A) Mission Statement
The Research Network on Transnational Memory and Identity in Europe (hereafter, the Network) brings together scholars who analyze transnational politics and policies of memory, processes of memory entrepreneurship, cultures of remembrance and identity construction in Europe and across European borders. Our aim is to foster exchange between scholars from different disciplines who are working on related subjects – including heritage, public history, political culture, communication, trauma, migration, diversity, religion – and who are interested in exploring memory and identity in their research. We want to strengthen research that is cutting-edge and interdisciplinary in nature, approaching memory and identity issues from different perspectives in the social sciences and the humanities (history, sociology, political science, psychology, law, anthropology, cultural studies, literary studies and more).

B) Network membership eligibility requirements
The Network is open to academics, independent scholars and policy practitioners working in the fields of memory and identity. Graduate students and early-career scholars are especially welcome. We welcome new members without regard to disciplinary background, national context, approach, gender or age who are interested in analyzing social and political processes of meaning-making in contemporary Europe.

C) Leadership offices, terms, election intervals, requirements for candidate eligibility, and responsibilities
The Network leadership consists of a governing committee with two co-chairs and three additional members. Co-chairs are elected to four-year terms; the other members of the governing committee are elected to three-year terms. This allows for a certain degree of continuity with institutional memory being passed on between governing committee members. Candidates have a chance to introduce themselves to Network members at the annual Council for European Studies conferences, as well as via the Network’s listserv, the year that the election for that position takes place.

Elections will be conducted through e-ballots to be organized and administered by the staff of the Council for European Studies (CES). All registered members of the Network are eligible to run for election and to vote.

Co-chairs alternate responsibilities on an annual basis, to be agreed internally. Those responsibilities include:
- managing relations with the CES Executive Committee
- managing and facilitating communications with and amongst members, including maintenance of the membership roster
- overseeing the proposal selection process for network sponsored sessions at CES annual conferences
- drafting and submitting the annual report to the CES Executive Committee
- organizing any potential workshops and other events to be held under the Network’s auspices.

The other members of the governing committee support the work of the co-chairs and take on specific responsibilities agreed upon internally.

The members of the governing committee should represent different countries and different academic disciplines. The co-chairs should hold a research or teaching position at a university, research center, think tank or memorial organization. Governing committee members must demonstrate a commitment to research in memory and identity issues.

D) Commitment to interdisciplinary research
The Research Network on Transnational Memory and Identity in Europe seeks to be genuinely interdisciplinary in nature, sensitive to a variety of methodological approaches. To this end, the Network will bring together a range of scholars from various disciplines such as political science, history, sociology, cultural studies, literary studies, migration studies, anthropology, psychology, legal studies, the cognitive sciences, museum studies and more.

E) Commitment to geographic and generational diversity
The Research Network on Transnational Memory and Identity in Europe aims to bring together junior as well as senior scholars from all continents. A core goal of the Network is disciplinary diversity, which will be achieved in part through sensitivity to methodological differences across generations and national academic cultures.

F) Process for amending or altering the constitution
This Constitution will be ratified and can later be amended through e-ballots to be organized and administered by the staff of the Council for European Studies (CES). All registered members of the Network are eligible to take part in the vote.

G) Dispute resolution
Disputes involving elections, the distribution of responsibilities in the governing committee and membership should, in the first instance, be resolved by the Network co-chairs. If disputes cannot be resolved internally, they will be referred to the CES Executive Committee.