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## The greatest joy ... by Maria Virgillito

*This is now a traditional event, the publication of our Report disclosing the activities and data of Inter-country adoptions carried out by the Entity in 2022, a significant year that saw, on the one hand, the fading of the pandemic and, on the other hand, the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, which certainly affected the number of adoptions.*

*In these three years, amid times of concern and fear, the commitment of Italian institutions and the Commission for Inter-country Adoptions (CAI) to support adoptive families has been constant and impactful. The cooperation with the foreign Authorities with whom ASA has continued a fruitful and constant dialogue shall be mentioned as well.*

*It was May 8, 2001, when the CAI authorized ASA to operate as an Intercountry Adoption Authority. The first country where the ASA started operating was Ukraine, followed by the Czech Republic and Hungary: today it operates in eighteen countries around the world, from Europe to Latin America and from Asia to Africa.*

*Our only goal is to ensure that children's best interest in having a family is safeguarded: to date 1.213 children have found the warmth and affection of a family.*

*But that's not all.*

*Thanks to fruitful collaborations carried out across the country and through International cooperation, we have ensured education for children and adolescents, especially the most marginalized and vulnerable ones: quality education is essential to improve living conditions and to hope for a better future.*

*These have been years of intense work and, above all, immense joy.*

*The greatest joy is to see, on children's face, a smile lit by the hope that they can finally grow up peacefully and rejoice in a hug from mom and dad.*

*The greatest joy is to see, in the face of a mother and father, a grandfather and grandmother, a smile lit by the hope that they can finally rejoice in the embrace of a child and grandchild.*

*The greatest joy is to know that a child is beginning to dream about the future among school desks.*

*Over the years there have been so many challenges we have had to face in order to ensure an authentic culture of reception, and to make sure that adoption is a common good, not merely a private matter.*

*Family is not a separate unit, it is the beating heart of society.*

Dr. Maria Virgillito

ASA Onlus President



## **Building a better world together** by Fulvio Giardina

*We believed that 2022 could represent the beginning of a collective rebirth, after nearly two years of closure and concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, but instead Russia's brutal aggression of Ukraine has cracked the hope for a better world. That's the way things are, because in a globalised world, with a world market economy, people still fight and die to defend geographical boundaries, which are absolutely apparent.*

*Every war always generates misery and suffering. And the war fought between soldiers is not the only one. There is also the silent war of those who have to get basic nourishment for their lives every day. This brings about an inevitable and continuous exodus to safe places.*

*During 2022, 20,032 unaccompanied foreign minors (MSNA) entered Italy, 79.5% more than in 2021, and as many as 5,068 (25.5%) of these were fleeing Ukraine.*

*The many foreign children suffering are not the only ones. More and more Italian children are experiencing severe discomfort.*

*Save the Children, in the 2022 Atlas of Childhood (at Risk) in Italy "How are you? The Health of Girls, Boys and Adolescents", and in the Italian school survey "In Search of Lost Time" provides evidence that even before the conflict in Ukraine, in 2021, absolute poverty affected 1.382 million minors in our country, 14.2%, up with respect to 2020 (13.5%). In addition to the material impoverishment of children, girls and adolescents, educational impoverishment is also reported: 9.7% of students with a high school diploma in 2022 find themselves in conditions of "implicit" school leaving, that is, without the minimum necessary skills (according to INVALSI standards) to access the labour market or university, while 12.7% of minors do not even reach high school graduation dropping out of school early.*

*There are currently 222 million children in the world living in crisis settings and in need of educational support, 78.2 million of whom are no longer attending school.*

*This climate of uncertainty and distrust indirectly contributes to a reduction in births in our country. About 395,000 children were born in Italy in 2022 (in 2008 there were more than 571,000), with a birth rate (number of live births per 1,000 inhabitants) of 7.00, the lowest index in Europe (in Germany it is 9.4, in France it is 10.9).*

*The adoption path actually represents, for all children deprived of parental guardianship, on the one hand their tangible protection, and on the other hand their great opportunity to live in a better world, thanks to the initiative of couples, of men and women, who manage to go far beyond their mental and material boundaries.*

*In our country, last year, nearly 9,000 adoption applications were filed, including 1,487 domestic adoptions, and 273 Inter-country adoptions, of which 46, that 16.84%, thanks to the work carried out by ASA Onlus.*

*After all, readiness for adoption requires a broad intellectual and cultural openness, free of prejudice, with a sensitivity to acceptance, and a deep trust in human beings. These values mark the road ASA Onlus travels daily in fostering encounters between children and adults.*

*A warm thank goes to all the adoptive couples, whose enthusiasm and positive thinking give meaning to the lives of all of us.*

*Dr. Fulvio Giardina*

*ASA Onlus' Psychology Service Supervisor*

*Former President of the Council of the National Association of Psychologists*

*Fulvio Giardina*

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## 1. Who are we?

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ASA - Associazione Solidarietà Adozioni - Onlus has as its main purpose the pursuit of social solidarity, with particular reference to the protection of childhood and adolescence.

It was established on May 6, 1999, following a voluntary social commitment in favour of minors in a state of distress both in Ukraine and Romania.

ASA was authorized by the Commission for Intercountry Adoption (CAI), on May 8, 2001, to operate as an agency for intercountry adoptions, in accordance with Law no. 476/98 (law ratifying the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation on Adoption of May 29, 1993).

The Association has been relying, for 23 years, on the professionalism of psychologists, social workers, legal advisors, foreign contact people and other specialized operators present across all offices in Italy and abroad.

ASA is authorized to operate on the whole national territory with offices in Catania (registered office), Palermo, Roma, Forlì, Taranto, Milano, Reggio Calabria, Bolzano and Lucca.



The association, According to Law n. 476/98, is authorized to carry out practices related to Inter-country adoption in the following countries:

- **Europe** (Bulgaria, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Hungary);
- **Latin America** (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Honduras, Peru);
- **Asia** (Philippines, India);
- **Africa** (Benin).





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## 2. Activities

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### 2.1 Inter-country adoptions

ASA deals with the training of couples who are approaching adoption through thematic meetings and workshops, representing important moments of analysis of the topics linked to adoptive parenting and the construction of family ties.

The Association organizes meetings, in-person and on line ones, for groups and couples, during which the typical issues of Inter-country adoption are addressed, such as: the reality of the child's country of origin, managing the wait, preparing for departure, meeting the child, the right to the child's identity, managing the stay abroad, the birth of the family and the return to Italy, and the social and educational integration of the child.

ASA coordinates all procedures related to the adoption *process* by dialoguing with the CAI and relevant Authorities, both Italian and foreign ones. Accurate *post-adoption reports* are drafted providing updates, according to the procedures prescribed by each country, about the family, school and social integration of adopted children.

A counselling service is also guaranteed during the *post-adoption* phase, and occasions of meetings and gatherings between families and children are organized.

ASA carries out information activities for those wishing to approach the adoption project through information desks, distribution of dissemination materials, website and social pages.

The Association fulfils the regional protocols for collaboration between local services, authorized Bodies and the Juvenile Court, in the field of national and Inter-country adoption; maintains ongoing relations with CAI and participates in institutional coordination tables.

### 2.2 Inter-country adoptions

By virtue of the principle of subsidiarity, ASA develops international cooperation projects with the aim of protecting minors and families, to ensure that living conditions are improved socially, educationally, psychologically and economically.

ASA is engaged in Bolivia with the project "STARTING FROM THE NEST: From Birth, Identity, Rights, and Opportunities", aimed at safeguarding orphans, abandoned minors or minors coming from families and contexts of extreme vulnerability, with actions aimed at reception, health protection and education.

The project is carried out in collaboration with Amici dei Bambini, Amici Trentini, Associazione Ariete, Il Conventino, Istituto La Casa, Spai, financed with funds from the Commission for Inter-country Adoptions.

ASA is in the process of launching in the Philippines, Mindoro Island, the project "L'oro per loro: educational, health and technological interventions for the social and psychophysical development of fragile children and families", through which it will aim to enhance, qualitatively and

quantitatively, the education of minors, increase health services to especially counteract the effects of child malnutrition, and start microenterprises that will reduce the long-standing malnutrition issue and provide a future source of livelihood for the people in the villages. With ASA as the lead partner, three other Authorized Bodies form the partnership: N.A.A.A., Network Aiuto Assistenza Accoglienza - Onlus, Ariete Onlus, Fondazione Patrizia Nidoli Onlus, the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, an organization that has been collaborating with ASA for years thanks to the Distance Support Program, and has been present in the Philippine territory for about thirty years, and Kito Odv, also rooted in the territory of Mindoro Island, with long-term actions aimed at sustainable development.

A protocol was signed with the Portuguese partners of Plataforma Paje- Apoio a Joven (Ex) alcholidos - Associação, aimed at interinstitutional cooperation and promoting networking for a synergy of actions between the two organizations. Specific measures are implemented, along with the exchange of best practices aimed at safeguarding the rights and welfare of non-adopted young people who, after they come of age, remain outside the State protection, as a result, being at high risk of marginalization.

Finally, ASA entered into a collaboration agreement with the Communauté Baptiste Du Fleuve Congo/Region Ecclésiastique Du Bas - Fleuve (Cbfc/Bf), Mbanza - Ngungu, Kongo Central, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where actions aimed at the development of disadvantaged populations in the Congolese organization's areas of operation are being implemented.

### *2.3 Awareness-raising and training activities*

ASA participates in the “*Post-adoption Regional Project*”, funded by Lazio Region, for the strengthening of *post-adoption* services.

Gil Adozioni ASL Roma 2, Authorized Bodies for Intercountry Adoption, among which ASA as a member of the scientific committee, and Lazio Region are members of it.

The Association organizes webinars aimed at both expectant couples and families, with the goal of addressing topics related to adoption and, more generally, family life. The speakers are professionals from ASA’s staff.

Two *webinars* entitled “*Waiting: a useful time for adoption*” were conducted in 2022. How to make the best use of the time between our first meeting with our son/daughter” and “*Let's go to school! Adoption and school: instructions for use.*”

The first *webinar* addressed the topic of waiting, that time between the delivery of documents to the chosen country and the arrival of the matching proposal. The online meeting was a time to discuss how to give new meanings to that time, and thus make waiting a useful resource for the adoption journey.

The focus of the second *webinar* was the school placement of adopted children, addressed from psychological, social and bureaucratic perspectives, also illustrating the MIUR guidelines.

## 2.4 Support Programs

### 2.4.1 Distance Support Program

Through the Distance Support, also this year, ASA supported in the Philippines, in collaboration with the Missionary Servants of the Blessed Sacrament (MSBS), the children in Mindoro Island, in very poor villages, experiencing frequent cases of violence, abuses and kidnappings for political and financial reasons.

The pandemic has impoverished learning, but the educational and didactic efforts of missionary schools with specific interventions are filling in the gaps for pupils.

Malnutrition remains a very serious problem: thanks to the food program more than 400 children receive their daily lunch. With the reopening of the canteens, children not only regained the pleasure of being together, but it was possible to reactivate the service of medical check-ups and medicine distribution.

Below is the letter sent by Sister Rosanna Favero and the MSBS sisters.

*Christmas 2022 has come, and this time we can celebrate together. One of our little girls in the village of Natandol, while preparing the stars to hang in the Canteen, was joyfully crying out, "Finally, real Christmas has come!", and for her, "real" meant coming together, no longer being separated from one another, celebrating together in remembrance of Jesus' birth. This letter is also meant to be a meeting to "remember" the path travelled together.*

*We started the year in the company of Covid19, our hearts still filled with many uncertainties, the wait for vaccines, the suffering of families without jobs and no means of survival. Just in the early days of January, we followed with pain and apprehension the thousands of families in Loikaw, Myanmar, who had to flee military attacks and aerial bombardment, leaving their homes and villages. Even our nuns had to flee together with the girls. After taking in thousands of refugees into their homes, they have become refugees themselves, and in need of help. These were months of great suffering, apprehension, fear and anger before violence, injustice, deprivation and, not least, the experience of seeing our House occupied and looted by soldiers. But alongside these memories are also those of your closeness, a presence that sustained us, comforted us and helped us to bring help to others, to reach out so that brothers and sisters could welcome your gift. Your prayer, solidarity, generosity and sharing have been, and continue to be, the gestures of love to meet the many needs of a time that no one ever imagined could happen. Since last May, all the nuns have returned to Loikaw and have been conducting reception and schooling activities as allowed by the military government. Only a few schools have been reopened while, in many villages, including ours, our school remains closed and, for the third year in a row, children have had no opportunity to study.*

*Not only has what is happening in Myanmar brought apprehension and pain, the invasion of Ukraine has shaken our certainties and increased fears and fragility. In all the villages on the island where Distance Support children live, prayers continue to be said for Peace for all peoples.*

*The 2021-2022 school year ended during May and June, and resumed last August. With great relief pupils, teachers and parents greeted the news that the school was finally in presence. What joy and excitement returning to the school desks! 1439 children, teenagers and young people have started the new school year, accompanied by your support that provided school registration fees, uniforms,*

*books, folders and all study supplies. It is always exciting for us as well to prepare materials to be distributed across the villages, books, uniforms, folders are tools of hope for a better life, opportunities to grow and experience that the right to hope and believe in a better tomorrow belongs to them as well. By translating the greetings and wishing messages they have written to their benefactors during this time, one can sense the pride of those who are nearing the end of their studies, learning a job, and receiving the diploma awaited by their entire family. Proud to know that they are worthy of your affection and trust, and can soon contribute to the lives of their loved ones. Education continues to represent the only future opportunity for thousands of children and young people, for whom Distance Support becomes the door freeing them from the constraints and restrictions of poverty. And it is not only material poverty that hinders their growth, in their messages they confide the suffering of living separated or abandoned by those who gave them the gift of life, of being victims of violence caused by alcohol and frustration. They reveal the sadness of parents who are still unemployed, the desolation from typhoon or flood damage, the struggle to accept the illness or death of one of their loved ones. But they also announce the joy of their little or big school achievements, their dreams or the arrival of a new baby brother.*

*They thank for all that they receive from you, the clothing parcels they gladly share with their siblings and the food parcels that bring big smiles to the mothers' faces. Someone wrote that they would like to become a flight attendant to reach your country and be able to meet you, others promise that when they grow up they will continue to do what you do by helping other children study, and most of all assure you of their prayers and loving gratitude. Thank you for your courage to carry on the commitment of Distance Support despite the difficult times we live in. Thank you for being the family that loves, supports, encourages and inspires the children entrusted to you. Thank you and may the Child Jesus fill your hearts with hope.*

*Finally, the project we are about to start "L'oro per loro " represents an important opportunity, not only as from an economic point of view, but also from a human point of view, strengthening the ties between the two countries. We see in it the beauty of solidarity turned into opportunities and promises of a better future for local people. From a small seed such as DS a beautiful, loyal, heartfelt collaboration was born, that will lead to the improvement of the lives of so many children, and will be beneficial to the hearts of the people involved in implementing the activities.*

Ms. Rosanna Favero, sisters and co-workers

#### **2.4.2 Proximity Support Program**

ASA has been implementing for years a Proximity Support Program aimed at safeguarding the rights of children on the Italian territory, through the realization of the fundraising campaign "Adopt a story", whose proceeds are entirely donated to projects in favour of children, youth and families in difficult conditions.

For the realization of the projects, the collaboration with other associations, schools and parishes of the territory has been of fundamental importance.

This year the Association decided to support the "AULA GIRO" project, a multimedia classroom included in the school complex of the "M. Palmezzano" middle school in Forlì.

June 2022 saw the opening of this multimedia classroom dedicated to the memory of Prof. Francesca Girolimetto of Forlì, who passed away prematurely in December 2019. With heartfelt gratitude for her services and humanity, the school dedicated a multimedia classroom to her, to foster dynamic and interactive learning aimed at discovering the wonders of science, physics and mathematics.

Thus, the "AULA GIRO" project allows us to collaborate in setting up a room that can continue to enjoy other useful material, in order to enable learning and knowledge by all, favouring with some technological devices disabled and/or disadvantaged students, so that we can thus fully enjoy the beauty of a knowledge "without barriers and without borders".

## *2.5 Institutional Relations*

ASA is member of:

- the Scientific Committee of the Commission for Intercountry Adoptions - Istituto degli Innocenti (former art. 15, Law n. 241/90), which deals with Distance Learning of operators
- LIAN - Life in Adoption Network, a partnership made up of 5 authorized Entities for Intercountry adoption, aimed at starting a common path, sharing methodologies and competencies, to provide support to Italian couples who intend to adopt a child in another country
- The Board of Directors of ForumSaD, the Permanent Forum for Distance Support, which deals with the promotion of SaD as tool of cooperation and solidarity among peoples
- the Regional Coordination for Childhood and Adolescence, in the Emilia Romagna Region, where a regional technical table on adoption has been set up
- the Council of Family Associations, at the Municipality of Forlì, which has advisory and representative functions, and participates in the development of municipal family policies, in close contact with the Administration.

ASA has drafted a collaboration agreement with the Department of Educational Sciences of the University of Catania for the development of initiatives on intercultural education and gender equality.

The Association has also entered into an agreement for Training and Guidance internship with the University of Catania (Centre for Training Guidance and Placement) and the University of Bari "Aldo Moro".

## *2.6 Collaboration Agreements*

Partnerships include one with the Agevolando Association, with whom we share the mission of safeguarding minors, care leavers and fragile families at risk of marginalization.

A collaboration agreement is in force with the GSItalia NGO for the joint development of programs and initiatives in the field of international cooperation and solidarity, in implementation of cooperation policies and in compliance with the Italian law provisions and the principles of International Conventions regarding the protection of children's rights.

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### *3. Presentation and analysis of couples and children's data related to 2022 adoption procedures*

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#### *3.1 Introduction*

In order to highlight the work of ASA, based on the human, scientific, legislative, and professional dimension, it is hereby presented, with specific graphs, and analysed, the data of couples and minors across the adoption procedures, related to 2022.

Relevant aspects are covered, and for each one some points of particular importance are more deeply examined.

**Information meetings:** number of information meetings, information meetings per location.

**Couples who conferred the assignment:** number of conferrals of assignment, conferrals by location, years of birth, educational qualification, type of work, country choice.

**Family-children matching:** number of matches, matches per country.

**Mandate revocations:** number of mandate revocations, reasons for mandate revocation.

**Children adopted:** number of children, children by location, age, gender, number of children adopted per couple, country of origin.

**Couples who have adopted:** number of couples who have adopted, couples who have adopted by location, years of birth of couples, educational qualification, type of work, countries of origin of children by couple.

This work also provides a meta-reflection on all the phases related to the adoption procedures carried out.

2022 continued to be affected by the pandemic, albeit to a lesser extent than in previous years, and, in addition, the war in Ukraine had an impact, but the whole ASA's staff managed again, this year, to come up with optimal solutions, which far outweighed the issues arisen.

Determining were: the skills, the culture, the scientifically based action, the relevant attention to the specific dimensions of the person, the care for communication and relationship, the productive local, national and international relationships, the targeted monitoring and evaluation actions, the fundamental meta-reflection.

## 3.2 Information meetings

### 3.2.1 Number of information meetings

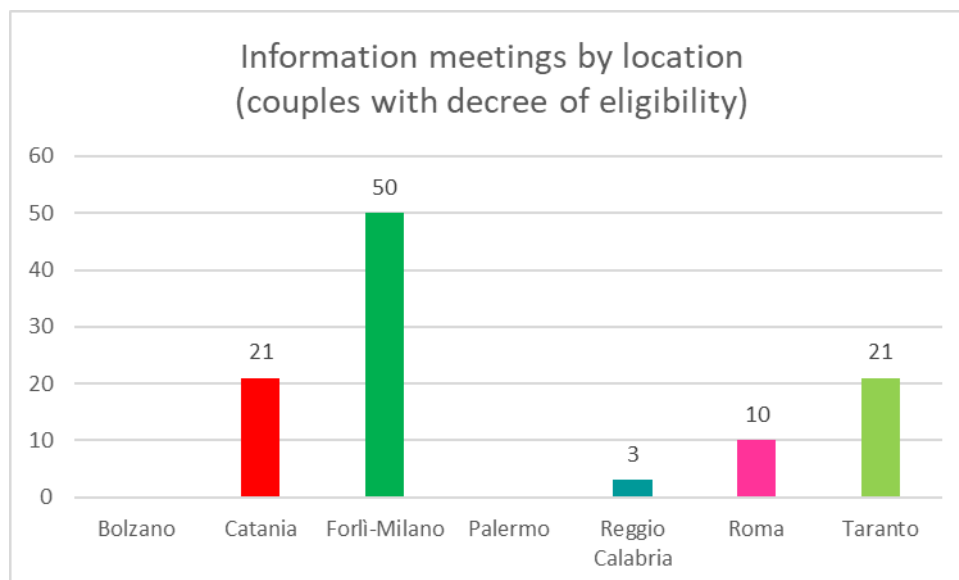
The number of information meetings takes into account only the first meeting with the couple, and not subsequent ones.

The meetings, in-person and on-line, were dedicated both couples and groups.

105 couples who have obtained the decree of eligibility participated in the first couple information meeting.

7 group meetings for couples without the decree were also held; on average, 10 couples attended each meeting.

### 3.2.2 Information meetings by location



Graph 1

The breakdown by office of the 105 couples who have obtained the decree of eligibility is as follows:

- 50 in Forlì-Milano
- 21 in Catania and Taranto
- 10 in Roma
- 3 in Reggio Calabria.

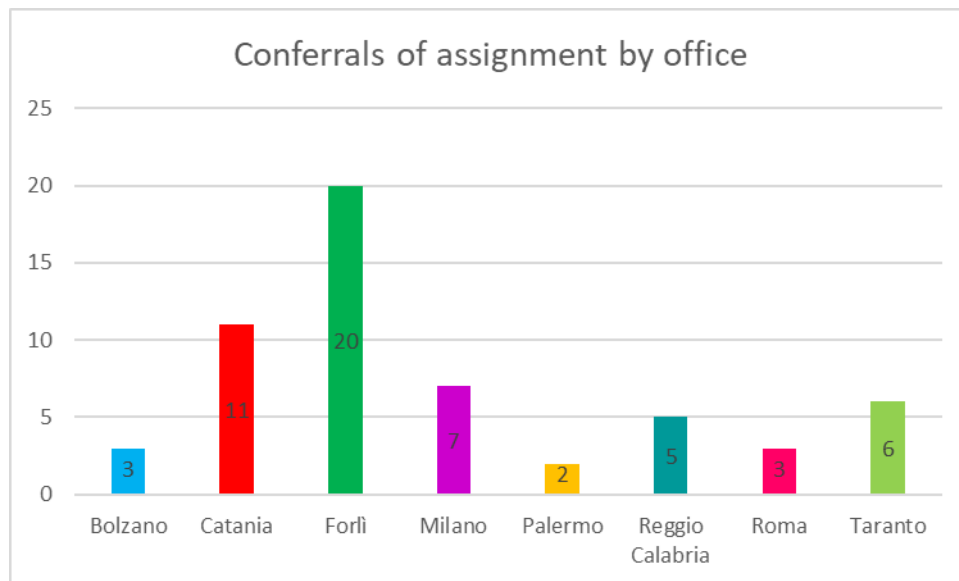


### 3.3 Couples who have conferred the assignment

#### 3.3.1 Number of conferrals of assignment

In 2022 57 couples have conferred the assignment on ASA.

#### 3.3.2 Conferrals of assignment by office



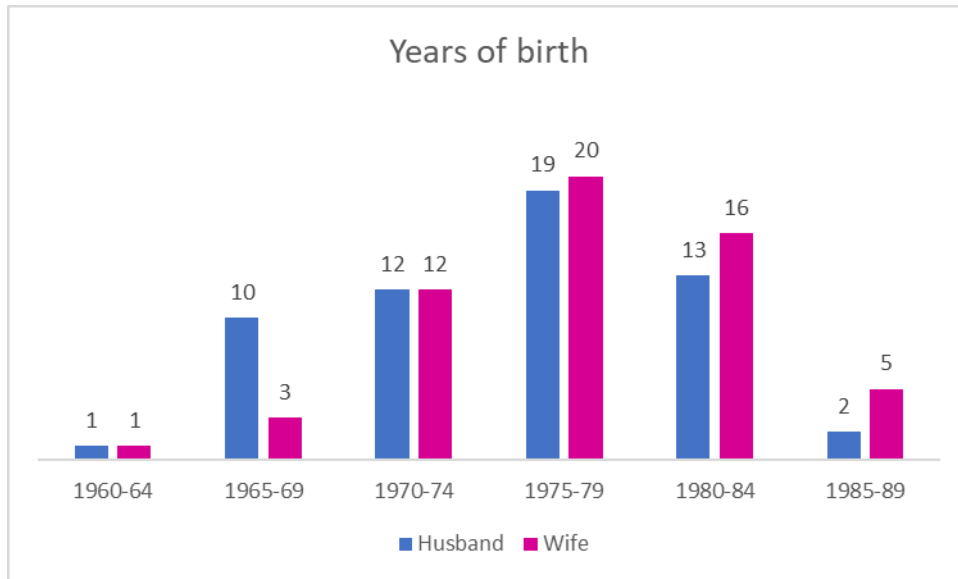
Graph 2

The office that has registered the highest number of assignments is Forlì with 20, followed by Catania with 11.

Milano has received 7 conferrals of assignment, Taranto 6 and Reggio Calabria 5.

Roma and Bolzano total 3 and, finally, Palermo 2.

### 3.3.3 Years of birth

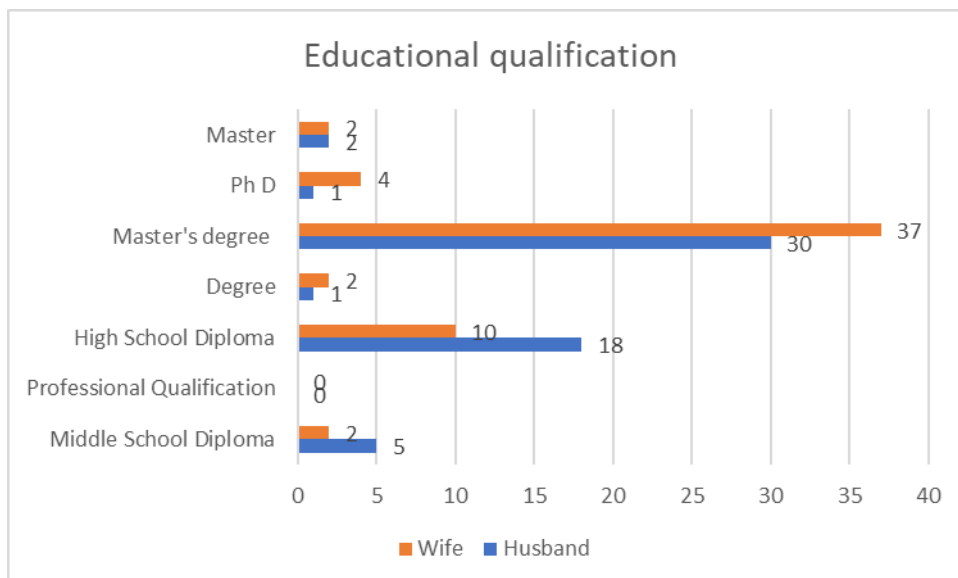


Graph 3

Across couple, for both husbands and wives, the most represented birth year ranges are 1975-79, followed by 1980-84, and 1970-74.

The average age of wives is 44.9 and the average age of husbands is 46.5.

### 3.3.4 Educational qualification



Graph 4

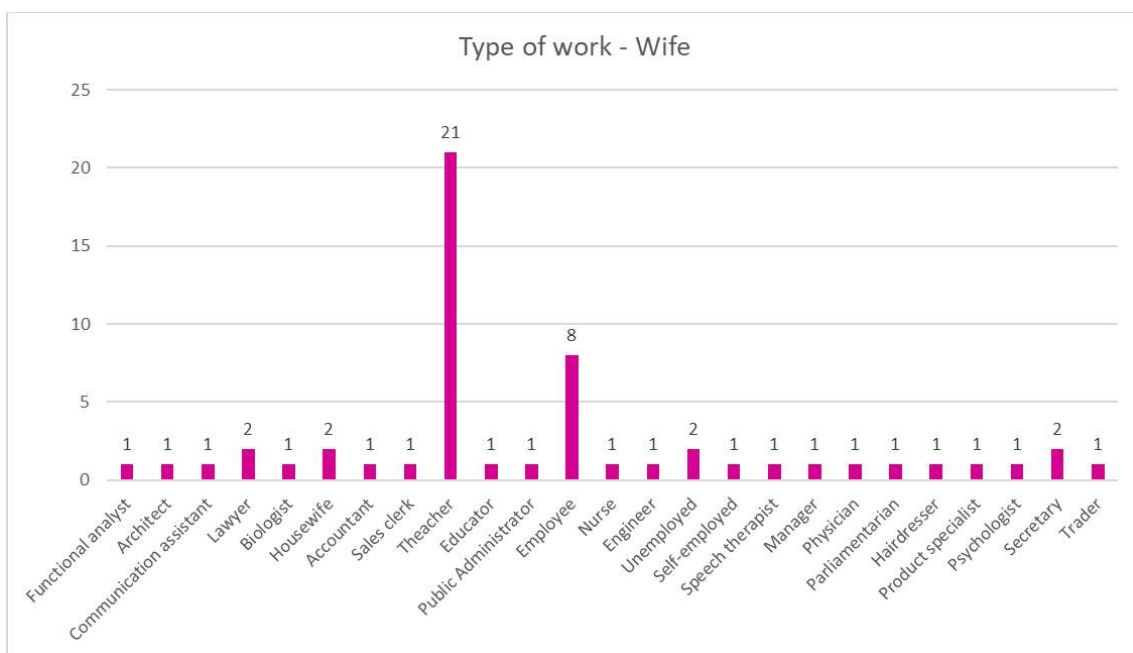
Data are drawn from the information provided by spouses.

Analysing the data concerning the wives, it is possible to point out that master's degree (37) is the sharply predominant qualification, followed by high school diploma (10).

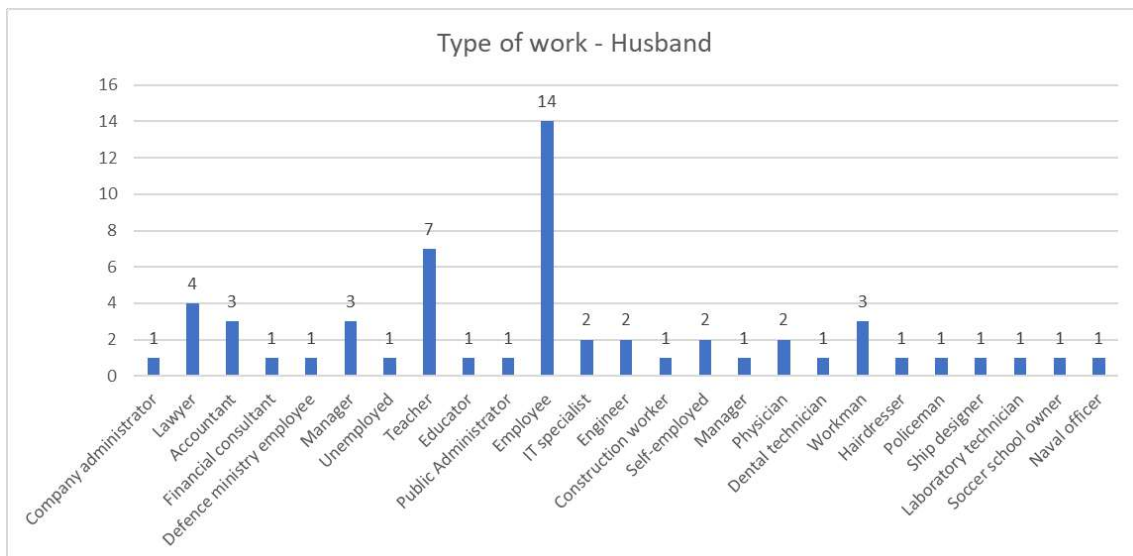
Also for husbands, the most represented educational qualification is the master's degree (30), followed by high school diploma (18).

For both, at a considerable distance, other qualifications follow.

### 3.3.5 Type of work



Graph 5



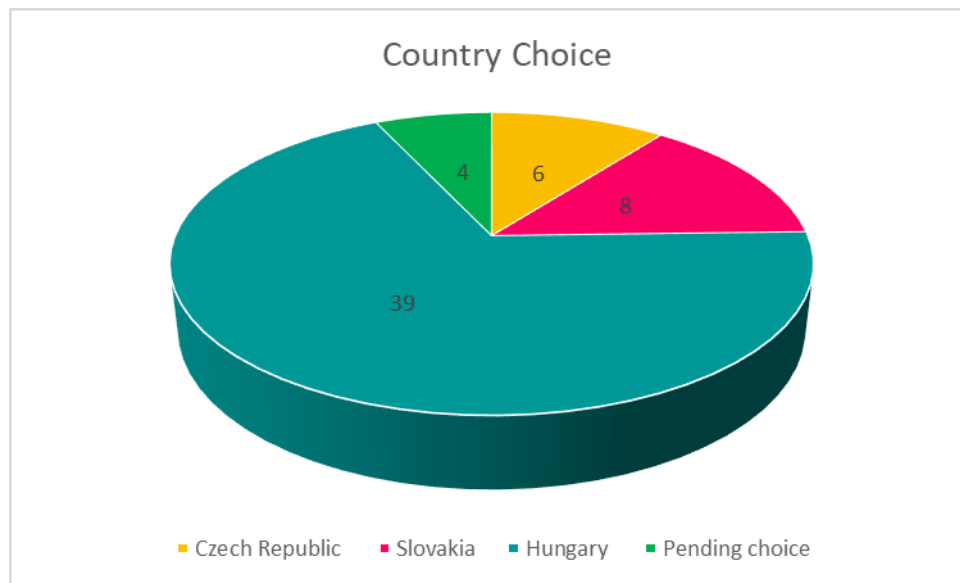
Graph 6

Data are drawn from the information provided by spouses.

The most represented professions for both husbands and wives are teachers and employees. More wives are teachers (21) than employees (8). In contrast, more husbands are employees (14) than teachers (7).

The other types of works follow at a considerable distance.

### 3.3.6 Country Choice



Graph 7

As of December 31, 2022, out of 57 total couples who have conferred the assignment, 53 couples have chosen as Country:

- 39 Hungary
- 8 Slovakia
- 6 Czech Republic.

The other 4 couples have not decided yet which country to submit the procedure to.

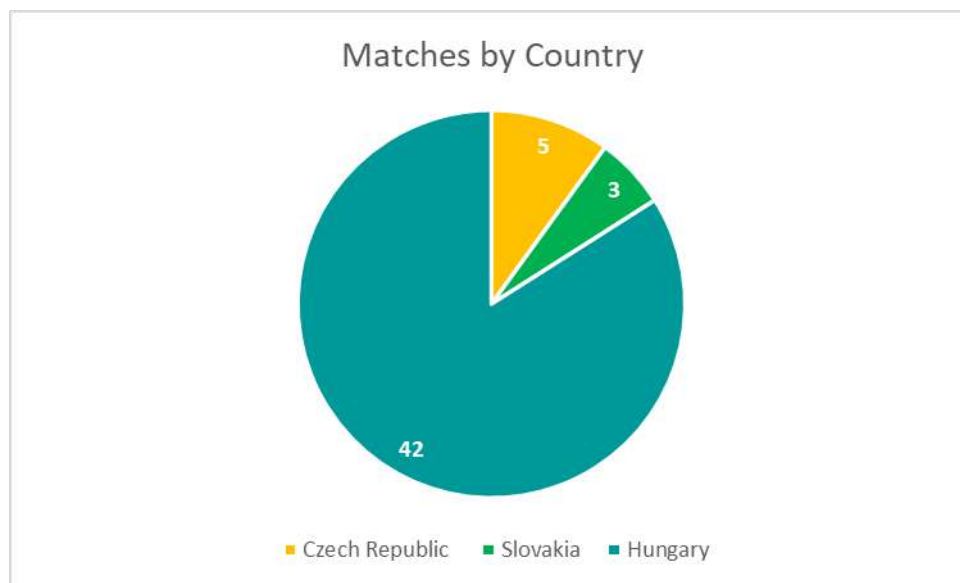
### 3.4 Family-Children Matching

#### 3.4.1 Number of matches

A total of 50 family-children matches were recorded in 2022.

In addition, six couples opted out of the matching proposal.

#### 3.4.2 Matches by Country



Graph 8

Out of 50 matches, 42 concern Hungary, 5 the Czech Republic and 3 Slovakia.

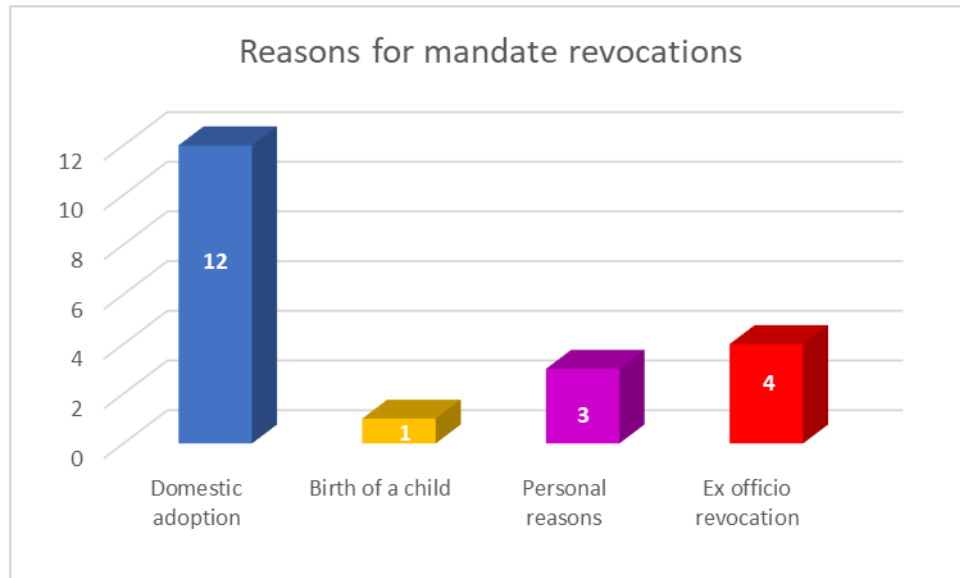
Two of these couples did not complete the procedure.

### 3.5 Revocation of the mandate

#### 3.5.1 Number of mandate revocations

There were 20 revocations of the mandate.

#### 3.5.2 Reasons for mandate revocations



Graph 9

Twelve couples revoked the mandated for domestic adoption, 3 for personal reasons, and one for the birth of a child.

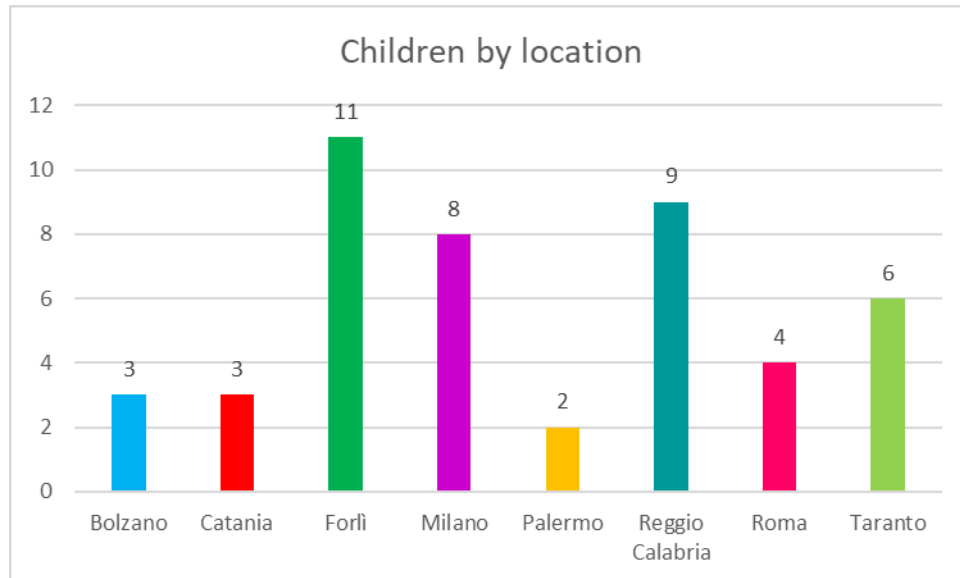
There were also 4 *ex officio* revocations from ASA.

### 3.6 Adopted minors

#### 3.6.1 Number of minors

Authorizations to enter Italy were issued for 46 minors.

#### 3.6.2 Children by location

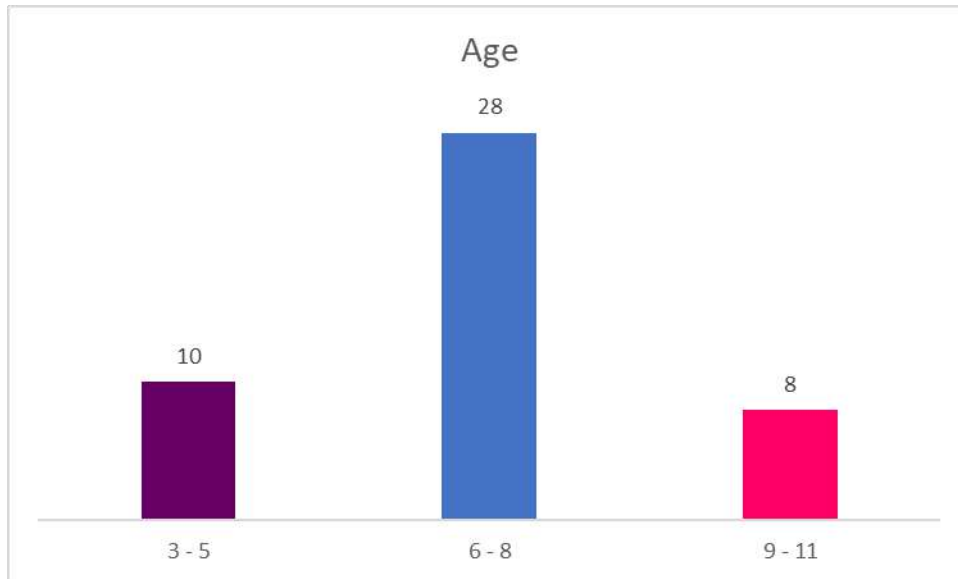


Graph 10

The breakdown by location of the 46 children is as follows:

- 11 in Forlì
- 9 in Reggio Calabria
- 8 in Milano
- 6 in Taranto
- 4 in Roma
- 3 in Bolzano and Catania
- 2 in Palermo.

### 3.6.3 Age



Graph 11

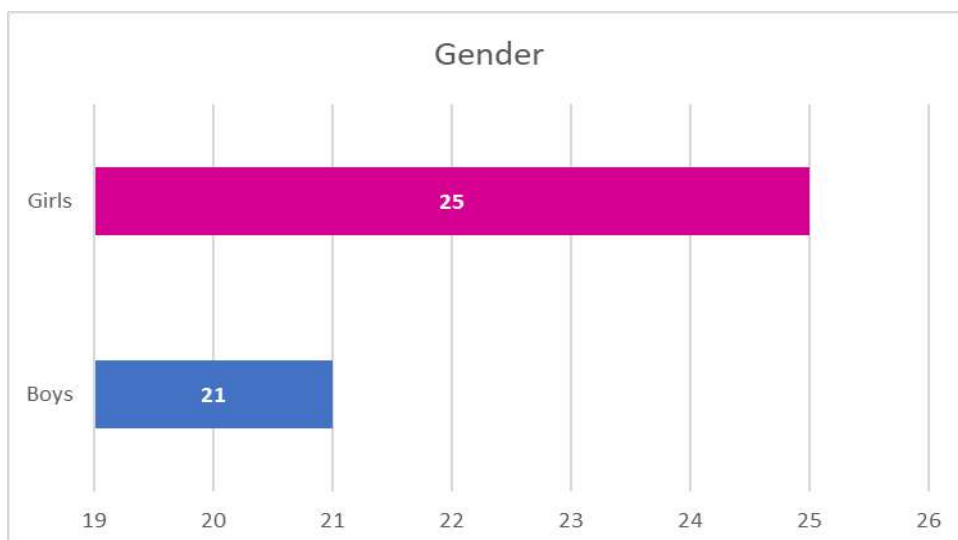
The age of minors is calculated based on the date of authorization to enter Italy.

The most represented age group is 6-8 years old with 28 minors.

The 3-5 year range number 10 children; the 9-11 range number 8 minors.

The average age of the minors is 6.8 years.

### 3.6.4 Gender

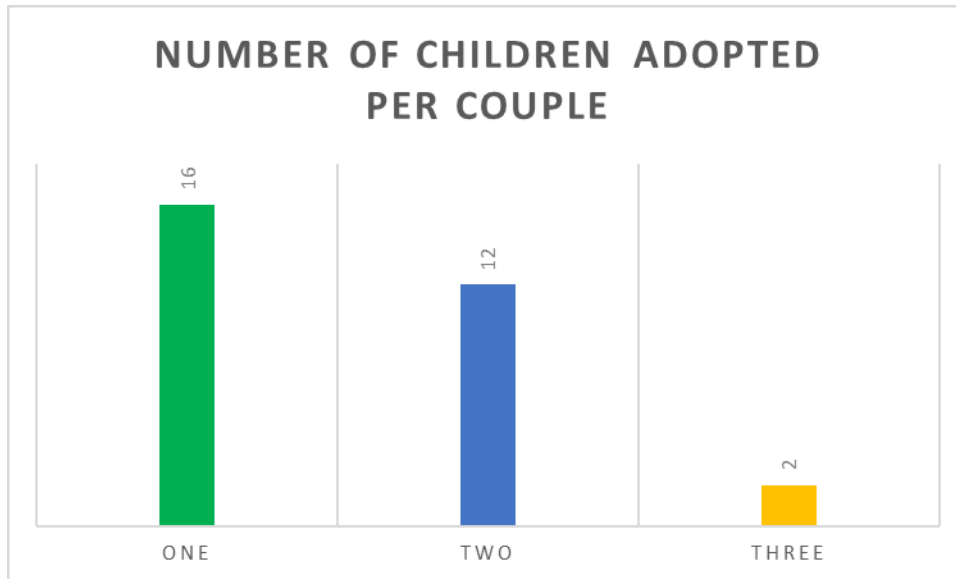


Graph 12

In 2022, 25 girls and 21 boys were adopted.



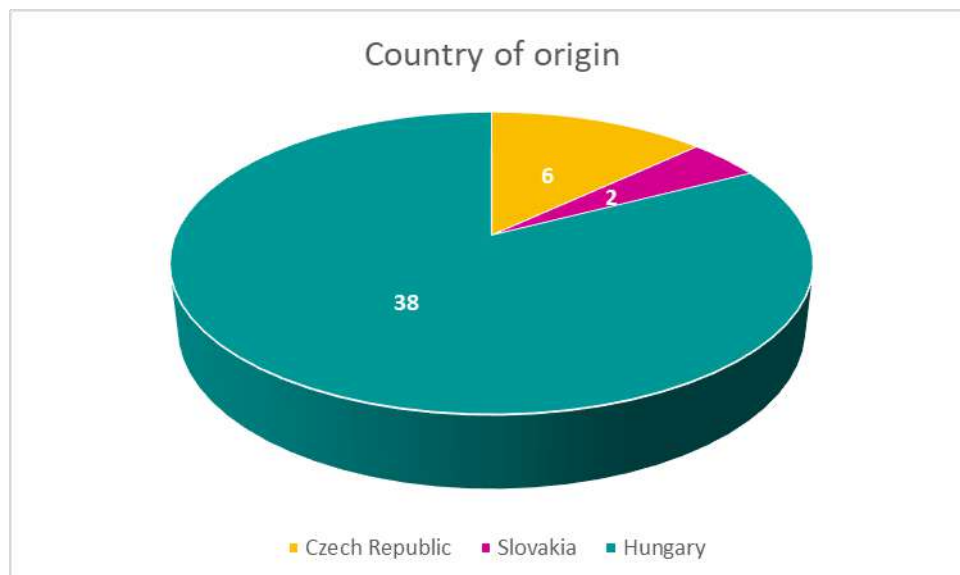
### 3.6.5 Number of children adopted per couple



Graph 13

16 couples adopted one child, 12 couples adopted two children simultaneously, and 2 couples adopted three children together.

### 3.6.6 Country of origin



Graph 14

The most represented country of origin is Hungary, with 38 minors.

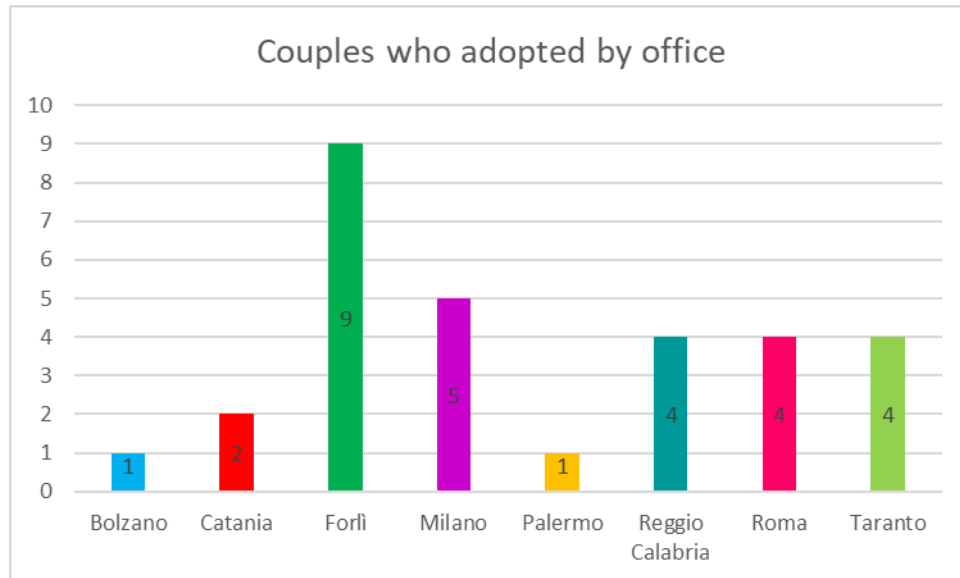
6 minors come from the Czech Republic, and 2 from Slovakia.

### 3.7 Couples who adopted

#### 3.7.1 Number of couples who adopted

In 2022 30 couples have adopted.

#### 3.7.2 Couples who adopted by office

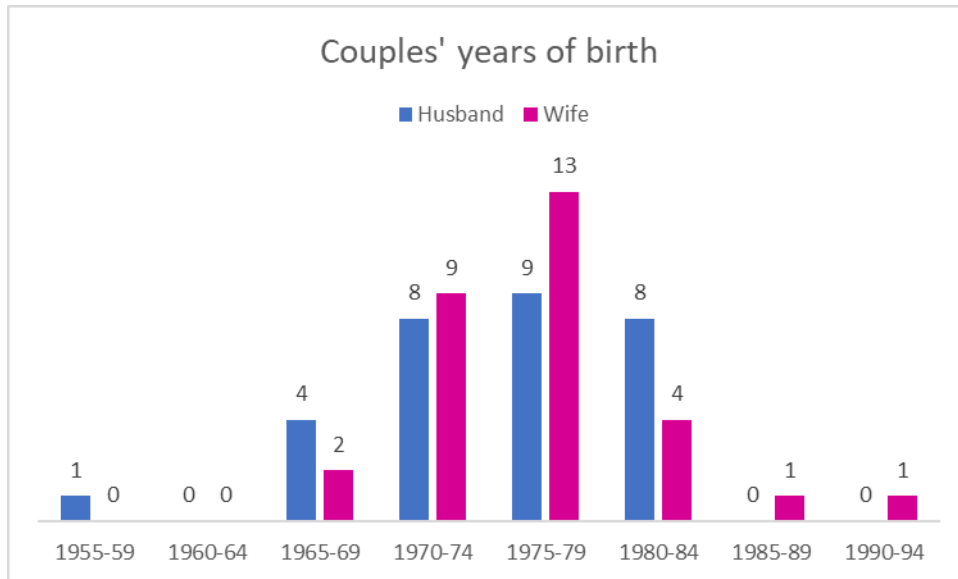


Graph 15

The breakdown by office of the 30 couples who adopted is as follows:

- 9 in Forlì
- 5 in Milano
- 4 in Reggio Calabria, Roma and Taranto
- 2 in Catania
- 1 in Bolzano and Palermo.

### 3.7.3 Couples' years of birth

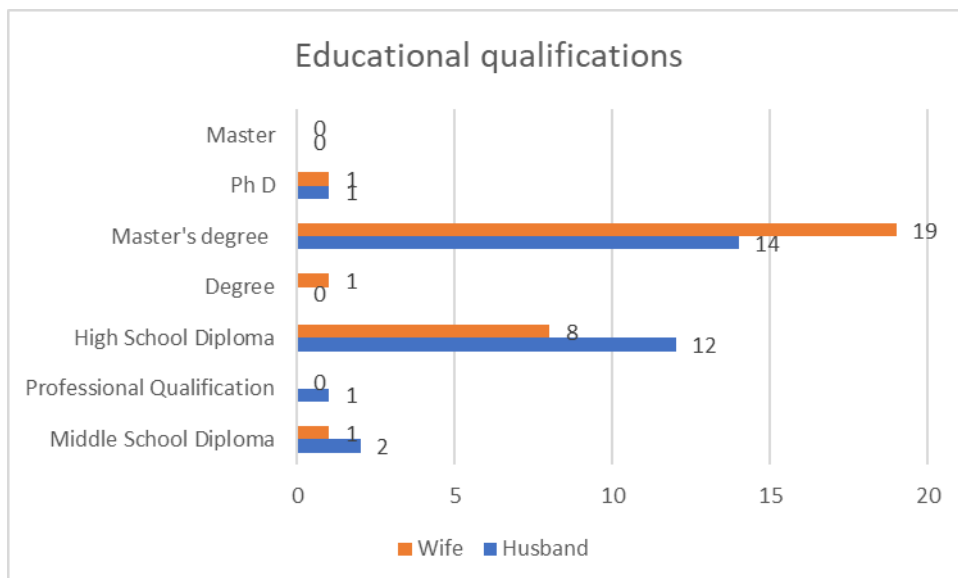


Graph 16

The most represented birth year range for both husbands and wives is 1975-79. The other most relevant *ranges* are 1970-74 and 1980-84.

The average age of husbands is 47.1 and the average age of wives is 46.

### 3.7.4 Educational qualification



Graph 17

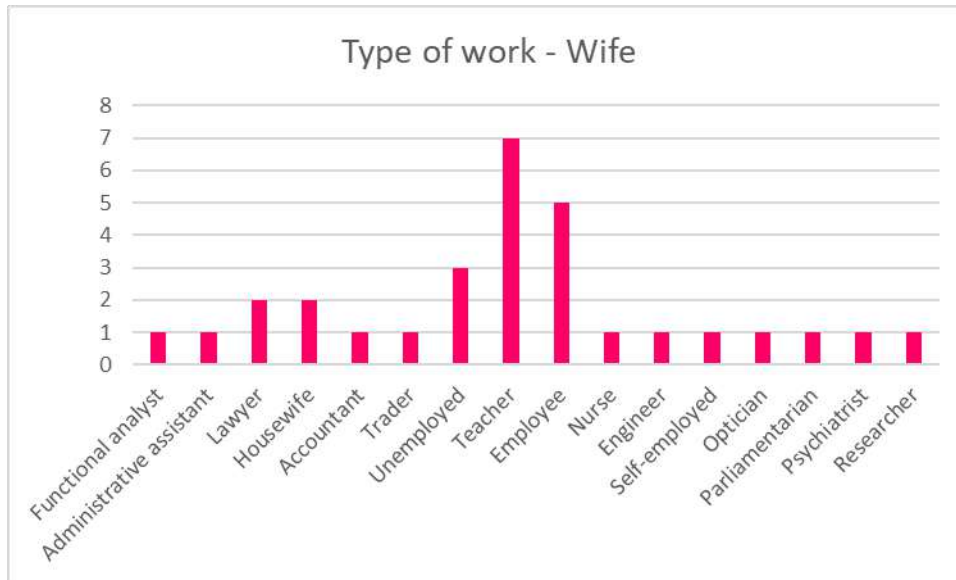
Data are drawn from the information provided by spouses.

Analysing the data concerning the wives, it is possible to see that master's degree (19) is the predominant education qualification, followed by high school diploma (12).

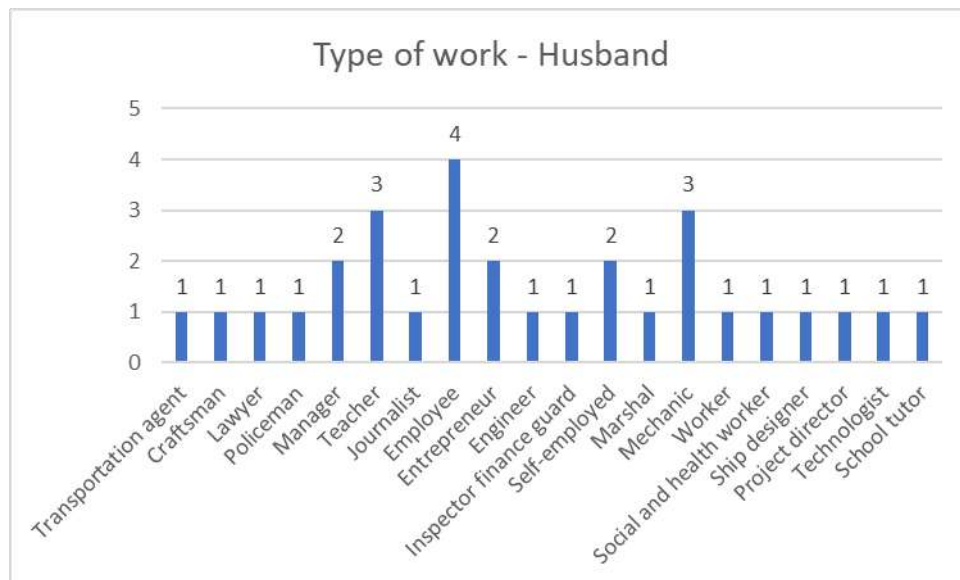
Also with respect to husbands, it is possible to see that master's degree (14) and secondary school diploma (8) are the most represented education qualifications.

For both, at considerable distance, other qualifications follow.

### 3.7.5 Type of work



Graph 18



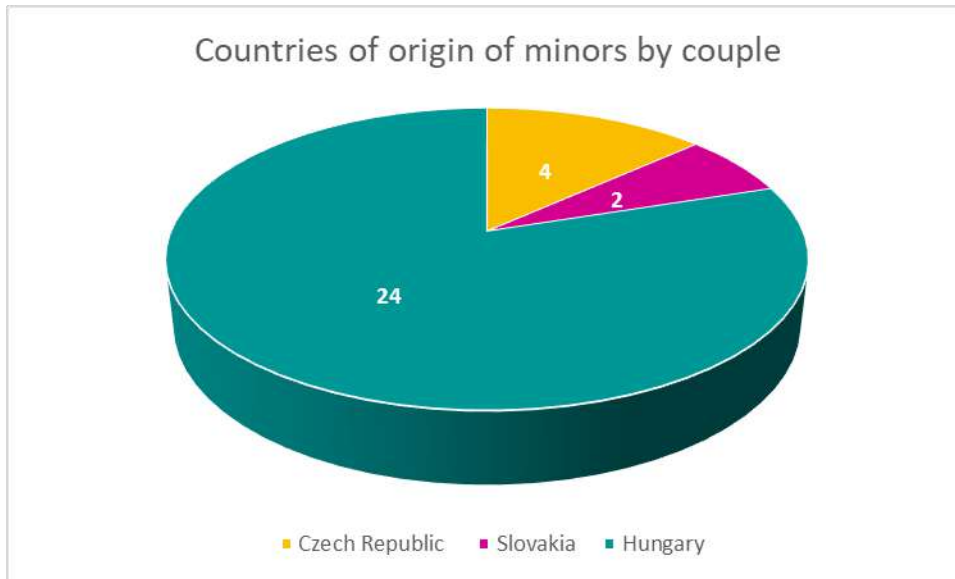
Graph 19

Data are drawn from the information provided by spouses.

For wives, the most represented jobs are teacher (7) and employee (5); others are quite poorly represented.

Husbands' jobs are mainly employee (4), teacher (3) and mechanic (3), with little gap followed by others.

### 3.7.6 Countries of origin of minors by couple



Graph 20

24 couples adopted in Hungary, 4 in the Czech Republic and 2 in Slovakia.

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## 4. Conclusions

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ASA, through a constructive and forward-looking action, has achieved its solidarity goals thanks to various activities.

It provides Proximity Support in Italy, and abroad Distance Support in the Philippines.

Implements international cooperation projects with Bolivia, Philippines, Portugal and Congo.

The Association strongly believes in awareness-raising and training activities, and has taken part in specific initiatives in Italy and abroad.

Thanks to institutional relations and the collaboration with other Authorized Bodies and Associations, it has established over the years a productive operational network, which carries out, in the perspective of cooperation, a significant service to implement the fundamental objectives of social solidarity, and for the full realization of the rights of children and adolescents, affirming the founding principles of the human dimension. It has always operated according to cultural and scientific standards, following the principles of the Constitution, specific legislation, and international agreements.

Looking at the data, it can be stated that the issues triggered by the pandemic and the war in Ukraine did not affect conferrals of assignment and adoptions, thanks to the significant work of the whole ASA's staff.

ASA has consistently supported couples and families in Italy and abroad.

Couples and families were guaranteed constant support, also through the use of online platforms. All meetings have been scheduled and the *staff* has ensured its maximum availability. Moments of discussion were proposed through webinars on the topics of adoption and parenting.

During all phases of the adoption process, the Association's professionals provided constant advice.

Abroad, the Association has been continuously engaging in dialoguing with the Italian Embassies and local Institutions of the countries in which it operates, adjusting the *pre*-departure procedure, the on-site stay and the *post*-adoption processes to the regulations in force.

In 2022 there were 57 conferrals of assignment and 46 adoptions by 30 couples.

For both the appointing and adopting couples, the most represented birth year range, of wives and husbands, is 1975-79.

For most of the appointing and adopting couples, the level of education qualification is high and medium-high, namely master's degree and high school diploma.

For appointing couples, the most represented jobs are teacher and clerk; for couples who adopted, they are teacher and clerk for wives; clerk, teacher and mechanic for husbands.

Out of the 57 couples who have conferred the assignment: 39 chose Hungary, 8 chose Slovakia, 6 chose the Czech Republic, and 4 have not decided yet which country to send the procedure to.

Of the 46 adopted children, 25 are females and 21 are males.

The most represented age group is 6-8 years old.

Adopted children come from: 38 from Hungary, 6 from the Czech Republic and 2 from Slovakia.

16 couples adopted one child, 12 couples adopted two children simultaneously, and 2 couples adopted three children together.

24 couples adopted in Hungary, 4 in the Czech Republic and 2 in Slovakia.

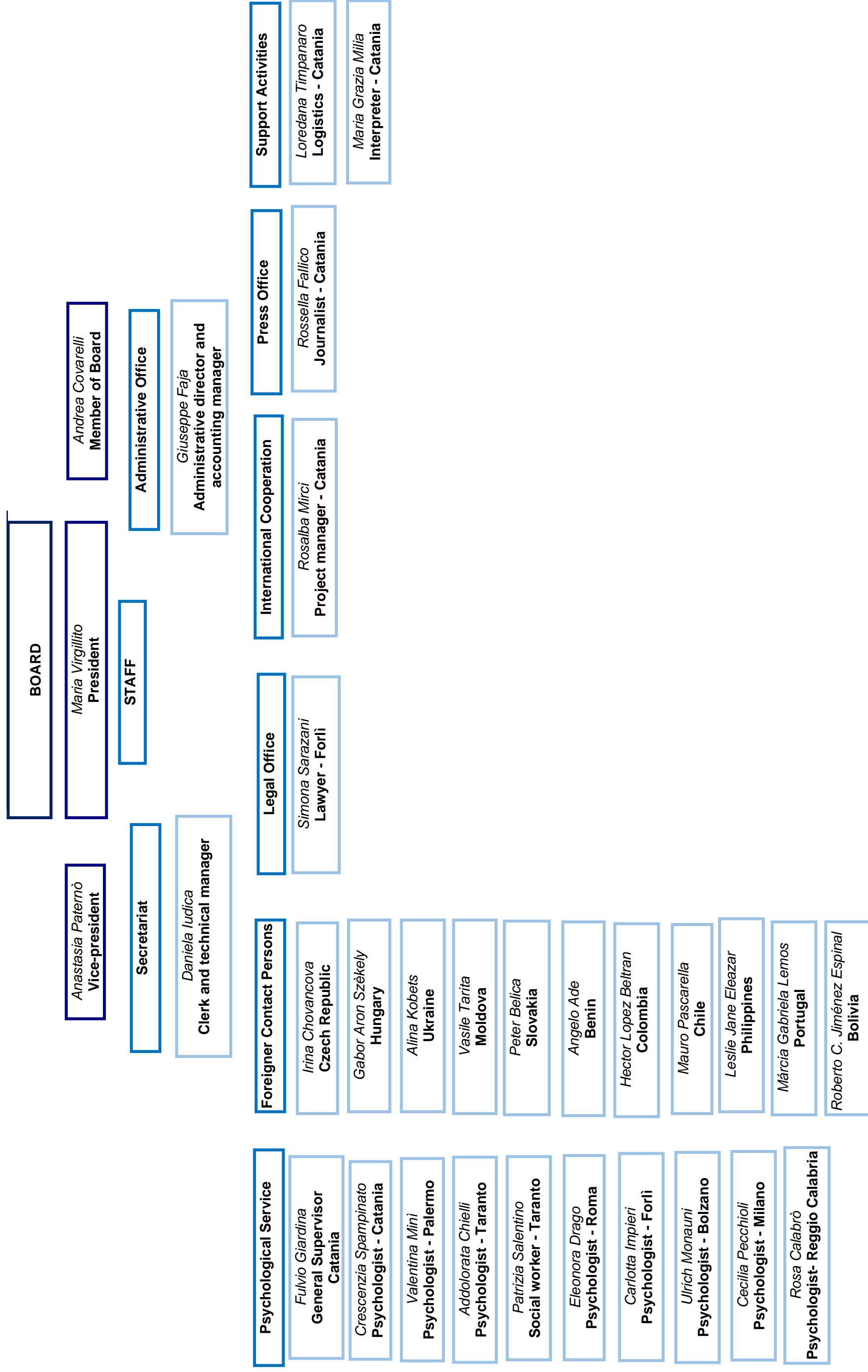
After a careful study of the data and the world situation, the following conclusion can be drawn: ASA's staff, with their professionalism, their ability to cultivate relationships nationally and internationally, and their friendliness, have been able to win the trust of the couples who have decided to rely on ASA and, above all, have succeeded in giving children a family that can love and support them. All activities carried out by the Association embody ASA's values of solidarity, people appreciation, love, respect and giving.



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