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## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

F.L.A.R.E. Programme  
Freedom, Legality And Rights in Europe

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#### **IMPORTANT**

The first step of the FLARE Programme was held in Berlin in November 2007. The Call for Participation you are reading refers to the second step of the project scheduled in mid January 2008 and for which applications are open. The definitive deadline for submitting the application for joining the FLARE Programme is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

#### **1 BACKGROUND**

FLARE (Freedom, Legality And Rights in Europe) Programme is addressed to associations and NGOs from civil society which operate in Europe (intended as the western part of Eurasia) and in the Mediterranean basin and which work on promotion of legality and social justice. The programme moves from the collaboration of two Italian associations with the intent to focus the international attention of civil society on the phenomenon of organized crime.

*Libera, Associations names and numbers against mafias* ([www.libera.it](http://www.libera.it)), is a network of more than 1200 associations, groups and schools, committed on the Italian territory to build up organizational synergies between the political and cultural local realities capable of promoting a culture of legality.

The law on the social use of the real estate confiscated from organized crime, the education on democratic legality, the fight against corruption, summer camps for *antimafia* education, the projects on work, development and anti-usury activities are some of Libera's concrete commitments.

*Terra del Fuoco* ([www.terradelfuoco.org](http://www.terradelfuoco.org)) is an association for social promotion in cultural field, founded in 2001 by a group of young people springing from the students' movement in Turin, Italy. It is an NGO operating in the field of international cooperation. The activities are based on four strands of intervention: – international cooperation and cooperation to development – education to active citizenship in an European context – cultural promotion and social support to migrant communities – social and cultural promotion in the Mediterranean area.

The European Commission has recognized the political importance of *Libera's* action and has granted the support for an European Network which will promote the civil society participation for the democracy, legality and human rights at European level.

The European Commission, in the person of Mr. Franco Frattini, Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Freedom, Security and Justice Area, proposed *Libera* to promote this Network. For this





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purpose, the official presentation will take place in occasion of the First European Day against Transnational Organized Crime in June 2008.

*Libera*, in partnership with *Terra del Fuoco* ([www.terradelfuoco.org](http://www.terradelfuoco.org)) understands that to reach this goal it is crucial to begin an open public process to create an European movement of civil society to promote the culture of legality and social justice. The concrete tool to do so is FLARE Programme.

There are different ways of contrasting illegal activities and the **most important one is undoubtedly the education to legality of civil society**. For this reason FLARE's partners will be associations working on the fields of youth participation, democracy promotion, environmental protection, drug addiction, disadvantaged categories support and human rights defence, using different methodologies and tools that range from theatre performances, education programmes, workshops, trainings, seminars, public actions to journalistic inquiries and law proposals

## 2 OBJECTIVES

The main objective of FLARE Programme is the creation of an international network which can take up the role of Observatory and can carry out reports about the phenomenon of transnational illegal activities.

The tools to reach this goal are, among others:

- educating to legality;
- influencing local and international institutions by social pressure;
- publishing articles, dossiers, case studies, and critical analysis on crime organized issues;
- organizing campaigns seminars and conferences;
- sharing international cooperation projects among members of FLARE, founded by international and European institutions.

## 3 REQUIREMENTS

The associations that intend to become partner of the FLARE Programme have to meet the following standards for eligibility:

- The Network member-associations shall preferably be set up by young people between 18 and 35 years old.
- Member-associations should be of non governmental nature in order to encourage young civil society in the procedure of creation of the Network.
- The official language of the entire programme is English. Therefore all participants must possess a proper level of English both written and spoken.
- Applicants should base their activities on the fields of youth participation, democracy promotion, environmental protection, drug addiction, disadvantaged categories support, human rights defence, weapon trafficking, human being trafficking and all other topics related to organized crime.



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- Applicants should aim at a long term activity in the Network.

## 4 FLARE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

In order to build the Network, it is strategic to cover an educational path along which all members can become real chain rings of FLARE. Therefore FLARE will be not just a political process for building a network but a concrete opportunity for self-education of all members. Participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and knowledge with an incredible variety of peers and to work with top experts in different fields at European level.

The activities for 2007-2008 are divided in 4 steps and planned as follows:

### 4.1 Berlin, 7-10 November 2007

November 9<sup>th</sup> represents the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall, a symbolic moment of reunification for a territory that was divided for decades.

Last November 29 delegations of organizations from different countries, strongly interested in participating to this programme, convened in the German capital to officially start FLARE and had the opportunity to meet and to acknowledge each others as members of the Network by symbolic moments such as the visit to the Berlin Wall and by group-building activities.

The confrontation amongst delegates represented the occasion for analyzing the real situation of human rights in all organizations members' countries. The purpose has been to acquire awareness about rights denied and illegal activities of criminal organizations, that are inversely proportional and have both consequences not only at local level but also at international and transnational level.

This is going to be the basis on which all delegations will do work for the following months until next step. During the time in between Berlin and the next phase (Krakow) *Terra del Fuoco* will support delegations' task with information pack and dossiers.

As first and decisive stage, it is crucial that the decision maker of each association (organization, foundation etc.) will be present in Berlin to start the Network building process.

### 4.2 Krakow, 15-20 January 2008

Few Kilometers out of Krakow, Poland, lays the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp, symbolic place of the denial of inalienable human rights. 200 participants from all member-associations will visit the camp to have an important inspiration to work in teams during their stay in Krakow.

Due to the emotional impact of Auschwitz-Birkenau camp visit, all FLARE members will reflect upon human rights and organized crime systems at international level as there is a tight connection between illegal trafficking and human rights violation.

At the conclusion of the Krakow phase, topics such as

- active citizenship;
- participation of the civil society in European policies;



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- youth role in civil society;
- human trafficking and exploitation;
- narcotrafficking;
- corruption and money-laundering;
- weapons trafficking;
- ecomafia (trafficking of environmentally hazardous substances)

will be assigned to all delegations so that they can work the following months in order to plan workshops to be held in Turin, Italy, in occasion of the third stage of the Network building process.

#### **4.3 Turin, 12-13-15-16 March 2008 Bari, 14 March 2008**

In occasion of the third step, all participants will meet in Turin, Italy, in workshops previously planned with the participation of international experts who will certainly add further value to the debate.

All participants will be invited to take part in the discussion about all covered issues using an electronic voting system. Therefore an official document with all Network principles, aims and proposals will be drafted at the end of the third stage.

The debate – that can be seen as a democratic exercise – is the necessary tool used to develop a common ownership of this pro-legality movement, which is the ultimate aim of FLARE Programme.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> all members of the Network will participate in Mafia Victims' Day. On such occasion they will present FLARE's activities they have taken part in.

At this third step of the programme all participants will have given a further contribution to the Network's building process, which will be officialized on occasion of the First Edition of the European Day against Transnational Organized Crime next June 2008.

#### **4.4 Brussels, June 2008**

On the occasion of the first edition of New Global Mafias, FLARE will be officially introduced to the European institutions.

Brussels has to be seen the political consecration of the Network rather than the last step of the programme. Therefore it is essential that all decision makers from Network's members plus all participants of Krakow and Turin stages will attend the meeting in Brussels, in order to show to the European Institutions the strength of such a pro-legality movement.

## **5 TERMS OF REFERENCES**

### **5.1 Number of participants per delegation**

It is strictly required that decision makers (i.e. President, vice president, treasurer, directors, programme manager, project manager) of associations are present at least during the two steps of Berlin and Brussels as during these two stages the strategies of the Network will be defined and the work done will be officially



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presented at the European Institutions. It is also recommended that participants remain the same throughout the whole programme in order to guarantee a proper continuity to the work.

The number of participants allowed for each delegation will be communicated to the group leaders depending on criteria such as number of associations from the same country and degree of connection of their activities with the topics of the programme.

- January - Krakow: up to 5 people per association (total 200 people).
- March - Turin: same participants as the previous step, preferably the decision makers as above (total 200 people).
- June - Brussels: same participants as the previous stage. Strictly recommended is the presence of decision makers (total 200 people or more).

## 5.2 Financial terms

- Participation fee

The whole programme requires a participation fee which is different depending on country of origin.

Participation fees for each participant must be taken to Krakow by group leaders.

Here below the fee table:

Fee, per person	Countries
€ 100,00	Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxemburg, UK, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Greece
€ 70,00	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Malta, Cyprus
€ 50,00	All other no- EU countries

- Reimbursements

Transportation is refunded up to € 200,00 for each participant for every step of the programme. Please provide travel documents and invoices related to travel.

Schengen Visa cost covered (€ 60.00).

Full Board provided by Terra del Fuoco. Accommodation in youth hostels.

## 6 APPLICATION FORM and DEADLINES

Application forms (see attachment B) must be filled in and sent back at the e-mail address



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[flare@terradelfuoco.org](mailto:flare@terradelfuoco.org) not later than December 15<sup>th</sup> 2007. Please use the same e-mail address for all correspondence.

## **7 REPRINT PERMISSION POLICIES**

All produced material and documents have to be considered intellectual property of the Network. Nonprofit utilizations of all contents produced during the Programme will be granted free of charge to the participants. No alterations must be carried out on the texts.

## **8 ANNEXES**

Att. B APPLICATION FORM

## **8 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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