



CILD Italian Coalition
for Civil Liberties and Rights

**BUILDING
BACK
BETTER
FOR THE
RIGHTS
OF ALL**



Annual Report 2021

Founded in 2014, the **Italian Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights (CILD)** is a network of 43 civil society organisations that protect and expand the rights and liberties of all, through a combination of advocacy, public education and legal action.

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A joint message from the President and the Executive Director



With the pandemic slowly being brought under control and the country starting to get back to normal, 2021 was a year of transition and reflection about our future priorities and our role as a civil society organisation in the context of post-pandemic recovery.

We have really strived to help Italy build back better by strengthening core civil liberties and fundamental rights.

Post-pandemic inequality remains a challenge as we continue our advocacy for global equal access to the COVID 19 vaccine. The right to health equality became a key concern, while also advocating for a regularisation scheme for migrants who are playing and have played a fundamental role in our society as essential workers. Many civil society organisations, including member organisations of CILD, carried out a tremendous amount of work in extremely difficult circumstances, showing the best side of our country and solidarity. We continued to celebrate this with our Amarsi Un Po' campaign which gained national and international attention, reaching over 46 million people, thanks also to our blossoming media partnerships.

We also decided to scale up our contribution to developing the next generation of human rights advocates. We partnered with the University of Rome Tre to launch a post-graduate diploma in NGO work and human rights and also launched the first edition of our Media Academy focused on increasing



media diversity and developing future leaders as front-facing advocates. There is an exciting new wave of young people ready to join NGO ranks and strengthen our fight for justice and equality and their extraordinary enthusiasm and willingness to learn is a source of great pride and optimism for the future of our industry, society and nation.

Immigration detention remains a scourge with several young lives lost due to this inhumane and ineffective system that locks people up in inhumane conditions with no consideration for their rights and aspirations. For this reason we carried out a comprehensive study and launched our inaugural report on immigration detention: "Black Holes: Detention without charge in Repatriation Centres for Migrants", along with a new companion website called "Black Holes: A journey into detention without charge in Italy" to provide additional interactive resources, amplify the impact of our monitoring, promote alternatives to detention and reach new audiences.

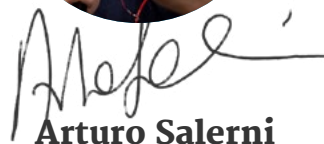
Inclusion remains a fundamental goal in our strategy and we laid the groundwork for a collaborative multi-faceted campaign for a new law relating to access to citizenship. This cooperative initiative will include advocacy and strategic litigation and will be launched in 2022.

Strategic partnerships are critical to our work and this year, together with 8 international law firms we launched and began proudly hosting the Rule 39 Initiative, in which lawyers and experts assist in drafting requests to the European Court of Human Rights for urgent help regarding rights violations committed against asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants by government administrations. Requests which enable vulnerable persons to seek a remedy where domestic remedies in the respective countries are providing little to no real relief.

The above represents only some of the fantastic work CILD has had the privilege of progressing in 2021.

As we are now slowly turning the page on the COVID-19 pandemic chapter, now more than ever we are committed to continue to "build back better" and fight for civil rights and freedoms, knowing that you are on our side.




Arturo Salerni

CILD President





Andrea Menapace

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 43 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 freedom 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 undercurrent 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 issues which important to us:

- 1.** The fight against all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia, discrimination based on sexuality or gender, and in particular, 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 for its opportunities, as well as from the perspective of the right to asylum and the duty of reception for refugees. In this we include the welcoming of pathways to citizenship.
- 3.** The construction of a penal and penitentiary system that is 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. 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 works within rights-based organisation Progetto Diritti where he works 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 Farnasociosanitaria 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 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 he assists with the plight of many asylum-seeking migrants.

Susanna Marietti | [Member](#)

Susanna is the Executive Director of the Italian association Antigone, which 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 competitions.

**Tamar Pitch** | [Independent member](#)

Tamar is editor of the journal Studi sulla Questione Criminale and a member of the National Bioethics Committee. She teaches Legal Philosophy and Sociology of Law at the University of Perugia, and has taught courses in many universities around the world. Her main research fields are the sociology of deviance and crime, human rights and legal feminism.

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 councilor in Ferrara, where he had previously also held the role of councilor and District President. In 2021 he published, alongside Officina di Hank, the book L'Onda Verde. La fine della Guerra alla Droga.

Gabriele Piazzoni | [Member](#)

Since 2018 Gabriele has held the position of General Secretary of Arcigay, of which he has been an activist since 2007, having also held the position of President of the Arcigay Territorial Committee of Cremona since 2010. Since the same year, he has been a member of the National Council of the Association. He was also a legislative consultant and parliamentary assistant during the 17th Letta and Renzi legislatures (from 2013 to 2015). Passionate about civil rights, he has worked with several organisations in this arena and since 2009 has been President of the cooperative Linfa srl, which provides event organisation, publishing, printing, graphics and advertising services.

Our Member Organisations

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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

Famiglie arcobaleno

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

Immigration detention and its alternatives

In 2021, we continued our efforts to protect the rights of foreigners detained on the grounds that they have irregular residence status. We launched our first inaugural ***Black Holes (Buchi Neri) - Detention without charge in Repatriation Centres for Migrants*** report in October 2021 – a report which shed light on the conditions and stark realities of life in CPRs in Italy, where administrative detention of migrants is conducted. It was formally launched in Italy's Senate.

As part of CILD's work on this project, the ***Black Holes: A journey into detention without charge in Italy*** website was launched as a companion website, aiming to add to the information provided in the report but add interactive elements and allow audiences to watch interviews with experts on key questions surrounding administrative detention of migrants, including around access to health care, living conditions, access to justice and access to the outside world. This website will be formally launched via a number of online events slated for early 2022.

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.

Our work with the European Implementation Network continued in 2021, in particular on the

implementation of the decision in the Khlaifia case, with the sending of 3 new memorandums to the Committee of Ministers in which CILD denounced the continuing absence of internal remedies to combat ill-treatment and poor detention conditions within detention facilities. An article was also published [in English](#) by the University of Oxford's Law Faculty to raise awareness of the case globally.

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 throughout 2021 has aimed 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, implemented with the support of the [International Detention Coalition](#) and the [European Alternatives to Detention Network](#), CILD member organisation Progetto Diritti has been 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 carried out communication and advocacy by informing targeted groups of stakeholders and decision-makers about alternatives to detention via changes in immigration policy-making.



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. In 2021 CILD continued to work on the project and participated in project meetings in Salamanca, Spain to progress, advance and plan wide dissemination of findings from the project.

Legal empowerment of migrants and asylum seekers

In 2021 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 program was held in Milan in 2018, and the second and third held in Milan in 2019. The fourth program was successfully held in 2020, for the first time in an online format. In 2021, the fifth program was successfully held, also online.



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 2021 we 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 the inhuman conditions in the so-called CPRs - Centri di Permanenza per il Rimpatrio which are administrative detention centres for migrants; the issues regarding the regularisation of undocumented migrants and their difficult access to the vaccine and the healthcare system in general); and on topical issues related to migration and borders (from the difficulties faced by Afghan migrants to obtain humanitarian visas in order to flee from the Taliban to the human rights violations of

Frontex and EU countries' border police - from the Balkans to the Polish-Belarusian border).

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. 2021 also saw the publication of our first e-book dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the arrival of the ship Vlora in the port of Bari - the first example of mass migration into Italy. The anniversary was an opportunity to retrace, analyse and put into perspective the policies implemented with respect to the migration phenomenon, still too often linked to emergency management.

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 on the dedicated website in 2021 and Open Migration has now surpassed more than 1 million readers since launch.

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Our Work / Immigration and Asylum



A new law on citizenship

The current law on citizenship in Italy dates back to 1992. It was precisely at that time that the country was beginning to be a land of immigration, which is why, 30 years later, that law is inadequate to meet the needs of families who have lived and worked in Italy for many years and have contributed to the economic, social and cultural growth of the nation.

Our work on the creation of a new citizenship law has directly involved Italians without citizenship, who are personally experiencing the problems which arise from having insufficient legal recognition.

The work of CILD is split across the below pillars:

- Legal work, with informational support for those who need it, strategic litigation and policy initiatives;
- The creation of strategic communication tools to be used by those who are already conducting campaigns and initiatives;
- Awareness-raising around the citizenship issue amongst stakeholders;
- Organisational assistance for the Italiani senza cittadinanza (*Italians without citizenship*) collective.

In March 2021 we published the e-book [Aspects of illegitimacy within citizenship law](#) and published [Citizenship](#) FAQs in Italian, English and French. We filed a [strategic appeal](#) with the Lazio TAR and 3 strategic cases followed during the year, all relating to potential issues of constitutionality of the law on citizenship. Lastly, we participated in a roundtable on citizenship, made up of the major national associations that deal with immigration and citizenship. This culminated in the sending of a letter to the Minister of the Interior to ask for administrative interventions aimed at simplifying the process of acquiring citizenship.



Rule 39 Initiative

In October 2021 CILD launched, with the support of 8 international law firms (Orrick, DLA Piper, Herbert Smith Freehills, Linklaters, Eversheds Sutherland, Osborne Clarke, Freshfields and Reed Smith), the Rule 39 Initiative for the urgent protection of the human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants in Italy, Greece and Turkey, led by Dr Daria Sartori.

Currently, changes in migration flows in Europe, particularly in the wake of the recent regime change in Afghanistan, are leading to increased frequency of violations of human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants seeking safety. Violations that are entirely avoidable and punish vulnerable groups seeking assistance. These violations, and the recent events which have precipitated them, have gripped the world and the legal and human rights communities.

In response, the 8 above mentioned international law firms and CILD have united to deliver the Rule 39 Initiative, in which lawyers and experts will assist in the drafting of Rule 39 requests, designed to allow asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants to seek urgent help in the European Court of Human Rights for rights violations committed against them by government administrations. Requests which enable vulnerable persons to seek a remedy where domestic remedies in the respective countries are providing little to no real relief. Rule 39 requests are a measure available in the European Court of Human Rights and are typically utilised by NGOs seeking urgent help in:

- Stopping collective pushbacks of asylum-seekers;
- Preventing expulsion or extraditions of vulnerable individuals to countries where their human rights are at risk;

- Moving individuals out of refugee camps ill-equipped to cater to vulnerable groups;
- Ensure countries provide life-sustaining food and water to refugees and asylum seekers stuck between borders;
- It is a fast-acting tool that can be used to stop active human rights abuses

The project will run until at least late 2022 with the possibility for extension into 2023.

Family Reunification

In 2021, alongside law firms Orrick and Herbert Smith Freehills we continued our family reunification project, which provides pro bono support and legal assistance to non-EU citizens who wish to apply for residence permits for family reunification purposes. 16 cases were taken into consideration, most of which are still pending as the processes which are part-and-parcel of this area are lengthy ones. A particularly important success was in the family reunification of a Bengali family with minors who had been waiting for reunification for over two years before our intervention. 4 minor grandchildren have finally been entrusted to a grandmother who had been waiting for this decision for four years (see this [article](#) for further details).

Our Work

Rule of law and civic space

Our Narrative Lab

In 2021 the work of our Narrative Lab has well and truly come to life. We delivered 5 strategic communications training sessions, which were opened to communication managers and spokespeople, and published several new resources, adding to those already available on the Narrative Lab website for those who wish to engage actively with the important but difficult topic of narrative change and using it to bring about structural change. Experts Bruno Mastroianni, Marco Binotto, Israel Butler, Tana Anglana and Riccardo Pirrone shared their expertise, joining the Narrative Lab as esteemed presenters for these sessions.

As part of the work of our Narrative Lab, we held a training course on behalf of UNHCR, open to refugees, stateless persons and asylum seekers. This course was held in Milan in December 2021 and offered participants a series of theoretical frameworks, guidance and opportunities to practice "communicating as protagonists" of their own stories, whether that be through social networks, media interviews or via public speaking. CILD's staff additionally actively took part in several meetings on the theme of "new narratives".



Social post to promote, on CILD social media channels, one of the 5 training sessions



Picture from a training course in December 2021



AMARSI UN PO'

In 2021, CILD's Amarsi un po' campaign continued.

On 14 December 2020, CILD launched Amarsi un po' - a campaign telling of the stories of civil society and the people that make it up, who, during the pandemic, helped us to look towards the future with hope.

During 2021 the campaign continued and by the end of the year, 23 stories in total had been published and disseminated online. By nine months post-launch, Amarsi un po' had earned 227,000 video views and over 47.5 millions impressions online.

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

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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.

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.

From 2015 to 2021, CILD’s clearinghouse managed requests from individuals and not-for-profit organisations and out of more than 206 requests received and assigned to pro bono lawyers, 156 were successfully provided with the requested assistance.

Late in 2021 CILD decided to handover its management of the clearinghouse after 6 years to another organisations, thus processing fewer requests for assistance but training staff of other Italian clearinghouses in order to hand over management of the clearinghouse to other capable hands.

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%
2021	30	15	50%
Total	206	156	75.7%



Our Work

Civil Liberties in the Digital Age

In 2021, CILD followed up projects started in 2019 and 2020 in the field of data protection and digital surveillance. Our cooperation with Liberties was strengthened through working together on the #TrackTheTrackers campaign. In the year of the pandemic, CILD's focus was very much on activities aimed at monitoring apps set up to track potential contagions from COVID-19 using mobile phone localisation in Italy, which resulted in the drafting of a country report.

CILD also continued monitoring the complaints filed against Google and IAB and sent to the Italian DPA in 2020 during the #YourDataYourBusiness and #AdTech campaigns together with Liberties. The campaigns aimed to strengthen regulation of online privacy and, in particular, the use of

personal data and sale of data to third-party companies for the purpose of online advertising.

Results are expected in the beginning of 2022. Finally, we continue to take part in the Reclaim Your Face campaign by EDRi, which calls for the banning of biometric surveillance technologies in public spaces (including facial recognition).

The goal for 2022 will be to increase the collection of signatures - one million - to hopefully ensure that a proposal to ban mass biometric surveillance can be debated in the European Parliament through a European citizens' initiative.



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Our Work

Drug policy reform

In September 2021, a network of Italian civil society organisations active in drug policy launched a referendum proposal to legalise certain aspects of cannabis use.

In particular, the proposal's aims are to eliminate the need to imprison those who cultivate cannabis for personal use or who are caught selling small amounts; to eliminate the administrative sanction of taking away the driver's licences of those who use cannabis, even if the consumption occurs outside of driving under the influence.

CILD, of which some of the promoting associations are a part, supported this campaign and contributed towards ensuring the target of 500,000 signatures collected (the minimum number needed to present the proposal) was surpassed.

In 2022, the Constitutional Court will have to examine the admissibility of the referendum and, if it gives the green light, between April and June 2022 Italian citizens will be called upon to vote on this proposal.



Social media post about the referendum proposal



Our Work

Our Response To Covid-19

DPI and food for vulnerable people

During the previous years CILD distributed approximately 40,000 certified masks (disposable or washable) were distributed.

During 2021 the availability of these devices increased significantly, and their cost was lower and more accessible. However, a few thousand more masks were distributed, in particular to prisons or migrants followed by some care services.

Also in 2021, dozens of food parcels were donated to people in need of food.

Re-granting to migrant-led initiatives

In 2021, CILD concluded its regranting activity by awarding further funds to Moltivolti, Mosaico, Associazione Terià and financing the activities of Associazione 21 Luglio.

Specifically:

- 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);
- Associazione 21 Luglio: Since the beginning of the pandemic, it has distributed thousands of baby parcels weekly for families in need in Rome. Inside each package was milk, baby food, baby food and other food. The packages were divided into the age groups 0-3 years and 3-6 year;
- Moltivolti, which supported marginalised local groups and preserved training and employment pathway initiatives, was activated for the benefit of a group of 4 young migrants in the months before the arrival of the pandemic crisis.



Our Work / Our Response To Covid-19

Advocacy for universal access to COVID-19 vaccines

For over two years, the pandemic has been ravaging societies and economies. Meanwhile, disparities in access to vaccines and other health technologies have resulted in different paths of recovery, with many countries yet to see any light at the end of the tunnel.

The proposal from India and South Africa on a temporary waiver of certain provisions of the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement, submitted in October 2020, and the revised decision text presented in May, attempts to address inequities in access to critical commodities for controlling COVID-19 by allowing freedom scale up of production and diversification supply options. This proposal is now co-sponsored by 63 World Trade Organization (WTO) Member States, and supported by more than 100. However, despite this, this proposal has been blocked at every turn, slowing down the ability to get everyone possible, globally, vaccinated against COVID-19.

As the gap in COVID-19 vaccination rates between rich and poor countries grew throughout 2021, CILD [launched a campaign and a petition on Change.org](#) addressed to Prime Minister Mario Draghi and Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio, asking that Italy publicly declare its support for the TRIPS waiver - which would allow for more swift vaccine information-sharing and access - and actively encourage European counterparts to do the same.

Initially conceived for the then-planned meeting between the leaders of the countries within the European Union and India at the Global Health Summit, held in Rome in the last week of May, the petition is still live and is on track to reach 300,000 signatures. Italy would go on to tentatively, but not decisively support the TRIPS waiver.

In 2021 CILD also joined with over 100 civil society organisations in expressing our serious concerns regarding the position of the European Commission on efforts to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatment and other medical technologies by means of supporting a TRIPS waiver and has so far signed a number of letters advocating for its adoption.

A visual from the campaign promoted by CILD





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 \(Comms & Advocacy\)](#)

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.

Fabi Fugazza | [Chief Operating Officer \(Strategy & Development\)](#)

Fabi is a lawyer and organisational 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 leads strategy and development, worked extensively on CILD's Covid-19 response and recovery activities and works within the legal team to progress its initiatives.

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.

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

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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	
Revenues, rent and income from activities of general interest	
Contributions from private entities	324.003 €
Other income, revenue and earnings	198.790 €
General support income	
Other general support income	4.612 €
Total Support & Revenue	527.405 €
Expenses	
Costs and Charges from General Interest Activities	
Staff and consultants	295.769 €
Program Costs Services	216.036 €
Other expenses	13.687 €
Costs and Charges from Financial and Capital Assets	
Related to banking relations	2.181 €
General Support Costs and Charges	
Services	15.542 €
Sundry operating expenses	1.043 €
Total Expenses	544.258 €
Net Assets	
Ended	- 20.717 €

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