

Update from the 14th Roundtable on 27 April 2016

- Involve the big international law firms on a regular basis: they already have both the incentives and the structure in place to support the expansion of the pro bono culture and activity in Italy;
 - Organize a roundtable with pro bono coordinators of all the big firms in order for them to meet (if they don't know each other already) and start cooperating and exchanging information;
 - Organize a round of pro bono seminars offering continuing education credits and touching upon the issues that are of main interest to the NGOs; e.g. Privacy and Migrant's Emergency: Advice on which/how limited Commercial Activities may be allowed for NGO's; and, NGO's VAT regime.
- Organize some roundtables thematically: for example: family law/ human rights/ international law etc., targeting NGOs with specific focus on each area and law firms with matching expertise.
- Start some advocacy work
 - Educating the local bar associations on the culture of pro bono - ideally in connection with relevant matters, in order to render their involvement concrete. We should start thinking what these matters could be.
 - Continue the liaison with Ms. Boldrini to the extent possible
- Focus the roundtables on the presentations of the NGOs. To avoid any confusion, newcomers will be directed to the website beforehand - to this effect, the website should contain an "introductory" section with the definition of pro bono, an explanation of what is a clearing house, what is PILNet and the mission and organization of the Roundtable itself
- Work on the Roundtable mission and vision which will help to define the focus and organization of the Roundtable's activity.
- Work on a little "glamour factor": it would be very helpful to be able to invite some high level guest speakers in order to attract a wider audience and establish a name for the Roundtable as the point of reference for pro bono work in Italy.