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#### **Press release - Culture against camorra**

On November 8, at a conference organised in the premises of European Economic and Social Committee on the "Impact of organized crimes on the EU economy ", the association "Cultura contro camorra" has been officially created. Franco Ianniello, former EU official, was elected president of this new network of European civil society against organized crime. Michel Theys and Armand Rauch were elected respectively vice-president and secretary.

"Cultura contro camorra " has decided to work actively with the European Economic and Social Committee for the preparation of an own-initiative opinion to tackle the roots of the mafia problem. This will be achieved also in coordination with the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions.

The association will strongly support the idea that properties confiscated from criminal organizations are allocated optimally to the social economy projects on the ground.

In view of the forthcoming European elections, it calls on European political parties to make a commitment to do so. The new European Parliament will be also invited to make permanent the special commission on organized crime, corruption and laundering money. On the other hand, the Structural Funds of the European Union should help financially structures, anywhere in Europe, fighting against organized crime.

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