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**Italian
PROBONO
Roundtable**

Held in Milan on March 26, 2025, from 12pm to 3pm,
at DLA Piper, both in person and online

1. AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
2. SEMINAR "ANTI-CORRUPTION AS A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL"
Featured presentations by:
A.N.A.C – Giuseppe Busia (connected remotely)
DLA Piper – Ornella Belfiori (connected remotely)
EPPO – Gaetano Ruta
AIGI – Alessandra Bini
Transparency International Italia – Michele Calleri
Q&A
3. CONCLUSIVE REMARKS
4. PRESENTATIONS FROM NGOs NEW TO OUR NETWORK
5. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS
6. INTRODUCTION TO UPCOMING EVENTS
7. Q&A AND CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

2. PARTICIPANTS: 64 both in person and online

3. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Giovanni Carotenuto, Pro Bono Italia ETS
Ginevra Righini, DLA Piper

4. SEMINAR "ANTI-CORRUPTION AS A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL", in collaboration with Advisora, AIGI, and I-Com – Institute for Competitiveness.

The seminar explored the latest regulatory developments in anti-corruption at the European level and their implications for both the public and private sectors.

In particular, the discussion highlighted the importance of investing in corruption prevention as a key driver for improving organizational performance and creating value. Additionally, the crucial role of effective regulations in enhancing competitiveness and fostering sustainable development within the European Union was emphasized.

The seminar continued with an overview of the international regulatory framework, focusing on the United Nations Convention against Corruption, OECD guidelines, and the latest European directives on sustainability and due diligence. The relationship between corruption and economic performance was analyzed, along with the role of businesses in ensuring transparency and compliance with reporting obligations.

The impact of EU directives on Italian legislation was examined, underscoring the cross-cutting nature of corruption and the challenges in combating it. The importance of transparency and self-regulation mechanisms was reaffirmed, moving beyond the traditional distinction between public and private corruption.

The discussion then shifted to the need to foster a corporate culture based on integrity, where compliance extends beyond mere regulatory adherence. Corporate top management plays a crucial role in promoting an effective governance system, supported by automated controls and technological tools for risk mitigation.

Finally, the analysis of Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index revealed a slight decline for Italy, which dropped from 56 to 54 points, ranking 52nd globally and 19th among the 27 EU member states. This highlights the importance of implementing integrated anti-corruption strategies that combine technical measures with civil society engagement, leveraging initiatives such as "Integrity Pacts" in the public procurement sector.

Speakers:

Giuseppe Busia, A.N.A.C.

Ornella Belfiori, DLA Piper

Gaetano Ruta, EPPO

Alessandra Bini, AIGI

Michele Calleri, Transparency International

5. CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

The discussion highlighted the urgent need for a cultural shift within companies, ensuring that compliance is no longer perceived as a mere bureaucratic requirement but as a concrete tool to strengthen corporate integrity and risk awareness. Additionally, the link between corruption reduction and economic growth was emphasized.

Finally, the relationship between professional ethics and pro bono activities was addressed. The seminar underscored the necessity of synergy between the legal profession and non-profit organizations to safeguard fundamental rights and tackle the challenges of subsidiarity in an increasingly complex global context—especially in light of the current international political landscape.

Speakers:

Giovanni Carotenuto, Pro Bono Italia ETS

Alessandra Bini, AIGI

Stefano da Empoli, I-com

Marcella Vulcano, Advisora

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM NGOs NEW TO OUR NETWORK

Massimo Pesci, Fondazione Albero della Vita <https://www.alberodellavita.org/>

Elena d'Andrea, Fondazione Arché <https://arche.it/>

Cecilia Aurora Maccararo, LILT-Monza Brianza <https://www.legatumori.mi.it/>

7. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS

Fabrizio Arossa, Pro Bono Italia ETS

The progress of the Permanent Table of Lawyers and Corporate Jurists on drafting a paper on DEI matters was presented, along with updates from the Permanent Table on Immigration, which is currently working on an operational document. This document focuses on a comparative analysis of national and European regulations and operational practices in key intervention areas, including labor corridors, Roma rights, border procedures, reception, and family reunification.

8. INTRODUCTION TO UPCOMING EVENTS

Federico Fusco, Pro Bono Italia <https://probonoitalia.org/it/eventi-pbi/>

Pro Bono Italia's candidacy was presented for the co-organization of a seminar, in collaboration with AIGI, Advisora, and Transparency International, on the link between ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) regulations—recently subject to significant changes due to the evolving international context—and the Third Sector. The seminar will focus on the intersection of ethics, professions, and business activities, the fight against corruption as a sustainable development goal, and the (renewed) DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) policies. It will take place in Milan on May 28, 2025, as part of the ASviS Sustainable Development Festival.

Additionally, PBI will play a key role in the Global Pro Bono Forum, which, after ten years, will return to Rome from November 10 to 13, 2025. PBI is part of the Forum's Host Committee and will participate with a dedicated session to present its projects and activities.

9. Q&A AND CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

The importance of collaboration between corporate lawyers and nonprofit organizations within PBI's network was reaffirmed, emphasizing the synergistic achievement of the Association's institutional goals. Additionally, all interested parties are encouraged to actively participate in ongoing projects and Permanent Working Groups, as well as to take on the requests available on the Pro Bono Italia Platform.

Speakers:

Fabrizio Arossa, Pro Bono Italia ETS

Federico Fusco, Pro Bono Italia ETS

Giuseppina Pagano, Pro Bono Italia ETS