



Minutes of the



Held in Rome on Wednesday, 25 November 2020,
at the offices of Hogan Lovells ("HL")

1. **Agenda:**

12.30 - 12.45	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
12.30 - 12.40	Giovanni Carotenuto, <i>Pro Bono Italia</i>
12.40 – 12.45	Carlo Massini, <i>Hogan Lovells</i>
12.45 - 13.25	PRESENTATIONS FROM NGOs NEW TO OUR NETWORK
12.45 – 12.50	Giancarla Bonetta, <i>Manageritalia</i>
12.50 – 12.55	Giovanni Nardulli, <i>RiDiamo Onlus</i>
12.55 – 13.00	Rosaria Costanza, <i>WeWorld</i>
13.00 – 13.05	Miguel Cavallé Puig, <i>V.I.S. Foundation</i>
13.05 – 13.10	Luigi Vittorio Berliri, <i>Spes contra Spem</i>
13.10 – 13.15	Pamela Kerpius, <i>Migrants of the Mediterranean</i>
13.15-13.35	PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF PRO BONO ITALIA AND OF THE CLEARINGHOUSES
	Valentina Muglia, <i>Coalizione Italiana Libertà e Diritti Civili</i>
	Roberto Museo, <i>CSVnet</i>
	Giovanni Carotenuto, <i>Pro Bono Italia</i>
13.35 - 13.50	THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ITALIAN LEGAL CLINICS
	Prof. Marzia Barbera, <i>National Coordination of legal clinics</i>
13.50 - 14.00	Q&A / CLOSING REMARKS

2. **Attendees:** 58 (see attached LoPs).

3. Introduction

G. Carotenuto, Co-founder and President of Pro Bono Italia (“PBI”), welcomed the 58 attendees to the RT, which took place during the third edition of the Italy Pro Bono Day.

C. Massini, Partner of the Milan office of Hogan Lovells and PBI’s Board Member, joined Giovanni in welcoming the participants and briefly described the firm’s history focusing on pro bono activities, both abroad and Italy projects.

4. NGOs’ and international organizations’ presentations

Manageritalia. Ms. Giancarla Bonetta, Coordinator of the Volunteering Group of the Milan office of Manageritalia, presented the NGO. Manageritalia is the national federation of managers, executives and executive professionals of the commerce, transport, tourism, and services sectors. The Professional Volunteer Work Group was born in 2006 with the aim of creating a core of executives, active or retired, to put their specific professional skills at the disposal of volunteer organizations. Currently the NGO is composed of a nucleus of 9 volunteers who are joined, from time to time, by other managers, depending on the specificity of the requests that come from the world of volunteering (see the attached video and presentation).

RiDiamo Onlus. Mr. Giovanni Nardulli, Vice President of RiDiamo Onlus, presented the NGO. Established in 2009, the NGO was set up on the initiative of a group of lawyers (both friends and partners) and their law firm to “give back” a smile – hence the name “Ri-Diamo, which means “let’s give back”) – to those who have less in life. The primary purpose of the charity is to carry out fundraising activities to financially support solidarity and charitable initiatives, and direct and personal volunteering activities, with particular focus on children and young people with social, economic and health difficulties.

WeWorld. Ms. Rosaria Costanzo, Director of the Corporate Fundraising Area, presented the NGO. The efforts of the NGO are addressed to children (both boys and girls), to women and youths who are the change actors in every community for a fairer and more inclusive world. WeWorld helps people to overcome the emergency and guarantees a worthy life, opportunities and a future through programs of human and economic development (within the limits of the 2030 Agenda). Children (boys and girls), women, youths – who are the change actors in every community – have the WeWorld Onlus’s leading role in projects and campaigns thru, the following intervention sectors: human rights (gender equality, prevention and contrast to violence on children and women, migration), humanitarian aids (prevention, assistance and rehabilitation), food security, water, hygiene and health, education, social-economic development, environment protection, education toward a global citizenship and international voluntary work (see the attached presentation).

V.I.S. Foundation. Father Miguel Cavallé Puig, founder, presented the Foundation. The V.I.S. Foundation seeks to help as many children and adolescents as possible, anywhere in the world, to have a home in a familiar environment, healthy food, medical and psychological care, and a complete education including quality schooling and education. In this way, the Foundation provides the tools necessary for these children to take responsibility for building a brighter future for themselves and to engage in the progress of their countries. The Foundation deals with humanitarian emergencies, creating programs or centers of integral development as specified in our mission or supporting existing ones, promoting an international network, proposing participation in humanitarian missions in the poorest countries during vacation

periods, promoting volunteer work in one's own city, involving young people, adults or families in the organisation (see the attached presentation).

Spes contra Spem. Mr. Luigi Vittorio Berliri, President, presented the NGO. Spes contra Spem is a social cooperative made up of people at the service of individuals, families and the community. The mission of the NGO is to design, implement and manage community-based residential services and socio-cultural integration services for young people, minors at risk and people with disabilities, connecting the potential and resources of those who live and work in the cooperative with the needs of the territory (see the attached presentation).

Migrants of the Mediterranean ("MotM"). Ms. Pamela Kerpius, Founder and Italy Correspondent of MotM, presented the NGO. MotM uses Humanitarian Storytelling to present the experience of the individual migrant's journey, from country of origin to Europe. Migrants of the Mediterranean believes in mobility and free movement for all and believes that, by illustrating through Humanitarian Storytelling the difficult and dehumanizing passages people must make – from Africa, the Middle East, and beyond – they can develop empathy for our fellow human beings, thus inspiring urgency to create alternative, safe migration routes, and affect social policy that speaks to the realities of how we live together now (see the attached presentation).

5. Presentation of the Annual Reports of Pro Bono Italia and of the Clearinghouses

Ms. Valentina Muglia, Project and Operation Assistant of CILD (*Coalizione Italiana Libertà e Diritti Civili*), presented the annual report of the CILD's clearinghouse. Founded in 2014, CILD is a network of 42 civil society organizations that protect and expand the rights and liberties of all, through a combination of advocacy, public education and legal action. Its main areas of work are asylum and international protection, immigration, equality & anti-discrimination, justice, civil liberties in the digital age and security. CILD offers free of charge legal advice to individuals, NGOs and other civil society actors thanks to a great pro bono network. Since 2015, it has been functioning as clearinghouse for the pro bono network facilitated by PILnet and Pro Bono Italia. The clearinghouse has successfully processed more than 139 assistance requests. As of November 2020, 17 (out of 22) requests submitted by NGOs through CILD's clearinghouse were successfully resolved. Topics of interest included GDPR Compliance (5), COVID-19-related measures for NGOs (1), bylaws updates (1) and financial transparency (1). The clearinghouse also processed 11 (out of 20) individual requests. Topics of interest included Citizenship issues (1), passport issues (1), family legacy (2), legal separation (1), work allowance issue (1), eviction of property (1), divorce (1).

Mr. Roberto Museo, Director of CSVnet, presented the annual report of the CSVnet's clearinghouse, which operates only with requests of assistance from NGOs and association of service centres for volunteering ("CSV"). CSVnet has activated, since February 2020, an area dedicated to the coordination of the consulting areas of the CSVs. The main activities carried out so far include (i) legal interpretation; (ii) information and communication proposals to the legislative technical table of the National Forum of the Third Sector; and (iii) training. In addition to an impressive production of legislation carried out in collaboration with the National Forum of the Third Sector (including 100 articles, 2 video question times, three vademecums for the adaptation of statutes, three in-depth papers and 2 training seminars), the national office responds directly to the numerous requests for clarification that arrive to and from the CSVs. In addition, a team of expert consultants on various issues has been set up, which works to resolve any interpretative doubts and makes requests for clarification also at institutional level. Successfully concluded requests from 2016 to date are 68. In 2020, a total of 9 queries were forwarded to the network of PBI's lawyers, on the following topics: (i) statutory

and management adjustments due to the changes introduced by the Reform of the Third Sector (3); (ii) assistance for the drafting of conventions and contracts (3); (iii) request for reimbursement of expenses or litigation (2); (iv) assistance for issues related even if indirectly to the consequences of the Covid 19 pandemic (1).

In conclusion, G. Carotenuto presented the 2020 Annual Report of PBI. The PBI's Co-founder and President highlighted the numbers of the association's year: 31 members (19 law firms and 12 sole practitioners), 33 request for pro bono assistance met (22 from NGOs and 11 from individuals), a network composed of more than 750 people (lawyers, non-profits, clearinghouses, legal clinics, and companies), and the organization of 4 Italian Pro Bono Roundtables. Then G. Carotenuto summarized the main events of the current year: the issuance of the guidelines for the pro bono assistance in favour of individuals (February), the launch of the Legal Pro Bono Solidarity Resource Center (April), the election of the new Board of the association, composed of 7 members and a Secretary General (May), the publication of the Pro Bono Italia's brochure (July), the signing of a Partnership Agreement with ELSA Italia (November). Furthermore, he reported that, during the current year, besides the Legal Pro Bono Solidarity Resource Center other 2 main projects were carried out: the fourth edition of Know Your Rights (October/November) and the third edition of the Italy Pro Bono Day (November).