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“European Caravan for Legality”

“We love travelling, watching, discovering new things; that’s why we started such a fascinating and dangerous travel, hard but thrilling; a travel towards new lives, which provides freedom to our ideas, words and gestures”. Carovana Antimafia started in 1994 with this slogan; a travel against all mafias, promoted by Arci Sicilia, two years after the killing of Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, two well-known judges, and their escorting policemen – an event that produced a strong anti-mafia upheaval. Carovana Antimafia is an itinerary, its destination being the fight against mafia and all organized crimes and illegal activities, to foster and disseminate an active concept of social justice and freedom from any form of bullying. Carovana Antimafia gives momentum to an active political behavior, encouraging: the fruitful assignment and re-employment of assets seized from the mafia; the production and sale of goods produced by the cooperatives running the seized assets; programs of education to democracy and lawfulness for the young generations; support to all victims of illegal activities such as usury, blackmail, protection money; fight against corruption and economical crimes; promotion of corporate ethical standards and legality among enterprises; the transparency in Public Procurement; active participation of all citizens in public matters; standing up for the Constitutional State; encouraging a full implementation of the Italian Constitutional Charter and of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Starting from this experience, ARCI promoted the European project “ECL - European Caravan for Legality” in order to spread and make well known in Europe the Italian expertise and practices in fighting mafia and other criminal organizations and to build a European network – which also includes non-EU countries – aiming at exchanging experiences, best practices, working methodologies and tools in the field of crime prevention and fight.

The ECL project, **realized with the financial support of the Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme of the European Union - European Commission - Directorate General Home Affairs**, foresees the following main actions:

- Realization of a preliminary research in order to collect from the project partners information related to the presence of organized crime in their countries and to build a common language.
- Organization of three training workshops on, respectively, Education to Lawfulness and Legality (Bari, December 2010), Corporate Legality (Milan, February 2011), Transparency and Accountability in Public Affairs/Procurements (Livorno, March 2011).



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- Itinerant Antimafia Caravan travelling through pre-selected locations in Switzerland, France, Albania, Bosnia, Serbia and Bulgaria (May 2011).
- Implementation of a web portal to connect all Partners and allow the reporting of all project's activities (<http://europeancaravanforlegality.eu/>).
- Working camps held in Corleone, organized by Arci Sicilia in cooperation with "Lavoro e non solo", a cooperative farming the land and re-employing some of the assets seized from the Mafia (from June to September 2011).
- Realization of broadcasting reportages from the various locations of the itinerant Caravan and from the working camps held in Corleone, in order to reach a wide and varied public (broadcasted by the web-radio Radio Cage from Livorno).
- Production of various informative materials and a photo exhibition to document and disseminate the project activities and results.
- Organization of a final conference in Brussels to discuss the outcome of the Action jointly with the relevant Officers of the EU Commission

Partners of the ECL project are:

ARCI Nazionale – coordinator (Italy) with the involvement of Arci Lombardia, Arci Bari, Arci Livorno, Arci Sicilia, Arci Toscana, Associazione Saveria Antiochia Omicron (Italy), Centro d'Iniziativa Europea (Italy), CDIE BG (Bulgaria), Festival TransMéditerranée (France), Inizjamed (Malta).

Associated partners of the ECL project are:

Avviso Pubblico (Italy), Association pour la création d'un observatoire du crime organise (Switzerland), Local Youth Council Berat (Albania), Woman Center Crystal Berat (Albania), FOKUS – Foundation for Youth Culture and Arts (Serbia), Radovi U Toko (Serbia), Student Cultural Centre (Serbia), Abrasevic (Bosnia Herzegovina), Youth organization "Odisej" (Bosnia Herzegovina).

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