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FOR EUROPEAN NOTARIES AND JUDGES



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I am extremely pleased to welcome all the participants in this workshop – organised by Fondazione Italiana del Notariato, in the framework of the Project, financed by the EU Commission’s Justice 2014-2020 Programme – on behalf of Cassa Nazionale del Notariato. The Project we all have been involved in, aims at training notaries and judges in the areas of international succession law and family law, with special focus on legal English. The Project Partners include Cassa Nazionale del Notariato, the Bulgarian and Hungarian Councils of Notaries, as well as the International Association of Judges.

I wish to thank the organisers of today’s workshop for their efforts and commitment; I wish to thank the President of Fondazione Italiana del Notariato as, while implementing the Project – which aims at contributing to the real and consistent application of the EU Civil Law – the Foundation has been the promoter not only of vocational training initiatives targeting notaries, but also of activities aiming at promoting the opening up of Notaries to the external world, by working together with other professionals, including Judges, and the institutions in general. This allowed notaries to break isolation, which was a consequence, among other things, of a sort of unintentional self-referentialism.



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When my friend and colleague, Ms. Brunella Carriero – who has been involved at all stages of the Project, ever since its start – asked me to take the floor during this Workshop, I have to admit I hesitated a bit, as I thought that my poor knowledge of the English language would not allow me to follow all the speeches and discussions as thoroughly as they deserve. However, I then accepted, not only for my sense of duty in my capacity as the representative of an Institution that should always participate in events that involve Notaries, but also because – being the President of Cassa Nazionale del Notariato – I was given the opportunity to make some short remarks on the evolution of the idea of welfare, and on how wide-scope cultural projects like this one may contribute to the “well-being” of the beneficiaries of the measures adopted for its implementation.

Cassa Nazionale del Notariato participated in the Project with a view to providing modern support to Italian notaries, by giving them the opportunity to benefit from “dedicated” legal English training, by participating – together with judges and colleagues – in events whose aim was the harmonization of the interpretation of EU Regulations dealing with family and successions.



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Today, the dramatic situation that our Country is experiencing due to the Covid-19 health, economic, and financial crisis, pushes us to think of the possible role to be played by private social security schemes in the very near future.

It seems to me that, today more than in the past, there is strong need for “new” welfare. Not only ordinary welfare schemes and funds providing benefits at the end of one’s work life, that is, pension funds or schemes meeting the needs of professionals who work. As a matter of fact, we should start thinking of supporting work and, therefore, of **welfare that turns into strategic support** and that may provide both support to one’s professional activity and income, meanwhile allowing maximizing one’s work potential.



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In my view, by taking part in this Project, Cassa Nazionale del Notariato has been a forerunner. We anticipated the notaries' needs, as we adopted a new welfare model, a new vision, a new project aiming at making active and practical tools available to support our members and the trade, with a dynamic approach that has gone beyond simple support in difficult situations. This way, we started shifting from the “welfare state” to a “widespread responsibility welfare community”, thus dismissing the idea of remedial welfare, because a scattered distribution of resources cannot solve our profession's problems.

Modern welfare should promote real development, targeting actors who are involved in the process. It could be called welfare of opportunities, welfare of solidarity, welfare of the person, of joint participation.



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Now, thanks to the cultural initiatives and to the tools made available to notaries by the Project; thanks to the benefits deriving from the fact of being involved in EU projects and from access to direct and indirect EU funds, implementing the Project allowed our Cassa – which is the Italian notaries' social security fund – to make the following available to those who have participated in events, workshops, and meetings:

- welfare of opportunities, through tools such as the promotion of activities placing focus on innovation, including non-technical innovation, and on the acquisition of language skills;
- solidarity welfare, through tools such as vocational training for notaries and their practice staff;
- welfare of the person, through tools such as innovation for work organization, with a view to improving well-being at work;
- welfare of joint participation, through tools such as associations – including inter-generational associations – seen as stimuli, allowing notaries' children to study abroad, and retirement homes for notaries



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In my view, by participating in this “evolutionary welfare” project, our Cassa has shown its far-sightedness; it showed it had an idea of professional welfare that is in line with modern times; and it proved to be able to anticipate the needs and expectations of notaries in the field of welfare and support.

I therefore wish to thank all the organisations involved in the Project, as well as all my colleagues and the judges who made the Project implementation possible, thanks to their firm commitment.



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