

Program Festival of Mediterranean Culture

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Sabir, a festival promoted by ARCI, Caritas, A Buon Diritto, Asgi, Charter of Roma and ACLI, is organized by ARCI with the collaboration of the city of Pozzallo, Sicily. It is meant to be a widespread and mobile festival, a vehicle for thoughts about the Mediterranean alternatives in Europe's symbolic places on Europe's doorstep. After Lampedusa, Sabir arrives in Pozzallo, a landing place and cultural crossroads in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea. The first edition of Sabir was held in Lampedusa from October 1st to 5th, 2014. Thanks to the well-structured and constant work carried out with international networks and stakeholders from the Mediterranean region throughout the period preceding the second edition, the festival has become a consolidated event. The second edition's performances, debates, international meetings and workshops enlivening the city of Pozzallo will pivot on the "Mediterranean alternatives".

Sicily was chosen as the Festival's geographical location to highlight the collective responsibility for the 2015 migration massacres in the Mediterranean Sea where over 3,500 men, women and children lost their lives. Such responsibility is mainly ascribable to Italy's and Europe's political choices in terms of immigration policies, to a paradigmatic idea of international relationships and democracy that has so far shaped a EU identity that is against many principles set forth by the Charter of Nice and the Constitutions drawn up from 1945 onwards.

This political responsibility has become even more apparent today. The creation of hotspots, as a result of European decisions, are transforming landing places like Lampedusa, Pozzallo, Trapani, Augusta and Porto Empedocle into detention places where fingerprints are taken by force and differed rejections take place. The Festival will repeat the same formula that marked the 2014 edition. It will showcase an alternation of cultural

events, interactive, musical and theatrical workshops and International meetings – a highly dynamic formula that aroused a great deal of interest among the local population as well as international participants. Indeed, the aim is to continue to put inhabitants, migrants living in the region and participants in the limelight. The numerous cultural initiatives – especially workshops and events that were followed by a heedful and amused audience – are mainly dedicated to them.

The presence of representatives of European and African civil societies will make it possible to carry on the debate on the European derailments in the Mediterranean context.

A derailment that increasingly intertwines different social emergencies more and more, from regional conflicts, to National extremisms arising, from environmental and democratic urgencies to cultural rights and freedom of thought and of speech that are all the more at risk. Within the field of immigration too, sea tragedies and the EU border management require urgent political answers. Some European pilasters promoted by the institutions, shifting more and more

Some European pilasters promoted by the institutions, shifting more and more towards repression and criminalization, are put into question. In 2014, Sabir was a National and International event. The media coverage – thanks also to TGR media partnership - will allow to spread the word about the Festival's second edition beyond the city of Pozzalo reporting the most important moments of the event and transmitting its messages.

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The main aim is, once again, to create a public alternative representation of the Mediterranean civil society thus enhancing a grass-root democracy-building project from the bottom up.

The Festival's second edition will pivot on all social stakeholders involved, including networks, associations, migrants, informal groups and movements while organizing and managing the initiatives





Program of Activities

May 7th - 14th

Theatre workshop. Cantieri Meticci -a theatre company from Bologna formed by more than 20 actors and musicians coming from 10 different countries, headed by Pietro Floridia- will carry out a storytelling workshop in the week before Sabir festival. In the same way of the previous experience of Sabir in Lampedusa, the actors will ride the territory to collect stories and to carry out storytelling workshops open to residents and migrants, in order to compose a collective vision made by multiple points of views. In the second part of the workshop an artistic revision of the collected materials will be done. Il will produce an itinerant theatre event, a mixture of music, stories and videos, which will animate the Pozzallo streets during the Festival.

May 11th-15th

Graphic Journalism, Workshop by Gianluca Costantini. Drawing the border. Five days of survey and drawing to understand how a residential area can afford the arrival of migrants and refugees in Italy. Sights, procedures and problems of a border territory. The Sabir meetings, experts and activists as well as interviews with the local citizens will be used by the workshop's participants to produce a drawing reportage of Sabir festival. The work will be shared in Twitter and Facebook by the hashtag #hotspotdrawings and it will become an e-book. The workshop will be run by Gianluca Costantini, artist/activist of drawing in all its aspect, from cartoon to animation. It will be realized thanks to cooperation with the BJCEM-Biennal of European and Mediterranean Young Artists. Venue: Library in Villa Tedeschi

Rap and Hip Hop Music Workshop -Beyond the Seas. ARCI promotes, in the framework of Sabir, a competition for a Rap or Hip Hop song, as a contribution to the cultural fight against racism produced by youth in a language close to young people. The competition is open to all young people between 16 and 25. In the competition, promoted in the framework of the ARCI Real project, three winners will be chosen. They will win a stage during the Sabir Festival, attended by important Italian rap and hip-hop artists, and a live exhibition on the Sabir Festival stage in Pozzallo. They will win a stage during the Sabir Festival, attended by Italian rap and hip-hop artists - Piotta and Kiave&Gheesa and a live exhibition with the on the Sabir Festival stage in

Interactive exhibition Moving Beyond Borders. Produced by Migreurop and designed by Etrange Miroir. Interactive, multimedia and accessible to all, the exhibition aims to fight prejudices about migrants and to denounce the policies that marginalise migrants as "unwanted" on European territory. This exhibition explores the journeys of migrants and highlights the measures, which are responsible for their perilous crossing of the Sahara, the Mediterranean Sea and/or the Eastern borders of the European Union. This itinerant MBB exhibition offers a multimedia approach to the realities of migration. Maps, to provide an overview of the routes people takes and the way in which border control moves and is outsourced. Photographs to illustrate the consequences of security-based management of the migration issue, as observed in Europe and beyond. Soundscapes to accompany and em-





Pozzallo.





phasize the different elements exhibited. The exhibition is made up of five interactive modules, the first three dealing with contemporary facts, while the last modules show two imaginary and opposing scenarios of the potential development in European migration policy.

Venue: Spazio Cultura Meno Assenza Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May 10th to May 14th

Photo Exhibition "One Way Only - Senza voltarci indietro" by Stefano Schirato. Edited by Caritas Italiana.

The exhibition comes from three journey along the Balkans route, and the main idea is to show stories and emotions of migrants. Despair. Joy. Satisfaction. Fear. In the background, there is the journey, thousands of backs and foot trampling on paths and crossing tracks. The immense throng becomes a gallery of faces which represent the diversity of their feelings: the desperate eyes of one woman in the crowd; the loving gesture of a father holding the disable son; the continuos crying of children. His photos comes always from his commitment and from his taking side.

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Beyond the bar code exhibition, by Caritas Internationalis - The exhibition Beyond the bar code, produced by the French organization Resources Humaines Sans Frontieres (RHSF) and by Caritas Internationalis, is aimed to promote decent and formal work and fair contractual work condition in all work sectors, particularly for migrants. The exhibition appeal to heart and sensibility to everybody in a simple and clear way, by using "caricatures" showing the work exploitation and its

dehumanizing effects.

Venue: Parrocchia del Rosario in Piazza S. Pietro 1.

THURSDAY MAY 12th

2:00- 3:30 p.m. - Sabir Festival Opening Event. attended by representatives of the Promoting Committee, of Pozzallo Municipality, international delegations of associations and civil society organizations, Mayors. In the event will be also participate Luigi Manconi, President of the Human Rights Commission of the Italian Senate and by Francesco Spano, UNAR director.

Venue: Villa Comunale, beside the Town Hall (Comune).

3:00-7:30 p.m. - First training session organized by Carta di Roma **Stories on move. How the Mediterranean media recount migration.** Starting from data and more significant trends in Italy, with the contribution of Ethical Journalist Network -international journalist organization which produce the global report "Moving Stories" - the training will shape the framework of the media representation of migration in the Mediterranean region, focusing in bad and good practices.

Translation available in English and Italian With: Gianni Molé, AssoStampa Ragusa; Giovanni Maria Bellu, Carta di Roma; Paola Berretta, Osservatorio Pavia; Tony Bunyan, Ethical Journalism Network; Micol Pancaldi, Copeam e Salah Methnani, RaiNews.

Venue: Spazio Cultura Meno Assenza.

3:30-07:00 p.m. - The **first legal training session** organized by ASGI will be devoted by appealing at the European Court of Human Rights and it will provide detailed information on how to appeal at ECHR. In addition, two concrete cases will be presented: the





Khalifia case and the appeals presented by Spanish associations against refoulement from the enclaves toward Morocco. The training session is open to lawyers and jurists, as well as to European activists committed to the juridical and political defence.

With: Antonella Mascia, lawyer ; Luca Masera, ASGI; José Villahoz, Andalusia Acoge (Spain).

Venue: SMS. Società Operaia Romeo

3:30-7:00 p.m. - ARCI e Caritas Italy training for operators committed in welcoming and hosting activities, in cooperation with the Servizio Centrale: **The routes toward Italy, analysis of transit and departure countries.** The first session will describe the geopolitical context of the new migration routes and the main countries of origin, and then will focus on the cases of the transit countries Niger, Mali and Sudan. The session is open to operators of SPRAR service. Servizio Centrale will provide authorization to one operator for each hospitality project.

Translation available in Italian and French Introduction: Angelo Malandrino (Ministery of the Interior) and Luca Pacini (ANCI).

With: Flavia Calò, MEDU; Assane Ba, CCFD, Anselme Mawhere, Caritas Gao (Mali).

Venue: Cinema Giardino - Corso Vittorio Veneto.

7:00 p.m. - A parade by Compagnia dei Cantieri Meticci will pass through the streets of Pozzallo till the Spazio Cultura Meno Assenza where the vernissage of the exhibitions Moving Beyond Borders by Migreurop and One Way Only - Senza voltarci indietro by Stefano Schirato will took place. The international delegations' welcoming will take place.

9:30 p.m - Piazza della Rimembranza - **Modena City Ramblers** in concert on the central stage. The concert will be opened by **Black Stars**.

FRIDAY MAY 13th

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - The Italian Chamber of Deputies' President Laura Boldrini will meet the students of Pozzallo schools to discuss with them about Europe, challenges and changes.

Venue: Istituto superiore "Giorgio La Pira".

9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Second training session organized by Carta di Roma on The hotspot system in the Mediterranean region. The training will deal with: the establishment and development of "identification centres" for migrants and refugees, the welcoming and hospitality system in Italy, also by comparing the experiences of Italian and Greek journalists. The training sessions will be open to Italian media operators. The training attendance is recognized by the Journalist Order as training credit.

Translation available in Italian and English With: A Gianni Molé, AssoStampa Ragusa; Giovanni Maria Bellu, Carta di Roma; Nazarena Zorzella, Asgi; Daniela di Capua, Servizio Centrale; Eleonora Camilli, Redattore Sociale e Chrisa Wilkens journalist (Greece).

Venue: Spazio Cultura Meno Assenza.

09:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - The second **legal training session** organized by Asgi will focus on how to appeal at the European Court of Human Rights on specific situation related to hotspots. The session is open to lawyers, jurists and European activists engaged in juridical and political defence.

With: Claire Rodier, Gisti (France); Giovanni Annaloro, Asgi; Yasha Macanico,









Statewatch (UK).

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Translation available in Italian and English With: Daniela di Capua, Servizio Centrale; Emilio Drudi, Agenzia Habeisha; Nazli Bilgekay, Multici-der (Turchia); Sara Prestianni, ARCI; Francesca Zotta, RefugeeAid APP.

Venue: Cinema Giardino.

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Round Table on Words are weapons. Towards more effective strategies and policies to tackle online hate speech in the EU organized by Cittalia and ARCI.

Translation available in Italian, French and English

With: Paolo Beni, Member of Italian parliament, promoter of the anti-cyberbullying bill; Cristiana Russo, UNAR; Filippo Miraglia, ARCI.

Venue: Cinema Giardino.

03:00 - 6:00 p.m. - International meeting: Migration at the core of the European and Mediterranean crisis. During the meeting, international organizations and networks will present the situation in their own countries, their work, the emergency and their proposals, in the framework of a general analysis of the situation. In this framework Caritas Europa will present the report Migrants and refugees have rights! Impact of EU policy on accessing

protection.

Translation available in Italian, French and English

Introduction: Salvo Lipari (Presidente ARCI Sicilia) and Francesca Chiavacci (Presidente Nazionale Arci).

Coordination: Filippo Miraglia (Vicepresidente Nazionale Arci) and Sara Prestianni (ARCI).

Speakers:

Eastern mediterranean route: Anitta Kynsilheto (EuroMedRights network), Linda M. Al-Kalash (Tamkeen Fields for Aid - Jordan), Ziad Abdel Samad (ArabNgoNetwork-Lebanon), Nazli Bilgekay (Multecider - Turkey), Chrisa Wilkens (journalist - Greece), Sara Kekus (Centre for Peace studies - Croatia), Radostina Pavlova (Center for Legal Aid - Voice in Bulgaria), Miodrag Nedeljikovic (IDC - Serbia).

Central mediterranean route: Oliviero Forti (Caritas Italiana), Hamouda Shoubi (Alternatives Morocco), Sadok Ben Hassine (UGTT – Tunisia), Karim Salem (Cairo Institute for Human Rights - Libya team), Jose Miguel Morales (Andalusia Acoge - Spain).

Central and Nordic Europe: Francisca Sauquillo (Solidar), Katerina Anastasiou (Transform - Austria), Roberto Alborino (Caritas - Germania), Kinga Kolocsai (Kettos Mérce - Ungheria), Mikael Franssens (Altersummit - Belgio), Julie Rosenkilde (Nyt Europa - Danimarca), Rozumek Martin (OPU - Repubblica Ceca).

Venue: Cinema Giardino.

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - The Human Rights Commission of the Italian Senate, in cooperation with Pozzallo Municipality organizes the meeting **Borders towns, local communities and civil societies**, inviting mayors committed since year in running migration (residents or transiting migrants) in their territo-









ries. Since years these Mayors work in a constructive and critical way without building any kind of fence.

Translation available in Italian, French and Enalish

With: Luigi Ammatuna, Pozzallo Mayor; Matteo Biffoni, Prato Mayor- in charge of migration for the National Association of Italian Municipalities ANCI; Giusi Nicolini, Lampedusa Mayor; Mimmo Lucano, Riace Mayor; Domenico Ioculano, Ventimiglia Mayor; Damien Careme, Grande Synthe Mayor (Nord Pas Calais region).

7:00 p.m. - The evening will start with a literary event: the writer **Paolo Nori** will present *Ma il mondo, non era di tutti?*, a collection of texts - promoted by Arci, edited by Marcos and Marcos - written by Carlo Lucarelli, Giuseppe Palumbo, Fabio Volo, Antonio Pascale, Antonio Pennacchi, Christian Raimo and Emmanuela Carbè.

Venue: Caffè Letterario Rino Giuffrida.

7:00 p.m. - The **Company Cantieri Meticci** animate the streets of Pozzallo with a parade, the result of the theater workshop.

9:30 p.m In the Arena Raganzino - the **Saransò company** will present **Unlocked** - the forum theater show with the involvement of the public viewer, produced by Caritas Biella. Then, in the space in front of the Town Hall - Comune **Il Piccolo Paese** by **Ascanio Celestini** will be performed.

SATURDAY MAY 14th

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - International Meeting Words are weapons. Policy, strategy and actions to fight the hate speeches on the web in the EU, by Cittalia and ARCI. The event is aimed to animate a large european debate on the more efficient strategies and poli-

cies to fight the hate speeches at the local, national, european and international level. In the conference - open to the representatives of European institutions, of civil society organizations, of media and experts - the result of the "PRISM project - to prevent, modify and hinder hate speeches on the new media" will be presented. The project is funded by the EU Rights, Equality and Citizens Program.

Translation available in Italian, French and English

Coordination: Filippo Miraglia (ARCI). **Introduction:** Francesca Chiavacc (ARCI).

PRISM and the fight against hate speech: project findings and proposals: Olga Jubany (University of Barcelona), Arthur Brocato (UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute), Nadia Rabhi (La Ligue de l'Enseignement), Simone d'Antonio (ANCI - Cittalia).

European and national institutions, civil society and media against hate speech online: engagements and proposals

Ricardo Gutierrez (European Federation of Journalists), Menno Ettema (Council of Europe), Grazia Naletto (Sbilanciamoci), Iris Boyer (Facebook Europe).

The EU and the fight against hate speech online: towards new strategies, laws and tools?: Kashetu Kyenge – (MEP, Member of LIBE Committee), Marie-Christine Vergiat (MEP, Member of LIBE Committee), Paolo Beni (Member of Italian Parliament), Damien Carême (Mayor of Grand-Synthe), Luigi Ammatuna (Mayor of Pozzallo).

Conclusions: Christel Mercadé Piqueras (European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers - Unit C1 Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child).

Venue: Municipal Council Hall - Town Hall





(Comune di Pozzallo).

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Thematic sessions of the **international meeting** Migration at the core of the European and Mediterranean Crisis: how create convergences and act together on some priorities of the agenda:

(All the sessions will have translation available in Italian, French and English)

Session 1 - 9:30 a.m.- 01:00 p.m. Migration and Mediterranean region: hotspot approach and borders mana-

Coordination: Walter Massa (ARCI) and Oliviero Forti (Caritas Italiana).

Speakers:

The European Context: Yasha Maccanico (Statewatch/Migreurop).

The Italian case: Erasmo Palazzotto (Deputy Sinistra Italiana), Andrea Bellardinelli (Emergency - Italia), Fausto Melluso (Arci Palermo - Italia), Dario Pruiti Ciarello (ARCI Catania - Italia), Carmen Cordaro (Arci - Italia), Claudia Lodesani (MSF missione Italia), Antonio Russo (ACLI).

The Greeck case: Michele Telaro (MSF missione Grecia) e Maria Alverti (Caritas Grecia).

Internal and external borders: Radostina Pavlova (Center for Legal Aid - Voice in Bulgaria), Nazli Bilgekay (Multecider - Turchia), Hamnache Ali (Ligue de l'Enseignement Pas de Calais - France), Ana Maria Apotei (Associatia Pro Democratia - Romania), Alaa Talbi (FT-DES - Tunisia).

Reti di solidarietà e mobilizzazioni: Elsa Laino (Solidar), Beppe Caccia (European Alternatives - Italy), Claire Rodier (Migreurop).

Venue: Spazio Cultura Meno Assenza.

Session 2 - 9:30 a.m.- 01:00 p.m. Support to democratic process in the region: an alternative to the state of

emergency.

Goordination: Roberto Morea (Transform Europa) and Katerina Anastasiou (Transform Europa).

Speakers:

Panel 1. Democratic Transitions: Tassa Christodoupoulos (Syriza - Greece), Maria Vrijea Haidopopoulou (Nikos Poulantzas institute - Greece), Messaoud Rondhani (FTDES - Tunisia), Marie Christine Vergiat (MEP, GUE), Kamal Lahbib (Maghreb SocialForum), Stefano Galieni (Rifondazione Comunista).

Panel 2. Struggles and convergences: Hamouda Soubhi (Maghreb Social Forum - COP22), Jean- Robert Suisser (LDH France - European Civic Forum), Kagla Elcin Aykac (Academics for Peace network), Ziad Abdel Samad (Arab NGOs Network - Lebanon), Lorenzo Marsili (European Alternatives), Domenico Rizzuti (SX Euromed), Sahkry A. (CDT Morocco), Taoufik Ben Abdallah (African Social Forum).

Venue: Cinema Giardino.

Session 3 - 09:30-11.15 a.m. Asymmetric wars in the Mediterranean framework.

Coordination: Franco Uda (ARCI), Grazia Naletto (Sbilanciamoci), Sergio Bassoli(CGIL).

Speakers: Alfio Nicotra (Un ponte per), Samir Aita (Circle de les économistes arabes), Fouad Rouehia (Solidarietà al popolo siriano - Italy), Adem Uzun (Kurdish Network), Karim Salem (Cairo institute - Libya team), Luis Cortez (MPDL, Spagna), Luisa Morgantini (AssoPace Palestina).

Venue: SMS. Società Operaia Romeo.

Session 4 - 11:30 a.m. - 13:30 p.m. Freedom, culture and rights: meeting of civilization or clash of civilization?

Coordination: Bia Sarrasini (Leggendaria), Carlo Testini (ARCI/BJCEM).

Speakers: Tahar Lamri (writer), Saida





Garrach (Maghreb Social Forum - Tunisia), Luca Bergamo (Culture Action Europe), Christian Caliandro (IULM Milano), Nzirirane Bijoux (CGIL), Giorgia Serughetti (ricercatrice), David Lopez (Ligue de l'Enseignement), Brid Brennan (Transnational Institute), Victorino Mayoral (Fondacion Cives - Spagna), Yves Montalescot (CFDT Francia), Andrea Paolucci (Con.Me. - Contemporaneo Mediterraneo).

Venue: SMS. Società Operaia Romeo.

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. - International meeting: the conclusions of the thematic sessions will be presented, including proposals and recommendations. The debate, attended to personalities too, will provide an opportunity not only to present the actual situation, but also elements for a vision of the future, dangers and hopes in the challenging situation of the Mediterranean region. **Coordination:** Walter Massa and Raffaella Bolini.

Thematic sessions' report Countries Focus:

Syria: Samir Aita (Circle de les économistes arabes)

Greece : Haris Golemis (NPI/Transform Europa)

Tunisia: Kacem Afaya (UGTT)

Kurdistan: Adem Uzun (Kurdish Network)

How to converge: Lorenzo Marsili (European Alternative), Fausto Durante (CGIL), Jean Robert Suisser (FCE), Katerina Anastasiou (State of Solidarity), Ziad Abdel Samad (Arab ngo network for development), Hamouda Shoubi (Maghreb Social Forum), Messaoud Romdhani (FTDES - Tunisia), Beppe Caccia (Blockupy).

Conclusions: Kamal Lahbib (Alternative Morocco), Tahar Lamri (writer), Assane Ba (CCFD), Enrico Pugliese (sociologist), Luciana Castellina (Arci Ho-

norary President).

Venue: Cinema Giardino.

6:00-7:00 pm Meeting on the International Mobilization toward the **COP22** on November in Morocco - open to everybody.

From 6:30 pm Presentation of the book **Zona rossa** by Roberto Satolli, Gino Strada. With a testimony of Fabrizio Pulvirenti. Feltrinelli (Collana Serie Bianca) 2015.

Venue: Libreria Mondadori, Piazza della Rimembranza.

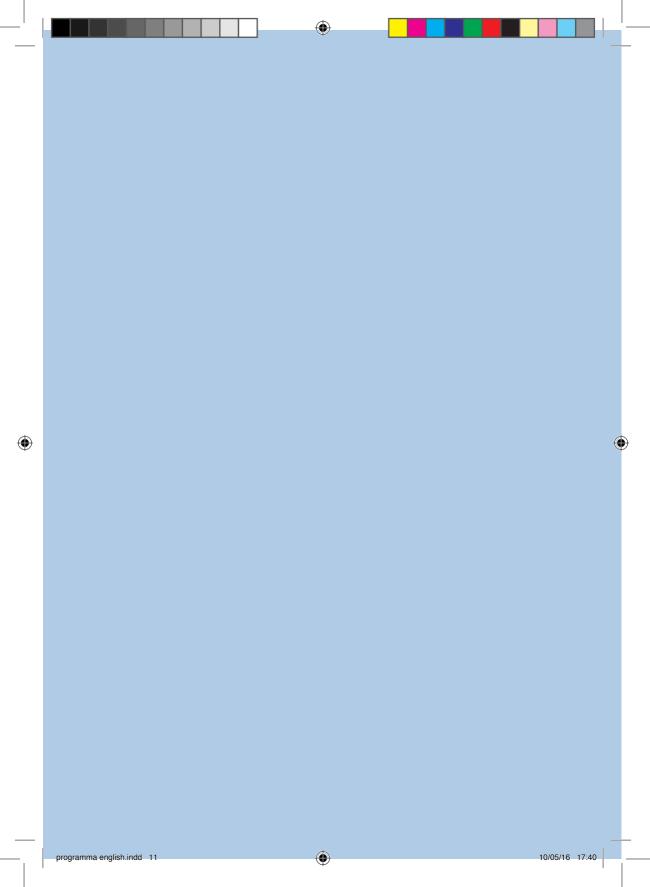
From 8:30 p.m.: The Arena Lungomare Raganzino will host Pietro Florida and Cantieri Meticci company with the performance Gli acrobati.

From 10:00 p.m.: on the central stage of Piazza della Rimembranza, Piotta and Kiave & Gheesa in concert with the winners of the Oltre i mari rap and hip hop competition.

SUNDAY MAY 15th

11.00 a.m. - No walls! Welcome Demonstration against the external and internal UE walls, for the closing of the hotspots, for the cancellation of the UE-Turkey agreement, for reception with dignity.





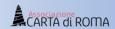


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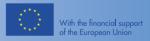


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