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Italian hunting delegation calls for greater cooperation to promote sustainable hunting

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At a reception held in the headquarters of FACE, The **Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU**, the leading figures in Italian hunting associations and sports shooting industry hosted Members of the European Parliament and other EU decision-makers to underscore the importance of hunting both in Italy and across the European Union. Jointly held last night with FACE, the associations that make up FACE Italy stressed how EU issues, such as the implementation of the Guidance Document, have had a tremendous impact on hunting in Italy and thus require an even greater level of cooperation among all stakeholders.

This event, a first for FACE, is an example of how it is important that its Member Associations take a greater interest in European issues by working closely with FACE, as what occurs in Brussels in relation to directive and regulations within the EU affect national legislation. It is the hope of FACE that in the future other Members will emulate the success of this event that brought together stakeholders from one specific country under the auspices of building links and sharing ideas that help to promote sustainable hunting.

FACE Italy President Giovanni BANA, who is also FACE Vice President, reminded the gathering that hunting supports over 1 million jobs in Italy alone and that this should be kept in mind when EU legislation that directly and indirectly affects hunting is framed. After the welcoming words by FACE CEO, Angus MIDDLETON, who underlined the importance of this event, FACE Director Public Affairs & Communication, Christine RUPPRECHTER-RÖDLACH, said, “through FACE, Italian hunters have a direct platform to the EU Institutions and directly receive back constructive dialogue”.

MEPs Sergio BERLATO (EPP, IT), Lara COMI (EPP, IT), Herbert DORFMANN (EPP, IT), Giancarlo SCOTTA' (EFD, IT) and William, the Earl of Dartmouth (EFD, UK) followed this special invitation from the Italian hunters and helped contribute to the great success of the evening. Joining President BANA were Gianluca DALL'OLIO, President of Federcaccia, Marco BELLINI, from Enalcaccia Nazionale, Giovanni GHINI, of ANPAM, and Pietro Pietrafesa, also from ANPAM. FACE Italy is made up of ANUU Migratoristi, Federcaccia, Enalcaccia and Libera Caccia.

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The Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU (FACE) is an international non-profit making, non-governmental organisation that acts in the interests of over 7,000,000 European hunters. FACE was founded in 1977 in Brussels, Belgium and still has its headquarters there today. It represents its Full Members that are the national hunters' associations within 36 states of the European Union and other Council of Europe countries, as well as its four Associate Members. Furthermore, FACE has been a member of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) since 1987.

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