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Abbreviations and Glossary of Terms

<i>aktiv/aktyw</i>	group(s) of engaged party activists
ASSR	Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic
ÁVH	Hungarian Secret Police
BCP	Bulgarian Communist Party
BSSR	Belorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
CC	Central Committee (of the Communist Party)
COMDOS	Central Archives of the Special State Commission for State Security Dossiers (Bulgaria)
Cominform	Communist Information Bureau
Comintern	Communist International
CPCC	Central Party Control Commission
CPSU	Communist Party of the Soviet Union
<i>dvoika</i>	two-person extra-judicial sentencing body (USSR)
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)
GDR	German Democratic Republic (East Germany)
<i>glasnost</i>	Gorbachev's policy of 'openness'
Gulag	Main Administration of Camps
IML	Institute for Marxism–Leninism (GDR)
KGB	Committee for State Security (USSR)
<i>kolkhoz</i>	collective farm
Komsomol	Union of Communist Youth (USSR)
KPD	Communist Party of Germany
KSC̣	Communist Party of Czechoslovakia
<i>kulak</i>	better-off peasant
LSSR	Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic

MASSR	Moldavian Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic
MBP	Ministry of Public Security (Poland)
MGB	Ministry of State Security (USSR)
MNDSZ	Democratic Association of Hungarian Women
MSSR	Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republic
MVD	Ministry of Internal Affairs (USSR)
NARB	National Archive of the Republic of Belarus
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NKVD	People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs (USSR)
<i>nomenklatura</i>	list of key appointments approved by the party
OHC	Oral History Centre (Daugavpils University, Latvia)
OUN	Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists
<i>perestroika</i>	Gorbachev's policy of 'reconstruction'
PNȚ	Peasant Party (Romania)
Politburo or Presidium	leading body of communist parties
<i>Pravda</i>	'Truth', Soviet daily newspaper
PZPR	Polish United Workers' Party
RCP	Romanian Communist Party
SAPMO-BArch	Foundation for the Archive of the Parties and Mass Organisations of the Former GDR (German Federal Archives, Berlin)
<i>Securitate</i>	Romanian secret police
SED	Socialist Unity Party of Germany (GDR)
Sejm	lower house of the Polish parliament
<i>Siguranța</i>	Romanian special services (pre-1948)
Solidarity	independent (non-communist) Polish trade union
SPD	Social Democratic Party of Germany (West Germany)

<i>Stasi</i>	East German secret police
StB	State Security (Czechoslovakia)
<i>troika</i>	three-person extra-judicial sentencing body (USSR)
TsDA	Bulgarian Central State Archive (Sofia)
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
<i>Volkskammer</i>	East German parliament
VTsSPS	Soviet trade union executive body
Warsaw Pact	Soviet-led military organisation
<i>zek</i>	Soviet slang for camp inmate
ZK	Central Committee (GDR)
ZPKK	Central Party Control Commission (GDR)