



*Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue (RIDE-APS)*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Rome, 28th August, 2017

Dear All,

I would like to take the opportunity of the summer recess to share some thoughts and ideas regarding the events and the initiatives that led us towards an happy and successful incorporation of the Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue (RIDE-APS). Its constitutive Act was registered at the notary on June 13, 2017, then at the Ministry of Finance on August 4, 2017, under the supervision of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI).

Our common goal is also to preserve the numerous activities undertaken by our predecessor RIDE-ONLUS, despite its various structural and legal limitations that made it necessary to reform its constitution and bylaws according to the Italian law.

In light of these circumstances, we intend to develop our new activities with the desire to share the planned achievements of RIDE-APS to all the members of the ALF Italian Network, without reservations.

In my capacity as elected Secretary General of RIDE-APS, I am happy to reaffirm our common commitment to the cause of the 'Anna Lindh' Foundation, and our readiness to fulfill its obligations, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Bologna.

On behalf of the RIDE-APS' managing Board, I wish all the best for our future, active, fair and productive cooperation. This is also in view of the growing role by RIDE-APS in Italy as well as in the broader ALF network.

Yours, sincerely

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