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## Press Release

### Giving European Memories a Voice

#### *European Archive of Voices*

While the European idea is under attack from different sides, fewer and fewer eyewitnesses are there to remember and recount the miracle of peace in Europe after centuries of war. The *European Archive of Voices* will collect these personal and public stories - stories of intellectuals from all over Europe who were born in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and have thus lived through the beginnings of European togetherness. A team of young international interviewers will talk to their older compatriots about past and future of the continent, about their experiences, fears and hopes. The *European Archive of Voices* growing out of these conversations will be open to the public - through an interactive website as well as exhibitions and publications.

Europe in this case includes not only the member states of the European Union but also countries that belong to Europe geographically and historically. Our young interviewers currently stem from the following countries: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldavia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine. The group of interviewers and all European countries will be represented in the "archive".

The idea of the European Archive of Voices was born within the association "Working on Europe" ("Arbeit an Europa e.V."), a collective of young German writers, journalist and scientists. On January 25th and 26th the team of so far 45 European interviewers came together for a first meeting in Hamburg to discuss and prepare.

If you are interested in the project please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Max Stange ([arbeitaneuropa@gmail.com](mailto:arbeitaneuropa@gmail.com)).

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