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9th Italy Pro Bono Day: how did it go?



It has now been just over a week since the [9th Italy Pro Bono Day](#) and we would like to thank you once again for taking part in our annual event, hosted by our member firm **Hogan Lovells Italy**, in Rome, as part of European Pro Bono Week.

The day’s proceedings brought together lawyers, in-house legal counsel, bar associations and civil society organisations around a shared message: pro bono legal work is a tool for training, professional development and social responsibility, but also a practical means of strengthening access to justice for vulnerable and marginalised people and, more generally, of improving our legal system and safeguarding the rule of law in Italy.

The speeches by **Claudio Visco**, President of the International Bar Association, **Alessandro Graziani**, President of the Rome Bar Council, **Giorgio Martellino**, President of AIGI, and our President, **Giovanni Carotenuto**, clearly highlighted the need to consolidate a culture of pro bono work in Italy – one capable of placing qualified legal expertise at the service of those who need it most.

During the 57th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable we also provided a platform for new non-profit organisations that have joined our network and shared concrete initiatives arising from collaboration between professionals and civil society, including the position paper [“Entry and mobility of foreign workers in Europe”](#) and the [CSOs’ Legal Health Check](#) programme.

The high level of participation, both in person and via livestream, confirms the positive energy and the desire to network that emerged during the event.



The feedback received in the days that followed also confirmed that the event was a dynamic gathering, rich in high-quality content, substantive discussion and genuine enthusiasm for networking.

It also showed that the pro bono movement in Italy is growing ever stronger, supported by fruitful collaboration between independent lawyers, in-house legal counsel and the third sector. This confirms the power of law as a tool for the public good and the significant impact it can have when placed at the service of the society.

Find out more about the event

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026



FROM 12:30 PM TO 3:00PM
AT **FIVERS**

via Pietro Paleocapa 5, 20121 Milan

On **Wednesday, 21 October 2026**, our **58th Italian Pro Bono Roundtable** will take place in **Milan**.

The event will be held from **12:30 to 15:00 at Fivers**. We are grateful to Fivers for offering to host this new opportunity for our network to come together, exchange views and hear the latest updates.

Free registration is already open [on our website](#): secure your place to attend in person in Milan or to follow the proceedings via streaming.

We look forward to seeing you!

Register now

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First and foremost, we wish to thank those who, last year, chose to allocate their 5x1000 to our Association.

We know that every choice of support is important and that a contribution should only be requested when one works every day to deserve it.

Pro Bono Italia ETS demonstrates this through its daily commitment: by promoting the culture of pro bono in Italy, strengthening its Clearinghouse and platform through which we facilitate the matching of requests for free legal assistance with the right professionals, creating opportunities for discussion, training and collaboration within its network, and [publishing papers and documentation](#) that are useful to our entire network and beyond.

For these reasons, **we ask you to support our activities by allocating your 5x1000 to us**: a choice that comes at no cost to you, but that makes a concrete contribution to making access to justice fairer and closer to those in need.

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CSOs’ Legal Health Check:
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CSOs’
legal health check

THE PROJECT IS ENTERING
ITS OPERATIONAL PHASE

A **free and confidential** service
to help civil society organizations
take stock of how they are functioning.



Many organizations have already joined,
but **some places are still available**.

Discover the project, meet the working group and
see whether it could also be useful for your organization.



For information, write to progetti@probonoitalia.org

The [CSOs’ Legal Health Check](#) project has entered its operational phase.

Several organizations have already joined and **a number of places are still available** for those interested in participating to the project.

civil society organizations assess their governance, leverage their strengths and reinforce weaker areas.

For more information about the project, you can contact at progetti@probonoitalia.org. We will get back to you to explain how it works and the real benefits for your organization.

Contact us

You too can do pro bono!

23 requests for pro bono legal assistance are waiting for a professional like you to take them on!

They come from non-profit organizations and from people in economic need who cannot access legal aid.

Requests are screened by the Clearinghouses of Pro Bono Italia and CSVnet, routed through the platform and then served by the professionalism of those who carry out legal work.

But first and foremost, thank you to everyone who, over the years, has taken on a request and has brought it forward.

In 2025, 682 requests were received through our platform. Each one represents a person, an organization, a story that found someone ready to listen. Thanks to those who made their expertise available.

We increasingly need new people who care about legal pro bono.

 **You do not need to be a member of Pro Bono Italia ETS to do pro bono work through our platform.**

The [platform](#) is open to all lawyers, law firms and in-house counsel who wish to make their expertise available. No membership requirement is required!

Embrace our mission: do some pro bono



This new membership strengthens our network and represents a further contribution to the promotion of a structured, ongoing and effective pro bono culture.

[Become a member of Pro Bono Italia ETS](#)

“*Avvocati e attività pro bono*”: the Milan Bar Association’s webinar

On **Monday, 15 June 2026**, the webinar “***Avvocati e attività pro bono***” (“Lawyers and Pro Bono Activities”) was held, organized by the **Milan Bar Association – Human Rights Commission** – through the ***Fondazione Forense***, as part of the continuing professional development programme for lawyers. Participation entitled attendees to 2 professional training credits, including 1 in a compulsory subject area. During the webinar, **five key thematic areas were explored**: the scope of the concept of pro bono and the role of lawyers; the relationship between pro bono and legal aid; pro bono from the perspective of in-house counsel; and the role of Clearinghouses.

The speakers included **Massimo Audisio**, **Fabio Pellicani**, member of the Human Rights Commission of the Milan Bar Association, **Giovanni Carotenuto**, President of Pro Bono Italia ETS, **Chiara Spagnuolo**, Legal Counsel, in-house counsel and AIGI member, **Elena Esposito**, Pro Bono Italia Clearinghouse Consultant, and **Chiara Capalti**, member of the Board of Directors of Pro Bono Italia ETS.

In particular, President Giovanni Carotenuto spoke about skills-based volunteering in the legal field and the experience of Pro Bono Italia ETS. Elena Esposito and Chiara Capalti described the role and functioning of the Clearinghouse managed by Pro Bono Italia ETS.

We thank the Milan Bar Association, the Human Rights Commission and all the speakers for contributing to a rich and wide-ranging discussion, supporting the dissemination of a pro bono culture within the legal profession.

Our Partners’ events

FIDU and IPHR: transnational repression and the role of the legal profession

On 4 and 5 June 2026, Pro Bono Italia ETS took part in the initiative “**Transnational Repression: A Challenge for Rights and the Security of Democracy**”, promoted by FIDU – the Italian Federation for Human Rights and IPHR – International Partnership for Human Rights, with the patronage of the *UAE – Union des Avocats Européens*.

Our President, Giovanni Carotenuto, spoke at the workshop for lawyers dedicated to practical tools for identifying and managing potential cases of transnational repression, with a particular focus on evidence gathering, the protection of assisted persons, digital security, and reporting, referral and case management pathways.

Civitates Futures: tools and scenarios to strengthen civic space

On Wednesday, 17 June, the webinar “**Civitates Futures – Strategic Foresight for Democratic Actors**” was held, dedicated to strategic foresight tools available to democratic actors.

The meeting highlighted the importance of recognizing signals of change in good time, building trust and strengthening broader alliances to protect civic space.

BNP Paribas: Global Legal Pro Bono Day - Italy Edition

On 18 June 2026, we also took part in the Global Legal Pro Bono Day – Italy Edition

promoted by BNP Paribas, to present the activities and collaborations of our Association, during a morning dedicated to sharing experiences, initiatives and synergies connected to the pro bono world.

Among the topics addressed were inclusion, sustainability, social impact, financial inclusion, the prevention of online fraud, and collaboration among legal teams, law firms and associations active in the pro bono field.

Thank you for the attention you give to our communications. I wish you a pleasant weekend.

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