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ABOUT TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE

Learn, Educate, and Act for the Advancement of Human and Minority Rights

The Tom Lantos Institute (TLI) is an independent human and minority rights organisation with a particular focus on Jewish and Roma communities, and on Hungarian and other ethnic or national, linguistic and religious minorities. It is a Budapest-based organisation with a multi-party Board of Trustees, an international Executive Committee and Advisory Board. TLI operates internationally in terms of scope, fundings,

staff and partners. As a research and education platform, TLI aims to bridge the gaps between research and policy, norms and practice.

TLI focuses on human rights and identity issues in general, and also works on three specific issue areas. These include: Jewish life and antisemitism; Roma rights and citizenship; and Hungarian minorities.

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We conducted

RESEARCH

We continued our project **Global Governance of Minority Rights – Assessing the UN Forum on Minority Issues** and attended the 9th session of the Forum in Geneva.



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We co-organised

CONFERENCES

In partnership with the Hungarian Chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), we co-organised the international **Conference on the Genocide of the Roma**. The event took place at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

We participated in organising the **Mobilities, Transitions, Transformations – Intercultural Education at the Crossroads** international conference in Budapest.



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We held

TRAININGS

We trained **lawyers and civil rights activists on human and minority rights advocacy** in Târgu Mures/Marosvásárhely, Romania.

In our **Roma and Resistance during the Holocaust and in its Aftermath – Research, Education, Remembrance** project, we trained Roma and non-Roma educators and youth leaders, in order to further develop educational methods, tools and activities dealing with the Roma Genocide and the Romani Resistance. The training, which took place in Heidelberg, Germany gave special attention to working with oral history and testimonies of survivors.

We co-organised our **European Summer School on Prejudice, Genocide, Remembrance** in Budapest, bringing together an international group of people with diverse backgrounds.

We held our fourth **Global Minority Rights Summer School** in Budapest, focusing on the impact of minority protection regimes in the 21st Century.



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We convened **WORKSHOPS**

As Day 0 of our Global Minority Rights Summer School, we convened a **Workshop on the Securitisation of Minorities**.

For the Human Rights Education in the V4 Region – Practices, Challenges and Ways Forward seminars held first in **Budapest** and then in **Warsaw**, we brought together representatives of civil society organisations, public institutions and universities from the Visegrád region.

The **Strategic Goals of Jewish Youth – Community Forum** was convened for a second workshop in Budapest, focusing on organisational communication and Jewish community media.

We **gathered representatives of local Romani women’s initiatives in Northeastern Hungary** for our research project on the participation of Romani women in public affairs.



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We offered

LECTURES

We co-organised the **Without Taboos – Discussions about Topical Social Issues** lecture series, consisting of six events in 2016. Topics included Jewish identity politics, Holocaust remembrance, the far-right, and political responses to antisemitism.

We invited Manjula Pradeep, a human rights activist from India to deliver **a lecture on the struggle of the Dalits in India and South Asia.**

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We contributed to

COMMEMORATIONS

We participated in the youth event, *Dikh he na bister* (Look and don't forget), a **5-day workshop and commemoration of the Roma Holocaust**, organised in Krakow and Auschwitz.

We supported the **Vanishing Points** – online contemporary art project commemorating the Holocaust. The online exhibition was launched with a **roundtable discussion** on Holocaust memorialisation through contemporary art.

We were an organising partner of **585,000m2 – A Mixed Media Exhibition on the History of the Jewish Quarter of Budapest** showcased in New York City, where we also organized a **panel discussion on Jewish identity and the renaissance of the Jewish community of Budapest.**

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We supported a

PUBLICATION

We published the second booklet of the teachers' manual for the Jewish Religion and Local History Exhibition in Győr, Hungary, helping educators make visits to the exhibition more interactive for students.



08 INTERNSHIPS

To complement the work of permanent staff, TLI was able to offer internships to young professionals willing to gain knowledge and skills relevant to an international human and minority rights organisation.

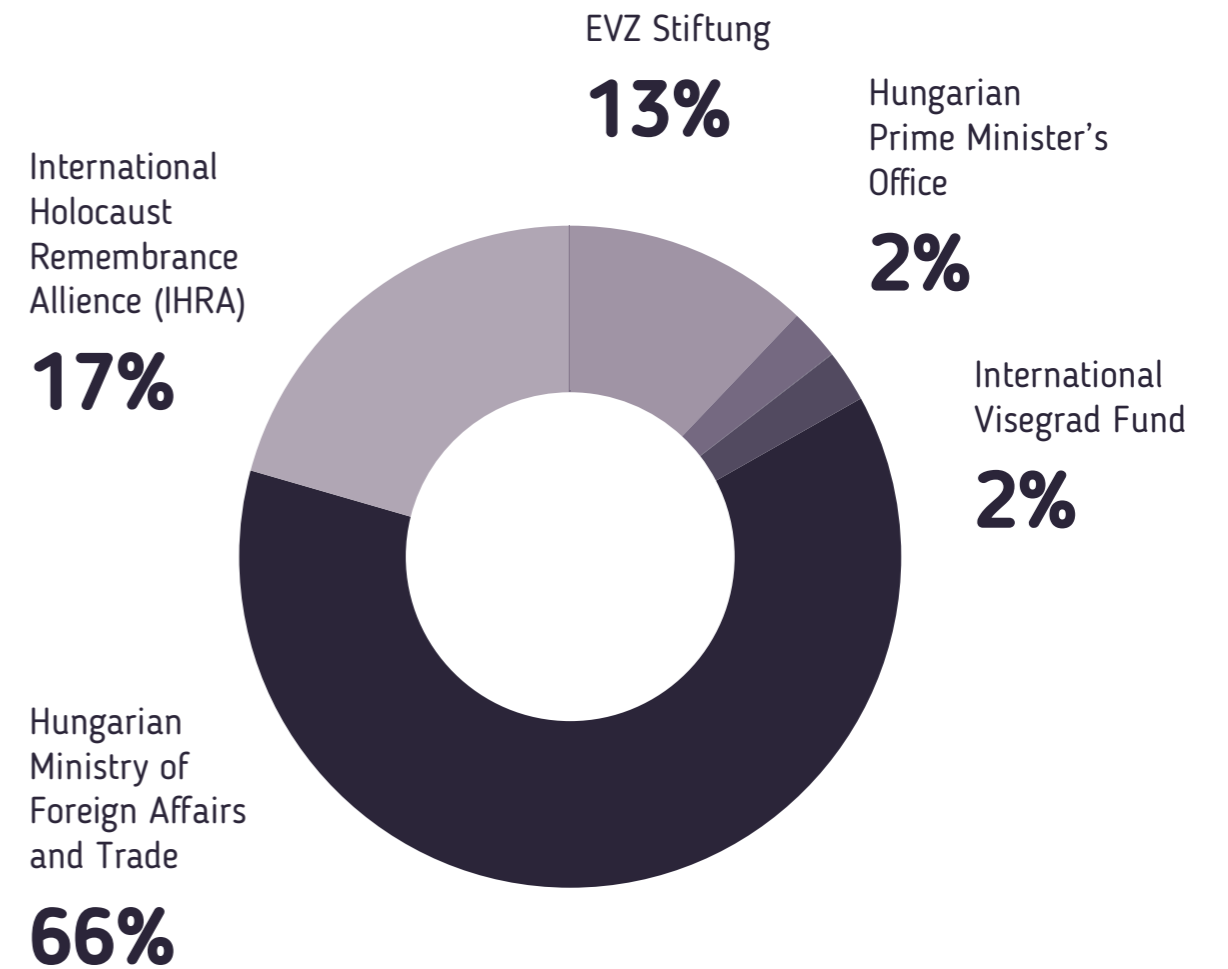
In 2016, TLI worked with 7 interns of varying national and educational backgrounds.

If you would like to join TLI as an intern or fellow,

please send us your CV and letter of motivation (in English).



09 FUNDING



The operational expenses of TLI were covered by the annual grant of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We received project grants from various sources. The pie chart indicates the extent to which each source contributed to the total of our project expenses in 2016.

10 TLI STAFF

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