

**PILnet Pro Bono Roundtable
(11 June 2014, Milan)**

Discussion Summary

Introduction

- Presentation of the participants to the second PILnet Pro Bono Roundtable hosted by Ashurst Milan.
- Summary of the first PILnet Pro Bono Roundtable.

Management of the future pro bono roundtables

- Discussion in relation to the need to create a "steering committee" for managing the future pro bono roundtables (e.g. calling meetings, finalizing the relevant agenda, managing of the communications to the participants).
- Umberto Antonelli (Ashurst), Martino Sforza (McDermott Will & Emery) and Carolina Piovano (Clifford Chance) have volunteered to join the "steering committee". Atanas Politov (PILnet) will be a member of such committee for the first period.

Issues and barriers for pro bono in Italy – idea of pro bono

- One more point was identified as possible issue for the development of the pro bono in Italy: absence of a pro bono clearinghouse in Italy.
- As a follow-up to the previous meeting, Atanas (PILnet) has been in touch with the members of the working group, who are working on the pro bono definition.
- Due to the wide range of activities falling under the pro bono concept (anything other than being paid), the group also discussed pros and cons of focusing on a specific idea of pro bono and a particular area of beneficiaries.

Relationship with ASLA

- Atanas (PILnet) met again ASLA in the morning of June 11. ASLA created an internal group who is working on the definition of pro bono and will approach the Bar Association.
- The RT group shared that the best move forward would be to work together with ASLA with a common strategy.
- Atanas informed the group that ASLA is considering to be a clearinghouse and PILnet offered to provide training.

Roundtable expansions

- It has been discussed the possibility to expand the RT in Rome also because most of the law firms involved have a Rome office. This is a medium-term goal that will ideally be pursued after the Milan RT concept is well established.
- The group also agreed that it would be important to have a NGO/association at the table starting from the next RT in order to explore possible collaboration opportunities.

9th European Pro Bono Forum

- Atanas confirmed that PILnet is seriously considering Italy as the location for the 9th European Pro Bono Forum in 2015. He also briefly explained how this event works.
- Two options were identified: Milan and Rome. The group discussed the pros and cons of each option. Milan could be a good idea since it will host EXPO 2015 event.

Next steps:

- Next meeting on [11 September] at 13:00-15:00;
- Coordination with the ASLA working group in relation to the pro bono definition and the strategy in approaching the Bar;
- Approaching NGO/association to be invited to the next RT.