



Minutes of the 24th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable

Held in Milan on Wednesday, 11th April 2018,

In the offices of White & Case LLP

Dear All,

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

1. Attendees: 40 (see attached LoPs)

2. Introduction:

G. Carotenuto, Chairman of Pro Bono Italia, opened the RT by pointing out that today we celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Italian Pro Bono Roundtables, since the first one took place in Milan in April 2014. He then introduced the association to new attendees, briefly describing its operative areas, on-going and new projects (such as pro bono seminars, and the KYR projects), as well as the main points of today's agenda.

Paul Alexander, partner at White & Case, introduced by Giovanni, welcomed the participants on behalf of the hosting firm. He focused on the pro bono activities carried out by the firm, globally and in Italy, particularly in the field of legal education, CSR and corporate law advice, collaboration in international projects, volunteering and charity.

3. NGOs' presentations:

ASGI – “Associazione per gli studi giuridici sull’immigrazione” (www.asgi.it). Luce Bonzano presented the association, which was established 30 years ago. Initially made up of lawyers and academics, it then became a reference point for many professions. To date, it counts fifteen offices in Italy, about 400 associates, 70% of which are lawyers. Among the main areas of activity:

- legal support to migrants victim of discrimination;
- organization of legal seminar workshops and courses for public institutions;
- spread of information about immigration law;
- organization of campaigns to advocate for migrants' rights.

Oxford Omnia International (www.oxfordomnia.org). Elena Bernini provided a brief presentation of this NGO (see attachment), which is currently present in four countries (Italy, Germany, Turkey and the UK), and adopts a young adults-led and community-based approach to advance human rights, international development, education, nonviolence, food security, environmental sustainability and protection. It also focuses on relieving poverty for vulnerable groups through means of international research, advocacy, development, humanitarian aid, and rights projects, anywhere in the world. Among the main projects currently run:

- Matteo Bertero's English Centre. This is the first non-profit English school, to be opened in the Hai Duong area of Northern Vietnam;

- Nutri-people. A food security project run in the Philippines, Zambia, and the United States;
- The Civil Society Review. It provides independent research and original data on the contribution of civil society to humanitarian assistance, food security, education, and international development.

Oxford Omnia is planning to register in Italy as an association, and seeks legal assistance in this respect.

Razzismobruttastoria (www.razzismobruttastoria.net). Giulia Maldifassi presented this cultural association, sponsored by Feltrinelli, which works with children by organizing activities in the schools, prepares materials and documents for teachers who can then use them on their own. The association has recently set up an antiracist desk.

4. **On-going PBI's projects:**

"Know your rights" ("KYR"). G. Carotenuto introduced the project to the attendees, by pointing out that it is going to be the first one organized by PBI, in partnership with DLA Piper and CILD. Luna Liboni, from CILD, presented all the steps of the project (see attachments), which have been already run by DLA Piper in Amsterdam and Paris. It is targeted to refugees and asylum seekers who want to start a small business in Italy, and it could represent a great opportunity for integration. The KYR is divided into several sessions, provided from 30th May to 11th July, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, in the Rome office of DLA Piper, which include, among others, laws of contract, immigration law, employment law and intellectual property law. G. Carotenuto pointed out that there is a mentorship opportunity for PBI's members, and asked the attendees to circulate the KYR flyers (attached hereto) in order to attract suitable candidates for the internship offered by DLA Piper, as well as for the positions of participants and mentors.

5. **PBI's pro bono seminars and other projects:**

The first cycle of pro bono seminars will start in July and continue up to the end of the year. The following ones have been scheduled so far:

- Privacy, data protection and cyber security, hosted on Wednesday 18th July (from 10 to 12 am) by Ashurst Milan, Piazza S. Fedele no. 2, and either on 12th or 19th September (to be confirmed) by Hogan Lovells Rome, Via Marche no. 3 (in collaboration with Albè e Associati);
- The Reform of the Third Sector, hosted by the Bar Council of Milan (to be confirmed) on Wednesday 3rd October (from 10 to 12 am), and provided by Emanuele Cusa, partner at Macchi di Cellere Gangemi and Roberto Museo, General Director at CSVnet.

6. **PBI member's project:**

"Leonesse d'Africa". Cristina Fussi presented this project powered by ASLA Women. This program was born in 2015, the idea was to start an empowerment project for developing countries. The starting point was an agreement between the University of Milan and the University of Accra. They published a call for a six months' internship. Two candidates were chosen and they started a collaboration with different law firms while they were also attending a University program. One of them is now running a NGO for gender equality in Ghana which has a partnership with ASLA. This program was renewed in 2017.

7. **Next events:**

The 25th Pro Bono Italia Roundtable will be held in Rome, hosted by DLA Piper, on Wednesday 30th May, from 1 to 3 pm. On the same day, in the same offices, there will be first session of the KYR (from 5.30 to 7.30 pm).

The 26th Pro Bono Roundtable will be held in Milan, hosted by Dentons, on Wednesday 18th July, from 1 to 3 pm. On the same day, from 10 to 12 am, there will be the pro bono seminar on privacy hosted by Ashurst, mentioned above.

Save the dates!