
ResQ: Italy's humanitarian ship aimed at uniting all faiths will sail during the summer

The new humanitarian [ResQ](#) (People Saving People) vessel will set sail in the summer with the mission of rescuing survivors in the Mediterranean Sea. It is hoped that that it will also become an "interfaith" ship and of non-believers who share the same values and the same conviction, namely: "No one should drown at sea." The dream is to unite all major faiths - Catholics, Waldensians, Buddhists, Muslims - in a joint endeavour that transcends diversity, acting on what governments failed to do in Central Mediterranean. At least 1400 people died at sea in 2020 alone, but at least 30,000 deaths have been recorded since sea crossings from Africa to Europe began, equivalent to the casualties of a war. The vessel, sailing under the Italian flag, seeks to join the small group of NGOs that are unyieldingly committed to the sole and indispensable task of saving lives, in the face of overwhelming hostility and smear campaigns.