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Fw: Naples National Network meeting

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Dear Michele,

First of all I would like to thank you for your great hospitality and dedication towards promoting and encouraging collaboration between the Italian and Maltese network.

My participation at the Italian National Network meeting was extremely fruitful and provided me with significant insights on the work being carried out by the Italian ALF Network but especially by the "Federazione Anna Lindh Italia" ("Federazione").

The fact that the "Federazione" embraces more than 80 active members, representing over 600 civil society organizations is in itself a best practice and should be adhered to by the other networks of the ALF.

The "Federazione", having its own juridical capacity can be seen as the way forward to sustaining the Anna Lindh Foundation as a network of networks as (1) it provides the space for not just being together but for acting towards a common goal and (2) as a financial tool for actions and project on intercultural communication and dialogue in line with the principles of the Anna Lindh Foundation. This should be proposed to the Secretariat as a solution to what the Networks can do towards the Foundation, as stated by our President the Honorable Ms. Elizabeth Guigou.

During the meeting, it was extremely positive to see and be part of the respectful reciprocal exchange of ideas, information, intentional dialogue and active listening of the members of the network. This in fact proves that the whole Network in itself is a space for dialogue!

As I pointed out during the meeting, The Italian Network and especially the "Federazione Anna Lindh Italia" can be in a way seen as a best practice and such model can in fact be used as an integral part of regeneration of the ALF. However, I must point out that I was shocked to learn that there are obvious unfounded distinctions vis-a-vis members of the Italian Network by the Italian Representative of the Board of Governors The Honorable Minister Enrico Granara present at the meeting and copied in my mail.

I do understand that the network, being so huge, created an alternative system but I do not understand why no credit is being given by the Italian Representative of the Board of Governors to either the individual members and/or members of the "Federazione" but only to members of the association RIDE.

Indeed, the Minister has not considered nor never acknowledged the " Federation "in spite of the fact that the same Federation is made up of the majority of the members (600) as well as the quality and the majority of the projects are managed by the same Federation." Such indifference and intolerance harms the network's spirit.

As far as I know, and this applies to all networks, membership is open to organizations and/or individuals, of a very diverse nature. This includes NGOs, public institutions, foundations,

local and regional authorities, individuals and private organizations active in supporting the mission of the ALF and as the Anna Lindh Networks are independent and autonomous, the decision about admission is at the sole discretion of the Heads of Network to whom the application is sent and not of the Board of Governors.

I also take this opportunity to express my concern regarding the relationship between the Heads, the Secretariat and the Board of Governors. During the January meeting being proposed, we must all make a commitment to keep on working on the basis of positive dialogue. This should apply to everyone and it should be clear that any defamatory communication is not to be tolerated.

Last but not least, on behalf of all Head of Networks, I would like to thank you personally for offering to host us in January 2017 and this for the benefit of the Foundation, which is facing major challenges.

I am sure that this meeting will be extremely important for the existence and continuation of the work of the ALF and our common goal as HoNs together with the Secretariat and the BoGs is to reach plausible solution to the challenges we are all facing.

From here, I would also like to ask our Executive Director for assisting us in the mobility of the HoNs as we strongly believe that this meeting should provide the space for us all to be together.

Once again Michele I thank you for your great hospitality, dedication and professionalism.

I look forward to reinforcing a better working network, for the common good of all,

Thanks once again

Kind regards,

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