

Out of the comfort zone

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In my short presentation I will talk about issues and dilemmas covered with a title of the conference through a range of experiences of developing a museum on European History (with focus on the 20th Century) called House of European History which was opened last year in Brussels. Through the ten years long process of building up a new museum, the team of curators, educators, conservators, communicators etc. was encountering as well as debating many emerging questions in connection with a role of museums in this so quickly developing society of this century.

Covering processes and phenomena on the European scale (and not only the EU), experiencing different situations in museums, their collections and position in society throughout the continent, we think that our experiences can contribute to the much needed discussion expressed in the title of the conference.