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MIDAS supports Italian minority daily

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Representatives of MIDAS, the European Association of Daily Newspapers for Minority Languages, last week visited the Italian minority daily 'La voce del popolo' in Rijeka in Croatia, to mark their support and to find out how the association could support the threatened daily.

Director of 'La Voce dei popolo' Irene Mestrovic illustrated the difficult situation to MIDAS President Toni Ebner and Member of Board Bojan Brezigar. The paper is presently going through an economical-institutional crisis, putting the paper and its 80 employees at risk. Delayed funding from the Croatian Government, who owns the daily, is threathening its existence.

In a meeting with the President of the Italian Union, Maurizio Tremul assured that the union would support the the daily. Ebner and Brezigar stressed the importance of newspapers for every linguistic community and expressed the hope that all people responsible would take the necessary steps to guarantee the paper's continuation. (EL/Eva)

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