

Subject: call for an European non-violent action movement.

35 organizations have joined a concrete pacification and humanitarian aid project named *European non violent action movement*.

Our main idea is to take nonviolence transformative force inside the conflict scenario, no longer ideally, but concretely, through mobilization of thousands of European civilians in Ukraine.

The affirmation of active nonviolence in the current European context, as a founding value of our nations and as a daily practice of conflict resolution, can only exist with the coherent testimony of a physical movement towards Ukraine.

We turn to all European civil society because we wish to assert the possibility that there is a different way of solving the ongoing conflict, and we believe that European and Ukrainian nonviolent civil society must be active parties in the ongoing negotiations.

In the last two months we are assisting to a progressive silencing of any other resolute hypothesis of the end of conflict without the use of force.

During the early stage of war the Ukrainian population was able to resist with its army, weapons and with numerous demonstrations of non-violence, with which population armed with their national flag forced the tanks to retreat. Nowadays, instead, murder and torture of civilians have forced thousands of people to stay in shelters, churches, theaters, terrorized and in a situation of a total lack of food, water and medicine.

In the face of this barbarism, our proposal is to organize, in collaboration with Ukrainian civil societies, a massive Nonviolent Action, a major humanitarian operation in the places of conflict.

We want to organize an unarmed volunteers mass entry by bus in Ukraine for the sole purpose of carrying out evacuation operations, in particular we want to take out the most fragile part of the population, together with the Ukrainian organizations that are already involved in rescue activities for their most suffering patriots.

This attempt of saving thousands of Ukrainian people who would like to get away from the conflict but do not actually have means and opportunities to do it, will be the central purpose of this nonviolent action, with the help of Ukrainian civil society organizations.

In particular, we want to make ourselves available for the freedom and protection of those who suffer mental diseases that are nowadays trapped in Ukrainian psychiatric hospitals.

Our commitment for mental health will serve to underline that war is the only madness, and we don't need to take pay attention of it.

We understand the armed Ukrainian armed resistance and we don't want to diminish the diplomatic works of the European Government of these difficult days, but we intend to affirm the possibility to a new way of conflict intervention, the one that can come from civil society, ready to a massive nonviolent march on behalf of the attacked and intending take part of negotiation country.

We are conscious of the danger that could arise due to the presence of European unarmed civilians in conflict zones, but we state prudent reasons are not enough to stop the nonviolence principle in a conflict that kills thousands of people everyday close to European Union Borders. A conflict that might reach the dramatic use of nuclear weapons.

We are also conscious of personal danger in which we are exposed with our nonviolent action and for these reasons we state that eventual aggression against people of our movement should not be interpreted as an act of war against our native countries.

We ask to European civil society:

1. adhere to the call for the European nonviolent action movement
2. participate in the people raising campaign with which we want to involve at least 5000 volunteers, and inviting them to subscribe to the platform

<https://perunnuovowelfare.it/movimento-europeo-di-azione-nonviolenta/>

3. Participate to send expert personnel in Russian and Ukrainian cultural and linguistic mediation and expert personnel in logistic and first aid.
4. participate at a crowdfunding campaign to raise up money for renting buses and logistics costs for the nonviolent action.
5. Commit to involve support groups in the territories of the European nation that adhere to the appeal og MEAN project
6. Committ to organise a constantly nonviolent education and reconciliation operation addressed to Ukrainian teenagers hosts in European territories, using the summer camp form too.

In the next days we will organize the first delegation meeting with Ukrainian civil society with the aim of sharing nonviolent actions.

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the signatory associations

Rete di Economia Sociale Internazionale; Azione Cattolica Italiana; BASE ITALIA; Fondazione EBBENE; Associazione Amici Casa della Carità; Gruppi di Volontariato Vincenziano AIC Italia; Associazione Antigone; Next Nuova Economia per tutti; CNCA-Coordinamento Nazionale Comunità di Accoglienza; Vita Non Profit; Movimento Adulti Scout Cattolici Italiani; Cooperativa Sociale Dedalus; Associazione Comunità Progetto Sud; Associazione Nazionale BIOAS; Consorzio NOVA; Associazione Borghi Autentici d'Italia; Rete Sale della Terra; Rete dei Piccoli Comuni del Welcome; Incastri Creativi- Sicilia; Edipo RE e Pellestra benefit srl; Rete Maranathà di Cittadella; Associazione AK; Società Cooperativa Sociale FILEF; Società Cooperativa Sociale LA GRANDE CASA; Centro Giorgio La Pira; Laboratorio per la felicità pubblica.

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