# THE REBIRTH OF ALTO BELICE CORLEONESE FROM THE RECOVERY OF LAND CONFISCATED FROM THE MAFIA ORGANISATIONS

"We need to remind people what beauty is, help them to recognize it, to defend it."

Peppino Impastato







## **LIBERA'S VALUES**

"Libera. Associations, Names and Numbers against **the mafia**" is an association born on March 25, 1995, with the objective to encourage **civil society in fighting the** mafias and promote democratic legality and justice.

**RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP KNOWLEDGE CO-RESPONSABILITY** DIGNITY **SOCIAL JUSTICE** JOB **DEMOCRATIC LEGALITY REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF MAFIA RESPECT FOR CONSTITUTIONS** 

## **AREAS OF LIBERA**

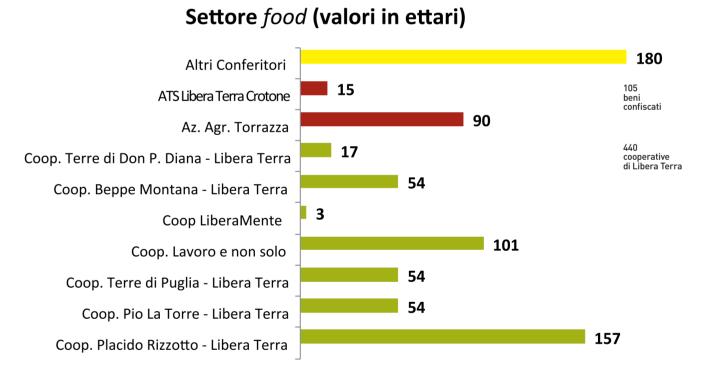
LIBERA promotes the application of law 109/96 on the social reuse of the property that was confiscated to the mafia, which establishes the allocation of assets and illicit profits to those – associations, cooperatives, municipalities, provinces and regions – that are able to return them to the citizens, through services, job, promotional activities and social work. The work on confiscated land leads to the production of oil, win, pasta, beans, orange juice, canned food and other organic products made from young co-operatives in Sicily, Calabria, Campania, Puglia and bearing the mark of quality and legality Libera Terra. Libera does not handle directly the confiscated property, but promotes the reuse of the assets, in collaboration with the National Agency for the Administration and Destination of Seized and Confiscated Assets against Organised Crime, the prefectures and the municipalities.

## THE WORK OF LIBERA IN FOUR PHASES:



# **RESULTS OF LIBERA TERRA**

Libera Terra Mediterraneo is a consortium founded in 2008 which includes the cooperatives of Libera Terra and other operators, in order to start collaborative processes in the direction and coordination of activities. The Consortium was founded with the aim of enhancing difficult territories, starting with the social and productive recovery of confiscated property against organised crime in order to obtain high quality products through methods based on environmental sustainability and personal dignity, and through the respect for nature, the manufacturer and the consumer.



# CONFISCATED ASSETS

## EDUCATION

Libera is a training organism accredited by the Ministry of Education for the development of courses and programs on the topics of democratic legality and active citizenship.

# INTERNATIONAL

Libera promotes and enhances international networks of civil society and grassroots movements committed to pursue justice, legality and protection of human rights.

# SPORT

Libera coordinates and promotes initiatives to spread a culture of sport through both training and leisure, in order to understand one's limits and against any use of performance-enhancing drugs.

# LEGAL OFFICE

The legal Office of Libera assists victims of mafias, accompanying witnesses of justice and victims of usury and racket too. It develops and promotes legislative proposals and amendments.











### I NUMERI DI LIBERA TERRA

- **7000 and more estate property** (apartments, villas and commercial properties) intended for institutional and social purposes in 16 years since the approval of the law 109/96
- 1500 hectares of land returned to legality
- ► 18 production agreements with neighbouring farmers for 160 acres of land
- The "Consorzio Libera Terra Mediterraneo" provides **jobs for 150** 
  - people with a sales turnover of more than 5 million contributing to the development of the areas
  - 1000 application received from young people that want to set up 6 new cooperatives and for 2 new projects in the provinces of Crotone and Agrigento. For most part, these are people who live in those territories or, the ones who emigrated, decide to go back and bet on a new life project: a cooperative, in their land of origin.



**PIO LA TORRE LIBERA TERRA** S. Giuseppe Jato (PA) 2007 ------

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**VALLE DEL MARRO** 

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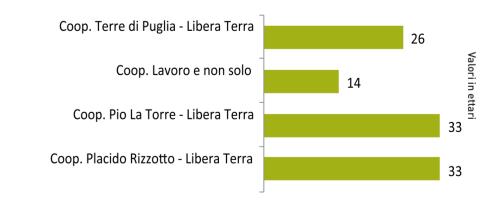
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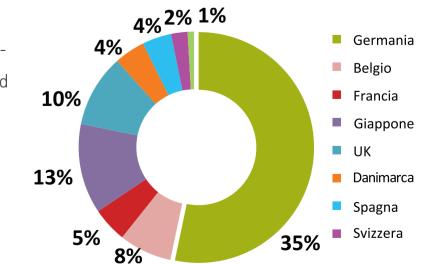
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#### WINE SECTOR

The activities of Libera Terra Mediterraneo involve two wineries: Centopassi in Sicily and Libera Terra Puglia in Puglia. The two farms are handled by the co-operatives Placido Rizzotto, Pio La Torre and Lavoro e non solo in Sicily and Terre di Puglia – Libera Terra in Puglia.



COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY In 2011, the sales volume of Libera Terra branded products abroad grew by 38.6% from 2010, and the number of countries involved increased from 3 to 9.



#### **RESPONSIBLE TOURISM**

"Libera il g(i)usto di viaggiare" is a responsible tourism project, born in November 2009, with the aim of enhancing the confiscated property managed by the social cooperatives of Libera Terra and their areas.



It is the sharing of experience to mourn and turn it into

a daily commitment, witness, reflection for a co-respon-

sible citizenship.







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