

DEMOCRACY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT -1ST WORKING GROUP MEETING



21ST JUNE 2021

16.00 - 18:00

ONLINE



Members' participation and active involvement are two cornerstones of ALDA's work and the basis of our strength and added value.

This is not only a programmatic and theoretic approach, but also concrete actions taken by the Association, whose democratic life is relaunched and refreshed every 4 years, concurrently with the appointment of the Governing Board of ALDA, that has now approved as one of their first actions the activation and animation of the new ALDA Working Groups (WG).

European Democracy & Local Development

Contributing to European democracy means making your voice heard, both by participating in European elections, where citizens directly elect Members of the European Parliament every 5 years, and also outside of election periods. The last European elections, held in 2019, had the highest turnout in 20 years, with over 200 million voters and a sharp rise in young voters. At the same time, democracy in the EU and its countries is facing challenges such as rising extremism, disinformation and a perceived distance between people and their elected representatives.

Civil society organization have a leading role in boosting citizens participation and in raising awareness on citizens rights. Their cooperation with Local Authorities is the only way forward a sustainable, fair and inclusive development for local communities and for the European society as well.

DRAFT AGENDA

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Moderators: Francesco Pala and Sofia Caiolo

14:00

OPENING AND PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUP

14:30

TOUR THE TABLE AND PRESENTATION OF MEMBERS *ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR*

15:00

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND OF THE TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED *STRUCTURED DISCUSSION*

15:45

CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS