

Mario, Italy's first case of medically assisted suicide, has died.

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June 16, 2022 - 44-year-old Federico Carboni of Senigallia, known until now as "Mario," died this morning.

He is the first in Italy to have successfully sought access to medically assisted suicide, which was legalized by Constitutional Court ruling no. 242/2019 on the Cappato-Antoniani case.

The final green light for this medically assisted suicide came on February 9th with a decision on the drug to be used and the means nearly two years after Federico's initial request to the regional health authority and a lengthy legal battle fought together with the Luca Coscioni Association. At Federico's side were his family and friends, as well as Marco Cappato, Filomena Gallo, and part of his legal team.*

His last words were, *"I can't deny that I'm sorry to go. I'd be a liar if I said otherwise, because life is wonderful and we only get one. But unfortunately, this is how it ends. I did everything I could to live the best possible life and try to overcome my disability, but I've reached the end of my rope, mentally and physically. I have no autonomy in everyday life, I'm at the mercy of events, I depend on others for everything, I'm like a boat adrift in the ocean. Well aware of my physical state and future prospects, I am entirely at peace with what I'm about to do. Together with the Luca Coscioni Association we have played defense by attacking and offense by defending; we have earned a place in Italy's law books and created a piece of the country's history, and I am proud and honored to have been by your side. I am finally free to fly where I want."*

Filomena Gallo and Marco Cappato, national secretary and treasurer of the Associazione Luca Coscioni, have released the following statement: *"On behalf of our entire association, we are grateful to Federico for his faith in us over the last two years, ever since he decided not to die in Switzerland and chose to assert his rights here in Italy. Our hearts go out to Federico's mother and friends and to all who loved him. Through remarkable determination, he not only achieved his own aim but paved the way for others in his condition. For Federico, the Luca Coscioni Association had to step in for the State to defend his rights. We will continue to fight for those who ask for our help. At this point, a law like the one passed in Italy's Chamber of Deputies would no longer be needed."*

Rob Jonquiere, Executive Director of the World Federation of Right to Die Societies said, *"Federico's peaceful passing is a testament to the tireless work of the Luca Coscioni Association to ensure that such well-considered end-of-life decisions can occur in a safe environment supported by Italian law."*

* Federico's entire legal team consists of attorneys Filomena Gallo, Massimo Clara, Angelo Calandrini, Cinzia Ammirati, Francesca Re, Rocco Berardo, Giordano Gagliardini, and Francesco Di Paola.

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