



Minutes of the 26th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable

Held in Milan on Wednesday, 3rd October 2018,
in the offices of Linklaters (from 1:30 to 3:30 pm)

Dear All,

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

1. Attendees: 36 (see attached LoPs)

2. Introduction

G. Carotenuto, Chairman of Pro Bono Italia ("PBI"), opened the RT by mentioning the seminar on the Reform of the Third Sector, which took place that morning at Macchi di Cellere Gangemi, Milan office, and was attended by more than 30 people. Amongst the speakers, Silvia Belloni, of the Board of the Milan Bar Council, expressed her appreciation on the recent developments of pro bono in Italy.

L. Campione and L. Ciocarlan, partners at Linklaters, welcomed the participants on behalf of the hosting firm, and summarized their latest pro bono activities, carried out both locally and globally.

3. NGOs' presentations

[Oxfam Italia \(www.oxfamitalia.org\)](http://www.oxfamitalia.org). G. Daneluzzo, Corporate partnership manager of Oxfam Italia, presented the NGO by means of a short video, pointing out its main purposes. Oxfam involves civil society and institutions all over the world, and works especially in three areas: humanitarian emergencies, development's programs and awareness-raising campaigns. It also fights gender inequalities, considered as one of the main reasons of poverty worldwide. Its goal is to improve the sanitary conditions during humanitarian emergencies in the developing world, to avoid the spreading of diseases. Oxfam is very active in Italy too, focusing on health and food education. Many of its officers have been recognized by the Department of Education as trainers for teacher. It also works with migrants by helping them to full integrate into the Italian society. In this respect, Oxfam Italia is engaged on a new model of receiving refugees, inspired by the northern European countries. Other initiatives involve Italian families within the ambit of programs to fight new forms of poverty.

[Mama Chat \(www.mamachat.org\)](http://www.mamachat.org). M. Fioruzzi, psychologist, President and co-founder, presented the association, which is a first-help online desk for women in need to avoid social exclusion. To date Mama Chat is active in the Italian territory, but it intends to export its model also abroad. The association was set up in 2017. So far, 1800 women have already asked for help through its online desk. Its main focus is on psychological violence, which is harder to pin down. The choice to launch an online help desk was because more and more people are looking for help through the web. Women get the first counseling session online and for the following consultations they have to go to the physical help desk. However, they do not provide for psychotherapy, but only immediate psychological support. Their motto is "Listen, fight, promote and connect".

Mission Bambini (www.missionbambini.org). E. Faroni, Corporate Fund Raiser, presented the association, which was established by Goffredo Modena, an engineer interested in helping sick and poor children. They work both in Italy and abroad, particularly in developing countries where it is more difficult to have access to healthcare. Their associated surgeons perform operations on children, and they provide training to foreign doctors. In Italy, they provide families with support to educate children and gain access to services such as day nurseries and so on. They also fight poverty, especially through tools aimed at enhancing the level of education, and fighting discriminations.

4. On-going PBI's projects

"Know your rights" ("KYR"). G. Carotenuto briefly introduced the program, run by DLA Piper in partnership with PBI and CILD, which officially started on 19th September and will end on 21st November. L. Liboni (CILD) presented the different steps and purposes thereof, by pointing out that 32 refugees and asylum seekers from different parts of the world (among which, Mali, Libya, Turkey, China), and with very different educational backgrounds, are currently receiving training on different areas of the law (e.g. laws of contract, immigration law, employment law and intellectual property law). A trainee at DLA Piper for the KYR program, Zeyneb Nuri Hamid, also intervened, and so did some of the mentors belonging to PBI's network (G. Albè, M. Pollavini, P. Circosta), who explained that they are helping the students in different projects (each mentor follows no more than three students) and shared their first impressions about the program. To the closing graduation ceremony, scheduled for Wednesday, 21st November, at DLA Piper Milan, not only students, teachers, trainees and mentors of the program, but also PBI's members and people belonging to its network are invited.

5. Inaugural Italy Pro Bono Day – Rome, Wednesday, 28th November 2018

G. Carotenuto briefly presented the program of the inaugural Italy Pro Bono Day (see attached invite), which will take place in Rome on 28th November, hosted by Orrick (Piazza della Croce Rossa, 2). The Day will start with a legal training for NGOs and social enterprises on a variety of areas of law and legal skills (anti-meridian session). The 27th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable and a PBI Seminar on the relationship between clearinghouses, NGOs and law firms will take place on premises (post meridian session), following by a Celebration Event.

6. Other upcoming PBI's seminars and partners' events

8th October 2018 (11:15 – 12:30), Rome – G. Carotenuto will attend the International Bar Association's Annual Global Conference, by representing PBI to a panel co-organised by the IBA Pro Bono Committee on *"Global migration: from 'crisis mode' to the 'new normal'"*;

17th October 2018 (from 10:30 am to 1 pm), Milan - PBI Seminar on privacy, data protection and cybersecurity, co-lectured by White&Case and Ashurst (check PBI's web-site for details);

7th November 2018 (10 am to 12 pm), Rome - PBI Seminar on privacy, data protection and cybersecurity, co-lectured by Hogan Lovells and Albè e Associati (check PBI's web-site for details);

12th - 14th November 2018, Berlin – 2018 PILnet Global Forum;

28th November 2018 (from 10 am to 6 pm), Rome – Italy Pro Bono Day, co-organised by PBI, TrustLaw, Orrick and PILnet, and hosted by Orrick. As pointed out above, the 27th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable (12:30 - 2:30 pm) and a PBI Seminar on the relationship between clearinghouses, NGOs and law firms (2:30 - 4 pm) will also take place on premises. **Save the dates!**