

APPEAL TO
PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND ITALIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TO ENSURE DEMOCRACY IN THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ITALIAN CIVIL SOCIETY
THAT WORKS IN FAVOUR OF PEACE, DEMOCRACY AND
DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

*Mr. President of the Italian Republic,
Mr. Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,*

Were present 604 organizations and institutions belonging to the Italian network of the « Anna Lindh Foundation » (FAL), many of which are founding members of the same network since 2004.

The FAL is an organization set up in 2004 by the European Union and the Mediterranean partners, created to promote dialogue between cultures and civilizations.

The Italian Network, thanks to a 30-year commitment of Fondazione Mediterraneo, the founder of the FAL, honored the FAL and Italy, as evidenced by the public acts of the Italian Government and international institutions.

The President of the ALF, Ms. Elisabeth Guigou, during her recent visit to the Naples headquarters of the Italian network and the Documentation Center of the ALF, recognized the institutional value of the site and the commitment of the Fondazione Mediterraneo. We would like to make this appeal so that the free choice of the FAL Italian Network Assembly, which has democratically elected the Fondazione Mediterraneo as the Lead Partner of the same Italian network, will be guaranteed until September 11, 2018 (as communicated by the same Ministry on 25.11.2015 - Annex 1).

Also, we call for free elections by the members of the Italian Network to designate, on 11.09. 2018, the next Network Lead Partner for the period 2018-2021. This democratic choice and the free election of the Lead Partner were canceled, without any motivation, by a letter sent by the Ministry dated 18 August 2017 (Annex 2). By this letter, the Ministry informed us of another Lead Partner of the Italian network and assigned us another Head Office of the network, in an unspecified office of the City Council of Bologna, instead of the prestigious headquarters of Naples, greatly appreciated not only by the President Ms. Guigou, but also by all institutional and civil society representatives who visited it (Heads of State, Nobel Laureates, representatives of the European Union and international institutions).

This decision has engendered sadness and bitterness between us and most of the Leaders of the National Networks of the 42 countries, along with other members of the ALF Networks, joining us and signing this "Appeal".

We remain confident about the intervention of the President of the Republic and the Minister in order to restore harmony and serenity within the Italian network, in which applies the principle of Antonino Caponnetto:

WE REMAIN UNITED IN DIVERSITY

Naples, 14 September 2017

APPEL

AU PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE ITALIENNE

ET AU MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES ITALIEN

AFIN QUE LA DEMOCRATIE SOIT ASSURÉE DANS LA GOUVERNANCE

DE LA SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE ITALIENNE QUI ŒUVRE EN FAVEUR DE LA PAIX, DE LA

DÉMOCRATIE ET DU DÉVELOPPEMENT EN MÉDITERRANÉE

Monsieur le Président de la République Italienne,

Monsieur le Ministre des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération Internationale,

Nous représentons 604 organisations et institutions adhérant au réseau italien de la «*Fondation Anna Lindh*» (FAL), dont plusieurs sont les membres fondateurs du même réseau depuis 2004.

Le FAL est un organisme mis en place en 2004 par l'Union Européenne et les partenaires méditerranéens, créé pour promouvoir le dialogue entre les cultures et les civilisations.

Le Réseau italien, grâce à l'engagement de 30 ans de la *Fondazione Mediterraneo*, fondatrice de la FAL, a honoré la FAL et l'Italie, comme en témoignent les actes publics du gouvernement italien et des institutions internationales.

La présidente de la FAL, Mme Elisabeth Guigou, lors de sa récente visite au siège de Naples du réseau italien et du Centre de documentation de la FAL, a reconnu la valeur institutionnelle du lieu et l'engagement de la *Fondazione Mediterraneo*.

Nous souhaitons adresser cet appel afin que soit garanti le respect du libre choix de l'Assemblée du Réseau Italien FAL, qui a démocratiquement élu la *Fondazione Mediterraneo* en tant que chef de file du même réseau italien, jusqu'au 11 septembre 2018 (comme communiqué par le même Ministère le 25.11.2015 - Annexe 1).

Également, nous demandons les élections libres par les membres du Réseau italien afin de désigner, le 11.09. 2018, le prochain chef de file du Réseau pour la période 2018-2021. Ce choix démocratique et la libre élection du Chef de file ont été annulés, sans aucune motivation, par une lettre envoyée par le Ministère du 18 Août 2017 (annexe 2). Par cette lettre, le Ministère nous a indiqué un autre Chef de file du réseau italien et il nous a assigné un autre siège du réseau, dans un bureau non spécifié de la Mairie de Bologne, au lieu du prestigieux siège de Naples, énormément apprécié par la Présidente Mme Guigou et par tous les représentants institutionnels et de la société civile qui l'ont visité (Chefs d'Etat, Prix Nobel, représentants de l'Union Européenne et des institutions internationales).

Cette décision a engendré écœurement profond et amertume entre nous et la plupart des Chefs de file des Réseaux Nationaux des 42 pays, avec d'autres membres des Réseaux de la FAL, qui se joignent à nous et signent le présent "Appel".

Nous restons confiants quant' à l'intervention de Monsieur le Président de la République et Monsieur le Ministre afin de rétablir l'harmonie et la sérénité au sein du réseau Italien, dans lequel s'applique le principe d'Antonino Caponnetto :

NOUS RESTONS UNIS DANS LA DIVERSITE

Naples, le 14 septembre 2017

1. Fondazione Caponnetto

M. Salvatore Calleri, Presidente.

2. Pia Società di San Francesco di Sales (**46 associazioni rappresentate**)

Prof. don Mario Maritano, Delegato straordinario

3. Università Pontificia Salesiana

Prof. don Mauro Mantovani - Rettore

4. M.U.N.A. Rete di Università Mediterranee (**13 università rappresentate**)

(coordinata dall'Università Federico II di Napoli)

Prof. Gilberto Sammartino, Coordinatore

5. Observatoire Méditerranéen sur la criminalité organisée et les crimes

Prof. Nullo Minissi, Delegato straordinario

6. Réseau Universitaire "ALMAMED" (**42 Università rappresentate**)

Prof. Massimo Pica Ciamarra, Presidente

7. Association d'organismes de la société civile "LMed" (**182 organismes de la société civile représentées**)

Dott.ssa Fara Paolillo, Presidente

8. Musée de la Paix - Museo della Pace - MAMT

Dott.ssa Maria Balducci, Direttrice

9. Maison de la Méditerranée (**32 Institutions représentées**)

Dott. Ciro Olisterno, Delegato

10. Accademia del Mediterraneo (**68 Académies et Instituts de culture et recherche représentés**)

Prof. Caterina Arcidiacono, Presidente del Comitato scientifico

11. Fondazione IDIS – Città della Scienza

Luigi Amodio, Direttore

12. Fispmed - Onlus

Dott. Roberto Russo, Presidente

13. Studio PCA – Int

Arch. Patrizia Bottaro, Delegato

14. *Studio Barone Associati*
Avv. Valerio Barone, Presidente

15. *Associazione Futuridea*
On.prof. Carmine Nardone, Presidente

16. *Servizio Civile Internazionale*
Dott. Kamal Massimiliano Yamine

17. *Rete Euromedcity (63 città e enti locali rappresentati)*
Prof. Luciana De Rosa, Delegato

18. *Associazione OpenMed*
Dott. Emanuele Cabras, Presidente

19. *GiohàGiordanAcdemy*
Giohà Giordano, Delegato

20. *Associazione Oratorio "W Maria" Onlus*
Don Roberto Berruti, Presidente

21. *Studio Cennamo*
Prof. Gerardo Cennamo, Delegato

22. *Euro Med Center Ragusa*
Dott.ssa Stefania Garrone, Presidente

23. *Anton Stadler Cultural Association*
Sig. Dario Furia, Presidente

24. *Carlo Rendano Association*
Dott. Carlo Rendano, Presidente

25. *Psicologi per la responsabilità sociale*
Dott. Raffale Felaco

26. *Fondazione Luigi Granese*
Prof. Luisa Simeone, Presidente

27. *Casa del Maghreb Arabo (13 organismi rappresentati)*
Ester Pedicini, Delegato

28. *Associazione "InformaGiovani"*
Massimiliano Greco, Presidente

29. *Associazione Sport Margherita di Savoia*
Spartaco Grieco, Presidente

30. *Associazione culturale amici di Ron amici per la vita*
Vincenzo De Lucia, Delegato

31. *Expoitaly Servizio Civile (6 organismi rappresentati)*
Antonio Altiero, Presidente

32. *Istituto per la Promozione del Servizio Civile*
Massimiliano Ronga, Rappresentante legale

33. *Associazione di volontariato Essan Masslo*
Renato Natale, Delegato

34. *APS – Associazione Don Peppe Diana*
Valerio Taglione, Presidente

35. Associazione di promozione sociale Fyouture
Marco Vigliocco, Presidente

36. Associazione Impariamo ad Imparare
Giovanni Lariccia, Presidente

37. Associazione "Il mio pezzetto di sole"
Luisa Cappelletti, Presidente

38. Confcooperative Sardegna
Fabio Onnis, Presidente

39. Centro per lo sviluppo creativo "Danilo Dolci"
Amico Dolci, Presidente

40. CESIE – Centro studi di iniziative europee
Vito La Fata, Presidente

41. Associazione Hub and Spoke
Marco Pischedda, Presidente

42. Arcoss. Srl
Gavino Soggia, Presidente

43. Associazione YouropeSardinia
Pamela Baccoli, Rappresentante legale

44. Associazione di volontariato Geofilos
Antonio Pascale, Presidente

45. Cooperativa Altri Orizzonti
Anna Cecere, rappresentante legale

46. Associazione Occuparti
Fabrizio Fantini, Rappresentante legale

47 Associazione Mario Molinari
Dott. Jacopo Molinari, Presidente

48 EVA International
Dott.ssa Valentina Parisi, Rappresentante.

49 CEIPES
Irene Capozzi, delegata

50 Associazione GRAMMELOT
Stefania de Angelis, delegata.

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

IL VICE DIRETTORE GENERALE
PER GLI AFFARI POLITICI E DI SICUREZZA
DIRETTORE CENTRALE PER I PAESI
DEL MEDITERRANEO E DEL MEDIO ORIENTE

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Rome, 18th August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

I have the pleasure of informing you that the RIDE, which was previously recognized by the Anna Lindh Foundation as Head of its Italian Network, with 'Fondazione Mediterraneo' in charge of its ALF operational activities, has now completed its internal restructuring and has assumed the official denomination of "RIDE-APS : Rete Italiana Dialogo Euro-Mediterraneo - Associazione di promozione sociale".

In the process of reorganising RIDE-APS, more than seventy Italian civil society organisations demanded a more balanced and collegial participation in ALF activities, particularly in light of the new Italian Law on International Development Cooperation, which calls for more synergistic activities with diasporas and migratory communities in Italy.

Therefore, in the light of RIDE-APS' new constitutive Act and legal registration (August 4, 2017), it has been decided that, as of September 15, 2017, RIDE-APS shall be the new ALF Head of Network in Italy, and that it will share its role and operational tasks with the Mayor's Office of the City of Bologna.

I would like to seize this opportunity to recognise Fondazione Mediterraneo for its essential role played in the organisation of the ALF Italian Network since its outset, as well as for its numerous activities, including the establishment, in 2016, of the MAMT - ALF Multimedia Center for the Mediterranean Dialogue in Napoli.

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H.E. Ambassador Hatem ATALLAH
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Prof. Marco LOMBARDO
on behalf of the Mayor of Bologna

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Cc. On. Vincenzo AMENDOLA
The Undersecretary of State of Foreign Affairs - Rome



*Ministero degli Affari Esteri
e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

DIREZIONE GENERALE AFFARI POLITICI
Il Coordinatore delle Attività Multilaterali Euro-Mediterranee

Prot. 255302

Rome, 25 November 2015

H.E. Ambassador Hatem ATALLAH
Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation
Alexandria – (by email)

Dear Ambassador,

Based on the report by our Head of Network, First of all, I would like to thank you, together with your closest aides – Paul Walton, Gemma Aubarell, Cristiana Gaito, Paulina Raduchowska, Marta Vallejo and others - for the consideration accorded last week in Brussels to the content of my letter of September 25th, 2015.

Allow me at this point to recall the updated terms of the Italian participation to the Anna Lindh Foundation :

a. The RIDE Onlus – also in its capacity as “Rete Italiana ALF (art.3, comma 8 of the RIDE's Statute) - used its latest General Assembly to deliberate a number of governance points as follows:

a1. Concerning the role of representation of the 'Rete Italiana ALF', the 'Fondazione Mediterraneo' was elected as Head of Network-Coordinator (“Capofila -coordinatore”). This is in confirmation of the appointment of the same entity by the Italian MoFA , covering a 3 years period, as set by Art.5 of the Statute (in this case 11 September 2015 -11 September 2018). The aforesaid Foundation has the task of fulfilling all the obligations imposed by the ALF and those deriving by the Step 7 and Step 8 contracts (members management and mobilization, inter-network activities, training activities, organization of general meetings and other regular meetings, communication management, including the newsletter and the website complementary to that of the ALF, as well as the relevant secretarial work). The Head of Network shall be assisted by a variable Working Group depending on the planned activities. This Group shall reflect gender parity and be composed at least by 50% of young people.

a2. For all activities concerning the RIDE Onlus, the Association will be managed by an 11 members Executive Committee.

b. The administrative management of the RIDE Onlus is separated from that of the 'Rete Italiana RIDE'. In the same way, from now on the General Meetings ("Assemblee Generali") will be held separately and accounted for through separate minutes:

- The first part of the Meeting shall be configured as "ASSEMBLEA GENERALE DELLA RETE ITALIANA ALF – RIDE" in charge of dealing with topics concerning the Italian Network and the ALF.

- The second part of the Meeting shall be configured as "ASSEMBLEA GENERALE DELLA RIDE – Onlus" in charge of dealing with matters of the Association's concern only.

I hereby confirm what was already stated with my letter of September 25th 2015, in that only the entities and organizations joining the RIDE as ex Officio members can qualify to be members of the "Rete Italiana ALF". The other membership categories contemplated by Art. 4B of the Statute can qualify to be part of the RIDE Onlus only, but they cannot be part of the "Rete Italiana ALF".

Accordingly, I inform you that the "Fondazione Mediterraneo" will proceed to the extension of the membership in order to settle this thorny issue in a permanent way. This is to avoid future misunderstandings and inconveniences. Mr Michele Capasso, president of the "Fondazione Mediterraneo" (and coordinator of the "Rete Italiana") is also the legal representative of the RIDE Onlus. Accordingly, in this double role he is empowered to confirm those who are ex Officio Members of the RIDE, to all legal effects, by identifying them as Members of the "Rete Italiana ALF" within the deadlines indicated below.

c. In particular:

- The Group of Members n.1 (approx. 95) who are both registered with the RIDE and to the ALF portal. Consequently, they are enabled to access to the calls and funding by the ALF.

Deadline: 15.12.201

- The Group of Members n.2 (approx. 35) that are registered with the RIDE but not on the ALF portal. Consequently, they are not enabled to get access to the calls and funding by the ALF.

Deadline 15.12.2015

- The Group of Members n.3 (approx. 295) who are registered on the ALF portal, but not with the RIDE. Consequently they are enabled to get access to the calls and funding by the ALF.

Deadline 20.01.2016

- The Group of Members n.4 (15) who have recently registered on the ALF portal, pending confirmation by the Head of Network. Consequently, they are not yet enabled to get access to the calls and funding by the ALF.

Deadline 20.01.2016

I seize this opportunity to inform you that the procedure regarding the Italian contribution to the ALF budget for the Step 7 is almost complete. Funding will be transferred by early 2016 through the Italian Embassy in Cairo.

Yours Sincerely



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