

“Waves of Citizenship, Waves of Legality”
Palermo 18 - 24 May 2015

On the 18th May, five people left for Palermo to represent ANTIGONE in one of the activities of “Waves of Citizenship, Waves of Legality” project.

During the trip, a circle of debates with NGOs from other participating countries would take place, as well as various meetings with key persons, such as Italian journalists and family members of victims of mafia. The central figures of these discussions would be Giovanni Falcone, the Italian judge murdered by mafia in 1992, as well as Peppino Impastato, a social and political activist killed by Mafia in 1978.

The trip would end with celebrations related to the 23rd anniversary of the murder of Giovanni Falcone.



Within the context of the debates, every participating country made a presentation on the organized and juvenile crime regarding its own region.



A meeting at the RAI national television channel also took place. Journalists gave us a summary about the perception of organized crime and the role of the media. Because of the Mafia, a lot of journalists cannot freely write what they want. Some even receive special protections by police, because of death threats from the Mafia.



The state tries to fight Mafia by reusing confiscated goods of Mafia. Libera-mente is a social cooperative which manages confiscated goods from Mafia now addressed to social aims. They offer ecological holiday homes to rent in a green environment.



Peppino Impastato was a social and political activist who was killed by Mafia in 1978. He was reacting against his father, a man of Mafia. During our visit at the Casa Memoria in Cinisi, the

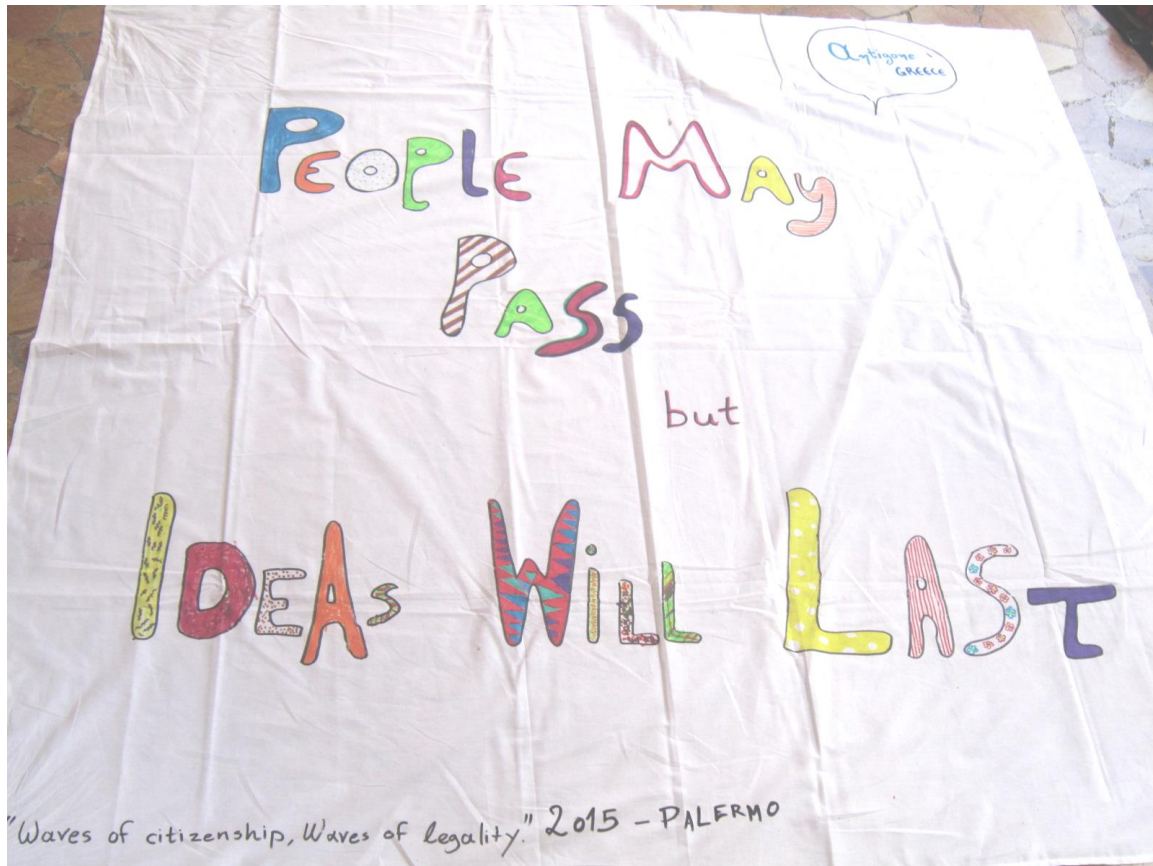
house where Peppino grew up in, his brother provided us with more information about his life. Peppino tried to raise awareness on Mafia by broadcasting live from his own radio station.



All participating countries were invited to the University of Palermo - Faculty of Law. Some students who were active in several organizations or researches concerning Mafia, made an introduction on how to prevent and fight organized crime.



A core activity of the Palermo trip was the parade in memory of judge Falcone who was murdered on 23rd May 1992. The designing of banners against Mafia preceded our participation in this annual parade.



“People may pass but ideas will last.”

This is Antigone’s creation for the annual parade of judge Falcone.



The trip to Palermo ended with the parade for Falco.

A few thousand people gathered to remember him and send out a message against Mafia! All over Italy, people of all ages remembered Falco and held speeches to fight the Mafia!

This was the first international meeting in the framework of “Waves” project between the partners. The next meeting will take place in Brussels at mid-September.