and 2020 European Council declarations on combating antisemitism, as well as on the March 2022 Council Conclusions on combating racism and antisemitism.

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### **MONDAY, 30 MAY 2022**

#### **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**

Ariella Woitchik and Maria Bagdasarova met with cabinets of Vice-President of the European Parliament Nicola Beer, Frédérique Ries MEP and Sergey Lagodinsky MEP to discuss the plan of activities of WGAS for the remainder of 2022.

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### **TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2022**

#### **BRUSSELS**

Raya Kalenova and Ariella Woitchik attended a reception on the occasion of the 74th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel hosted by H.E. Amb. Haim Regev, Head of Israeli Mission to the European Union and NATO.

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### **WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY, 1–2 JUNE 2022**

#### **BRUSSELS**

Raya Kalenova and Ariella Woitchik attended the second meeting of the European Commission working group on the implementation of the EU strategy on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish life.

Among issues discussed at the Working Group was the need to ensure the development of national strategies against antisemitism in order to achieve the full and comprehensive implementation of the EU strategy by all the member states.

Furthermore, the spread of antisemitic narratives and disinformation in the context of the Russian invasion of Ukraine was discussed.

Participants also exchanged views on the security needs of the European Jewish communities and the importance of developing a common methodology to record antisemitic incidents.

Ophir Revach, CEO of the Security and Crisis Center (SACC) by the EJC, was part of the panel discussion on the security needs of Jewish communities across the continent.

The meeting brought together representatives of national Jewish communities, international and civil society organisations, national ministries, members of the European Parliament and high-level officers of the European Institutions.



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## **WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2022**

### **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS**

The European Jewish Congress participated in a briefing of the European Parliament Working Group against Antisemitism (WGAS) and the Inter-Parliamentary Task Force to Combat Online Antisemitism on the topic of online hate speech.

Clara Dutoit-Sommier from YouTube Government Affairs and Public Policy team and Eliyahou Roth, CEO at Online Antisemitism Task Force, discussed the current state of play and efforts by YouTube with regard to the problem of antisemitism in digital spaces.



The meeting was hosted by WGAS Chair Nicola Beer MEP (Renew Europe), Vice-Chairs Frédérique Ries MEP (Renew Europe) and Othmar Karas MEP (EPP), and Board members MEP David Lega (EPP) and Dietmar Köster MEP (S&D).

They were joined remotely by MP Anthony Housefather (Canada), Alex Sobel MP (UK) and Former MK Michal Cotler-Wunsh (Israel). The briefing took place in the scope of the continued cooperation between

WGAS and the Inter-Parliamentary Task Force to Combat Online Antisemitism, a cross-party group of lawmakers from Israel, the US, Canada, Australia, and the UK.

EJC Executive Vice-President and CEO Raya Kalenova, Head of Projects and Diplomatic Affairs Maria Bagdasarova and Public Affairs Officer Caroline Totaro took part in the briefing on behalf of the EJC. They were joined by B'nai B'rith International Director of EU Affairs Alina Bricman.

Frédérique Ries MEP welcomed the briefing that sought to advance the dialogue between policy makers, experts and IT companies and to raise the awareness of all stakeholders of the key areas of concern with regard to antisemitism online in order to step up the ongoing efforts and to contribute to a safer internet experience for all users.

Michal Cotler-Wunsh emphasised the transnational character of online antisemitism and called for the transparency of platforms in policy and its implementation as well as in definitions used.

Nicola Beer MEP called for the widespread use of the IHRA working definition of antisemitism in the training of both human and machine moderators on the platforms, with the definition being a universal resource to identify incidents both online and offline.

David Lega MEP stressed the importance of offering a greater level of granularity in reporting the harmful content to allow differentiation of types of hate speech (racism, antisemitism, hatred against women etc).

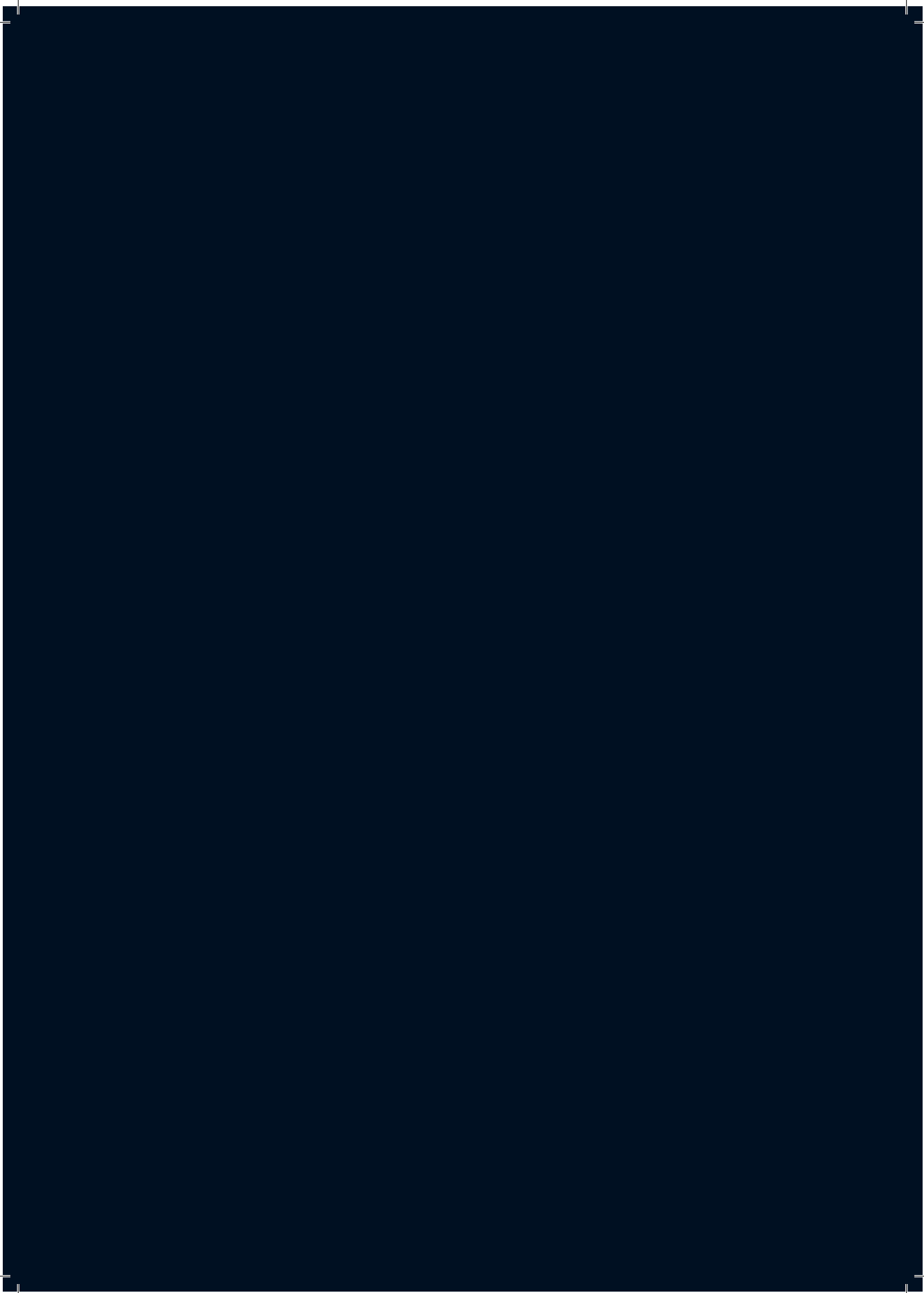
Raya Kalenova welcomed the dialogue between legislators and IT companies and insisted on the importance of addressing the spread of antisemitic conspiracy myths, which even when not necessarily illegal, are always harmful.

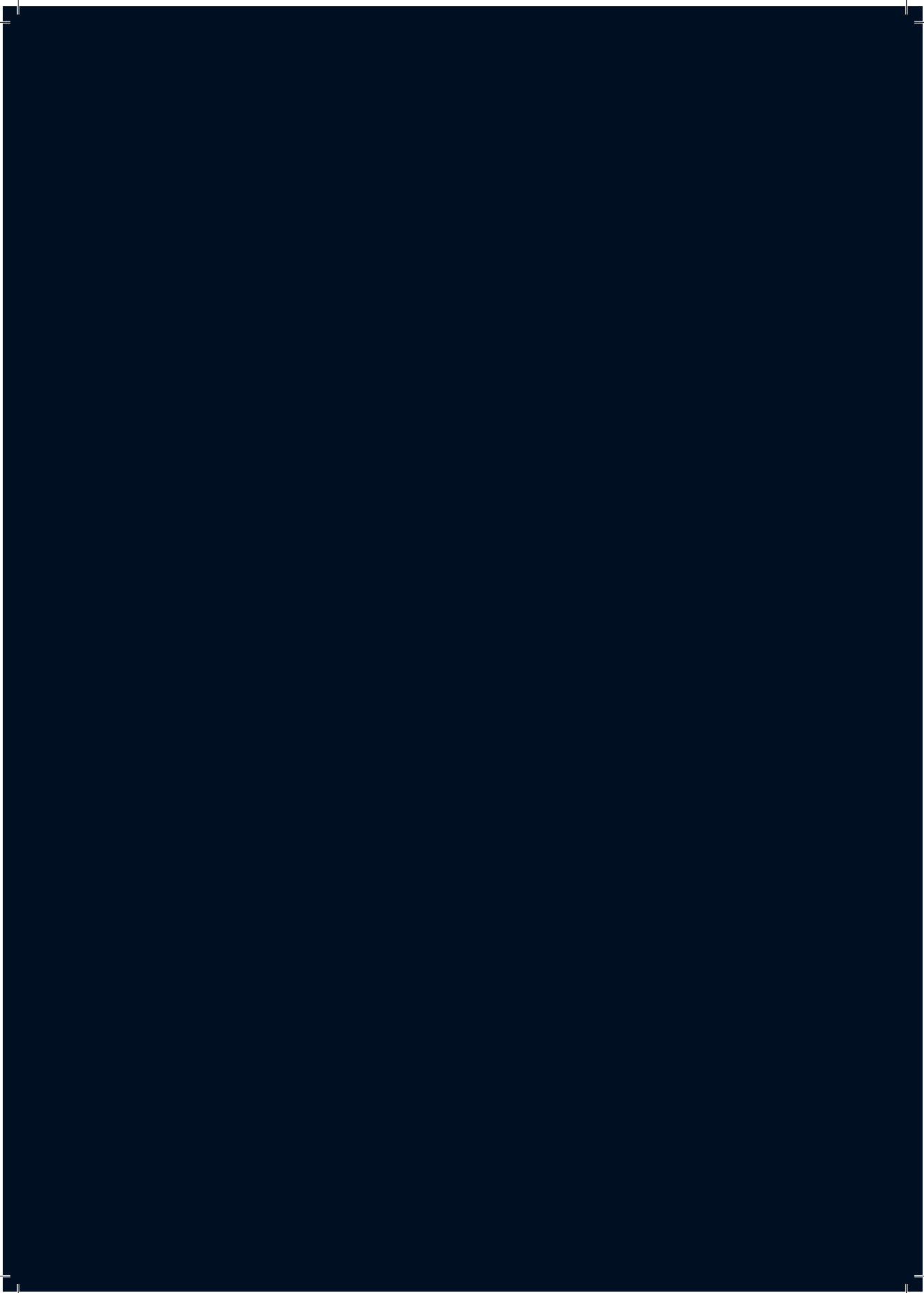
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## **FRIDAY, 17 JUNE 2022**

### **BRUSSELS, EJC OFFICE**

The EJC team met with Mariano Schlimovich, Executive Director at the European Council of Jewish Communities, to discuss the ongoing cooperation and possible future joint programmes.





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