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Aware Migrants' short film on migration featured at the Locarno Film Festival



The short film “*Granma*” produced within the “**Aware Migrants**” information campaign will be featured at the 70th Edition of the Locarno Film Festival, which will take place between 2-12 August 2017. The film, directed by Daniele Gaglianone and Alfie Nze with a fully Nigerian troupe and cast, revolves around the story of a young Nigerian *amateur* rapper who has to cope with the loss of his cousin, who had set off from Nigeria to reach Europe. *Granma*

recounts the sufferance, the sacrifices and risks that migrants and their families undertake every day to flee poverty, violence and persecutions. The idea of an auteur film on migration spurs public debate on the subject and it is targeted mainly to cinema experts, journalists, and opinion-makers both in Europe and in Africa. [Read more.](#)

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[THE BUZZ]

Children protection experts assist unaccompanied minors in Southern Italy

As from March 2017, IOM Italy – in close cooperation with UNHCR, UNICEF and Save the Children – launched the project “**Protecting Children**”, funded by the European Commission. The project involves a simultaneous regional and national action in all European Member States along the so-called “Western Balkans route” (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary and Slovenia) and in Italy, to address the specific needs of unaccompanied minors. In Italy, the project provides support to reception facilities for unaccompanied minors, and addresses the specific needs of this target population (mainly minors victims of trafficking) in Sicily and Calabria, by providing counselling to minors in reception centres and at disembarkation points.



“Unequal health” discussion at Economics Festival in Trento

– On 3 June 2017, IOM Italy’s spokesperson participated in a panel organized by the Economics Festival in Trento on migration and health, which addressed many false myths linked to migrants and epidemics. This year’s edition of the Festival focused on the inequality in access to health services and life expectancy.

[Find out more.](#)



IOM Italy enhances collaboration with “L’Orientale” – IOM Italy and the University of Naples “L’Orientale” signed a Memorandum of Understanding,

within the framework of the European project on the Center on Migrants’ Rights in the Mediterranean, to enhance their collaboration in the promotion of excellence in research and to foster dialogue between academics and policy-makers. IOM also delivered a key note address at the 2nd Open Doors Summer School on “Migration, Sea Border Control and Human Rights” of the Jean Monet’s Centre of Excellence on Migrants’ Rights in the Mediterranean.

[Find out more.](#)

Updates on IOM Italy’s relocation and resettlement activities



The “**FAIR**” project is carrying out a series of monitoring missions at SPRAR (Protection System for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) centres where resettlement beneficiaries are hosted. Through these visits, both IOM and relevant Italian institutions are distilling some important lessons learned, including the fact that pre-departure orientation has a strong impact on integration. Refugees who have benefited from pre-departure orientation often

perceive themselves as being placed in a good starting position along the integration pathway, compared to those who have not had the chance to benefit from such type of orientation sessions. [Read more.](#)

Promoting health in Italian prisons

The project “Health Prevention in the Italian Prison Population: Addressing Needs and Improving Quality of Services” is funded by the Italian Ministry of Health. It is led by the Emilia Romagna Region, in partnership with the Tuscany Region (*Azienda Regionale di Sanità*) and implemented by IOM. The project aims at raising awareness towards the promotion of health of migrant inmates. As such, the project addresses one of the most complex aspects of health prevention and care targeting the foreign population in our country. In particular, IOM Italy contributes to strengthening the intercultural competencies of prison healthcare professionals and community health workers, as well as their understanding of specific aspects of health prevention through training courses and information sessions. IOM cultural mediators from Albania, Algeria, Romania, China, Morocco, Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Yemen, Romania, Senegal have conducted awareness raising sessions on the importance of health prevention and protection from diseases in 17 prison structures across Tuscany. [Read more.](#)

A.MI.CO. Training Course: sharing experiences and translating ideas into practice



On 11 May 2017, IOM Italy celebrated the longstanding collaboration with migrants' associations consolidated throughout six editions of the training course “**Associazioni Migranti per il Co-sviluppo - A.MI.CO.**” through an event gathering key stakeholders in this process, and through the launch of the publication “*Who finds A.MI.CO., finds...*”. The publication consolidates the experiences and reflections of participants and tutors that have taken part in six editions of the A.MI.CO Course

organized in Milan, Rome and Naples. [Download the publication here.](#) Through A.MI.CO, IOM has contributed to the creation and strengthening of a network of 150 diaspora associations from more than 40 countries. In May, IOM Italy also launched the A.MI.CO Award, a call for proposals open to diaspora associations that participated in the A.MI.CO training course 2015, 2016, and 2017 editions. A committee of experts will evaluate the projects submitted and select the winners of the 10.000 EUR A.MI.CO award. [Read more.](#)

Contributing to building inclusive societies: IOM meets school children in Siracusa

On 25 May 2017, a team of IOM staff of the “ADITUS” project present at landing points in Southern Italy participated in a meeting gathering 120 school-aged children organized by the XIII Istituto Comprensivo Archimede in Siracusa, Sicily. IOM Italy fully supports educational initiatives that engage the Italian youth in a reflection on migration-related topics and that promote a culture of openness and inclusion.



Terra Munda supports hands-on training in the outskirts of Rome for its beneficiaries



Thanks to the project “**Terra Munda**”, two refugees living in precarious conditions in an informal settlement in Apulia, and at risk of exploitation, had the chance to participate in the training course Scuola diffusa della Terra Emilio Sereni. This course aims at promoting the acquisition of high-level skills in the agricultural sector through a 5-month hands-on training in a farm located in the surroundings of Rome. In

addition, IOM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prosecutor of Santa Maria Capua Vetere and the stakeholders in the area of Caserta to establish standard operating procedures to identify victims of labour exploitation and establish protection measures.

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Inspiring undergraduate students – On 29 May 2017, IOM Italy hosted 22 students from the University of

anderbilt and shared with them insights on all the areas of activity undertaken by IOM's Italy.



Contributing to a Migration and Development approach based on reciprocity – On 10 April 2017, IOM participated in a

high-level conference on ‘Migration and Development’ convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and stressed the importance of reciprocity between migration and development and between integration and development.

ARRIVALS IN ITALY

(as of 16 June, 2017)



[\(Consult the map\)](#)

- **65,450** migrants reached Italy by sea;
- They represents about 82% of total arrivals in Europe, this year;
- Among these, there are **6,156 women** and **8,312 unaccompanied minors** (as of 31 May);
- The largest nationality groups are:
 - Nigeria:** 9,286
 - Bangladesh:** 7,106
 - Guinea:** 5,960
 - Ivory Coast:** 5,657
 - Gambia:** 4,011
- While en-route to Italy, **1,737** migrants died at sea.