

## Ukrainian Cry in Trento

Many Ukrainian people - mainly women - emigrated to the Trentino area and neighboring provinces in Italy gathered on February 1, 2015 in the main square of Trento to manifest their vibrant protests against the Russian aggression against their country and express solidarity with their fellow citizens being home to fight and die also for them.

With burning candles and showing pictures bearing the names of those who were killed by the aggressors they wanted also to pay homage to the victims.

It was quite moving seeing mothers showing pictures of their children who died in battle or reading a message referred to children in war while they need to be faraway in foreign countries to work for sending some money home.



Several of them, in addition to express deep suffering for their people at home and worrying for the uncertain future of the country, recalled other territories of the former Soviet Union where the “expansionist policy” of the Kremlin is



presage of other tragic events.

They also underlined the fact that being Ukraine an Orthodox country with no significant Islamic presence the county inclines towards democracy. The gathering was promoted and organized by the *Christian-Cultural Association of Ukrainians in Trentino "Rasom"* and coordinated by its president Anzhela Shevchuk. Local residents and immigrants from other countries joined them to show solidarity with the Ukrainian people.



As the Albanian students at the Trento University Marigliana Bico attending the event observed, “The cry and message of the Ukrainian people should be a warning against winds of threats that might involve other countries striving for independence and freedom”.

Even if such initiatives will not have decisive impact to stop the war they can be helpful in mobilizing the public opinion and keeping people aware of this tragedy with uncertain and highly worrying evolution for peace in Europe.

As association aiming to fraternity among European people living in peace and freedom in their own countries, we feel close to the Ukrainians who are so dramatically suffering and hope that journalists reporting from the battleground will be always in the conditions to be free to inform the world about all events and situations.

We, as EJ journalists, will always be alert in following the evolution of this tragedy.

It is to regret that the role of the European Union as a whole in negotiating peaceful solution of the conflict is not so relevant.

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