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FLARE presents OLE - Otranto Legality Experience 2010

The first edition of the international forum on illegal economies, organised crime and financial globalisation will take place from 29th August to 3rd September in the suggestive town of Otranto, Italy

Approaching younger generations to the themes of legality and social contrast to organised crime: with these goals FLARE presents **OLE - Otranto Legality Experience** - a week of seminars, meetings and workshops with some of the **most important representatives** of the political, economical and juridical world.

Realised with the contribution of the **European Union** and the **Apulia Region**, Otranto Legality Experience has been organised by **FLARE Network** in collaboration with the **Municipality of Otranto, Province of Lecce, Libera** (Associazioni, nomi e numeri contro le mafie), **Libera Terra** and **Terra del Fuoco Mediterranea**.

Vittorio Agnoletto, politician and former MEP, is the cultural coordinator of OLE.

During the Otranto Legality Forum will be deepened **three main themes**:

- The way political changes since the emergence of the world financial system and the fall of the Berlin Wall have been used by **criminal organisations** to strengthen and **internationalise** their activities;
- The identification and the extent of the **grey areas** in the workings of the financial and legal economic system which enable criminal powers to infiltrate them;
- The **identification** of the responsibilities of international organisations, countries, multinational corporations, civil society, and define the actions they can employ against organised crime.

«A wild financial globalisation, deprived of clear rules, has favoured the strengthening of illegal economies; organised crime is behaving more and more on an international dimension and, not rarely, has reached an even stronger power than that of single countries - says **Vittorio Agnoletto, cultural coordinator of OLE** -. During the Forum we will try to understand how Europe, its countries and the civil society can develop the necessary anticorps before this cancer devour our common future».

More than 30 workshops and seminars are scheduled during the Forum; international guests and relators include: **Andrea Baranes**, Director of Campaign for World Bank Reform; **Giancarlo Caselli**, Italian Public Prosecutor; **Luigi Ciotti**, President of Libera; **Rosario Crocetta**, MEP and former Mayor of Palermo; **Hans Nilsson**, Head of Division Council of the EU; **Moni Ovdia**; **Pedro Paez**, Former Minister of Finances in Ecuador.

The complete list of the panelists, the programme and the application form are available at www.ole2010.org.

The deadline for applying at OLE is **August 20**.

«Journalists, experts, prosecutors, politicians and artists, all together to reflect upon the relationship between the economic unbalances and the dark curse of crime - says **Michele Curto, President of FLARE Network** - OLE is a unique chance to confront each other in one of the most suggestive Italian regions».

The first edition of OLE is dedicated to the memory of **Renata Fonte**, killed by mafia on March 31st 1984.



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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. Such organisations come from the areas of Europe, Mediterranean basin, Russian Federation, Caucasus and Balkans. For more info, visit www.flarenetwork.org.

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