



FREEDOM LEGALITY AND RIGHTS IN EUROPE

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FLARE 21: The youth side of legality

Empowering youth participation, support active citizenship and defence of human rights: these are the goals of FLARE21, the new FLARE project launched today.

On the occasion of the XV Day of Memory and Commitment in Remembrance of Victims of Organised Crime, on **20th March**, **FLARE Network** has officially unveiled a **new project** aiming at strengthening the culture of legality in Europe.

FLARE21 is the name of the new born non-governmental apolitical **youth movement**, sharing the conception that **legality** is a crucial pillar to guarantee democracy, justice and equality in terms of rights and freedoms to any citizen.

The core idea at the base of **FLARE21** is that a society without the value of legality is a society where the benefits of few **prevail** over the wellness of many, for reasons of money making and personal incomes regardless of the consequences over human beings, environment and governments.

That is why this value needs to find its **dignity** and right position in our everyday life: **youth civil society** can play a key role in the struggle against organised crime and in the promotion of legality.

FLARE21 will actively work on three concrete goals: **empowering** youth participation; **support** active citizenship; **defense** of human rights. To do this, FLARE 21 will support members' youth initiative aiming at promoting **legality** and will set up a series of public events and social campaigns in the framework of a **three years programme** from 2010 to 2012.

The activities of the new platform will range from **training** and **education** to **international youth exchanges** and **communications**.

FLARE21 office is based in FLARE Network headquarters in **Turin**, Italy.

About FLARE

FLARE - Freedom, Legality and Rights in Europe - is a network made of civil society organisations for a common strive against mafias and transnational organised crime. Those who adhere to the FLARE Network are associations for youth promotion and non-governmental organisations coming from the areas of Europe, Mediterranean basin, Russian Federation, Caucasus and Balkans. For more info, visit www.flarenetwork.org.

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