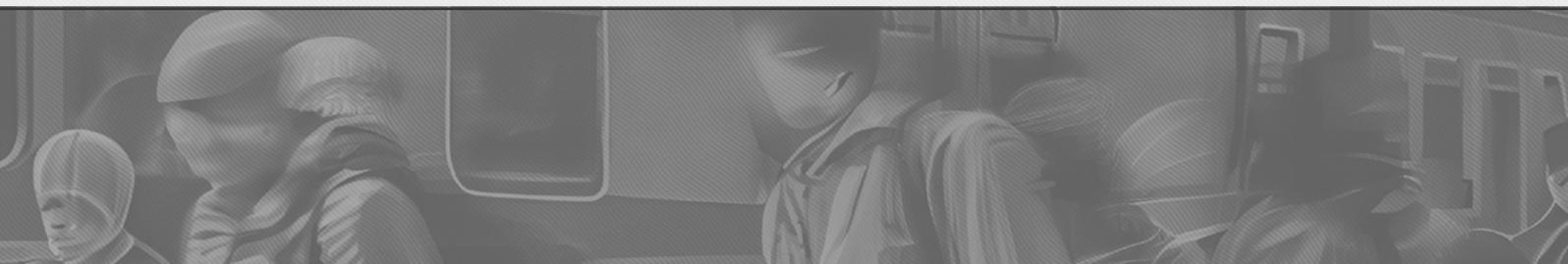


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# A joint message from the President and the Executive Director

***As “post-pandemic” recovery continues and against the backdrop of a change of government in Italy, 2022 brought new challenges for CILD. Even faced with these challenges, we continued our efforts throughout 2022 to help Italy build back better by strengthening core civil liberties and fundamental rights, and tried to pre-empt and stem, as much as possible, any threats to rights and liberties presented by the new political landscape.***

While Russian aggression towards Ukraine brought new challenges, we were prompted to continue and expand our efforts in supporting refugees and advocating for peaceful resolution of the ongoing conflict. This was made possible due to the solidarity of new partners and donors who we were extremely humbled by and grateful for. Many civil society organisations, including member organisations of CILD, have carried out a tremendous amount of work in welcoming refugees, showing them the best side of our country and evidencing solidarity-in-action.

We are still concerned about the hostile environment that NGOs, migrants and refugees face as they, and we, continue our advocacy for a more inclusive society and fairer asylum and migration policy. The right to health equality also continues to be a key concern, as is advocating for a regularisation scheme for migrants who are playing, and have played, a fundamental role in our society as essential workers.

Our contribution to developing the next generation of human rights advocates has been scaled up with the help of our partners and Roma Tre University, and in 2022 we doubled down on our efforts to nurture the next generation of diverse voices on issues and making media representation more diverse. Thanks to our Media Academy, there is now an exciting new wave of young people ready to join NGO ranks and strengthen our collective fight for justice and equality. 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 an inhumane and ineffective system that locks people up in inhumane conditions with no consideration for their rights and aspirations. For this reason, we have been monitoring abuses and carried out further research towards the launch of a second Black Holes/Buchi Neri report on immigration detention. We are also matching this with updates to the companion “Black Holes: A journey into detention without charge in Italy” website to continue providing additional interactive resources for advocates and those interested in this theme, and amplify the impact of our monitoring activities. We continue to promote alternatives to detention and reach new audiences towards our goal of structural change.

A cause of recent concern is the new security decree, which seems likely to further hamper the work of humanitarian organisations in the central Mediterranean region, putting more lives at risk and severely shrinking the civic space in the country. We remain vigilant and consistently liaise with relevant parties to strategise appropriate responses as part of our role as a leader in the third sector in Italy.

“Our strategic litigation work has reached new heights thanks to the growth of our Rule 39 Initiative, launched in 2021 in strategic partnership with 8 international law firms and Dr. Daria Sartori, under whose supervision 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. The growth of this initiative and the impact it has managed to have in the lives of hundreds of vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers has been staggering. In only 14 months, over 260 people were assisted, including 48 children, through preparation of Rule 39 requests which were then filed against 7 Council of Europe Member States. Over 90% of requests drafted ended up being successful.”

Our CIPBRA and Family Reunification initiatives will also enter their respective second and fourth years in 2023 after achieving fantastic results for vulnerable refugees, young families and asylum seekers throughout 2022.

All this work is made possible by many dedicated people who work relentlessly because they firmly believe that a better society is possible. Nothing we do at CILD would be possible without them, you, and our donors.

Thank you.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arturo Salerni'.

**Arturo Salerni**  
**CILD President**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Menapace'.

**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 is currently composed of 44 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, several Italian civil society organisations decided to come together 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 went through a long period in which certain kinds of detrimental language, practices and policy choices prevailed, based on an undercurrent of misinformation, divisive political agendas and fear. It was difficult to watch these circumstances unfold but events also allowed us to put 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, is united with a vision to create an Italy which is more open, more transparent, fairer, and more inclusive.

Our Coalition works across three pillars in order to activate change:

## **ADVOCACY**

We support proposals for change which protect and enhance access to human and civil rights, and we support and push for appropriate representation, including helping new voices enter relevant discourse in support of positive change. This includes, but is not limited to, proposals

and discourse surrounding the fight against discrimination, racism and xenophobia, pushing for fair and humane migration and refugee policy, combatting the shrinking of civic space, and collaborating for more equal and equitable access to health.

## **CAPACITY-BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

We lift up the next generation of voices and assist others to advocate for themselves and the important causes they represent. We seek to amplify the voices of those with lived experience and assist individuals and nonprofit organisations to achieve better and greater reach with their messages of positive change.

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

We disseminate knowledge of rights accessible by citizens in order to assist vulnerable individuals and groups in accessing their rights and advocating for themselves.

## **ASSISTANCE**

We provide access to support and advice during emergencies and build networks to ensure that many at imminent risk of having their rights violated can access support.

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 identity. 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 groups. He was also President of Europa Levante for the rights of Kurdish people, and 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.

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## **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 several years in the nonprofit world on the promotion of human rights and citizenship, protection of children's rights and societal inclusion of Roma communities.

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## **FLAVIO ROMANI | Independent Member**

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.

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## **TAMAR PITCH | Independent member**

Tamar is editor of the journal *Studi sulla Questione Criminale* and was a member of the National Bioethics Committee. She has been a full professor of 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.



**SUSANNA MARIETTI | Member**

Susanna is the Executive Director of Italian association Antigone, which works for 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 Italian newspaper *Il Fatto Quotidiano*. Alongside Patrizio Gonnella, she authors and hosts weekly Italian radio program *Jailhouse Rock* which discusses topical prison-related matters. Susanna is President of Atletico Diritti, a sports club, which involves detained and migrant athletes in sporting competitions.



**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.



**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. In 2021 he published, alongside Officina di Hank, the book *L'Onda Verde. La fine della Guerra alla Droga*.

# Our Member Organisations

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**A Buon Diritto**

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**Famiglie Arcobaleno**

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**Forum Droghe**

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**Gruppo Umana Solidarietà**

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**Hermes Center**

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**Naga**

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**Progetto Diritti**

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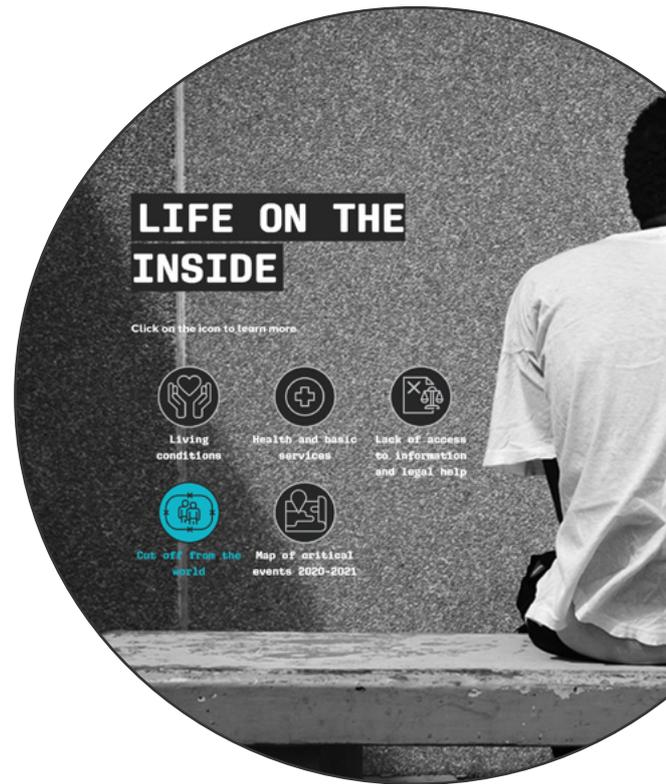
## OUR WORK

# Immigration and Asylum

## IMMIGRATION DETENTION AND ITS ALTERNATIVES

In 2022, we continued our efforts to protect the rights of foreigners detained on the grounds that they have irregular residence status. After we launched our first inaugural *Black Holes (Buchi Neri) – Detention without charge in Repatriation Centres for Migrants* report in October 2021, we launched a newsletter to keep people up to date on the human rights violations that often occur within the detention centres – in Italy and in the rest of the world.

As part of CILD's work in 2021 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 also 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. To promote this website, in 2022 we organised two online conferences: one focused on monitoring and the other on the right to legal assistance. In the former, Judith Sunderland (Human Rights Watch), Eleni Takou (Human Rights 360), and Daniel Arencibia (Lawyer and expert on migrants'



Screenshot from the Black Holes Website

rights in the Canary Islands) commented on the issues concerning detention facilities for migrants, the difficulties faced by human rights advocates and experts to carry out monitoring operations and the importance of overcoming the detention system. In the latter, Maurizio Veglio (lawyer of the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration – ASGI), Daria Sartori (human rights lawyer and Rule 39 Initiative Project Leader), Francesca Esposito (Associate Director of Border Criminologies and Newton International Fellow at the Centre for Criminology of Oxford University) explained the violations of detained migrants' fundamental rights by focusing on the deprivation of the right to legal assistance and the consequential violations of the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR). 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 CPRs.



## 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 2022 we published more than 60 in-depth articles and editorials – most of which are also available in English – keeping our audience updated both on the main developments and consequences of Italian and international political activity (such as Italian agreements with Libya to control migrant flows or the increasingly stringent rules that affect the NGOs that save lives at sea) and on current issues related to migration and borders (from the mismanagement of the Frontex Agency to the systematic violations of migrants' rights).

In addition to our more “classic” topics, since the outbreak of war in Ukraine on 24 February, we have been closely following the fate of the millions of people caught up in the conflict. We collated all the reports published on this topic so far and created an e-book entitled: “Ukraine: the war told via the stories of those fleeing conflict”. We collected the stories of those who decided to escape the conflict, those who hadn't yet decided, and those who would like to escape but suffer discrimination in seeking to do so. We offered a broad picture of the events within the conflict, what the war means, and the reasons that in Ukraine, as in other parts of the world, people run from their home countries. We also reflected on how much the “willingness to welcome” counts. Our aim in disseminating this e-book was to attentively follow the facts and build a shared memory for tomorrow that helps us re-making mistakes made in the past.

Our editorial efforts, which constantly sought to contrast the dominant rhetoric sold in the mass media, have continued to reap rewards: over 145 thousand users read Open Migration articles directly on the dedicated website in 2022 and Open Migration has now surpassed more than 1 million readers since launch.



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## 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 advice 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 which, when combined, 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.

In addition to this, in a time when immigration law is constantly changing, and emergency regulations have been adopted to respond to the Ukrainian crisis, the need to provide clear and reliable information to refugees and migrants living in Italy is only increasing, and the combination of the expertise of IRC in communicating with the target group and CILD's team in interpreting migration-related law and practice is aimed precisely at addressing this need. More than 100 enquiries from migrants and asylum seekers are responded to, each year.

## PREDICTING FUTURE MIGRATION PATTERNS

Via our work within the Horizon 2020 HumMingBird project – funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme – we aim to improve the mapping and understanding of changing migration flows. The research does this by analysing patterns, motivations and new geographies, and testing new methods to forecast 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 2022 CILD continued to work on the project and participated in project meetings in Bamberg, Germany to progress, advance and plan wide dissemination of findings from the project. Furthermore, through our Open Migration website, we contributed to publicising research work carried out within the project.

# The Rule 39 Pro Bono Initiative

The Rule 39 Pro Bono Initiative, launched by CILD In October 2021 with the support of 8 international law firms (Orrick, DLA Piper, Herbert Smith Freehills, Linklaters, Eversheds Sutherland, Osborne Clarke, Freshfields and Reed Smith) and Dr. Daria Sartori, in 2022 celebrated one year of providing critical support for the urgent protection of the human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants across Europe.

Currently, changes in migration flows in Europe, particularly in the wake of the regime change in Afghanistan and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, have led to increased frequency of violations of human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants seeking safety. These violations are entirely avoidable and punish vulnerable groups seeking assistance and in response, the 8 above mentioned international law firms, CILD and Dr. Daria Sartori (lawyer specialised in ECHR actions) have united to deliver the Rule 39 Initiative, in which Dr. Sartori leads lawyers 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.

Since the commencement of the Initiative, the Rule 39 Pro Bono Initiative has assisted over 260 people, including 48 children, through preparation of Rule 39 requests which were then filed against 7 Council of Europe Member States. Over 90% of requests drafted ended up being successful. In 2022 the Initiative was also named a finalist for PILnet’s Global Partnership Award. The project will run until at least late 2023 with the possibility for extension into 2024.



## 14 MONTHS OF IMPACT

Provided over  
**3,000 HOURS OF PRO BONO ASSISTANCE**

to vulnerable adults and children in urgent need of protection.

Helped more  
**260 PEOPLE FROM 10 COUNTRIES**

through the lodging of life-altering Rule 39 requests in the European Court of Human Rights against SEVEN Council of Europe Member States.

Facilitated the  
**RELOCATION TO SAFETY OF ALL MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

being held in a detention centre dangerously close to the frontlines in Ukraine. This was achieved through securing two first-of-their-kind interim measure decisions from the ECtHR, addressing the rights of foreigners stuck in Ukraine during active conflict.

Safeguarded the human rights of  
**MORE THAN 48 CHILDREN**

seeking asylum in perilous conditions including 9 unaccompanied minors.

Confronted Belgium’s reception crisis by submitting  
**26 RULE 39 APPLICATIONS, ASSISTING 167 HOMELESS ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

who had been left on the streets to fend for themselves.

Secured a first-of-its-kind  
**INTERIM MEASURE DECISION IN THE ECtHR**  
in a case regarding the pushback of migrants, against Greece.



## A NEW LAW ON CITIZENSHIP

2022 was a year of dashed hopes for citizenship law reform. A bill had been presented in March and CILD's activity, in close collaboration with the Italians without Citizenship Movement, focused on supporting this proposal with public communication and parliamentary advocacy. In April, we published an e-book in which, thanks to various interventions, we recounted why the 1992 law was no longer suited to the needs of the country and the evolution that Italy had undergone in the last thirty years. In the same month, we discussed these issues at a public conference, organised in a location in front of the Parliament. This was followed by communiqués and other public events organised within the Citizenship Roundtable (which CILD is a part of) or by other organisations we work with.

With regard to parliamentary advocacy, we met with deputies and senators from both the centre-left and centre-right, listened to their positions, those of their parties, and explicitly asked for their support for this bill. We were met with much attention and willingness.

Unfortunately, the fall of the Draghi government before the European summer and the early elections thwarted this umpteenth opportunity to reform the law.

In the following months, we picked up this thread and worked on a messaging guide and some videos, which will be launched in 2023. We broadened our work on the theme of citizenship, focusing not only on the reform of the law, but also on different factors that contribute to the discrimination of people born and raised in Italy, but who are not recognised as Italian by law.

This work will also see developments in 2023.

## FAMILY REUNIFICATION

In 2022, alongside Orrick and Herbert Smith Freehills, we continued our Family Reunification project, which provides pro bono legal assistance to non-EU citizens who wish to apply for residence permits for family reunification purposes. This year we took on 14 cases, most of which are still pending as the processes which are part-and-parcel of this area of law are notoriously lengthy. A very complex and successful case worked on in this project this year concerned a mother and two children, one of whom was born in Germany and had a German birth certificate, which the Rome police headquarters refused to accept for the purposes of issuing a residence permit. The minor, therefore, was not issued a residence permit in Italy and was therefore unable to access essential services. Thanks to the work of the project, a notice was drafted on his behalf addressed to the police headquarters in Rome containing relevant legal references and, following the issuance of this notice, the child was finally issued a residence permit, allowing him, his mother, and his sibling to remain safely in Italy.

## ITALIAN PRO BONO COLLABORATION FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES (CIPBRA)

In 2022 CILD launched another pro bono legal project for the benefit of Afghan refugees – the Italian Pro Bono Collaboration for Afghan Refugees (CIPBRA), with the support of Orrick, Dentons, Hogan Lovells and Linklaters, and led by lawyer Loredana Leo. This collaborative initiative focuses on the security and protection of vulnerable Afghan refugees seeking sanctuary in Italy, after the drastic impact that the

effects of the withdrawal of international forces from Afghanistan in August 2021 and the resumption of power by the Taliban has had on migration flows and vulnerable groups. The escalation of violence in the months since the Taliban resumed control has had a dramatic impact on the civilian population, with thousands of civilians killed and thousands more wounded, most of whom are women and children. IOM Afghanistan has numbered the people affected by the crisis at over 3.6 million and the IOM estimates that more than half of the Afghan population is now in need of humanitarian assistance. More than 770,000 people have been displaced and Afghans, and in particular women and girls, still face increasing vulnerabilities and protection risks.

CILD continues to receive requests from Afghan nationals who need legal assistance to be granted sanctuary in Italy, the majority of which are from people who would be considered particularly at risk (women and human rights activists). These refugees, where eligible, are assisted by our CIPBRA initiative. Some will be looking to reunify with family members but all will be hoping for the humanitarian assistance and care they should be afforded as refugees – the importance of which has been highlighted recently. The project commenced in March 2022 and will be ongoing until at least early 2024.

In the 10 months since CIPBRA commenced, the initiative has provided over 500 hours of pro bono legal assistance, to vulnerable adults in urgent need of protection, family reunification and resettlement and thus far, over 120 Afghan refugees and asylum-seekers in perilous conditions have been assisted, including 37 children.



## CIPBRA 10 MONTHS OF IMPACT



Provided over  
**500 HOURS OF PRO BONO ASSISTANCE**

to vulnerable adults in urgent need of protection, family reunification and resettlement.



**CLOSED 5 CASES, RESULTING IN THE ISSUANCE OF 19 VISAS**

for the safe resettlement of refugees and asylum-seekers in Italy.



Helped more  
**120 AFGHAN REFUGEES**  
and asylum-seekers in perilous conditions. This included 70 people via family reunification and humanitarian visa casework and of those, 37 were children.



**RESPONDED TO 47 LEGAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS**

including making referrals and assisting 3 other organisations with their queries around humanitarian visas or family reunification.

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN NATIONALS IN ITALY

Over 150,000 Ukrainian refugees arrived in Italy after Ukraine was invaded by Russia in early 2022. Shortly after this invasion, the EU decided to implement Directive number 55 of 2001 providing temporary protection to Ukrainian refugees fleeing war. Subsequently, Italy introduced a Prime Ministerial Decree (on 28 March 2022) which provided Ukrainian citizens access to protection and shelter.

To assist with the many needs of incoming Ukrainian refugees, including unaccompanied minors and other particularly vulnerable groups, CILD commenced the SUNI and UCRI projects, alongside Progetto Diritti, the Association of Ukrainian Women in Italy, and other partners, designed to provide assistance (including legal assistance) and accessible information to Ukrainian nationals. This assistance spans guardianship, family reunification, education, benefits, and immigration and is delivered primarily in Rome, Naples, and Sicily.



Ukrainian refugees in Rzeszów station. Ph: Ilaria Romano.

**OUR WORK**

# Rule of law and civic space



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

## OUR NARRATIVE LAB

In 2022, the work of the Narrative Lab was further expanded. In addition to new resources published on the website and new free and accessible training sessions for those involved in communication in civil society organisations (as well as other interested professionals), our experts participated in a series of meetings and conferences on the topic of new narratives. At these meetings, they were able to talk about their experience with their projects, discuss examples of projects that have worked and explain how narratives can be constructed that are able to break out of established frameworks.

Additionally, the first edition of the Media Academy was held during 2022 to train new voices in critical discussions, of which our #PassTheMic initiative was a part.



Media Academy participants during one of the face-to-face sessions

## MEDIA ACADEMY

In the public debate, we need proper representation of a variety of voices and up-and-coming advocates. Those who know how to best represent the issues spoken about. In order to progress towards achieving this, one of the things we are growing within our Narrative Lab is our Media Academy.

CILD organised a series of sessions in which communication experts trained emerging leaders, offering tools and skills to enhance their presence and improve delivery of their messaging on all channels, including social networks, newspapers, television, and radio.

Guest lecturers within this first edition included Dino Amenduni, Annalisa Antonucci, Alessio Genovese, Bruno Mastroianni, Andrea Oleandri and Daniele Saguto. The topics covered included online and offline communication effectiveness, storytelling and the importance of personal stories, media relations and the use of digital tools within political communication.

There were 12 participants within the 2022 cohort, coming from different experiences of activism and with different focuses on issues concerning civil liberties and human rights. For two months, they attended face-to-face classes in Rome, which included training and exercises.

As at the end of 2022, we have been working on the second edition of the Media Academy, to be held in Spring 2023.

## RULE OF LAW REPORT

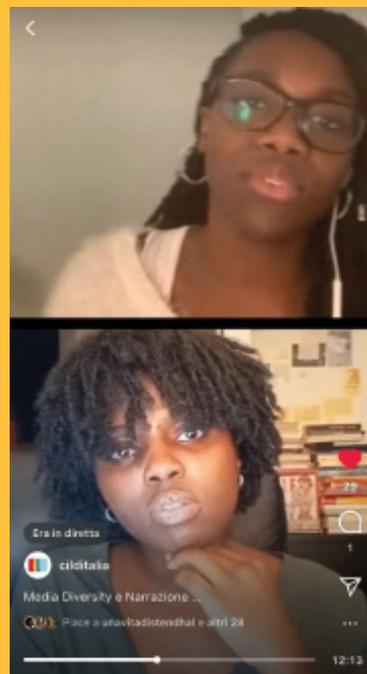
In the interest of providing useful information to the European Commission – but also in the interest of producing an independent source of analysis for journalists, researchers and others interested in the state of democracy in the EU – CILD in 2022 participated in the drafting of a report on the Rule of Law alongside Liberties. Our work, which focused on the Italian context, combined with commentary also from 32 other organisations from 17 EU states, resulted in the most detailed analysis on the Rule of Law carried out by a network of NGOs in Europe. For 2023 we have set ourselves an even more ambitious goal, namely to cover as many areas in Italy as possible and to do it involving CILD member organisations, who deal with these issues systematically throughout the year.



## #PasstheMic

Within public debate we need a wide array of voices to be heard and ensure that new faces, who know how to represent the issues that involve them, are involved in discourse. CILD is working on this through the #PasstheMic project, which consists of “passing the microphone” to activists, writers, experts, and marginalised communities and inviting them to speak about topics which concern their communities live on our platforms.

So far, during these sessions we have discussed topics including systemic racism, the need for diversity in the media to overcome discriminatory stereotypes, and workers’ rights (especially as regards those who work in the food delivery sector). In 2023 we will continue this project by amplifying the voices of those who fight for climate action, digital rights and women’s rights including access to safe and legal abortion.



## OUR WORK

# Civil Liberties in the Digital Age

In 2022, CILD continued its commitment to the digital rights campaigns it had started and initiated new ones.

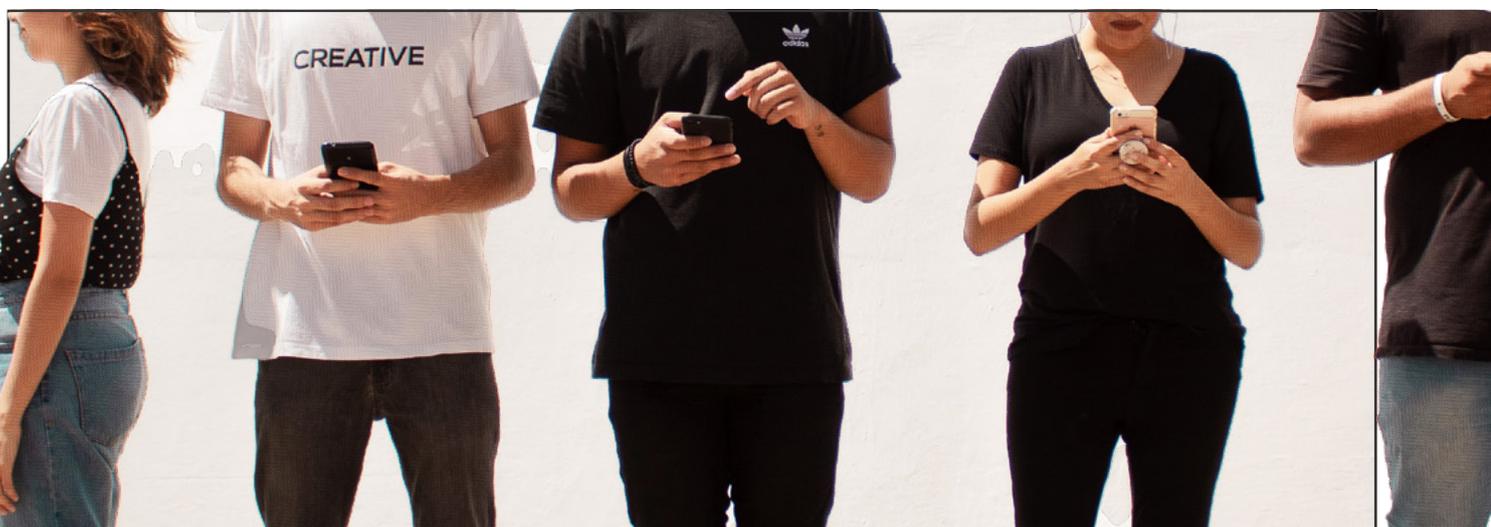
In February 2022, the EU Data Protection Authorities declared that the cookie and tracker consent panels (CMPs) that have plagued European citizens for years are illegal. This decision is the direct result of a long campaign initiated by the Irish Council of Civil Liberties and coordinated by Liberties EU together with numerous civil society organisations active in the field of digital rights, including CILD, which submitted a series of complaints in 2019 in Ireland, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Estonia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovenia and the Czech Republic.

An additional focus for us was press freedom, in which we monitored activities and raised awareness of the proper use of social media platforms, particularly with regard to the production of articles about disinformation related to the development of the war in Ukraine.

Together with Amnesty International, a meeting was organised to discuss ‘Catalangate’ and, more generally, the abuses resulting from the use of spyware by European and international governments.

Closely related to the latter topic, CILD started to monitor the possible developments of the bill ‘Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down rules to prevent and combat child sexual abuse’, which would introduce a system of indiscriminate mass surveillance of all EU citizens, known as ‘Chatcontrol’.

Finally, the sudden fall of the Italian government in the summer of 2022 allowed CILD to participate in the ‘Whotargetsme’ campaign developed by Liberties EU and aimed at examining and assessing the impact of targeted political advertisements on social networks on users’ freedom of opinion.



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**OUR WORK**

# Equality and anti-discrimination



A visual from the campaign promoted by CILD

## 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. 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.

In 2022 we followed this work up by supporting numerous initiatives with other civil society organisations, including signing letters to:

- › The World Trade Organisation’s Director General highlighting some key aspects that should guide the discussions, in particular that the waiver should at least cover vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics, and that the outcome should provide potential manufacturers full freedom to operate.
- › The European Commission, seeking that they desist from attempting to put forward at WTO the recently leaked text on a purported tentative agreement on the IP and COVID-19 response, as such text not only falls short of the minimum TRIPS waiver demands but has also not been endorsed by neither South Africa nor India.
- › WTO Trade Ministers, asking them not to accept the then current draft of the Ministerial Decision on the TRIPS Agreement, and demand a real waiver.
- › The Mexican government, requesting that Mexico review its position and immediately support the expeditious unconditional extension of the Ministerial Decision to the production and supply of COVID-19 diagnostics and therapeutics.
- › The European Commission, asking that they reconsider supporting the introduction of a new element, known as Transferable Exclusivity Voucher (TEV) to reward the development of new and effective antibiotics by pharmaceutical companies.
- › The WHO Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB), sharing with the INB and all the Member States involved in the INB process a number of critical observations that relate to the process and the substance of this proto-draft of the treaty text of the so-called “Conceptual Zero Draft” (CZD).



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## MEMORY PROJECT

Since its inception, CILD has placed great emphasis on the theme of “remembrance”, which is fundamental to recounting relevant history of events which involved flagrant abuses of human rights and civil liberties, in order to ensure that similar events are not repeated.

With this in mind, during the Day of Remembrance, CILD organised meetings and conferences to talk about the persecution and extermination of Jews, Roma and Sinti peoples, and homosexuals in the Nazi concentration camps.

On 27 January 2022 a meeting was organised in collaboration with Roma Tre University, attended by journalist Enrico Mentana, during which a discussion of a book he wrote with Senator Liliana Segre (a

concentration camp survivor) entitled ‘Memory sets you free’ was held. The meeting was attended by over 5,000 students from schools all over Italy.

Also focusing on the theme of “remembrance” is the below project that CILD has been working on since April 2022.

## REMEMBER AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

CILD is the organisation coordinating this project, while Associazione 21 Luglio, Sugar Drom and the University of Florence have worked alongside us towards project delivery.

The aim of this project was to preserve the historical memory of tragic events as a fundamental part of promoting policies to strengthen integration. This is especially true for events concerning persecuted populations, including those who were tragically the victims of genocide by Nazi-fascist regimes.

Within Nazi concentration camps 500,000 Roma and Sinti people were slaughtered. Remembering the discrimination suffered by these marginalised groups in the past helps emphasise the need to continue to fight against the discrimination that still affects them today, especially since many of the harmful stereotypes used in that historical period have survived despite the advent of democratic systems.

In Italy, there is a wealth of research and new material to be produced. More research has been reported in the first virtual museum centred on these events of extermination. The aim of the project was therefore, on the one hand, to promote the existing new research by ensuring gender balance (with attention paid particularly to the role of women), and on the other hand, to relaunch the promotion of the virtual museum, both in terms of content and design, also by translating it into English to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to learn about the persecution suffered in Italy, or at the hands of Italians, by these peoples.

These critical events will also be the basis for the production of new information and training materials, intended for teachers, social workers and policy makers, particular categories of stakeholders who are fundamental for the full inclusion and non-discrimination of the project’s beneficiaries. The ultimate goal of this project is therefore twofold: to preserve the memory and knowledge of the historical context and the events that led to and concerned the extermination of Roma, Sinti and traveller peoples; and to leverage the memory of these atrocities to build more inclusive societies today.



Sinti und Roma deportation. Ph. Ushmm Archive

## **THE “NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS” POSTGRADUATE COURSE HELD BY ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION WITH CILD**

In 2022, the first edition of the postgraduate course on “Non-Governmental Organisations and the Protection of Human Rights” was held, born out of a collaboration between CILD and Roma Tre University. This course was included in the suite of postgraduate training offered by their Department of Law, under the direction of Patrizio Gonnella.

The first edition of the course took place in January and February 2022 and was attended by a cohort of 14 students, who were offered a multidisciplinary (philosophical, sociological, juridical, historical) view of human rights. In addition to delving into the general theory of human rights and protection mechanisms at international and national level, the role, functions and operational methods of non-governmental organisations was analysed, including through reference to practical field experience. The course featured lecturers and experts from all the major Italian and foreign non-governmental organisations.

The course looks at the training needs of those who intend to work, or are already actively engaged in various capacities within NGOs, associations, institutions, national and international organisations (whether governmental or non-governmental) or those who are engaged in the field of human rights and civil liberties. More and more young people, both Italian and foreign, intend to specialise in a field that combines skills and civil passion. It is therefore a question of training a ruling class of experts committed to the field of human rights and civil liberties. On this front, a closer and more strategic collaboration between the academic world and organised civil society is the element that can make the difference in contributing to the growth within this sector of a ruling class capable of making a greater impact in society, in the media and towards institutions.

On the course website [www.corsodirittiumani.eu](http://www.corsodirittiumani.eu) interested persons can download the [course e-book](#) which contains some of the contributions of the lecturers who took part.



The 2022 course cohort with their certificates of completion



# Our Team

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## **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. He is a member of the Council of Europe's expert committee on NGO law.

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## **ANDREA OLEANDRI** | Chief Operating Officer (Communications and 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.

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## **FABI FUGAZZA** | Chief Operating Officer (Strategy and Development) and Legal Expert

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 15 years across three continents and teaches human rights law, business law, and business strategy to undergraduate and Master's cohorts between two Australian-based universities, as well as teaching within the 'NGOs and the protection of human rights' course at Roma Tre University. At CILD Fabi leads strategy and development, leads all pro bono legal projects on behalf of CILD (including the Rule 39 Initiative, CIPBRA and the Family Reunification project) and works extensively on CILD's Vaccine Equality and Support for Ukrainian Nationals initiatives.

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## **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.

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## **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.

**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.

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**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 including "Amarsi un po'" (where he edited, among other things, the project videos) and "Buchi Neri (black holes) - A journey into detention without charge in Italy".

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**FEDERICA BORLIZZI** | Researcher and Legal Collaborator

Federica is a Doctoral student in the "Sociology of Law" at the Department of Law of "Rome Tre" University and her focus is the risks arising from the administrative aspects of criminal law, with particular reference to the field of "urban security" and "prevention measures". At CILD she is Editor of the Buchi Neri (Black Holes) report and is a contributor for the "Buchi Neri" (Black Holes) newsletter.

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**OIZA QUEENS DAY OBASUYI** | Junior Researcher and Program Assistant

Oiza graduated in International Relations from the University of Macerata. She is the author of the book *Corpi Estranei - "Stranger Bodies"* (People, 2020), which focuses on the deconstruction of systemic racism in Italy. She has written articles for webzines such *The Vision*, *Internazionale* and *Jacobin Italia* in which she mainly dealt with human rights and migration and systemic racism. She works as a content creator for CILD's project Open Migration and carries out research and support activities for projects in the areas of immigration, asylum, citizenship, anti-discrimination and inclusion.

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**IRENE PALLA** | Special Project Consultant

Anthropologist, at CILD she assists in project design and development, as well as she teaches at the University of Bologna. She is engaged in research, training and advocacy activities on migration issues, memory of political violence, human rights, cooperation and design in different countries. Previously, she coordinated the Group on human mobility of the Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos of Peru, and she worked as CEO of the migration area and the design area for IDEHPUCP, where she is an associate researcher.

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**ELEONORA COSTA** | Junior Researcher and Program Assistant

Eleonora holds a Double Degree in Italian and French Law from Florence University and Paris-Sorbonne University, with a specialization in human rights. She has been a member of the Italian Bar since 2021. After her studies, she worked as an intern at the European Court of Human Rights and at the European Commission. She also collaborated, and still collaborates, with some leading Italian law firms. At CILD, Eleonora undertakes research activities and works on projects concerning immigration and administrative detention.

# Financial Position Summary

<b>Support &amp; Revenue</b>	
<b>Revenues, rent and income from activities of general interest</b>	
Contributions from private entities	384.218 €
Contributions from public entities	185.194 €
Other income, revenue and earnings	206.527 €
<b>General support income</b>	
Other general support income	267 €
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>776.316 €</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Costs and Charges from General Interest Activities</b>	
Staff and consultants	257.807 €
Program Costs Services	303.039 €
Other expenses	41.192 €
<b>Costs and Charges from Financial and Capital Assets</b>	
Related to banking relations	581 €
<b>General Support Costs and Charges</b>	
Services	20.924 €
Sundry operating expenses	885 €
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>624.428 €</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>	
Ended	144.171 €

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