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free of mafias
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The start of the journey was **twenty years ago**: the petition for Law 109 on the social recycling of confiscated assets. So let's travel together again through those twenty years, quite rightly with pride in our achievements, but above all with awareness of the limitations against which our achievements proved significant, lasting and above all fertile: capable of reproduction. Beginning with **education projects** and engagement in schools: from Regoliamoci "Self-Control" to the summer camps E!state Liberi: innovative assemblies for information and inspiration. Because information without inspiration is sterile. We cannot inspire duty without providing information. Just like we can't ask people to make commitments as individuals. So we have become "we", our collective soul. Libera is the people for **innocent victims of the mafias**: we have learned so much from them; with them we have seen the development of an emerging bond between memory and commitment. Libera is SOS Justice: it is projects such as ReggioLiberareggio opposing rackets and extortion; it is the setting of civil actions in mafia trials in the quest for truth and the demand for justice. Libera is also the many organisations that have given us their support and their abilities. From those who improved the quality and distribution of Libera Terra products, to dedicated and versatile institutions such as the State Forestry Corps, that collaborated with Libera la Natura.

But the **'we'** of Libera also has a geographical meaning. There is always a "beyond" and an **"elsewhere"** to be reached with the Anti-Mafia Roadshows, with the campaign Mexico for Peace[2] in partnership with ALAS. And it should also be understood in the context of research and collective study. The Contromafie events are not simple "conventions", but "workshops" to forge together **ideas** with **projects**. And campaigns such as Riparte il Futuro ("Restart the Future") and Miseria Ladra (Stolen Poverty), agencies that can turn accusations into prosecutions through the use of information and analysis. These are a snapshot of our 20 years. And, dear friend, they are your 20 years too. Because the time for engagement – as in all things in life – is always now. If we have achieved these wonderful things, and if we enjoy them in a way that inspires us onwards it is because we learned to live each of these 20 years as if it were the first

Luigi Ciotti
Luigi Ciotti presidente di Libera



memory and commitment

On **March 21st** of each year we celebrate the Day of Memory and Commitment in Remembrance of the innocent victims of all mafias. March 21st, the first day of spring, is a symbol of hope and also a chance to meet relatives of victims who have found the strength to overcome their grief through Libera, developing their sorrow into a search for deep, **real justice**, and transforming memory into a concrete, non-violent agent of solidarity and peace. One of the objectives of this initiative is the creation of a **database** to return the right to be remembered to those who have been denied the right to life. An additional initiative has been set up to overcome the difference in services provided to relatives living in different regions. Libera Memory is campaigning for the adoption of Law Proposal No. 2417, May 5th 2009, on paid leave for relatives, employed by Public Administrations, engaged as witnesses to the stories of their loved ones.

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sosjustice



SOS Justice operates through the 8 regional help desks in Rome, Palermo, Potenza, Modena, Avezzano, Turin, Cagliari and Reggio Calabria, besides those set up in collaboration with local Administrations and Institutions (Catanzaro, Reggio Emilia, Bologna, Avellino, Foggia, Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Padova and Ascoli Piceno).

So far, we have listened to, **welcomed, accompanied and supported over 700 persons**, victims of extortion, rackets and various forms of mafioso and criminal aggression and violence, on the difficult path towards prosecution. Thanks to our far-reaching presence on the ground, we started to operate our National Anti-Usury Foundation "InteresseUomo" to support people at risk of extortion in a time of serious economic crisis.

legal office

Since 2009, **Libera** has participated in civil actions in mafia trials, representing communities that have suffered violence and harassment at the hand of the mafioso system. Civil actions are a fundamental community response to reclaim the violated dignity of many, too many, years of inertia, opportunism and conspiracies of all sorts acted out on ordinary people. We want to play our part, and we do it in the courts together with our national and territorial coordination groups, along with the many young people in the front row at the trials, writing a page of truth and justice for our Country.

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confiscatedassets

Common Good and **Libera welfare**: these are two campaigns launched by Libera to take businesses and funds confiscated from the mafia and use them for public good -- to create jobs, provide social services and promote human rights. The initiatives carry on the work started in 1995 when one million signatures were collected for the approval of **Law n.109/96**. The law provides for seized mafia properties and assets to be given back to cities and towns -- through local authorities, associations, and cooperatives -- for the purpose of enriching community services, programs, and job opportunities. In the last 18 years since the law took effect, more than **7,500 real estate** properties (apartments, buildings and land) have been reused in this way, with national, regional and local governments promoting the project. According to a survey by Libera, there are about 500 social agencies managing confiscated properties in Italy. One such group is the **young people's cooperatives** which work on farmlands once owned by the mafia in Sicily, Calabria, Campania, and Puglia. To ensure transparency, the co-ops were formed through a public bidding process. They stand for legality and quality, producing organic products under the brand name **Libera Terra**.

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Since 2008, the non-profit cooperative, **Consortium LiberaTerra Mediterranean**, has been helping to coordinate and manage the activities of its members, which include the cooperatives of Libera Terra and other business enterprises. Financing members are: Alce Nero Mielizia, Banca Etica, Coop, and Egocentro, which also support activities in the field of responsible tourism.

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Cooperate with LiberaTerra - Our agency for the promotion of cooperative enterprise and legality. It is supported by producers of organic and quality products, and cooperatives and other associations belonging to Legacoop. **Its purpose is to support development of cooperatives that farm or manage mafia-confiscated land and properties. It provides consultation services, analysis, and evaluation of business plans.**

www.cooperareconliberaterra.it





formazione

Libera Education promotes programs to help guide the growth of everyone, starting with the values written in the Constitution.

For over twenty years, there has been a discussion in Italy about the need for **'education about the legal system'**. Today we know that freedom is a shared responsibility, with schools and universities playing a vital role in shaping individuals and changing society as a whole. Libera, together with teachers, school officials, students and families, is helping to generate opportunities to live free of the mafia and its culture. Libera is a training institution accredited by the Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research.

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estateliberi

Is a voluntary educational initiative on mafia-seized properties. It is organized by Libera and takes place in many regions of Italy. In the Cooperatives which manage the confiscated properties, thousands of volunteers have the opportunity to make a tangible contribution to the restoration and development of these sites and participate in educational seminars.

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E!STATE LIBERI!

liberasports

Libera wants to promote healthy sports as a way to teach good values respect for others, respect for the rules, and respect for one's own body and as a way to counteract and prevent the criminality so widespread in the world of sport today. Libera Sport coordinates and promotes initiatives to foster ethical sportsmanship for professionals and amateurs that rejects victory-at-all-costs and considers drug use and doping the most fundamental mistake of all.

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libera**international**

Transnational organized crime, money laundering and corruption can be challenged by the commitment of community organisations to promote accurate public information, democratic participation, human rights and assistance to victims of crime. Libera is engaged in the establishment of two international networks: a European network that brings together local partner organizations and the "Antennas", Italian expat communities cooperating with Libera; and a Latin American network, **ALAS** (*America Latina Alternativa Social*) that gathers multiple community organisations operating in 23 countries.

The Campaign for Peace in Mexico entitled "**Pace per il Messico / Mexico por la Paz**" has been launched by Libera International to raise Italian awareness of the "invisible war" in Mexico, as well as to support Mexican partner organizations in their efforts towards achieving social justice. Libera is convinced that this campaign represents a positive step towards a better organized society more clued up about the rights of the individual, able to challenge violence through culture and education, supported by an increasingly vigilant international community.

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liberainformazione

The Libera Information Foundation was established in September 2007 in close partnership with Libera and its network of associates, to give a stamp of approval to the many initiatives undertaken by community groups committed to the fight against organized crime and corruption, as well as to provide those groups with an opportunity to be connected with the national media. Libera Information collects and disseminates under-reported news and useful information relating to anti-criminal activities. In doing so, Libera Information gives a voice to those activists and reporters that are voiceless in the mainstream news media. Furthermore, Libera Information provides the Italian media with positive examples that demonstrate how our country is fighting to achieve truth and justice. Over the last few years Libera Information has also produced several reports on issues of corruption, freedom of the press and on the expansion of organized criminal groups in areas of Italy not commonly associated with mafia activity: Lombardy, Lazio, Emilia Romagna and Umbria. The same Foundation, in partnership with the Journalist's Union and FNSI, offers legal counselling to those reporters who are subject to legal action as a result of their commitment to promote in-depth public information.

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www.riparteilfuturo.it
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Restarting the Future is a campaign promoted by Libera and Gruppo Abele focusing on the value of ethical transparency as an instrument for restarting for our country.

Italy stands out in rankings as one of the most corrupt among industrialized countries: a aberration which affects all of us, every day. From big business to petty evasion, the resources illegally drained and preventing economic growth are a dead weight on the nation.

SENZA CORRUZIONE

RIPARTE

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FUTURO

Through this campaign, we want to on the one hand urge policy makers to develop new legislation making the fight against corruption more effective (e.g. rules on the electoral relationship between mafia and politics, false budgeting, money laundering, conflicts of interest and delays in prosecutions) and on the other hand to encourage ordinary people to assume their share of responsibility.





Poverty today is the biggest problem in our country. According to the 2013 Istat report, more than 10 million people live in relative poverty and 6 million live in absolute poverty. According to Eurostat, one Italian in three is at risk of poverty. Children in need went from 723 thousand to 1 million and 434 thousand. The risk of being in poverty in our country is among the highest in Europe: 32.3% compared to the average of 26%, while early school leavers reached the peak of 18.2% against 13.5% European average. 63% of families reduced their spending on food. 40% live in conditions of material deprivation; one family in four suffers from severe material deprivation. From the employment perspective, we live an unprecedented crisis with more than 3.2 million unemployed, more than 43% of youth unemployed with peaks way over 50% in the South, with 4 million in part time and temporary work.

In such an unequal and precarious situation in our country, mafias are bound to make great profit: 54 gang families are engaged in laundering and usury activities. Corruption replaces good citizenship and respect for the rule of law, further polluting the climate of our democracy.

For these reasons, the campaign **Miseria Ladra** was started (with the subscription of over 1000 social and voluntary groups, both Catholic and secular). Through its platform and initiatives, **Miseria Ladra** aims to confront the mafia within a Europeanist vision founded on a culture of citizens rights and welfare as elemental for a civil society.



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The construction of a better country and the struggle against organized crime and corruption are achievable goals if we all come together. From donations to t-shirts, there are so many gestures of solidarity and participation that you or your company can make to support the activities of Libera.

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Your direct debit allows us to plan and give continuity to the activities of Libera, thanks to the certainty that your contribution will continue over time.

Fill out the form on the website and send it to Libera by mail, fax or mail.

Choose to give a Libera t-shirt as a gift

It is a way to support the activities of the association and to prove commitment to ethical living, the search for truth and social justice.

Take action and request the t-shirt you prefer by filling out the order form on the website under the t-shirts section.

Find the nearest shop on www.liberaterra.it



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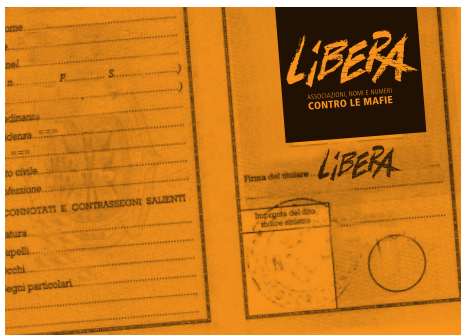
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Name: Libera

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Date of birth: it was established on March 25, 1995 with the aim of encouraging communities in the fight against mafias and promoting ethical democracy, legality and social justice.

Status: More than 1600 national and local associations currently adhere to Libera, including cooperatives, groups, other realities and about 4500 schools active in educational paths of democratic legality.

Job: law on the social use of assets confiscated to mafia, education to legality, commitment against corruption, support to the innocent victims of mafias, volunteer and study anti-mafia camps, activities against racket and usury are some of the concrete commitments of the association.

Distinguishing feature: Libera is recognized as an association of social promotion by the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Solidarity and as an association with a Special Consultative Status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Libera was included among the Italian hundred excellencies by Eurispes in 2008 and awarded in 2009 by the EESC (European Economic and Social Committee) among the best experiences of organized civil society.

In 2012, 2013, 2014 it was listed by "The Global Journal" among the 100 best NGOs in the world – the only Italian one. In 2013, Libera won the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe with the project "The Rebirth of the High Corleonese estate as land confiscated from the Mafia". In 2014 Libera won the European Citizen's Prize Award, which recognizes the most outstanding initiatives in favor of Europe.