

Dear All,

As promised, please here-below a summary in bullets of the 16th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable, held on Wednesday, 14th September 2016, at Associazione Donna e Madre Onlus, Via A. Sforza, 75, Milan. I would like to thank Ms Camilla Savoldi, of Casella e Associati Studio Legale, for the kind help in drafting these minutes.

1. Attendees: 26 (see attached list).
2. NGOs' presentations: Associazione Donna e Madre Onlus, Diritto di Sapere, Cittadini Reattivi, Anteas Lombardia, CSV Lombardia, Save the Children.
3. Highlights:
 - importance of networking among NGOs and global law firms with office(s) in Italy, as well as large and medium sized EU/Italian law firms, for the purpose of mentoring independent law firms and single practitioners for the promotion of a pro bono culture in Italy;
 - organisation of a round of pro bono seminars on topics of main interest to the RT (i.e., migration, privacy law, access to information, access to justice, reform of the Third Sector, etc.), to be registered with the local Bar associations in order to offer continuing education credits;
 - discussion on whether to structure the RT as an association: (i) very positive feedback from all attendees, (ii) exchange of thoughts on the association's mission and vision (e.g., it would facilitate dealings with institutional entities, such as local Bar associations and CNF, and reinforce RT participants' commitment; it would create a national point of reference for pro bono in Italy).
4. Good news: A. Calza of Dentons kindly informed the RT that his assistant is available to help Gyöngyvér in the RT's secretarial work, and substitute her in the long run.
5. Action:
 - Complete as soon as possible and send to Gyöngyvér (in copy) the missing one-page presentations (with specific regard to past and present pro bono efforts), to be added to our web page hosted on www.pilnet.org.
 - Prepare and send to Gyöngyvér a list of proposed topics (and potential speakers) for the pro bono seminars mentioned above.
 - Prepare and circulate a draft by-laws of RT's association.
 - Important: ask the persons responsible at the clearinghouses CILD and CSVnet (Elena and Grazia) to update their mailing list and clearly mark every new request of pro bono assistance with an *ad hoc* heading, in order to be recognised as such by the addressees.
6. Next RT:
 - Wednesday 9th November 2016: 17th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable, to be held in Rome (hosting law firm/NGO to be discussed). All the RT's members are kindly invited to attend, and promote the participation to, the next RT, which will anticipate of a week or so PILnet EU Pro Bono Forum that will take place in Amsterdam.

Kind regards,
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