



Association of Local Democracy Agencies

Minutes of the General Assembly 2010

held on 28th of May 2010

8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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08.30 Registration of participants

09.00 Welcome addresses by:

- Mr. Per Vinther, President of ALDA

- Representative of the Congress of Local and Region Power of Local Authorities, Mr Dobrica Milovanovic .

09.15 Election of a Chairperson among ALDA members :

on behalf of ALDA Governing Board Mr Vinther purposes the election of Ms Jlenia Destito as Chairperson in quality of her past and present experience as former delegate of LDA Mostar and representative of IPRES.

The General assembly agrees with the election of Ms Destito as Chairperson of the Assembly

Ms Jlenia Destito elected as Chairperson.

Ms Destito takes the floor expressing her pleasure in chairing the session.

Ms Destito goes throught the program of the session :

Approval of the Agenda of General Assembly

Agenda approved





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Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly of May 2009 (FR/EN)

The General Assembly approves the minutes

Moral Report of the President (FR/EN)

Mr Per Vinther reads the report to the Assembly

Report of activities 2009 (FR/EN)

Mrs Valmorbida takes the floor going through the activities report 2009 giving a complete overview on activities in 2009. In 2009 the position paper 2009/2011 has been approved and the enlargement document too. The document purposes the development of a strategy of enlargement in eastern and med area and the reinforcement of the Idas network. In 2009 ALDA invested also on the presence of the Idas and the network cooperating with INGO, Eastern partnership and the Alliance for the year of volunteering in 2011. The association is participating and attending a lot of strategy meeting expressing its own point of view. The association worked on the elaboration of a methodology on active participation and on interaction between local authorities and civil society to be applied at European level. A huge work on active citizenship and Europe for citizens program has been done.

ALDA took part to several programs on town twinning in partnership with important actors as Istria region.

ALDA worked too on female participation (emanzipar project) and on youth especially with youth program. Thanks to this Idas had the chance to register as EVS hosting and sending organizations.

Alda has been also a technical partner in projects managed by local partner as in Subotica on the theme of European participation.

ALDA network increased number of members working on active participation of members. The Director presented the list of projects on active citizenship and the opportunities gained thanks to them.





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Presentation and approval of the Accounts 2009 and Treasurer's report for 2009 (FR/EN)

Mr Roger Lawrence takes the floor and presents the accounts and Treasurer report for 2009.

Ms Destito purposes to approve the treasurer report after the Auditor one.

Reading of the report of the Auditor

Mr M. Jean Brice de Turckheim, Auditor from MAZARS Strasbourg, presents to the audience his report certifying that the accounts 2009 satisfy the requirements.

Ms Destito asks for approbation of Accounts 2009 and Auditor report.

The Assembly approves the Accounts 2009 and the Auditor report.

Decision on the allocation of the results of the exercise 2009

Ms Destito reads the document

The general assembly approved it

Approval of the membership fees

Ms Jlenia Destito explains to the Assembly the decision to maintain the same amount for fee for the next year.

Per Vinther recalls that the last increased of the fee was in 2006. The GB discussed the issue and decided to maintain the fee especially for insistence of local authorities.

The Assembly approves it.





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10.45 Presentation of the programme and budget for 2010

Mrs Valmorbida takes the floor and presents the programme for 2010.

The document presents the ongoing strategy implemented by the Association. There're some points to be developed as the idea of an evaluation system for Idas and ALDA work. Other important points are the establishment of LDA Kosovo, the strengthening of networking and institutional work in Armenia and a strategic plan for Azerbaijan.

A reflection has to be done in particular on the Croatian Idas considering the integration process of Croatia in the European Union.

Questions and answers

Mr Bartling referring to point 4.2.5 of the programme 2010 reports to the Assembly the difficulties to support to Ida Albania. Difficulties raised because some reports are not finalized and they cannot give support again to Albania until this is completed.

Mr Bartling highlights also the difficult situation on Belarus and the difficulty to work in that contest.

Mr Vinther replies supporting ALDA activities in Belarus even if the situation is hard and Belarus authorities are not supporting the work of the association.

Mr Bartling comments that time is necessary to prepare the ground to establish an Ida in Azerbaijan and ask if the intention is to establish an Ida without the official approbation of the authorities.

Mrs Valmorbida replies that ALDA is present and will be present in the country as an ngo and it will not wait for an invitation or approbation by Azerbaijani to establish an Ida. ALDA aim is to increase democracy and active citizenship in Azerbaijan and ALDA cannot achieve this if it wait for invitation by that side.

Mr Vinther explains that the Association plans to proceed carefully in the region trying to





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identifying reliable partners in the next two years. ALDA has already established contacts in the country and it has clear that it's important to consolidated partnerships and continue with networking.

Mr Doric expresses the point of view of the Congress and its operate in the region. He stresses that ALDA is operating from a different perspective and its commitment is on democracy from below.

Mr Friederich expresses the point of view of the Council of Europe underlining the importance to be careful and reflect about the kind of activities to implement in that region.

Mr Bertoldi express his point of view purposing to assign a clear mandate from the general assembly to the governing board to establish an Ida in Azerbaijan and Belarus. The difficult situation and contest is the reason why ALDA has to continue to operate in those countries.

Ms Destito asks for approbation of the Programme 2010.

The General Assembly approved the programme 2010.

11.00 Break

11.30 Video on Microcredit Scheme with the support of Embassy of Norway, Bank of European Council and Intesa San Paolo Bank

It has been presented to the audience the video on microcredit scheme that well describe results of the project implemented till now.

Mrs Valmorbida stresses the importance of microcredit scheme and the intention to extend the program to Albania. In fact Intesa SanPaolo bank, supporting the program in other countries, has branches in Albania too, so an expansion there is possible.





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Norway agrees to support microcredit in Albania.

The microcredit scheme was not successful as expected in Bosnia Herzegovina and resources allocated from CoE bank were reallocated to Croatia and Serbia .

ALDA had an evaluation mission in March to Nis with the representatives of Norwegian Ministry of foreign affairs and the mission was very successful. The delegation met a lot of client but also private and public actors and municipalites. The program results corrispond to the objectives and it was evident how the programme is more effective when municipalities are involved.

Mr Marinkov adds that the program has been extremely useful for small and medium enterprises in the region of Ida css. Local municipalities and incubators for business economy are involved and this programs completely fitting the programme for development .He was satisfied to know some week earlier that the program will continue till 2011. This is a valuable micro scheme tool.

Mr Milovanovic says that it would be interesting to show all the successful stories from all the Idas involved, because in the video there are only a small part of them.

Ms Destito express her disappointment as former delegate of LDA Mostar for the failure of the microcredi program in Bosnia. She explains obstacles she met in the implementation and that a very tiring communication with bank institutes has been a huge problem.

11.45 Delivering of certificate sto new ALDA members :

Mrs Valmorbida explains certificates for local authorities were delivered by Congress and for ngo by ALDA

Mr Vinther awards the new ALDA members for 2009/2010 that are :

1. REGION AUVERGNE - to be delivered in the next weeks
1. REGION BASSE NORMANDIE - delivered
2. Kingsheim municipality – to be delivered in the next weeks





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3. PATRAS MUNICIPALITY - to be delivered in the next weeks
4. SKOPJE MUNICIPALITY - delivered
5. ROVIGO MUNICIPALITY - to be delivered in the next weeks
6. KMOP - to be delivered in the next weeks
7. ZELS - to be delivered in the next weeks
8. Maison de l'Europe de Caen Basse-Normandie - delivered
9. AKRO NGO - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 10.AEP - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 11.SEGA - delivered
- 12.UNISCO - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 13.ISBEM - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 14.AMK – delivered
- 15.MAUD BRISCHOUX - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 16.MARITE' CUONZO - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 17.ZEHRA DRECA SIKIAS - to be delivered in the next weeks
- 18.LARA FRANCO - to be delivered in the next weeks

12.15 Working Groups presentation

Mrs Valmorbida presents to the audience the proposal for working groups 2010 launching the activities starting September 2010.

12.30 Ms Destito closes the session.

12.45 Luncheon

Official reception

