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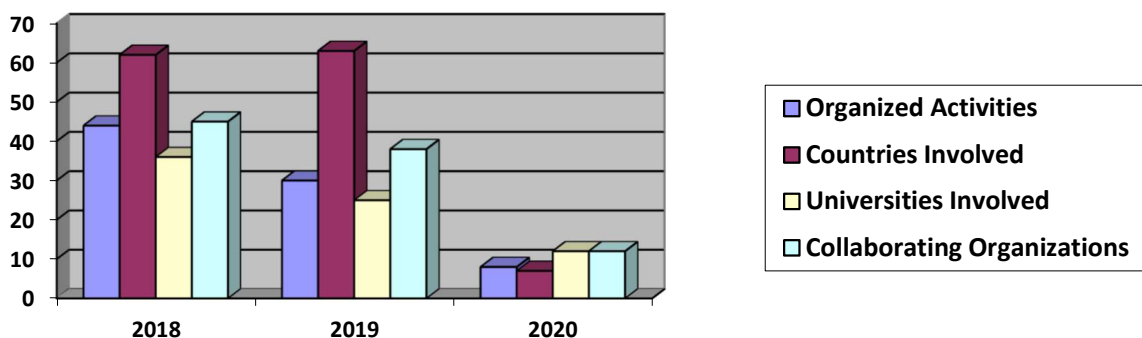
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMPLETED IN 2020

Meeting – December 5, 2020

SCHEMATIC SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

ORGANIZED AND CO-ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	8
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	647
COUNTRIES INVOLVED	7
UNIVERSITIES INVOLVED	12
COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS	12
PUBLICATIONS	1
HOSTED ACTIVITIES	1 (WITH AROUND 40 PARTICIPANTS)
EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES ATTENDED	10

Summary of Activities 2018-19-20



Countries involved (7):

AUSTRALIA – BELGIUM – BULGARIA – FRANCE – ITALY – SERBIA – UNITED KINGDOM

Universities involved (12):

University of Trento

University of Rome ‘La Sapienza’

University of Palermo

University of Rome ‘Luiss Guido Carli’

University of Catania

University of Verona

University of Reggio Calabria

University ‘Cattolica del S. Cuore’ of Milan

University of Campania ‘Luigi Vanvitelli’

University of Rome ‘Unitelma Sapienza’

University of Macerata

University of Padua

Collaborating Organizations (12):

International Association of Penal Law (IAPL/ AIDP)

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

European Commission

Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration

Philip Morris International (PMI)

Italian High School of the Judiciary (SSM)

La.PE.C. (Permanent Examination and Counter-Examination Laboratory)

National Bar Council

Global Committee for the Rule of Law "Marco Pannella"

Luigi Einaudi Foundation

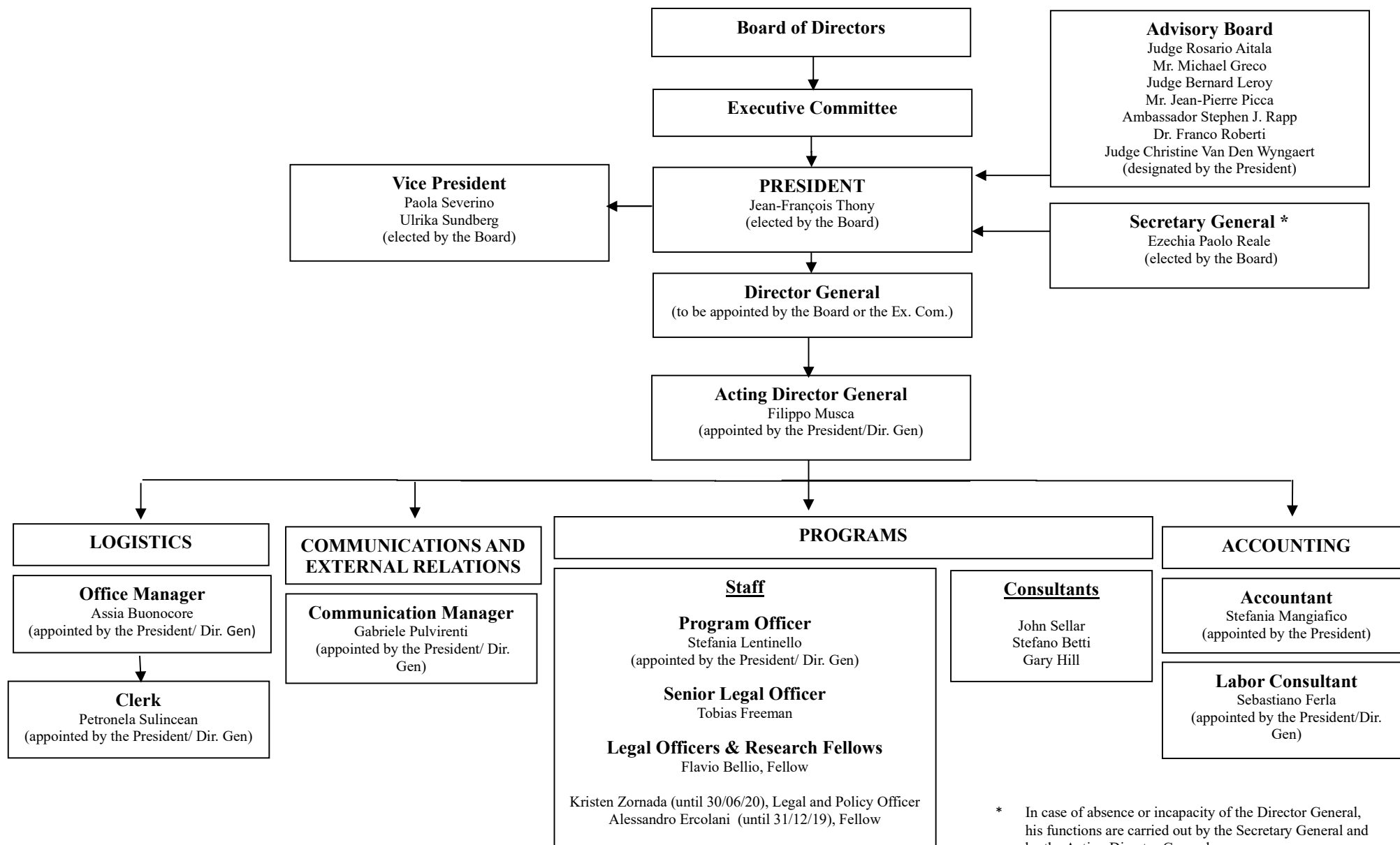
Italian Radical Party

Government Offices of Sweden

Publications (1):

- *Closing the Implementation Gap: Criminal justice responses to illicit trade in South Eastern Europe and associated challenges* (Siracusa, Italy, 2020), English

THE ORGANIZATION – December 2020



* In case of absence or incapacity of the Director General, his functions are carried out by the Secretary General and by the Acting Director General

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REPORT ON THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION

2020 should have represented for the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights a year of consolidation of what was built in recent years, in particular in the last two, a year of consolidation and restart in all three main sectors of activity of the Institute.

The technical assistance projects in progress had achieved excellent outcomes, both with regard to the project results and to the strengthening of institutional relations; as regards the higher education programs, numerous and substantial renovations had been planned. Furthermore, the elaboration of the main scientific research work produced by the Institute was nearing completion; this work was to be presented to public and private partners in order to secure further funding and carry out new activities.

Unfortunately, due to the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, the lockdown imposed in Italy from March to May and the travel restrictions in most of Europe and the world, it was necessary to cancel, or radically rethink, most of the activities scheduled.

More in details:

In March, the Institute was supposed to organize the final event of the "*SEE-IMPACT*" project. During the second *Regional Strategic Dialogue*, the regional report should have been presented in front of over 100 representatives of the highest national institutions of the 12 countries involved in the project, as well as several officials of international organizations. During this event, the "Declaration of Siracusa on the fight against illicit trade" would have been signed. Despite several attempts to postpone it, in the end it was decided, also in agreement with the funding body, to organize the closing event in the form of a simple international webinar. The initiative took place on November 6, 2020 and was attended, as speakers "external" to the project, by the National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor, Dr. Federico Cafiero de Raho, and by Professor Paola Severino, Vice President of the Institute and Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption. The event itself was a success beyond expectations, and the report "*Closing the Implementation Gap*", presented during the webinar, has already been shared and made available to a wide audience composed of academia, public institutions (ministries, prosecutors' offices, training schools), international organizations, national and international experts, law enforcement agencies and specialized press, both in the full version in English and in the "*Executive Summary*" version in Italian, French and in 7 local languages.

As regards the three main higher education programs of the Institute - course for young penalists, course for prosecutors, course for PhD candidates - given the very nature of the activities, it was decided to organize exclusively the course for PhD candidates, which was actively attended by 75 doctoral students from 28 universities. The difficult and painful decision to postpone both other specialization courses to 2021 was taken in agreement with the Institute's partners for two main reasons: firstly, the pedagogical and organizational complexities of managing entirely online two courses which required a full immersion of the participants for over 50 hours of frontal teaching, and in addition, the impossibility of replicating what has always been the distinctive feature and strength of these two courses, that is, the unique possibility of creating and strengthening formal and informal networks, both from a professional and personal point of view.

With regard to scientific research and policy development (“*M-CIT*” project), once agreed with the funding body a project extension and relevant funding (for further 12 months), the drafting of the guidelines was completed. The guidelines will be published in early 2021 and shared with the international community (public and private) through a dedicated IT portal.

In 2020, efforts were also made to further strengthen the Institute's relations at national and international level. In this regard, it is important to point out that the three-year collaboration agreement with the High School of the Judiciary will be renewed shortly, and that a memorandum of collaboration with the National Anti-Mafia and Anti-Terrorism Directorate is currently being finalized.

Direct contribution to the Siracusa International Institute’s activities in 2020 has been granted by:

- European Commission/European Union
- Government Offices of Sweden
- Philip Morris International (PMI)
- Sicilian Region

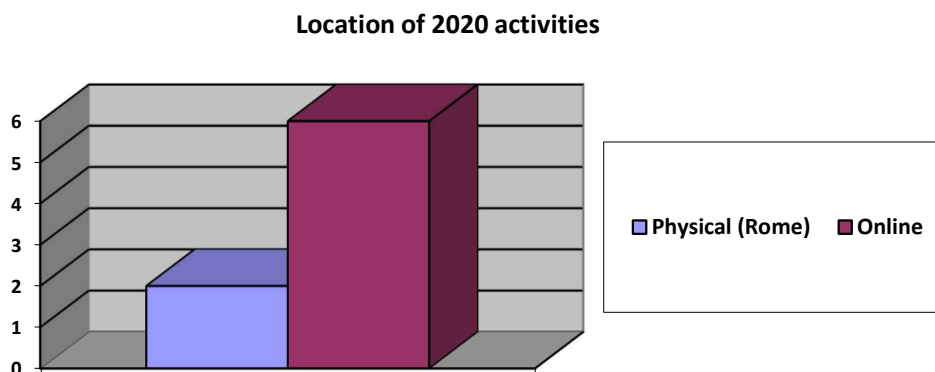
The results of the programmes carried out by the Siracusa International Institute during 2020 despite the pandemic have been confirmed by the numerous accesses to the website and by the copious press release.

This report aims to offer a detailed overview of the main activities undertaken in 2020. 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 721 national and international conferences, workshops and seminars at its headquarters, involving 61,492 jurists, with the aim of promoting a culture of legality both in Italy and beyond.



As mentioned above, the Siracusa International Institute organized 8 scientific activities in 2020, 2 of which were held in Rome and 6 online, involving 647 participants – 149 physical, 498 online - 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 4 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 2020 such research focused on several topics, with particular reference to the area of fight against illicit trade and women’s economic participation and empowerment.

The research and capacity-building project *Strengthening the Fight Against Illicit Trade in South Eastern Europe (SEE-IMPACT)* formally concluded on 6 November 2020. On this day, the Institute hosted a *Final Webinar* to launch its new 160-page legal and policy report: “*Closing the Implementation Gap: Criminal justice responses to illicit trade in South Eastern Europe and associated challenges*”. This report provides the first region-wide sketch of national criminal justice systems’ challenges and opportunities for tackling the phenomenon of illicit trade more holistically, and elaborates recommendations for national and regional leaders and policymakers. The launch involved presentations by the Institute’s President, Vice President, Director and Senior Legal Officer, as well as by the Italian National Anti-mafia and Counter-terrorism Prosecutor; additionally, several project advisors shared their insights. Around 120 people logged-in from all over the world, including many friends of the Institute and advisors to other projects (specifically, M-CIT). Moreover, the report has been well received by national institutional partners and others with whom the project team has collaborated over these past three years (eg, SELEC, Europol, OSCE).

Prior to the launch, the Institute intensively conducted further research and analysis over six months, in an effort to ensure that its report was as up-to-date and comprehensive as possible. The Institute is now in the process of ensuring its report is widely distributed including to potential donor countries with a longstanding presence in the region, and will explore future opportunities for follow-up projects and other activities in the region and others that may benefit from a similar project.

After securing bridging finance from the project’s donor, the *Mechanism for Combating Illicit Trade (M-CIT)* project is in the process of finalizing its in-depth guidelines for governments and businesses against illicit trade. This draft document has drawn on the advice and insights of a nine-person advisory committee, and consultations with leading practitioners in the fields of customs enforcement, intellectual property, cyber-enabled illicit trade, etc. Once the guidelines are finalized, the Institute will develop a publication and website, which will serve as a helpful tool to navigate the guidelines and their supporting materials (including international treaties, principles, guidelines, networks, platforms, etc.) The Institute will then step-up its engagement with key international forums (OECD, WEF, UNCTAD, etc.) in an effort to ensure that the guidelines are widely disseminated and potentially, endorsed at the international level. This work builds on the Institute’s experience in South Eastern Europe but has global scope. In order to be viable in the medium-term, M-CIT will need to secure funding for technical assistance and capacity-building to assist countries and businesses affected by illicit trade to implement the Institute’s guidelines.

On 1 August 2020, the Statute of the Women Development Organization (WDO) of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member States entered into force, paving the way for the specialised organization to start its activities. WDO will play a central role in the promotion of women’s rights, empowerment, economic participation as well as advancing their status in society by implementing programmes to educate, build capacity, provide care and training to women in the 57 OIC Member States. In the framework of the *Competence Development of OIC’s Women Development Organisation (WDO) on women’s economic participation* project, the Siracusa International Institute

identified and selected a thematic expert to draft a policy paper to outline possible policies and series of interventions by WDO in different areas of women's economic participation and empowerment, highlighting potential areas of engagement, gaps, and best practices in WDO and OIC member states.

The concept paper assesses the current situation of women's economic empowerment in the OIC countries, in particular WDO member states. The study uses the CEDAW definitions for women rights and gender equality. From a methodological point of view, the concept paper consists of two separate but interrelated parts, where OIC countries are divided into clusters, taking into account level of conflicts, political situations, income level, etc., based on data from World Bank and UN-system. The concept paper also includes a number of recommendations aimed at improving women's economic empowerment and participation as well as removing obstacles and legal restrictions on women across the WDO member states. The concept paper, available only in English and Arabic, will be presented at the inauguration meeting of the Executive Council of WDO, which was originally planned to be held in Cairo, Egypt, in February or March 2021, but, due to the Covid-19 situation, has been tentatively postponed until May or June 2021.

2.2 NATIONAL PROGRAMS

As a follow-up to the several activities conducted in the past on the subject of the right to know, the Siracusa International Institute had organized on February 29th and March 1st in Palermo, at the seat of the Sicilian Regional Assembly, the first plenary meeting of the Global Committee for the Rule of Law "Marco Pannella", with the support of the Luigi Einaudi Foundation and the Italian Radical Party. The main objective of the meeting was both to coordinate current initiatives and to define future ones to respond to attacks against the democratic rule of law and the advancement of authoritarian government all over the world, in particular through the affirmation of the right to know, to which the Committee has been dedicated since its creation. To this end, in concluding the meeting, the adoption of a "Palermo Declaration on the Right to Know" was foreseen, containing a shared legal definition of the right to know.

Unfortunately, due to the concomitant worsening of the Coronavirus pandemic in Italy, the meeting was canceled two days before the scheduled date. The Institute therefore rescheduled this activity for the end of September in Capo d'Orlando, but, even in this case, the evolution of the country's health situation did not allow the activity to take place.

The Siracusa International Institute and the Luigi Einaudi Foundation finally organized a "*Presentation of the work program of the Commission of the Council of Europe on the Right to Know. The global challenge of the new millennium*" on 16 September at the Senate of the Italian Republic, in the presence of 30 participants and 9 speakers (maximum capacity for the room according to anti-Covid rules). In fact, in order to face the continuous online and off-line attacks on democratic institutions and forms in favor of authoritarian forms of government, it was considered essential to launch the topic of the work of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and the Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. On December 3, Mr. Ezechia Paolo Reale, Secretary General of the Institute, intervened at a hearing of experts of this Committee, specifically in the session dedicated to "Media freedom, public trust and the people's right to know".

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. The most prominent educational activities organized by the Institute are the annual Specialization Course on International Criminal Law for Young Penalists and the Specialization Course for Junior Prosecutors; unfortunately, both these activities did not take place in 2020 due to the Covid-19 spread. Other courses took regularly place in an online format.

3.1 SPECIALIZATION COURSES

As a follow-up to the initiative launched in 2009, the La.PE.C. (Permanent Examination and Counter-Examination Laboratory), in collaboration with the Siracusa International Institute, continued to conduct its course on "*Language and Communication*", which started in 2019 and was originally scheduled in March 2020, but was suspended due to the Covid-19 spread. The course was sponsored by the National Bar Council and targeted all legal practitioners (magistrates, lawyers, teachers). The online sessions of the 3rd course were finally held on October 16, 22, 30 and November 6 on the topic of "*Logic and Trial. Trial and Truth*"; 13 speakers and 66 participants were involved. Three further online sessions were then held between November and December relating to the 4th course, titled "*From ancient drama to a moot trial*", with a specific reference to the "*Agòn*" and to the memory of Ettore Randazzo; 12 speakers and 84 participants attended. Further courses are scheduled at the beginning of 2021.

In collaboration with the Italian Section of the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP), on October 22-24, the Institute organized online the *10th Training Course on Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure 'Giuliano Vassalli' for PhD Candidates* in conjunction with the VIII Congress of the AIDP Young Penalists section. The course was titled "*The new faces of the criminal system between public-private cooperation and integration mechanisms between hard law and soft law*" and it focused on the modalities of cooperation between public authorities and private subjects in the definition and implementation of criminal policy strategies and mechanisms of regulatory integration between hard and soft law. The course involved mainly PhD candidates in criminal matters (criminal law and procedure, criminology, etc.) but, given the interdisciplinary nature of the topic, PhD candidates in other legal disciplines also participated.

As in the three previous editions, the sessions started with an introduction carried out by the course coordinators, followed by the interventions of some participants selected according to a call for papers, as well as of selected members of the AIDP Young Penalists section, for a total of 31 reports. Some reports will be published once selected and evaluated. 75 PhD candidates and post-docs attended the course, which was taught by 14 professors of criminal law and criminal procedure from the main Italian Universities.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the annual course organized by the Italian High School of the Judiciary (*Scuola Superiore della Magistratura - SSM*), in collaboration with the Siracusa International Institute, was held virtually on November 11-13. The topic of this year was "*The new regime of international cooperation in criminal matters*" and focused on the analysis of the last two years in which the Italian legislator has radically changed the regulatory framework in terms of international cooperation in the criminal field, outlining a series of competences and tools intended to provide an answer to the increasingly frequent need for an international scope of investigations, both with regard to crimes for which the Italian Judicial Authority is exclusively competent, and to deal with particularly complex and insidious forms of transactional crime. The course involved 15 lecturers and around 90 participants, including criminal magistrates and lawyers.

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 2020 the Institute benefited from the work of 1 young research fellow coming from Belgium, who provided his 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 2020, the Siracusa International Institute completed the technical assistance project on radicalization in prison and probation titled "Train Training", funded by the European Union. At the same time, it participated to new grants and tenders and laid the basis for developing and implementing new programs.

4.1 TRAIN TRAINING

The Siracusa International Institute was 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 aimed to enhance and update knowledge of the ever-changing phenomenon of radicalisation in prison and probation (PP) and to provide professionals with skills to interpret and promptly identify signs of violent radicalization.

On 27-28 January 2020, the *Final Conference* of the project was held in Rome in the presence of around 100 participants and 10 speakers. The conference illustrated the 'Rasmorad' Project outputs and 'Train Training' deliverables, the results and the assessment of "Train Training Project and the possible future scenarios. Parallel working group sessions, composed respectively by prison practitioners and probation practitioners, worked on the new screening tool on the risk of violent radicalization in prison and the related operational instructions and on radical forms of juvenile deviance and intervention strategies.

5. COMMUNICATION

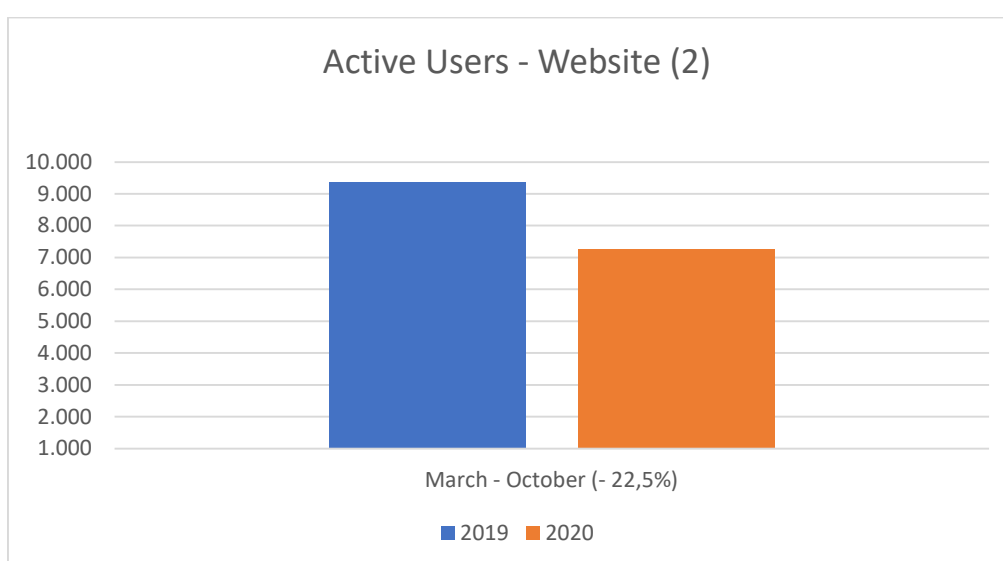
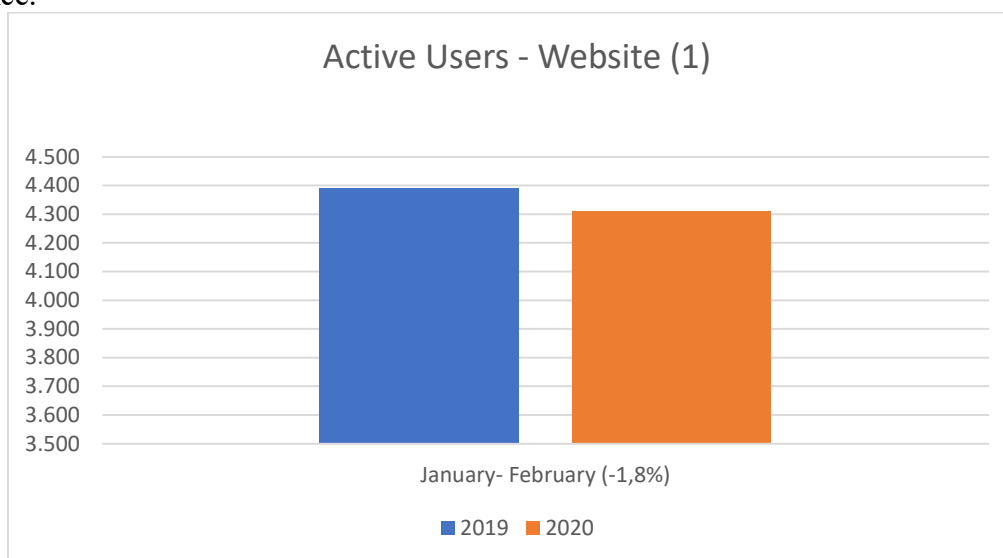
Over the last few years, as shown by the previous reports presented, all the parameters of analysis linked to the communication activities conducted by the Institute have been constantly improving and, in some ways, even exceeding expectations. This is true not only for measurable data (active users on the website, reading sessions, pageviews, updates, followers and interactions on all social media communities, number of press articles), but also for non-measurable data, such as, for example, the establishment and maintenance of closest relationships with local, national and international press representatives. After the considerable growth of all parameters in 2017 and 2018, 2019 was the year of consolidation, with a growth, once again, clearly visible and uniform across all the Institute's channels.

2020 can be defined as a "transitory" year in which exogenous and unpredictable factors have substantially made impossible to conduct correct comparisons with previous years. The Institute had to limit its activities very much (in Siracusa as elsewhere), and this had an obvious effect on communication too. For example, concerning the website, the overall user traffic was -16.2% compared to the previous year. However, almost the entire drop occurred from March onwards. Until

February the numbers of active users on the website were almost in line with 2019 (4309 vs. 4411). As regards the daily website management, it is constantly updated in 3 different languages (English, French and English) and this year the necessary process of contents' differentiation were started (the Institute's "core" news are published and arranged in all languages, whereas some specific content, more tailored to the Italian or French community, is produced exclusively in that language).

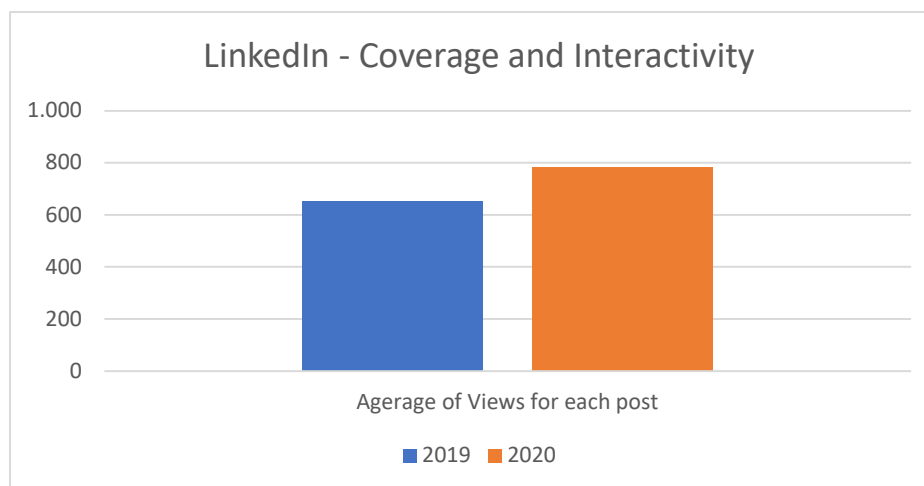
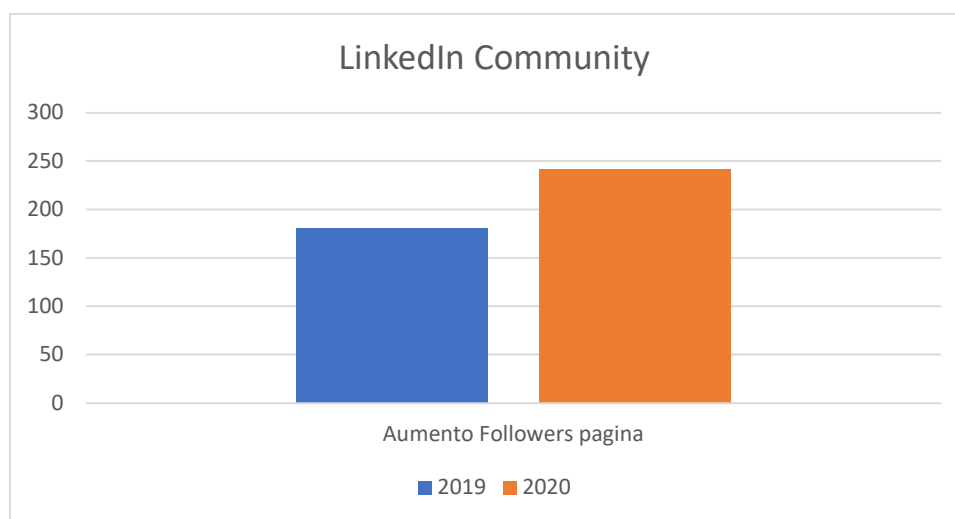
Moreover, in 2020 some important works have been implemented on the website. In addition to updating some important technical features (analysis tools, internal contents editing, optimization of media files), a new section dedicated to Professor Bassiouni's memoirs has been entirely created: this section includes a large collection (videos, interviews, speeches, documents) relating to his life and to his immense work in favour of international criminal justice and human rights.

Finally, 2020 data relating to the geographical origin of users on the website are very similar to 2019. Users traffic from Italy had a 5% increase constituting approximately a third of the total traffic volume, while more than 60% of the total volume comes from the entire Europe. North and South America follow with about 18.5%, then Africa and Asia (10% each approximately) and Oceania with 1.5%. The first 4 countries by traffic volume after Italy are: United States, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, France.



Another important part of communication activities concerns the management of different social channels, which are now indispensable tools for any organisational visibility and branding. The

Institute's activities are conveyed through different forms and in a manner appropriate to the various channels. Updates are regularly posted on the most important existing social platforms: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter. The Institute also has a YouTube channel and an Instagram profile. The lower number of activities carried out this year by the Institute has obviously led to a lower number of updates, so the Institute has tried to post more contents on those few activities that have been carried out. Best performance this year came from the LinkedIn channel where, between January and October, the updates obtained about 23.500 views, (which is very close to 26.000 obtained in 2019, despite the -28% update of the page). This clearly indicates that that community is more and more interactive and well reached by the posts published on the page. Moreover, followers increased by 34% compared to last year. The Facebook audience continued to grow this year (about 400 more followers). The Institute achieved 83% of coverage in 2019, despite a lower page update of 25%. On Twitter, the number of "Mentions" (i.e. the number of times the Institute is mentioned in posts of other pages) is less than 2019 but is in line with 2018.



Relations with regional, national and international press are more and more well established and several important international journalists now recognise more easily the Institute and its activities. For instance, the webinar organized in November 2020 for the presentation of the SEE-IMPACT Project Report involved several important journalists. Extensive articles (almost full-page) were written in the main regional newspapers (+ at least one article abroad). ANSA and AGI, respectively the first and second biggest press agencies in Italy, followed the event and published many flash news. The Institute's press release was published and disseminated by many important national newspapers

and other agencies (Il tempo, Libero, Affari Italiani, ADN Kronos). At the same time, some international journalists from important newspapers (from France, the UK and the US) received the report and are looking into its contents with interest.

The strengthening of relations with the national and international press is a strategy to be pursued relentlessly. This can lead to a strategic increase of the Institute's visibility and activities also to new stakeholders and/or potential donors. In order to do it, it will be necessary to strengthen some processes, already started before 2020, but then abruptly interrupted:

- Participation of the Institute in the most important events dedicated to journalism (national and international festivals *in primis*);
- Accreditation of the Institute as a body authorised to provide compulsory training for journalists;
- Organisation of cultural initiatives, including online ones, with journalists as moderators or guests (e.g. book presentations, conferences);
- Stronger coordination with project/activity partners and stakeholders to expand the network as much as possible.

It should also be ensured that the Institute's projects, studies or activities are communicated to the press or selected journalists as early as possible. Very often, its researches require lengthy in-depth study and approval from the top management of the newspapers in order to be followed up.

There are two further important aspects on which the Institute's future communication and external relations strategy should be based on, with the support of everyone:

- Organisation of online training activities (seminars, winter and summer schools, spin-off of ICL, IDC, SPC courses);
- Launch of fundraising campaigns (including crowdfunding) to support the implementation of activities/projects.

6. CONCLUSIONS

In 2020, the Siracusa International Institute conducted 8 scientific and cultural activities involving a total of 647 participants and cooperating with 24 institutions, between Universities and other organizations.

As is known, 2020 was almost entirely characterized by the Covid-19 pandemic which severely limited, and in most cases forced to complete cancellation, most of the activities scheduled for the year. Furthermore, the various restrictions imposed on mobility precluded the possibility of carrying out all those PR confidence building and partnership strengthening activities that are strategic for our Institute. Finally, this situation has led to a substantial reduction in the publication of calls for tenders in the areas of competence of the Institute.

Despite this unfavorable situation, the Institute had the ability to successfully complete the most important technical assistance and policy development project carried out in recent years, achieving excellent results both in terms of established institutional relations (at national and international level) than in terms of scientific production. The organization of two training programs and the conclusion of the elaboration phase of the research project on guidelines for combating illicit trade should also be emphasized.

Compatibly with the current situation, the efforts of the President and the staff have been directed, on the one hand, to try to "stabilize" the current status, and on the other, to outline the most promising possible bases for 2021. In this regard, it is important to underline that some projects

developed by the Institute are currently at an advanced stage of evaluation by funding bodies; in addition, the Institute will try to apply to several EU calls, expiring in the first quarter of 2021, as lead applicant or co-applicant.

2021 will probably represent the most complex year since the foundation of the Institute itself, due to several factors. Firstly, the current lack of new projects able to immediately ensure the same financial coverage as in recent years; secondly, the uncertainty relating to possible new limitations in travel and in the organization of the activities that have characterized the life of the Institute for over 50 years; finally, the insecurity regarding the possible contributions of the founding bodies. These are the three main challenges that the Institute will have to face starting from 1 January 2021.

It will be necessary, especially in the first quarter of the year, to give bottom to all our possibilities, starting from what are - despite everything - the excellent results achieved in 2020. Due to the new scenario that we are forced to confront, the challenge will be to radically rethink our *modus operandi*, adapting the Institute's work and activities to this new scenario. To give an example, we will have to be ready as early as next year to convert most of the training activities into online mode, exponentially increasing the training offer compared to the current one. Another aspect will concern a larger involvement of current partners, the creation with them of new synergies on project development and the expansion to new networks of experts. Finally, we will need to establish new proactive and effective mechanisms, aimed at identifying new sources of financing.

For 2021, 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 "Mechanism for Combating Illicit Trade (M-CIT)" Project:
 - 2 Meetings of Experts (Advisory Committees);
 - Publication of guidelines;
 - Creation of IT Portal;
 - 1 Launch Conference.
 - within the project "Displacement and Convergence of Illicit Flows (DC-IFLOWA)":
 - 2 Meetings of Experts;
 - 1 Regional Meeting.
 - within the project " Women's empowerment in OIC Countries: Input to Organisation to Development of Women (ODW)":
 - 3 Meetings of Experts;
 - Development of Policy Paper and guidelines
- 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 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 2021 the following project proposals:

- Operational cooperation in the fight against environmental crime

- Cybercrime, child sexual abuse and digital investigations
- Countering terrorist financing
- Better law enforcement in the area of illicit drug trafficking, in particular of cocaine
- Transnational actions on asylum, migration and integration

On a positive note, the library has been notably enriched, thanks to the acquisition in 2020 alone of 376 new books of criminal law and Italian legislation, received in donation. Today the Institute's library preserves over 24,500 scientific and academic volumes, which constitute a unique collection in the International Criminal Law sector at the national level.

DETAILED LIST OF ACTIVITIES

1. *Type of activity:* Technical Assistance Program
Name of the activity: TRANSFER RADICALISATION APPROACHES IN TRAINING (TRAIN TRAINING) (Final Conference)
Place: Rome (Italy)
Date: January 27-28, 2020
Financed by: European Commission
In cooperation with: Italian Department of Penitentiary Administration
Language: English and Italian
Participants: Around 100 participants, 10 speakers
Countries : Italy, France, Belgium, Bulgaria

2. *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: PRESENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON THE RIGHT TO KNOW. THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM
Place: Rome (Italy)
Date: September 16, 2020
In cooperation with: Global Committee for the Rule of Law "Marco Pannella"; Luigi Einaudi Foundation; Italian Radical Party
Language: Italian
Participants: 30 participants, 9 speakers

3. *Type of activity:* Research Program
Name of the activity: COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT OF OIC'S WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (WDO) ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION
Date: October 1 - December 31, 2020
Financed by: Government Offices of Sweden
In cooperation with: Government Offices of Sweden
Language: English and Arabic
Participants: 1 expert

4. *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program
Name of the activity: III COURSE LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION: "LOGIC AND TRIAL. TRIAL AND TRUTH"
Place: online event
Date: October 16-22-30 and November 6, 2020
In cooperation with: La.PE.C. (Permanent Examination and Counter-Examination Laboratory) ; National Bar Council
Language: Italian
Participants: 66 participants, 13 lecturers
Countries : Italy
Universities : University of Trento, University of Rome 'La Sapienza'

5. *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program
Name of the activity: 10TH TRAINING COURSE ON CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE "GIULIANO VASSALLI" FOR PHD CANDIDATES
Place: online event

Date: October 22-24, 2020

In cooperation with: AIDP – Italian Section

Language: Italian

Participants: 75 participants, 14 lecturers

Universities: University of Rome 'Luiss Guido Carli', University of Palermo, University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli', University of Macerata, University of Milan 'Cattolica del S. Cuore', University of Rome 'Unitelma Sapienza', University of Catania, University of Verona, University of Reggio Calabria

6. *Type of activity:* Research Program

Name of the activity: STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRADE IN SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (Final Webinar - Closing the Implementation Gap)

Place: online event

Date: November 6, 2020

Financed by: Philip Morris International (PMI)

In cooperation with: Philip Morris International (PMI)

Language: English and Italian

Participants: Around 120 participants, 8 speakers

Countries: France, Italy, Australia, UK, Serbia

7. *Type of activity:* Training Course

Name of the activity: THE NEW REGIME OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

Place: online event

Date: November 11-13, 2020

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

Language: Italian

Participants: Around 90 participants, 15 lecturers

Countries: Italy

8. *Type of activity:* Higher Education Program

Name of the activity: IV COURSE LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION: " FROM ANCIENT DRAMA TO A MOOT TRIAL"

Place: online event

Date: November 27 and December 4-11, 2020

In cooperation with: La.PE.C. (Permanent Examination and Counter-Examination Laboratory) ; National Bar Council

Language: Italian

Participants: 84 participants, 12 lecturers

Countries : Italy

Universities : University of Padua

HOSTED ACTIVITIES

1. *Type of activity:* National Conference
Name of the activity: PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK ‘IL VIAGGIO DELLA SPERANZA’
Date: September 26, 2020
Organized by: Nessuno tocchi Caino
Language: Italian
Participants: Around 40 participants

ACTIVITIES ATTENDED BY THE INSTITUTE'S STAFF

1. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: GENEVA BLOCKCHAIN CONGRESS
Place: Geneva (Switzerland)
Date: January 20, 2020
Organized by: Geneva Blockchain Congress
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman

2. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: UNCTAD ILLICIT TRADE FORUM
Place: Geneva (Switzerland)
Date: February 3-4, 2020
Organized by: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman

3. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: TACKLING SERIOUS AND ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE WESTERN BALKANS
Place: London (UK)
Date: February 24-26, 2020
Organized by: Global Initiative against Transnational Crime
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca; Dr. Tobias Freeman

4. *Type of activity:* International Webinar
Name of the activity: WEBINAR ON CYBER-CRIMINALITY AND THE EXPLOITATION OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS: THE EUROPOL REPORT AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES
Place: online event
Date: June 23, 2020
Organized by: Privacy Rules
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca

5. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: AIDP BOARD MEETING
Place: online event
Date: September 25, 2020
Organized by: AIDP
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Stefania Lentinello; Dr. Filippo Musca

6. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: 10TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME
Place: online event
Date: October 12-16, 2020

Organized by: UNODC

Language: English

Attended by: Avv. Ezechia Paolo Reale; Dr. Filippo Musca

7. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 29TH COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Place: online event
Date: December 3-4, 2020
Organized by: UNODC
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Tobias Freeman; Dr. Gary Hill

8. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND THE MEDIA OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE - HEARING ON MEDIA FREEDOM, PUBLIC TRUST AND THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW
Place: online event
Date: December 3, 2020
Organized by: Committee on Culture, Science, Education and the Media of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
Language: English
Attended by: Avv. Ezechia Paolo Reale

9. *Type of activity:* International Conference
Name of the activity: WORLD PRESS FREEDOM CONFERENCE 2020 - FORUM OF LEGAL ACTORS
Place: online event
Date: December 9, 2020
Organized by: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, UNESCO, Free Press Unlimited and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
Language: English
Attended by: Judge Jean-Francois Thony

10. *Type of activity:* International Meeting
Name of the activity: 2020 AUTUMN COORDINATION MEETING OF THE PNI NETWORK
Place: online event
Date: December 11, 2020
Organized by: PNI
Language: English
Attended by: Dr. Filippo Musca