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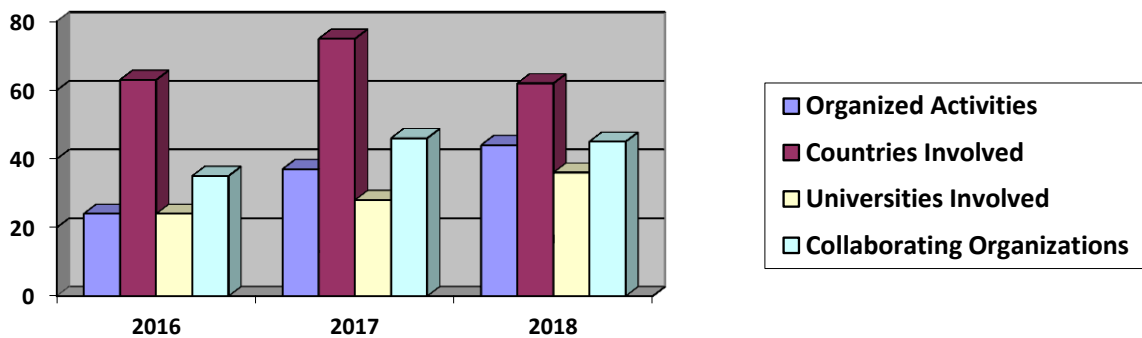
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMPLETED IN 2018

Meeting – December 1, 2018

SCHEMATIC SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZED AND CO-ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	44
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	3520
COUNTRIES INVOLVED	67
UNIVERSITIES INVOLVED	37
COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS	45
PUBLICATIONS	1
HOSTED ACTIVITIES	6 (WITH AROUND 330 PARTICIPANTS)
EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES ATTENDED	25

Summary of Activities 2016-17-18



Countries involved (67):

AFGHANISTAN - ALBANIA – ALGERIA - ARGENTINA - AUSTRALIA – AUSTRIA - BELGIUM – BERMUDA – BOSNIA – BRAZIL – BULGARIA - CAMEROON – CANADA – CHAD - CHILE – CHINA – COLOMBIA - CROATIA – EGYPT – ETHIOPIA - FINLAND - FRANCE – GERMANY – GREECE – INDIA – IRAN - IRELAND – ISRAEL - ITALY – JORDAN - KENYA - KOSOVO – LEBANON - MACEDONIA - MALAWI – MAURITIUS - MEXICO - MONTENEGRO - MOROCCO – NIGERIA –NORWAY – PAKISTAN – PALESTINE - PHILIPPINES – POLAND – PORTUGAL - ROMANIA - RUSSIA – RWANDA – SERBIA – SYRIA - SLOVAKIA – SLOVENIA – SPAIN – SRI LANKA - SWEDEN - SWITZERLAND – TAIWAN - THE NETHERLANDS – TUNISIA – TURKEY – UGANDA - UKRAINE – UNITED KINGDOM – USA – YEMEN - ZAMBIA

Universities involved (37):

University of Palermo	University of Luxembourg	University of Insubria
Middlesex University	University of Ghent	University of Milan ‘Bicocca’
National University of Ireland	University of Campania	University of Trento
University of Georgia	University of Notre Dame	University of Verona
Rutgers University	Temple University	University of Florence
University of Liverpool	University of Rome ‘Luiss Guido Carli’	University of Rome ‘Unitelma Sapienza’
Leiden University	Shahid Beheshti University	University of Teramo
Washington University	Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID)	
University of Leeds		
Utrecht University		
Beijing Normal University	University of Lyon	
University of Milan	National Research University Higher School of Economics	
University of Catanzaro ‘Magna Graecia’		
University of Rome ‘La Sapienza’	University of Ankara	
University of Oslo	Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)	
Swansea University		
New York Law School	Russian Academy of Sciences	

Collaborating Organizations (45):

- International Association of Penal Law (IAPL/ AIDP)
- United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network (PNI)
- European Commission
- Spanish Ministry of Justice
- Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP)
- Italian Ministry of Justice
- High School of the Judiciary (SSM)
- French Ministry of Justice
- French National School of the Judiciary (ENM)
- Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
- Tunisian High Institute of the Judiciary (ISM)
- Tunisian Ministry of Justice
- Italian High Council for the Judiciary (CSM)
- Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)
- Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC)
- Special Prosecutors Office in Kosovo (SPRK)
- Structure for Decentralized Training of the Court of Appeal of Milan
- Court of Appeal of Rome, Italy
- General Prosecutor’s Office at the Italian Court of Cassation
- Public Prosecutor’s Office in Bari, Italy
- Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration
- Philip Morris International (PMI)
- Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA)
- Italian High School of Advocacy (SSA)
- International Criminal Justice Consortium (ICJC)
- African Bar Association (AFBA)
- Centre d’Etudes sur la Sécurité Internationale et le Coopérations Européennes (CESICE)
- International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA)
- Conseil National des Barreaux (CNB)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Beijing Normal University (BNU)
- University of Palermo, Department of Law
- Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR), National University of Ireland
- Middlesex University Department of Law
- Istituto Nazionale del Dramma Antico (INDA)
- Associazione Amici dell’INDA
- International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)
- US Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau (INL)
- Global Committee for the Rule of Law ‘Marco Pannella’
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Amnesty International
- AIDP – Italian Section
- Omran Centre for Strategic Studies
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
- "EuroMed Justice IV" program

Publications (1):

- *M. Cherif Bassiouni (1937-2017). Cherif’s Friends. In Memoriam*, edited by J.L. de la Cuesta, R. Ottenhof, J.F. Thony (Siracusa, 2018), English, Italian and French

THE ORGANIZATION – December 2018

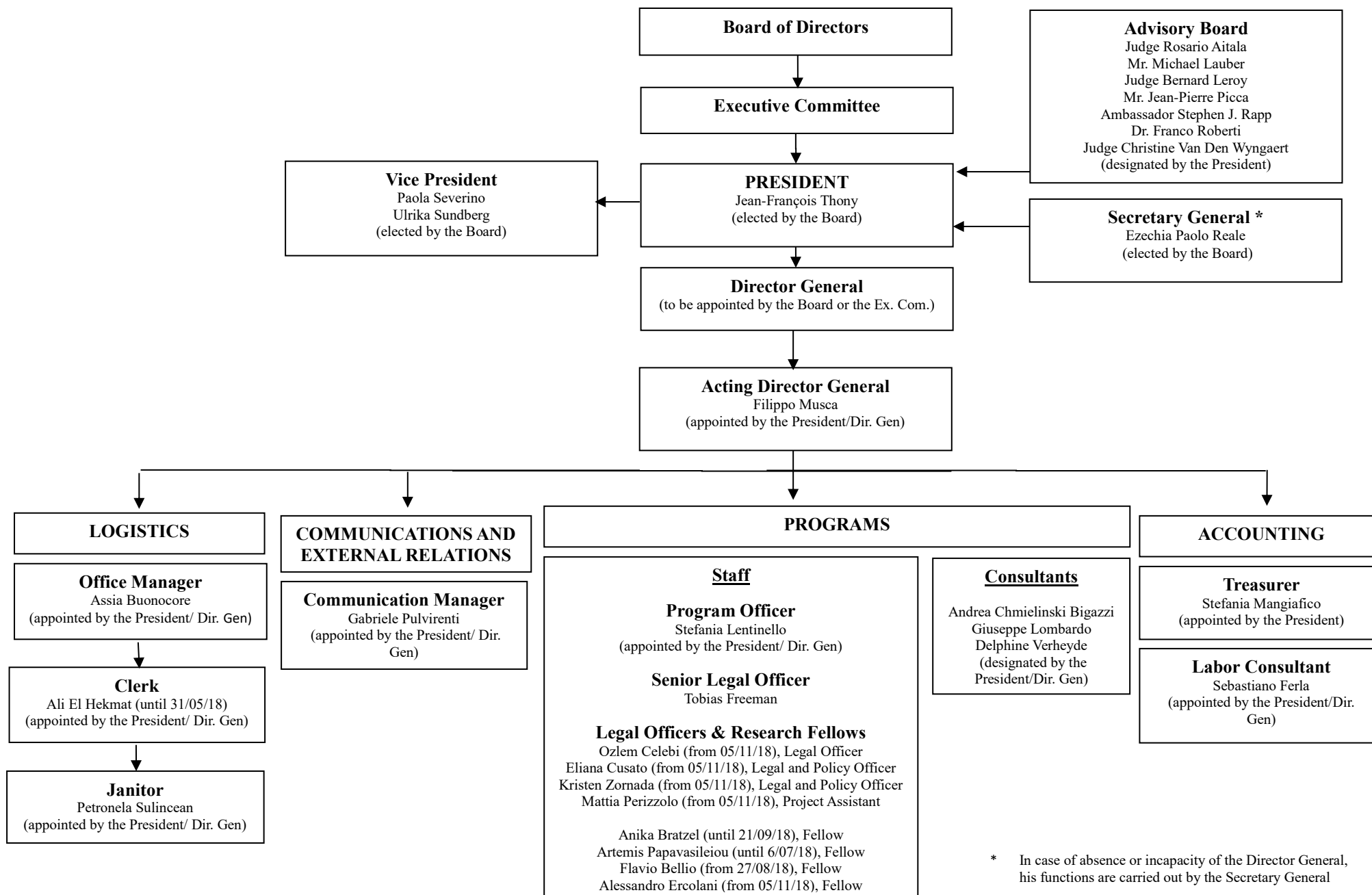


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REPORT ON THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION

Year 2018 marks the end of the first three-year term (2015-2018) of the Thony Presidency. Since the beginning and until today, President Thony, with the support of the vice presidents, the members of the Board of Directors, his advisory committee and the staff of the Siracusa International Institute, has made a great effort to develop his strategic vision for the future of the Institute.

Keeping always in mind the deep path traced in over 45 years of activity, the main objective of this strategy has been to broaden the range of activities carried out by the Institute (technical assistance, education, research), so as to strengthen its presence at the regional, national and international level, while renewing its image as a central player in the global affirmation of the rule of law. More generally, to make the Institute a recognized center of international excellence in the development of effective criminal justice systems, the protection of human rights and the fight against organized crime and corruption. In other words, to make the Syracuse International Institute *the fortress of human rights and the vanguard in the fight against organized crime and corruption*.

All scientific activities - planned, organized and implemented - in 2018, have pursued these objectives; in all three fields of action, the results achieved were excellent, both from a numerical point of view and - even more important - from the perspective of a medium- and long-term planning. The basic idea followed was mainly to work on an effective reinforcement of institutional relations and of the presence of the Institute in the geographical area of main interest (the so-called enlarged Mediterranean: North Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans); in this regard, it is worth mentioning that, in the framework of a specific project, the Institute has participated in over one hundred meetings at the level of ministries/general prosecutor's offices/high judicial councils/training schools/national agencies. Furthermore, much has been done with a view to further widening the potential sectors of intervention of the Institute's activities, so as to be able to effectively diversify the possibilities for obtaining funds, which has become more complex every year due to the perennial financial crisis affecting the public sector at all levels.

In 2018, the change of the name of the Institute will be completed: the Institute will become, also from a legal and fiscal point of view, 'The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights'.

Before entering into the details of the activities carried out in year 2018, the organization and management of the commemorative event dedicated to our dear departed Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, one year after his death, certainly deserves a special mention. The event comprised an Official Ceremony and an International Conference on the legacy of the work of Professor Bassiouni in the three areas which mainly characterized his work: international criminal law, international cooperation in criminal matters and the protection and promotion of human rights. During the official ceremony, in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic, the seat of the Siracusa International Institute was titled after him, namely, "M. Cherif Bassiouni Centre".

With regard to the specific fields of action of the Siracusa International Institute (technical assistance, education, research), year 2018 is a perfect synthesis of the strategic vision that the Institute

intends to carry forward in the years to come.

In the field of technical assistance (institutional support, capacity-building, civil society development), three projects were completed: the two twinning projects with Tunisia ("Support to Training of the Justice Sector Personnel" and "Capacity Building Activities in Support of the Ministry of Justice"), for which the Institute acted as *ad hoc* mandated body of the Italian Ministry of Justice and of the Italian High School of the Judiciary; and the full capacity-building project to support the Egyptian judicial system. All three projects, despite having to deal with the usual critical issues related to such activities, have largely met the expectations of the Institute in terms of objectives achieved, as well as those of donors and national stakeholders. Building on the results achieved, the Institute is currently working to identify potential follow-up activities and possible interested donors. The Twinning on "Strengthening efficiency, accountability and transparency of the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo" is still ongoing: in 2018 the Institute has organized 64 missions with the participation of 105 Italian experts.

In 2018, what can be defined as one of the most ambitious projects ever implemented by the Institute, both in terms of number of countries and national institutions involved (12 countries and over 100 institutions), and in terms of different criminal phenomena tackled, has started. In fact, the "Fight against Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe" project addresses, through a holistic and intersectoral approach, all the different possible variations of the multifaceted phenomenon of illicit trafficking. To date, the Institute has already involved the main national institutions of the 12 countries involved (Ministries of Justice, General Prosecutor's Offices, High Judicial Councils, Ministries of the Interior, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Police, Customs, National Commissions), as well as relevant regional and international institutions of that geographical area (OSCE, UNODC, OECD, European Commission, SELEC). To optimize the implementation of the project, the Institute, after finalizing 12 national reports and drafting a regional report, is also organizing a series of regional and national activities, for instance a meeting which was held in Siracusa on 5 and 6 December and which was attended, among others, by the Executive Director of Interpol and the Chief of Staff of Europol's Executive Director, at the international level, and by 1 minister, 3 deputy ministers, 1 general prosecutor and 1 president of a high judicial council, at the national level. It is important to underline once again how this project has, *inter alia*, allowed the Institute to exponentially expand the base of its network of partner institutions in a geographical area that appears to be of crucial interest for international stakeholders. All this has been possible by laying the foundations for establishing a strong relationship of trust with these national institutions, thus creating the necessary conditions for the development of further activities in the future, not necessarily linked to the fight against illicit trade.

In the field of training, in 2018 the Institute aimed to consolidate all 4 different programs (for young penalists, PhD candidates, public prosecutors and lawyers). Positive trends (very positive for at least the first three programs) characterized the courses held in 2018; specifically, over 70 PhD candidates attended the course, which in 2018 took place again in Siracusa, as well as 35 prosecutors from 22 countries in the world. On the other hand, it was decided to limit the number of courses within the training program for defence lawyers in order to rethink the activity, both from an organizational and a methodological point of view.

As for the field of research and development of policies, the Institute had developed a new potential activity based on the research conducted since 2016 within the "Illicit Trade and Related Crimes" project. This study was brought to the attention of the same donor in order to develop a new project; this led to the launch of a new important activity of the Institute, called "Mechanism for Combating Illicit Trade (M.CIT)", which aims at identifying and defining precise international benchmarks to monitor global actions conducted in the fight against illicit trade. In particular, the

M.CIT project aims to mitigate the harmful consequences of illicit trade by driving a systematic approach to it by all stakeholders. More specifically, M.CIT’s objectives are to:

1. formulate international recommendations for combating illicit trade that are specific, actionable and measurable;
2. propose an innovative methodology for assessing compliance by national governments and businesses with the recommendations;
3. support governance and policy-making bodies to drive a systematic approach to illicit trade across sectors and across borders.

Direct contribution to the Siracusa International Institute’s activities in 2018 has been granted by:

- Amnesty International
- European Commission/European Union
- Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
- High School of the Judiciary of Italy (SSM)
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Manríquez & Benavides Abogados
- National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI)
- Philip Morris International (PMI)
- Planethood Foundation
- Sicilian Region
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- US Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau (INL)

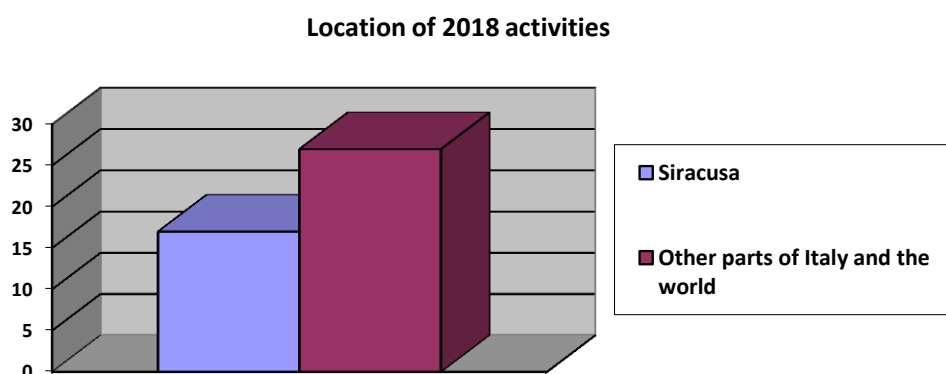
The results of the programmes carried out by the Siracusa International Institute during 2018 have been confirmed by the many letters of thanks received, by the official documents collected, by the numerous accesses to the website and finally from the copious press release.

This report aims to offer a detailed overview of the main activities undertaken in 2018. The activities include:

- National and International Scientific Programs
- Educational Initiatives
- Technical Assistance for Development Cooperation

2. SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Since its establishment in 1972, and in accordance with its scientific mandate, the Siracusa International Institute has held almost 683 national and international conferences, workshops and seminars at its headquarters, involving 57,374 jurists, with the aim of promoting a culture of legality both in Italy and beyond.



As mentioned above, the Siracusa International Institute organized 44 scientific activities in 2018, 17 of which were held in

Siracusa and 27 in other parts of Italy and the world, involving 3,520 participants – 2,972 in Siracusa only - on topics ranging from technical assistance development workshops, to conferences co-sponsored with international institutions, to educational courses. Among such activities, 4 took place on a national scale while 40 occurred at the international level.

2.1 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Since its inception, the Siracusa International Institute has strongly supported the development and enhancement of international criminal law, international criminal justice, comparative criminal law and the protection of human rights by conducting scientific research on these areas, with the aim of promoting a culture of legality worldwide. In 2018 such research focused on several topics, with particular reference to the area of fight against illicit trade.

The Institute's two-year research and capacity-building project *Strengthening the Fight Against Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe* (SEE-IMPACT) entered its second year of implementation in 2018. This project involves 12 countries across the region, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey. SEE-IMPACT aims to strengthen the fight against illicit trade in the region by identifying specific national needs while also seeking to ensure a coordinated regional approach to the phenomenon. The first phase of the project was focused on identifying the key practical challenges and obstacles to combating illicit trade at the national level. The Institute held the *Second and Third Meeting of Experts* in Siracusa, in May and July, to facilitate the review of preliminary research, findings and recommendations. On the basis of this preliminary research, which draws on interviews with national practitioners and other experts, the Institute is in the process of analyzing regional gaps, needs and good practices with the view to developing innovative cross-sectoral recommendations. Training experts have also been engaged to develop a capacity-building program to be implemented next year.

The first year's foundational research and analysis will be further developed throughout the second phase of the project, which was launched at a "*High-Level Regional Strategic Dialogue on Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe*" which took place in Siracusa on 5 and 6 December 2018. The Dialogue brought together 95 national ministers, general prosecutors, and directors of police and customs, as well as directors of INTERPOL, Europol, the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center and UN Office on Drugs and Crime, among other regional and international stakeholders. Building on the collaborative platform established at the Regional Strategic Dialogue, the Institute will conduct a series of national strategic dialogues in seven priority countries announced in December 2018. These national events will raise awareness and build knowledge among mid-level institutional managers and practitioners. This national and regional strategic dialogue framework was designed on the basis of extensive expert advice and feedback from the Institute's national partners, and replaced a more traditional capacity-building framework that had originally envisaged five-day national training sessions. The Institute and its donor, PMI IMPACT, believe that the new capacity-building framework will both deliver better results for the project's beneficiaries and enhance the Institute's impact across the region.

In November 2018, the Institute launched an ambitious collaborative initiative called the *Mechanism for Combating Illicit Trade* (M-CIT). This 12-month research and policy development project aims to mitigate the harmful consequences of illicit trade by driving a systematic approach to it by all stakeholders. More specifically, M.CIT's objectives are to:

- formulate international recommendations for governments and businesses in developing more holistic, cross-sectoral approaches to combating illicit trade;

- propose an innovative methodology for assessing compliance with the recommendations;
- support governance bodies and policy-makers, including the OECD and its Task Force on Countering Illicit Trade, to drive a systematic approach to illicit trade across sectors and across borders.

M-CIT's work will be guided by an advisory committee of international experts. The *1st Meeting of the Advisory Committee* of the M.CIT project was held in Siracusa on 3 and 4 December. It involved the project team including the Institute's senior project advisors, in addition to the international experts who comprise the Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss the Institute's proposed project methodology and refine strategic priorities for research and policy development.

On July 17-19, the Institute hosted the “*Amnesty International – MENA Regional Office Retreat*”. 57 employees of the MENA Regional Office of Amnesty International took part in this workshop, assisted by 1 facilitator, in order to formulate a shared vision for the MENA Regional Office and advance development of key MENA strategies, share experiences and capture best practice in functional and thematic areas, and explore and agree on cross-office regional work.

On 23 September, the Siracusa International Institute organized a Memorial Ceremony on the anniversary of the passing of former President Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni; the Ceremony was followed by a High-Level Conference on Criminal Justice and Human Rights, from 24 until 25 September.

Held in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic and of more than 120 attendees, the “*Memorial Ceremony for Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni*” was opened by the President of the Institute, Prosecutor General Mr. Jean-François Thony. In his speech, President Thony remembered the legacy left by Professor Bassiouni and the crucial work he carried out with the Institute from 1972. The impromptu speech of the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, was also of great impact and significance. The Head of State praised Professor Bassiouni and expressed his heartfelt appreciation of the mission and work of the Siracusa International Institute. In this regard, President Mattarella emphasized that, in these difficult times of heightened tensions and violence, the creation of international rules as well as the establishment of institutions able to enforce them (such as the International Criminal Court, whose statute was first drafted at the Siracusa International Institute) “is an important asset, an anchor to which the international community can look and rely on to govern the difficulties of this moment“. The President of the Republic said that “we are indebted to the work Professor Bassiouni has done” and that Italy feels a great sense of gratitude towards him. Finally, he wished the Institute every success in its future endeavors.

During the ceremony, the memory of Professor Bassiouni and the work of the Siracusa Institute were also recalled and celebrated by: Francesco Italia, Mayor of Siracusa, Rosario Aitala, Judge of the International Criminal Court, Giovanni Maria Flick, President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court, Professor Paola Severino, Vice President of the Institute and former Minister of Justice, Senator Emma Bonino, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Professor John Vervaele, President of the International Association of Criminal Law. All the attendees were given a copy of the publication entitled “*M. Cherif Bassiouni (1937-2017). Cherif's Friends. In Memoriam*”, a collection of writings and memories in honor of Prof. Bassiouni edited by the Syracuse International Institute and the International Association of Criminal Law.’

The ceremony ended with the Institute's headquarters being named the ‘M. Cherif Bassiouni Centre’, in honor of Professor Bassiouni's legacy and continuing inspiration to the Institute, its friends and collaborators around the world. A commemorative plaque was unveiled before the President of the Italian Republic and the President of the Institute.

The aim of the High-Level Conference, titled “*The Legacy of Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni: Criminal Justice and Human Rights*”, was to gather at the Institute those distinguished law professors,

heads of international courts, officials of international organizations and friends who worked with Professor Bassiouni, both to pay respect to his lifelong work in enhancing rule of law, and the protection of human rights worldwide, and to reflect on how his lessons can pave the way to future endeavors in the field of international criminal justice. For this reason, the Conference focused on the three areas which were the main subject of work and interest of prof. Bassiouni, namely: International Criminal Law, International Cooperation on Penal Matters, and Human Rights and Criminal Justice.

The Siracusa Institute hosted on 18 and 19 October 2018 the workshop “*The Emerging Security Dynamics and the Political Settlement in Syria*”, organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the Omran Centre for Strategic Studies. The workshop was part of the “Syria and Global Security project” that is co-organized by the two institutions and aimed to offer a platform for 32 European, American, Russian, Iranian, Turkish and Syrian experts, who represented a wide array of institutions and perspectives, to exchange their respective views on and interests in Syria’s future.

Between December 10 and 12, the Institute hosted a meeting titled “*Euromed Justice Training on the Implementation of International and European Instruments of Judicial Cooperation in Countering Complex Cross-Border Criminal Cases*” in the framework of the “EuroMed Justice IV” program, funded by the European Union. The aim of the activity was to provide to the justice practitioners from South Partner Countries, specialized training on the implementation of international and European instruments of judicial cooperation focusing on investigation and prosecution of complex criminal cases (in particular cybercrime, terrorism, money laundering, smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings).

2.2 NATIONAL PROGRAMS

The conference on “*Right to Know and Free Press*”, held on February 17 and organized by the Global Committee for the Rule of Law ‘Marco Pannella’, focused on the citizens’ civil and political right to be actively informed of all aspects regarding the administration of all public goods during the entire political process, in order to allow for the full and democratic participation in public debate regarding such goods and to hold the administrators of public goods accountable according to the standards of human rights and the Rule of Law. The public right to know is enabled through an ecology of public debate, transparency and human rights instruments (e.g. freedom of expression and press), which ensure that all relevant information is released to the public at any stage of the policy-making process and that any limitations are subject to public debate and control and review. This ecology of instruments is key to allowing true and pluralistic public debate and participation in a democratic society.

After the success of the previous eleven events, and still with the support of its Regional Scientific Committee (CSR), the Siracusa International Institute re-proposed the moot court program “*AGON 2018: From Classical Drama to a Moot Trial*”, in collaboration with INDA and Associazione Amici dell’INDA. The event, which was held on June 7 in the prestigious and evocative scenario of the Greek Theatre in Siracusa and was attended by around 2000 participants, focused on the tragedy “*Heracles*” by Euripides, staged this year at the Greek Theatre. The event, which was structured as a moot trial, focused on the character of Heracles, who is accused of murdering his wife Megara and their children, after having freed them from the Tyrant Lico. At the height of his glory, the protagonist becomes the object, by his own hand, of the worst catastrophe: the murder of his wife and children. Hence the subtitle: “*Process to Heracles: aggravated murder or non-punishable madness?*”. The prosecution and the defense were represented by two eminent personalities - the Deputy Prosecutor Antonio Di Pietro and the lawyer Giuseppe Fanfani – before a qualified jury, headed by the first

president emeritus of the Supreme Court of Cassation Giovanni Canzio. Moreover, the actress who personifies Heracles acted as witness of the defense. The event sought to underline the subtle analogy between the events at a trial and on a stage, intending to confront and combine “classical” and “modern” features of the criminal system.

3. EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

One of the Siracusa International Institute’s main goals is the education of young students and researchers in penal matters at national and international level. This objective is pursued through the organization of educational courses and training programs.

In particular, the Siracusa International Institute is committed to the advancement and development of the next generation of human rights advocates through its specialization courses on the doctrine and the application of international criminal law. One of the signature and most prominent activities the Institute organizes is the annual ICL Course, which this year was organized for the 18th time. Moreover, the Institute organized this year its 3rd Specialization Course for Junior Prosecutors and the 3rd Course in the framework of its International Defence Counsel Training Programme.

3.1 SPECIALIZATION COURSES

The Siracusa International Institute’s 18th *Specialization Course on International Criminal Law for Young Penalists* was held from May 27th until June 4th and dedicated to the memory of prof. M. Cherif Bassiouni (1937-2017). The course addressed “*International and Transnational Crimes*” and was sponsored by the Association Internationale de Droit Pénal (AIDP - France), the University of Palermo, Department of Law (Italy), the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland (Galway, Ireland) and the Middlesex University Department of Law (London, UK). The course gathered 39 graduate students, young attorneys, researchers and NGOs and IGOs junior officers from 24 different countries all over the world, and 22 Universities. The course was taught and attended by 12 distinguished faculty members.

The Specialization Course included all day lecture sessions as well as a Small Group Exercise and a Moot Court Competition. At the end of the Course, all the participants attended 14 working sessions for a total of 42 actual academic contact hours. The lectures involved the following topics:

- Theorizing International Criminality
- Historic Criminalization at the International Level: Piracy and Slavery
- Screening of the Documentary *Never Again: Forging a Convention for Crimes Against Humanity*
- Core Crimes of the International Criminal Tribunals
- Gender Crimes, Including Trafficking and Sexual Violence
- Cinema and International Justice: The Nuremberg Trial
- Transnational Crimes: Illicit Trade and Drug Crimes
- Crimes against Cultural Property
- Cybercrime
- Treaty Crimes and Human Rights Law: Torture, Apartheid and Enforced Disappearance
- Terrorism as an International Crime
- Transitional Justice Systems in Colombia in relation to ICC-Rome Statute
- Fighting against Illicit Trafficking in Protected Wildlife

During the moot court competition, the participants were divided into teams of two or three.

The moot court competition culminated with a final round, which involved the top three teams from the preliminary rounds. The oral arguments took place before a panel of 4 faculty member judges. Moot court competition awards were given to the winning team, and to the runners up.

In November 2017, the Siracusa International Institute renewed its cooperation agreement with the Italian High School of the Judiciary (*Scuola Superiore della Magistratura - SSM*) in order to conduct studies and research related to the function and role of the judiciary, organize training programs and specialization courses for the magistrates and other justice operator, and organize conferences, seminars and workshops on topics of mutual interest. In 2018, the Siracusa International Institute co-organized a training course for Italian magistrates entitled "*The adversarial process: method or value of the fair trial?*" The course was held on June 6 to 8 and involved 86 participants and 15 speakers. The course addressed, on a dogmatic as well as practical level, the degree of implementation of the adversarial principle in the various phases of the criminal trial, and the relevant role of the judge. A detailed analysis of the national procedure was therefore conducted, which examined, among other things: the cases of "anticipated" adversarial process; the implications regarding the procedure for admission and acceptance of the evidence; the tendencies to weaken the appeal judgment that is not resolved in a full re-issue of the adversarial process in the acquisition of the evidence, also, but not limited to, to guarantee the principle of immediacy. A special focus was also reserved for the adversarial principle in the abbreviated trial.

The *3rd Specialization Course for Junior Prosecutors (SCJP)* on "*International Criminal Justice and International Cooperation in Penal Matters*", co-organized by the Siracusa International Institute and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), took place from June 24 to July 7 in Siracusa. The course was conducted in collaboration with and generously supported by other prestigious partners, such as the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP) and the US Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau.

The course welcomed 35 junior prosecutors coming from 31 different countries, including Malawi, Kenya, Pakistan, Brazil and Mauritius, and 20 leading prosecutors and legal experts as lecturers. The course included two training modules: the first, on International Criminal Justice and Transnational Crimes, was for prosecutors preparing to work on cases involving core international and transnational crimes, while the second, on International Cooperation in Criminal Justice Matters, was focused on the theory and practice of mutual legal assistance; speakers addressed international cooperation modalities and challenges in different areas such as extradition, execution of sentences abroad, terrorism and seizing of assets and asset recovery.

During two weeks, the 35 participants were provided with the theoretical and practical tools to build efficient prosecution strategies. They also had the opportunity to develop an informal network that will strengthen international cooperation among prosecutors in the future. This training course is designed to support the new generations of prosecutors in facing international challenges during investigation and prosecution phases.

In 2017, the Siracusa International Institute launched its *International Defence Counsel Training Programme*, a globally oriented training program specifically designed for international defence lawyers, in-house counsel and jurists dealing with cases related to international crimes before national and international jurisdictions. The program is supported by prestigious international organizations, including the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA-ABCPI), the International Criminal Justice Consortium (ICJC), the African Bar Association (AFBA), the Italian High School of Advocacy (SSA), the French Conseil National des Barreaux (CNB), the American Bar Association (ABA) through its Center for Human Rights and International Criminal Court Project, the

Beijing Normal University (BNU), and the Centre d'Etudes sur la Sécurité Internationale et le Coopération Européennes (CESICE).

The third course on “*The Exercise of Defence Rights in International Investigations within the European Union*” was held from 15 to 17 March 2018, in the presence of 19 participants and 6 lecturers. The course was designed for lawyers, in-house counsel, and international jurists appointed to defend clients in criminal cases that could be covered by EU legislation. The course gave participants a vital opportunity to master their knowledge of instruments and procedures related to complex investigations and prosecutions. It analysed the roles and responsibilities of the international and national regulatory, enforcement, and supervisory bodies in this field. The training programme also focused on defence techniques in international legal cooperation in European Criminal Law matters, including mutual recognition of judicial decisions, as well as regional tools like the European Investigation Order, the European Arrest Warrant, and the role of Eurojust and Europol.

In collaboration with the Italian Section of the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), the Institute organized the *9th Training Course on Criminal Law and Procedure "Giuliano Vassalli" for PhD Candidates* from 29 November until 1 December. This year's theme was “*New technological frontiers and penal system. IT security, tools for repression and prevention techniques*”. The course was devoted to the analysis of the relationship between the penal system and new technologies. The unstoppable digitization of every form of communication and interaction between citizens, economic actors and institutions, today represents a significant risk factor, able to compress individual rights and freedoms. Criminal law is therefore called on to confront itself more and more often with new forms and tools of aggression, which make it opportune, as the case may be, for traditional dogmatic categories to be readjusted, or for the legislator to intervene to modify the current legislation.

Seventy-one candidates and post-docs in legal disciplines (criminal law and criminal procedure) attended the course, along with 2 magistrates and 12 professors of criminal law and criminal procedure from the main Italian Universities.

3.2 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to the specialization courses, the Siracusa International Institute is committed to promote the legal education of young students and professionals by offering opportunities for study, research and work experience at the Institute. The Siracusa International Institute's fellowship program is conducted under the direct supervision of its President and Director.

In 2018 the Institute benefited from the work of 8 young fellows coming from Australia, Greece, Italy, France and Belgium, who provided their professional support on specific research and training projects undertaken by the Institute, in particular on the research program on illicit trade.

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

In 2018, the Siracusa International Institute continued to carry out a number of technical assistance projects in countries such as Iran, Egypt, Tunisia and Kosovo, either developing ongoing projects or implementing new programs, thanks to the support of several institutional partners.

As for the EU project on “*The Independence of the Judiciary in Lebanon: a Social Priority*”, funded by the European Commission and implemented by the Legal Agenda in partnership with the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and Siracusa International Institute, it ended in May 2018 without organizing further activities in cooperation with the Institute.

In 2018, the Institute was also awarded two new Projects funded by the European Commission. namely:

The Institute is part of a consortium of 16 partners led by Ars Progetti for the implementation of the *Framework Contract Services for the Implementation of External Aid 2018 (FWC SIEA) Lot 3: Human Rights, Democracy and Peace*. The objective of the FWC is to provide, via individual assignments defined and contracted through Specific Contracts, expertise which can be mobilised at short notice in the field of Human Rights, Democracy and Peace. The Contract started on 8 June 2018 and will last for 24 months (renewable for 24 additional months.)

The Institute is part of a consortium led by Hulla & Co. Human Dynamics KG for the implementation of the project “*Support to fight against organised crime in Georgia*”. The other partners are Bureau for Institutional Reform and Democracy – BiRD GmbH (Germany) and South Caucasus Office of Drugs and Crime (SCODC) (Georgia). The overall objective of the project is to contribute to strengthening institutional capacity of Ministry of Internal Affairs, and as relevant State Security Service, by enhancing capabilities and international law enforcement cooperation as well as promoting direct contacts and channels of communication with the EU Member States and Europol and third countries to combat organised crime in Georgia, as envisaged by the EU-Georgia Association Agreement and Association Agenda, as well as Key Priorities and Deliverables of Eastern Partnership. The Contract started on July 2018 and will last for 30 months.

4.1 IRAN

From June 24 to 26, 2018, the Siracusa International Institute organized the fourth meeting of experts on “*Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System: The Role of Judicial Systems in the Protection of Human Rights. The Italian, European and Iranian Experience: Synergies and Potential New Cooperation*” in Teheran, in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the High Council for Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The meeting was a follow up to the analogous seminars which took place in Siracusa in November 2014, in Teheran on September 2015 and in Rome in September 2016, and addressed human rights issues in Iran, conducting a comparative analysis between the Italian and Iranian criminal systems on the protection of the right to a fair trial and on the implementation and protection of human rights, focusing also on the role of European national judicial systems in the protection of human rights in the administration of criminal justice and the Role of European Institutions in the Universal Protection of Human Rights.

Three delegations of experts took part in this meeting: an Iranian delegation composed of around 20 people headed by the Secretary General of the High Council for Human Rights Mohammad Javad Larijani, an Italian delegation encompassing 9 people and a European delegation encompassing 2 people. At the end of the meeting, the delegations visited the Correction Centre for Minors in Teheran and the Iranian Supreme Court.

4.2 EGYPT

In the framework of the capacity-building program “*Technical Assistance Activities in support of the Egyptian Justice Sector: The Protection of Human Rights in the Administration of Criminal Justice*”, funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), a Training Activity dedicated to Egyptian Judges, Prosecutors and Officers of the Technical Office of the Court of Cassation, and divided into three phases, trained them on human rights protection and in the preparation of human rights reports.

In the first phase, held in Cairo between January 23-28, 35 individuals participated in a full immersion Training Course on the following topics:

- The Sources, Contents and Structure of International Humanitarian Law and their Applicability in Egyptian Law
- International Humanitarian Law Instruments and Mechanisms for their implementation and its applicability in the Egyptian Constitution and laws
- The Independence of the Judiciary: International and National Standards (Bangalore Principles)
- The Sources, Contents and Evolution of the concept of International Human Rights. The international and regional Instruments on Human Rights
- International and Regional Instruments on Criminal Justice
- The UN Anti-Torture Convention
- Treatment of Prisoners, and Prison Administration
- Application of Egyptian Criminal Procedures Law and International Standards
- The Sources, Contents and Structure of International Criminal Law and their Applicability in Egyptian Law.
- Elements of International Crimes: Crimes against Humanity
- Elements of International Crimes: War Crimes and Genocide

In the second phase, held in Cairo between March 13-16, 31 participants gathered to present their own report on one of the topics discussed during the first phase and be evaluated by a committee composed of highly qualified experts coming from the judiciary, international organizations and academia.

In the third and last phase, the 21 most worthy participants + 1 coordinator met in Siracusa between April 15-21 for a further training meant to provide them with the tools they need to be able to conduct training in Egypt and support the work of the Interministerial Commission on Human Rights, with a special focus on the practical tools on human rights reporting. The program covered the following topics: practical and operational aspects related to International Criminal Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law; Implementation and practical challenges in the Arab world countries of International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law; Workshop on training and teaching methodologies; Reporting and Drafting skills: Reporting to the Treaty Bodies, Reporting to the Universal Periodic Review, Reporting to Special Procedures; Workshop on reporting and drafting techniques.

4.3 TUNISIA

The Siracusa International Institute, acting in the capacity as *ad hoc* mandated body of the Italian Ministry of Justice, has supported the scientific and administrative management of two Twinning Projects in favor of Tunisia, thanks to its extensive experience in the field of technical assistance. Both projects ended in 2018.

The first project, dedicated to "*Support to Training of the Justice Sector Personnel*" ("*Appui à la formation des personnels de justice*"), is conducted by the French Ministry of Justice and the French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), represented by Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) in the capacity as the body responsible for the implementation of the twinning; the Italian High School of the Judiciary (SSM) is junior partner of France. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the effectiveness and independence of the judiciary in accordance with European and international standards, in particular by improving the capacities and skills of the justice sector personnel through strengthening the Tunisian High Institute of the Judiciary (*Institut Supérieur de la Magistrature - ISM*).

In the framework of this Twinning Project, the Institute coordinated the participation of 5 Italian experts to the 5 missions of experts which took place in Tunis throughout 2018 within the 4 components of the project, namely: 1) Review of the legal and organizational structure of the ISM; 2)

Development strategy and management tools; 3) Educational capabilities of the ISM; 4) Organization of practical internships for the learners.

Additionally, between January 21 and 24, the Institute organized an administrative stage in Milan for the director of the continued training of the ISM. The objective of the stage was to familiarize with the issues concerning the continued training of magistrates in another Member State, to learn about the organization of the internships of the trainee magistrates and the relationships between the SSM, the CSM and the structures hosting these internships, and to allow him to compare the Italian and the French system. The stage was hosted by the Structure for Decentralized Training of the Court of Appeal of Milan. Between February 12 and 16, the Institute organized an administrative stage for the general director of the ISM at the Ministry of Justice and High Judicial Council in Rome, and at the High School for the Judiciary in Florence. The objective of the stage was to support the reform of the organigram of the Institute, the establishment of a permanent team of trainers and the management of human and financial resources.

The Project ended on July 12 with a Closing Seminar attended by around 150 participants, including the Minister of Justice of Tunisia, the French and Italian Ambassadors in Tunisia and an Italian delegation comprising the Head of the Department of Justice Affairs of the Italian Ministry of Justice.

The second project on "*Capacity Building Activities in Support of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Transitional Justice*" ("*The reinforcement des capacités du Ministère de la Justice, des Droits de l'Homme et de la Justice transitionnelle (MJDHJT)*") is conducted by the Spanish Ministry of Justice, represented by Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) as the body responsible for the implementation of the twinning; the Italian Ministry of Justice is the junior partner of Spain. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the independence and effectiveness of justice in accordance with European and international standards, in particular by strengthening the institutional capacity, management and organization of the Tunisian Ministry of Justice and courts.

In the framework of this Twinning Project, the Institute coordinated the participation of 9 Italian experts to the 6 missions of experts which took place in Tunis throughout 2018 within the 4 components of the project, namely: 1) Support to the review of the legal and organizational structure of the MoJ; 2) Development of the skills and capacities of the MoJ personnel; 3) Support to the implementation of the judicial politics; 4) Improvement of the functioning of the courts.

Additionally, the Institute facilitated the organization of three administrative internships to the Italian judiciary institutions for three delegations of officials of the Tunisian Ministry of Justice. In particular, the first internship was aimed at supporting the strengthening of the administrative and financial management in the Tunisian courts. Between March 11 and 17, the delegation visited the Court of Appeal of Rome, the High Judicial Council, the Italian Ministry of Justice and its Department of General Inspections and the General Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Cassation in Rome. The second internship, which aimed at strengthening the knowledge of the Member States' experiences on the analysis of competences and techniques of preparation and follow-up of training plans, was held between July 1 and 7 in Rome and Florence, where the delegation visited the Italian Ministry of Justice and its Department of General Inspections and the High School of Judiciary. The objective of the third and last internship was to optimize and improve the methodology and tools for collection, use and exploitation of statistical data for better management, control, monitoring and evaluation of administrative and judicial activity. The internship took place between July 15 and 21 at the Italian Ministry of Justice and its Department of General Inspections, Directorate General of Automated Information Systems and Directorate General for Statistics and Organizational Analysis.

The Project ended on September 27 with a Closing Seminar attended by around 150 participants, including the Minister of Justice of Tunisia and an Italian delegation comprising the Head of the Cabinet of the Italian Ministry of Justice.

4.4 KOSOVO

The Siracusa International Institute is the *ad hoc* mandated body of the Italian High Judicial Council (CSM) supporting the scientific and administrative management of the Twinning Project "*Strengthening Efficiency, Accountability and Transparency of the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo*", funded by the European Commission. The project is conducted by the Italian High Judicial Council in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Justice; the French Ministry of Justice is junior partner of Italy, represented by Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI). The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the Rule of Law in Kosovo by strengthening the independence, efficiency, transparency and sustainability of the judiciary and prosecutorial system. The specific objectives are: i) increase the efficiency of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) and Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), including the Special Prosecutors Office in Kosovo (SPRK); ii) both Councils should introduce effectively a clear mechanism for the career development of judges and prosecutors; iii) increase the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of courts and prosecutions. The project was supposed to last for 30 months but was extended of one month, until May 2019.

In 2018, the Siracusa International Institute coordinated the participation of 105 Italian experts to the 64 missions of experts which took place in Pristina within the 6 sub-components of the project, namely: 1.1) To improve the Judicial and Prosecutorial Council's efficiency and accountability; 1.2) To effectively implement a clear mechanism for career development of judges and prosecutors by the Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils; 1.3) To increase the efficiency/accountability of the court and prosecutorial system; 1.4) To increase the coordination between KJC and KPC, also strengthening the cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and other relevant institutions; 2.1) To strengthen efficiency of the SPRK through improving the managerial system and ensuring in-service training for prosecutors; 2.2) To enhance mechanisms for inter-institutional, regional and international cooperation and administrative staff.

Additionally, the Institute facilitated the organization of three administrative internships. The first two-week administrative internship took place at the Public Prosecutor's Office of Bari for one prosecutor of the SPRK, and was aimed at supporting the completion of functional organization chart (organigram) of the SPRK. The second one-week administrative internship was for a delegation of 12 officials of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC): in order to enhance the capacity of the members of the KJC to work in synergy for the fulfilment of the functions of the Council, and learn about the best Member State practices, between May 7 and 11, the delegation visited the High Judicial Council (CSM), the General Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Cassation, the Court of Rome and the Department of General Inspections of the Ministry of Justice. The third internship was for a delegation of 5 secretariat staff of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), and was hosted for one week at the Italian High Judicial Council (CSM).

4.5 RASMORAD & TRAIN TRAINING

The Siracusa International Institute is one of the scientific partners of the project "*Raising Awareness and Staff Mobility on violent RADicalisation in Prison and Probation services (RASMORAD)*", funded by the European Commission and led by the Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration. The overall purpose of the project is the prevention of radicalisation in prisons, mainly by adopting specific preventive measures, developing risk assessment methodology, strengthening expertise in the identification of the risk, and enhancing prison and probation staffs' professional competences in order to implement exit strategies before release. In 2018, the Institute attended the 4th Workshop of the project (Sofia, Bulgaria, 17-19 January) the 5th Workshop (Agen, France, 13-14 February), the 4th Steering Committee Meeting and 6th Workshop (Lisbon, Portugal, 10-13 April) and the 5th Steering Committee Meeting (Paris, France, 9 July). The Institute also

organized the 6th Steering Committee Meeting in Siracusa on November 6, which was attended by 16 participants, and finally attended the project's Closing Conference, which took place on December 18 in Rome and illustrated the objectives achieved by the project in its two years of implementation.

The Siracusa International Institute is also part of a consortium led by the Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration for the project "*Transfer Radicalisation Approaches in Training (TRAIin Training)*", funded by the European Commission. The project aims to enhance and update knowledge of the ever-changing phenomenon of radicalisation in prison and probation (PP), to provide professionals with skills to interpret and promptly identify signs of violent radicalization, to train on use of risk assessment protocol worked out by RASMORAD P&P project, to develop a common working method to identify and manage subjects at risk of radicalisation or radicalised, by setting an efficient system of information exchange and sharing of results from said risk assessment tool, and to build workers' capacity to observe offenders and react to radicalisation pathways with adequate rehabilitation programs and prompt deradicalisation practices.

The project was inaugurated in January 2018 with a Kick-Off Meeting held in Rome at the headquarters of the Directorate General for Training. The meeting was the occasion to share with the members of the consortium the Project aims, concerning both research and training, and the administrative and financial management of the activities. The Institute also attended an International Seminar, followed by a Workshop addressed to Prison and Probation practitioners (Rome, Italy, 16-18 October); the seminar focused on the following areas: Radicalisation threat: a European overview; Radicalisation in prison and probation settings: comparative analysis for answering to the phenomenon; Transferring radicalisation approaches in training: improving knowledge and skills for prison and probation staff. The Institute then attended by Skype the 1st Steering Committee Meeting of the project (Brussels, Belgium, 29 November).

5. INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS

In the framework of the *International Defence Counsel Training Programme*, the Siracusa International Institute signed memorandums of collaboration with the following institutions in 2018:

- European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA)

in order to support the legal and technical capabilities of lawyers in the fields of criminal justice and respect and protection of human rights.

On 31 October 2018, the request for registration of the Institute on the List of Civil Society Organizations and other non-profit entities of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), pursuant to Article 26 of Law 151/2014, was accepted.

6. COMMUNICATION

After the encouraging results obtained in 2017, the communication activities of the current year continued to give important results of growth. The new communication strategy that the Institute has pursued, on the precise direction of Thony Presidency, has been conducted with a multiplicity of channels and tools.

It should be recalled that in 2017 the Institute adopted the new public name 'The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights'. Despite the "cohabitation" with the

legal name 'ISISC', it can be confidently said that both the mass media and the general public are today properly socialized with the “new” name and fully recognize it.

The numerous articles that in 2018 focus on and describe the activities of the Institute provide evidence in this sense. Moreover, they reveal that a strong relationship has been established with the press, both print and online. With just a few and rare exceptions, the name always provided and fully spread is that of 'The Siracusa International Institute'.

The most important and most convoluted moment of our communication activities in 2018 was undoubtedly represented by the commemorative event dedicated to Professor Bassiouni, an initiative in which, among the others, the President of the Italian Republic took part. In the days before the event, we worked intensively in communication, preparing a press conference, spreading news and various press releases. All these activities have succeeded in guaranteeing great visibility to the initiative. The day of the event a direct stream of the entire initiative was provided on multiple channels (including the Institute's Facebook page). The streaming was viewed live by many users and then re-viewed several thousand times after the event. Then, DVDs of the entire event and some synthesis videos of the ceremony were produced. This led to extensive media coverage (before, during and after the event) with the main consequence that the Institute was present on the main news programs of national broadcasters.

The core of the Institute in terms of communication and information is obviously the website. With the new version launched last year, an innovative graphic design and optimization techniques that have increased the visibility of content (Meta Keywords, Meta Description, Focus Keywords, Hyperlinks), also in 2018 the portal recorded excellent performances, as evidenced by access and navigation data. The increase of 8,6%, 13%, and 14.4% (respectively of Users, Sessions and Page Views), follows the increase of the previous year compared to 2016 (respectively + 10%, 18% and 21%).

*Reference Period: 01/01 – 31/12 (2017-2018)	2017	2018
Users	17.862	19.403 (+8,6%)
Sessions	27.935	31.556 (+13%)
Page Views	70.653	80.865 (+14,4%)

In the upcoming weeks the new version of the website will be launched. The great innovation is that contents will be available in three different languages (Italian and French, as well as English). The project, strongly desired by Thony Presidency, will ensure that the Institute's website will potentially have a much broader audience of users. The impressive work of creating the multilingual version of the website, and its subsequent daily management, will give a boost to the national and international visibility of the Institute. The estimated growth of users browsing the site, for the first year, will be around 15%.

With regard to the Institute's social channels, 2018 is confirmed as the year of consolidation, almost uniformly across all social accounts. This consolidation, along as some important increases, has a particular value, following the growth boom recorded the previous year by the same channels. In particular, excellent results were recorded in the management of the Twitter profile, a social network that allows to get in touch today with the main national and international organizations, and a precious source for finding new contacts. Thanks to the constant publication of contents, the launch of specific *Trend Topics* and *Hashtags*, the page has grown considerably. In comparison to 2017, there was a 10% more of published contents as well as a 64% increase in "mentions" (the number of times the Institute was mentioned by third parties), with a total of about 103,000 interactions in 2018. All this occurs in addition to the boom already registered in the previous year. If the years 2017 and 2018 are calculated (i.e., when the new communication strategy of the Institute was launched), the Twitter channel has grown by over 400%, in all the profiles (Followers, Mentions, Impressions).

The Facebook channel also registered a considerable increase in 2018. On the one hand, about 1200 users are today on the page - a slight increase over 2017, which recorded an increase of over 230% compared to 2016. On the other hand, there was a further increase of 39% in terms of content display (about 428,000) compared to 2017, a year which in turn had increased by 332% compared to 2016. The other social media channels (LinkedIn and Instagram) have had good results, contributing to global traffic on the Institute's website (about 15% of the total).

In the coming years it is absolutely necessary for the Institute to continue its work of expansion and growth in terms of public and media visibility. The construction of the image, the strengthening of relations with the local, regional, national and international press will contribute to the success of the Institute's activities and projects, while laying the foundations for effective marketing and fundraising strategies, as well as intensifying relations with potential public and private donors.

7. CONCLUSIONS

In 2018, the Siracusa International Institute conducted 44 scientific and cultural activities involving a total of 3,470 participants and cooperating with 45 institutions, between Universities and other organizations.

As previously stated, this year the efforts have focused on the need to further strengthen both the research and development areas, in order to allow more differentiated participation in calls for funding, and consequently also to widen the base of potential donors.

To this end, in 2018 the Institute:

1. laid the foundations for a stronger positioning, first of all, in the Balkan area with specific reference to new institutional relations with all the main national actors of the region and at the same time strengthening relations with the main international organizations (EC, OSCE, UN, NATO);
2. confirmed the partnerships with the Italian authorities (Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, High Council of Judiciary, High School of Judiciary);
3. made contact with new potential funding bodies, both in the public/international sector and in the private sector;
4. invested resources in strengthening its staff so as to be able, as far as possible, to ensure a constant and diversified internal capacity to prepare new project proposals.

2019 will probably be a crucial year for the Institute's medium- and long-term future development. If the bases laid down in 2018 (and more generally in the last three years) will prove to be solid enough, in 2019 the objectives that were just reached, will have to be consolidated. In this way, the Institute will become the nerve center, a truly international and internationally recognized hub for the protection and protection of human rights and in the fight against organized crime at the end of the next three years.

For 2019, the activities already substantially confirmed (and for which the funding is secured) will be:

- a. For the Technical Assistance, *Capacity-Building* and *Policy Development* Projects:
 - within the Twinning Project in Kosovo:
 - 50 missions of Italian experts;
 - within the "Strengthening the Fight against Illicit Trade in South-East Europe" Project:
 - 7 Sessions of National Dialogue on Illicit Trade (April-July 2019);
 - 7 National Coordination Meetings (April-July 2019);
 - 1 International Conference (September 2019);

- within the "Mechanism for Combating Illicit Trade (M.CIT)" Project:
 - – 3 Meetings of Experts (Advisory Committees);
 - – 1 Launch Conference;
- within the "Fighting against Organized Crime in Georgia" Project:
 - – 10 missions of Italian expert;
- within the project "Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows (DC-IFLOWA)":
 - – 3 Meetings of Experts;
 - – 1 Regional Meeting.

b. For Education:

- 1 Specialization Course in International Criminal Law for Young Penalists;
- 1 Specialization Course in International Criminal Law and Cooperation in Penal Matters for Prosecutors;
- 1 Specialization Course for Italian magistrates (in collaboration with the Italian High School of the Judiciary);
- 1 Specialization Course on food fraud (in collaboration with LUISS University);
- 1 Specialization Course for PhD Candidates in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (in collaboration with the Italian section of the AIDP).

To date, the Institute has presented – or is preparing - for the year 2018 the following project proposals:

- a new project proposal for capacity-building activities, with a specific, but not exclusive, focus on Cybercrime in favor of the Palestinian General Public Prosecutor's Office (source of financing: SIDA);
- a new project proposal for capacity-building activities to strengthen the operational and investigative capacities in the field of Environmental Crimes and trafficking of pesticide (source of funding: EU Action Grant);
- a new project proposal for capacity-building activities to strengthen the operational and investigative capacities in the field of Trafficking of Arms with a focus on the Western Balkans (source of funding: EU Action Grant);
- a new project proposal for capacity-building activities to strengthen the operational and investigative capacities in the field of Trafficking in Cultural Property with a focus on the Western Balkans (source of funding: Italian Agency for Development Cooperation);
- as co-partner, a new project proposal for specialized training activities for European lawyers on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (source of funding: EU Action Grant);
- a new proposal for the continuation of the permanent dialogue on human rights with the Islamic Republic of Iran (source of funding: MAECI).

In addition to this, the Institute is working on the reactivation of the continuing training program for lawyers on human and international rights (2 specialization courses in English, 2 in French and 2 in Italian), on a training course for lawyers on war crimes, and on a Specialization Course for Public Prosecutors in the field of international criminal law, international cooperation in criminal matters and transnational crimes specifically addressed to French speaking magistrates.

On a positive note, the library has been notably enriched, thanks to the acquisition in 2018 alone of 224 new books, many of which have been received in donation. Today the Institute's library preserves 24,485 scientific and academic volumes, which constitute a unique collection in the International Criminal Law sector at the national level.

Also in 2018 the economic impact of the Siracusa International Institute's work at local and regional level has been impressive, thanks to the presence of approximately 3,000 participants from different parts of the world, throughout the year, for a total of around 4,000 days of average stay in town. Consequently, the direct economic benefits amount to approximately € 800.000.

DETAILED LIST OF ACTIVITIES

1. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Steering Committees)
Place: Pristina (Kosovo)
Date: January 12 + April 12 + July 13 + October 13, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: English
Participants: 4 experts
Countries : Italy, Kosovo

2. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Missions of experts - Sub-Component 1.1)
Place: Pristina (Kosovo)
Date: January-December 2018 (21 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: English
Participants: 35 experts
Countries : Italy, Kosovo

3. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Missions of experts - Sub-Component 2.1)
Place: Pristina (Kosovo)
Date: January- December 2018 (8 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: English
Participants: 15 experts
Countries : Italy, Kosovo

4. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Missions of experts - Sub-Component 2.2)
Place: Pristina (Kosovo)
Date: January- December 2018 (9 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)

Language: English
Participants: 15 experts
Countries : Italy, Kosovo

5. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: RAISING AWARENESS AND STAFF MOBILITY ON VIOLENT RADICALISATION IN PRISON AND PROBATION SERVICES (RASMORAD) (Steering Committees & Workshops & Closing Conference)
Place: Sofia (Bulgaria) + Agen (France) + Lisbon (Portugal) + Paris (France) + Siracusa (Italy) + Rome (Italy)
Date: January 17-19 + February 13-14 + April 10-13 + July 9 + November 6 + December 18, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration
Language: English
Participants: Around 25 + 25 + 25 +25 + 16 + 50 participants

6. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - SUPPORT TO TRAINING OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR PERSONNEL (Steering Committees & Closing Seminar)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: January 18 + April 26 + July 12, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: French Ministry of Justice, French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) and Italian High School of the Judiciary
Language: French
Participants: 4 experts
Countries : Italy, Tunisia

7. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - SUPPORT TO TRAINING OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR PERSONNEL (Administrative stage - Component 1)
Place: Milan (Italy)
Date: January 21-24, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: French Ministry of Justice, French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) and Italian High School of the Judiciary
Language: French and Italian
Participants: 1 participant
Countries : Italy, Tunisia

8. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN JUSTICE SECTOR: THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Training for Egyptian Judges, Prosecutors and Officers of the Technical Office of the Court of Cassation)
Place: Cairo (Egypt)
Date: January 23-28, 2018
Financed by: Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
Language: Arabic and English

Participants: 35 participants, 9 lecturers
Countries : Egypt / Egypt, USA

- 9.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - SUPPORT TO TRAINING OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR PERSONNEL (Missions of experts - Component 3)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: January 29-February 2, 2018 (1 mission)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: French Ministry of Justice, French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) and Italian High School of the Judiciary
Language: French
Participants: 1 expert
Countries : Italy, Tunisia
- 10.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - SUPPORT TO TRAINING OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR PERSONNEL (Missions of experts - Component 4)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: January 29-February 2 + May 7-11, 2018 (2 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: French Ministry of Justice, French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) and Italian High School of the Judiciary
Language: French
Participants: 2 experts
Countries : Italy, Tunisia
- 11.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TRANSFER RADICALISATION APPROACHES IN TRAINING (TRAIN TRAINING) (Kick-Off Meeting & International Seminar/Workshop & Steering Committee)
Place: Rome (Italy) + Brussels (Belgium)
Date: January 30-31 + October 16-18 + November 29, 2018 (by Skype)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration
Language: English and Italian
Participants: Around 50 + 60 + 6 participants
- 12.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - SUPPORT TO TRAINING OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR PERSONNEL (Administrative stage - Component 1)
Place: Rome and Florence (Italy)
Date: February 12-16, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: French Ministry of Justice, French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) and Italian High School of the Judiciary
Language: French and Italian
Participants: 1 participant
Countries : Italy, Tunisia

- 13.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Missions of experts - Sub-Component 1.3)
Place: Pristina (Kosovo)
Date: February-November 2018 (11 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: English
Participants: 19 experts
Countries : Italy, Kosovo
- 14.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Missions of experts - Component 4)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: February 12-16 + March 19-23 + May 7-11 + July 9-13, 2018 (5 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Spanish Ministry of Justice, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) and Italian Ministry of Justice
Language: French
Participants: 8 experts
Countries : Italy, Tunisia
- 15.** *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: RIGHT TO KNOW AND FREE PRESS
Place: Siracusa
Date: February 17, 2018
In cooperation with: Global Committee for the Rule of Law 'Marco Pannella'
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 80 participants, 4 speakers
Countries : Italy
- 16.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Steering Committees & Closing Seminar)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: March 6 + May 14 + September 27, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Spanish Ministry of Justice, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) and Italian Ministry of Justice
Language: French
Participants: 3 experts
Countries : Italy, Tunisia
- 17.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY,

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Missions of experts - Sub-Component 1.2)

Place: Pristina (Kosovo)

Date: March- December 2018 (11 missions)

Financed by: European Commission

In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)

Language: English

Participants: 15 experts

Countries : Italy, Kosovo

- 18.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Administrative Internship - Component 4)
Place: Rome (Italy)
Date: March 12-16, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Spanish Ministry of Justice, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) and Italian Ministry of Justice
Language: French and Italian
Participants: 7 participants
Countries : Italy, Tunisia
- 19.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN JUSTICE SECTOR: THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Evaluation Session for Egyptian Judges, Prosecutors and Officers of the Technical Office of the Court of Cassation)
Place: Cairo (Egypt)
Date: March 13-16, 2018
Financed by: Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
Language: Arabic
Participants: 31 participants, 5 lecturers
Countries : Egypt / Egypt
- 20.** *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program
Name of the activity: INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE COUNSEL TRAINING PROGRAMME: "THE EXERCISE OF DEFENCE RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION"
Place: Siracusa
Date: March 15-17, 2018
In cooperation with: the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA), the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA-ABCPI), the International Criminal Justice Consortium (ICJC), the African Bar Association (AFBA), the Italian High School of Advocacy (SSA), the French Conseil National des Barreaux (CNB), the American Bar Association (ABA) through its Center for Human Rights and International Criminal Court Project, the Beijing Normal University (BNU), and the Centre d'Etudes sur la Sécurité Internationale et le Coopération Européennes (CESICE)
Language: English

Participants: 19 participants, 6 lecturers

Countries: Chile, Finland, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Portugal, The Netherlands / Slovakia, Germany, France, Italy, Spain

- 21.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Administrative internship - Sub-Component 2.1)
Place: Bari (Italy)
Date: March 19-30, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: Italian
Participants: 1 participant
Countries : Italy, Kosovo
- 22.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE EGYPTIAN JUSTICE SECTOR: THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Training for Egyptian Judges and Prosecutors of the Court of Cassation)
Place: Siracusa
Date: April 15-21, 2018
Financed by: Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
Language: Arabic and English
Participants: 22 participants, 9 lecturers
Countries: Egypt / Egypt, Italy, Sweden
- 23.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - SUPPORT TO TRAINING OF THE JUSTICE SECTOR PERSONNEL (Missions of experts - Component 2)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: April 16-20 + April 25-26, 2018 (2 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: French Ministry of Justice, French National School of the Judiciary (ENM), Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI) and Italian High School of the Judiciary
Language: French
Participants: 2 experts
Countries : Italy, Tunisia
- 24.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Missions of experts - Component 3)
Place: Tunis (Tunisia)
Date: April 23-27, 2018 (1 mission)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Spanish Ministry of Justice, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIAPP) and Italian Ministry of Justice

Language: French
Participants: 1 expert
Countries : Italy, Tunisia

- 25.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Administrative internship - Sub-Component 1.1)
Place: Rome (Italy)
Date: May 7-11, 2018
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: English and Italian
Participants: 12 participants
Countries : Italy, Kosovo
- 26.** *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program
Name of the activity: 18TH SPECIALIZATION COURSE IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW FOR YOUNG PENALISTS: "INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES"
Place: Siracusa
Date: May 27-June 4, 2018
In cooperation with: the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), the University of Palermo, Department of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, and the Middlesex University Department of Law
Language: English
Participants: 39 participants, 12 lecturers
Countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, India, Iran, Italy, Kenya, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mexico, Russia, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Uganda / Belgium, Canada, China, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, USA
Universities: Middlesex University, National University of Ireland, University of Georgia, Rutgers University, University of Liverpool, University of Palermo, Leiden University, Washington University, University of Leeds, Utrecht University, Beijing Normal University
- 27.** *Type of activity:* Research Program
Name of the activity: STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (2nd Meeting of Experts)
Place: Siracusa
Date: May 28-June 1, 2018
Financed by: Philip Morris International (PMI)
In cooperation with: Philip Morris International (PMI)
Language: English
Participants: 2 experts
Countries: Italy, UK
- 28.** *Type of activity:* Training Course
Name of the activity: THE ADVERSARIAL PROCESS: METHOD OR VALUE OF THE FAIR TRIAL?
Place: Siracusa

Date: June 6-8, 2018

Financed by: Italian High School of the Judiciary (SSM)

In cooperation with: Italian High School of the Judiciary (SSM)

Language: Italian

Participants: 86 participants, 15 lecturers

Countries : Italy

29. *Type of activity:* National Seminar

Name of the activity: AGON 2018: FROM CLASSICAL DRAMA TO A MOOT TRIAL

Place: Siracusa

Date: June 7, 2018

In cooperation with: Istituto Nazionale del Dramma Antico (INDA) and Associazione Amici dell'INDA

Language: Italian

Participants: Around 2000 participants, 3 experts

Countries : Italy

30. *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program

Name of the activity: 3ND SPECIALIZATION COURSE FOR JUNIOR PROSECUTORS: "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PENAL MATTERS"

Place: Siracusa

Date: June 24-July 7, 2018

Financed by: the US Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau (INL), the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI)

In cooperation with: the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), the US Department of State International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau (INL)

Language: English

Participants: 35 participants, 20 lecturers

Countries: Albania, Austria, Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Germany, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Ukraine, UK, USA, Yemen, Zambia / Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, UK, USA

Universities: Middlesex University

31. *Type of activity:* Meeting of Experts

Name of the activity: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (Fourth Meeting of Experts)

Place: Teheran (Iran)

Date: June 24-26, 2018

Financed by: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In cooperation with: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Language: Farsi and Italian

Participants: Around 31 participants

Countries: Italy, Iran, Norway, UK

Universities: University of Milan, University of Catanzaro 'Magna Graecia', University of Rome 'La Sapienza', University of Oslo, Swansea University

32. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program

Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Administrative Internship - Component 2)

Place: Rome and Florence (Italy)

Date: July 1-7, 2018

Financed by: European Commission

In cooperation with: Spanish Ministry of Justice, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) and Italian Ministry of Justice

Language: French and Italian

Participants: 9 participants

Countries: Italy, Tunisia

33. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program

Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT FOR TUNISIA - CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (Administrative Internship - Component 3)

Place: Rome (Italy)

Date: July 15-21, 2018

Financed by: European Commission

In cooperation with: Spanish Ministry of Justice, Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP) and Italian Ministry of Justice

Language: French and Italian

Participants: 5 participants

Countries: Italy, Tunisia

34. *Type of activity:* International Workshop

Name of the activity: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – MENA REGIONAL OFFICE RETREAT

Place: Siracusa

Date: July 17-19, 2018

Financed by: Amnesty International

In cooperation with: Amnesty International

Language: English

Participants: 57 participants, 1 facilitator

35. *Type of activity:* Research Program

Name of the activity: STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (3rd Meeting of Experts)

Place: Siracusa

Date: July 23-26, 2018

Financed by: Philip Morris International (PMI)

In cooperation with: Philip Morris International (PMI)

Language: English

Participants: 5 experts

Countries: Italy, UK, Romania, France

36. *Type of activity:* International Conference

Name of the activity: MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR PROFESSOR M. CHERIF BASSIOUNI

Place: Siracusa

Date: September 23, 2018

Financed by: Siracusa International Institute; International Association of Penal Law (AIDP); Manríquez & Benavides Abogados

In cooperation with: International Association of Penal Law (AIDP)

Language: Italian

Participants: 159 participants, 7 lecturers

Universities: University of Rome “LUISS Guido Carli”, Utrecht University

- 37.** *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE LEGACY OF PROFESSOR M. CHERIF BASSIOUNI: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
Place: Siracusa
Date: September 24-25, 2018
In cooperation with: International Association of Penal Law (AIDP)
Language: English
Participants: 111 participants, 16 lecturers
Universities: Utrecht University, University of Leeds, New York Law School, University of Luxembourg, University of Ghent, University of Campania, Middlesex University, University of Notre Dame, Temple University
- 38.** *Type of activity:* International Workshop
Name of the activity: THE EMERGING SECURITY DYNAMICS AND THE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SYRIA
Place: Siracusa
Date: October 18-19, 2018
Financed by: Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
In cooperation with: Omran Centre for Strategic Studies; Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
Language: English
Participants: 32 experts
Countries: France, Germany, Switzerland, Iran, Russia, Lebanon, Turkey, USA, Belgium, Syria
Universities: Shahid Beheshti University; Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID); University of Lyon; National Research University Higher School of Economics; University of Ankara; Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO); Russian Academy of Sciences
- 39.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Missions of experts - Sub-Component 1.4)
Place: Pristina (Kosovo)
Date: November-December 2018 (4 missions)
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)
Language: English
Participants: 6 experts
Countries : Italy, Kosovo
- 40.** *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program

Name of the activity: TWINNING PROJECT "STRENGTHENING EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEM IN KOSOVO" (Administrative internship - Sub-Component 1.1)

Place: Rome (Italy)

Date: November 26-December 1, 2018

Financed by: European Commission

In cooperation with: Italian High Judicial Council (CSM), Italian Ministry of Justice, French Ministry of Justice, Justice Coopération Internationale (JCI)

Language: English and Italian

Participants: 5 participants

Countries : Italy, Kosovo

- 41.** *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program
Name of the activity: 9TH TRAINING COURSE ON CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE "GIULIANO VASSALLI" FOR PHD CANDIDATES
Place: Siracusa
Date: November 29-December 1, 2018
In cooperation with: AIDP – Italian Section
Language: Italian
Participants: 71 participants, 14 lecturers
Universities: University of Insubria, University of Trento, University of Campania, University of Verona, University of Florence, University of Palermo, University of Milan 'Bicocca', University of Rome 'Luiss Guido Carli', University of Teramo, University of Rome 'Unitelma Sapienza'
- 42.** *Type of activity:* Research Program
Name of the activity: MECHANISM FOR COMBATING ILLICIT TRADE (1st Meeting of the Advisory Committee)
Place: Siracusa
Date: December 3-4, 2018
Financed by: Philip Morris International (PMI)
In cooperation with: Philip Morris International (PMI)
Language: English
Participants: 9 experts
Countries: USA, Italy, UK, Argentina
- 43.** *Type of activity:* Research Program
Name of the activity: STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (High-Level Regional Strategic Dialogue)
Place: Siracusa
Date: December 5-6, 2018
Financed by: Philip Morris International (PMI)
In cooperation with: Philip Morris International (PMI)
Language: English
Participants: 81 participants, 14 lecturers
Countries: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Italy, UK, Poland, Belgium, Argentina / Italy, UK, France, USA, Serbia, Bulgaria
- 44.** *Type of activity:* International Meeting

Name of the activity: EUROMED JUSTICE TRAINING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN INSTRUMENTS OF JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN COUNTERING COMPLEX CROSS-BORDER CRIMINAL CASES

Place: Siracusa

Date: December 10-12, 2018

Financed by: European Union

In cooperation with: “EuroMed Justice IV” program; FIIAPP

Language: English

Participants: 24 participants, 3 speakers

Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia / Egypt, Spain, UK

HOSTED ACTIVITIES

1. *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK ‘GIUSTIZIA E MITO’
Date: May 12, 2018
Organized by: Associazione Amici dell’Inda
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 70 participants
2. *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: KNOWLEDGE IS TREMENDOUS. MADNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE GREEKS TO SHAKESPEARE
Date: June 9, 2018
Organized by: INDA; Associazione Amici dell’Inda; National Association of Magistrates; Unicost
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 90 participants
3. *Type of activity:* Cultural Festival
Name of the activity: THE ROUTES OF TREASURES
Date: September 15-16, 2018
Organized by: Le Vie dei Tesori Onlus
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 30 participants
4. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AIDP
Date: September 22-23, 2018
Organized by: AIDP
Language: English
Participants: Around 45 participants
5. *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES
Date: November 16-17, 2018
Organized by: Bar Association of Siracusa; Italian Association of Lawyers for the Family and Minors (AIAF)
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 60 participants
6. *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: ITALY AND LIBYA. THE THREE HORIZONS OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE: A LEADING ROLE FOR WOMEN IN GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE COMPETENCE AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
Date: December 17-18, 2018
Organized by: Minerva
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 35 participants

ACTIVITIES ATTENDED BY THE INSTITUTE'S STAFF

1. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: 2nd EUROMED JUSTICE IV CONFERENCE
Place: Brussels (Belgium)
Date: February 28, 2018
Organized by: Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP)
Language: English, French and Arabic
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca

2. *Type of activity:* International Seminar
Name of the activity: BUILDING INTEGRITY IN OPERATIONS (BIIO) SEMINAR 2018
Place: Izmir (Turkey)
Date: February 28-March 2, 2018
Organized by: NATO
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

3. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 6TH MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON COUNTERING ILLICIT TRADE (TF-CIT)
Place: Paris (France)
Date: March 15-16, 2018
Organized by: OECD
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

4. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 18TH ANTI-FRAUD AND ANTI-SMUGGLING TASK FORCE MEETING
Place: Bucharest (Romania)
Date: April 18, 2018
Organized by: Southeast European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC)
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman

5. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: AFRICA IN ACTION: TAILORING SECURITY TO REAL NEEDS AND THREATS
Place: Rome (Italy)
Date: May 8-9, 2018
Organized by: NATO Defense College Foundation
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman

6. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 27TH COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Place: Vienna (Austria)

Date: May 14-18, 2018

Organized by: UNODC

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman; Dr. Gioacchino Polimeni

- 7.** *Type of activity:* International Workshop
Name of the activity: CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES TO PREVENT AND COUNTER CYBERCRIME IN ALL ITS FORMS, INCLUDING THROUGH THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS
Place: Vienna (Austria)
Date: May 14, 2018
Organized by: PNI
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 8.** *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 2018 SPRING COORDINATION MEETING OF THE PNI NETWORK
Place: Vienna (Austria)
Date: May 17, 2018
Organized by: PNI
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Gary Hill
- 9.** *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: 2018 BRATISLAVA FORUM
Place: Bratislava (Slovakia)
Date: May 17-19, 2018
Organized by: GLOBSEC
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 10.** *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: OVERTURN STORIES: HOW EUROPE CAN ESTABLISH GOOD PRACTICES FOR INCLUSION OF MIGRANTS
Place: Siracusa (Italy)
Date: May 21-23, 2018
Organized by: Ortygia Business School
Language: English; Italian
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 11.** *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: BUILDING INTEGRITY (BI) LESSONS LEARNED SEMINAR
Place: Oeiras (Portugal)
Date: May 25, 2018
Organized by: NATO
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 12.** *Type of activity:* International Meeting

Name of the activity: CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSES TO ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Place: Vienna (Austria)

Date: May 30, 2018

Organized by: Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

13. *Type of activity:* International Conference

Name of the activity: ILAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Place: Stockholm (Sweden)

Date: May 31-June 2, 2018

Organized by: ILAC

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca

14. *Type of activity:* International Meeting

Name of the activity: EXECUTIVE BRIEFING ON THE GLOBAL ILLICIT TRADE ENVIRONMENT INDEX

Place: Brussels (Belgium)

Date: June 7, 2018

Organized by: Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT); The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

15. *Type of activity:* International Meeting

Name of the activity: COMBATTING ILLICIT TRADE - ROUNDTABLE EVENT

Place: London (UK)

Date: June 27, 2018

Organized by: Oxford Economics

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

16. *Type of activity:* International Meeting

Name of the activity: NSD-S HUB STUDY DAY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF POPULATION GROWTH AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN AFRICA

Place: Naples (Italy)

Date: July 24, 2018

Organized by: NATO Strategic Direction South Hub

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca

17. *Type of activity:* International Conference

Name of the activity: 18TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY: CRIMES AGAINST HUMANS AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Place: Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina)

Date: August 29-September 1, 2018

Organized by: European Society of Criminology

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

- 18.** *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: 23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTORS (IAP)
Place: Johannesburg (South Africa)
Date: September 9-13, 2018
Organized by: International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca
- 19.** *Type of activity:* Meeting of Experts
Name of the activity: BRIDGING THE INSTITUTIONAL GAPS THAT ENABLE ILLICIT TRADE IN SMALL PARCELS
Place: Alicante (Spain)
Date: September 28, 2018
Organized by: OECD - EUIPO
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 20.** *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: EUROMED JUSTICE TRAINING OF TRAINERS (ToT) ACTIVITY FOR JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS
Place: Malta
Date: October 16-18, 2018
Organized by: Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP)
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 21.** *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: 39TH ANNUAL CRIME STOPPERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Place: The Hague (The Netherlands)
Date: October 29-31, 2018
Organized by: Crime Stoppers International
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 22.** *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: GTDW GLOBAL ANTI ILLICIT TRADE & BRAND PROTECTION SUMMIT & EXHIBITION
Place: Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)
Date: November 20-21, 2018
Organized by: GTDW; UAE Ministry of Economy; PMI
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman
- 23.** *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 2018 AUTUMN COORDINATION MEETING OF THE PNI

NETWORK

Place: Tokyo (Japan)

Date: December 12, 2018

Organized by: United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network (PNI Network)

Language: English

Attended by: Mr. Gary Hill

24. *Type of activity:* International Seminar

Name of the activity: THE STATUS OF PREPARATION FOR THE 14TH UN CRIME CONGRESS

Place: Tokyo (Japan)

Date: December 13, 2018

Organized by: Ministry of Justice of Japan; UNAFEI

Language: English

Attended by: Mr. Gary Hill

25. *Type of activity:* International Conference

Name of the activity: INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

Place: Bucharest (Romania)

Date: December 14, 2018

Organized by: Minister of Justice of Romania

Language: English

Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman