

# Europa

## Constellation: Euro South C8

Italy, Albania



### NEEDS

Continent: **Europa**  
Constellation: **Euro South C8**  
Country: **Italy**

#### Cry of the Earth

- air pollution from industrial emissions such as sulfur dioxide
- coastal and inland rivers polluted from industrial and agricultural effluents
- damage to lakes, caused by acid rain
- inadequate industrial waste treatment and disposal facilities
- electricity from fossil fuels- 54% (2016 est.)

#### Cry of the Poor

- sustained community spread of new coronavirus (Covid-19)
- youth unemployment 37.1% (2018 est.)
- overall unemployment- 11.4% (2017 est.)
- legacy of unemployment and underdevelopment
- A sizable underground economy accounts for an estimated 17% of GDP (agriculture, construction, and service sectors).
- high public debt- 131% (2027 est.)
- structural economic problems (labor market inefficiencies, sluggish judiciary system, weak banking sector)
- tens of thousands of illegal immigrants from southeastern Europe and Northern Africa
- important gateway for and consumer of Latin American cocaine and Southwest Asian heroin entering the European market
- money laundering by organized crime and from smuggling

### Commitments

#### **Commitments of The Constellation Italy**

1.\*\*\* Support UISG participation in JPIC so that it may offer formation paths (during meetings) and through networking with the contact persons of each congregation offer support for formation at all levels. Offer material for the communities, but also for educational works.

Values become a way of life by touching the base and the communities.

\*\*\* Formation paths on the theme "Ecological conversion" for ongoing formation and to integrate the values promoted.

\*\*\* To sensitize the Congregations and communities so that these values transform life through choices (reduction of plastic, recycling, critical consumption, attention and care for the environment, avoid changing mobile phones, etc.).

2.\*\*\* Support and promote Talitha Kum - Sicily

\*\*\* Raising awareness of inter-religious dialogue (prayer and promotion)

\*\*\* Identify within the UISG a contact person who, through a concrete study, identifies a path in synergy with other forces to be a voice against the current. It is a matter of creating a network with various forces (Astalli, Sant'Egidio, Parishes or Bishops) to make themselves the voice of the new poverty in a socio-political context that is opposed to the Gospel and human dignity.

Continent: **Europa**

Constellation: **Euro South C8**

Country: **Albania**

### Cry of the Earth

- deforestation
- soil erosion
- water pollution from domestic and industrial effluents
- air pollution from industrial power plants
- loss of biodiversity due to lack of resources for sound environmental management

### Cry of the Poor

- overall unemployment- 13.8% (2017 est.)
- youth unemployment- 31.9% (2027 est.)
- widespread corruption
- weak energy and transportation infrastructure
- powerful organized crime networks
- one of the poorest countries in Europe
- large informal economy
- Agriculture account for more than 40% of employment but less than one quarter of GDP (small family operations and subsistence farming, prevalence of small inefficient plots of land).
- complex tax codes and licensing requirements
- weak judiciary system
- endemic corruption
- poor enforcement of contracts and property issues
- high public debt
- active transshipment point for Southwest Asian opiates
- significant source country for cannabis production
- ethnic Albanian narcotics trafficking organizations active and expanding in Europe
- vulnerable to money laundering associated with regional trafficking in narcotics, arms, contraband, and illegal aliens

\*\*\* Do not exclude concrete forms of protest through mass media, petitions, etc..

\*\*\* We ask the UISG to encourage training and consultancy for the creation of Policies and the processing of sensitive data.

### **Campaigns and action in response to the Cry of the Earth**

#### **Climate crisis**

Capuchin GEM (Green Environment Movement)

#### **Ecological Sustainability**

Centre for Integral Ecology

Go green campaign

promotion of Capuchin GEM

Tree planting, care of garden, bio-compost, agriculture

Track Carbon Footprint

#### **Renewable Energy**

Use of solar energy & LED lights and Solar Panels

#### **Water**

Access to Clean Water, Water with Blessings, Water Aid, Mercy Earth Challenge-Water: Sacred Gift? Italian Red Cross

Provision of Conservation Tanks

#### **Land**

Protect the Amazon and Indigenous Peoples. Brazil

Save the forest in Colombia

### **Campaigns and action in response to the Cry of the Poor**

#### **Respect for all Life**

Pro life movement in our ministries

Tutu Rural Training Centre promotes self-employment for the Poor

Education for handicapped children

Prison Ministry East Cameroon

**Support for Indigenous**

Protect the Amazon and Indigenous Peoples, Brazil

**Healthcare**

**Poverty**

Fondo Emergencias Humanitarias

IGP(Income Generating Programs), youth organizations

Training in animal and crop production

Feeding the poor, health kit, economic assistance for livelihood

**Children**

CENTRO BAMBINI DENUTRITI

care for children from disintegrated families

Nutrition Project

Care for prisoner's children, street children, orphans, abused children

Updating Policies for Safeguarding of Minors

**Migrants**

Care for migrants

Help migrants to rectify documents, counselling, rehabilitation

Shelter for Migrants and Refugees

**Anti-Trafficking**

**Education**

Literacy campaigns, education for all

Scholarships

Value and faith based education

Education for Girls

**Women's Rights**

Women's empowerment projects and rights for women