

Annual Report 2023

With its numerous projects, the revision of its website, and after two years the first face-to-face Board meeting, 2023 was a successful year for the CONVIVENZA Foundation. It started with the book launch of Volume 6 of the CONVIVENZA Book Series with the title “Innovation and Learning to Manage Diversity in Governance” in Mai 10, 2023, which was held in collaboration with the European Parliamentarian Society in Strasbourg (F). The book was dedicated to our Co-Founder and Vice-President of the CONVIVENZA Foundation Romedi Arquint for his 80th Birthday.

On May 11, 2023, the foundation organized in collaboration with the Intergroup for Traditional Minorities, National Communities, and Languages, a roundtable, which was held at the European Parliament. The event allowed the foundation to present and discuss its activities and method of operandi, the Governmental Learning Spiral, with the members of the Intergroup. The same day the board members were invited by the Swiss Ambassador Claude Wild, the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe, and other selected members of the Council and its administration, for a working dinner at the European Councils main building.

The series of events in Strasbourg concluded with a board meeting held at the Swiss Embassy. The board decided to continue its strategic path to offer non-partisan expertise and a dialogue platform to develop and implement solutions for minority and diversity issues. It particularly decided to organize a lecture with Veronique Zanetti, Professor for Political Philosophy from the University of Bielefeld, in fall 2023 and with Joseph Marko, Professor for Comparative Public Law from the University of Graz, in 2024. The presentation with the title “Compromise in Politics and Politics of Compromise” from Professor Zanetti took place on December 4, 2023. This event was held in collaboration with the Center of Competence for Public Management at the University of Berne.

At the CONVIVENZA board meeting in Strasbourg, it was also decided to terminate the foundations Advisory Board. This body was very helpful to establish the scientific groundworks and the foundations reputation when the organization was launched. However, with the strategy shift from a content hub towards an action-oriented organization, the need for such a standing body became less needed. With the termination of that program, it is important to the CONVIVENZA board to thank the advisors for their excellent consultative work in the past years!

From September 1 to 3 2023 Romedi Arqint, Vice-President of the CONVIVENZA Foundation, held a keynote speech with the title “Unity Gives Power” at the conference about remembering 25 years since the adoption of the recommendations for the Arman people by the Council of Europe, in Ohrid, North Macedonia.

Due to several malware attacks on the CONVIVENZA website, the foundation was forced to replace its server. The occasion was used to renew the design and to update the content of the site as well. These measures simplify from now on the handling of the site and eases the information with the foundations network and an interested audience.



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