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Dear members and supporters of the association,

We are writing you to inform you about the newest projects of our association and to invite you to the Memorial event and General Assembly.

74 years have gone by since the end of World War and the forced repatriation of Cossacks and many others to the Soviet Union, but the events are not forgotten.

We are pleased to invite you to the **Memorial Ceremony at the Cossacks Cemetery (Kosakenfriedhof) in Lienz on June 1, 2019 at 11.00 am**. The program includes an Orthodox service. Among the participants will be Cossacks from all over the globe, Honor Guards of Austrian veteran associations and traditional associations such as the Kaiserjäger... The Memorial Ceremony is organized in close cooperation with the Austrian War Graves Commission.

Furthermore we send a warm invitation to the **General Assembly** of our association. It will take place at the **Gösser Bräu Lienz at the Johannesplatz on Friday, May 31**. It will start at **7 pm**. Our chairman and board will report about projects and developments of the association. Valerie Lemaire; a Belgian cartoonist and author of the Graphic Novel "Les Cosaques d'Hitler" will be our Guest Speaker. She will present her work, which focus on the Lienz Cossacks and their forced repatriation in 1945. Her speech will be in French. There will be translations into German and Russian. Languages of the General Assembly are German and Russian, if needed English translation can be provided.

In summer 2019 young people from Poland, Italy, Germany and Austria will learn more about the events in Lienz in 1945 during an international youth meeting organized in partnership with the German War Graves Service. Through projects like this we try to keep memories alive.

Please support our associations through your membership fee (10 Euro per year) or a donation. Our bank details are: "Verein zum Gedenken a.d. Lienzer Kosakentragödie" IBAN: AT44 4073 0000 0004 7015 SWIFT/BIC Nummer: OVLIAT21. **You can also donate via PayPal**. Please find all details and more information on: <https://www.kosaken-lienz1945.com/>
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Sincerely

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