

### Cittadinanzattiva Onlus

A Brief Presentation

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### What is it



An Italian non-profit organization founded in 1978.

Independent from political parties, trade unions, private companies or public institutions
Recognized as consumers' organization



### **Our mission**



#### Civic participation

- Civic activism promotion
- Representativness, advocacy and promotion of rights
- Partnership with civic organizations and stakeholders
- Production of civic information and publications fo policies
- Communication campaign

### Lobbying Citizens rights

Defending, advocating and promoting single citizen's rights (by offering daily services PIT salute, Pit giustizia and PIT servizi), as well as citizens' rights in general.



### Who we are



107.539 members on voluntary basis (update Jun. 2012)

#### Organized in:

- **273** Local Assemblies
- **21** Regional Congress
- 1 National Congress
- 8 Federated Associations



### CA deals with...



health

**Tribunal for Patients' Rights** 

Coordination of the Chronic Patient's association (CNAMC)

consumers' rightsitizens' Advocates for users of public goods and services

education School for active citizenship

Safety at school

justice

Justice for the Rights (of citizens)

- 300 lawers

Active Citizenship Network since 2001

80 associations

European 30 countries

citizenship<sub>19</sub> projects on European active citizenship, patients' rights, CSR, consumer protection, volunteering promotion Support and partnership with EC, CESE, EP



## What can citizens obtain

Some examples of success stories relevant to the Italian and European milieu as a result of Cittadinanzattiva leadership

Many were initiated after suffering unjust treatment. But "not for

vengeance. Only because others should not go through our same

experience"

Citizens' rights protection

Law improvements

Civic audit

Transparency

Resolution of conflicts

Acknowledgment of citizen's

Citizens' empowerment



### Citizens' rights



### protection

Over the years Cittadinanzattiva has developed and invested in the technology of citizen protection creating "PiT" (integrated project of citizen protection).

PiT provides guidance, information and citizen protection for those citizens who have experienced inadequate services in the health service, other public services and in the area of justice.

Every years all the claims are collected in some Reports and presented to the competent authority through official events (national and local)



### Law improvements



- Horizontal subsidiarity (the right to participate and be protected) in Italian Constitution, art. 118
- 2. the new law for pain therapy
- Patients' rights' protection in public health care system
- 4. Use of Mafia and corruption assets for social purposes
- 5. Civic assessment in Public services quality (Financial law 2007)



### Civic Audit

# Annual Reports on the "state of the art" regarding quality standards of Public Services and Administrations





### Transparency



- Re-design of current account statements of main banking group
- Re-design of water and electricity consumption invoices
- Access and transparency in waiting list for Health treatments

### Resolution of conflicts



- Extra-judiciary conciliation chambers
- 400,000 claims attended and solved
- Promotion of trials with many positive sentences (corruption, collapse and security, medical errors, compensation in bank scandals)

# cknowledgment of citizen's rights

- ✓ Protocol of understanding on water, transports, energy and waste with Confservizi (National Federation of Public Services Companies)
- European Active Citizenship Charter
- ✓ European Patients' rights Charter
- ✓ European Patients' rights day
- Charter of services and accountability

- every year the celebration of the National day of security with 10.000 schools
  - (in partnership with the Civic Protection Department)
  - > National campaign against the architectural barriers
- ➤ Institution of risk management unit in the hospitals to prevent medical errors



### Citizens' empowerment



- ✓ training course for citizens' organization leadership
- ✓ workshops on active citizenship promotion in the schools
- ✓ active ageing improvement initiatives
- ✓ Summer School in HTA for patients' organizations
- ✓ campaign, tools, handbooks to inform citizens about their rights and how to enforce them

### Something else ...



#### awards

- The Gold Medal for public health system
- The first EESC prize for organizations of civil society
- Communicator of the Year Award 2012 for non-profit organizations

#### International commitment

- ➤ We can support the development of civic partecipatory process in other countries, sharing tools, experiences, opportunities
- ➤ In our main field of activity: Health and Public utilities
- ▶ Local and National dimension
- ➤ We can collaborate to the planning and the implementation of National Reforms on citizens' participation
- **➤Intergovernamental partners**
- **UNDP**
- ➤ World Bank
- Banco interamericano de desarrollo
- Clobal Compact LIN Program



#### Colombia: "Derechos y Desarrollo" program (2009/2012)

- Support citizens to improve the "quality of their participation" in Public services and Health
- •With a view to achieving better efficiency, facilitated access, more transparency and respect of the law

Are you interested? See the videos



### xamples: Charter of Rights

### European Patients' rights Charter



### Colombian Patients' right Charter







### Information campaign



#### consumer credit



#### water



#### electricity and gas

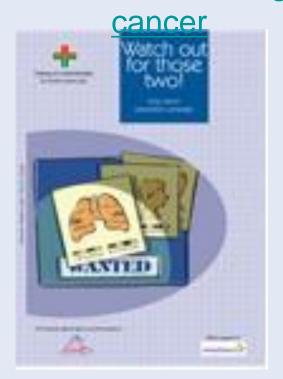




### nformation campaign



#### Prevention of lung



#### **Disability protection**



# A little presentation of ACN





- **ACN's strategy** is to promote the point of view of European citizens in all public policies areas, focusing on healthcare, consumers and corporate social responsibility issues.
- This point of view is always based on civic information, i.e. data collected and analyzed by citizens' organizations themselves.
- It is embodied in civic instruments such as: the <u>European Charter of Patients' Rights</u>, the <u>European</u> <u>Charter of Active Citizenship</u>, the <u>Guidelines for good CSR</u> <u>partnerships in Europe</u>, etc.
- ACN website and newsletter are two essential networking and advocacy tools.





ACN is an **open** and **flexible** network, with a strong **national base**.

- Flexible. ACN's organization is based on partnership rather than membership. Some 100 citizens' organizations from 30 EU.
- 2. **Open.** ACN is open to all civic organizations that defend citizens' rights and/or public goods in Europe and that are willing to contribute to its strategy.
- 3. National base. ACN is based in Rome and works together with Cittadinanzattiva, in accordance with its objective of building a direct link between national organizations and EU institutions.





- Funding: ACN activities and projects are financed by public and private funds.
- 2) Public funds. Most projects carried out by ACN are cofinanced by the European Commission in the framework of calls for proposals.
- 3) Private funds. ACN projects are also supported by private foundations and companies through the creation of partnerships. It is one of the strategic instruments used by ACN to reach its goals.





#### **EU Formal Institutional spaces**

DG SANCO: EU Health Policy Forum

DG EAC: Active Citizenship Structural Dialoge Group

DG SANCO: Stakeholder Dialoge Group

#### Other:

Speaker at numerous European, international meetings and conferences, parliament hearings





Projects: 2002 - 2005

- 1. Rethinking The Principle of Subsidiarity 14 Countries
- 2. <u>European Charter of Patients' Rights</u> 12 Countries
- 3. Citizens for the New Europe 28 Countries
- 4. Assessing and Reviewing the Criteria of Representativeness of Civic NGOs 28 EU Countries, Latin America
- 5. Citizens' Report on the Implementation of the European Charter of Patients' Rights 14 Countries





Projects: 2005 - 2007

- 6. Citizens as CSR Partners 9 Countries
- 7. European Charter of Active Citizenship 10 Countries
- 8. Lisbon Minus 3: Evaluating CSR partnerships 14 Countries
- 9. 1st European Patients Rights Day 2007 25 Countries





Projects: 2007 – 2010

- 10. Monitoring and Evaluating the State of the Rights to European Active Citizenship 11 Countries
- 11. A Civic Evaluation of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) 8 Countries
- 12. 2° European Patients' Rights Day 2008 26 Countries
- 13. 3° European Patients' Rights Day 2009 26 Countries
- 14. 4° European Patients' Rights Day 2010 24 Countries





Projects: 2010 - 2011

- 15. Assessing Patients' Rights in Europe 29 Countries
- 16. Active Citizenship Mentoring in Europe 8 Countries
- 17. EUproact: a website on European active citizenship
- 18. Future Active Citizens: volunteering as an exercise of democracy 8 Countries
- 19. 5° European Patients' Rights Day 2011 19 Countries





Projects: 2011 - 2013

20. 6° European Patients' Rights Day 2012 21 Countries

- **21.** Pain Patient Pathway Recommendations 18 Countries (2011 2013)
- 22. 7° European Patients' Rights Day 2013 (May 16, 2013)

23. Mobility, a paradigm of European citizenship 8 Countries (2013)



# Thank you for your attention!

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