

Giuristi Democratici

It is the moment to convene a meeting of the associations of democratic and progressive lawyers of the Mediterranean area in order to discuss common issues, exchange information and experiences, build up a network of permanent relationships and approve a Charter of principles to take as a common reference.

Among the aims of the Conference there is that of deepen and develop the various topics proposed following a precise leading thread: which is the function of lawyers in the protection of fundamental rights? Why building up a Mediterranean network becomes important? Which are the principles and practices to share? The issues are various and all equally important, from self-determination and peace, to migrations, to repression of struggle movements at European level. We propose two days of discussion, the 7th and 8th of October, with the participation of international delegations coming from various countries. The program could be as follows. The Conference should end with the adoption of a Declaration of democratic and progressive lawyers of the Mediterranean (Charter of Naples).

First Conference of Mediterranean Lawyers

“The role of lawyers in the Mediterranean area for self-determination, Rule of law, protection of human rights and democracy”

Promoters: Associazione Nazionale Giuristi Democratici - Italy; European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights (ELDH); European United Left/Nordic Green Left – European Parliamentary Group GUE/NGL;

Partners and patronages: Associazione Studi Giuridici sull’Immigrazione (Association on Juridical Studies on Immigration); National Bar Association; Municipality of Naples, Metropolitan Municipality of Naples; GUE; Italian NGOs Network “In defense of”.

WORKSHOPS’ PROGRAM

Saturday 7th, : 9.00 opening Asilo Filangieri

Welcoming greetings

Luigi De Magistris, Mayor of Naples and former Prosecutor

Andrea Mascherin, President of Italian National Bar Association

Cristina Ornano, Secretary of AREA (Judges' and prosecutors 'association)

Roberto Lamacchia, President of Italian Democratic lawyers

Thomas Schmidt, Secretary of ELDH

Roland Weyl, Founder and Vice-President of IADL

Francesco Martone, Italian NGOs Network "In defense of"

Eleonora Forenza, Paloma Lopez, GUE

Stefano Maruca, FIOM

Fabio Marcelli, Short introduction on the intents of the Conference

Following:

11.00 – Focus on migration/immigration (supervised by ASGI)

Entitlement and effectiveness of rights of migrants and asylum seekers: the hotspot model as pilot experiment for the elaboration of EU policies for border control.

13.30 Lunch break

15.00 – Focus Europe and fundamental rights and freedoms/social conflicts

17.30 – Focus Turkey

19.30 – End of the sessions

Sunday 8th of October – Sala del Capitolo, Complesso San Domenico Maggiore

9.30: "Mediterranean: self-determination, democracy, human rights"

Interventions:

Palestine (Wael Abunemeh; S. E. the Ambassador Mai Alkaila)

Western Sahara (Elhassan Salek Abba)

Turkey (Fatma Ozdemir, Selçuk Kozagacli, Serife Ceren Uysal, Umit Dede, Mahmut Shakar, Mazlum Dinc)

Rojava (Mídia Abdamâ, Mohammed Abdulkade)

Egypt (Mohamed Azab, Mohamed Eissa)

Tunisia (Sabiha Salah, Abdelaziz Essid)

Algeria (Yasmine Bennamani; Ghania Nechar, Mohamed Bentoumi)

Syria (Elias Khouri)

Lebanon (Hassan Jouni, Souheil El Natour)

Irak (Hussain Shaban)

Catalunya (Mercè Barcelò Serramalena)

Institutional closing speeches (representatives from Bar Associations)

13.00 – Lunch break

15.00 – Final discussion and adoption of the Declaration of Mediterranean Lawyers – Charter of Naples

17.30 – End of sessions