

**PROJECT «CASA FRONDA VIOLA FUTURA»  
of the Association «Amazons of the Third Moon»**

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**I - GOALS AND PURPOSE**

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**II. MEANS AND ACTIVITIES**

- 1. Favor social interaction between women/lesbians.**

a) For 10 years, we have been committed to the existence of Casa Fronda Viola by renting a place for social and collective interaction where women and lesbians can organize political, cultural and fun activities or events for women and lesbians.

Now, we want this experience to become firmly rooted by purchasing a house/woman's land. We have created the Association Amazonas of the Third Moon who has found the house/land and is in the process of purchasing it.

This will be a place to meet, to have social interaction, to develop gatherings, recreational and fun activities.

Attention and thought will be given to women and lesbian's free/leisure time by offering vacation time economically accessible to all.

The property is situated near the sea, not far from the lake Accesa and thermal baths in the Tuscany country side.

Both recreational and political activities will be organized year round: celebrations, concerts, workshops, gatherings and debates.

The hospitality of this space is considered not as a service, but rather an experiment in self-organization and self-management. We organize the spaces of the house together. There are no private rooms. Based on our 10 year experience with the rented house of Casa Fronda Viola, we have succeeded in building a balance between private life/intimacy and collective living.

**b)** From April to September, a camping site will be set up near the house. We will continue the creative events that have been part of CFV for years, such as « the witches' circle » (stories based on the experience of each participant), workshops or evenings organized around a theme, circles and rituals around a fire and the traditional mid-summer celebration.

It will be possible to have lodging in the house or to bring one's camping car (RV).

**c)** One of the objectives is also to develop and make visible lesbian projects and activities both in the political and cultural domains by organizing theater events, film festivals, presentation of literary works, and other forms of lesbian culture so that it can be seen and promoted.

## **2. Fight against men's violence against women.**

**a)** For 10 years, Casa Fronda Viola has been a place of in-depth discussions and exchange on the ways of survival and healing that each one has found or undertaken to heal the wounds of violence.

The house can be a place of refuge for women, lesbians, or girls who are going through difficult moments (economically or fleeing a situation of violence). In dire cases, the house will be able to lodge women or lesbians for a duration that will have been pre-established, in cases of economic necessity, or because they are fleeing a violent family situation and need a place to gather their strength to go on. In case of fleeing a situation of violence, it will be necessary to take precautionary measures with women who work in channels set up to help escape violent situations. (Women's Shelters or feminist self-defense instructors).

**b)** One of the main objectives is the practice and promotion of feminist self-defense courses through workshops of self-defense for women and girls. This includes organizing interregional gatherings of self-defense groups which exist in Italy, and inviting instructors of the international network of Wendo.

**c)** Violence against women also exists in patriarchal institutions. We want to continue an in-depth analysis and strategies to fight male violence in families and in communities as well as in institutions where women are confined (prisons, mental institutions). In-depth analysis and strategies are needed also to fight against militarization of territories, racism and classism, ageism, and body norms.

## **3. Live in harmony with nature, animals and plants**

**a)** Develop housing and live styles that will respect the ecosystem, such as using techniques of permaculture and the construction of dwellings which will be both artistic and have a minimal impact on the environment.

**b)** Develop biodynamic cultivation, with training sessions and seminars in herbal and plant medicine (including veterinarian application), recognizing and harvesting medical plants in nature and understanding their transformation.

**c)** Organize events linked to the well-being and health of women, to the relationship with one's body using feminist concepts and a holistic approach: teaching and practicing physical and sports activities (such as shiatsu, tuina, kinesiology, ethical and conscious cooking, chi gong, tree-climbing or walking in the Montioni park, etc.).

#### **4. Favor exchange of knowledge and skills**

**a)** Learn skills and techniques, often hoarded by men, and make them accessible to women by organizing courses in masonry, mechanics, plumbing, woodworking, and electricity taught by women who are professionals in these fields.

**b)** Favor techniques in handling materials and self- construction (DIY) of interior or exterior spaces using non-intrusive and artistic techniques which are ecologically viable for the nature we live in. We want to organize courses in building houses out of wood, straw, artistic construction, tree-houses, saunas etc.

**c)** Share and transmit knowledge, culture, art, crafts by valuing the talents of women and lesbians in all the fields of knowledge. We want to continue workshops given by CFV: massage, herbal studies, silk-screening, percussion, tree climbing, kinesiology. The space is open to new propositions whose objectives are to exchange knowledge and techniques involving crafts such as leather work, musical instruments, raku ceramics, sewing, cooking, etc.

#### **5. Create «own-source revenues» a subsistence network and mutual support among women.**

**a)** The agricultural environment favors the production of olive oil, market gardening, herbal medicinal plants, cosmetics and preparations. In the long term, it is possible to think beyond a simple self-production and go towards a direct sale of the products with the objective of creating shared revenue with women who contribute to the production according to their capacities and availability.

**b)** We know that there are other women's lands being created or which exist everywhere in the world. It is one of our priorities to be part of a network of these women's lands in order to give each other mutual support.

### III. ORGANISATION

For the last 10 years, we have organized ourselves through the practice of self-governance. We value the capacities and “ways of being” of each woman, each lesbian or girl who comes to this space.

Decisions are made during an assembly using consensus (unanimous agreement). We are careful to support the self determination of women by favoring self-confidence, mutual trust, and by creating a culture of feminist solidarity.

We give importance to the quality of the relationships which is crucial: active listening, mutual efforts to find common grounds, solidarity and recognition of the autonomy and free will of each one. A fundamental basis of this project is the questioning of all forms of internalized oppression: exercising power, classism, racism.

Working with non-violent communication and theoretical and practical tools for conflict resolution are necessary instruments to strengthen the process of feminist self governance.

### IV. FINANCIAL PLAN

#### 1. For a feminist economy

First, it is important to state clearly the following: the financial participation required for the project of purchasing property is to be exclusively used for the purchasing of a house/land by the Association Amazons of the Third Moon, (association of the amazons of the third moon) and to have this property become the permanent headquarters for the activities of Casa Fronda Viola as described below.

The total financing of the project is divided into two parts:

- **the first part is the activity of Casa Fronda Viola**; the activities or life of CFV will continue to be totally financed by the contributions and participation of those who come to CFV.
- **the second part concerns the purchase of a property** and is undertaken by the Association Amazons of the Third Moon which exists for the sole purpose of purchasing the property and which depends on the financial participation of everyone.

For 10 years, the managing group of Casa Fronda Viola has committed to paying collectively the rent of a house and the running costs which has amounted to some 70.000 euro in total (for the 10 years).

Having the same commitment, the association, Association Amazons of the Third Moon, was created in October 2016 having as its sole purpose: the purchase of a house/land.

The previous 10 year commitment is a guarantee put forth by the association to women who want to commit to the project by giving donations and also a guarantee of reliability of the association, in terms of guaranteed and regular payments, for those women who would be willing to give the association a loan.

The terms and methods of contributions, based on experience and now well established in CFV, can be identified as a participatory economy: each one participates according to her own possibilities and choices.

#### 2. Costs and Taxes

The goal is to raise 250.000 euro for the purchase of the property, the taxes and real estate agency costs. Cost of the property:

216.000 euro (-20%)

243.000 euro (-10%)

Other expenses:

Sales tax for the estate are: 9% on the house and 15% or a total of between 20.000 and 25.000 euro.

There is an added 2-3.000 euros for the notary costs and 2% of the cost for the real estate agency.

### 3. Two hypothesis

HYPOTHESIS A (-20% discount)	
<b>Costs</b>	216.000 euro
house: 162.000	
land: 54.000	
<b>Taxes</b>	22.680 euro
taxes on the house (9%): 14.580 euro	
taxes on the land (15%): 8.100 euro	
<b>Estate agency (2%)</b>	4.320 euro
<b>Notary expenses</b>	3.000 euro
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246.000 euro</b>

HYPOTHESIS B (-10% discount)	
<b>Costs</b>	243.000 euro
house: 189.000	
land: 54.000	
<b>Taxes</b>	25.110 euro
taxes on the house (9%): 17.010 euro	
taxes on the land (15%): 8.100 euro	
<b>Estate agency (2%)</b>	4.860 euro
<b>Notary expenses</b>	3.000 euro
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275.970 euro</b>

### 4. Donations

Within the organizing group, 81.000 euro have already been collected, plus 26.000 euro in **donations** from individuals, for a total of **107.000 euro** (to date).

The women and lesbians who consider it important have been asked to devote (donate) some of their money for the purpose of purchasing a feminist common good.

Another source of funding are foundations and associations of women/lesbians, such as Safia (Selbsthilfe Alleinlebender Frauen Im Alter), the Global Fund for Women, the Women's Trust.

Finally, a large crowdfunding campaign will be launched. For this reason we have opened the blog [casafrondaviola.noblogs.org](http://casafrondaviola.noblogs.org) and collected thousands of email contacts collected.

## 5. Loans

To reach our money target, we will proceed with the formula of the **collective loan**, which will be given partly by an ethical finance cooperative called Mag6, and partly by women and lesbians who are participating in the project by choosing this mode.

Mag6 is a cooperative of mutual and ethical finance that lends money on the basis of the social value of the project. Mag6's loan can be 75.000 euro or less, with an interest of 8.5% (or 7,65%).

Therefore we need more loans from single women and lesbians to get, including donations, to the necessary sum.

## 6. Campaign 20 euro each month for 10 years

The idea which largely corresponds with the project, is to ask at least 65 women to make 20 euro monthly donations within the period of 10 years. This is a not very heavy commitment from the economic point of view, but extremely serious for the need for consistency and care over time.

For this reason, a private document will be proposed between the individual members and the Association, which will indicate how to pay (monthly, semi annual, or annual installments) and how to withdraw from the commitment (6 months notice).

This formula allows to repay loans in a participatory and shared way, as well as free from activities (and the possible ups and downs). It also allows not to fall into the logic of profit and service offering, which would degenerate the project.

# WOMEN'S HOUSE/LAND – THE STRUCTURE

## 1. Location

The place chosen to realize this project offers good potentiality of collective living and creation of individual spaces.

It is a farmhouse with 5 hectares of land in Maremma, Tuscany (see [figure 1](#)), on the hills around the medieval village of Suvereto, near the Montioni Natural Park, at 170 m.a.s.l. and at 10 km from the sea.

The closest seaside resorts are the Sterpaia Natural Park, the pine grove of Baratti and the beach of San Vincenzo. Not far from the thermal waters and the lake of Accesa.

The closest train station is Campiglia Marittima, at 15 km.

The requested price is 270,000 euros, which, depending on the negotiations, may be between 200,000 and 250,000 euros.



Figure 1

## 2. The house

It is a 70s construction already habitable, disposed on two levels of 130 sqm for residential use and a basement of 45 sqm for warehouse use.

The main floor of 103 sqm (see [figure 2](#)) is large enough to allow the development of collective life.

The heart of the house is the large living room of 44 sqm, where there is room for a large dining table, 3 sofas, fireplace and stove. The living room overlooks the already furnished kitchen. Living room and kitchen have an open door/window on the exterior garden, with a shed and a pergola.

From a large corridor you can access to 3 bedrooms and a bathroom.

From the living room, a stairway rises to the first floor/attic of 27 sqm, with a study, a bedroom and a small bathroom.

The house is equipped with heating system with radiators (only the boiler is missing) and is possible to install a stove in each room.

The house structure, with most of the spaces at the ground floor, allows a better accessibility to older women or women with difficult walking.

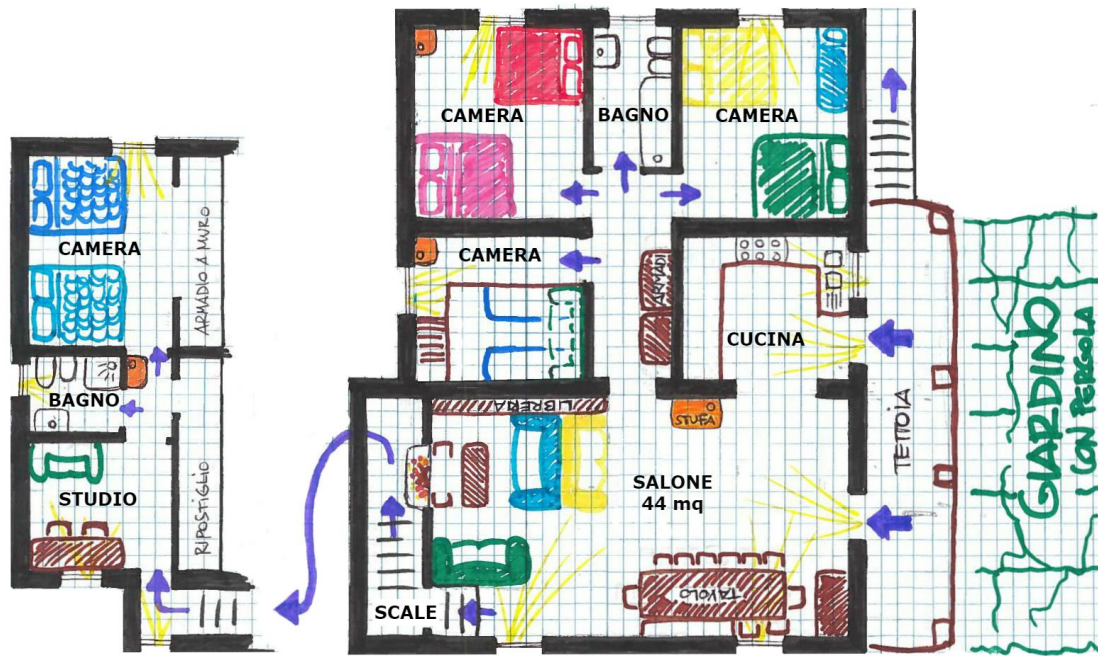


Figure 2

In the basement below (see [figure 3](#)), there is a large 34 sqm room that can be used as a workshop or tavern for parties. There is also a wood oven, the heating room and a storage room. Externally it opens on a 40 sqm barnyard, which can be covered with awnings, bounded by a 40 sqm metal garage that can be transformed into a dojo/gym for trainings and events.

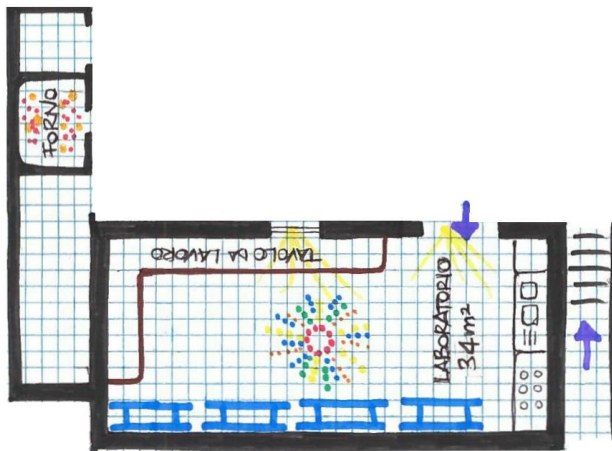


Figure 3

### 3. The ground

In front of the house, beyond the pergola, stretches a shady lawn of 4,000 sqm (see [figure 4](#)), where is possible to build the space for outdoor parties, the circle around the fire and the camping, with the installation of ecological dry toilets, showers and an outside kitchen.

At the opposite end of the house, there is the sunniest part to grow the vegetable garden.

Beyond this wide flat lawn, the ground moves (see [figure 4](#)). On one side it climbs to a beautiful hillock with young cypresses, where is possible to camp in the quiet, to make witches circles and to

watch the stars or the sea. On the other side it goes down following the access road, whose sides extend wide terraces with olive trees (280 trees) and fruit trees. At the bottom there are 2 wells of cold sulphure water (which could be warmed up with solar panels!). Part of the land is wooded.



Figura 4

#### 4. Use of spaces

The practice of self-organization of this project means that all the spaces of the house are lived collectively, in balance between private needs and collectivization. Individual spaces can be constructed by modeling the numerous outside corners, installing homes on wheels, caravans, carriages, yurts, buses, tree houses, camouflage houses, nests, underground houses, and so on.

## 5. Photos





## 6. Ideas for little houses on wheels, on trees, underground houses, yurts, nests



## **CASA FRONDA VIOLA 10 YEARS OF ACTIVITIES**

The whole herstory of Casa Fronda Viola will be complex and interesting to tell.

It will be the herstory about decisions, choices, desires of all women/lesbians who passed through it, of anecdotes, of lives.

Bellow, you will find a list of initiatives organized during these years, from which emerge how the life of the place followed the rhythms of the seasons in the last 10 years.

Each activity has its own story.

As "Stories of witches" or Midsummer parties, or meeting to keep alive the house even in winter time.

Also, some regular events don't appear in this list: organization meetings which have multiplied since when we know we have to leave the place, feminist self-defense trainings of toscany wendo group.

Many initiatives were organized together with the association Amazzoni dell'Arcobaleno (Amazons of the rainbow).

### **2007**

28th June: stories of the witches

18th-19th August: midsummer party

### **2008**

30th April: midnight fire

28th June: participation at the national Pride in Bologna

5th July: sports day dedicated to Stefia' – tournaments on the beach

26th July: stories of the witches "Handdown tales"

23th-24th August: midsummer party

### **2009**

30th April: midnight fire

1st August: stories of the witches "The magic of humor"

8th-9th August: Qi Gong training

14th August: poetry, bonfire and strumming

22th-23th August: midsummer party for the 10th anniversary of Amazzoni dell'Arcobaleno (Amazons of the Rainbow)

5th-6th December: first weekend in winter time

### **2010**

30th-31st January: party for Candlemas

4th-5th April: theater play "The killer" of Paola Cavallin with Carlina Benvenuti

17th-18th April: basic stage of wendo

30th April: midnight fire

19th-20th June: herbology meeting

17th-18th July: training in tree-climbing

17th July: cardgame tournament dedicated to Stefia'

31st July: stories of the witches "Sagas about women in struggle, resistance and sabotages" and

screening of the movie "Bandits" by Alessia Proietti  
7th-8th August: midsummer party  
14th August: poems, bonfires and strumming  
14th-15th August: Qi Gong meeting  
28th-29th November: weekend for collecting olives and board games  
31st December: New Year's party

## 2011

22th-23th January: workshop of making homemade pasta  
4th-6th February: weekend of winter socializing (hanging out)  
12th-13th February: carnaval party + participation in feminist manifestation "If not now, when" in Grosseto  
1st-2nd-3rd April: basic stage of wendo  
24th April: theater play "The treu female" by and with Francesca Mengoni  
20th-22nd May: spring wendo meeting incontro di wendo di primavera  
11th June: truck of Amazons at Euro Pride  
18th-19th June: party of the Gemini  
25th-26th June: week of Amazzonine  
30th July: stories of the witches racconti "Caves, Amazon tents and Silicon: women's places" and documentary "Zanzibar: the tale of love" by Monica Pietrangeli e Francesca Manieri  
14th August: Qi Gong meeting  
14th August: poetry reading and guitar strumming  
20-21 August: midsummer party, with theater play by Angela Soldani e Elena Rossi  
23th-26th August: training to learn how to walk on the rope  
1st-2nd October: autumn wendo meeting  
8th-9th October: weekend of socializing  
29th October - 1st November: weekend of socializing with collecting olives  
31st December: New Year's party

## 2012

18th-19th February: carnaval party  
21st-22nd April: basic wendo stage  
16th-17th March: party of the Pisces with red wig  
21-22 April: basic wendo stage  
28th-29th April: training of tree-climbing  
11th-13th May: spring wendo meeting  
7th-8th June: kitchen renovation  
9th-10th June: kitchen renovation  
18th-22nd June: week of Amazzonine (initiative of Amazzoni dell'arcobaleno)  
30th June – 1st July: workshop "Che fika la fika" (How cunt is cool!)  
11th-15th July: seminar on protection and care "Reconnect with mother earth" lead by SamManawa  
21st-22nd July: theater play "Normal lesbian" con Carlina Benvenuti e Noemi Alessi and reading of lesbian texts by Valerie Solanas and Monique Wittig  
28th July: stories of witches "Solidarity, cooperations and boycotts" and presentation of the book "Shield the reality" by Freya Mathews  
14th-15th August: bonfire and poems  
18-19 August: midsummer party

28th-30th september: inter-regional wendo meeting  
1st-2nd-3rd November: construction of the tree house and the screening of the movie "Lesbiana"  
by and with Myriam Fougere  
31st December: New Year's party

## **2013**

16-17th March: party with red wig  
29-30th March: weekend of socializing for Easter  
24-26th: spring wendo meeting  
22-23th June: herbology workshop "Flowers and smell, plants and weeds, Fiori e odori, erbe e  
malerbe, mixes and mixtures"  
24-28th June: week of little Amazoninne (initiative of Amazzoni dell'arcobaleno)  
8-11th July: week of Amazzonine teenager  
13-14th: "Cunt creations" presentation of some artwork and magic from Felis Nusselein, bar and  
party  
20-21 July: workshop "Che fika la fika" - "Fantastic island that waits"  
27 July: stories of witches "Journeys of the witches"  
14 th August: poetry reading and bonfire  
17-18th August: midsummer pary, theater play teatrale "The announcement" by Elena Rossi with  
Angela Soldani  
23-25th August: training in popular dances  
27-29 September: autumn wendo meeting  
23-24 November: party for the Sagittarius and collecting olives  
7-8th December: workshop on preparing anti flu syrup  
31 st December: New Years party

## **2014**

Making the calender 2014 Fronda Viola "Le amazzoni r(i)esistono" (Amazons resist/exist)  
22-23rd February: party for the carneval  
24 febbraio: reating the collective recording of the text "The true female" by Francesca Mengoni  
(for the 24 hour radio broadcast for 8th March by Mfla of Radio Onda Rossa)  
15-16 March: party for birthday of Pisces  
19-21 aprile: workshop on Tarot and little secrets Felis Nusselein  
24-25 may: working on renovating the tavern  
14-15 june: working on renovating the tavern  
16-21 june: week of Amazzonine (initiative of Amazzoni dell'arcobaleno)  
7-12 luglio: week of Amazzonine (initiative of Amazzoni dell'arcobaleno)  
26-28 September: inter-regional wendo meeting  
1st-2nd novembre: Halloween party  
31 December: New Years party

## **2015**

Creation of the calender 2014 Fronda Viola "The magic for existing needs to be called " inspired  
by the work and thought by Felis  
14-15th February: carneval party  
11-12th April: basic wendo stage  
9-10 May: workshop about soaps

8-12th June: week of the Amazzonine (initiative of the Amazzoni dell'arcobaleno)  
22-26th June: week of the Amazzonine (initiative of the Amazzoni dell'arcobaleno)  
3-5 th July: inter-regional wendo meeting  
25-26th July: concert with "Fimmene Fimmene" and workshop on afrobrasilian percussion instruments  
2-4th October: inter-regional wendo training  
31 December: New Year's party

## **2016**

18-19th June: collecting officinal plants and preparation  
24-26th June: inter-regional wendo meeting  
25-26 th July: serigraphy workshop  
3-9th August: seminar on kinesiology  
20-21st August: midsummer party  
1-2nd October: inter-regional wendo meeting  
13 th October: big open assembly  
31st December: New Years party

## **2017**

7-8th January: party for Befana and open assembly  
9 th April: concert of Micol  
29-30th/ 1st may: festival of lesbian theater  
20-22th May: inter-regional wendo meeting  
28-29th May: transhumance of the horses to their new land

**STATUTE  
OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT  
AMAZONES OF THE THIRD MOON**

**Art. 1**

Creation of a secular, anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-sexist, non-profit association, whose members are exclusively women, named: «Amazones of the Third Moon»

**Art. 2**

Headquarters of the association.

The Association may form sections in places most appropriate, both in Italy and abroad, in order to achieve a more complete achievement of social goals.

**Art. 3**

Indefinite duration.

**Art. 4**

The inception of the association comes from the gathering of women and lesbians from different parts of Italy and has as its goals the creation of a place of social activities among women and a permanent center for feminist associative activities and of solidarity among women.

The guiding principles of the association come from the international history of the women and lesbian movements and are based on the self-determination of women and the fight against male violence and culture of rape.

The association has as its goals: the promotion of liberty, autonomy, the well-being of women, the affirmation of women's capacity for self-organization, the development and valorization of culture, art, history, and creativity of women and the protection of women's environment.

The goals of the association are:

1) Promote places for social interaction and living environments for women and lesbians where collective involvement and political initiatives of solidarity between and for women can evolve.

2) Fight against male violence against women. Offer a logistical structure where women and girls can find help. Organize initiatives to fight against discriminations, harassment and violence anywhere, including within family structures. Being able to file a complaint and bring a criminal action before a competent judge. Organize feminist self-defense workshops as well as workshops on gender, and relationships. Organise initiatives against sexism, racism and lesbophobia. Organize support for Italian women and women migrants who need financial help or help concerning lodging or work. Develop prevention actions, awareness campaigns, training and research to develop practical skills and theories against the culture of rape, the trafficking of women and prostitution. Favor access to knowledge of laws concerning women's rights.

3) Support women's self-determination: favor women's confidence in their abilities and the confidence among women by creating a culture of solidarity. Value and support exchange between women of all origins. Fight all biases and forms of discrimination against lesbians.

4) Make lesbians visible both politically and culturally. Organize spectacles, cinema festivals, presentation of books and engage in the distribution of Italian and international lesbian culture.

5) Engage in the distribution of women's culture, art and crafts. Value women's talent in all artistic fields and domains of knowledge. Organize women's crafts and artistic activities and favor the transmission of these activities. Organize activities on women's well-being and health. Organize activities related to organic farming, cultivation of officinals herb, apiculture, horticulture and oliviculture. Organize initiatives aimed at the harmonious coexistence between women and animals and nature, to the care of flora and fauna, to the recovery of uncultivated land. Establish a library/medialibrary that collects women's productions.

6) Practicing and spreading sports activities for women, both individually and in groups, with the organization of stages and meetings.