



European Economic and Social Committee



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European Week for Fighting organized crime

Brussels, Monday 16 November 2015 to Thursday 19 November 2015

PROGRAMME

Monday, November 16 at 19:30

Pre-opening of the European Week in the premises of the Italian Institute of Culture, Rue de Livourne 38, 1000 Brussels with the presence of the Ambassador of Italy, **Vincenzo Grassi**.

Film screening: "**The lesson**"

*"Nadezhda is a high school English teacher near Sofia. Stunned by a theft report by one of her students she is determined to find the culprit and punish him. As this episode unravels at work, her personal life changes drastically. She is notified by a bailiff that the bank is about to seize her house and put it on auction due to overdue mortgage payments. Determined to keep her life afloat and her house she will do everything she can to get the money before it's too late.
How far will she go to save his family?"*

The film offers many questions regarding the role of education against crime and the gradual descent into hell of a woman tied to morality.

Tuesday, November 17

Exhibition of products from confiscated enterprises

coordinated by Giuliano Ciano

(Hall in front of the room VMA 3, 2 rue van Maerlant, 1040 Brussels)

9:00 Registration in the premises of the European Economic and Social Committee, VMA building, room VMA 3, 2 rue van Maerlant, 1040 Brussels

9:30 **PANEL 1: "The role of civil society in the fight against organized crime"**

Opening of the European Week, chaired by **Georges Dassis**, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and by **Franco Ianniello**, President of Cultura contro camorra.

Presentation by professional organizations, trade unions and civil society representatives of experiences in the domain of the fight against organized crime:

- **Renato Natale**, Mayor of Casal di Principe
- **Fabrice Rizzoli**, Crim'HALT
- **Emmanuel Verny**, Chambre française de l'économie sociale et solidaire
- **Adriana Musella**, Coordinamento Nazionale Antimafia "Riferimenti"

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

With the participation of national and European authorities:

- **Christophe Rouillon**, Member of the Committee of the Regions
- **Elly Schlein**, Intergroup "Integrity, transparency, fight against corruption and organized crime", Member of the European Parliament
- **Franco La Torre**, LIBERA
- **Ahmed Laaouej**, Senator from Belgium
- **Monica Macovei**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Nicola Caputo**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Juan Mendoza**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Antonello Pezzini**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)
- **Luca Jahier**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)
- DG Home Affairs, European Commission

DEBATE

13:00 Lunch break

15:00 **PANEL 2: "What actions against organized crime?"**

The confiscation of their properties? The use of such properties for social and cultural purposes?"

Chaired by **Elly Schlein**, co-President of the Intergroup "Integrity, transparency, fight against corruption and organized crime", Member of the European Parliament and by **Franco Ianniello**, President Cultura contro camorra.

Keynote speaker:

- **Juan Fernando Lopez Aguillar**, Member of the European Parliament, former President of the LIBE Committee, former Minister of Justice (Spain)

"Experiences and proposals":

- **Valerio Taglione**, Comitato don Peppe Diana,
- **Vito Lo Monaco**, Centro culturale « Pio La Torre »
- **Giorgio Gemelli**, Legacoop
- **Alessandro Cobiانchi**, International Caravan antimafia
- **Fabrice Rizzoli**, Crim'HALT

16:45 - 17:00 Coffee break

"Working in the institutions":

- **Ignazio Corrao**, Member of the European Parliament, Intergroup
- **Juan Mendoza**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Christophe Rouillon**, Member of the Committee of the Regions
- **Luigi Soreca**, DG Home Affairs, European Commission

Synthesis of proposals from the presidency

18:00 Snack break

18:30 **Presentation of FALCONE Prizes**

This citizens' initiative is organized by two associations defending human rights, AFREDH and Justice & Democracy. The award will be given in Paris on March 21 2016, Day of the Victims of the Mafia (<http://prixfalcone.com/>). Presentation by **Fabrice Rizzoli** of the Falcone prize and the 3 nominees for 2015: Justice, Democracy, Human rights.

19:00 – 21:30 **"Pio La Torre, a statesman committed for a more efficient fight and better instruments at European"**

Debate with **Vito Lo Monaco**, President of the Centro Culturale "Pio La Torre"
Presentation of the book "Sulle ginocchia" by **Franco La Torre**.

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 Registration in the premises of the European Economic and Social Committee, VMA building, room VMA 3, 2 rue van Maerlant, 1040 Brussels

10:00 "The organized crime economy: Europe's most profitable business ? "

Conference chaired by a representative of the European Commission DG Home Affairs and by **Franco Ianniello**, President of Cultura contro camorra.

The objectives are to:

- ✓ increase awareness of policy makers, government agencies, the business community, the media and civil society to the economy of organized crime,
- ✓ highlight the impact of organized crime on the economy and citizens,
- ✓ emphasize the role that the confiscation of criminal assets play in mitigating activities and investments of organized crime,
- ✓ outline the role that a careful civil society can have in the prevention of organized crime.

10:15 – 10:55 Discussion panel I

The presence and illicit activities of organized crime across Europe

- **Michael Rauschenbach**, Europol
- **Anton Kojouharov**, Centre for the Study of Democracy

10:55 – 11:25 Discussion panel II

Magnitude and revenues of selected illicit markets. The investments of organised crime across Europe

- **Liesbeth Vandam**, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
- **Ashley How**, Pharmaceutical Security Institute (PSI) (tbc)

11:25 - 11:55 Coffee break

11h55 – 13h00 Discussion panel II (*continuation*) and Round table

- **Georg Roebeling**, OLAF
- Representative of Interpol (tbc)
- **Katarzyna Cuadrat-Grzybowska**, European Commission
- **Ernesto Savona**, Transcrime

13h00 – 14h30 Lunch break

14h30 – 15h30 Discussion panel III and thematic interventions

The corruption as a main facilitator of organized crime activities. The economy of cybercrime.

- **Gherardo Colombo**, former judge of Mani pulite and Premio Nazionale Cultura della Pace
- **Brigitte Unger**, University of Utrecht
- **Guglielmo Muntoni**, Court of Rome
- **Dimo Grozdev**, Commission for the Illicit Asset Forfeiture (CIAF) (tbc)
- **Mark van Staalduinen**, TNO, The Netherlands

15h30 – 16h00 Coffee break

16h00 – 17h00 Thematic interventions

Preventing organised crime infiltration in public procurement. New tools for tackling the assets of organised crime. Preventing organised crime from re-acquiring confiscated assets.

- **Fabrizio Fantini**, Direzione Investigativa Antimafia, Italian Ministry of Interior
- **Paul Farrell**, European Business Registers
- **Atanas Rusev**, Centre for the Study of Democracy

17h00 – 17h50 Final round table

Initiatives to be undertaken to prevent and fight against organized crime

- **Laura Ferrara**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Antonello Pezzini**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Fabrice Rizzoli**, Crim'HALT
- US government official (tbc)

17h50 – 18h00 Conclusions

- Representative of the European Commission, DG Home Affairs



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CONFERENCE

The exploitation of human beings by organized crime

Thursday, November 19

European Parliament, PHS7C050 Room – 10:00 - 13:00

Conference with debate chaired by **Nicola Caputo**, Member of the European Parliament.

With the participation of Members of the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee, officials from the European Commission and representatives of associations and union organizations that fight against organized crime involved in trafficking in human beings (THB), particularly for sexual exploitation and in some economic sectors (agriculture, construction, etc.).

The objectives are to:

- ✓ increase knowledge and share experiences on the links between organized crime and the exploitation of human beings;
- ✓ deepen the dialogue between the various stakeholders - EU institutions, national governments, civil society - engaged in the fight against the exploitation of human beings;
- ✓ increase the echo, impact and synergies between the initiatives of the various actors involved.

9:00 Registration

10:00 Introduction by **Nicola Caputo**, Member of the European Parliament, **Armand Rauch**, Cultura contro camorra and a representative of Secours Catholique-Caritas France.

10:20 **PANEL 1: "The engagement of civil society in its various components"**

- **Geneviève Colas**, Secours Catholique-Caritas France and Collectif "*Together against Trafficking in Human Beings*", "Challenges and limits of the fight against human trafficking by addressing against organized crime"
- **Niki Roubani**, European Network of Women-Greece, "The involvement of women, a Greek experience"
- **Guido Freddi**, "The culture and cinema in the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings: a testimony and personal experience"

11:20 DEBATE

11:40 **PANEL 2: "The commitment of the public authorities at all levels"**

- **Ákos Topolánszky**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, "The exploitation of human beings by organized crime, including forced labor"
- **Klaus Meyer-Cabri**, Eurojust, "Fight against organized crime in trafficking in human beings"
- **Carlo van Heuckelom**, Europol, "Fight against organized crime in trafficking in human beings"
- **Raffaele Piccirillo**, Penal Affairs at the Italian Ministry of Justice, "The personal experience of an Italian magistrate"

12:40 DEBATE

12:50 Conclusive session

- **Myria Vassiliadou**, EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator
- Conclusions and possible ways forward by the organizers

13:00 End of the European Week on Fighting organized crime

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Italian.
Coffee, tea and water will be available. Please note that lunch is not provided.