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through Intergenerational and Intercultural
Learning

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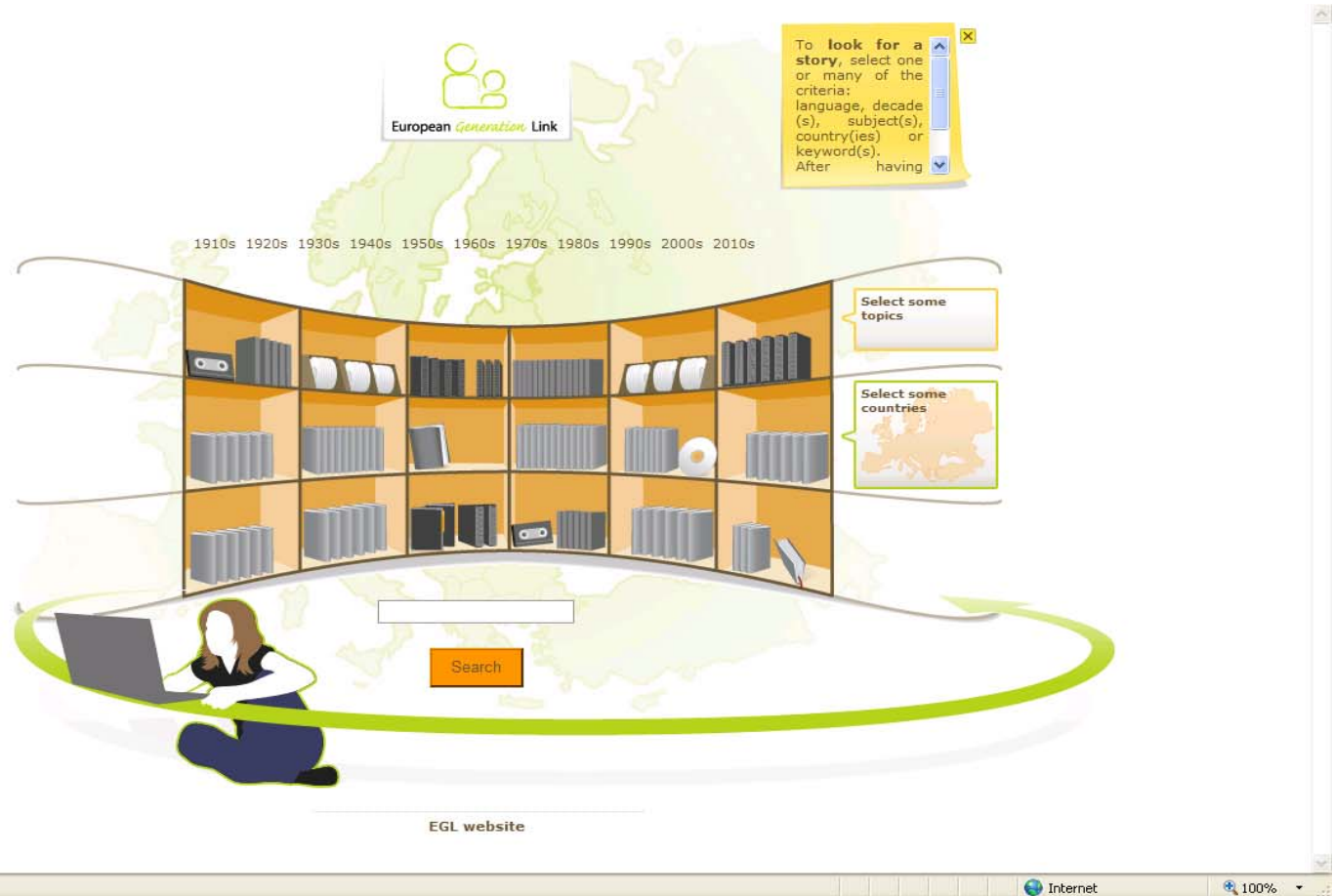
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Contents of the library

First, a summary of what is in the library:

- Over a hundred stories (and counting);
- In English, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Slovene, Czech, Hungarian, Latvian, Polish, Romanian and Swedish;
- Can be searched by family, politics, economics, environmental, love stories; education and social life.



Reasons for migration

Of those in English, French, Italian or Spanish, the reasons were:

	Love	Economic	Politics	War	Adventure	Family
Main reason	14	19	9	8	4	19
Only reason	9	2	3	7	3	2



Stayed or returned?

- In ascending order:
- Only 3 out of the 14 who moved for love returned home to their original countries;
- Only 2 of the 9 who moved for political reasons returned;
- Of the 19 who migrated with their families, 8 have returned;
- Of the 8 who were forced to move because of war, 4 have returned;
- Two of the 4 adventurers returned; the other returned for a long period but then went to her husband's country on retirement;
- Of the 19 who left for economic reasons, 11 have returned.



Outcomes of migration

- Love had mixed socio-economic effects but mainly positive personal ones.
- The majority of economic migrants either did well or okay and were happy.
- Political migrants suffered socio-economically but not, finally, personally.
- Victims of war had mixed fortunes economically but all ended up happy.
- The adventurers are too few and too diverse for generalisation.
- Those who moved with or to join their families did well socio-economically and most had happy outcomes.



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Sofiya is back on the labour market.

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BEATRIX E. : From Bukowina to Upper Austria

This story shows how a well protected upper middle class daughter has to leave her comfortable home in Romania and finds, after several intermediary stations during while fleeing during World War II, a new home in Austria.

Beatrix Entletzberger was born on 10th September 1926 in Czernowitz, at that time a northern province of Romania. Her father was judge at the district court, her mother – as it was usual at that time – house wife. She attends a German private school and dreams of becoming a famous medical doctor. In 1940, as a consequence of the war, all German citizens have to leave their homes and are put into detention camps. Beatrix' family avoids this by moving to Silesia, at that time belonging to Germany "home into the Reich". Beatrix experiences an exciting time, before the family has to flee the approaching Russian troops. After several stations, the family arrives in Linz, Upper Austria.

Chapters

Social Life in the 1930ies
Parents and grandparents lead a busy social life. The grand house becomes the centre of many social events. [More...](#)

Sheltered Upbringing in the „Villa“ century houses
Belonging to the „Upper ten thousand“, Beatrix is kept away from the multi-ethnic mixture of the Bukowina. [More...](#)

The highlight of the year: Christmas
The whole life of Beatrix' family was organised along strict rules and traditions. The climax of these was Christmas evening. [More...](#)

Holidays
Summer holidays were the only time where Beatrix could enjoy freedom. Suddenly, there were no rules, and the severe eye of her father could not reach her in the wonderful world of stables, barns and tree-houses. [More...](#)

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At the age of six, Beatrix starts school. The first weeks she attends the public primary school, where one of her uncles had been director some time ago. The official language there is Romanian, of course, and avidly she takes up this language spoken by Anna and the coachmen. But when she proudly starts to perform her first calculations in Romanian, her father decides that she must go to a German school, and since father's will is law, she spends the following years at a Protestant convict. "The nuns were friendly," Beatrix tells, "and I quickly made friends with other girls that stayed there. All our teachers were Germans, except for Mademoiselle Poilette who taught French, and Madame Niolescu, the teacher of the "foreign" language Romanian. Beatrix is a good pupil, and although far away in Germany, Hitler has started to throw back his enemies, as her father tells her, she dreams of studying medicine after the baccalaureate. But then the world changes...

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FIVE YEARS OF TURMOIL

Suddenly, everything changes. Migration, but also more freedom and the first experience of responsibility make the war catastrophe for Beatrix to an exciting time.

In 1940, the well-protected world of Beatrix and her family comes to an end abruptly. As a consequence of the Hitler-Stalin pact, the "territorial and political rearrangements" forced the German citizens in Romania to leave the country within short notice, or to stay in detention camps. The family opted for the first alternative, of course, and moved "home into the Reich", into Silesia that was at that time considered to be in the heart of Germany. Her father got a job very quickly at the "Wirtschaftspolizei" (economic police), and Beatrix joins the "Bund deutscher Mädel" (BDM, the Nazi Germany girls' organisation), and later the "Reichsarbeitsdienst" (Reich labour service) where she works as nanny in

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Beatrix's family album (1)

- Pictures from Beatrix's past – a pro-Nazi father



- German students in Romania
- An upper-class family



Beatrix's family album (2)

Pictures from Beatrix's past – happy days



Christmas



**First (and last) holiday
by car**



Beatrix's family album (3)

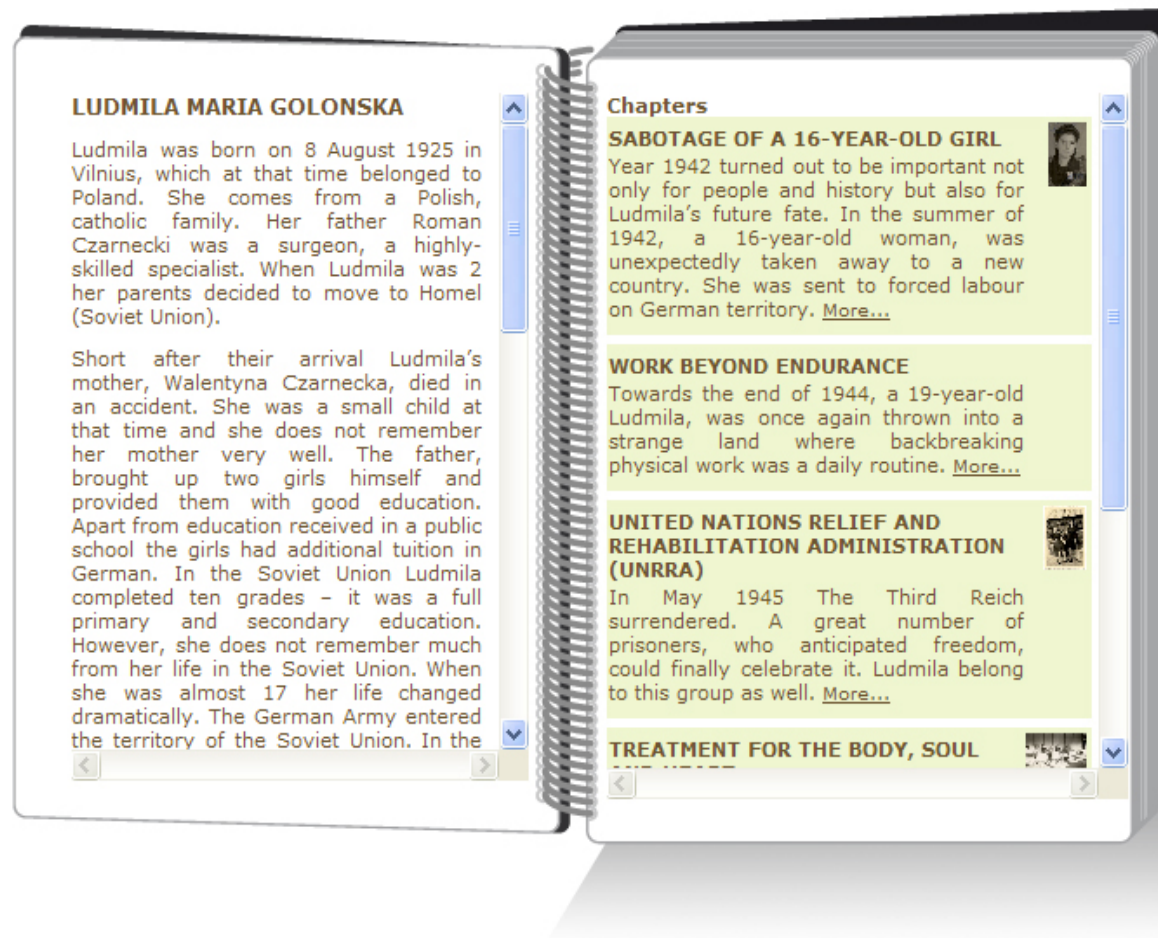
Pictures from Beatrix's past – end of an era



Fleeing from the Russians



Ludmila





Ludmila's family album

Ludmila's story



**Ludmila wearing
her work number
in forced labour
factory**



**After the war – in a
sanatorium for TB
patients**



Family albums

Moments from our European history: Hitler youth – East Berlin – fall of the Berlin wall – earthquake in Italy





Finally -

Many more stories, some pictures, audio and
video clips at:

www.european-generation-link.org

Thank you!



Thank you for your attention!

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