



Held in Milan on Wednesday, 15 June 2022, from 1 to 3 pm,
at the offices of Dentons and in streaming

1. Agenda:

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Pro Bono Italia - <i>Giovanni Carotenuto</i>
Dentons – <i>Federico Fusco</i>
PRESENTATIONS FROM NGOs NEW TO OUR NETWORK
ANPAS - <i>Fabrizio Pregliasco</i> Comunità di Sant'Egidio - <i>Paola Federici</i>
LEGAL INITIATIVES FOR AFGHAN AND UKRANIAN REFUGEES
Dentons Pro Bono Coordinator - <i>Joanna Khatib</i> Dentons – <i>Federico Fusco</i>
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION UPDATES
Dentons - <i>Ilaria Gobbato</i>
Fondazione Bellisario – Comitato Regione Lombardia - <i>Elisabetta Lunati</i>
THE STATE OF PLAY OF THE ANTIMAFIA WORK AND PROSECUTION POOL 30 YEARS AFTER CAPACI AND VIA D'AMELIO MASSACRES - KEYNOTE SPEECH
<i>Paolo Guido</i> , Deputy Public Prosecutor at District Anti-Mafia Directorate in Palermo- Antimafia Investigation Palermo District Office
CONCLUSIONS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

2. Attendees: [attached]

3. Introduction

Giovanni Carotenuto, Co-founder and President of Pro Bono Italia (“PBI”), welcomed the attendees to the 42nd Pro Bono Italia Roundtable, held both in presence at Dentons law firm and remotely. After a brief history of the association and its founding members, he gave the floor to the participants to briefly introduce themselves. The audience was diverse ranging from NGOs active in pro bono work, to private equity funds, several users of the Pro Bono Clearinghouse and law firms.

Federico Fusco, Partner of law firm Dentons, joined Giovanni in welcoming the participants and briefly described the firm commitment on pro bono activities, in projects both abroad and in Italy. He described PBI as a rare case of a successful lawyers' association, thanks to its mission and the dedicated and sustained work of Giovanni Carotenuto and the Board, and renewed the firm's support to the association.

4. Presentations from NGOs new to our network

ANPAS. Fabrizio Pregliasco, President, presented the association and referred to the national coordinating network and local presence. The focus of ANPAS is on road transportation healthcare assistance, and civil contingencies, such as displacement and receptions centres. He suggested that the Covid-19 emergency brought about new initiatives to answer to different needs. He referred to the association activities as a way to fill the gap in the current welfare. He mentioned ANPAS initiative within the reform of the Third Sector and an agreement with the national Civil Protection.

Comunità di S. Egidio. Paola Federici, Head of Projects, outlined the roots of the organization, which moved its first steps in 1968 thanks to Andrea Riccardi, at that time a high school student in Rome. It started in the suburbs of Rome and then expanded to the African continent in the '80s and from there all over the world. Nowadays, it counts approximately 80,000 people, mostly volunteers, who are engaged in a variety of solidarity activities to fight poverty. The community supports, together with other organizations, the humanitarian corridors project which helped many refugees and asylum seekers to get safely and legally to Italy at no cost for the state. She focused on S. Egidio work in and for Ukraine, where they have been running activities for the last 30 years. The Community, due to the current conflict, provided them with medicines and aid and has ensured shelter and assistance to more than 700 people.

5. Legal Initiatives for Afghan and Ukrainian Refugees

Joanna Khatib, Dentons Europe's Junior Pro Bono Coordinator, presented the current projects of the firm's pro bono practice across Europe, including the ongoing projects for refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Federico Fusco, Dentons' Pro Bono Partner for Italy, showcased the innovative aspects of a collaborative project launched by CILD and supported by Dentons in collaboration with Hogan Lovells, Linklaters, and Orrick who, under the supervision of an expert immigration lawyer, assist Afghan refugees.

6. Diversity and Inclusion Updates

Ilaria Gobbato, Partner Dentons' Public Policy and Regulation practice, mentioned a recent collaboration with UN Women involving research in several countries on gender-responsive legislation and addressed the D&I topic by presenting the latest developments under Italian procurement law, including PNRR.

Elisabetta Lunati, Fondazione Bellisario, spoke about how Lella Golfo, president of the foundation, came across the idea to establish a prize in memory of Maria Bellisario, managing director of Italtel during late '80s and successful businesswoman, and the aims of the prize, which is supported also by Intesa Sanpaolo.

She spoke about regional diversity, maternity and employment, and Golfo-Mosca law.

7. The State of Play of the Antimafia work and prosecution pool 30 years after Capaci and Via d'Amelio massacres – Keynote Speech

Paolo Guido, deputy public prosecutor at District Anti-Mafia Directorate in Palermo, talked about the good news on the fight against mafia throughout the last 30 years. He went through several milestones, such as the role of '*pentito*' and its importance in understanding and fighting the mafia, which was no longer unbreakable. He mentioned the internationally well-known '*maxiprocesso*' and the need to address the matter not only from a judicial angle but also by making society-wide efforts.

He addressed two questions from the participants concerning migration and mafia and confiscation of mafia-owned estate.

8. Conclusions

Giovanni Carotenuto thanked the panelists for their stimulating and productive presentations. He introduced Pro Bono Italia's future initiative to launch permanent working groups *ratione materiae*. He mentioned an event on business and human rights legislation to be held on 21st June at Legance law firm (a founding member of Pro Bono Italia). He finally reminded the upcoming RT organised by PBI for 2022 on September 28th in Rome at Hogan Lovells law firm.