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5TH PARTNER MEETING AND PROJECT FINAL EVENT

Gorizia (IT) / Nova Gorica (SLO)

Monday, 19 October 2026 - Wednesday , 21 October 2026



First Day – 19.1(

FINAL PARTNER MEETING

Palazzo Lantieri / Palača Lantieri
Piazza S. Antonio, 6, 34170 Gorizia GO

09:30 – 10:30	**Participant Registration & Networking Coffee** Registration of participants, welcome coffee and informal networking ahead of the Final Partner Meeting
10:30 – 10:45	**Welcome & Opening Remarks** Institutional welcome and opening of the GOV4PeaCE Final Partner Meeting, with reflections on the project's final phase and the transition towards its legacy and continued cooperation
10:45 – 11:45	**Presentation of Project Partners' Activities – WP3** Overview of the activities implemented by the project partners within WP3, highlighting key achievements, experiences and contributions to the development of the GOV4PeaCE governance model and its transnational cooperation framework
11:45 – 13:00	**Presentation of the GO! 2025 European Capital of Culture Nova Gorica-Gorizia Experience** Presentation of the GO! 2025 experience and its cross-border legacy, with a focus on cooperation between Nova Gorica and Gorizia and the opportunities created through joint cultural and territorial development
13:00 - 14:00	**LUNCH BREAK** Lunch and informal networking among project partners and participants
14:00 - 16:30	**Participatory Workshop Session** Interactive working session among project partners addressing three key dimensions for the continuation of transnational cooperation beyond the project: (1) ethical principles and shared values of the future network; (2) the governance and organisational model of the future European Walk of Peace 14-18; and (3) sustainable financing and resource-sharing arrangements for the future network established through the MoU

16:30 - 18:30

RECHARGE BREAK - FREE TIME

Free time for participants to rest, explore Gorizia individually or continue informal networking before the evening programme

18:30 - 20:00

Study Visit of the Great War Museum of Gorizia (IT)

Guided study visit exploring the museum's collection and interpretation of the First World War, with particular attention to the historical context and heritage of the Gorizia area.

20:00 - 22:00

NETWORKING DINNER AT CHINCASTELLO (IT)

Borgo Castello, 36, 34170 Gorizia GO

Networking dinner providing an opportunity for informal exchange and continued cooperation among project partners and participants

Second day – 20.10.2026

CROSS-BORDER WWI HERITAGE STUDY VISIT

Cross-border Gorizia/Goriška-Karst area, Italy and Slovenia

09.00 - 10.15

Outdoor Museum San Michele/Debela griža (IT)

Guided exploration of the San Michele battlefield landscape and its preserved WWI military heritage, including the remains and features of the former front line

10.20 - 11.00

Local Museum in San Martino del Carso (IT)

Guided visit focusing on the history of San Martino del Carso and the impact of WWI on the village and its community, as reflected through the local heritage collection

11.20 - 12.00

Redipuglia Monumental Area (IT)

Guided visit of the monumental area of Redipuglia, exploring its significance as a major site of remembrance of the First World War

12.10 - 12.45

Outdoor Museum of Dolina del XV Bersaglieri (IT)

Guided exploration of the former battlefield area and its preserved WWI military heritage, including the landscape features and remains of the front

12:45 - 13:45	Lunch Break “Rancio del soldato” (IT) Lunch inspired by the historical military field ration tradition, offering a contextual experience connected with the everyday life of soldiers during WWI; weather permitting, served outdoors
14:15 - 15:15	**Outdoor Museum Pečinka Cave (SLO)** Guided visit of Pečinka Cave and its WWI heritage, highlighting the use of the karst landscape and cave system during the war
15.45 - 16.30	**Outdoor Museum Vinišče (SLO)** Guided visit of the Vinišče outdoor museum and the WWI heritage preserved within the surrounding landscape
16:50 - 17:20	**Austro-Hungarian cemetery Bukovica (SLO)** Guided visit of the Austro-Hungarian military cemetery and an introduction to its role as a site of remembrance of the soldiers who died during WWI
17:30 - 18.00	**Guided visit of Trg Evrope / Piazza Transalpina (SLO / IT)** Guided introduction to the square as a symbol of the shared European space created across the former border between Gorizia and Nova Gorica
18.00 - 20.00	Free Time / or Guided visit of the EPIC Centre ***Optional:*** *Guided visit of the EPIC Centre in English (18:00-19:00). *The permanent exhibition at the EPICenter in Nova Gorica is titled "City on the Border" (Mesto na meji). Curated by Dr. Kaja Širok, it explores 20th-century history and everyday life along the Italy-Yugoslavia border through personal stories, oral testimonies, and collective memories.*
20:00 - 22:00	Dinner in Gorizia Dinner at Unione Ginnastica Goriziana, Via Giovanni Rismondo 2, Gorizia

Third day – 21.10.2026

OPEN EVENT - Official Signing Ceremony

EPIC Center, Kolodvorska 10, Nova Gorica

08:30-09:00 Participant Registration & Networking Coffee

9:00-09:15
Welcome & Opening
Welcome addresses by representatives of the Cities of Nova Gorica and Gorizia, PRC and JS Central Europe

09:15-9.30
GOV4PeaCE: Project & Results
Presentation of the GOV4PeaCE project, its key achievements and the governance approach developed through the project.

9.30-10:00
The Importance of Cultural Routes
The role of Cultural Routes in strengthening European cooperation, connecting heritage and territories, and fostering transnational collaboration

10:00-10:15
Interreg & the Walk of Peace
Presentation of the cooperation between Interreg Italy-Slovenia projects and initiatives focusing on WWI heritage and the development of the Walk of Peace.

10:15-11:00
International Round Table: From WWI Heritage to the Values of Peace
International round-table discussion on the role of WWI heritage in contemporary Europe; the European Walk of Peace as a transnational concept; transnational governance and multisectoral cooperation; the legacy of GOV4PeaCE; and the future of European cooperation around shared heritage.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-11:45	**Anthems** Choral performance featuring Slovenian hymns and selected historical songs, reflecting the cultural and historical heritage of the period
11:45-12:00	**The Walk of Peace: From Regional Initiative to European Network** Presentation of the Walk of Peace and its development towards a transnational European cooperation framework
12:00-12:30	**Address by H.E. Nataša Pirc Musar and Vice President Mario Anzil** Address by H.E. Nataša Pirc Musar, President of the Republic of Slovenia, and the Honorable Mario Anzil, Vice President and Regional Minister for Culture and Sports of Friuli Venezia Giulia
12:30-13:00	**Official Signing Ceremony with Musical Finish** Official signing of the GOV4PeaCE Transnational Memorandum of Cooperation on the Establishment of the European Walk of Peace, marking a commitment to continued transnational cooperation beyond the project lifetime.
13:00-14:15	**Light Lunch & Networking**
14:15-15:00 and 14.45-15.30	**Guided Visit of the EPIC Centre** Guided visit presenting the historical, cultural and cross-border historical context of the Nova Gorica-Gorizia area and its relevance to the European dimension of the project in Slovene, Italian and English.

We look forward to welcoming you to Nova Gorica and Gorizia!