

Lunaria 2016

Synthetic report of activities

Association of social promotion founded in Rome in 1992

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Lunaria is a no profit, laic, independent, association of social promotion, autonomous from political parties, founded in 1992.

It promotes peace, social and economic justice, equality, the protection of citizenship rights, democracy, bottom-up participation, social inclusion and intercultural dialogue.

Lunaria carries out and promotes processes of social change at local, national and international level through activities such as advocacy, cultural and political initiatives, communication, non-formal education, training, research, information and awareness-raising campaigns and networking.

Mobility and international volunteering, youth policies, migration, combating racism, analysis of public budgetary, economic and social policies, sustainable development, fight against inequalities, are at the center of its engagement.

Lunaria promotes the safeguarding of rights and equal opportunities, to build a fairer world where:

- human rights have priority over the interests of the large economic powers;
- basic goods, rights and services are guaranteed to everyone;
- social commitment and solidarity do not transform into businesses;
- information is free and independent;
- citizenship rights are not linked to nationality.

As an independent association, autonomous from political parties, Lunaria finances its activities thanks to the contributions of associates, of public and private bodies and of the European Commission.

The type of activities carried out and the approach to its mission characterize the international orientation of the association and its aptitude for working as part of a network.

In 2016, the staff was composed of 13 people supported by a wide network of volunteers. The small and agile structure is represented by a Presidential Committee consisting of a President, Vice President, 3 members of the staff and a permanent delegate elected by the Assembly.

Migration and anti racism

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Since 1996, Lunaria promotes research activities, awareness-raising campaigns and information initiatives on migration and racism issues. All activities are supported by intense networking with local, national and European realities. The activities of research and social analysis are designed as tools to support the initiatives and campaigns aiming at defending the rights of migrants and at combating discrimination, racism and xenophobia, as well as at making valid proposals for alternative and sustainable public policies. This approach allowed Lunaria to develop a profound knowledge of the migratory phenomenon, not only about the Roman and Italian realities, but also about the European one, with particular reference to the processes of inclusion/exclusion from the labour market, the major barriers that prevent immigrants from accessing social services (home, health services, active participation) and the evolution of contemporary forms of racism. In 2016, the activities of analysis, training and advocacy aimed at countering hate speech and hate crimes.

2016-2018	Strengthening Lunaria activities countering discrimination and racism. This two-year project, supported by Open Society Foundations, envisages monitoring and research activities on the evolution of racism in Italy, the publication of the 4 th White Book on Racism and of 6 in-depth studies, the implementation of training seminars addressed to civil society organizations and advocacy activities for the protection of citizenship rights.
2011-2016	www.cronachediordinariorazzismo.org , a website of information, communication and analysis, specifically dedicated to the phenomenon of racism. In 2016, the website had an average of 14.974 visitors per month. The weekly newsletter reaches 5.125 readers. The Twitter profile of Cronache di ordinario razzismo has 2.616 followers and the Facebook page is followed by 7.238 people.
2014-2016	Together. Empowering civil society and law enforcement agencies to make hate crimes visible. The project, funded by the DG-Justice of the European Commission, has developed training, information and networking activities addressed to civil society organizations and law enforcement to facilitate the prevention, monitoring, and reporting of hate crimes.
2011-2016	Campaign L'Italia sono anch'io. Lunaria is part of the promotion committee of the campaign "L'Italia sono anch'io", which has collected more than 20.0000 signatures on two legislative proposals for the reform of the law on citizenship and the recognition of the right to vote at local elections for foreign citizens who are permanently living in Italy. In 2016, the campaign put pressure on the Senate to demand the opening of the discussion and the final approval of the legislative proposals on citizenship approved by the Parliament on October 13 th 2015.
2015-2016	Campaign LasciateCIEntrare. Lunaria is part of the campaign LasciateCIEntrare, launched in 2011 to ask for free access for civil society and the press to the Centers of identification and expulsion (CIE). The campaign carries out also activities of monitoring of the living condition of the people detained in the CIEs, of which it asks the closure, and of the asylum seekers hosted in the reception centers managed by the prefectures (CAS).
2016	Carta di Roma. Lunaria is among the founders of the association 'Carta di Roma', established on 16 December 2011. Its aim is to implement the ethical protocol of the journalist profession concerning asylum seekers, refugees, victims of trafficking and migrants, signed by the National Board of Journalists and the National Federation of Italian Press. Carta di Roma sensitizes information practitioners to a greater accuracy in dealing with news concerning immigration, asylum and minorities, through training, monitoring the press and publishing an annual report.
2016	Parliamentary Committee on Intolerance, Xenophobia, Racism and Hate Phenomena. Lunaria is one of the civil society organizations participating in the work of the Parliamentary Committee on Intolerance, Xenophobia, Racism and Hate Phenomena, established on 10 May 2016 by the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Laura Boldrini, with the aim of analyzing the development of intolerance and hatred in their various possible connotations: xenophobia, antisemitism, Islamophobia, antiziganism, sexism and homophobia. The Committee has a mixed composition: deputies, experts and associations are part of it.

International volunteering workcamps@lunaria.org



Lunaria has been promoting international volunteering camps since 1992: more than 23.000 Italian and foreign volunteers have been involved until today. The camps are based on the ideas of solidarity and international cooperation: through a concrete, no profit social activity and the meeting of people from all over the world, camps allow volunteers to experience and practice in daily life the values of dialogue, coexistence, peace.

In 2016, Lunaria has involved 482 Italian volunteers in the international volunteering camps abroad, and has hosted 254 international volunteers in the camps which took place in Italy, in cooperation with the 90 association belonging to the Alliance's network (Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations: <http://www.alliance-network.eu/>), of which Lunaria is part, and with various Italian local authorities.

In recent years, Lunaria has devoted a special attention to the promotion of the participation of minors and seniors in experiences of international volunteering. The great educational value of this kind of experience and the contribution it can make to the development of active participation and citizenship, make it a suitable opportunity for all generations. The long experience gained in the promotion of international volunteering initiatives of short and medium term has given rise to specific projects aimed at enhancing the skills acquired by the volunteers.

1992-2016	International volunteering. Since 1992, Lunaria promotes an international volunteering program open to everybody, which consists in workcamps (short-lived collective experiences of 2-3 weeks) and in medium and long term periods of individual mobility (1-12 months). Each year Lunaria organizes about 30 projects in Italy, and involves around 500 people in the projects abroad, and 300 in the ones in Italy. Since 2013, Lunaria organizes workcamps dedicated to minors, responding to a growing interest shown by families and schools toward these kind of experiences.
2014-2016	I've. This two-year project aimed to promote the recognition of the skills developed during the international volunteering. It was a Strategic Partnership of the Erasmus+ Program, co-funded by the Youth Agency. The project ended in November, after the European conference and the launch of the skills recognizing system: www.ive-experienced.eu .
2014-2016	Act 80+. Act 80+ ended on 30 September 2016. The project, supported by Erasmus+, was dedicated to the enhancement of the knowledge and skills of people over 80 years of age. Lunaria has been partner of the project for Italy, developing projects at local level in Bologna and Rome: http://www.act-80plus.eu/ .
2016-2018	NOMADs. This European project, which lasts 3 years, unites in a European partnership organizations from the Alliance network and from the reality of the sport for all. Its objective is to launch a mobility program involving young athletes and volunteers in volunteering camps to support social sport initiatives.
2016-2018	Mobility scouts. Mobility is one of the biggest obstacle to the active participation of elderly people in their respective communities. 'Mobility Scouts – Involving the Elderly for a Society for All Ages', aims at involving small groups of elderly people as co-decision makers in the decision processes, allowing them to contribute to the creation of public spaces and public services which are accessible also for people of older ages. The project is co-funded by the European program Erasmus+, and Lunaria is partner for Italy.

Youth exchanges, training and youth initiatives.

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Learning can take place throughout our whole life, in different forms and with different methodologies. For this reason, Lunaria has been promoting, since 1993, non-formal education activities for young people at local, national and European level. Youth exchanges and training seminars facilitate the acquisition of transversal skills and new theoretical, practical and relational knowledge: the capacity of working in a group, of interacting with other people, of learning languages, the exchange of experiences, the intercultural dialogue. Peer education, knowledge and exchange of experiences among peers, the "learning by doing", are key elements of our work method. In 2016, Lunaria involved in youth exchanges, training courses and youth initiatives, in Italy as abroad, about 310 social and youth workers.

2015-2016	Pandora's box young women, community development through EU and LA cooperation. The capacity building project continued the work in the field of women empowerment and gender equality, previously started with the project Jambo. The three international trainings involved youth workers, activists and representatives of local communities coming from Italy, France, Spain, Mexico, Ecuador and Peru. The project was funded by EACEA, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency – Erasmus+ program. A toolkit was developed at the end of the project.
2015-2016	Take It Out! - Shaping youth commitment against racism. The training course had the aim of raising public awareness on the increase of xenophobia and racism, on and off line, among and against young people. The project developed new instruments to report racism and communication initiatives aiming at raising awareness and informing the public opinion. A toolkit was produced at the end of the project: http://www.lunaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/TAKE-IT-OUT_Tool-Kit.pdf
2016-2017	THE SOUND OF LIGHT – Exchanging tools and abilities for an innovative and inclusive youth strategy. The project develops the quality of youth work in the field of disability, focusing on hearing impairment, providing the participants, youth and social workers, with or without disabilities, with new working methodologies to develop inclusive initiatives and projects. The project is composed of a training course for youth workers, a short term European volunteer service, a planning preliminary visit and a youth exchange.
2016-2017	THE POT OF GOLD – Education and exchange to fight hate speech and discrimination. The project aims at fighting, through the knowledge and the development of tools, the emergence and spreading in youth contexts of hate speech and discrimination on gender and sexual orientation. The project includes a training course and a youth exchange. A toolkit was produced: http://www.lunaria.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/THE-POT-OF-GOLD_Tool-Kit.pdf
2016-2018	THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT – Raising Awareness Among European Youth on the Refugees Crisis. The project, which includes a training course, a job shadowing and a youth exchange, aims at developing tools and methodologies to raise awareness among young people and adults in Europe on the spreading of discrimination and of the phenomena of racism and xenophobia against refugees and migrants.
2016-2017	JAMBO. Lunaria, in partnership with the associations KVDA (Kenya) and UPA (Uganda), and thanks to the support of the Waldensian table, organizes two volunteering camps in two communities in Uganda and Kenya. The aim of the project is to combat the gender-based discrimination and to develop the local public health system (water supply and sustainable waste disposal). Italian volunteers work together with local volunteers in building a synergy between international volunteering and the local community.

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The campaign Sbilanciamoci!

Since 1999, 48 organizations from civil society joined – on the initiative of Lunaria – the Campaign Sbilanciamoci!, to commit to a fair economic system and to a new model of development based on rights, peace, environment. Since then, Sbilanciamoci! proposes and organizes every year activities of denunciation, awareness raising, cultural and political initiatives, aiming at addressing politics, economy and society toward solidarity, equality, sustainability and peace. Sbilanciamoci! starts from the assumption that there is the necessity to radically change the perspective of public and budgetary policies. This aim can be reached by overturning economic and social priorities to focus on solidarity, human rights and environmental protection rather than on the needs of a market economy based on privileges, waste, inequalities. Every year the campaign publishes the Report Sbilanciamoci!, which critically reviews the State annual budget law and makes detailed proposals on alternative policies on taxation and finance, labor and income, environment and sustainable development, culture and knowledge, welfare and rights, cooperation, peace and disarmament, alternative economy.

During its 18 years of activity, the campaign has developed a large number of research tools, critical analysis and proposals, and it has organized dozens of public initiatives across Italy. For more information: www.sbilanciamoci.org.

Sbilanciamoci.info

The website sbilanciamoci.info was born from the activities of Sbilanciamoci! in 2008: a communication tool on economic alternatives promoted by a group of economists, researchers, journalists, students, social workers, trade unionist, linked to the network of associations, organizations and movements part of the campaign. The website wants to rebalance the circulation of information, to broaden their scope and to open the debate to different points of view; to know, update, and enhance the tools of economic policy in the globalized economy; to rethink the agenda of economic policy and of politics in general focusing on the urgency of climate change and the imbalances in global distribution of wealth and income; to describe and analyze the practical experiments on new economic and organizational models. From 2008 to 2016 more than 2.500 articles written by more than 500 partners have been published. In 2016, the newsletter was sent to an average of 15.000 subscribers, the Twitter profile reached about 5.000 followers and the Facebook page exceeded 3.200 contacts.

2016	How to use public expenditure for rights, peace and the environment In 2016, the campaign published the Report Sbilanciamoci! 2017 “How to use public expenditure for rights, peace and the environment”. The Report includes a concrete alternative budget Countermeasure and the analysis of the State Budget Law for 2017, as usual with zero balance, which shows that the allocation of public resources is discretionary and depends on the priorities identified each time by the Government and the Parliament. An online platform, which hosts data, graphs and interactive infographics (controfinanziaria.sbilanciamoci.org) is dedicated to the Report. The publication of the Report Sbilanciamoci! 2017 is financed by the 8x1000 of the Waldesian Church.
2016	Sbilanciamo le città. In 2016, Sbilanciamoci! promoted, together with the association Openpolis, a new activity. Two editions of the seminar “Sbilanciamo le città. Understanding and changing local budgets” which took place in Rome, in July and December, have been very successful, involving 80 participants. The aim is to provide activists and local administrators with basic information and knowledge to read and understand the Municipal budget, and to activate disputes if necessary.

2016-2017	Open budget survey. Sbilanciamoci! carries out the monitoring and analysis on Italy of the Open Budget Survey, the most important independent international report on the transparency of public state budgets of more than 100 countries around the world. (http://www.internationalbudget.org/opening-budgets/open-budget-initiative/open-budget-survey/).
2015-2018	ISIGrowth. Sbilanciamoci! Manages the communication and networking part of "ISIGrowth - Innovation-Fuelled, Sustainable, Inclusive Growth", a research project funded by the European Commission under the program Horizon 2020 (http://www.isigrowth.eu/). The objective is to promote an equal and sustainable growth also through the interaction between partner universities e CAN, a network of European civil society organizations, whose task is to translate the analyses developed in the project into concrete policy proposal for the European decision-makers.
2016	Campaign all in. Sbilanciamoci! participated to the Campaign to collect signatures for a law proposal on citizens initiative on the Right to Study, promoted by a coordination of more than 50 associations.
2014-2016	Campaign another defense is possible. The campaign, promoted and supported by Conferenza Nazionale Enti di Servizio Civile, Forum Nazionale per il Servizio Civile, Rete della Pace, Rete Italiana per il Disarmo, Sbilanciamoci!, Tavolo Interventi Civili di Pace, worked for the establishment of a Department for unarmed, non-violent civil defense at the Presidency of the Council.
2016	Campaign imPATTO SOCIALE. The network Miseria Ladra, promoted by Libera and Gruppo Adele, Sbilanciamoci!, Arci and Rete della Conoscenza promoted a campaign addressed to local administrators, the Parliament, the Italian government and European institutions to ask to end the austerity policies and to exclude the social spending from the Stability Pact.

2016 Publications

2016	Sbilanciamo le città. How to change local policies. With this publication, Sbilanciamoci! explores the theme of cities and urban government, combining data and accurate analyses, ideas and innovative solutions to produce a radical and concrete change in local policies. The e-book is downloadable for free www.sbilanciamoci.org and www.sbilanciamoci.info .
2016	Active80plus – Manual for staff and volunteers
2016	Active80plus – Manual for trainers
2016	Active80plus – Proposals for national, regional, local and EU Institutions
2016	National Report on monitoring hate crimes. Report curated by Lunaria within the European project “Together: fighting against hate crimes”.
2016	Il mondo di dentro. The reception system for asylum seekers and refugees in Rome. The dossier analyzes the two main types of reception systems which are in place in the capital: the Extraordinary Reception Centers (Centri di Accoglienza Straordinaria – Cas) and the Protection System for Asylum Seekers (Sistema di Protezione per Richiedenti Asilo – Sprar).
2016	XVIII Report Sbilanciamoci! How to use the public expenditure for rights peace and the environment. The annual report of the Sbilanciamoci! Campaign printed in paper version is available at www.sbilanciamoci.org and controfinanziaria.sbilanciamoci.org .
2016	Addressing Europe's Multiple Crises: An agenda for economic transformation, solidarity and democracy. Italian translation made by Sbilanciamoci! (<i>L'Europa delle crisi. Le alternative per l'economia, la solidarietà, la democrazia</i>) of the Euromemorandum 2016 Report produced by the Euromemogroup. Freely downloadable at www.sbilanciamoci.info .

Web sites

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Events

30/01/2016, Jesi: Presentation, in collaboration with Arci Fabriano-Jesi, of the Report “Sbilanciamoci! 2016: How to use public expenditure for rights, peace and the environment”.
30/1/2016, 6/2/2016, Rome: training days ‘Fighting against hate crimes, supporting the victims’ within the project “Together. Fighting against hate crimes”.
10/02/2016, Rome: Coworking Binario 1, conference ‘European crises: refugees, economics and politics’
03-08/03/2016, Tallinn (EE): Alliance Technical Meeting. 180 delegates from nearly 100 voluntary organizations from all over the world attended the annual meeting of the Alliance network, of which Lunaria belongs. Lunaria presented to the international partners the international voluntary workcamps which it organizes in Italy, through bilateral meetings and working groups.
9/3/2016, Rome: “No wars and no walls”, pacifist sit-in held in Piazza di Montecitorio.
12/3/2016, Empoli: training day ‘Fighting against hate crimes, supporting the victims’ within the project “Together. Fighting against hate crimes”.
19/3/2016, Rome, Association “Cerco Piteco”, seminar ‘Migration and reception policies’.
30/3/2016, Rome, Senate of the Republic, participation in the Hearing on the reform of the law on citizenship.
05/04/2016, Rome: Organization ‘Fondazione con il Sud’. Press conference to launch the campaign 'social impact', promoted by Sbilanciamoci!, Arci, Gruppo Abele, Libera e Rete della conoscenza.
07/4/2016, Rome, Faculty of economics, participation to the seminar organized by Link “Europe and the end of Schengen”.
15/04/2016, Helsinki (FI): Allianssi Conference. 2500 youth workers from Finland meet every three years to discuss innovations and good practices of youth policies. Lunaria presented international volunteering as a space for non-formal education and experiences of empowerment, through the research results of the project ‘I Have Experienced’.
18/04/2016, Rome, Budget Committee of Montecitorio. A Delegation of representatives of the campaign Sbilanciamoci! was heard by the reunited Budget Committees of Chamber and Senate, during the opening of the 2016 DEF exam.
19/04/2016, Rome, Frentani conference centre, in collaboration with the network Romaccoglie, of which Lunaria is part, Public Assembly "Against any material and cultural wall", with the mayoral candidates of the City of Rome.
2/5/2016, Milan: training session on hate crimes addressed to traffic policemen, within the project "Together: fighting against hate crime".
12/5/2016, Rome: Roma Tre University. Round table “Public anthropology, migrations, racism”.
12-15/05/2016, Pozzallo, Sabir Festival, participation in the International Meeting "Words are weapons. Policies, strategies and initiatives to fight online hate speech in the EU" organized by Cittalia and ARCI.
18/05/2016, Rome: Association ARCI Sparwasser. Presentation of “Sbilanciamo le città. How to change local policies”.
26-29/5/2016, Poggio Mirteto (RI): Training for workcamps coordinators. Thirty people participated in a seminar to learn techniques and methods for managing group and intercultural exchanges dynamics in international volunteering camps.
02/06/2016, Bruxelles: Annual Conference of the European project ISIGrowth (Innovation fuelled, Sustainable, Inclusive growth).
7/6/2016, Milan: Camera del Lavoro. International Conference "Hate crime in Europe: a challenge for institutions and civil society".
23/06/2016, Orvieto (TN): Legacoop Sociali Summer School, "Re-Generate: city, local development, and welfare". Participation in the Campaign Sbilanciamoci! presenting “Sbilanciamo le città. How to change local policies”.
27/06/2016, Rome: Fondazione Basso, seminar day "Italian weapons in the world: dangerous destinations or respect for the law?", organized in collaboration with Fondazione culturale responsabilità etica and Rete Italiana Disarmo.
30/06/2016, Pisa: "Riva Mancina" Festival. Participation of the campaign Sbilanciamoci! Presenting “Sbilanciamo le città. How to change local policies”.
6/07/2016, Rome, social cooperative Hermes, training seminar on well-being indicators other than the GDP.
8-9/07/2016, Rome, Fondazione Basso, training seminar "Sbilanciamo le città. Understanding and changing local budgets”.
11/7/2016, Roma: “No Racism!” Public Assembly in piazza Vittorio Emanuele II.
29/08-02/09/2016, Molenbeek (BE): Seminar for I'VE facilitators – Eighteen trainers and facilitators who im-

plemented the I'VE methodology met with the aim of improving the outcomes emerged to make the system of recognition of skills more accessible.
3/09/2016, Bruxelles: <i>The incommensurable experience</i> – More than 100 participants, representatives of European associations, participated in the conference to launch the I'VE system – closing event of the I'VE project – in Brussels. Experts and political decision-makers from various platforms and institutions took part in the conference.
2/10/2016, Rome: Post Camp Event. Thirty people participated in the closing meeting of the workcamp season to assess together their experience, discovering the skills they acquired during the workcamps by using the "I'VE" methodology.
29/10/2016, Rome: Salone dell'editoria sociale. Within the meeting "Good reception policies" the report "Il mondo di dentro. The reception system for asylum seekers and refugees in Rome" was presented, and the dossier "National Report on monitoring hate crimes" distributed.
31/10/2016, Rome: Salone dell'editoria sociale. Presentation of the dossier "Sbilanciamo le città"
01/11/2016, Rome: Salone dell'editoria sociale. Presentation of the book 'Disuguaglianze. Quante sono, come combatterle' by Maurizio Franzini and Mario Pianta, Laterza 2016.
03-05/11/2016, Valjevo (SR): Alliance General Assembly – The Alliance Assembly saw the participation of 50 delegates to discuss the results of the cooperation among the members of the network, to develop new initiatives and collective campaigns, and to make crucial decisions for the life of the network. Lunaria has been chosen to host the International Secretary from 2017.
04/11/2016, Rome, reunited Budget Committees of Chamber and Senate. Hearing of the campaign Sbilanciamoci! on the 2017 budget law.
14/11/2016, Rome, CGIL Rome and Lazio, participation in the seminar "Immigration. Knowing, understanding, living together".
15/11/2016, Rome, Press room of the Chamber of Deputies. Presentation of the XVIII Report Sbilanciamoci! 2016 How to use public expenditure for rights, peace and the environment".
29/11/2016, Rome, La Sapienza University. Round table "From USA to Europe: the racism which divides" and presentation of "National Report on monitoring hate crimes".
2-3/12/2016, Rome, Fondazione Basso, second edition of the training seminar "Sbilanciamo le città. Understanding and changing local budgets".
17/12/2016, Ferrara, Apollo Cinemark, participation in the public initiative "Beyond the walls of the emergency: employment, rights and liberty" organized by CGIL in collaboration with citizens associations.
22/12/2016, Rome, Sparwasser, seminar "RomAsilo: good practices, criticality and potentialities of a changing system", in collaboration Arci Roma.