

Dear All,

Please find here-below a brief summary of the RT in heading (see agenda and list of attendees attached hereto):

1. Introduction:

Wednesday's meeting marked the third anniversary of our RT. To celebrate this important event, we hosted at Orrick Rome, before the RT, a EU Pro Bono Masterclass (see format attached) held by Alberto Alemanno (Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at HEC Paris, Global Professor of Law at NYU School of Law, and co-founder of The Good Lobby). The Masterclass was a great success (many thanks also to Orrick for its generosity), and Alberto gave his availability to repeat it later this year in Milan, on the same day of one of our next RTs.

2. NGOs' presentations and projects:

- Antigone in cooperation with Università di Roma Tre (Dario Di Cecca): brief presentation of their legal clinic, which is specifically focused on the rights of the detainees and criminal and penitentiary issues;
- The Good Lobby (Alberto Alemanno; see presentation attached): promotion of public interest and advocacy at the European Union institutions, based on sharing professional expertise at European level, from NGOs, clearinghouses, global law firms, and, more in general, the civil society.
- GALA - The Global Alliance for Legal Aid (Umberto D'Anna, udanna5@gmail.com, 0044 7460 928443): brief presentation of the project "Advocacy for Victims of Human Trafficking in Italy" (see attachment);
- Istituto Secolare dei Sacerdoti Missionari della Regalità di Cristo (Don Lucio Sembrano; luciosembbrano@gmail.com; see presentation attached): brief presentation of "Project Kimina" (see attachment), relating to the construction of a training center in Burundi to be named "MGR Michael Courtney";
- Arcigay Salerno (Miguel Coraggio): advocacy for LGBT rights and legal activities' desk.

3. Update on the clearinghouses' activity so far, as well as on the relationships between NGOs and clearinghouses:

- CILD (Corallina Lopez Curz; see presentation attached);
- CSVnet (Roberto Museo; see presentation attached);
- Marina Ingrassi (Avvocati per Niente) briefed the RT on an initiative aimed at enhancing the dialogue between the clearinghouses and the NGOs. Next RT will be partially dedicated to this topic. Apart from existing and new NGOs belonging to the RT's network that will be invited to speak, Marina will invite a representative of Milan Bar Council.

4. Main subjects discussed:

- analysis of the activity carried out so far by the clearinghouses. Very positive feedback from the latter with regard to both quality and speed of law firms' response;
- enlarge the RT's geographical scope of action so as to include also other major Italian cities, especially in the South (Naples, Bari, Palermo);
- formation of NGOs' pro bono activity and the role of clearinghouses: Corallina and Roberto volunteered to prepare a questionnaire to be submitted to existing and new NGOs in order to ascertain the latter's needs;
- importance of the role to be played by legal clinics active in the Italian Universities.

5. Update on on-going/future projects – Next steps:

- incorporation of “Pro Bono Italia”: the articles of association is attached hereto in its final version. At the end of next RT (Milan, 17th May), representatives of the interested parties (law firms/associations of law firms/single practitioners) will move to Milano Notai’s office where, at 3:30 pm, we are going to proceed with the incorporation of the association. In preparation thereof, would please send to Gyongyver (gypapp@pilnet.org), at your earliest convenience, a copy of the required documents (i.e., identity card and fiscal code number of single practitioners, as well as of the signatories of law firms/associations (in relation to the latter, please also send copy of the necessary powers));
- first cycle of pro bono seminars: please send to Gyongyver your proposals (i.e. topics, speakers, etc.). CSVnet gave its availability to host the seminars in its centers spread in the whole Italian territory;
- preparation and circulation of a questionnaire on NGOs’ activity and needs, in order to enhance the clearinghouses’ “filter” action.

6. Upcoming events:

- **20th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable** will take place in Milan on Wednesday, **17th May 2017**, from 1 to 3 pm CET, hosted by **Linklaters** (Studio Legale Associato in association with Linklaters LLP, Via Broletto 9, 20121 Milan) – Save the Date!

[• on behalf of Alberto Alemanno, we would like to invite you to the following events organised by The Good Lobby in Brussels in June 2017:

- **The Good Lobby Inaugural Event & Launch of the EU Pro Bono Awards:** our inaugural event will take place on Thursday **22nd June in Brussels** and will be opened by a key note by the EU Ombudsman, Emily O’Reilly. The aim is to bring together EU officials, legal professionals, civil society actors and academics to publicly build a case for pro bono in Europe. On this occasion, The Good Lobby, its partners and sponsors (including academic institutions, bar associations, law firms and civil society actors) will also officially launch the European Pro Bono Awards to acknowledge the most successful instances of pro bono co-operation between citizen experts and civil society organizations that have been carried out within the past twelve months. The EU Pro Bono Awards are supported by a network of key partners, including top international law firms (Ashurst, Dentons, Mayer Brown, DLA Piper, Arnold & Porter), universities and representatives of academia (HEC, Free University Amsterdam, the European Network for Clinical Legal Education), as well as European NGOs (European Alternatives, the European Foundation Centre). If you would like to join our sponsorship network or if you wish to nominate a project, please visit our website: <http://www.thegoodlobby.eu/eu-pro-bono-awards/>
- **The Good Lobby Advocacy School:** The Advocacy School, which is scheduled on Friday **23rd June 2017 in Brussels**, will provide junior lawyers, young academics, and activists from all over Europe the opportunity to receive a one-day training on EU advocacy and pro bono. Through workshops, discussions and role-plays, participants will have the possibility to share their experience and gain some practical skills on how to receive and provide advocacy advice at the EU level.]

Best regards,

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