

Left Behind

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THE ORGANIZATION

L'Albero della Vita was founded in Assisi (Italy) in 1997: its charter members aimed at creating an organisation able to implement effective actions to protect children and safeguard as well as promote their right to grow up in a safe and suitable environment.



Love Projects
for Children



No child excluded

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ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

Child and family protection *(17 projects)*

- **Alternative care for minors**
(social housing and foster care networks)
- Rehabilitation and social reintegration for minors with **psychological disabilities**
- **Day care centres** for minors for prevention of deviation and family support
- **Housing for mothers and children** in need
- **Support to unaccompanied Afghani minors**



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ITALIAN ACTIVITIES

Children's right promotion

Programme "Il Pianeta Nuovo" since 2007 in schools of 6 cities for over 18.000 children is:

- Teaching the CRC and raising awareness on Children's Rights
- Promoting **Development Education**
- Facilitating an intercultural approach at school

L'Albero della Vita is progressively presents in all Italian region since 1997



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ACTIVITIES IN POOR / DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Education, food, sanitation

- Education and schooling
- Vocational training
- Food support
- Water and sanitation
- Children and maternal health
- Income generating activities for families and communities



*L'Albero della Vita is working since 2005
in India, Indonesia, Peru, Kenya, Congo, Haiti,*

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ACTIVITIES IN POOR / DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Child protection

Intervention preventing / fighting:

- Neglect and violence
- Street children
- Migration orphans
- Trafficking
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Child labor



In 2010 total beneficiaries were over 14.000

In 10 geographical areas in 7 countries.

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THE PEDAGOGICAL MISSION

- L'Albero della Vita is aimed at implementing principles and instruments for human growth and development of potentials of the so-called "**Pedagogy for the Third Millennium**" (PTM) in order to support children in need, their families and communities
- **Education** is the center of all interventions addressed to children's rights and wellbeing
- The **Education of adults** (*educators, social trainer and other kind of experts*) is the heart of the educative approach, based on the collaboration with Fondazione Patrizio Paoletti, depositary of the PTM

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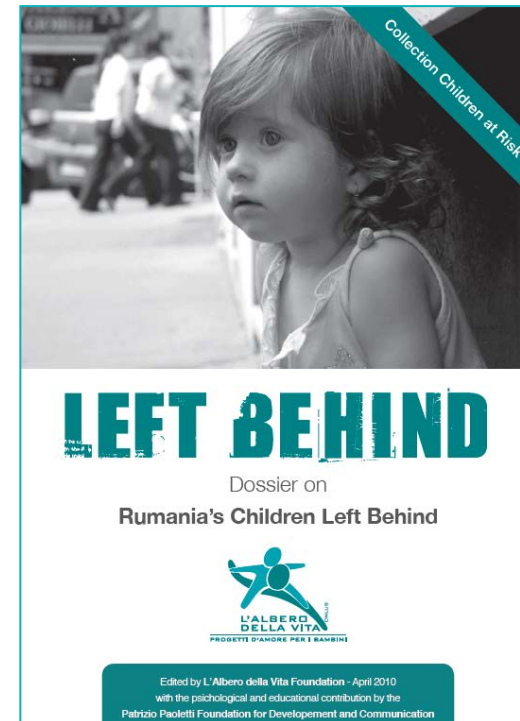
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L'Albero delle Vita in Romania

Since 2009

- Partnership building with local NGOs
- Focus on Rumanian Moldova
- Designing projects in poor rural areas for children in need and transnational families
- Preparing a dossier for information purpose



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For children left behind

- Project in 2010 for Children living in Jasi area aimed at the definition of a good practice to develop further
- Implementing partner: Alternative Sociale
- Focus on targeting, networking with care givers, school and psychological supporting, creating links with migrated parents
- Relevant outcomes in children's wellbeing
- New actions for 2011-2012 will start in April

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Sanitation for poor children and families

- Medical assistance for poor families in Roman and for children at school in Liteni
- Build up two health clinics for families in need
- Implementing partners: Alternative Sociale and Humanitaria Pacea
- Part of L'Albero della Vita program "*Frontline Doctors*"

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*Start of
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tomorrow
in Milan!*

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For migrant families

- Project “**CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IN ACTION**” (JLS 933) funded by the EC DG JSL (Fundamental Rights and Citizenship) for 2years
- Studying needs of children migrating from Romania to Italy and Spain and to develop good practices in order to reduce their vulnerability and protect their rights
- Outputs: studies, conferences, recommendations
- Partners: ISMU (ITALY), University of Barcelona (SPAIN), IReS (SPAIN), Alterative Sociale ASOCIATION (ROMANIA)

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Advocacy actions

Conference in Milan (May 2010)

- Hosted by the EC liaison office
- Exploring the phenomenon from many perspectives with several speakers from Italy and Romania
- Raising awareness among Italian institutions, media, NGOs



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Advocacy actions

Meeting with Italian MEPs
(July 2010)

- In European Parliament
(Strasbourg)
- Call to influence the EC
Communication on Children's right



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Conference in Brussels (March 2011)

... organization of today's
International conference



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9.00 - 13.00: Hotel Leopold, rue du Luxembourg 35
15.00 - 16.15: European Parliament (room 6Q1)

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Networking

Input for the creation
of the network

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'HOME' and 'CONFERENCE' links, and a search box. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a young child wearing a colorful, knitted hat. To the right of the image is a search bar. Below the image, there is a date '11 Feb 2011' and the text 'CONFERENCE | by Alessandra Pavan'. To the right of this is a small icon of a person. Below this is the title 'A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS' and a small image of a building with flags. Below the image is a paragraph of text: '2 March 2011, Brussels. Organisations and institutions from many countries in Europe will gather to work on the phenomenon of the Left Behind Children, which is strongly connected with the complex migration issues of the last few years. Romania, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland will talk about the specific situation in their countries; family difficulties in the countries of migration will also be tackled. The conference will have an intense morning work on the topic. Its results will be presented in the afternoon at the European Parliament, also accompanied by a call for action to the European institutions. The meeting will be hosted by Vice President Roberta Angelilli and by Rovana Plumb Member of Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. Fondazione L'Albero della Vita, promoter of the conference, in collaboration with Eurochild and Fondazione Pinizio Pasetti, is looking forward to this day of high-level sharing and engagement.' Below the text is a 'Read More' button. To the right of the main content is a sidebar with the title 'Conference, Brussels 2 March 2011' and a list of links: 'About the conference', 'Registration', 'Download Program', 'The Network', 'About us', 'Contact us', and 'Members'. Below the 'Members' section is a list of organizations: 'L'Albero della Vita Foundation', 'Alternative Sociale Association', 'CeSPI', 'Children's Forum of Latvia', 'Children Information Centre', and 'Children's Rights Ombudsman-Lithuania'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with 'Children Left Behind' and 'Copyright' information.

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