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PRESS RELEASE

Launch of the research project “Database of German military and paramilitary units in Greece 1941-1944/45”

For the first time in Europe, a cartographic database will be created on the presence of all German troops in a country that was occupied during World War II.

Although the period of the German occupation is given great significance in the collective memory of today's Greek society, there is so far no systematic recording of all German military and paramilitary units in Greece. This is the aim of the research project “Database of German military and paramilitary units in Greece 1941-1944/45”, which is conducted at the Institute of Historical Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation. The database will:

- help to accurately identify German units involved in war crimes,
- determine the number of German units present in Greece,
- explain the structure of military and paramilitary units.

The recorded data, originating mainly from German archives, but also from publications on local Greek history and from witnesses, will be embedded in a Geographic Information System (GIS) application. This internet application will allow the visitor of the portal to use the database through personalised queries. The database will be accessible to the general public and will serve not only scientific research, but also local and regional history initiatives, school programs, etc.

The specific knowledge of local historians and witnesses can contribute greatly to record with more detail the presence of the various German units. We therefore invite anyone with relevant information, such as names of German soldiers or local commanders, or units, as well as the names of vessels used by the Germans, together with as accurate as possible local and timely precision of this information, to send us an email:

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More information about the research project: <http://www.eie.gr/godb>
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The project will be completed by December 2021.

