



**Cilap eapn italia**

## ***Report of activities – 2016***

### ***(Synthesis)***

It is hard to divide CILAP's work in 4 straightforward pillars since, as for any organization, working for influencing the national and local policies is at the core of all of our activities: newsletter, press releases, articles, TV and radio interviews, seminars, training, participation to conferences, actions with/for people experiencing poverty are all aimed at influencing governments at any level.

Below a short description, as much as possible divided into the 4 pillars.

#### **Influencing National Governments for Better Policies: Advocacy, Lobbying and Policy-Making linked to European Level developments**

Since year 2014 the CILAP participate to the Monitoring Committee of Inclusion Operational Program for the 2014-2020.

CILAP have participated and sent his contributions:

- to the meetings, held in 2016, organized by the Managing Authority at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy;
- to the Annual Report 2016 of Inclusion National Operational Plan
- to evaluation plan of Inclusion National Operational Plan.

Since 2016 CILAP is also part of the delegation to the European network Fead (Fead Network) and has attended, as a European network section, to the Supervisory Committee, joint to central authorities (ministries and the European Commission) unions, regions, local authorities, organizations involved in the collection and distribution of food (partner organizations).

On 29/01/2016 the CILAP attended active to the first presentation event of Fead Program, organized by the Supervisory Committee.

CILAP from then attended to all meetings of the National Security Committee and to the Italian delegation of Fead Network.

The CILAP proposed to The Managing Authority, become a promoter, of the constitution of the Italian network for food distribution.

In the month of January 2016 CILAP attended hearing in the Senate finalized to the proposals relate to a law to fighting poverty, which are recently approved (July 2017).

### **Communication,**

From 2015 CILAP has a communication plan that is implemented from a newsletter published every four months and self-financed.

Only in 2016, the newsletter is supported, through the KBF, from a contribution that has allowed us to set the graphics and pay the journalist in charge of its preparation.

Written contributions are sent by Cilap members and by industry experts voluntarily. On the site CILAP ( [www.cilap.eu](http://www.cilap.eu) ) are published newsletters already issued. Continues the publication of posts on the pages facebook of "CILAP" and "EMIN Italian network".

### **Participation of People Experiencing Poverty and Social Exclusion in Internal and External Workings of the National Network**

In 2016, the working group on “poverty and participation” has organized:

The September 30, 2016 in Florence was held the preparatory meeting entitled "Invisible poverty".

On this occasion is a page Facebook f (PEP Italy - Working Group Participation of People Experiencing Poverty) was opened. Within this page are photos of the event.

## **Development and Growth of the Network (including growth and training and capacity building actions)**

Again, it is difficult to divide squarely our work, so we may repeat ourselves here.

CILAP has gained greater visibility as a result of the Communication Plan and newsletters that have strengthened the static or site work ( [www.cilap.eu](http://www.cilap.eu) ) and the three fb pages (Italian link the fight against poverty - Italian Network for the minimum income - pep Italy) where the posts are inserted more as information on activities rather than places of discussion.

This visibility at national level has been reinforced by the interview released March 17, 2015 from the President to the RAI Italian Television, interview with Vatican Radio during the month of September 2015; interview with Radio 24 program The Other Europe ; Interview with Nicoletta Teodosi led by Federico Taddia see link: (<http://www.cilap.eu/index.php/reddito-minimo/47-reddito-minimo-in-europa>).

For more growth we launched a campaign of adhesions (see banner attachments), but that is not proving particularly successful. Marketing action would be needed, but lack of economic resources does not allow you to invest unless voluntarily.

Moreover, following the European and national policies to combat poverty, of which there is greater awareness in Italy (2020, Financial Programming 2014-2020, the participation of many more organizations in the Monitoring Committees, the national enforcement plan to poverty) raised placards across several organizations that had not, until now, advocacy, but most support.

Institutional visibility for many organizations has thus increased, and poverty is more common in media coverage than in previous years.

CILAP continues its pressure action face to the national institutions, while to local and regional efforts in favor of a stronger fight against poverty is delegated to the associations, belonging to CILAP, that work directly on the ground.

We have worked on building and reinforcing our partnerships and networks, a very difficult task nowadays when most big / medium sized networks are undergoing a very serious crisis due to the lack of funds and the lack of a "volunteer" way of working. At the end of 2016, the situation was such:

- Continue the partnership with the main national organizations That Are engaged against poverty but has not Been A simple one, historically. This is due to a strong political and operational difference between these organizations and CILAP. Over the years, CILAP has always remained independent and has always refused to become one of the many civil society organizations working as a liaison between organized civil society and the Trade Unions, the political parties and the Catholic Church.
- We were able to Establish a very good partnership with CIPSI and, today, we Regularly write on Their magazine, Solidarity Intenazionale and work together in many issues of a political nature.
- Our engagement with the campaign "Banning Poverty" continued

All of our seminars and conferences are part of our training, capacity building and growth of our network. Over the once mentioned we would like to add:

- Volunteer Festival (Verona 24-26 September).
- Days of Social Cohesion (Social cohesion Days, Reggio Emilia), organized by the University of Milan
- Seminar "Contamination" held on September 2 at Argliano (LU) organized by the National Center for Volunteering
- Meeting organizing committee "Change course to Europe" held on 25 October in Rome,

**Governance and Internal Democracy (including internal governance, respect of statutory requirements, management in the network and funding).**

The governance and internal democracy was respected at all moments. We had the number of meetings our Statutes and Standing Orders call for.

The CILAP holds a annual assembly and regular meetings of the Executive Committee attended also by delegates of the Exco and Euisg).

Each member of the Executive Committee (3 women and 2 men) has a specific task:

- President and Vice-President, representative role to the national institutions and national networks;
- a Councilor is referent for communication;
- a Councilor is referent for Pep
- a Councilor is referent for project design.

Being CILAP an organization that bases its activities primarily on volunteering, the aforementioned assignments are totally free.

CILAP in recent years has set up a secretariat which plays unstructured tasks on time that is paid in the case of funding.

The press officer who follows newsletters and press releases receives a regularly taxed remuneration.

The webmaster of CILAP site is also voluntary.