

# PROGRAM COMMEMORATION AND LIBERATION CEREMONIES 2022 „POLITICAL RESISTANCE“



Organized by Mauthausen Committee Austria  
and our local initiatives and associations

**“In memory of the blood shed by all peoples, in memory of the millions of brothers assassinated by Nazi-Fascism, we solemnly swear to never abandon this path. We want to erect the most beautiful monument that one could dedicate to the soldiers who have fallen for the cause of freedom of the international community on a secure basis: A world of free men! “We direct ourselves to the entire world, shouting: help us in this work!”**

(Excerpt from Mauthausen Oath of liberated prisoners on 16 May 1945)

The **International Commemoration and Liberation Ceremony** at the Memorial Mauthausen and at sites of its former satellite camps has been organized and conducted since 1946 by the camp survivors and their associations. As the successor organization of the Austrian Association of Mauthausen Survivors, Mauthausen Committee Austria has taken over this task and will organize these celebrations in 2022 on the occasion of the 77th anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp.

Because over 90 percent of the victims were neither German nor Austrian, to us, the commemoration of the victims of the Mauthausen Concentration Camp and its satellite camps has international significance. The **International Commemoration and Liberation Ceremony is the largest ceremony of its kind worldwide**. In addition to the main ceremony in Mauthausen, each year sees over 110 memorial events at locations of former satellite camps of Mauthausen CC and other sites of Nazi terror **throughout Austria**. Tens of thousands of visitors each year take a powerful stand: „**Never again!**“.

Each year we dedicate the Commemoration and Liberation Ceremonies to a special theme. Relevance to the present is an essential component of each annual theme. This is intended to provide young people in particular with reference to their world of experience today through an examination of the Nazi era and ideology. This year's Commemoration and Liberation Ceremonies are dedicated to **“Political resistance”** (details on the next page).

**The legacy of CC survivors (mkoe.at/aams)** forms the foundation of Mauthausen Committee activities. In addition to commemoration of the victims of Nazi crimes, especially crimes against prisoners held in Mauthausen CC and its satellite camps, other areas of focus are right-wing extremism, knowledge transfer, and decisive anti-fascist and anti-racist work, especially with young people.



# COMMEMORATION AND LIBERATION CEREMONIES 2022 „POLITICAL RESISTANCE“

The Nazis prosecuted all those who did not fit into their racist criteria or who showed resistance to their dictatorship. In the concentration camps of Mauthausen and Gusen as well as in their satellite camps, the category of “political prisoners” included different groups of persons; people who were actively part of the resistance, but also individuals who dared to negatively comment about the NS regime, as well as communists, monarchists, partisans, and people who were abducted and brought into the camps because their actions were considered resistant. They were all marked with the “red triangle”.

“I hadn't expected such a simpleton, such a half-educated screamer - I was honestly willing to admit if it were to impress me, to capture my attention if you will. It was astounding that the opposite - honest contempt - would come so easily to me.”

- **Constanze Hallgarten about Hitler**<sup>1</sup>

During National Socialism, acting out of moral courage if that crossed the very narrow lines of the systems, was often considered political resistance. This could be anything from passive rejection to non-conformist behaviour in everyday life, to active resistance to the regime, aid for prosecuted persons, sabotage, and finally armed struggle. All these acts of resistance were either conducted autonomously or were organised. People who were considered active opponents by the regime had to expect the worst; they had to face arrest, torture, and execution. Especially in the ghettos of Poland and the Soviet Union, there was also a political resistance amongst those who were prosecuted by the NS regime for racist reasons.

“When I became part of the underground, I knew it was a matter of life or death.”

- **Eva Lukash**<sup>2</sup>

Sociologically, political resistance cannot be clearly defined. Among those who were deported into the Mauthausen concentration camp system as “political prisoners”, there were members of all walks of life and of all political directions; communists, social democrats, and unionists outnumbered most of the others, but there were also conservative resistance fighters, especially officers, civil servants, and members of the clergy. In many places in Nazi-reigned Europe, women played an essential role in the resistance and were active in various different ways. The environment for their resistance was especially harsh due to the role that women were assigned during the Nazi era.

“In 1944, we protested because we wanted better pay, more food.

It was a political protest. Everyone protested.”

- **Vittoria Gargantini**<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Constanze Hallgarten was involved in peace work during the Nazi regime.

<sup>2</sup> Eva Lukash is part of a Jewish family from Prague and was arrested at the age of 15 for participating in the communist resistance.

<sup>3</sup> Vittoria Gargantini was arrested for participation in a national strike on 2 April 1944 and deported to Mauthausen concentration camp on 9 April 1944; shortly after, she was transferred to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Ravensbrück, and Wittenberg.

## „POLITICAL RESISTANCE“

Most acts of resistance, be those courageous independent actions against the authorities and officials, or the deliberate inhibition of production in factories, the dissemination of leaflets, or the daubing of oppositional slogans on the walls of building, were only known to a small circle of people under the NS regime. The regime tried its hardest to suppress news of these actions in order to consciously make people feel that resistance was neither possible nor even supported by a considerable part of the population. Most people didn't find out until after the collapse of the regime that there had been numerous different forms of resistance. Even then, the public recognition of this moral courage, if at all, did not occur until many years or even decades later. This resistance against the Nazi terror stands for our common humanity, for empathy, bravery, and moral courage - values that survived even in these grim and inhumane conditions.

**“One must go and do something in order to be free of blame. For that, one must have a tough mind and a soft heart. We all carry our standards within ourselves, but we do not apply them enough.”**  
**- Sophie Scholl <sup>4</sup>**

For years now, we have seen a rise in the number of right-wing extremist incidents and crimes. Human beings are being discriminated against, even attacked, in public spaces because of their origin, the colour of their skin, their religion, or their sexual orientation. The hate propaganda rising on the internet is especially worrisome. This makes it all the more essential that we take a public stand against such developments. History has taught us that standing up for ideals like shared humanity, democracy, and human rights with moral courage is only promising and fruitful as long as those who represent and spread racist and xenophobic ideas are in the minority. One of the most renowned sayings on moral courage gets to the heart of the issue:

**“The more citizens with civil courage a country has, the fewer heroes it will once need.”**  
**- Franka Magnani <sup>5</sup>**

<sup>4</sup> Sophie Scholl was a member of the resistance group “White Rose”, which was mainly based on Christian and humanist values. Her group created leaflets that pointed out the crimes of the NS regime and called for resistance.

<sup>5</sup> Italian Journalist (1925-1996)



# International Commemoration and Liberation Ceremony

**SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2022**

**MAUTHAUSEN**

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Chapel in the Memorial  
Upper Austria

**9:45 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Ecumenical service**

with Bishop Dr. Manfred SCHEUER, Bishop Mag. Michael CHALUPKA  
and a clergyman of the Orthodox Church.

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International Liberation  
Ceremony  
Upper Austria

**11:00 AM**

**International Liberation Ceremony 2022 "Political Resistance"**

On the occasion of the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, the International Liberation Ceremony will once again take place in the form of **a commemorative procession** without limitation of people at Mauthausen Concentration Camp Memorial - dedicated to the thematic focus „Political Resistance“. The reference to the present time is also an essential focus of this year's event.

More information on [www.mkoe.at](http://www.mkoe.at).

The celebration will be subject to the current COVID-19 restrictions.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## WEDNESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2022

### ASCHACH A.D. DONAU

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War memorial opposite  
Kurzwernhartplatz 7  
Upper Austria

**6:30 PM**

#### **Commemoration of the Victims of National Socialism**

Invitation to a vigil on the occasion of the international Holocaust Memorial Day. Welcome: Dietmar GROISS - mayor of the town of Aschach by the Danube; Speeches: Robert EITER - MKÖ board member and spokesperson of the Upper Austrian Network against Racism and Right-Wing Extremism; Maria HASIBEDER - president of the Katholische Aktion OÖ; Anne-Sophie BAUER - Member of the State Parliament for the Green Party; Closing remarks: Thomas ANTLINGER - Member of the State Parliament and District Councillor for the Social Democratic Party in Grieskirchen/Eferding; Music: Pichler Truhlar Music.

## THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY 2022

### VILLACH

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Hans-Gasser Platz 3  
Carinthia

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

#### **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** - „Together against antisemitism“

On the occasion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27, the liberation day of the concentration camp Auschwitz by the Red Army, a vigil for the victims of National Socialism is invited. The many millions of people murdered by the terror regime will be remembered together. Address: Univ. Prof. (i.R.) Dr. Werner WINTERSTEINER, Organizers: Association „Remember-Villach“, Villach Greens, Welcome Neighbor, Erinnern.at.

It is requested that the currently valid COVID-19 security measures be observed.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## DONNERSTAG, 27. JANUAR 2022

### VIENNA

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Heldenplatz, virtual  
Vienna

**6:00 PM**

**Never forget: No trivialisation of the Holocaust -  
Commemoration on the Occasion of the International Holocaust  
Memorial Day**

at Heldenplatz and video projections at numerous locations in Vienna. The trivialisation of the Shoa, the terrible crimes of National Socialism, through false comparisons must not be accepted in silence. Due to the Corona pandemic, the trivialisation of the crimes of the National Socialists has become widespread.

Due to the current pandemic situation, this year's event will again be mainly online. On January 27, 2022, there will be a very small event at Heldenplatz, which will be streamed on Facebook and thus can be followed. The recorded interviews will be projected at different locations in Vienna on the evening of January 27. In the video projections, contemporary witnesses and their grandchildren will speak at prominent locations in Vienna about what happened historically and currently in different contexts and what they would like to pass on to all of us.

More information on [www.jetztzeichensetzen.at](http://www.jetztzeichensetzen.at).

## WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2022

### GALLNEUKIRCHEN

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Memorial for Peace  
Anton-Riepl-Straße  
Upper Austria

**7:00 PM**

**Commemoration at the Memorial for Peace**

Remembrance of the victims of the manhunt in February 1945.

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## WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2022

### GALLNEUKIRCHEN

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Memorial Stone Hauptstraße 7 Upper Austria	<b>7:30 PM</b> <b>Commemoration at the Memorial Stone</b> Remembrance of the victims of NS euthanasia 1940-1944.
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### MAUTHAUSEN

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Donausaal Mauthausen Upper Austria	<b>8:00 PM</b> <b>3 PFIFFE - An evening of literature and music, about moral courage, and resistance.</b> Cultural Event and Commemoration in Memory of the Mühlviertel Manhunt. Reading by actor Gregor SEBERG, music by singer and musician Sigrid HORN.
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## SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2022

### GRAZ-LIEBENAU

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Memorial plaque Maria-Cäsar-Park Murradweg Styria	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Commemoration at the memorial plaque Maria-Cesär-Park</b> to the Nazi victims of the death march of Hungarian Jews, the murdered in the Liebenau camp and those nameless dead who are still buried at Grünanger. The women in the camp who had to undergo forced abortions and cruel experimental medical operations at the Graz Women's Clinic will be remembered. Speakers: Elke KAHR - Mayor of the City of Graz, Werner ANZENBERGER - Regional Representative Mauthausen Komitee-Süd, Bund Sozialistischer Freiheitskämpfer, Councillor Tristan AMMERER - Grazer Grüne, Rainer POSSERT - Obmann Gedenkinitiativen Graz-Liebenau.
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# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022

### WELS

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Political Ash  
Wednesday,  
Bildungshaus Schloss  
Puchberg  
Puchberg 1  
Upper Austria

**8:00 PM**

**12<sup>th</sup> Political Ash Wednesday** at Bildungshaus Schloss Puchberg  
Guest speaker: Journalist and writer Dr. Robert MISIK. In conversation with the former chairman of the Wels Initiative against Fascism Robert EITER about current issues such as dealing with conspiracy theories, right-wing populism, the state of democracy and much more. Afterwards, as always, there will be an opportunity for audience discussion.

Free admission, Donations are encouraged.

## SATURDAY, 19 MARCH 2022

### RECHNITZ

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Municipal office  
Rechnitz  
Hauptplatz 10  
Burgenland

**6:30 PM**

**Lecture - „The Search for the Victims of the Kreuzstadl Massacre of March 1945“**

On behalf of the the Federal Office for the Protection of Monuments, Mag. Nikolaus FRANZ and his team have conducted extensive research on the Kreuzstadl massacre. Their research started in 2013 and six search excavations have been carried out since. In this lecture he will report on geographical, geological, historical and current problems in the search for the graves. In cooperation with the municipality of Rechnitz.

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## THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2022

### OBERWART

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City Hall Oberwart  
Hauptplatz 9  
Burgenland

**5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

#### **Conference “(Not) A Success Story - Decades of searching for a Grave”**

In March 1945, up to 200 Hungarian Jewish forced laborers were murdered near the Kreuzstadl in Rechnitz. The RE.F.U.G.I.U.S. association, founded 30 years ago, commemorates the victims with annual memorial ceremonies at the Kreuzstadl.

The primary goal of the association is to find the place where the dead were buried and to give the dead a dignified burial place. With former Federal President Dr. Heinz FISCHER, video contributions of a descendant of victims of the Kreuzstadl massacre DR. Gábor VADÁSZ, Community Rabbi of the Jewish Community Vienna and Provincial Rabbi for Burgenland Schlomo HOFMEISTER Msc, Dr.in Zuzanna DZIUBAN (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Cultural Studies and History of Theater, ERC Project Globalised Memorial Museums), Chairman of the Association RE.F.U.G.I.U.S Paul GULDA. Walter REISS will moderate the evening.

## SUNDAY, 27 MARCH 2022

### RECHNITZ

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Kreuzstadl Rechnitz  
Burgenland

**2:00 PM**

#### **Commemoration of all the Victims of the Construction of the South-East Wall**

With Paul GULDA (RE.F.U.G.I.U.S), Dr. Gerhard BAUMGARTNER (scientific director of the Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance), Shmuel BARZILAI (head cantor of the Jewish Community Vienna), Fr. Mag.<sup>a</sup> Raphael LEITNER and Pastor Mag. Carsten MARX (representatives of the Christian churches), KR MMag.<sup>a</sup> Elie ROSEN (Jewish Community Graz) and representatives of the Jewish Community Zalaegerszeg.

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## SATURDAY, 2 APRIL 2022

### PEGGAU

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Evangelical Peace Church St. Margarethenstraße 4 Styria	<b>2:00 PM</b> <b>Memorial path</b> in memory of the march of the prisoners from the work sites to the former camp site.
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CC-Memorial Peggau Styria	<b>3:00 PM</b> <b>Ecumenical commemoration at the site of the former subcamp Peggau</b>
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## MONDAY, 4 APRIL 2022

### WIENER NEUSTADT

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Memorial near the Serb Hall, Werftgasse 1 Lower Austria	<b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Commemoration at the memorial near the Serb Hall in Wiener Neustadt</b> Commemoration with laying of a wreath.
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## FRIDAY, 15 APRIL 2022

### HINTERBRÜHL

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Memorial Johannesstraße 16-32 Lower Austria	<b>2:30 PM</b> <b>Commemoration with Stations of the Cross devotion</b>
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## WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2022

### ENNSDORF

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Wayside shrine corner Bäckerstr./ Westbahnstr. Lower Austria	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Commemoration of the Victims of the Death Marches in Ennsdorf and Enns</b> Commemoration at the wayside shrine, followed by a memorial march along the route of the death marches towards Enns. More information on <a href="http://www.mkenns.at">www.mkenns.at</a> .
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**WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2022**

ENNS

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Staircase leading up to  
Basilica St. Laurenz  
Upper Austria

**7:00 PM**

**Commemoration in Enns at the Staircase leading up to  
Basilica St. Laurenz**

More information on [www.mkenns.at](http://www.mkenns.at).

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Parish hall Lorch  
Upper Austria

**7:30 PM**

**Evening event - „Musical Violence in the Nazi Concentration Camps  
- Cultivated Barbarism“**

Paul SCHUBERTH (accordion) and Elisa LAPAN (saxophone) talk about music in the concentration camps, playing selected pieces. This aspect of Nazi history has so far barely been researched. Many know the song „Die Moorsoldaten“, but other aspects remained widely unknown. In the hands of the SS crews, music became an instrument of torture, whether in the form of forcing people to sing, blasting the camp grounds with nationalist songs, or providing musical accompaniment to executions. The lecture also deals with the role of music in the extermination of prisoners and as a propaganda tool in the camp. The question is also raised whether the memory of music in the concentration camps is not sometimes used to trivialize the crimes. In view of the „musical sadism“ in the camps, many common notions of art and culture may be called into question.

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## THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2022

### WELS

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Memorial for the  
Victims of the Death  
Marches, Wels  
Cemetery  
Upper Austria

**6:30 PM**

#### **Commemoration at the Memorial for the Victims of the Death Marches**

In spring 1945 the Nazis forced more than 15,000 people, most of them Hungarian Jews, on so-called death marches from the overcrowded Mauthausen concentration camp to Gunskirchen satellite camp. More than 6,000 men, women, and children died on the three-day walk via St. Florian, Weisskirchen, and Wels to Gunskirchen. At Gunskirchen camp, 200-300 people starved every day, or they died from dysentery or a typhus epidemic. Even after the liberation of the camp by the US army on May 4, 1945, many of the victims were too weak to be saved. 1,030 of these victims were buried on Wels Cemetery, where a memorial stone was erected upon initiative of the Wels Antifa Organisation in 2001. It has since become a place of annual rallies for democracy and human rights. Speaker: Dr. Maria Katharina MOSER - director of the Diakonie Austria; board member of Wels Initiative against Fascism.

## SATURDAY, 23 APRIL 2022

### FÜRSTENFELD

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City park Fürstenfeld  
(Memorial for the  
Victims of the Death  
Marches in April 1945)  
Styria

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

#### **Vigil organised by K.Ö.St.V. Riegersburg Fürstenfeld (MKV)**

against Neo-National Socialism, violence, and extremism, with a particular focus on „Political Resistance“. Memorial speech: Gerald L. GUSCHLBAUER, Music: Moritz WEIß & Friends.

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## WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022

### ANSFELDEN

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Kremsbrücke,  
Gh. Stockinger  
Upper Austria

**6:00 PM**

**Commemoration of the Victims of the Death Marches for Jews from Mauthausen/Gusen to Gunskirchen in April 1945**

Commemoration 2022 „Political Resistance“ - Organiser: Platform „Wider das Vergessen“, Mauthausen Committee Ansfelden-Traun, Meeting point „mensch & arbeit“ Nettingsdorf, ÖGB (Austrian Trade Union Federation) Linz-Land, Ansfelden.

## THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2022

### LENZING

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Memorial Stone in  
Pettighofen  
Agerstraße  
Upper Austria

**6:00 PM**

**Wreath Ceremony**

at the memorial stone in Pettighofen.

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Cultural Centre Lenzing  
Johann-Böhm-Straße 1  
Upper Austria

**7:15 PM**

**Reading and Ceremony for the Le-Caer Award**

Reading with Peter POHN and ceremony for the Le-Caer award presented by Ina REGEN.

### ST. AEGYD/NEUWALDE

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Kulturstadl St. Aegyð,  
Marktplatz  
Lower Austria

**6:30 PM**

**Commemoration on the Site of the former St. Aegyð am Neuwalde Satellite Camp**

The event will be organised around the theme of „Political Resistance“ by students of St. Aegyð Secondary School, in cooperation with GISTA.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2022

### CITY OF SALZBURG

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Memorial for Roma  
and Sinti  
Ignaz Rieder Kai 21  
Salzburg

**11:00 AM**

#### **Commemoration at the memorial for Roma and Sinti**

Organiser: Cultural association of Austrian Roma and Sinti and Peace office Salzburg.

## SUNDAY, 1 MAY 2022

### GLEISDORF

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Service-Center  
Gleisdorf  
Rauthausgasse 3  
Styria

**1:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

#### **Contemporary history bike tour - "Forced labor in agriculture as part of maintaining the Nazi regime"**

Expert accompaniment with Engelbert KREMSHOFER.

## TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2022

### GLEISDORF

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Municipal library  
Weizer Straße 3  
Styria

**7:30 PM**

#### **Continuities of Anti-Semitism**

Lecture and discussion with speaker Mag.<sup>a</sup> Ruth Kathrin LAUPPERT-SCHOLZ, MA - Granatapfel Kulturvermittlung.

## THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2022

### GLEISDORF

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Memorial,  
Rathausplatz  
Styria

**10:30 AM**

#### **Peace needs remembrance - Celebration of the Day of Remembrance against Violence and Racism**

Greetings with Mayor and Member of the National Council Christoph STARK. Commemorative speech with Mag.<sup>a</sup> Eva HALLAMA from the University of Vienna and the Institut für Zeitgeschichte. Wolfgang SEEREITER will be the moderator. Participants are students of the BG/BRG Gleisdorf and the music school Gleisdorf provides musical contributions.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2022

### ST. VALENTIN

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Herzograd

Anna-Strasser-Platz

Lower Austria

**5:00 PM**

#### **Commemoration focusing on „Political Resistance“**

on the occasion of the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the prisoners of the former satellite camp St. Valentin. Former Federal President Dr. Heinz FISCHER, Hon.-Prof. Doz. Mag. Dr. Brigitte BAILER-GALANDA and Kaplan Franz SIEDER will speak on the topic of „Political Resistance“. Contributions by the Technical School for Economic and Social Professions and the „Freiheit“ Singing Association round off the festivities.

## SATURDAY, 7 MAY 2022

### GRAZ

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Freedom Square

Styria

**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

#### **Commemorative and festive event on May 5 - „Peace needs remembrance. Moving days in May“**

with greetings from Mayor Elke KAHR and Landesrat Mag. Christopher DREXLER. The event will be moderated by Pia HIERZEGGER and the main speaker will be Univ. Prof. Dr. Helmut KONRAD. Participating artists: Simonida and Sandra SELIMOVIC, Radka DENEMARKOVA, Prescious NEBEDUM and Paul GULDA.

## SUNDAY, 8 MAY 2022

### GALLNEUKIRCHEN

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Memorial

Anton-Riepl-Straße

Upper Austria

**6:30 PM**

#### **Commemoration at the Memorial for Peace**

Speaker: Günter KAINDLSTORFER. In case of bad weather, the event will take place under the canopy of Fleischmanufaktur Riepl in Anton-Riepl-Straße.



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**SUNDAY, 8 MAY 2022**

VIENNA

Heldenplatz,  
virtual  
Vienna

**7:30 PM**

## **Festival of Joy**

In memoriam of the victims and with joy about the liberation from the Nazis' rule of terror, the MKÖ is organising the Festival of Joy 2022 for the tenth time. In 2022, "**Political Resistance**" will be the theme of the Festival of Joy. **This focus will also be reflected in our musical program.** A speech by contemporary witness **Erika FREEMAN**, as well as by the **Federal President Alexander VAN DER BELLEN** will be the highlight of this year's event. The festival of joy is opened by the chairman of MKÖ **Willi MERNYI**. Preliminary to May 8, various educational activities referring to the day of liberation and the history of the Viennese Heldenplatz will be offered, especially for young audiences. During the past nine years in the course of the Festival of Joy, more than 128.000 visitors and online participants from all over the world have taken a strong stand for establishing a dignified commemoration on May 8 as the day of liberation.

More information on [www.festderfreude.at](http://www.festderfreude.at).

**MONDAY, 9 MAY 2022**

VÖCKLABRUCK

Vöcklabruck  
Upper Austria

**10:00 AM**

## **Commemoration Celebration**

in cooperation with the Federal Secondary School of Vöcklabruck.

**WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2022**

VILLACH

Memorial of Names,  
Widmannngasse 35  
Carinthia

**6:00 PM**

## **Annual Commemoration Ceremony in Villach at the „Memorial of Names“**

Speaker: Dr. Michael KOSCHAT, Reading: Yulia IZMAYLOVA and Felix STRASSER.

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## WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2022

### LINZ

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Chapel of the

PH Diözese Linz,

Salesianumweg 5

Upper Austria

**7:00 PM**

**Commemoration „Wi(e)der-Sprechen“ - Geh!Denk!Feier!**

by students of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at the Adalbert-Stifter-Praxismittelschule in  
memoriam of the former Linz II Concentration Camp.

## THURSDAY, 12 MAY 2022

### ZIPF

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Memorial in Zipf next

to the Church

Langwies 48

Upper Austria

**6:00 PM - 6:45 PM**

**Commemoration and Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the  
Memorial next to the Church**

organised by Mittelschule (Secondary school) Neukirchen.

Parish Zipf

Langwies 48

Upper Austria

**7:30 PM**

**Reading**

with Ludwig LAHER from his book „Schauplatzwunden“.

### EBENSEE

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Cinema Ebensee

Schulgasse

Upper Austria

**8:00 PM**

**Film presentation „Tunnels into the Dachstein limestone“**

followed by a panel discussion with Vit BARTA, Florian FREUND, Karin  
MOSER and Günder KAINDLSTORFER. Directed by Andreas Kurz.

## FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2022

### SPITAL AM PYHRN

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Church Sankt

Leonhard, Eggerweg 3

Upper Austria

**5:00 PM**

**Commemoration of the Victims of National Socialism**

**at the „Fremdvölkisches Kinderheim“ (Foreign Race Children's Home)**

Memorial speech: Fritz DITTLBACHER.

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## FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2022

### EBENSEE

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CC-Memorial Ebensee                    **6:00 PM**  
Alte Traunstraße                    **Commemorative event at the site of the former Ebensee**  
Upper Austria                        **subcamp**  
„Stations of Remembrance - Löwengang“.

## SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2022

### GUNSKIRCHEN

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Memorial                                **10:00 AM**  
Bundestraße 1                        **„Walk of Solidarity“**  
Upper Austria

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CC-Cemetery                            **10:30 AM**  
Upper Austria                        **Liberation Ceremony at the Site of the former Gunskirchen**  
**Satellite Camp**

### EBENSEE

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Ebensee Memorial                    **10:30 AM**  
Upper Austria                        **Liberation Ceremony at the Site of the former Ebensee**  
**Satellite Camp**  
Speeches: Vit BARTA from Prague, son of the former camp writer  
Drahomir BARTA.

### LANGENSTEIN/GUSEN

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Forecourt of the                        **5:00 PM**  
Memorial Gusen                        **Liberation Ceremony at the Site of the former Gusen Satellite**  
Georgerstraße 6                        **Camp**  
Upper Austria                        Theme: „Resistance to the NS regime“. Austrian and international  
members of the resistance who were murdered in Gusen will be  
introduced. Commemorative speeches: Jacek TARASIEWICZ and  
Daniel SIMON.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## SATURDAY, 14 MAY 2022

### GREIFENBURG

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Commemoration of  
the Victims of National  
Socialism  
Carinthia

**5:00 PM**

**Commemoration at the Memorial for the Victims of National  
Socialism**

Commemoration of those persecuted in the Oberes Drautal. Organiser:  
Verein aegide.

## SUNDAY, 15 MAY 2022

### MAUTHAUSEN

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Mauthausen  
Monument for Roma  
and Sinti  
Upper Austria

**9:00 AM**

**Commemoration at the Memorial for Roma and Sinti during  
the International Liberation Ceremony**

Organiser: Cultural Association of Austrian Roma.

Wailing Wall  
Memorial plaque for  
the 42  
Upper Austria

**9:15 AM**

**Memorial rally**

for the 42 resistance fighters murdered on April 28, 1945. Organizer:  
KZ-Verband/VdA Upper Austria.

### RIED IN DER RIEDMARK

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Memorial stone Ried in  
der Riedmark  
Upper Austria

**3:30 PM**

**Commemoration ceremony at the memorial stone Ried in der  
Riedmark**

with Member of the National Council Sabine SCHATZ and Mayor  
Christian TAUSCHEK. Memorial speech: Konstanze BREITEBNER.  
Musical accompaniment: „Hausgemacht“.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

**MONDAY, 16 MAY 2022**

## AMSTETTEN

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Wayside shrine,  
Eisenreichdornach  
(access  
Schabfeldstraße)  
Lower Austria

**10:00 AM**

**Laying of a wreath in memory of the former Amstetten subcamp**

and as a memorial service for civilian victims of the bombing raids in 1944/45. Address: Mayor Christian HABERHAUER, greetings: Founding member of the MKÖ and former member of the provincial parliament Helmut EDELMAYR.

## MELK

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CC-Memorial Melk,  
Schießstattweg 2  
Lower Austria

**10:30 AM**

**Commemoration Ceremony at the Melk Concentration Camp Memorial**

Youths of the region will make contribution on the topic of „Political Resistance“.

## ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM

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Company Stiwa  
Attnang-Puchheim  
Salzburger Str. 52  
Upper Austria

**1:30 PM**

**Exhibition Opening „Let me be Myself - the Story of Anne Frank's Life“**

Speaker: Cornelius OBONYA.

## STEYR

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CC-Memorial  
Haagerstraße  
Upper Austria

**5:30 PM**

**Liberation ceremony at the concentration camp memorial**

**Steyr** on the subject of „Political Resistance Welcome: Mag. Karl RAMSMAIER - Mauthausen Komitee Steyr; Words of greeting: Mayor of the city of Steyr Ing. Markus VOGL; Commemorative speech: Cornelius OBONYA - Actor. Words of remembrance: Daniel SIMON - Amical de Mauthausen; Music: Marktmusikkapelle Garsten conducted by Hannes MASTNAK. Followed by the laying of a wreath and a minute's silence at the concentration camp memorial. In case of bad weather the event will take place in the fire station Münchenholz, Prinzstraße 1a, Steyr.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2022

### ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM

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Memorial near the Train Station Attnang- Puchheim Upper Austria	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Wreath Ceremony</b> at the memorial near the train station.
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Company Stiwa Attnang-Puchheim Salzburger Str. 52 Upper Austria	<b>6:45 PM</b> <b>Commemoration Ceremony</b> Ceremonial Oration: Federal President Dr. Alexander VAN DER BELLEN.
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## SATURDAY, 21 MAY 2022

### NEUMARKT

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Lind Castle/ das ANDERE heimatmuseum Styria	<b>8:00 PM</b> <b>Reading - Julia BISCHOF: „Forced Labour in the District of Murau“</b> In her dissertation, historian Julia Bischof takes a systematic look at the situation of forced labourers in Northern Styria for the first time. Since there were approximately fifty Russian and French forced labourers at Schloss Lind besides the approximately 20 prisoners of the concentration camp, it seemed important to put this fact into a larger context that includes all of Styria, and to raise awareness about this part of contemporary history that has not yet been presented to a larger audience. Music: Klaus PAIER & Asja VALCIC.
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## SUNDAY, 29 MAY 2022

### STRASSHOF

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Memorial Helmahofstraße Lower Austria	<b>Time will be announced</b> <b>Commemorative Act</b> More information to follow.
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# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## MAY 2022

### BRAUNAU AM INN

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Memorial Stone  
Against War & Fascism  
Salzburger Vorstadt 15  
Upper Austria

**Time will be announced**  
**Commemoration at the Monument Stone against War & Fascism**

### WIENER NEUDORF

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CC-Memorian  
Lower Austria

**Time will be announced**  
**Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Guntramsdorf/Wr. Neudorf Concentration Camp**

## THURSDAY, 9 JUNE 2022

### BACHMANNING

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in front of the  
Municipal Office  
Bachmanning  
Dorfplatz 5  
Upper Austria

**6:00 PM**  
**Commemoration ceremony for the local victims of National Socialism in Bachmanning**  
Guest of honor: Dr.<sup>in</sup> Susanne SCHOLL.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## SATURDAY, 11 JUNE 2022

### LOIBLPASS-NORD

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Tunnel Portal Loibl  
North, former  
Forecourt of the  
Customs office  
Carinthia

**9:00 AM**

#### **Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Loibl-North Satellite Camp**

The commemoration ceremony follows the tradition of trying to anchor this long “forgotten” satellite camp in Carinthia’s and Austria’s cultural memory. Organising the ceremony, the Mauthausen Committee Carinthia/Koroška feels a moral duty towards the victims of the Loiblpass concentration camps, to tell the story of their suffering and dying, but also to preserve their story of courageous resistance and survival with honour. Memorial speech: historian, political scientist, social and cultural anthropologist Mag. Dr. Peter Pirker. Voice of the contemporary witnesses: Nužej Tolmaier, born in 1942 in the Frauenaurach camp as a child of a Carinthian-Slovenian family. Voice of the youth: students of the CHS Centrum Humanberuflicher Schulen Villach. The event will take place, as usual, with musical accompaniment.

### SLOWENIEN

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Loibl South Memorial  
Slovenia

**11:00 AM**

#### **Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Loibl-South Satellite Camp**

## SATURDAY, 25 JUNE 2022

### BRETSTEIN

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Memorial former  
Bretsteingraben  
satellite camp  
Styria

**11:00 AM**

#### **Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Bretstein satellite camp**



# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## JUNE 2022

### WIEN-FLORIDSDORF

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District Museum  
Prager Str. 33  
Vienna

**Time will be announced**  
**Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former**  
**Floridsdorf Satellite Camp**

## SATURDAY, 2 JULY 2022

### GOLDEGG

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Parish Goldegg  
Hofmark 100  
Salzburg

**2:00 PM**  
**Commemoration**  
in memory of the victims of the Gestapo raid on July 2, 1944 in Goldegg. Premiere of a Cantata written by Paul GULDA at Goldegg church, followed by a commemoration ceremony at the memorial stone.

## WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY 2022

### PRÄBICHL

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Skiarena  
Styria

**10:00 AM**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Life March**  
Meeting point: 09:45, life march via the alpine houses to the memorial.

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Monument  
Styria

**11:00 AM**  
**Commemoration in memory of the 250 deaths of Hungarian Jews in 1945**  
The memorial service is part of the march of life. Pupils present a small musical performance as an accompaniment to the commemoration ceremony. Speakers: Mayor Thomas RAUNINGER, as representative of the ARGE Mag. Christian EHETREIBER, as representative of the schools Andrea WOLTRAM and as overall coordinator Gerhard NIEDERHOFER.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

### ST. PANTALEON

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Memorial Weyer Camp  
Moosachstraße  
Upper Austria

**6:00 PM**

**Commemoration Ceremony for the Victims of the St.  
Pantaleon-Weyer Camp**

Afterwards, the screening of the new television film about the Sinti and Roma in Austria, which will be broadcast in August 2022, will take place in the Municipal Office of St. Pantaleon in the presence of director Dieter REIFARTH.

## SEPTEMBER 2022

### GUNTRAMSDORF

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CC-Memorial  
Lower Austria

**Time will be announced**

**Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former  
Guntramsdorf/Wr. Neudorf Satellite Camp**

## SATURDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2022

### ALKOVEN

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Place of Learning  
and Commemoration  
Hartheim castle  
Schloßstr. 1  
Upper Austria

**11:00 AM**

**Commemoration Ceremony for the Victims of Nazi Euthanasia at  
Hartheim Castle**

## FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2022

### TERNBERG

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Parish barracks  
Spielfeldstraße 1  
Upper Austria

**6:30 PM**

**Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Ternberg  
Satellite Camp**

in memory of the victims of National Socialism. Memorial speech:  
Doris BURES - National Council President, Organiser: Catholic Youth  
Ennstal region, Co-Organisers: Parish, Community, Musical Society, and  
Red Cross Ternberg.

# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2022

### GOLDEGG

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Memorial Stone in Goldegg Salzburg	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>Silent Mourning</b> at the memorial stone in Goldegg.
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## TUESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2022

### HINTERBRÜHL

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Memorial Johannesstr.16-32 Lower Austria	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Commemoration Ceremony on All Saints Day</b>
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## WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022

### PICHL BEI WELS

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Parish church Pfarrplatz 1 Upper Austria	<b>7:00 PM</b> <b>All Souls Day Requiem</b>
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Cemetery Upper Austria	<b>8:00 PM</b> <b>Commemoration at the Cemetery</b> for the victims of the „Fremdvölkisches Kinderheim“ (Foreign Race Children’s Home) at Etzelsdorf Castle.
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## NOVEMBER 2022

### LACKENBACH

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Memorial for Roma and Sinti Burgenland	<b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Commemoration</b> at the memorial for Roma and Sinti. Organiser: Burgenland Provincial Government and Cultural Association of the Austrian Roma.
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# Program Memorial and Liberation Ceremonies

## SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2022

### AFLENZ

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CC Memorial, Roman Stone Quarry Styria	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Commemoration Ceremony on the Occasion of „Human Rights Day“</b>
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## SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2022

### HINTERBRÜHL

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Memorial Johannesstr.16-32 Lower Austria	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Commemoration Ceremony on the Occasion of the Turn of the Year</b>
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## DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED

### VIENNA-SIMMERING

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Restaurant „Zur Bast“ Haidestraße 22, Oriongasse Vienna	<b>Time will be announced</b> <b>Commemoration at the former Vienna Saurer-Werke Satellite Camp</b>
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### HIRTENBERG

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Municipal Park Bahngasse 3 Lower Austria	<b>Time will be announced</b> <b>Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Hirtenberg Satellite Camp</b>
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### WEYER-DIPOLDSAU

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Memorial Dipoldsau Upper Austria	<b>Time will be announced</b> <b>Commemoration Ceremony at the Site of the former Weyer/ Dipoldsau Satellite Camp</b> Further information to follow.
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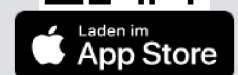
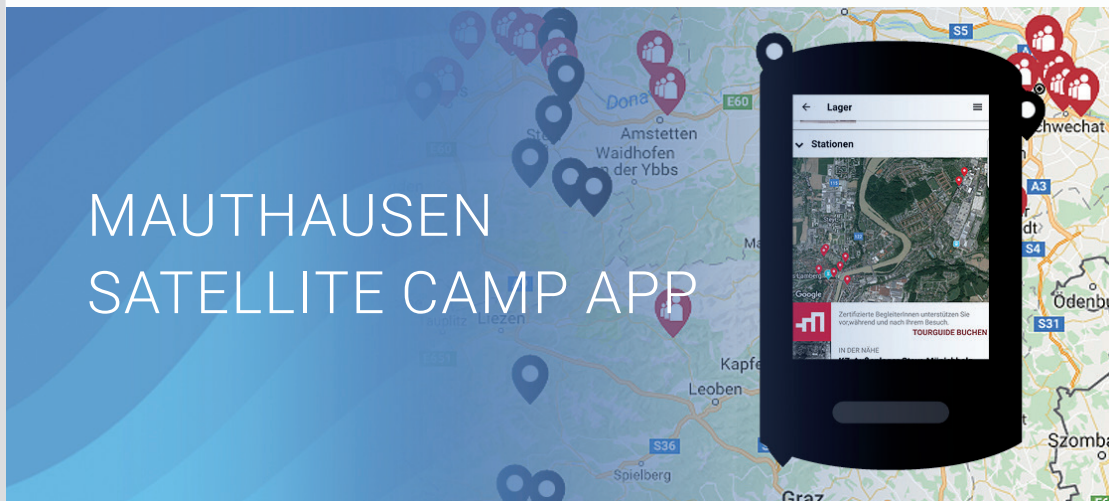
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