

Update from the 15th Roundtable on 15 June 2016

- participants: 27;
- requests to members:
 - I reminded the urge to have a law firm volunteering to serve as a Secretary for the RT. After the meeting, Cristina Fussi of De Berti & Iacchia (yesterday's hosting firm) promised to discuss with her partners the possibility to consider one of their assistants (who happens to be a former secretary of mine at Ughi e Nunziante, Milan) for the job;
 - I also asked again all the participants to send a one-page description of their past and present pro bono efforts to be added to the RT's website. We also took a look at what was already sent by some NGOs and law firms, and thanked the diligent contributors so far;
- topics for future pro bono RTs and seminars:
 - migration, privacy, and third sector's reform (with a particular focus on the impact thereof on the scope of the commercial activities allowed to Italian NGOs, as well as on the latter's tax regime) emerged as the most relevant ones. In particular, Andrea Sonino of De Berti & Iacchia mentioned past experiences with migrants and his participation to ASGI (Associazione per gli Studi Giuridici sull'Immigrazione; www.asgi.it), which may be helpful for the organization on a seminar on the topic;
 - it was proposed to prepare an excel with the above proposed topics to be circulated to the RT's mailing list in order to collect ideas, expertise, etc. I also asked to send one page descriptions of pro bono efforts to be added to the RT's website, taking a look on the screen at what already sent and thanking the diligent contributors so far;
- NGOs' presentations:
 - Mrs. Rosental of Progetto Itaca briefly introduced to the RT her organization, and mentioned some hot topics for them (privacy law concerning the sharing of sensitive data among different NGOs, permitted scope of NGOs' commercial activities, and family law matters relating to the support to people with mental illnesses);
 - A. Napolitano of CILD updated the RT on the work carried out so far by the clearinghouse and recent achievements of the coalition in fields of common interest (see attachments);
 - Save the Children Milan (L. Anzideo and P. Cattorini) shared information on their current projects and initiatives, with a special focus on the fight to minors' educational poverty, and the need to have a valuable support of pro bono lawyers on actual cases;
- proposed actions:
 - work on the organisation of seminars on the above topics (which should have both a theoretical and practical part);
 - identify actual cases relating to the above topics, if any, on which to involve volunteering law firms and NGOs;

- share information among the RT's members on closed and opened matters (this should be reminded to the clearinghouses (CILD and CSVnet) and those law firms who are taking cases directly from NGOs (for instance, E. Basso Petrino of Theodora Foundation said to have instructed DLA Piper on a privacy case without going through the clearinghouse);
 - consider the option to structure the RT as an association.
- proposed date and host for next RT: Wednesday, 14th September 2016, at Associazione Donna e Madre Onlus, Via Ascanio Sforza, 75 - 20141 Milan.