



PROBONO ITALIA

Minutes of the 21st Italian Pro Bono Roundtable

20th September 2017 (12:30 – 2:30 pm)
(held at Macchi di Cellere Gangemi, Milan)

Dear All,

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

1. Attendees: 34 (see attached list).

2. Introduction:

- Giovanni Carotenuto and Stefano Macchi di Cellere welcomed all the participants and opened the RT by introducing Pro Bono Italia and its purposes to new participants.
- Silvia Belloni of Milan Bar Council, invited to intervene, described to the participants the activities currently carried out by the Council, among which the legal help desks ("*Sportelli Legali*"), and pointed out the importance of the lawyer's social function as enshrined in the Forensic Ethical Code.

3. NGOs' presentations:

- *European Roma Right Centre (ERRC; www.errc.org)* – *Nicole Garbin (via phone)*: Roma-led international public interest law organisation, active for more than 20 years, which focuses on fighting anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma through strategic litigation, research and policy development, advocacy and human rights education. Based in Budapest, ERRC is active, *inter alia*, in Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Ukraine. Strategic priorities: State response to violence and hate speech, access to education, access to housing, free movement and migration, identity documents, women's and children's rights and disaggregated data collection.
- *Fondazione Maruzza (www.fondazionemaruzza.org)* – *Elena Castelli*: established in 1999, its mission is to ensure the best quality of life in the illness through the application of pain relief and palliative care. Specifically, the Foundation is engaged in national and international activities aimed at the diffusion of the culture of the palliative care, research and training of professionals who assist patients with incurable pathologies (among whom, in particular, children and elderly people). Among the main areas of interest for pro bono assistance: international law, real estate and law of contracts.

- *Comunità di Sant'Egidio* (www.santegidio.org) – *Paolo Morozzo della Rocca*: a Christian community that is officially recognized by the Catholic Church as a "Church public lay association". It claims 50,000 members in more than 70 countries. It provides a wide variety of services for the poor, the needy and people in difficulty, and focuses on an open dialogue with members of other religions and non-believers. It is also strongly committed to international pacification and cooperation. Mr. Morozzo della Rocca is responsible for some language courses and intercultural mediation, as well as for the listening center for Roma immigrants. It also coordinates legal assistance interventions for both Italian assistants and foreign nationals. At present, legal assistance is provided exclusively through outside counsels. Among the main areas of interest for pro bono assistance: civil law, criminal law, administrative law, international law and immigration law.
- *AISEEC* (www.aiesec.it) – *Margherita Leder*: the world's largest non-profit youth-run organisation. It is an international non-governmental not-for-profit organisation that provides young people with leadership development and cross-cultural global internship and volunteer exchange experiences across the globe, with a focus to empower young people so they can make a positive impact on society. AISEEC's network includes approximately 70,000 members in 127 countries and territories. Among the main areas of interest for pro bono assistance: transparency policy, immigration law and labor brokering.
- *Global Humanitaria Italia Onlus* (www.globalhumanitariaitalia.org) – *Simona Ingellis*: this NGOs, headquartered in Barcelona, with offices in Italy, is aimed at protecting the rights of children and ensuring them a better future. In light of the concept of sustainable integrated development, Global Humanitaria is active mainly through international cooperation projects.

4. The role of the Italian Cleringhouses (update on the activity carried out as of today and their relationships with NGOs):

- CSVnet - Roberto Museo (see presentation attached); and
- CILD - Corallina Lopez Curz (via phone; see presentation attached).

5. On-going projects:

- The discussion about the projects in agenda (i.e. convention with the legal clinics of Perugia University and Roma3 University, and PILnet's refugees mapping project and entrepreneurship) was postponed to the next RT, for indisposition of Marieanne McKeown and lack of sufficient time.

6. Upcoming events:

- **PILnet Global Forum** will take place in Budapest (Hungary) from **16th to 19th October 2017** (for more info, <http://www.probonoforum.org/europe/agenda>);
- **EU Pro Bono Masterclass** will take place in Milan on Wednesday, **15th November 2017**, from 9 am to 12:30 pm CET, at the Court of Milan, Via Freguglia no. 1, 20121, first floor, conference room "Eligio Gualdoni" (see attached invitation);
- **22nd Italian Pro Bono Roundtable** will take place in Milan on Wednesday, **15th November 2017**, from 12:30 to 14:30 pm CET, hosted by **Hogan Lovells**, Via Santa Maria no. 2, 20123.

Save the Dates!