



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Founded in 2014, the **Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights (CILD)** is a network of 41 civil society organisations that protect and expand the rights and liberties of all, through a combination of advocacy, public education and legal action.

# Annual Report 2020

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## A joint message from the President and the Executive Director

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2020 was a year  
we will remember  
forever.

Despite the COVID  
vaccines giving us hope,  
we are still coping with  
the trauma of a global  
pandemic that suddenly  
threatened all the things  
we hold dear: life, health,  
love, relationships,  
work – freedom.





Aside from the virus' epicentre, Italy was, for a long period during 2020, the most affected country. In early March, when we started seeing the most vulnerable among us requiring drastic and urgent assistance and the Italian national health care system experiencing unprecedented strain while tasked with an extraordinary and dramatic response effort, we decided to launch an international appeal and thanks to our extraordinary donors and members we were able to immediately support frontline workers and organisations.

Our team worked around the clock to ensure that we could buy and rapidly distribute masks and other protective equipment, which soon became a rare commodity. We also supported food bank initiatives all over the country and changed our priorities overnight to be able to take on a role in the national response to the pandemic. The right to health equality became our main concern, while also advocating for a regularisation scheme for migrants who were playing a fundamental role as essential workers. Our lawyers assisted with many individual cases and provided information to people in detention centres and prisons. We continued our work against hate and discrimination and for the abolition of the security decrees still in place.

Many civil society organisations carried out a tremendous amount of work in extremely difficult circumstances showing the best of our country. We celebrated it with a public campaign that invited the Italian society to know more about them and the value of working together for the common good.

**We are now slowly turning the page on one of the most challenging moments of our history, but it is not the time to sit back. What we did in 2020 should be the inspiration for our future in helping the country to build back better. More than ever we will continue to fight for civil rights and freedoms, knowing that you are on our side.**



*Arturo Salerni*

**CILD President**



*Andrea Menapace*

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**CILD Executive Director**



# About Us

The Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights (CILD) is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2014 and currently composed of 41 associations and foundations working to defend and promote rights and liberties for all, combining advocacy, public education and legal action.

CILD was born from an awareness that civil rights and liberties are intimately connected, interdependent and indivisible. In the face of emerging cultural, political and social circumstances which threatened the fabric of civil liberties and rights in Italy, a mass of Italian civil society organisations decided to create the Coalition to enable greater impact through unity.



# Our Manifesto

At CILD we believe that respect of freedoms and civil rights is fundamental to a rich and functioning society and that true freedom is accessible to no one, if not accessible to everyone.

We believe that promoting and protecting rights and liberties for all makes for a stronger, more prosperous and egalitarian society. We believe that even though we are all different, we all deserve to be free. And what does it mean to be Free? Freedom is self-determination. Freedom is the ability to create and live your true identity. Freedom is knowledge and awareness. Freedom is integration and acceptance. Freedom is having your interests and wellbeing count for something to those with immense power. Freedom is equality, equity, and safety.

In Italy, we have gone through a long period in which certain kinds of detrimental language, practices and policy choices have prevailed based on an underlying current of misinformation, political agendas and fear. It has been difficult to watch these circumstances unfold but they have also allowed us to put both the fragility and importance of civil freedoms and human rights into perspective.

This is why CILD exists. Our Coalition, made up of passionate and engaged Italian civil society organisations, bands together with a vision to create an Italy which is more open, more transparent, and more inclusive.

Our Coalition is involved in many important issues which are important to us:

1. The fight against all forms of discrimination including racism, xenophobia, discrimination based on sexuality or gender, and particularly stamping out prejudice against Roma, Sinti and Camminanti peoples.
2. A change of vision on immigration whereby it is no longer seen as a criminal issue but instead seen from the perspective of the right to asylum and the duty of reception for refugees (alongside the welcoming of pathways to citizenship).
3. The construction of a penal and penitentiary system that is less selective and more respectful of rights, with the legalisation of cannabis and treatment of other drug offences as a social rather than criminal issue.
4. Participation as citizens in a public system that is respectful of confidentiality, wary of mass surveillance, and which both fights against corruption and for transparency in public administration.

We stand by the rights and liberties afforded to all by the Italian Constitution and international law. We are committed to fighting against overt and covert abuses and violations of these invaluable instruments.

We are collaborative. We may be a Coalition but, in saying that, none of our "parts" lose their own organisational identities. Quite on the contrary; the many associations that make up CILD make this vision of a more open and respectful society richer.

We look forward to elevating the societal knowledge base regarding rights and emboldening the civil identity of citizens and Italy.



# Our Board

## **Arturo Salerni** | [President](#)

Arturo is a lawyer who works in the fields of criminal, administrative and international law for the protection of human rights. He was President of rights-based organisation Progetto Diritti where he worked for the legal protection of society's most disadvantaged cohorts, was President of Europa Levante for the rights of the Kurdish people, and was also President of the Azienda Farmasociosanitaria di Roma Capitale-Farmacap. He is currently President of the Truth and Justice Committee for the New Desaparecidos and was one of the founders of Antigone, an association which deals with criminal law and penitentiary matters.

## **Laura Liberto** | [Vice President](#)

Since 2012 Laura has been the National Coordinator of the Justice for Rights network of Cittadinanzattiva. A criminal and immigration lawyer, she has been working for numerous years in the nonprofit world on the promotion of human rights and citizenship, protection of children's rights and societal inclusion of Roma communities.

## **Flavio Romani** | [Vice President](#)

Flavio has been for some time an activist for the rights of gay, lesbian and trans people within Arcigay, the largest and most widespread Italian LGBTI association, of which he was National President from 2012 to 2018. Currently, in addition to holding the position of Vice President of CILD, he assists with the plight of many asylum-seeking migrants.

## **Susanna Marietti** | [Member](#)

Susanna is the Executive Director of Italian association Antigone and works towards the promotion of human rights in the criminal justice system. Her publications include books and articles on penal and prison issues as well as on contemporary philosophical topics. She runs a blog on criminal justice hosted by the Italian newspaper "Il Fatto Quotidiano". Alongside Patrizio Gonnella, she authors and hosts the weekly Italian radio program Jailhouse Rock which discusses topical prison-related matters. Susanna is the President of the Atletico Diritti sports club, which involves detained and migrant athletes in sporting competition.

## **Leonardo Fiorentini** | [Member](#)

Leonardo is an anti-prohibitionist, ecologist and friend of nonviolence. A webmaster by profession, he has been working on drug policies since the birth of the Fuoriluogo website, of which he became Director in 2014. He is one of the editors of the White Paper on drugs, which every year takes stock of the consequences of substance-related policies in Italy. In 2018 he contributed some of his views to the book Cannabis is good for Politics. He is National Secretary of Forum Droghe, which he represents at the UN, and a founding member of the Società della Ragione (Society of Reason). From 2014 to 2019 he was a municipal councillor in Ferrara, where he had previously also held the role of councillor and District President.



# Our Member Organisations

## 24 Marzo

**A Buon Diritto**

**Ansi**

**Antigone**

**Arci**

**Arco**

**Arcigay**

**Asgi**

**Associazione 21 Luglio**

**Associazione Luca Coscioni**

**Avvocati Per Niente**

**Bambini Senza Sbarre**

**Bin Italia**

**Certi Diritti**

**Cie Piemonte**

**Cipsi**

**Cir**

**Cittadinanzattiva**

**Cittadini Del Mondo**

**Cospe**

**Differenza Donna**

**Diritto Di Sapere**

**Diversity**

**Fondazione Leone Moressa**

**Forum Droghe**

**Gruppo Umana Solidarietà**

**Hermes Center**

**K\_alma**

**Lunaria**

**Magen David Keshet Italia (Mdk)**

**Movimento Difesa Del Cittadino**

**Naga**

**Parsec**

**Progetto Diritti**

**On The Road**

**Rete Lenford**

**Società Della Ragione**

**Societàinformazione**

**Strali**

**Tefa Colombia**

**Volontari In Carcere**

**Zabbara**



# Our Work

## Immigration and Asylum

### Administrative detention and alternatives to detention

In 2020, we continued our efforts to protect the rights of foreigners detained on the grounds that they have irregular residence status. We published a report entitled “Migrant Detention in Covid-19 times” analysing data on entries by sea, detention in hotspots, in Pre Removal Detention Centres (CPRs) and on “quarantine vessels” in the first half of 2020. Since March 8 2020 we have also been maintaining a daily press review on administrative detention.

We wrote a letter to the councils of the Bar Associations to share our concerns about the management of the health emergency in the CPRs alongside Antigone, ASGI, Progetto Diritti, Legal Team Italia, the Legal Clinic of Roma Tre and LasciateCIEntrare. In the letter to the Justices of the Peace and the Judges of the specialised sections of the Courts, we invited judges not to validate or extend the detention of foreigners in the CPRs because the emergency meant it had become impossible to execute the expulsions anyway. This resulted in a sharp decrease in detentions in CPRs during the first half of 2020.

As in previous years, we also provided free assistance to presumed minors, psychiatric patients, victims of trafficking and other vulnerable people detained illegally – in our view – in the CPRs.

We continued our engagement, in cooperation with E.I.N., ASGI and A Buon Diritto, in supervising the implementation of the *Khlaifia (and others) v. Italy* decision, currently before the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. In particular, in February 2020, a new memorandum was sent to the Committee of Ministers, where CILD denounced the continuing absence of internal remedies to combat ill-treatment and poor detention conditions within detention facilities.

Finally, we continued our work on alternatives to detention. In recent years the detention of undocumented migrants for repatriation has been a pillar of Italian migration policy. However, this system has long proved to be unsuitable for the proper management of this migration phenomenon. CILD aims to foster and promote alternatives to detention in the context of migration in Italy by adopting a holistic, case management-based approach; supporting migrants at risk of detention in Italy. Within this project, CILD member Progetto Diritti is responsible for conducting case management activities and building evidence on the beneficial outcomes of alternatives (in terms of safeguards for migrants’ rights and cost-effective use of resources), while CILD is tasked with carrying out communication and advocacy by informing targeted groups of stakeholders and decision-makers about alternatives to detention via changes in immigration policy-making. This project is being implemented with the support of the [International Detention Coalition](#) and the [European Alternatives to Detention Network](#).



**OPENMIGRATION.ORG**

Founded in 2015, Open Migration is an open, horizontal information project which entirely discusses issues of migration. Using skills, data and knowledge, it aims to contribute to shaping opinions and views on migration, breaking down prejudices and stereotypes used by the media and some political forces when discussing this issue.

During 2020 we have published more than 50 in-depth studies and editorials, keeping our audience updated both on the main developments and consequences of Italian and international political activity (for example, Italy's agreements with Libya, the Security Decrees and changes to Italy's "reception" system) and on topical issues related to migration (for example the Closed Ports' policy, criminalisation of solidarity with migrants and the conditions migrants experienced on main migration routes or along European borders).

We told of the atavistic weakness of a "reception" system which often abandons men, women and minors - reported their living conditions in the main ghettos of Italy and in places where they, unfortunately, are still too often exploited. Similarly, we closely followed promising models such as the *Humanitarian Corridors* project and for the first time, we started to tell of the living conditions experienced in some of the main "departure" countries such as Tunisia, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, as well as in countries hosting more refugees and migrants than Italy, such as Lebanon and Libya. Our editorial efforts, constantly aiming to contrast the dominant fictions sold in the mass media, have continued to reap rewards: over 120 thousand users read Open Migration articles directly from its dedicated website in 2020 and Open Migration has now surpassed more than 1 million readers since launch.

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## Our Work / Immigration and Asylum

### Learn about your rights

CILD continues to collaborate with the [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)](#) to create and review content for the [Refugee.Info Italy](#) platform. [Refugee.Info Italy](#) aims to help asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants to access services and exercise their rights. Content published on this platform is created based on an ongoing needs assessment conducted by IRC by engaging in two-way communication with English-speaking migrants. This is done through a [Facebook group](#) and a [Facebook page](#) that allow IRC to document in real-time the concerns and questions of people regarding the move across geographies and in Italy. CILD's contribution consists of [producing content and checking legal information](#) concerning advice for asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants in Italy. This includes, for example, procedures for seeking asylum, enrolling in school, accessing health care, or renewing documents.

### Predicting future migration patterns

Via our work in the Horizon 2020 [HumMingBird](#) project - funded by the European Commission - we aim to respond to the developing need for groups and nations to understand and predict migration flows. We do this by improving understanding of the changing nature of drivers of migration, analysing patterns, mapping motivations and new geographies and forecasting emerging and future trends. Migration has become a matter of significant social, political and broader public concern. It has, therefore, gradually become a matter of high priority on the agendas of national and EU authorities. Well-informed, evidence-based migration policies should be based on reliable evidence, beginning with a thorough understanding of existing data as well as the demographic, economic, environmental and political drivers of migration. There is a need for tools to forecast migration flows to minimise shocks and tensions and therein lies the impetus for HumMingBird.



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## Better rights protection

CILD worked in 2020 to [train lawyers, prosecutors and judges to ensure better protection of rights for migrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking](#). This included building awareness of relevant EU-based legislation and relevant case law concerning victims of human trafficking who are migrants or refugees, to contribute to an effective and uniform application of the EU legislative framework in cases that involve victims of human trafficking. Within this project, we created a [toolkit on implementing judicial training for lawyers, prosecutors and judges](#) and assisted in the planning and execution of an international judicial training event on 17 October, where subjects including international judicial cooperation in trafficking-related matters, the rights of unaccompanied children who are victims of human trafficking and financial compensation opportunities for victims were discussed.

## Legal empowerment of migrants and asylum seekers

In 2020 CILD, international law firm DLA Piper, International Rescue Committee and Pro Bono Italia continued to spearhead a legal empowerment programme for refugees, asylum seekers and beneficiaries of other forms of protection. The programme included educational sessions on asylum and international protection law, the right to work, education and the right to health. The objective was to give participants a basic legal knowledge on various issues, to enable them to be more aware of their rights and place their goals in Italy in closer reach.

If requested, each participant could also be matched with a mentor who would meet with the refugee or asylum seeker throughout the programme to work on individualised assistance or guidance for that participant. The first programme was held in Milan in 2018, with the second and third held in Milan in 2019. In 2020 the fourth programme was successfully held, albeit in an online format. A new online edition, the fifth, is also planned for 2021.

## Anti-trafficking

In 2020 this project came to an end, concluding two years of work in analysing the links between human trafficking and the demand and supply chains that fuel it, and engaging economic sectors representatives which would help civil society and other anti-trafficking stakeholders to combat this rising phenomenon. A key aim of the project was to prevent well-intentioned companies from unwittingly supporting, sustaining and encouraging the spread of human trafficking, and in this regard, CILD contributed to raising awareness amongst the business sector through our report "[Human trafficking and the economic/business sectors susceptible to being involved in the demand and supply chain of products and services resulting from victims' exploitation](#)" and the accompanying "[Toolkit for economic sectors to combat human trafficking](#)".

## Better access to regularisation

In May 2020, the Italian government launched a regularisation scheme for undocumented foreigners in Italy, allowing the former to regularise their status if they had a work contract on foot or were imminently able to enter into a work contract.

CILD produced a series of FAQs for [migrants](#) and employers to assist them in accessing the scheme while offering ongoing support to prospective beneficiaries through a team of lawyers.

In the beginning, requests were being more commonly made regarding access and further information on legal provisions. Later on (and still at present) due to the long processing times of applications, questions tend to now be related mostly to the loss of jobs that were current at the time of the application, and questions relating to changes in employer. A total of 160 requests for assistance were taken up and processed.





## Our Work

# Equality and Anti-Discrimination

CILD is actively combatting discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, working towards an improved national legal framework in line with Council of Europe and European Union standards, strengthened national capacity to implement European and national standards and increased awareness of the negative impact of rights violations on LGBTI persons. During 2020 we organised three national conversations and three working groups involving more than 40 stakeholders and led the creation of a National Report noting gaps in internal law and the recommendations of the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

By supporting the work of several coalition members and through independent initiatives, CILD has heavily supported the call for a law that specifically punishes hate crimes and violence motivated by discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

We also published an e-book named "Parents and discrimination" at the registry office and collaborated in the drafting of a "question-time" document addressed to Minister Lamorgese on discrimination against homosexual couples in requesting electronic identity cards for their children.





## Our Work

# Rule of law and civic space



### Building Narrative Change capacity

A recent report by CIVICUS Monitor downgraded Italy from “open” to “restricted” in terms of access to civic space. At the level of public campaigns and legislative action, those most “restricted” are social movements, environmental groups and groups providing support to migrants. Research by [Ipsos](#) tells us that despite the communicative polarisation, there is a great body of those in the “middle” – people who are undecided and yet to be persuaded. Our Narrative Lab was born in November 2020 from a need to mobilise this “middle”, which makes up about 48% of the Italian population, and mobilise it as an ally to change the current narrative about immigration and rights-based civil society. Our hope is that these new allies will assist in efforts to defend civic spaces currently under attack and build stronger and more resilient communities.

Our Narrative Lab does, and will continue to do this by:

- Developing and deploying positive narratives built around: workable solutions, core national and constitutional values, a sense of commonality and civic engagement, and belonging and togetherness.
- Connecting people and civil society organisations, both at local and national levels, across different backgrounds and broader constituencies, with a content strategy and leadership development approach focused on training and mentoring opportunities, events, campaigns and initiatives.



## AMARSI UN PO'

**On the 14th of December CILD launched the Amarsi un po' campaign.**

During the year Italy, along with the rest of the world, was hit with this pandemic and suddenly all the things we hold dear came into stark focus: life, health, love, relationships, work. And of course, we want this unprecedented period to end. For all of us to make it out of this challenging period of history.

Not just alive, but united and better. This does not depend only on the ability of those who lead the country and the commitment of the medical and scientific community. Each of us has a role to play, however big or small.

In this spirit, we thought of Amarsi un po', a campaign that we already love and hope to see grow. To facilitate discussion about, and practice, freedom and rights, starting from those who defend and cultivate them.

In 2020, we published 4 campaign videos and 1 story, which were disseminated via online means and earned, in under 6 weeks, over 135,000 impressions.

We also formed **two media partnerships: with Hearst (Cosmopolitan) and La Repubblica.**

**The campaign will continue throughout 2021 with the addition of more stories.**

**la Repubblica.it**



**COSMOPOLITAN**  
AMARSI UN PO'



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## Our Work / Rule of law and civic space

### Access To Justice

The term “*pro bono*” comes from the Latin expression “*pro bono publico*” and, in the legal field, refers to assistance provided voluntarily and free of charge by lawyers for the common good. Pro bono legal assistance, whether judicial or extrajudicial, is provided by lawyers to not-for-profit organisations and individuals who face obstacles in obtaining legal assistance and accessing justice. Since 2015, CILD has acted as a clearing house, connecting organisations and individuals in need of assistance with lawyers from our vast pro bono network who are willing to help. Assistance requested ranges from the drafting of a legal memo, to researching case law, to providing advice on data processing.

From 2015 to 2020, CILD’s Clearing House managed requests from individuals and not-for-profit organisations and out of more than 177 requests received and assigned to pro bono lawyers 141 were successfully provided with the requested assistance.

Moreover, in January 2020, the pro bono legal assistance service was opened up to requests from individuals who have difficulty accessing justice, increasing pro bono work and access to justice in Italy.

Year	Requests submitted	Requests processed successfully	Percentage processed successfully
2015	17	14	82%
2016	18	14	77%
2017	34	30	88%
2018	21	15	71%
2019	41	35	85%
2020	45	30	66%
total	177	141	79.6%

In addition, CILD’s Clearing House has encouraged the implementation of thematically-focused pro bono projects within specific law firms. In October 2019, CILD and law firms Orrick and Herbert Smith Freehills commenced a family reunification project, which aims to provide pro bono support and legal assistance to non-EU citizens who wish to apply for residence permits for family reunification purposes. From December 2019 to December 2020, 16 cases were supported. More than 60% were successfully resolved and the persons concerned were granted residence permits.





## Our Work

# Civil Liberties in the Digital Age

In 2020, CILD strengthened analytical work undertaken in this area in 2019 with the publication of a *Know Your Rights* guide focused on the protection of our data online and continued a series of advocacy initiatives aimed at encouraging institutions and private companies to ensure that citizens' right to privacy is respected.

We collaborated with Liberties on the *#tracktheTrackers* campaign, which aimed to monitor apps set up to track potential contagions from Covid-19 using mobile phone localisation, to ensure respect for rights to privacy were maintained as much as possible. We also continued our collaboration with Liberties on the *#YourDataYourBusiness* campaign, which aimed to strengthen regulation of online privacy and, in particular, use of personal data and sale of data to third party companies for the purpose of online advertising.

Finally, thanks to a collaboration with Edri - the largest European network on online rights and freedoms, which CILD is an observer of - we continue to take part in the *Reclaimyourface* campaign, which calls for the banning of biometric surveillance technologies in public spaces (including facial recognition). As we move into 2021 the goal will be to collect one million signatures to have the European Parliament discuss a proposal to ban mass biometric surveillance, via a European citizens' initiative.







## Our Work

# Drug policy reform

Non Me La Spacci Giusta, a campaign promoted by CILD to seek change in drug policy in Italy, has from inception contrasted information coming from governmental, non-governmental and academic sources, with ideological information that justifies the current choices made on drugs by governments (including data and statistics supported by scientific evidence to support its arguments). Currently, the campaign is active in disseminating information on social network accounts, providing legal information to users, and taking part in advocacy and lobbying initiatives.

## Our Work

# Justice for Women

In 2020 we finalised our work on the [JUSTICE FOR WOMEN – Towards a more effective rights protection and access to judicial procedures for victims of crimes](#) project, which aimed to strengthen access to justice for women who are victims of violence, to increase rates of abuse reporting to authorities and to improve measures for assessing damage suffered by victims so that they may receive adequate financial compensation. Within this project, CILD contributed to the creation of central publications including the [Key findings and strategies to tackle unreported cases and to enforce the protection order](#) report and the [Financial compensation guide. Cases concerning women victims of crime](#) resource.





## Our Work

# Legal Action Centre

CILD's Legal Action Centre provides legal assistance and information on all thematic areas where our Coalition is involved.

### Assistance

In 2020, the Centre provided advice to individuals seeking assistance on immigration-related issues including representing vulnerable persons in detention, seeking family reunification and procedural pathways to citizenship. Additional assistance was provided concerning health-related issues and in the seeking of information via FOI requests. Finally, the Centre has helped individuals deal with drug policy-related issues by suggesting legal strategies in cases concerning cannabis.

We have also continued to use the FOIA tool primarily to understand possible violations of habeas corpus due to restrictions on freedom of movement imposed due to COVID-19, especially at informal settlements, as was the case at [Selam Palace](#).



### BOX 1 – J.

Among the cases that have been positively resolved in the work CILD did with the law firms Orrick and Herbert Smith Freehills, we would like to highlight the story of "J", the father of a one-year-old child, who was notified of the rejection of the residence permit he applied for, for family reasons, even though his wife was in receipt of a residence permit for the same reasons. After this rejection, there was a real risk of repatriation and the deprivation of the presence of the father in the one-year-old child's life. We appealed to the Court of Rome, which sanctioned the principle that even those who have a tourist visa can apply directly in Italy for a permit allowing for family cohesion, without having to return to their country of origin and start, from there, a long process of obtaining an entry visa for family reasons. The same precedent has been adopted in two other similar cases of the project that have been successfully concluded.



## Information

CILD's Legal Action Centre also provides general information on civil liberties and rights through the publication of articles, Know Your Rights guides and in-depth analysis pieces. In 2020, in addition to dozens of articles, the Centre produced:

- An e-book entitled "[Parents and discrimination at the registry office](#)" and collaboration in the drafting of a "[question-time](#)" document addressed to Minister Lamorgese on discrimination of same-sex couples while requesting electronic identity cards for their children
- A guide entitled "[Access to care for the chronically ill during COVID-19 times](#)" to provide practical information for the chronically ill to see guaranteed continuity of care during the COVID emergency, such that no one is left behind
- A guide on the regularisation of 2020 (already cited)
- A report entitled "Migrant Detention in Covid-19 times" that analysed data on entries by sea, detentions in hotspots, in Pre Removal Detention Centres (CPRs) and on "quarantine vessels" in the first half of 2020

Finally, we maintained a daily press review of coverage of administrative detention starting from March 8, 2020, which has continued throughout the year and will continue into 2021.

## Research

Finally, the Legal Action Centre researched issues concerning human rights, ranging from asylum and immigration, human trafficking, labour rights and access to justice. CILD's membership in international networks also continues to allow us to expand our research on the implementation of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights against Italy, thanks to the support of the [European Implementation Network](#), as well as on immigration detention, with the help of the [International Detention Coalition](#), [European Alternatives to Detention Network](#) and [Border Criminologies](#).



## Our Work

# Our Response To Covid-19

### DPI and food for vulnerable people

During the first phase of the emergency (from March to May 2020), approximately 30,000 certified masks (disposable or washable) were distributed. During the second phase (from October to December 2020), the availability of these devices increased significantly, and their cost was lower and more accessible.

However, work on their distribution was essential to cope with the difficulties faced by some sections of the population in receiving them on a consistent basis. To this end, we shipped an additional 22,000 masks during the second phase of the emergency. In particular, they were sent to prisons (Bari, Rebibbia and Regina Coeli in Rome, Avezzano and Ferrara), to labourers in Agro Pontino and Cuneo, to Roma communities, migrants and the homeless. For their distribution, we actively collaborated with Antigone, Tempi Moderni, Caritas Saluzzo, Binario 95, Comunità di Sant'Egidio, Dipartimento dell'Amministrazione Penitenziaria, Associazione 21 Luglio, A Buon Diritto, Cittadini del Mondo, Progetto Diritti, and Naga.

In addition, about 30 parcels were donated to families for the benefit of those children aged between 0 and 3 years old who live in some of Rome's shantytowns. This distribution was carried out thanks to a collaboration with Associazione 21 Luglio.

### Preventing contagions in places of deprivation of liberty

The main objective was to train prison staff and volunteers on issues related to the execution of sentences against foreigners, as well as to provide foreigners in prison with information on preventive measures to be taken during health emergencies.

The focus of this activity was to enable the prevention of the spread of Covid-19 in prisons which was a key concern for the human rights community in Italy. To this end, in collaboration with Doctors Without Borders and Coordinamento Nazionale Operatori per la Salute nelle Carceri Italiane (Co.N.O.S.C.I.), a booklet was prepared, "Covid-19: Cosa fare se sei in prigione per difendere te stesso e gli altri dal Covid" - available in Italian, Arabic, Albanian, English, French, Romanian and Spanish. The Department of Penitentiary Administration authorised the dissemination of the booklet on 12 October 2020.

Thousands of copies were sent to more than 40 prisons.

As part of this activity, two training sessions were held. A total of 192 people attended the first session and 164 attended the second.





## Re-granting to migrant-led initiatives

In 2020 we distributed funds under a re-granting initiative to 4 organisations that, during the pandemic, helped people cope with the difficulties imposed by the emergency, namely:

- Terià, a social tailoring project in Rome that employed migrant artisans and unemployed people;
- Mosaico, which distributed food and necessities, hygiene and sanitation kits, medicines, shopping cards and hygiene kits and additionally arranged for medical examinations, dissemination of information material in different languages on national and regional Covid-19 emergency regulations and dissemination of updates on the legal environment for migrants and refugees (e.g. expiry and renewal of residence permits);
- Generazione Ponte, which provided economic and housing support to people most in need during the pandemic, who were unable to access state aid due to their migration background and precarious living situations; and
- Multivolti, which supported marginalised local groups and preserve training and employment pathway initiatives activated for the benefit of a group of 4 young migrants in the months before the arrival of the pandemic crisis.







# Our Team

## **Andrea Menapace** | [Executive Director](#)

Andrea is the executive director of CILD. He previously worked for the Transparency & Accountability Initiative in London and was a researcher on Italy at the Open Government Partnership. Consistently active in the field of human rights, he began his career as a humanitarian worker before becoming a consultant and researcher for governments as well as non-governmental and international organisations. The co-founder of Diritto Di Sapere (Right To Know), the first Italian organisation working on the right of access to information, he graduated in law at the University of Trento.

## **Andrea Oleandri** | [Chief Operating Officer](#)

Andrea has worked for CILD since 2014, and as a journalist has previous experience in the media industry, working with several mastheads. He is also the Co-Director of CILD's Narrative Lab. He was previously also on the staff of the Mayor of the Municipality of Pomezia. Since 2014, he has also held the role of Press Officer and Social Media Manager for Antigone.

## **Patrizio Gonnella** | [Legal Director](#)

Patrizio is a Professor of Sociology and Philosophy of Law at Roma Tre University. He is also the President of Antigone and has written numerous essays and books on criminal justice, human rights and rights and conditions in prisons. From 2014 to 2019 he was President of CILD and is one of the most ardent supporters of CILD's upcoming Centre for Constitutional Rights.

## **Gennaro Santoro** | [Lawyer](#)

Gennaro works as CILD's primary legal advisor and is a lawyer who specialises in criminal law, human rights protection, and immigration law. Gennaro is a legal expert for the National Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty and is the Legal Advisor for the Lazio Regional Guarantor for the Rights of Persons Detained or Deprived of Liberty. He is also a board member of Antigone.

## **Flaminia Delle Cese** | [Legal and Policy Officer](#)

Flaminia is CILD's Legal and Policy Officer, having graduated in law at Roma Tre University and having later obtained an LLM in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from the University of Essex, where she collaborated as a researcher within their Human Rights Centre clinic. Before joining CILD in 2018, she worked as an International Casework and Advocacy Intern for REDRESS in London and as an intern for the Statelessness Section at UNHCR in Geneva.

## **Paola Petrucco** | [Legal and Policy Officer](#)

Paola has been with CILD since early 2020. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in European Studies from Maastricht University and a Master's Degree in International Affairs from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris. Prior to working at CILD, she was a trainee in the Division of Independent Human Rights Bodies at the Council of Europe and worked at ProtectDefenders.eu as Project Assistant for the organisation of the Human Rights Defenders World Summit 2018. As a Policy Officer, Paola assist in the development and implementation of CILD's migration-centred projects and provides administrative support to the Legal Team.

**Tommaso Fusco** | [Media Officer](#)

Tommaso has been with CILD since 2017 and is a graduate of international relations from Sapienza University of Rome. Before working at CILD he worked in the Lobbying and Advocacy office of Caritas Internationalis and, as an intern, with the Asociación para las Naciones Unidas en España focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals. As CILD's Media Officer, Tommaso supports the communication office in managing content for CILD, Amarsi un po' and Open Migration, while also managing CILD's social media.

**Valentina Muglia** | [Project and Operations Assistant](#)

Valentina has worked for CILD since 2020 as a Project and Operations Assistant and graduated in Law from the University of Roma Tre. Before working in human rights she was active in several student organisations and territorial associations.

**Giulio Frigieri** | [Design Lead](#)

Giulio spent the last 20 years in a variety of creative, technical and managerial roles across sectors, mostly on the strategy and design of data-led content, platforms, services and campaigns. Since 2014 he has delivered CILD's brand identity and web design, as well as led creative strategy and communications design for its campaigns. He conceived the OpenMigration.org platform and its interactive data visualisation dashboard, and led design and implementation for same. More recently he led design, creative strategy and media partnerships for CILD's Amarsi un Po' campaign.

**Fabi Fugazza** | [Co-Director, Narrative Lab and Legal Expert](#)

Fabi is a lawyer and communications/management expert with extensive experience in not-for-profit leadership. With undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications across law, marketing and management, she has worked in non-profit organisations for over a decade across three continents and teaches human rights law, business law, and business strategy to undergraduate and Master's cohorts between two Australian-based universities. At CILD Fabi co-directs communications and advocacy initiative the Narrative Lab, worked extensively on CILD's Covid-19 response and recovery activities and works within the legal team to progress its initiatives.

**Andrea Colombo** | [Visual Designer](#)

Since 2019 Andrea has worked with CILD, having more than a decade of experience in communications and design with other NGOs. Over the last few years, Andrea has developed CILD's Brand Identity, Editorial Design and multiple digital communication projects for CILD.

# Financial Position Summary

Support & Revenue	
Grants & Donations Contributions	600.032 €
Other Revenue	6.789 €
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>606.822 €</b>

Expenses	
Staff and consultants	315.074 €
Program Costs Services	249.391 €
Other expenses	18.889 €
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>583.364 €</b>

Net Assets	
Beginning	161.800 €
Ended	23.458 €

CILD's financial statements are subject to an independent audit conducted by Crowe Bompani S.p.A.



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