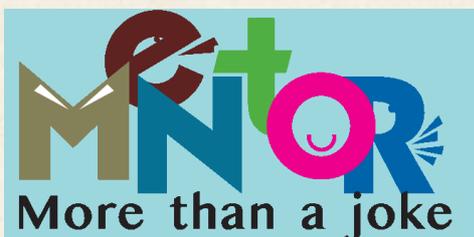


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## 13 November 2025:

- Volunteers' Workshop with Certificate of Participation.

## 25–26 February 2026:

- The MENTOR International Conference will take place in Athens, Greece, hosted by Panteion University.
- *The Call for Papers for the MENTOR International Conference is now available via [EasyChair](#), with an abstract submission deadline on **November 2, 2025**.*

## Digital Library:

- Contributions by the project's Volunteers.
- This online collection will preserve materials, stories and visual evidence of humour under dictatorships.

## Our Mission: What is MENTOR?

- ✓ **Project Duration:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2027
- ✓ **Partners:** 7 organizations from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Spain.

The **MENTOR Project – More than a joke: humour in times of dictatorships** aims to explore how humour, satire and political cartoons have served as tools of resistance, civic expression and resilience during dictatorships and authoritarian regimes.

MENTOR further aims to connect past and present, raising awareness of the value of humour in defending democracy, protecting freedom of speech and preserving collective memory across Europe.

## Activities so far

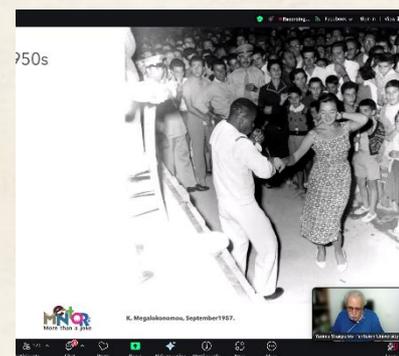
Since the launch of the project, MENTOR has already carried out important activities to raise awareness and engage with citizens across Europe:

### ✓ Online Event (2 July 2025):

More than a joke: satire under dictatorship brought together academics, cartoonists and memory institutions to discuss humour as resistance and civic expression.

### ✓ Researchers' Night (Athens, 26 September 2025):

A major annual science and research event with ~10,000 of visitors each year. Panteion University represented the MENTOR project, by presenting it's aims and survey to the public, engaging directly with schools, students and citizens.



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## Online Survey

The MENTOR Online Survey collected the views of 419 participants from 21+ countries on humour, freedom of speech, censorship and resistance.

Some key insights include:

- ✓ 75% of respondents believe humour can effectively challenge the political status quo.
- ✓ 56% reported having lived under dictatorship or authoritarian rule.
- ✓ 83% view satire as the most effective form of political humour.

## Volunteers

Volunteers play a vital role in the MENTOR project. Their contribution supports:

- ✓ **Collection** of material for the Digital Library
- ✓ **Participation** in exhibitions and dissemination activities
- ✓ **Engagement** in workshops to co-create knowledge and reflections.

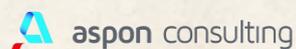
The next opportunity for volunteers to get involved is the Upcoming Workshop on **13 November 2025**. [\*All registered participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.]

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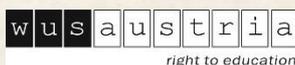
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