



2021 **ANNUAL REPORT**

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OUR PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



2021 was yet another year of growth and success for Asilo in Europa. Our popular webinar series continued until the summer, hosting great speakers and providing extremely informative discussions and exchanges. We had the pleasure to co-organise events with prominent partners such as ANCI Emilia Romagna, the Emilia-Romagna Regional Authority and the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa. We are also very excited to have had the chance to organise a panel at the amazing ASYFAIR conference hosted by the University of Exeter. In the meanwhile, our Asylum Scholar database expanded and our activities in the field of COI research carried on and even included a lecture at the University of Bologna. Internally, we further consolidated our procedures and organisational structure, and we also renewed some administrative practices in order to comply with recent legislative changes targeting non-profit organisations in the Italian context. We designed and started a fundraising strategy thanks to the support of an expert consultant.

OUR PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



We made significant steps forward in the field of communication, as we published our first annual report, we disseminated promotional flyers, we activated an Instagram account, and we began a social media campaign in order to expand and diversify our membership.

With the election for a new Board of the Association coming up next spring, this is likely to be my last message in the capacity as President of Asilo in Europa. So please allow me to thank once again all those who have shared this path with me in the last four years. My huge thanks go to all our members for their continued support, trust, and patience, as well as to all the partners and stakeholders with whom I had the privilege to cooperate in these years. Acting as the President of Asilo in Europa has certainly been challenging from time to time, but it has also been an extremely rewarding experience that has contributed greatly to my personal and professional growth. I will always be grateful for this opportunity and I will continue to support the amazing work of Asilo in Europa, which, as recent developments show, is needed now more than ever.

Lorenzo Vianelli

WHY WE EXIST



Since 2013, we have strived to promote the right to international protection in Europe. We pursue this through:

Information-sharing about asylum seekers' countries of origin,
Research on asylum legal frameworks in Italy and abroad,
Training, conferences and seminars for asylum professionals.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

We believe in knowledge to empower migrant populations and guarantee their access to fundamental rights.

We strive to build **a welcoming culture**, recognizing asylum as a fundamental right.

We hold ourselves accountable to both those we seek to benefit and those from whom we accept resources.



HOW WE HELP

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN INFORMATION

In total, AiE published **211 COI factsheets** featuring **14 countries**. In particular, an update on Venezuela was published in March 2021.

Our team also prepared and delivered a **lecture on COI research** methodologies for Master's students specializing in Education at the University of Bologna.

RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

In 2021, AiE continued to review and publish **academic theses on international protection**. Its Asylum Scholar database can now count on 32 dissertations.

Overall, **376 documents**, useful for research purposes, legal support and advocacy, are now freely accessible on AiE's website.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

On its social media platforms, AiE counts on a fast-growing network of more than **14,000 followers**.

The increasing demand for digital content has pushed AiE to foster its audience engagement through **online events and trainings**. This activity was key to raising awareness and disseminating AiE's research & advocacy outputs beyond borders and despite lockdowns.

WHO WE ARE

44

MEMBERS
ACROSS

6

EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES

81.8%

FEMALE
MEMBERS

83.3%

WOMEN
MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD

14,188

FOLLOWERS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media presence continues to attract a young and diverse public:

- **68% of them are women**, half of whom are under 44 years old.
- In particular, the group of followers who are **students or recent graduates** (LinkedIn), or who are **between 18 and 24 years old** (Facebook), is growing rapidly. Together, they make up about 60% of our audience.
- Aside from all over Italy, Asilo in Europa has several followers in **Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands and the UK**. As a matter of fact, about 35% of our followers on LinkedIn live outside Italy.



WHO WE ARE



Asilo in Europa represents a great way to concretely engage in the field of migration and asylum. Attending its events is extremely helpful to keep abreast of the latest developments both at the national and EU level, while its focus-based teams and factsheets add value to the current debates on the rights of migrants.

- Chiara, AiE member

Asilo in Europa is definitely a lively and inclusive environment, where everybody can find their own way to contribute to defending the right to asylum in Europe. You get to interact with experienced professionals and passionate volunteers, all sharing a strong vision for a more welcoming society. I am happy to see the organization growing and being enriched with so many enthusiastic people! For the future, I am confident Asilo in Europa will continue to raise awareness, through lots of content and even more diversified!

- Isadora, AiE Board member



Asilo in Europa has great potential in a world that increasingly needs its advocacy. Its network is able to transmit key information on international protection in Italian to local experts, and to disseminate abroad developments on migration in Italy. This continuous dialogue between stakeholders, all committed to the common cause of keeping Europe open and informed, makes our organization unique.

- Beatrice, AiE's Project Development

OUR IMPACT, AT A GLANCE



Asilo in Europa has invested into a three-month consultancy to improve its project management and fundraising strategies. As a result:

- We adopted a **Grants Tracking Database** tool to map funding opportunities at regional, national and European level.
- Two **grant proposals**, focusing on our key activities, were shortlisted by two potential donors in 2021.
- Additional **communications tools** were created and our **image use policy** was reviewed, leading to the renewal of our website. In a growing effort to enhance transparency, an **annual report** was published for the first time.



AiE's **Instagram profile** was activated at the end of the year, thus responding to the high demand for digital materials.

A test campaign was launched on social media, with the aim of **diversifying the background** of the members of the association, making it more accessible to those with migration experience as well.

In addition, **7 academic theses** were published within the Asylum Scholar project. They were written by students at universities in Italy, Belgium, and Germany.

OUR IMPACT, AT A GLANCE



Asilo in Europa continued to host **online events** throughout the year 2021. Amongst the most successful, we recall:



- Seminar The rights of minors and access to reception in the hotspots of the Greek islands, co-organized in collaboration with **Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna** (Pisa, Italy).
- Presentation of the research International protection before the judge: a study on the decrees of the Court of Bologna, a collaboration between the **Emilia-Romagna Regional Authority**, the **Court of Bologna** and Asilo in Europa. The event reached 3,5k people through social media.
- The popular monthly **webinar series** "Fridays with Asilo in Europa", featuring speakers from across the whole continent and beyond. The topics chosen in 2021 ranged from the complex EU harmonization of asylum seekers' reception (comparing experiences in Italy, France and Spain) to the "new" borders of EU policies in Libya and Niger; from the impact of the pandemic on reception to the Atlantic route and the situation in the Canary Islands.
- The participation in the ASYFAIR Conference 2021 at **University of Exeter**, where we organized a panel on "The Challenges of Asylum Adjudication in Italy".
- A lecture on COI research at the **University of Bologna**, within the Master in Education in the reception and inclusion of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT?

PRIVACY



As many activities are still carried out online and across countries, AiE is prioritizing the protection of the privacy of data subjects. We have been developing a more comprehensive set of policies in this regard, which we aim to complete in 2022 with an accountability policy towards our service users.

TRANSPARENCY



The continuous and timely publication of the annual report (including our treasury information) will help us improve the transparency of our organisation. It is accompanied by the permanent improvement of our website, and a more consistent engagement with our audience through social media.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



We intend to further expand and diversify our membership by recruiting new members from different parts of the world and with diverse cultural and professional background. To achieve this goal, a social media campaign targeting new potential volunteers and academics with a migration history has been launched in late 2021.

ETHICS



We have produced a code of conduct with specific rules on internal and external communication, to be signed by all volunteers and Board members. With a new Board's election in April 2022, we aim to adopt this document and make it a compulsory requirement to join AiE.



TREASURY REPORT

INCOME

Income from ordinary activities	€ 5923.82
€ 755 from members	
€ 168.82 from 5x1000	
€ 5000 from public bodies	
€ 0.03 from others	

TOTAL INCOME	€ 5923.85
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BALANCE SHEETS

Balance of liquid assets (Surplus)	€ 1841.32
Deposit accounts and cash	€ 15092.51

EXPENSES

Expenses for ordinary activities	€ 3500.48
of which € 3250.48 for Services and € 250 for Other management expenses	

Expenses for general management	€ 582.05
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TOTAL EXPENSES	€ 4082.53
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OUR SUPPORTERS

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS, DONORS & GUESTS FOR THEIR RENEWED TRUST AND COOPERATION!

- ANCI Emilia-Romagna
- Arca di Noé Soc. Coop. Soc.
- ARCI – Externalization Policies Watch Project
- Asociación Progestión
- ASP Città di Bologna
- ASYFAIR project (University of Exeter)
- Avocats Sans Frontières France
- Barbara Sorgoni (University of Turin)
- CIAC Onlus
- Consorzio L'Arcolaio
- Coop. Soc. CIDAS
- Commissione Territoriale per il Riconoscimento della Protezione Internazionale di Bologna
- EuroMed Rights
- Fondazione Alma Mater
- France Terre d'Asile
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- University of Bologna