

Project AGE: the conclusions at the International Conference in Vilnius

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The European Project AGE has reached its conclusion with the International Conference held in Vilnius (Lithuania) on 13th March 2015. The book edited by Natascia Mattucci "Remembering the Gulag. Images and Imagination.", EUM, Macerata was presented at the conference. The volume can be downloaded free online.

"The ability to understand a past that is drifting apart, trying to get in the shoes of those who lived that experience in person, is the difficult path to follow if we want those events not to fall silent forever."

This reflection by Natascia Mattucci, associate professor at the University of Macerata (Department of Political Science, Communication and International Relations) and scientific coordinator of the project AGE (Amnesia Gulag in Europe), represents the focus of the articles included in the volume edited by her and entitled "*Remembering the Gulag. Images and Imagination.*" (EUM, Macerata, 2015). The book, which can be downloaded free from [EUM website](#), was presented in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 13 March, in occasion of the International Conference, which was scheduled as the final step of the project, in the presence of His Excellency the Ambassador Stefano Taliani De Marco and Asta Visminaitė, head of the National Contact Point Europe for Citizens in Lithuania.

The organization of the event has been entrusted to the Genocide and Resistance Centre of Lithuania (LGGRTC), partner of the project AGE, which participated with the opening speech by its President [Teresė Birutė Burauskaitė](#), direct protagonist of the dissident movement in Lithuania in the seventies, and with the report by Darius Juodis, a leading expert on the Lithuanian partisan movement. The program included also the speeches by Prof. Mattucci and other project partners: the Association BZ1999 from Bolzano (Costantino Di Sante and Lanfranco Di Genio), the Provincial Institute for the History of the Liberation Movement in the Marche and the Contemporary Age of Ascoli Piceno (Gianluca Vagnarelli and Rita Forlini), the Gender Observatory of Macerata (Filippina Calafati), the Hospitality training Institute "Einstein-Nebbia" of Loreto, represented by three students (Roberta Cesaretti, Angela Mele, Lorenzo Candido). The speech by the delegate of the Lithuanian Minister for Education and Research Rimantas Jokimaitis and the one by a girl involved in a project to restore Lithuanian cemeteries in Siberia were both extremely engaging. More information on the event and on the project AGE (prog. No. 546 614-EFC-1-2013-1-IT-EFC-REM, funded by the Europe for Citizens programme) are available on the dedicated website: <http://amnesiagulag.eu/>

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