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# WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL



## Oriano Otočan President

Dear members, dear friends of ALDA,

I would like to start this year's activity report by paying tribute to the brave people of Ukraine who have been facing a terrible war since February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

2022 has been another year of crisis for us all, but mainly for Ukrainians and their country where we have members, partners, colleagues and friends. All along 2022 they have inspired us and this fearful conflict deeply impacted our activities.

Unfortunately, the war in Ukraine wasn't the only challenge humanity faced in 2022: the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic are still present from an economic and social point of view, while the conflict in Ukraine has led to a significant inflation.

All this affected the capacity of Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities to operate while increasing the need for services, thus paving the way for less openness to migrants and other vulnerable groups.

All along 2022, civic space in general has been challenged all around Europe. The report on the rule of law of the European Commission has put on the spotlight that an increasing number of European Union member States have adopted unliberal behaviour.



Oriano Otočan  
President of ALDA



## Antonella Valmorbida Secretary General

Dear members, dear friends of ALDA,

This year has been marked by tremendous changes in the world as well as in our organisation.

After years of sustained growth, our organisation has reached the time for restructuring, with more than 100 projects under implementation in 2022, we have initiated a particular effort to improve the readability of our action and increase our impact on the ground.

To this end, we have established **thematic hubs** that will allow each member to connect with our actions on a thematic basis, thus strengthening the ownership to our strategic priorities and access the expertise capitalised along more than 20 years of activities. In the upcoming years, the thematic hubs will allow us to monitor in a clearer way the impact of our network in making societies more democratic, inclusive and sustainable.

This effort is going hand in hand with several processes of institutional capacity building, such as the



Despite this unfavourable environment and in reaction to these worrying trends, ALDA, its members and partners have deployed their energy to implement our shared vision of an inclusive and democratic world. Once again, our local action was crucial to maintain alive the link between citizens and quickly evolving EU policies. Our expertise and commitment have been rewarded by our institutional partners who gave us the opportunity to extend our activities.

I would like to thank all those who contributed to make 2022 a worthwhile year of action!

compliance to ISO 9001 and a reflection on our socio-economic model, thanks to the support of Coordination Sud and the French Development Agency. We are convinced that this will enable us to adapt to a quickly evolving environment and continue to remain even more coherent with our mission.

As an example of our continuous will to improve, I am pleased to remind that our Governing Board adopted a new policy for Gender Equality and Anti-Discrimination: a great achievement making sure that all our processes comply with the principles we believe in and that are necessary to achieve our mission.

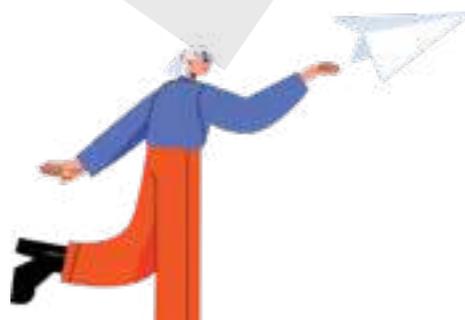
Our geographical units continued to develop their activities, in connection with the thematic hubs, attaining great accomplishment in 2022, as you can read in this report.

The final meeting of European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE) in North Macedonia, Croatia and Kosovo\* revealed itself a great success. Moreover, ALDA was awarded the **European Prize for "Stronger Governance"** for the tangible results achieved through the implementation of the "Activating Government Reform for Improving Development" (AGREED) project, funded by the European Union in the Republic of Moldova. Last but not least, we have increased our activities in Africa through the project "Women and Youth in Democracy initiative" (WYDE) in partnership with the European Partnership for Democracy.

All along the year, we have also been working on supporting our Ukrainian members and friends. We have been relentless in reminding the importance of local actors to our international partners and we will continue to support the development of Local Democracy Agencies in Ukraine to support the reconstruction of the country and the implementation of the European acquis toward the EU accession. I would like to praise our Ukrainian partners for their bravery and all the organisations that have supported our efforts.

I am particularly proud of the immense efforts of the whole Association's staff Governing Board and members, thanks to whose collective effort ALDA is able to pursue its mission throughout Europe, in the neighbourhood and beyond. I am looking forward to our continued endeavours.

**Antonella Valmorbida**  
Secretary General of ALDA



## ABOUT ALDA

### \* Who we are

Supporting local democracy and citizens engagement in Europe, the Neighborhood and beyond, ALDA is a global alliance of associations, civil society organizations and local governments. Established in 1999 at the initiative of the Council of Europe, ALDA coordinates and supports the network of Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs), be they self-sustainable, locally registered NGOs acting as good-governance and local self-government promoters.

During its over [20 years of activities](#) ALDA has developed more than [500 projects](#), engaging almost 25 million citizens. Thus, thanks to its expertise and knowledge, and by promoting participatory methods

and decentralized cooperation; ALDA is a strategic stakeholder in the field of local democracy, active citizenship, and cooperation between local authorities and civil society.

Together with its 300 [members](#) from 45 countries, 16 [Local Democracy Agencies](#) (LDAs) and 3 Operational Partners (OPs), ALDA actively contributes to the realisation of the objectives of the [Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030](#).



## ✦ The ALDA Group

Since its beginning in 1999, ALDA has been growing not only in terms of projects, members, actions and expertise, but also developing twinned bodies and entities, which make ALDA able to always be more and more connected with the various local and regional communities and stakeholders we are working with.



ALDA - the European Association for Local Democracy, registered in Strasbourg (FR) more than 20 years ago and with few members and activities at that time, has now become a global alliance of Civil Society Associations and Regional and Local Authorities, following its natural inclination towards a multi-stakeholder inclusive approach.

In reason of such an enlargement approach, ADA has started a slow but continuous process of localisation of its branches, by registering, more than 10 years ago, its branch office in Skopje (MK) as a hub for the work in the Western Balkans, and meanwhile enlarged the LDAs network to 16 locally registered associations with a yearly label coming from ALDA's Governing Board.

As a result of this capitalisation on expertise and experience, new entities were established:

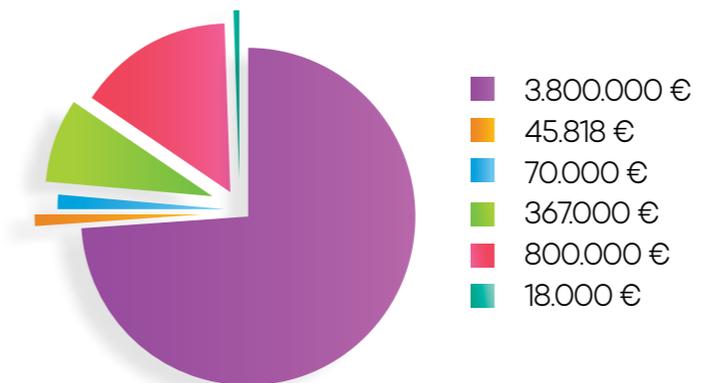
- **ALDA+ profit company**, in 2017, the Benefit Corporation owned by ALDA which delivers technical support to Local Authorities and CSOs all over the world;
- the regional association called **Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD)**, in 2019, founded by ALDA and the LDAs from the Western Balkans.
- In 2022 ALDA officially registered its local branch in Italy: **ALDA Italia Aps** (ALDA Italy Association of Social Promotion), establishing deeper links and having a stronger impact within the community ALDA and its offices are based in.

Following the same path, ALDA is in process to formally register its branch offices in Moldova and Tunisia as well.

This continuous process of development and differentiation has brought ALDA to a whole new level, where ALDA's offices, ALDA+, the network of the LDAs and the Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD), have thus become autonomous yet interdependent realities, working together for the same mission, as a Group: **the ALDA Group**.

Thus, since 2020, also from a budget point of view, the Group of ALDA is presented and composed of various entities, all connected to ALDA's core mission: good local governance and citizens participation.

All the entities mentioned below are formally related to ALDA in different ways, and all of them are subject to ALDA's Governing Board supervision and approval.





## ✦ What we do

To promote good governance and citizen participation at the local level in the whole Europe and beyond, ALDA leads a wide range of actions supporting local, national and international stakeholders in achieving their goals in the fields of **European integration, decentralisation, human rights, social inclusion, sustainable development,** and much more.

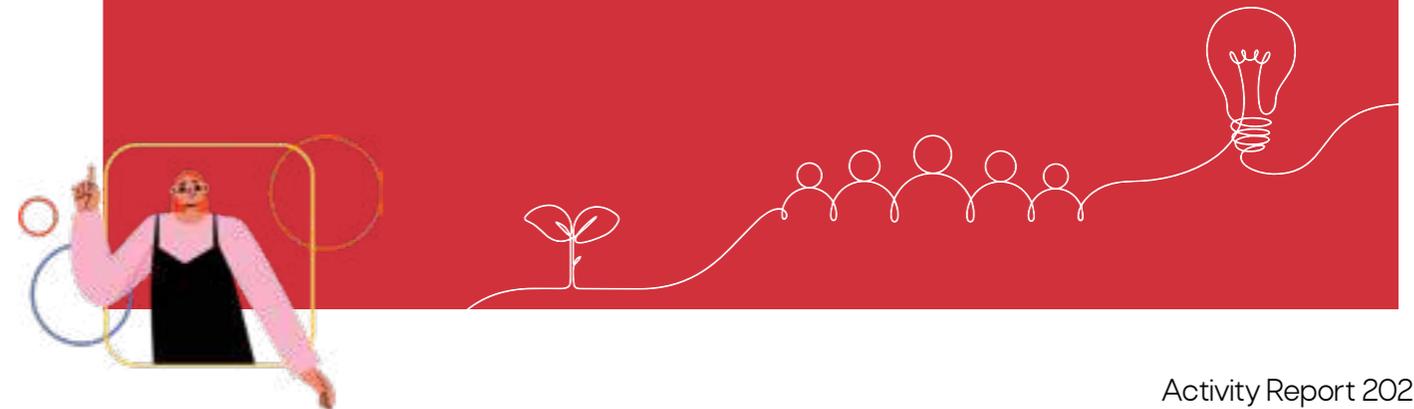
ALDA works with a **multistakeholder approach** looking at a broad spectrum of the potential resources in the local communities. ALDA represents a **wide network of citizens and local authorities fully committed and engaged** to support local democracy and the empowerment of local communities through citizens participation, in Europe and beyond.

Since 2020, ALDA has been bringing its experience in local democracy beyond the European borders and the neighborhood, reaching out to other regions of the world in need of assistance and support in our field of expertise (**ALDA going global**)

In more than 20 years of activities, with its members and partners, supported by European institutions and various other donors, ALDA has had an impact on over 25 million citizens of the Enlarged Europe, and further.

ALDA leads its activities through different forms of actions and channels:

- Conducting a myriad of **projects** in the field of good governance and citizen participation at the local level in Europe and beyond, with its members, its partners and the Local Democracy Agencies
- Coordinating and supporting the **16 Local Democracy Agencies and 3 Operational Partners**
- Managing and supporting its **wide network of members**, made of over 350 stakeholders including local authorities, associations of local authorities, provinces, counties, civil society organisations, and academic institution
- Collaborating with **European and worldwide networks** on campaigns, statements and joint initiatives to let citizens be heard and contribute to the decision-making process of their communities. It cooperates as official partners of the Council of Europe and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and it is a long-term partner of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and other key policies and programmes of the European Commission.
- Supporting local stakeholders' initiatives by providing ALDA's unique expertise gained during its over 20 years of activity in the European Union and its Neighbourhood through the **establishment of partnerships** and the **identification of relevant stakeholders** to cooperate with, scouting funding opportunities to implement project ideas, and assuring dissemination and visibility of their initiatives
- Leading **advocacy and lobbying activities**, raising the voice of its members and partners in order to orient local, national and European policies in our field of activities to make a stronger and more cohesive Europe, based on the principle of equality, democracy and human rights.



## Where we work



ALDA works in most of the European Union, in its Neighborhood and it is developing partnerships and activities in many other parts of the World.

Activities in the European Union are mainly oriented to the promotion of active citizenship and to strengthen European values and identity, while the work in the Western Balkans and in the European Neighborhood focuses on good governance, citizen participation, European integration, and decentralisation.

As coordinator and supporter of the network of the Local Democracy Agencies, a natural focus is given to the Western Balkans, where the majority of them are located.

Nonetheless, thanks to the incessant work of our team, this network does not stop growing and spreading. The most recent LDA was created on October 2021 in Edremit, Turkey, only about a year after the establishment of the LDA in Tetouan, Morocco.

ALDA is also leading projects and developing partnerships in other European neighboring countries, such as Belarus and Turkey, as well as starting promising collaborations with key stakeholders in North America and Southern Africa.



## Our Network

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Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs)

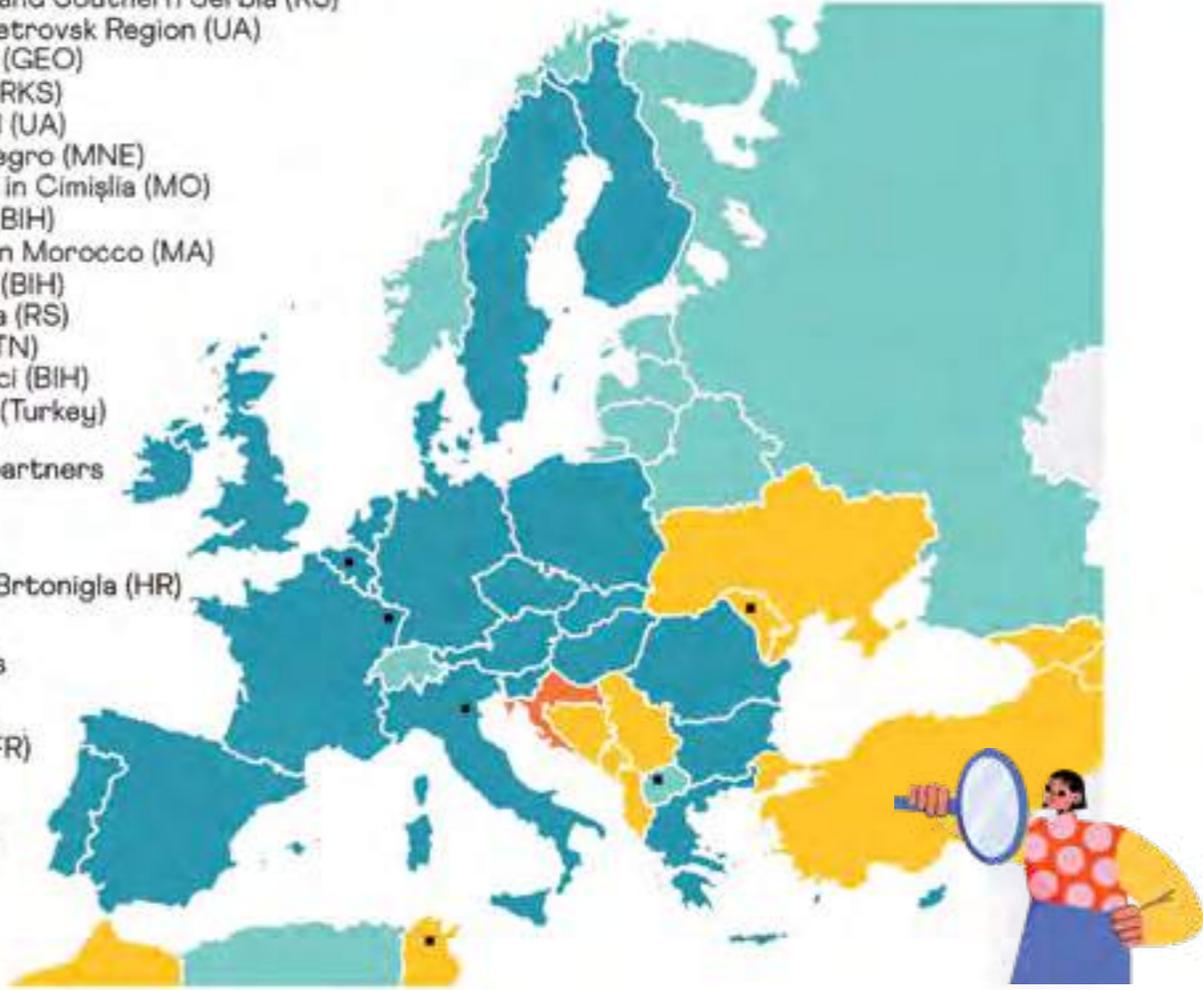
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- LDA Mariupol (UA)
- LDA Montenegro (MNE)
- LDA Moldova in Cimişlia (MO)
- LDA Mostar (BIH)
- LDA Northern Morocco (MA)
- LDA Prijedor (BIH)
- LDA Subotica (RS)
- LDA Tunisie (TN)
- LDA Zavidovici (BIH)
- LDA Edremit (Turkey)

Operational partners

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- Brussels (BG)
- Strasbourg (FR)
- Vicenza (IT)
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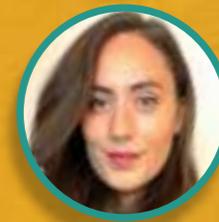
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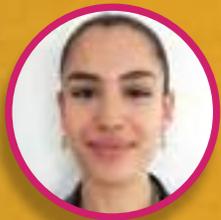
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## OUR PRIORITIES



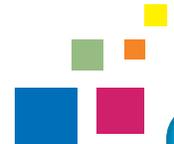
### \* Advocacy & Network

As an international association and an experienced practitioner, ALDA is deeply engaged in advocacy processes, in cooperation with its members, partners and the whole ALDA network, on a number of crucial issues for the **advancement of democratic processes all around the World**, such as citizens participation, social inclusion, integration, sustainability, environment, Agenda 2030, SDGs' localisation... Making citizens' voice heard in Europe and all over the globe, sharing best practices and **shaping the future with a bottom-up approach**: this and much more is what ALDA is standing for.

In line with these principles, in 2022 ALDA became part of the new initiative to promote European values and local democracy in Europe, called the **"European Capital of Democracy"**. Antonella Valmorbida, ALDA Secretary General, was appointed as a member of the Experts' Jury of this initiative which will designate every year, starting from 2022, a city in Europe representing and strengthening Democracy.

To reach these objectives, ALDA has a strong advocacy component, being member, partner, observer and supporter of the following institutions and organisations:





## ✳ ALDA for the Agenda 2030

Since the adoption of the **Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, during the historical United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in 2015, ALDA has been working to raise awareness of the SDGs by its members and network, and implementing them through all our projects. Indeed, the achievement of the Agenda 2030 is possible only by applying different principles. Particularly relevant for the work of ALDA are: **universality, inclusiveness and localisation**.

Through its active participation in European and international networks, its local actions and initiatives, ALDA is actively part of the global plan for the SDGs' achievements also contributing to policy processes, targeting different EU institutions and citizens, advocating together towards the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

Among the networks ALDA supports and cooperate with for the SDGs implementation there are Concord Europe, the SGD Watch Europe, Civicus, Energy Cities and Platforma, together with the associations of local authorities and local authorities from all over Europe. Indeed, working in synergy with the latter guarantee a stronger implementation of the SDGs at the local level.



## \* ALDA for the Conference on the Future of Europe

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 marked not only the “Europe Day”, but also the beginning of one of the most remarkable happenings of our democratic history: the launch of **the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)**.



Following its nature of citizens' driver for engagement and good governance, ALDA had an active and key role since the very beginning of the CoFoE. On the one hand, ALDA acted as a promoter of the whole consultation process, teaching and empowering its members and all citizens in using the Platform and contributing with ideas. On the other hand, ALDA was among the founding organisations of the **Civil Society Convention for the Conference on the Future of Europe (CSOCOfoE)**, an initiative led by Civil



Society Europe aimed at ensuring genuine involvement of citizens and representative associations in this process. Thus, ALDA Secretary General Antonella Valmorbida was both **member of the Steering Committee and leader of the cluster on Democracy**. Indeed, the work of the Civil Society Convention was structured around 5 thematic clusters working on outputs that will be presented and discussed in the plenary sessions of the Convention and then presented at the CoFoE itself.

These clusters are:

- **The fight against Climate Change and Environmental Challenges**, chaired by Green 10
- **Social Europe**, chaired by SOLIDAR
- **Europe's Digital Transformation**, chaired by ECAS
- **Our European Life**, co-chaired by Volonteuropa and CEV
- **The Union's Democratic Foundation and Rule of Law**, co-chaired by ALDA and Ecolise

Complementary to this action advocating for structural changes toward more democracy, ALDA produced 2 important documents: the first one reflects on the achievements of the Europe for Citizens programme, while the second highlights the connection of ALDA's ongoing activities with the priorities of the Presidency of the European Union.



## ALDA for Ukraine

2022 has been an intense year for ALDA and like many other Civil Society Organisations ALDA has been heavily impacted by the attack on democracy started with the Russian invasion on Ukraine, started on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The whole Association has been deepened shaken from the conflict and responded with a immediate mobilisation of all its resources in order to provide help and support to Ukrainian people.

Indeed, the links uniting ALDA and Ukraine are many and extremely strong: several ALDA members and partners are Ukrainians, along with a part of its staff working in the Local Democracy Agencies in Mariupol and Dnipro. ALDA's office in Chisinau (Moldova) was also strongly impacted by the situation.

In this framework, a dedicated unit was created to manage the emergency and to set a constant contact with ALDA's Ukrainian network.

In order to support the incredible efforts of **ALDA's Ukrainians colleagues and partner organisations facing the war**, a series of activities to inform members and followers were put in place, to provide up to date information and concrete help.

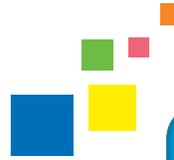


Help and support to Ukrainian people



Moreover, **ALDA joined forces with Civil Society Organisation and local authority networks** asking European institutions and member states to provide an efficient support to Ukrainian civil society.

Furthermore, ALDA became a member of the **Alliance for Reconstruction of Ukraine of the Committee of the Regions**. Such a partnership resulted in the organisation of a conference on Ukraine within the Summit for Democracy and ALDA General Assembly in May 2022, in coordination with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and several European networks active for the defence of local and inclusive democracy that made Ukraine and Ukrainians so resilient in facing the war.



All in all, ALDA's activity for Ukraine consisted into 4 main pillars of action:

- **Raising awareness** among members and partners on all possible ways to support Ukrainian society during the war
- Leading **projects with local and international partners** and members to support Ukraine
- Supporting **ALDA members** in their initiatives
- Drafting and disseminating statements to lead a **strong advocacy action**



## \* Local democracy in the World

ALDA aims at reaching out global by overcoming the borders of the European Union and its Neighbourhood. Its mission is extremely important, even more in the changing context of the post COVID crisis and in light of the recent war in Ukraine. The **role of local communities is crucial**. Thus, the work of ALDA aims at using its over 20 years of experience and **reaching out to different areas and stakeholders**.

The goal is to promote local democracy all over globe, working with local authorities and civil society, sure that **local democracy solves problems and delivers to citizens**, with equality, rights and development.



In 23 years, ALDA has enlarged its field of action from 5 to more than 300 members from Balkans to the European Union, Eastern Partnership, the Mediterranean area and beyond.

In 2022, ALDA took part in the **Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy**, coordinated by the Swiss Democracy Foundation and Democracy International, being the largest gathering devoted to direct democracy worldwide. Antonella Valmorbidia, ALDA Secretary General, signed on behalf of ALDA the **Magna Charta**, consisting on a document identifying 20 different dimensions for democratic progress on the local level— so that citizens and urban institutions can form an idea of where their own cities rank in terms of democracy development.

## Our Network



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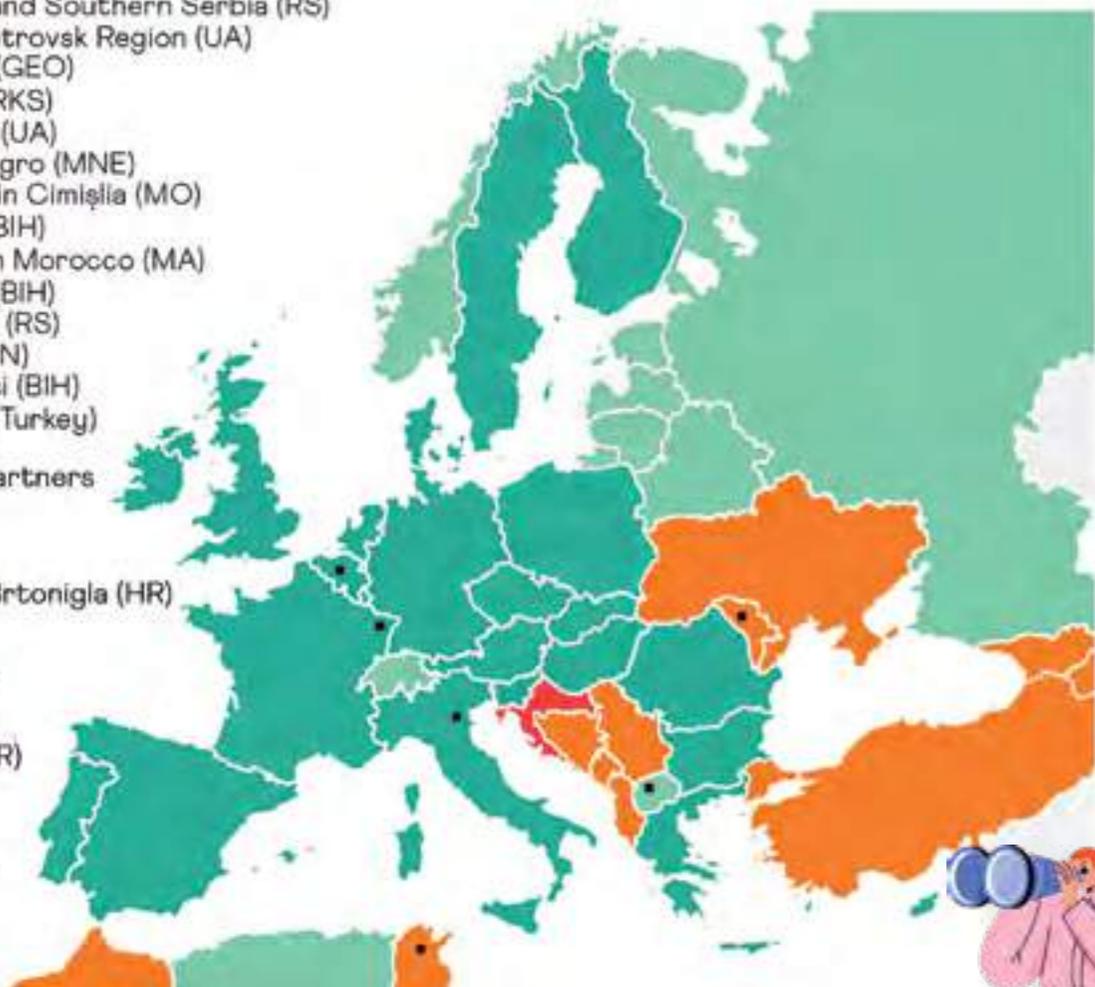
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## ALDA WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

### European Union

What was heralded as the year of Europe's, and the world's, definitive exit from the pandemic, the year of 'recovery', 2022 soon turned into the year when war once again came knocking at Europe's doors. With the outbreak of the conflict in Ukraine, following the Russian invasion, Europe once again came to terms with a ghost it thought was gone forever. This has shown once again how crucial it is to continue working relentlessly on the development and strengthening of **the European project as the sole guarantor of peace and stability.**

This scenario was also reflected in ALDA's projects and activities, with many of them **dedicated to the support and recovery of Ukraine** and its civil society, in cooperation with several members and partners of ALDA, as well as with national and international institutions.

At the same time, the **Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)** which started in May 2021, continued its development, as an unprecedented initiative for building a more inclusive and democratic European space. It brought together civil society organisations and citizens from all backgrounds and corners of the EU, offering unique digital and physical means of exchange, interaction and expression.

From a general perspective, ALDA saw its activities move forward and develop in a positive way, with almost 30 new projects started during the year, new members and an eye already set on the future European Parliament Elections 2024, for which ALDA has already started working on awareness-raising campaigns to urge citizens to vote.

## \* Western Balkans

What started as a peaceful and hopefully prosperous 2022 for Western Balkans, has transformed into, at the very beginning of the year, a new war ridden and painful reality. The Western Balkans came united in offering support to Ukraine in these difficult times, while still working on local issues.

ALDA, while actively supporting Ukraine, confirmed even more its commitment to **support democracy and citizens' engagement in the Western Balkans**, acting as a bridge between the region and the European Union. With the paper "**Position of ALDA on the Conference on the Future of Europe and the Western Balkans involvement**", ALDA made seven recommendations, among which supporting for the integration of the Western Balkans in the European Union is the first.

In March 2022, the Italian city of Trieste hosted the signing ceremony of the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ALDA and CEI – Central European Initiative**, thus formalising the long cooperation between the two organisations focusing on their joint work in the Balkan region.

2022 was also the year of good governance, as ALDA continued the implementation of the **EloGE methodology in North Macedonia, Croatia and Kosovo\*** with the support of ALDA's office in Skopje, North Macedonia. Involving **44 municipalities form the 3 territories**, the project European Label of Governance Excellence financially supported by the Council of Europe resulted in 18 municipalities

being awarded with the label, proving their successes in adhering to the 12 principles of Good Governance.

ALDA is also part of the project **Link4Cooperation** implementing EloGE in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where the Bosnian partners work with 12 municipalities and local CSOs in enhancing democracy in the country.



With ALDA's support, the **Balkan Network for Local Democracy – BNLD** continued its work in the Western Balkan Region. 2022 brought important changes to the Network, as the delegate of LDA Zavidovici, **Mr. Sladjan Ilic** was elected as new president and the members adopted the accountability principles of BNLD. Furthermore, the Network was supported by TASC0, BCSDN and SIDA in order to

work to straightening and solidifying the position of BNLD as an important actor in the Western Balkan actions for development.

2023 will be even more challenging, as the future is even more uncertain. One fact remains clear, ALDA will continue actively supporting the Western Balkans and working towards a better future for the region.

## ✳ Eastern Partnership & Central Asia

With Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, 2022 was a complicated, dramatic, and challenging year for the whole world, not only for the Eastern Partnership region. Nevertheless, the regional team continued to show resilience and adaptability. While recruiting an almost entirely new team, the department continued with the implementation of ongoing projects, evaluating previous strategies and actively contributing to the development of new ones.

A number of projects have been successfully finalised, such as “AGREED” in Moldova, “Media Dialogue” in Kyrgyzstan, and “Tandem VI” in Belarus, impacting thousands of beneficiaries and generating positive change.

In June 2022, ALDA was awarded for tangible results achieved through the implementation of the AGREED project “Enabling Governance Reform for Improved Development” with the **European Award for “Stronger Governance” at the Civil Society Gala 2022**, organised by the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova.

Among the new projects on the block there are “EU4Accountability” - Empowered civil society for increased social accountability in Moldova, funded by the European Union and running from 2022 to 2024. It is implemented by a consortium of three organisations among which ALDA, EPD, and PIN, it covers 10 districts of Moldova, and has a total budget of €1.6 million euros.

“**Supporting the Local Democracy Agencies in Ukraine**” is a special project that provides support to raise funds for several project proposals coming from existing Local Democracy Agencies and members of ALDA in Ukraine (Dnipro, Mariupol, and Odessa). It also identifies interested partners to support the establishment of new LDAs in Ukraine as working models of local development and decentralised cooperation between the EU and candidate countries.



## ✳ Middle East & Africa

In 2022, the Middle East & Africa department of ALDA has consolidated its presence in key countries for the fulfilment of the regional strategy.

Apart from a long-term engagement in North Africa, specifically through both **flagship and small-scale projects** and initiatives in Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria and Libya, ALDA reinforced its partnerships in Türkiye and in the African continent with the first steps of two new big-scale projects, respectively WE ACT and WYDE.

While maintaining as a general objective the support to local democracy and citizens' participation, **projects mainly focused on participatory processes** directed to several aims, such as **sustainable mobility** and **youth participation**, but also **capacity building for local authorities and civil society**

**organisations**, including through international exchange, and as well women participation and educational matters.

2022 has been a year of rethinking and reloading for the LDAs in the region: LDA Tunisia has taken the courageous step of independence, becoming since this year financially independent from ALDA and managing its own functioning and projects. LDA Northern Morocco, on its side, is reconsidering its mission, while LDA Edremit is securing its foundations step by step.

Concerning the engagement in the MEA regional networks, ALDA maintained a high degree of involvement with its role as co-head of the **French national network of the Anna Lindh Foundation**, composed of almost 100 French NGOs. ALDA is also engaged with REF - Réseau Euromed France as part of the Steering Committee of key programmes, such as Jeunesses Méditerranéennes. 2022 was also the last year of commitment with the French-Tunisian PCPA (Programme Concerté Pluri-Acteurs) where ALDA coordinated the Participative Democracy hub.

## \* ALDA Going global

The implementation of the news strategic views 2020-2024 has both confirmed the importance of supporting local and regional authorities in applying the principles of participatory democracy and promoting the cooperation with the civil society component, and the need of bringing ALDA's action beyond the European borders.

The changing context of the post COVID crisis, and even more so the war in Ukraine have highlighted the **crucial role of local communities**, which need to be resilient, act as connectors between stakeholders and promoter of local democracy and citizens engagement, to ensure prosperity and peace.

The work of ALDA aims at using its 23 years of experience to reaching out to more areas and stakeholders. As it was in the past, **the European Union, the Council of Europe and their institutions remain major stakeholders for ALDA**: they are change-drivers in the approaches to be followed when tackling a global approach. That is why, topic-wise, ALDA's approach towards the «Going Global» mission is in line with the **«International Partnerships - Priorities»** of the European Commission and the democracy support of the Council of Europe: Partnerships for human development, peace and governance; alliances for sustainable growth and jobs; partnerships for migration and mobility, alliances for science, technology, innovation and digital; green alliances and partnerships.





## OUR PROJECTS

All projects ALDA implements contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to the localisation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Recently, ALDA has introduced **seven thematic hubs** which encompass all actions and projects that ALDA implements according to theme and priority.

These are:

- Citizens' engagement
- Territorial and local development
- Digital and innovation
- Youth empowerment and education
- Environment and climate
- Gender, inclusion and human rights
- Migration



**7** thematic hubs

# CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT



#EuSAVE

## #EuSAVE - EU CITIZENS' ACTION FOR SMART HISTORIC VILLAGES



 Donor: Europe for Citizens	 Budget: 146.160,00 €	 Timeframe: January 2019 - December 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Latvia, North Macedonia, Portugal, Spain
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IT AIMS AT creating a network of European smart historic villages that enhances citizens' involvement and participation in the socio-economic life of their territory.



## ACHIEVE - AWARENESS OF COMMON HISTORY FOR IDENTIFYING AND EXTENDING THE VALUES OF EUROPE



 Donor: Europe for Citizens	 Budget: 148.680,00 €	 Timeframe: June 2019 - May 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 13	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia
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**IT AIMS AT** developing the EU identity starting from a reflection on the common history, art and religions among cities from Central and South-Eastern Europe as a tool to fight growing Euroscepticism. The main goals are to encourage civic and democratic participation of citizens at the EU level by developing their knowledge on the process of political elaboration of the EU and to promote opportunities of civic, volunteer, or intercultural engagement at EU level.



Achieve



Achieve

## EU sceptic OBSERVE



 Donor: Europe for Citizens	 Budget: 146.160,00 €	 Timeframe: January 2019 - December 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Latvia, North Macedonia, Portugal, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** fostering European citizenship and improving the conditions for civic and democratic participation at European level through: (1) Creation of a website "Observatory tool"; (2) Events across Europe; (3) Drafting and dissemination of publications.

**Highlight:** The project created a "Eurosceptic-Observer", a special webpage that will research eurosceptic political parties and the raise of these trends across Europe.

## CAMELOT - CITIES AND METROPOLES IN EUROPE LABOURING ONWARD TOGETHER



Donor: Europe for Citizens	Budget: 148.680,00 €	Timeframe: March 2020 - February 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 8	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia
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**IT AIMS AT** building a thematic network of European Metropolitan Cities that will exchange experiences about the management of the European funds and the role of metropolitan cities in the future of European governance, through the organisation of 8 international events in 8 EU Metropolises.



Camelot

## TEAM4TEAM & YOUTH NEWS



Donor: MitOst / Mercator Stiftung & Erasmus+	Budget: 30.000,00 € + 12.000,00 €	Timeframe: July 2020 - March 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 4	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: Türkiye & EU member states
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**IT AIMS AT** engaging participants in an intense international collaboration process, within the Civil Society Exchange Partnership Program, to which this project belongs. ALDA and MEDAR through TEAM4TEAM have developed a common model of exchange linked to media literacy and participation.

*“ Thanks to this project I rediscovered the pleasure of being together, and I remembered the soft skills I was practicing before Covid-19. I go back home after this exchange with plenty of new tools I'm eager to use in my local context ”*

- Project beneficiary



TEAM4TEAM

## PIECE - PARTICIPATION INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT OF COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 163.940,00 €	Timeframe: October 2020 - November 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Italy, France, Greece, Spain, United Kingdom
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**IT AIMS AT** tackling the difficulties that community life is now experiencing throughout the world due to digital innovations and the challenges of globalization. Indeed, it is becoming rarer and rarer for people to be in touch with their local communities and to create networks that are both local and offline.

## BRAVO BRAVISSIMO



Donor: Creative Europe	Budget: 332.720,00 €	Timeframe: October 2020 - December 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal
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**IT AIMS AT** reviving the legacy of Rossini by co-creating an opera theatre piece based on Rossini's opera. Participant engagement workshops and activities have been organised in 4 European countries as part of the project. The purpose was to get participants interested in diverse artistic expressions, such as theatre, music, design, and cooking.

**Highlight:** The main achievement consists in getting the audience interested in the cultural heritage of European opera, reflecting on the impact culture has on our lives, thus encouraging artists to share their passions and expertise by getting the public interested in Rossini's opera.

The major milestone of the project was the successful conclusive performance that took place in Trieste (Italy).



Bravo Bravissimo



### FACE UP - FACTORY CITIES OF EUROPE. UNITED IN PARTNERSHIP



 Donor: Equality, Rights and Values programme	 Budget: 190.290,00 €	 Timeframe: December 2022 - November 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 12	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, North Macedonia, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
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**IT AIMS AT** enriching citizens' competences and knowledge about the industrial history and the European common past, promoting better awareness, mostly among young people, about this "side" of the European heritage.

## TERRITORIAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



### AUTREMENT- URBAN TERRITORIAL PLANNING FOR REINVENTING MOBILITY AND EMPOWERING TUNISIANS



 Donor: DG Devco	 Budget: 2.950.000,00 €	 Timeframe: June 2020 - August 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Tunisia
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**IT AIMS AT** promoting sustainable urban development in Kairouan and Mahdia and thus improve the quality of life of their inhabitants and their economic and tourist attractiveness. The two cornerstones of the project are the development of sustainable and active modes of mobility, mainly cycling, through the implementation of dedicated urban infrastructure and the strengthening of citizen participation in local governance.

“Autrement has really contributed to asserting the value of the bicycle as a sustainable means of transport and as a tool for the preservation of the health of citizens. It also paves the way for other projects focusing on infrastructures that are needed to encourage sustainable mobility in Kairouan and Mahdia.”

- Youssef Mansouri, project volunteer

Highlight: In 2022, many citizen consultations were organised to ensure that all the urban planning measures taken during the project are shared with the citizens of Kairouan and Mahdia. It allowed our local team to discover what citizens think and feel about their city, including children!



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## MEDIA DIALOGUE



					
Donor: French Development Agency	Budget: 279.629,00 €	Timeframe: January 2020 - May 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 2	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: France, Tunisia

**IT AIMS AT** strengthening the capacity and responsibility of media actors in Kyrgyzstan to operate as drivers of democracy and to prevent potential conflicts during elections.

“ The biggest project’s achievement was the creation of the algorithm that collects and analyses information on hate speech and monitors social media activity in Kyrgyz and Russian languages. We tested the algorithm with media professionals and er got excellent feedbacks. ”  
- Azamat Kasybekov, President of the Independent Union of Journalists of Kyrgyzstan

## MUNICIVILE - MUNICIPAL (SOYONS ACTIFS/ ACTIVES)



					
Donor: French Development Agency	Budget: 279.629,00 €	Timeframe: January 2020 - May 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 2	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: France, Tunisia

**IT AIMS AT** contributing to the construction of an effective local democracy in Tunisia, which considers the needs of all citizens, including the most vulnerable groups.



Municipivile

**Highlight:** ALDA holds the role of animating the Local and participative Democracy pole. The pole will opt internally for a structured participatory approach which delegates the power of reflection and proposal to specialised committees.

## DECENTRALISED COOPERATION BETWEEN NORMANDY AND MACEDONIA LEAD BY CITY OF IFS



Donor: French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs	Budget: 17.957,00 €	Timeframe: January 2021 - December 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 8	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: France, North Macedonia



Decentralised cooperation

**IT AIMS AT** strengthening the cooperation between Normandy and North Macedonia through the activation of partners via the Cooperation between the municipality of Debar, North Macedonia and IFS, France. The activities include peace and reconciliation, local democracy, cultural heritage for the construction of European dialogue, and citizen, especially youth participation.



Decentralised cooperation

## LINK4COOPERATION



Donor: IPA Programme	Budget: 545.897,00 €	Timeframe: January 2021 - December 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Bosnia and Herzegovina

**IT AIMS AT** fostering principles of good governance in Bosnia and Herzegovina, supporting cooperation between local authorities and civil society. They will work together to identify and address community problems using a participatory approach, thus empowering local governments, creating greater links to the grassroots and citizens, further instilling the values of activism and participation, and making CSOs a reliable partner for local authorities in policymaking.



Link4Cooperation

## RECRUIT - RESHAPING CRUCIAL STRATEGIES TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT THROUGH SOCIAL ECONOMY ACTIVES

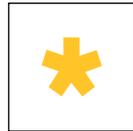


Donor: COSME	Budget: 108.571,00 €	Timeframe: February 2021 - February 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Greece, Italy, Spain

**IT AIMS AT** tackling unemployment, establishing fruitful synergies to benefit the local communities. RECRUIT will develop innovative ideas bringing to new solutions to this long-lasting issue, especially when it comes to young people, unemployed people or vulnerable groups.

**Highlight:** RECRUIT has been chosen as good practice to be presented during the Strasbourg Conference “**Social Economy, the Future of Europe**” in May 2022. It was an extraordinary occasion to discuss the project and its impact and create connections and synergies with other organisations and projects.

## EU 4 MUNICIPALITIES



Donor: EU Delegation to North Macedonia	Budget: /	Timeframe: April 2021 - April 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: North Macedonia

**IT AIMS AT** contributing to local economic and social development of municipalities of the Republic of North Macedonia by introducing innovation in their policy development, planning, governance and service delivery capacity.

## THE:PLACE - TÜRKIYE HAND-IN-HAND WITH EUROPE: PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY'S EXCHANGE



Donor: European Neighbourhood Instrument	Budget: 190.290,00 €	Timeframe: January 2022 - June 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 2	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Moldova



THEPLACE

**IT AIMS AT** creating long-lasting partnerships among Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and between CSOs and Local Authorities in Türkiye and Europe. To this aim, CSOs beneficiaries of both the EU and Türkiye are selected to benefit from a capacity building programme and a re-granting scheme allowing them to implement projects including bilateral exchange activities, to learn from each other and know more about the NGO sector in both locations, and on the other side a set of local activities to promote sustainable development in their communities.

### EU4ACCOUNTABILITY - EMPOWERED CIVIL SOCIETY FOR INCREASED SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN MOLDOVA



 Donor: European Neighbourhood Instrument	 Budget: 190.290,00 €	 Timeframe: January 2022 - June 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 2	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Moldova
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**IT AIMS AT** improving social responsibility at the local level and to create sustainable cooperation mechanisms between local public authorities in the Republic of Moldova and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), in order to better respond to the needs of local communities.

**Highlight:** Within the sub-granting phase, the 50 projects selected for funding aim at strengthening the social responsibility of local initiative groups and organisations and enhancing the civic engagement of different target groups.



EU4Accountability

## CHINESE PRESENCE IN NORTH MACEDONIA - COOPERATION BETWEEN MACEDONIAN AND CHINESE LOCAL AUTHORITIES



 Donor: Estima via U.S. Embassy	 Budget: /	 Timeframe: January 2022 - June 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 2	 ALDA role: leader	 Countries impacted: China, North Macedonia
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**IT AIMS AT** better understanding China's presence in the Western Balkans, and particularly North Macedonia, the interests and nature of Chinese cooperation initiatives, especially their slant towards the local level. The goal is to examine local level cooperation between municipalities from China and North Macedonia, the potential benefits, risks and actual achievements.

## EUROPEAN LABEL OF GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE - ELoGE IN CROATIA



 Donor: Council of Europe	 Budget: 22.000,00 €	 Timeframe: February 2022 - November 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 1	 ALDA role: leader	 Countries impacted: Croatia
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**IT AIMS AT** improving local governance standards in the respective countries of implementation while assessing and evaluating their work and standards. ALDA was accredited to implement the method in Croatia and measure the level of governance and the respect of 12 principles of Good Governance

in Croatia and provide trainings and guidance for capacity building. Municipalities that demonstrate good enough standards of governance receive the ELoGE label for one year as a testament to their dedication to good performance.

**Highlight:** As major outcome, 3 municipalities were awarded with the ELoGE label: Čakovec, Labin, and Šibenik.

*“The ELoGE programme was the perfect opportunity to inspect our own procedures and face our challenges in good governance”*  
- Valter Glavičić, Mayor of Labin

## EUROPEAN LABEL OF GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE - ELoGE IN KOSOVO\*



 Donor: Council of Europe	 Budget: 22.000,00 €	 Timeframe: February 2022 - November 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 1	 ALDA role: leader	 Countries impacted: Kosovo*
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**IT AIMS AT** improving local governance standards in the respective countries of implementation while assessing and evaluating their work and standards. ALDA was accredited to implement the method in Croatia and measure the level of governance and the respect of 12 principles of Good Governance in Croatia and provide trainings and guidance for capacity building.

**Highlight:** Thanks to the project, 6 Municipalities were awarded with the ELoGE label: Gjilan, Glogoc, Han i Elezit, Lipjan, Mitrovice, and Shtime.

## EUROPEAN LABEL OF GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE - ELoGE IN NORTH MACEDONIA



 Donor: Council of Europe	 Budget: 22.000,00 €	 Timeframe: February 2022 - November 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 1	 ALDA role: leader	 Countries impacted: North Macedonia
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**IT AIMS AT** improving local governance standards in the respective countries of implementation while assessing and evaluating their work and standards. ALDA was accredited to implement the method in Croatia and measure the level of governance and the respect of 12 principles of Good Governance in Croatia and provide trainings and guidance for capacity building.

**Highlight:** Thanks to the project, 9 Municipalities were awarded with the ELoGE label: Aerodrom, Berovo, Bitola, Vinica, Kumanovo, Negotino, Novaci, Radovis, and Stip.



ELoGE in North Macedonia

## CSOs STRENGTHENING REGIONAL CONNECTIONS FOR PROTECTING CIVIC SPACE



 Donor: Regional Civil Society Development Hub	 Budget: 18.000,00 €	 Timeframe: May 2022 - October 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 1	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo*, Serbia, North Macedonia
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**IT AIMS AT** increasing the capabilities of the Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD) and local and regional CSOs, such as through capacity-building, networking, campaigning, and other activities. The activities of the project are addressing the vulnerabilities of the region due to recent crises in order to further develop knowledge and responsiveness from a bottom-up level.

*“Common interest and activities connected us in work for a better future of the entire region”*  
**Sladjan Ilic, President of BNLD**



CSOs

# DIGITAL AND INNOVATION



## P-CUBE: PLAYING PUBLIC POLICY



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 402.170,00 €	 Timeframe: September 2022 - August 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** developing an educational strategy game - the Policy Game - designed to teach different groups of people the theory and practice of public policy making; while the game primarily addresses Higher Education students, it can also be useful to decision-makers, urban planners, NGOs, CSOs, social workers and scientists.



“The point of the game is to improve the ability of citizens, associations and students to put forward policy change. The basic idea is that radical change is difficult and there are a lot of strategies to achieve these changes”

- Simone Busetti, Public Policy Professor

### OUR DIGITAL VILLAGE



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 232.586,00 €	Timeframe: December 2022 - December 2025	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 11	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** intervening in rural areas by promoting the acquisition of digital and transversal skills, preparing people to face the challenges of the future. With the direct involvement of people from rural communities as well as political actors - who will be part of the project processes since the beginning - the project shall promote a bottom-up participation approach that could bring a long-lasting impact on education and rural communities.



Our Digital Village

### YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND EDUCATION



### READY - RAISE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS FOR DEPRIVED YOUTH



Donor: Erasmus+ & Italian National Agency	Budget: 350.000,00 €	Timeframe: June 2022 - May 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 8	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Algeria, France, Italy, Lebanon, Portugal, Tunisia, Türkiye
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**IT AIMS AT** raising the capacity of organisations working with young people outside of formal learning, promoting non-formal learning activities in partner countries. The project especially targets young people with fewer opportunities, with a view to improving the level of competences while ensuring the active participation of young people in society.



**Highlight:** Throughout 2022, the needs assessment carried out in the target countries allowed to assess the most urgent climate issues to be faced in each country, and the general knowledge of youth towards them.

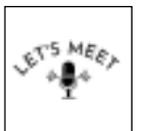
## LET'S CAMPAIGN



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 128.020,00 €	 Timeframe: January 2019 - December 2022	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 12	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Slovenia, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** improving the image of Vocational Education Training (VET) in the eyes of young people and their families. By making VET more appealing to young people, they will have higher chances of finding a job on the labor market. Even though there is high youth unemployment, some sectors of VET lack professionals.

## LET'S MEET - MULTIMEDIA STORIES OF EUROPEAN MULTICULTURAL PERSONALITIES



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 247.724,00 €	 Timeframe: March 2020 - June 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: France, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia
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**IT AIMS AT** raising awareness on the importance of cultural diversity as element to unlock creativity, strengthen European civic identity and give birth to unique talents. This process passes through the analysis of biographies of EU prominent figures, from writers, to musicians, painters and more.

“United in diversity!”

Project's motto

**Highlight:** The project produced a series of **podcasts** on European multicultural personalities studied from different perspectives, available on [www.letsmeetproject.eu](http://www.letsmeetproject.eu)



Let's Meet



Let's Meet

## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT TO BUILD LOCAL DEMOCRACY IN TUNISIA



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 247724,00 €	 Timeframe: March 2020 - June 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: France, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia
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**IT AIMS AT** empowering youth to be able to assist local authorities in implementing participatory mechanisms at the local level, in order to promote the integration of young people in the participatory process and to involve them in local governance.

## DAFLS - DEVELOPING APPLIED FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 260.670,00 €	Timeframe: September 2020 - August 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 4	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: France, North Macedonia, Serbia
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**IT AIMS AT** creating new training courses based on applied foreign languages and responding to the needs of each partner to adapt the training offer, internationalisation and pedagogical transformation.

*“ Students will be capable of meeting the needs of certain sectors such as local government, non-governmental organisations, marketing agencies, and project management, both locally and globally ”*  
- Professor Jovanka Lazarevska-Stanchevska, UKIM



Youth Empowerment

## RADEX - MOBILISING AGAINST EXTREMISM THROUGH COUNTERING AND DIVERTING RADICALISATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 200.435,00 €	Timeframe: December 2020 - November 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, United Kingdom
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**IT AIMS AT** making an impact on countering, preventing and diverting violent radicalisation, as it will equip young people, youth workers, social workers, youth organisations with the tools needed to identify patterns, methods, processes as well as a digital tool to prevent and/or divert it, when it happens.



RADEX

“ There is no pattern of radicalised youth; people have different backgrounds, it is therefore very rare to find experiences with similar radicalisation paths. ”  
 – Quote from France Country Report

**Highlight:** Through the RADEX project, the partners could develop an online course based on a positive approach to the prevention of radicalisation among youth, which is freely available online on RJ4All's website.

### PART-Y: PARTICIPATION AND YOUTH: LAB FOR EQUAL CITIES PERSONALITIES



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 248.854,00 €	Timeframe: December 2020 - December 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 8	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: France, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
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**IT AIMS AT** creating new training courses based on applied foreign languages and responding to the needs of each partner to adapt the training offer, internationalisation and pedagogical transformation.



**Highlight:** to achieve its goal, the project analysed and carried out placemaking interventions, investigating the key elements capable of transforming any urban space into a place attentive to the needs of young women and men. In the co-design process, the methodology of *Design Thinking* will be applied to the spaces of the city.

### SMELT - SKILLING MARGINALISED PEOPLE TO ENTER THE LABOUR MARKET



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 209.333,00 €	Timeframe: December 2020 - January 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Italy, North Macedonia, Serbia, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** facing the paradox of business sectors experiencing workforce shortage and the high number of people unemployed, by supporting marginalised people in acquiring and developing key competences strategical for the labour market.

“The key to the success of the SMELT project was ‘time’. We, as partners, needed to give ourselves time to understand and get into the world of vulnerable people. At the same time, we needed to give vulnerable groups time to adapt.”

- Beatrice Frascatani, Project Manager at ALDA

**Highlight:** The project aimed at training vulnerable groups in becoming welders and at providing them with the basic knowledge of the different labour markets of the countries involved in the project. Before the formal end of the SMELT project, some of the participants to the trainings had already found employment in the welding sector.



SMELT

## PEACE - PEACE EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR EFFECTIVE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 258.070,00 €	 Timeframe: November 2021 - October 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	 ALDA role: leader	 Countries impacted: France, Portugal, Slovenia, Türkiye
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**IT AIMS AT** creating an inclusive learning environment and reducing violence by providing the necessary skills and knowledge to teachers and other educators to integrate Peace Education into their respective teaching experiences, providing students with the appropriate vocabulary, opportunities for practice and peaceful problem solving-skills..

**Highlight:** An Open Online Course was developed, consisting of five modules, totally free of cost, dedicated to teachers, educators, youth workers and school staff wishing to strengthen their capacities in the field of peace education and conflict resolution.



PEACE

## CREATE UP - PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR THE CULTURAL AND CREATIVE SECTOR



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 293.915,00 €	Timeframe: February 2022 - February 2025	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: Czech-Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Slovenia, Türkiye
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**IT AIMS AT** reducing creative unemployed people and offering effective strategies for the development of relevant and high-quality skills and competencies. The key target groups are trainers working with creative adults. In 36 months, the project will empower educators on how to prepare adults for effective creative entrepreneurship in CCI sectors, how to support them and how to link with the CCI employers sustainably.



Create Up

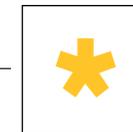
## PACIFY-D: PROMOTING THE ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP OF YOUTH THROUGH DIPLOMACY



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 257.530,00 €	Timeframe: April 2022 - April 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 4	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** providing innovative training opportunities to young people and establishing Country Info Points as local learning centres for youth education, developing guidance on the organisation and support of the operation of such environments. The purpose is primarily to strengthen democratic attitudes through civic engagement and civic participation.

## COOK UP MY IDEA



Donor: Franco-German Youth Office	Budget: 19.947,26 €	Timeframe: May 2022 - January 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 3	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: France, Germany, Tunisia
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**IT AIMS AT** creating a space where youth and local authorities can meet, so that young people's voice cannot only be heard but also be taken into consideration. This will also increase the responsibility of local authorities in improving youth participation and provide young people with tools for reflection and decision making.

## ReCAP - RECOVERING INCLUSION THROUGH CREATIVITY AFTER PANDEMIC



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 302.666,00 €	 Timeframe: May 2022 - March 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 10	 ALDA role: leader	 Countries impacted: Bulgaria, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** supporting the active involvement and civic participation of youth, through non-formal learning activities, with a special emphasis on young people with fewer opportunities, such as girls, NEETs, people with migrant backgrounds, LGBTQIA+ members, ... With the pandemic these people have been further marginalised from the socialisation places. It is, therefore, necessary to recreate the social fabric by allowing these young people to express their feelings and challenges in the public space.



ReCAP

## H.E.Y! - HEIGHTENING THE ENGAGEMENT OF YOUTH



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 279.622,00 €	 Timeframe: May 2022 - March 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Cyprus, France, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** addressing the challenges of young people, especially those with fewer opportunities. With the COVID-19 crisis, the current situation may lead to social exclusion in the fields of education, labour market, living, health and participation in the society. Thus, the HEY project, through the collaboration of 7 partner organisations, proposes a positive youth development approach focused on making young individuals stronger and more resourceful, as reflected in their behaviour and mind-set.

*“ We spoke about the pleasure of being abroad, but also our fears and things that we missed from our country. It helped me to think about my own experience. ”*

- Project beneficiary

## 2030 YOUTH VISION



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 250.000,00 €	 Timeframe: September 2022 - February 2025	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: France, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** increasing the active participation of young people, with a focus on those belonging to disadvantaged groups, in the co-production of local policies for the achievement of SDGs.

## IDEAS 4 EUROPE



Donor: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme	Budget: 110.802,00 €	Timeframe: November 2022 - October 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany

**IT AIMS AT** boosting political participation by developing solutions for and with citizens living in peri-urban and rural areas. The project will combat the feeling of disenfranchisement with politics and abstention by promoting European values and inviting the public to contribute their ideas.

## THE FUTURE WE WANT



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 500.000,00 €	Timeframe: December 2022 - December 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 9	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia

**IT AIMS AT** bringing the Agenda2030 to the forefront of public and political discourse by raising awareness and empowering European youth to advocate for individual and collective action, locally and at European level.

## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE



## CAP-PERI - COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, PEER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN ITALY



Donor: IMCAP 2021	Budget: 439.556,59 €	Timeframe: August 2021 - July 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: Italy

**IT AIMS AT** improving citizens' and youths' awareness of the social, economic, and environmental implications at the National and European level. CAP-PERI shed light on how the Future CAP Strategic Plans will be the instrument to achieve the Green Deal goals, supporting EU policies in managing the transition towards a sustainable food system and in strengthening the efforts of farmers to contribute to the EU's climate objectives and to protect the environment.



## LIFE FALKON



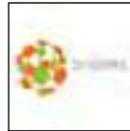
 Donor: LIFE programme	 Budget: 4.745.974,00 €	 Timeframe: July 2018 - December 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Greece, Italy
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**IT AIMS AT** fostering the resilience of the central-eastern European population of lesser kestrel to climate change, by improving the conservation status of Italian and Greek populations breeding at the north-eastern edge of the breeding range.



LIFE FALKON

## SHERPA - SUSTAINABLE HUB TO ENGAGE INTO RURAL POLICIES WITH ACTORS



Donor: Horizon 2020	Budget: 4.999.747,50 €	Timeframe: October 2019 – September 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom
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**IT AIMS AT** using results of on-going and past research projects to engage citizens, stakeholders, policymakers, and scientists in the development of strategic thinking and practical recommendations for the formulation of modern rural policies. The project will employ state-of-the-art multimedia tools for communicating both ways with citizens and policy audiences.



**Highlight:** The project has established and run 41 regional **Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs)** to co-construct recommendations on future rural development policies. Thus, several position notes have been published on the following topics: Digitalisation in rural areas, Social dimension of rural areas, Land use and climate change, Sustainable and resilient value chains, Empowering rural areas in multi-level governance processes. All available on [www.rural-interfaces.eu](http://www.rural-interfaces.eu)



## FOREST - FORESTRY OPERATORS REFLECTING ON EQUALISING SKILLS AND TRAINING



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 75.350,00 €	Timeframe: November 2019 – April 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Austria, Croatia, Italy, Romania, Slovenia
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**IT AIMS AT** replying to the fragmentation of competences in forestry management at national and international levels, by giving rise to debate around the possibility to create a standard level of competencies and skills of forestry workers and promoting innovation and professionalism by joint actions and initiatives.



FOREST

## FOOD WAVE - EMPOWERING URBAN YOUTH FOR CLIMATE ACTION



 Donor: Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme	 Budget: 7.771.041,00 €	 Timeframe: January 2020 - January 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 27	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
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competencies and skills of forestry workers and promoting innovation and professionalism by joint actions and initiatives.

*“ Catch the wave, lead the change! ”*  
- Project's motto

## GREEN SKILLS FOR CITIES



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 342.026,00 €	 Timeframe: November 2021 - November 2023	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 4	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Austria, France, Italy, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** establishing a trans-disciplinary educational platform targeted at the development of skills in the field of Nature-Based Solutions implementation in cities. It will also develop curricula targeted at working in the public sector by bringing together trainers and learners from the fields of botany, technology, design and economy.



Green Skills For Cities

## VANGA - VICENZA FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. NEXT GENERATIONS IN ACTION



 Donor: <b>CariVerona Foundation</b>	 Budget: <b>107.776,06 €</b>	 Timeframe: <b>February 2022 - December 2023</b>	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: <b>5</b>	 ALDA role: <b>partner</b>	 Countries impacted: <b>Italy</b>
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**IT AIMS AT** increasing environmental education and the empowerment of younger generations (3-20 years old) through innovative pedagogical tools - experiential, participatory and creative - differentiated by age group, and the use of the performing arts and languages as a privileged way of involvement and participation.



VANGA

The project is developed along two axes: the integration of school education and youth activation, intervening both in schools, from infancy to high school, and with summer, interactive and experiential activities. The project's methodology is based on a pedagogical approach integrating 3 dimensions of the human being: cognitive (mind), experiential (body) and creative (emotions). The focus of the project is the reconnection between city and country on the basis of agro-ecological thinking, involving and relating landscape and biodiversity, food, climate change, energy resources, responsible production and consumption, quality of life on land and in water.

**Highlight:** The spade (Vanga) is the tool used in agriculture to loosen the soil: to till it, that is, to make it suitable for receiving seeds. Metaphorically, an action that well represents what the VANGA project proposes to do, with its pedagogical tools saving the seeds of the future: a network project for the environmental education and empowerment of the younger generations.

## SHARED GREEN DEAL - SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES FOR ACHIEVING A RESPONSIBLE, EQUITABLE AND DESIRABLE GREEN DEAL



 Donor: <b>Horizon Europe</b>	 Budget: <b>4.996.098,75 €</b>	 Timeframe: <b>February 2022 - January 2027</b>	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: <b>22</b>	 ALDA role: <b>partner</b>	 Countries impacted: <b>Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom</b>
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**IT AIMS AT** providing Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) tools to support the implementation of eight Green Deal policy areas at the local and regional level.

**Highlight:** The project offers 24 organizations 22.000,00 euros each to work locally on different #EUGreenDeal themes. The local partners will be supported to address behavioural, social and cultural dimensions of Sustainability.



### GREY4GREEN - SENIOR VOLUNTEERS FOR NATURE CONSERVATION



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 340.403,00 €	 Timeframe: February 2022 - August 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Cyprus, Denmark, France, Iceland, Portugal
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**IT AIMS AT** responding to the urgency of developing competences in various sustainability-relevant sectors, developing green and sectorial (3rd age) skills strategies and methodologies, as well as future-

oriented training schemes that meet the needs of individuals and organisations. The project will also test innovative practices to prepare seniors and 3rd age personnel to become true agents of change.



### REAL DEAL - RESHAPING CITIZENS' DELIBERATION FOR THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL



 Donor: Horizon 2020	 Budget: 6.795.550,00 €	 Timeframe: February 2022 - January 2025	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 16	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Belgium, Czech-Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands
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**IT AIMS AT** stimulating a pan-European debate involving different stakeholder groups, with the aims of reshaping citizens' and stakeholders' active participation and deliberation in the green and just transition. In a massive co-creating exercise, it will research, test and validate innovative tools, formats and processes for deliberative democracy.



Real Deal

## EU24 - ENGAGE FOR THE PLANET



					
Donor: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme	Budget: 216.575,00 €	Timeframe: November 2022 - July 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland

**IT AIMS AT** decreasing the democratic participation gap of young citizens, citizens of diverse backgrounds and mobile citizens in a gender-balanced way by showing them that their voices matter. While the turnout in the last EU election was the largest in 25 years, citizens of different backgrounds and mobile union citizens remain underrepresented among active EU voters as well as democratic engagement. As a central topic climate change is the biggest threat to humanity today and it needs transnational and multinational solutions.

## NEVERMORE



					
Donor: Horizon Europe	Budget: 6.687.423,00 €	Timeframe: June 2022 - May 2026	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 16	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Romania, Sweden, Spain

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*“NEVERMORE will develop an ICT Toolkit, conceived as a support tool for decision makers for a better understanding of the environmental, economic and social models useful to build more effective policies. These tools are also for other categories of users, such as citizens and civil society, for an increased awareness about climate change and for a better knowledge of the potential future scenarios for local communities.”*

**- Alessia Torre, Project Coordinator at Bruno Kessler Foundation**



NEVERMORE

## ESSPIN - ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND SPATIAL INEQUALITIES IN EUROPE IN THE ERA OF GLOBAL MEGA-TRENDS



Donor: Horizon Europe	Budget: 2.674.000,00 €	Timeframe: October 2022 - September 2025	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 13	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Netherlands, United Kingdom
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**IT AIMS AT** re-examining the nexus of social, economic, and spatial inequalities in the EU as well as the various typologies, arrangements and mixes of policies to address them in the light of emerging and highly interacting mega-trends and challenges that threaten to increase pressures and make policy choices even more difficult. As new and older drivers of change are projected to create a rather unfavourable environment for balanced growth and socio-spatial resilience, this research will focus on the analysis of policy responses, aiming to make them more proactive, inclusive, and effective.



ESSPIN

## WATER'S EXPERTS



Donor: Erasmus+ & INAPP	Budget: 60.000,00 €	Timeframe: May 2022 - May 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 5	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Netherlands, United Kingdom
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**IT AIMS AT** empowering students with knowledge and professional skills on water-related issues and climate change adaptation, in order to become Water's Experts. The project wants to create a new professional profile, namely the Water's Expert, thus giving students specific professional skills to increase their employability also according to the territory's needs and raise awareness and educate youth and citizens on climate change adaptation, underlining the importance and the role of water.



Water's experts

## GENDER, INCLUSION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

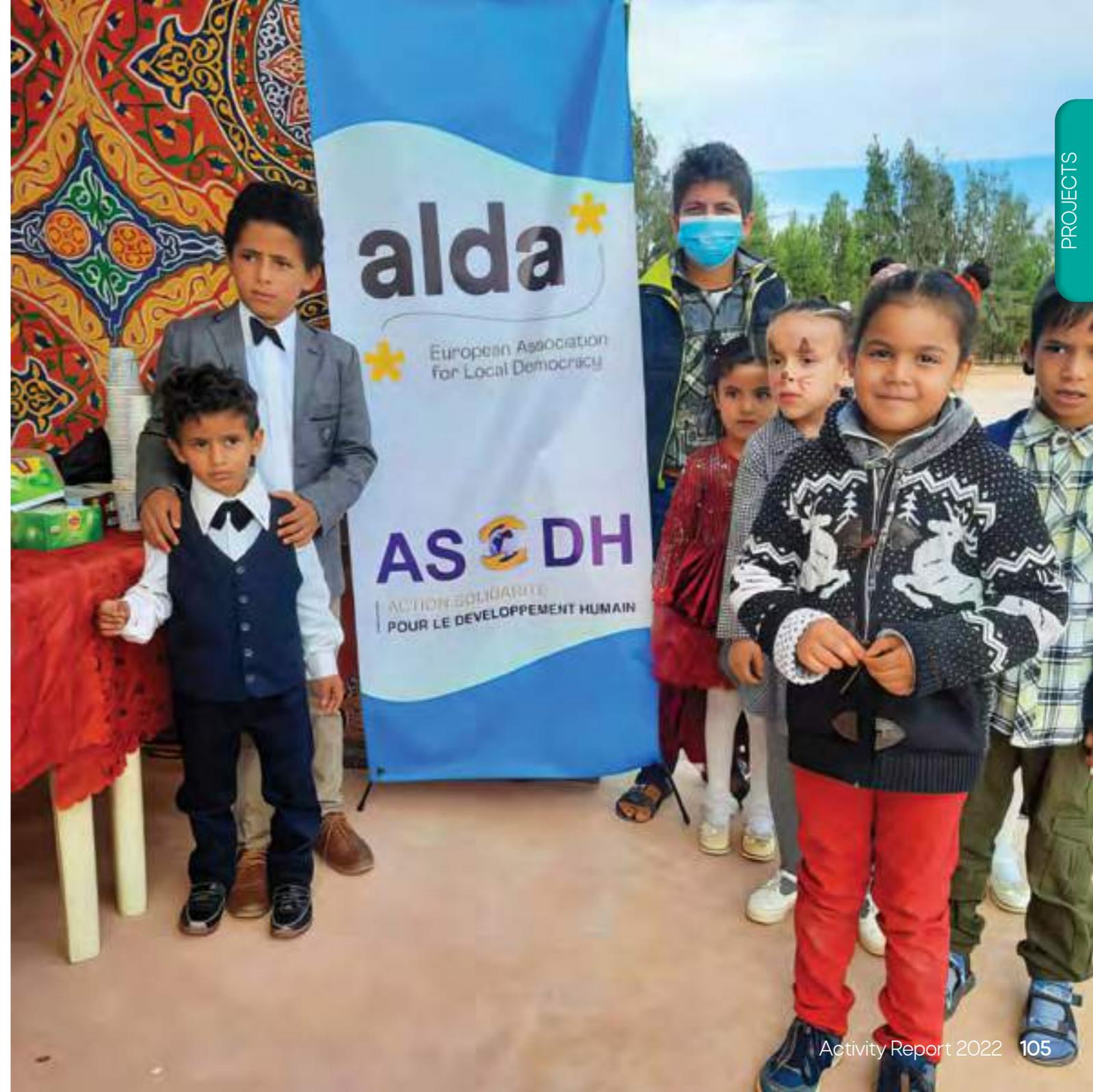


## DIALOGUES AND DEBATES ON THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY IN LIBYA



					
Donor: French Development Agency	Budget: 2.300,00 €	Timeframe: May 2021 – February 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 3	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: France, Libya

**IT AIMS AT** raising awareness among French and Libyan civil society about the situation of women in civil society in Libya. Specifically, the activity aimed to create opportunities to speak out for 50 women from the Tarhouna region in Libya, recreational activities for children and the organisation of an online dissemination and awareness raising event.



“This session introduced us to wonderful young women who have inspired the daughters of the victims of the civil war in Tarhouna.”

- Libyan trainer

**Highlight:** The establishment of psychosocial support groups for more than 50 women (suffering multiple situations of violence and exclusion) and women leadership coaching in the Tarhouna region in Libya.

## EMPOWERING WOMEN IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES



Donor: Sabanci Foundation	Budget: 20.000,00 €	Timeframe: July 2021 - October 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 2	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Türkiye
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**IT AIMS AT** empowering municipalities with a series of trainings, all organised with the goal of giving more space to women in their local context. The final objective for these municipalities was to produce a Local Equality Action Plan. The municipalities involved have been: Ahmetbey, Atakum, Avcılar, Bayraklı, Burdur, Büyükçekmece, Çiğli, Çine, Çukurova, Edremit, İzmit, Kartal, Kırklareli, Odunpazarı, Ovacık, Tuzlukçu and Yenişehir.

“Why couldn't I be a neighbourhood representative, why is it always men who assume this position?”

- Project beneficiary

**Highlight:** More than 2000 women in Türkiye directly benefited from the results of this project.



Empowering Women

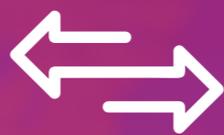
## STAND UP



Donor: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme	Budget: 829.084,15 €	Timeframe: January 2022 - January 2024	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 7	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Greece, Italy, Spain
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**IT AIMS AT** establishing a multi-agency mechanism to tackle hate crime, discrimination, and intolerance. It is based on the cooperation between law enforcement authorities and civil society actors.

# MIGRATION



## INCLUDATE - EDUCATING FOR INCLUSION



 Donor: Erasmus+	 Budget: 343.261,00 €	 Timeframe: January 2022 - October 2024	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 4	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland
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**IT AIMS AT** including people with fewer opportunities, specifically migrants, which are prone to intersectional marginalisation through a combination of ethnic discrimination and social-economic deprivation.



## PERCEPTIONS - UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF NARRATIVES AND PERCEPTIONS OF EUROPE ON MIGRATION AND PROVIDING PRACTICES, TOOLS AND GUIDES FOR PRACTITIONERS



Donor: Horizon 2020	Budget: 4.994.652,00 €	Timeframe: September 2019 - February 2023	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 25	ALDA role: partner	Countries impacted: Algeria, Egypt, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Spain, Israel, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom
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**IT AIMS AT** identifying and understanding the narratives and (mis-)perceptions of the EU abroad, assess potential issues related with the border and external security in order to allow better planning and outline reactions and countermeasures.



PERCEPTIONS

## DEVOTE - DEVELOPING THE COMPETENCIES OF TEACHERS TO INTEGRATE STUDENTS FROM MIGRANT BACKGROUND INTO EUROPEAN SCHOOLS



Donor: Erasmus+	Budget: 253.705,00 €	Timeframe: November 2020 - October 2022	Nr. of partners/ Associates: 6	ALDA role: leader	Countries impacted: Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Türkiye
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**IT AIMS AT** strengthening the integration of students with migrant background in schools and improving their success in education by providing training, coaching and guidance to teachers equipping school leaders and educators with the necessary skills and innovative tools to support secondary students in the process, strengthening collaboration between schools, families, and other external stakeholder.



DEVOTE

“ We have to understand that we are the people who can find solutions to the problems [encountered by students with migrant background in school] and engage in effective behaviours in this regard. ”

- Teacher in Türkiye

**Highlight:** An open Online Teacher Community for teachers working with students aged 14-18 has been created. This Community provides teachers with the opportunity to meet up in an online environment to share and exchange experiences, materials and good practices to better address and support the integration of their students with migrant background in school and beyond.



DEVOTE

## EPIC - EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF INTEGRATING CITIES



<p>Donor: Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)</p>	<p>Budget: 2.076.499,78 €</p>	<p>Timeframe: January 2020 - June 2023</p>	<p>Nr. of partners/ Associates: 16</p>	<p>ALDA role: leader</p>	<p>Countries impacted: Belgium, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom</p>
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EPIC

**IT AIMS AT** improving the integration of migrants at local level by creating a European Network of Local Authorities and their implementing partners (CSOs). To this end, EPIC shares knowledge and best practices of TCN's integration, to engage peer-to-peer exchanges based on common priorities and different expertise, and to develop capacities to counter the negative narratives on migration.



EPIC



## THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCIES - A RENOVATED ACTION FOR UKRAINE

ALDA coordinates and supports the network of **16 Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs)** and **3 Operational Partners (OPs)** in their activities. Initiated by the Council of Europe in the '90s, the programme represents a unique and successful experiment of democratic support, with full engagement of local governments and civil society organisations from Europe and the neighboring countries.

The LDAs are locally-based organisations funded and supported by both local partners, such as authorities and civil society organisations, and international associates with a long-term joint programme, providing financial and political support to fulfil their mandate and to accompany local democracy, civil society empowerment.

Indeed, partnership building is a crucial aspect for each LDA, as their work is based on the innovative method of multilateral decentralised cooperation.

All in all, the LDAs and OPs pursue the following objectives:

- Promoting good local governance and citizens participation, creating an inclusive society
- Building capacities through the exchange of know-how and training to local elected representatives and civil servants
- Creating a Europe-wide network of citizens committed to dialogue, engagement, and solidarity
- Improving intercultural dialogue and diversity management in multicultural local communities





The network is in constant expansion, with the latest established **LDA Edremit**, inaugurated in October 2021, in Türkiye. ALDA is very proud to open the first LDA in the Country, proof of a growing cooperation with local stakeholders in Türkiye.

In 2022 the **Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD)** celebrated its third year of activity. The BNLD is a natural outlet for Western Balkans LDAs, working together in the same region for more than two decades and the proof of the successful support ALDA has been providing to the LDAs, now able to organise themselves autonomously.

2022 was a year which deeply marked the situation of the activities of the **Local Democracy Agencies in Ukraine**, as a consequence of the Russian invasion started in February. Thus, the LDA Mariupol had to move to Kyiv, being the city of Mariupol endangered by the Russian military. On the other hand, both the LDA Mariupol and the LDA of the Dnipropetrovsk Region underwent a process of reorganization, with new potential partners supporting the LDAs to make them stronger and more efficient.

## LDA ARMENIA



**Delegate:** Lusine Aleksandryan

**Location:** Gyumri

**Lead partner:** Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia (Italy)

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The Local Democracy Agency Armenia was established in 2011 in the Armenian city of Gyumri. Among its main priorities are to promote the capacities of local authorities and civil society in citizens' participation, support participative practices in the development of local and sustainable tourism, reinforce regional cooperation, empower youth and women in environmental, democratic and community development initiatives. Furthermore, the cooperation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, the Council of Europe, CSF of Eastern Partnership, Black Sea NGO Forum, Romanian FOND, UN and other European stakeholders supported the implementation of many initiatives in the field of local democracy and participative decision-making.

### Projects and activities implemented in 2021:

- Advocacy at the regional level- Shirak
- "Waste management" study tour
- Youth camp
- Career entry for young people in Armenia

## LDA CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN SERBIA



**Delegate:** Ana Jovanović

**Location:** Knjaževac

**Lead partner:** Associazione Trentino con i Balcani, Italy

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The LDA Central and Southern Serbia was established in 2001 in the City of Niš, Serbia. With the aim of spreading its program further onto the territories in need, in 2014 the LDA has moved its headquarter to Knjaževac, a city in South-Eastern Serbia. The LDA carries on activities in Niš, Knjaževac, Kraljevo and

Kragujevac and it contributes to the development of local democracy in the communities of Eastern, Southern and Central Serbia through capacity building programs based on the principles of active citizenship and establishment of concrete mechanisms of citizens' participation in development of their communities.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- From the Youth Corner to the Youth Center
- CSOs Strengthening the regional cooperation to promote civic space in the Western Balkan countries

## LDA OF DNIPROPETROVSK REGION



**Delegate:** Anzhelika Pylypenko

**Location:** Dnipro

**Lead partner:** Lower Silesian Voivodeship, Poland

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Local Democracy Agency of Dnipropetrovsk Region was established in 2015. It became the first LDA in Ukraine, and stands as a platform of cooperation, dialogue and exchange of experience and best practices across several aspects of regional development (cultural, social and economic) between local authorities and civil society in the EU and in Ukraine.

LDA fosters citizen participation at the local level, and mobilizes civil society organizations, local and regional authorities to develop joint initiatives.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Humanitarian assistance to IDPs and their psychological rehabilitation in order to overcome post-traumatic syndrome (PTSD) as are consequences of the horrors of war in Ukraine
- Helping people wounded in combat operations



LDA Armenia



LDA Central And Southern Serbia

## LDA EDREMIT



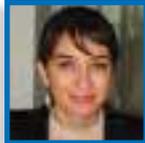
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Established in October 2021, the Local Democracy Agency Edremit is based in the Municipality of Edremit, in Türkiye. Thanks to a participative approach in the decision-making process and multilateral decentralised cooperation, it will design its actions and activities in tackling several topics, such as cultural heritage and tourism, relationship between local authorities and citizens stressing the importance of accountability, migration, gender and disability.

## LDA GEORGIA



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The Local Democracy Agency Georgia (LDA Georgia) was established in 2007 in Kutaisi, as part of ALDA's strategy in Southern Caucasus. LDA Georgia is dedicated to the promotion of good governance and citizen participation at the local level. LDA focuses on activities facilitating cooperation between local authorities and civil society. The mission of LDA Georgia is to strengthen local democracy and civil society, support democratic reforms in Georgia, and to develop new and innovative approaches to local and national challenges, by cooperating with local and international stakeholders.

### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Project: "Regional HUB in Imereti Region"
- Increasing the degree of citizen involvement in local self-government
- Online platform for citizen feedback

## LDA KOSOVO



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The LDA Kosovo was officially opened in 2011 in Peja/Peć, to promote local democracy in the country. The LDA implements its mission through activities in the fields of democracy, justice, human rights, youth and equal opportunities, dialogue among minority communities in Kosovo, economic development, and social and cultural development. LDA Kosovo implements capacity building programmes aimed at fostering active citizenship and at establishing concrete mechanisms of citizens' participation, thus empowering citizens to improve their communities, as well as their society.

### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Volunteerism Marathon Day
- European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE)



LDA Kosovo

## LDA MARIUPOL



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The Local Democracy Agency Mariupol was established in December 2017, with the aim of implementing democracy best-practices in Mariupol in order to develop a productive dialogue between the community and the local government as well as to support participatory democracy tools for a fair and sustainable development.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, in February 2022, **the LDA Mariupol team was forced to leave Mariupol** because the city was occupied and bombed by the Russian military. The LDA moved then to Kyiv and since then it has been working in partnership with the Mariupol State University, Mariupol City Council, Mariupol Youth Union, and the Women's Council of Donetsk Oblast, also forced to leave the city.



LDA Mariupol

## Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Skills Lab: Local Leaders' training program
- Talking about the future of Mariupol
- Living with Young People in Crises
- Participation in the ALDA activities

## LDA MOLDOVA IN CIMISLIA



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The LDA Moldova in Cimișlia has been established on 3 March 2017, with the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding by the partnership, thus kicking off the operational activities of the LDA. It represents the first Local Democracy Agency in Moldova, based in the city of Cimișlia, a historic and symbolic city, the aim is to create a platform for cooperation, dialogue and mutual exchange of



LDA Moldova

experience in all aspects (cultural, social and economic) between local communities and communities of European partners and will constitute a platform of discussion between citizens, local associations and authorities on the field in order to meet the needs of local communities.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- LDA Moldova in support of people with disabilities and marginalised on the protection of human rights

## LDA MONTENEGRO



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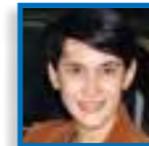
The LDA Montenegro was established in 2001. Its main priorities are local administration capacity development, human rights and peace building, youth participation, local economic development, and European Union integration processes. LDA Montenegro functions within the network of 11 Agencies in the former Yugoslav republics and with the support of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies. The creation of Local Democracy Agencies was one of the measures proposed in 1993 by the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe.

The Local Democracy Agency of Montenegro together with the Association of Local Democracy Agencies works on the development of democratic processes and socio-economic development of Southeast and Eastern Europe in co-operation with partners, cities, regions and other organizations through decentralized co-operation and partnership.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Cooperation Montenegro
- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE) - SEE Smart SMEs project
- INER - Intelligent Energy Management and Renewable Energy Sources Promotion

## LDA MOSTAR



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Since its establishment in November 2004, Local Democracy Agency Mostar acts as a locally registered non-profit, nongovernmental organization, with the support of its partners and co-operation with other Agencies and the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA). It is precisely this co-operation, both on local and regional level that has enabled numerous activities and projects useful for the development of local community and its inclusion into processes at the regional level. Activities of LDA Mostar, which aim to create a more active citizenry on one side, and transparent and accountable local authorities on the other, are focused towards development of a modern democratic society. These activities entangle every segment of life of the local community and offer a possibility of improving the living standard of all categories of the society by directly influencing concrete changes.



LDA Mostar

### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- YAMNFL – Youth Ambassadors of Non-Formal Learning
- STAR – Street Art
- Link 4 Cooperation
- MOSTAR – Spaces to Activate and Rejuvenate Beyond the tales
- Youth Empowered to Change the World (YECW)
- PIROUETTE – Performative Arts for Youth Engagement and community regeneration
- Digital Serious Play for Youth Business Ideas Level (DiSPLAY)
- Raising Environmental Sustainability Through Art (REST\_ART)



### LDA PRIJEDOR



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LDA Prijedor was established in 2000. Its main priorities are promoting citizens' participation, supporting the democratic process at the local level, fostering the social network between citizens, organizations and institutions, supporting social inclusion and local economic development, and contributing to the work on Remembrance.

### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Cooperation exchange between the music school "Savo Balaban" from Prijedor and the music school "Diapason" from Trento (IT)
- Online meetings between primary and secondary schools from Prijedor and Trento (IT)
- "Prijedor, city of murals", International Prize "Paola de Manincor" 2022
- Support to the Social Centre with the public kitchen in Ljubija
- "Distance adoption" project
- Participatory territorial planning of local development
- Online training for micro-entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises
- Microcredit program for small entrepreneurs from the Prijedor area
- "Link 4 Cooperation" project

### LDA SUBOTICA



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LDA Subotica was established in 1993, as the first Local Democracy Agency. Its main programmes are focused on capacity building, awareness raising, and advocacy actions intended for three main target groups – policy and decision makers at local level, civil society organisations, youth and

women's groups in particular. Educating for democratic citizenship, promoting intercultural dialogue, regional cooperation, cross-sectoral partnership building for local sustainable development are the main types of activities, including networking at regional and European level. Its main priorities include advocating for democratic governance and participation and getting the accession negotiation process with the EU closer to citizens in local communities in Serbia and in multicultural Autonomous Province of Vojvodina in particular.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- All our towers: Fostering a culture of interreligious dialogue among young people
- United by diversity
- CSOs Strengthening Regional Connections for Protecting Civic Space
- Strengthening the capacities for development of creative industries – Creative Subotica



LDA Subotica

## LDA TUNISIA



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LDA Tunisia was established in April 2017. It represents the first Local Democracy Agency in the Mediterranean. The Agency is based in the city of Kairouan, a historic and symbolic city, and constitutes a platform of discussion between citizens, local associations and authorities on the field in order to meet the needs of local communities.

The LDA Tunisia represents a platform that facilitates citizen participation at the local level by implementing participatory democracy tools. On a long-term basis, the main objectives of the LDA are to improve decision-making at the local level, to develop joint citizen initiatives, to encourage trust and dialogue among stakeholders to foster an inclusivity.



LDA Tunisia

The LDA follows a bottom-up and multi-stakeholder approach, while its work strategy focuses on developing solutions to improve local governance. It relies on direct meetings with the community and actively listens to their preoccupation to assess their needs. This helps the agency to identify the relevant partners and mobilize support. Hence, this approach ensures a precise and impactful intervention that is in tandem with the aspirations and needs of the community.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Je repars de toi / I Start Over From You
- Chabab In
- Ready
- Ena Creator
- The breast cancer screening campaign continues after Pink October
- National Conference under the name "Advocacy carried by Tunisian civil society at COP 27"



LDA Zavidovici



## LDA ZAVIDOVICI



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The Local Democracy Agency in Zavidovici was established in April 1997, following many years of cooperation between Italian NGOs and local authorities with the host city of Zavidovici. It is located in the Zenica-Doboj Kanton, BiH Federation, Bosnia Herzegovina. Zavidovici and the surrounding area were severely affected by the war.

#### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Link 4 Cooperation
- Wim Laboratories Iuvenis II
- CSOs Strengthening Regional Connections for Protecting Civic Space
- Sigurno Mjesto: Services and Activities for Women
- Ludobus - Activities for children in rural areas
- Family Gardens
- Youth City - My city
- Strengthening the community center in the local community Dubravica
- Il teatro Verde. Giovani e cura dei beni comuni/ The Green Theatre. Young people and the care of common goods
- Ambulance donation

## LDA ALBANIA



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The LDA Albania went through operational problems during 2022, but we are working to resume its activities as soon as possible.

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The LDA's main goals are the promotion of good local governance and citizen participation in Morocco, acting as a platform supporting dialogue among citizens, associations and authorities present in the territory. Nevertheless, the LDA went through operational problems during 2022, but we are working to resume its activities as soon as possible.



## Operational Partners

### OP SISAK



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The Operational Partner Sisak was established as an LDA in 1996. Its main priorities are local democratic processes development by citizens' participation in decision-making, planning and development of pluralistic and multicultural society, promotion, education, development and advocacy of human rights, active citizenship and volunteering, fostering and development of life-long-learning and non-formal education and much more.



### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- Volunteer Centre Sisak
- Volunteers' Network
- Community Constellations
- WalkON: Walking the path of reconciliation- empowering communities for a peaceful society
- Social-cultural Centre Sisak
- Living with us
- Age do not matter
- White Water Lily Traveling Book
- U(Z)DRUGE
- Platform for development of school volunteering



Verteneglio/Brtonigla

### OP VERTENEGLIO/BRTONIGLA



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The Operational Partner Verteneglio/Brtonigla was established in 1996. Its main priorities are supporting the development of local democracy, fostering cross-border cooperation, strengthening cooperation with youth organizations and CSOs, and empowering youth and less advantaged groups.

### Projects and activities implemented in 2022:

- European Solidarity Corps project
- Europe Day
- Conference participation in Buie Municipality
- Seminar on Dante Alighieri
- Recognition by the LDA to the friend and writer Giacomo Scotti
- Conference "Cultura di Confine" organised by Ponti d'Europa



Verteneglio/Brtonigla



## ALDA+ BENEFIT CORPORATION

[www.aldaplus.eu](http://www.aldaplus.eu)

### \* Who we are

ALDA+ is the benefit corporation owned by ALDA, inaugurated in 2017 and dedicated to the provision of trainings, ad hoc consultancies, technical assistance and specialized services in different fields where ALDA has been working on for more than 20 years.

Indeed, ALDA+ represents the capitalisation of the experience of ALDA in the field of local democracy, participatory processes and project-cycle management.

ALDA+'s main target groups are represented by public authorities, civil society organizations, educational institutions, small and medium enterprises and individuals who need support, among others, in scouting funding opportunities offered by the European Union, and other donors, and are looking for a dedicated care in developing and managing projects. All services are provided following a tailor-made approach.

All ALDA+ revenues are going to ALDA, to support its mission and objectives.

In order to improve the quality of its internal organisation and processes, ALDA+ has started in 2022 the design of its **Quality Management System**, by defining procedures and operating instructions related to its main activities: project cycle management (project development, management and reporting), technical assistance and training. This path will allow ALDA+ to obtain the ISO 9001 certification and provide quality services to its customers.



## \* Services

ALDA+ has developed a diversified number of services for local authorities, civil society organisations in terms of tools and assistance.



### Technical Assistance

Supporting different stakeholders in developing, managing and reporting EU-funded projects

Consultancies and provision of experts in the field of local government-related issues, project cycle management, fundraising and EU funds, participatory processes, etc.

Tailor made service for scouting funding opportunities, including a feasibility analysis of the related project development process

Management of public services on behalf of public authorities (e.g. Innovation Labs, Municipal and Intermunicipal European Offices, etc.)

Organisation of territorial initiatives focused on EU-related issues, promoting EU knowledge and awareness (e.g. Europe Day, etc.)



### Training

Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework

Fundraising and EU funds

Participatory processes, methods and tools

EU policies



### Projects

ALDA+ participates in projects both as leader and as partner, in the framework both of direct and indirect EU-funded programs and of non-EU funded initiatives



### Communication and events' planning

Organisation and facilitation of online and in-presence meetings (e.g. steering committees, focus groups, workshops and webinars, etc.)

Study visit and exchanges

Support to the development and management of communication strategy in the framework of EU and non-EU funded projects

Support for media-work and communication campaigns

## \* Exclusive Products

ALDA+ has developed a varied offer for local authorities and Civil Society Organisations in terms of tools and assistance:

**ALDA-Prompt software**, created by ALDA for supporting financial management and project reporting. It is the ultimate management software that ALDA+ is now promoting and selling to international private entities, CSOs, NGOs and social cooperatives.

**European Office in outsourcing**, aiming at providing an "holistic" support to the internationalization processes of municipalities.

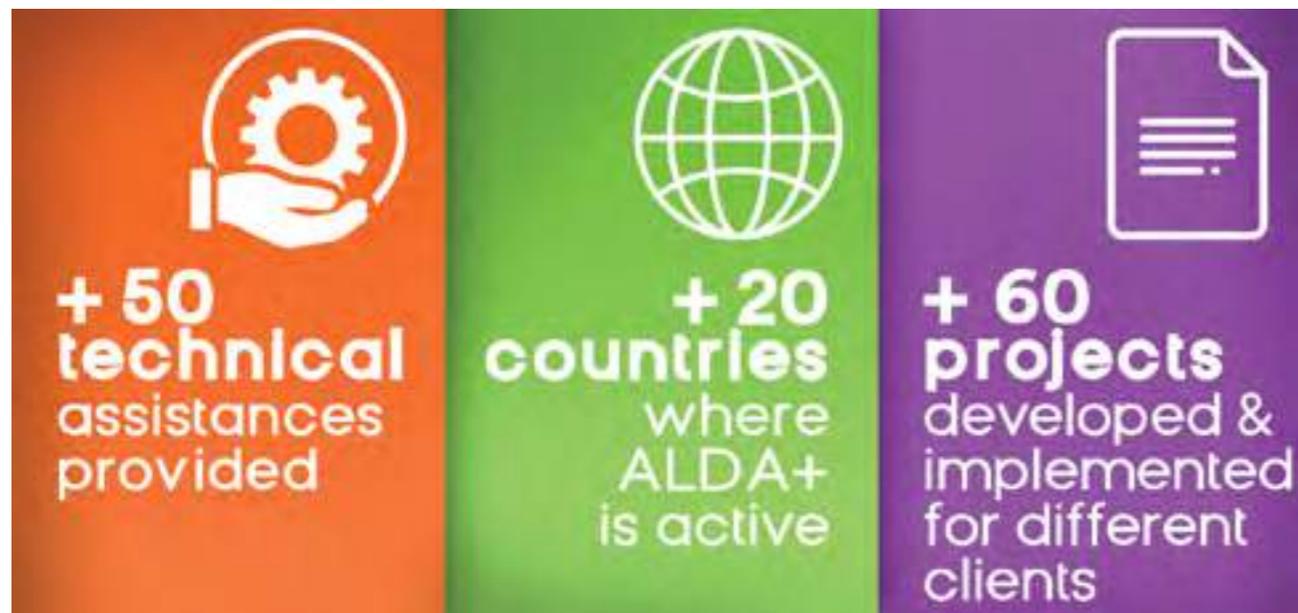
**Monitoring and scouting pack**, an ad hoc service providing a tailor-made fundraising strategy for specific "clients", including a feasibility analysis of the related project development process.

**EU in towns**, is a cultural set of initiatives promoting EU knowledge and awareness towards different segments of the citizenry: students, adults, etc.



## A 2022 on the move

Throughout the year, ALDA+ provided an increasing number of assistances, technical supports, and trainings.



### Technical assistances

- + NRPP “Site identity enhancement programmes: historic parks and gardens”**  
*Villa Valmarana ai Nani and Villa Da Schio (Vicenza, Italy)*

ALDA+ provides technical assistance and support to different clients (companies and private individuals) in the development and also in the implementation phase of their projects within the framework of NRRP, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan. Thanks to these funding opportunities in the framework of the Next Generation EU, they are regenerating the historic parks and gardens of important Villas, in order to highlight the cultural heritage and make them new centers of attraction for citizens and tourists, also through the use of digital tools.

- + Project “P.A.C.T. - Promoting Agriculture Challenges through Town Twinning”**  
*Belfiore Municipality (Italy)*

PACT is a town-twinning project involving three partners, namely the municipalities of Belfiore (Italy), Boticas (Portugal) and Vodnjan-Dignano (Croatia). It aims at raising awareness, at the local and international level, on the problems and effects caused by climate change and to inform citizens about the tools they have at their disposal to express their opinion/voices towards local and international decision-makers.

ALDA+ supported the Municipality in developing the proposal and in managing the international twinning event of the project, which took place from 30 September 2022 to 2 October 2022 in Belfiore, on the occasion of the annual “Belfiore Apple Fair”. The international Event concluded with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the three municipalities, which states the willingness to continue working together beyond the lifespan of the project.

- + Supporting the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) in the managing of the Global Education Programme**

The Global Education Week is an annual World-Wide awareness raising initiative unfolding during the third week of November. It is a call to rethink our world together, using Global Education as a tool for solidarity and change and contribute for a more sustainable, peaceful and equitable world. Organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, every year thousands of stakeholders join the initiative, be they teachers, students, educators, local governments, and non-governmental organisations.

For the 2022 edition, ALDA+ provided technical assistance to the North-South Centre, in the fields of content creation, promotion and dissemination of the campaign, as well as network’s animation and engagement.

- + Study visit of a Turkish delegation in Austria and Croatia**

From the 12th to the 18th of June 2022, a delegation of high-level officials of national and local authorities from Türkiye, participated in the cross-border study visit focused on local governance-related issues in Austria and Croatia. Organised by ALDA+ and UNDP Türkiye within the framework of LAR III Project, the study visit enabled participants to deepen their knowledge on local administration capacity of the

two-above mentioned EU Member States, through the organisation of several meetings with Austrian and Croatian high level representatives from ministries, regional and local authorities.



## Training

### + Council of Europe projects - “Academy on Participatory democracy” - Belgrade (RS)

ALDA+ was selected by the Council of Europe to be part of the expert group which organised the Academy on Participatory Democracy in Belgrade. The training session aimed to introduce the participants, a combination of local government officials and civil society representatives in Serbia, to Council of Europe standards, guidelines and tools designed to strengthen participatory democracy at the local level in order to enhance understanding of the concept of participatory democracy, as well as of Council of Europe standards and guidelines and scope for CSOs engagement in policy making, improve knowledge and skills to overcome participatory challenges at the local level and establish platform for exchange and networking.

### + Citizens for Europe

ALDA+ organised and conducted two tailor-made training sessions for Citizens for Europe ([www.citizensforeurope.org](http://www.citizensforeurope.org)). The online training was addressed to those who wished to learn more about

the EU funding schemes and priorities 2021-2027, in order to be ready to successfully approach and manage projects within the new European Programmes 2021-2027.

### + MARRI - Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative

5 days training in Skopje (North Macedonia) on EU Project Cycle Management and EU funding focused on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance IPA III, and funds and programs open to the Western Balkan countries, addressed to MARRI representatives from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.



## Projects

### + VALUEBOX: Promoting Fundamental Rights and Inclusive Education in European Schools through Gamification - Erasmus+ programme

The first Erasmus+ project with ALDA+ as coordinator of a consortium involving partners from Italy, Türkiye, Spain, Belgium and France. VALUEBOX focuses on enhancing teachers' continuous professional

development. It will directly support the development of teachers on promoting innovative teaching and assessment methods through integrating gamification to better transfer awareness to students between 13 and 18 who are facing challenges related to the lack of values, conflicts and communication problems in their daily and educational lives.

#### + SMART project, valorisation of territorial thematic museums - *Interreg CBC Italy-Austria*

In June 2022 the Municipality of Valdagno (Italy) hosted the final event of the project "Towards the museums of the future: the experience of the SMART project", funded in the framework of Interreg CBC Italy-Austria, in which ALDA was involved as operational partner in charge of participatory processes as well as of communication and knowledge transfer.

#### + AVATAR - *EFRD Region Veneto (Italy)*

ALDA+ supported the Municipality of Schio (Italy) and other 11 neighbouring municipalities, for the development and the implementation of the project AVATAR, organising more than 100 events in the targeted area and coordinating the project in collaboration with local authorities, civil society organisation and a variety of stakeholders from different sectors, such as school and education, ICT firms, and informal group of citizens. The project focused on innovation and digitalisation, through the creation - among other actions - of a network of **innovation labs and digital centres** at the municipal level. In May 2022, the municipality of Schio hosted the international event of the project "Open Government and smart communities" to share experiences and practices with European small and medium sized cities.

#### + Innovative voices per Storytelling of Eolian Islands - *Sicily, Italy - (GAL Tirreno-Eolie)*

ALDA+ is a partner of a project funded by the GAL (Local Action Group) of the Eolian Islands, in Sicily (Italy). ALDA+ has a registered branch office in Lipari, aiming at supporting local stakeholders (the local municipalities, civil society organisations, SMEs, etc.) in developing, managing and reporting projects to be developed in the framework of local, regional, national and European programs. In particular, in this project ALDA+ has supported the development and the dissemination of different podcasts, created with the involvement of local actors, aiming at promoting the Eolian Islands.



**ALDA Italia APS**



### \* Who we are

ALDA Italia APS - Association of Social Promotion was created in late 2022, as a branch of ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy.

The main objective of ALDA Italia, whose President is Mrs. Antonella Valmorbida, already Secretary General of ALDA, and whose Director is Mr. Marco Boaria, is to **strengthen the roots and connections in the national territory** and to **become actors of local change** at 360 degrees.

ALDA Italia APS represents a further **instrument to continue pursuing the mission of ALDA**, including the promotion of local democracy and citizen participation, by undertaking more focused and coherent activities.

The Italian association acts to foster and support local, national and international actors in achieving their objectives in the field of European integration, decentralisation, human rights, social inclusion, sustainable development, civic initiatives and more.



## ✳ Projects

Being its first year of life, in 2022 ALDA Italia was active with a single, yet relevant and strategic project:

### H.I.L.L. - HABITAT IN LIVING LANDSCAPE



 Donor: Cariverona Foundation	 Budget: 400.000,00 €	 Timeframe: October 2022 - October 2025	 Nr. of partners/ Associates: 8	 ALDA role: partner	 Countries impacted: Italy
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**DESCRIPTION:** The reference territory for the implementation of the project is contained within the municipalities of Monte di Malo, Cornedo Vicentino and Castelgomberto, in the surroundings of the city of Vicenza (Italy). Within the Natura 2000 network, these municipalities host two Special Conservation Areas (ZSC) which are very important sources of biodiversity and are recognised at European level. These areas are called “**Le Poscole**” and “**Buso della Rana**”. To protect and preserve these areas more effectively and concretely, the Municipality of Monte di Malo, leader of the project, implemented targeted actions which will allow the creation of a **site management plan**. The project also foresees support interventions for the enhancement of the **Priaboniano Museum**, an important cultural institution in the area where the collections belonging to this natural area converge. Thanks to the project, participatory paths will be created for the expansion of the Special Conservation Areas “Buso della Rana” and “Le Poscole”, with the aim of creating a single and more extensive protected area. This expansion will make it possible to reach an optimal size for the creation of a management plan with a view to enhancing and protecting natural sites.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objective of the project is to evaluate the feasibility of expanding the above-mentioned site by joining two existing and neighboring ones. The actions envisaged in the project are:

1. preventive flora and fauna investigations for the expansion of the special site.
2. installation of information posters on the protected areas and an action to recover the space in

- front of the “Buso della Rana” site.
- the implementation of a monitoring and surveillance system for access to the “Buso della Rana” area and its scientific monitoring.
  - the publication of an informative volume on the territory “Soprattutto sotto - Caves and underground world of Faedo Casaron”.
  - the redevelopment of the spaces of the Museum with the design and preparation of a new museum wing, thanks to the acquisition of museum collections.

In particular **ALDA Italia will take care of the organisation of participatory approaches** for the expansion of the “Buso della Rana” Special Conservation Area up to the “Le Poscole” with the aim of reaching a common vision on the future of native natural resources and will carry out the action innovation through a Hackathon in support of youth entrepreneurship for marginal and peripheral territories.

*“We will have to ride the wave and take a step to change the mentality of our inhabitants: the potential of our territory is not yet clear, as well as the importance of protecting the environment. It is important to move on together.”*

- **Mosè Squarzon, Mayor of Monte di Malo Municipality**



## BEHIND THE SCENES



### \* Communication activities

In 2022 ALDA continued its efforts to make projects and activities more visible to its audience, while trying to widen the latter by developing new initiatives.

The guiding thread of the communication-related activities was to boost the involvement with the network at the European level and beyond, trying to translate its varied set of activities into simple concepts. Therefore, the **ALDA Podcast series “Shades of Democracy”**, launched in 2021, continued throughout the year and became more and more consistent, in terms of topics addressed and stakeholders invited. Yet, the goal of the initiative stayed the same: getting closer to people, in a more

informal way, turning what may seem as an abstract topic, into a daily exercise. On the other hand, the campaign targeting the members went on, on ALDA social media channels, using the dedicated hashtag **#ALDAmember**, to raise the visibility of each member, by highlighting their specific expertise, achievements and most recent activities.

2022 was also marked by a strong communication action to highlight the **advocacy commitment of ALDA** on specific issues, first and foremost the **continuous support to Ukrainian civil society** hit by the conflict and **Conference on the Future of Europe**, which saw ALDA's great involvement in the whole process and especially in the final phases.



## \* Administration & budget



In 2022 ALDA executed an annual budget of approximately 3,8 million euros. In this period, ALDA has signed contracts for approximately 4.3 million euros and managed around 75 projects all over Europe and beyond. We were privileged to count on the support of the European Commission, public authorities and private organisations.

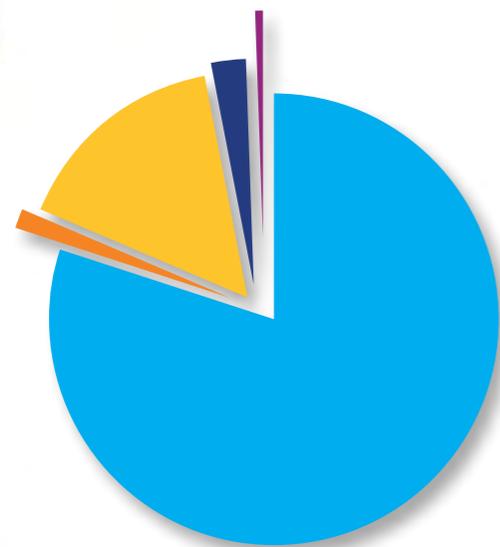
The level of co-financing from partners amounts to approximately 176.000,00 euros.

With 16 Local Democracy Agencies, the network reached about 5,5 million recipients, with more than 250 entities (cities and NGOs) supporting the LDAs and the over 350 members of ALDA.

In 2022 we continued to progress in the consolidation of our financial resilience and solvency, aiming to a balance in our financial situation and a final negative net result for the year (-4.314,92 euros), consolidating our reserves, which now reaches about 108.000,00 euros.

Moving forward, our financial priorities will focus on increasing our global level of activity responding to the challenges in Europe and in the world, addressing them with the powerful instrument of local democracy and participation of civil society at the local level. The aim is to diversify our funding base by reaching out to new donors and partners in the frame of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030.





### 2022 BUDGET RESOURCES:

- European Commission (all support) : 80%
- Co-financing from partners: 1.45%
- Various donors: 15.55%
- Membership fees: 2.50%
- ALDA+: 0.5%

### IN ADDITION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, OUR DONORS IN 2022 WERE:

- Fons Maillorqui
- German Marshall Fund
- French Development Agency
- Normandy Region
- GESCOD
- Fonjep
- MitOst
- Medar
- Mercator Foundation
- National Endowment for Democracy
- Central Europe Initiative
- Partners of the Local Democracy Agencies
- Forum ZDF
- United Nations for Democracy Fund



## ALDA MEMBERS: MORE BENEFITS, MORE INVOLVEMENT, MORE CHANGE

ALDA is a unique membership-based organisation at the European level. We believe that cooperation between local and regional authorities and civil society organisations is key to creating sound local democracy and promoting citizen participation in the community life. That's why our members are both local and regional authorities and civil society organisations, from all the whole enlarged Europe. ALDA enhances joint work and synergies between local governments and organised civil society, in order to promote and improve the exchange of best practices in the field of local governance and citizens' active participation.

The network of ALDA grows year by year, thus reflecting the added value of the membership, as well as the fruitful cooperation and the enrichment derived from the exchange among our members coming from very different contexts.

Today ALDA counts around 300 members from 45 countries, with 18 new members joining us in 2022!

## ✦ Members' benefits

Being a member of ALDA means first of all being guided by a shared mission. But it also means enjoying the following services:

### Projects development and funding opportunities research:

- Priority on opportunities to be partners of projects, or to join consortia for tenders in various fields
- Support of ALDA multilingual staff in the project proposal development phase (EN, FR, IT, SR, MK, RU, ES)
- Identification of relevant international partners for specific geographic and thematic needs
- Support to the partnership building process and dissemination of members' calls for partners
- Identification of potential donors

### Being part of a consolidated European network, ALDA provides support in the relations with:

- European Commission, Council of Europe, UN Agencies, and other public and private international institutions
- Local and regional authorities, as well as national governments in the enlarged Europe, European officials, MEPs, and other relevant international authorities
- Visibility through a European network counting 300 members (local and regional authorities, CSOs, associations of local authorities)
- Support in the organization of study and networking visits in Brussels, and all over Europe
- Online presence for our members on ALDA's website, and presentation to the network of contacts via the newsletter
- Access to EU experts, professional networks, academic organizations

### Information and structures, providing wide dissemination of our and our members' activities:

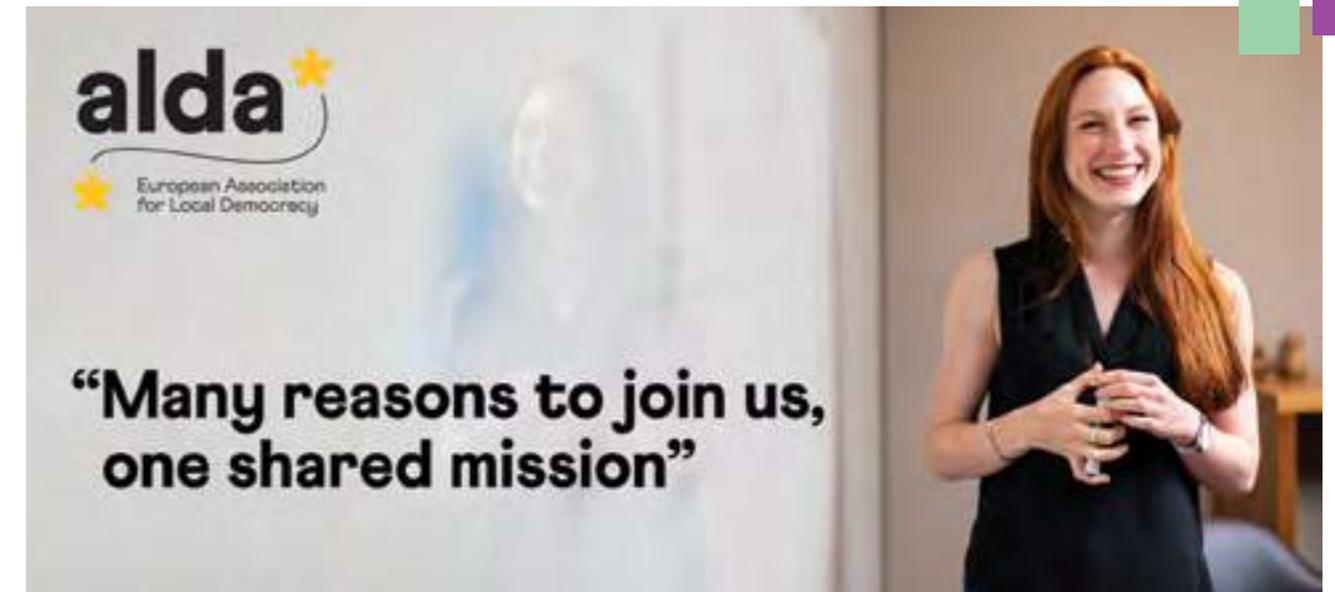
- Promotion of members' activities, initiatives and events at the European level through ALDA's communication channels (monthly newsletter sent in six languages to over 12.600 contacts, website with over 360.000 visitors/year, social networks, webinars and ALDA Talks, publications and information materials)

- Access to information points on EU and active citizenship (info-points based in Brussels and Vicenza)
- Free use of ALDA equipped offices and meeting rooms in Brussels (Belgium), Vicenza (Italy), and upon approval of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg (France)

### Capacity building, to further skills and horizons through a variety of opportunities:

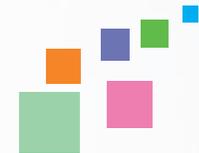
- Information on funding programmes and opportunities
- Participation in international events (conferences, seminars, etc.) promoted by ALDA
- Priority in partnership for specialized trainings (e.g. Master classes on EU programmes, trainings, etc.)
- Participation in ALDA working groups (on Citizens Participation and Local Governance, Western Balkans, Eastern Partnership, Mediterranean Area)
- Priority in offers of internship and job-shadowing, and in the programme "Volunteers for Democracy"
- Special rates for the services provided by ALDA+

For further information about ALDA membership, please contact: [membership@alda-europe.eu](mailto:membership@alda-europe.eu)



**“Many reasons to join us,  
one shared mission”**

# Members of ALDA



## Municipalities

- Verteneglio municipality
- Osijek municipality
- Sisak municipality
- Vejle Municipality
- Strasbourg municipality
- Patras Municipality
- Bari municipality
- Reggio Emilia
- Thiene Municipality
- Monfalcone municipality
- Bydgoszcz municipality
- Subotica municipality
- Wolverhampton municipality
- Mostar Municipality
- Kotor Municipality
- Kutaisi Municipality
- Novaci Municipality
- Birgu Local Council
- Municipality of Delémont
- Municipality of Lendinara
- Knjaževac Municipality
- Novo Mesto Municipality
- Ploiesti Municipality
- Herceg Novi Municipality
- Santorso Municipality
- Karsiyaka Municipality
- Gjilan Municipality
- City of Ieper - Stad Ieper
- Gdansk Municipality
- Niksic Municipality
- Mioveni Municipality
- Municipality of Gazzo
- Dnipro City Council
- Municipio de Valongo
- Centar Municipality
- Grosuplje Municipality
- Ivančna Gorica Municipality
- Zugliano Municipality

- Tétouan Municipality
- City Hall Cimişlia
- Etterbeek Municipality
- Zugdidi Municipality City Hall
- Municipality of Lousada
- Municipality of Castegnero
- Municipality of Budva
- Municipality of Čajetina
- Bar Municipality
- Pluzine Municipality
- Municipality of Vushtrri
- Kairouan municipality
- City of Sceaux
- Ozurgeti Municipality City Hall
- Edremit Municipality
- Grez-Doiceau Municipality
- Gemeente & OCMW Zoersel
- Bolyarovo Municipality
- Samtredia Municipality
- Mariupol Municipality
- Torri di Quartesolo Municipality
- Mesagne Municipality
- Belfiore Municipality
- Castelfranco Emilia Municipality
- Vimercate Municipality
- Sireti City Hall
- Municipality of Wrocław
- Municipality of Oberhausen
- Altavilla Vicentina Municipality
- Isola Vicentina Municipality
- Občina Trebnje- Trebnje Municipality
- Municipality of Lushnje
- Ain Sobh Nadhour Municipality
- Oristano Municipality
- Municipality of Zagora
- Municipality of Ixelles
- Leporano Municipality
- Scafa Municipality
- Caramanico Terme Municipality
- Modena Municipality

## Regions

- Istria Region
- Apulia Region - IPRES
- Friuli-Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region
- Normandy Region
- Lower Silesia
- Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship (Kuyavia and Pomerania)
- Extremadura Agency for International Development Cooperation (AEXCID)

## Provinces and Counties

- Prahova County Council
- Harghita County Council

## Associations of Local Authorities

- AER, Assembly of European Regions
- AFCCRE, Association française du conseil des communes et régions d'Europe
- ENTO - European Network of

- Training Organisations for Local and Regional Authorities
- NALAS, Network of Associations of Local Authorities in South-East Europe
- ZELS, Association of the units of local-self government of the Republic of North Macedonia
- Local Councils' Association TAL
- AMR, Romanian Association of Municipalities
- Standing conference of towns and municipalities
- AKM - Ass. of Kosovo Municipalities
- NALAG - National Association of Local authorities of Georgia
- Regional Association of Municipalities "Central Stara Planina"
- UBBSLA- Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities
- The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia (UTCS / UMS)
- Marmara Municipalities Union (MMU)
- Union of Rural Communes of Poland (ZGW RP)
- Croatian County Association
- Albanian Association of Municipalities - AAM
- Fons Pitius de Cooperació
- Fons Mallorquí de Solidaritat i Cooperació
- Fons Menorquí de Cooperació
- Association of Local Autonomy of Albania
- Energy Cities, the European association of local authorities in energy transition
- Association of Finance Officers of the Local Governments and Public Enterprises
- Association of Cities and Regions for Sustainable Resource Management - ACR+

## Civil Society Organisations

- Associazione per l'Ambasciata della Democrazia Locale a Zavidovici
- Associazione Progetto Prijedor
- Fondazione Opera Campana dei Caduti

- Trentino con i Balcani
- Progettarte
- Coalition of youth organisations SEGA
- ISBEM
- "Foster Europe"
- "Leonardo consorzio di Cooperative Sociali"
- Studio Progetto Società Cooperativa Sociale ONLUS
- "EGTC Amphictyony"
- CEE Citizens Network (CEEEN)
- Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo Mesto
- EuroBelarus
- AGORA CE
- CSV Lazio
- Istituto di studi federalisti Altiero Spinelli
- Fundación Privada INDERA
- Margherita cooperative
- ECWM - European Centre of Youth Cooperation
- Urban Research Institute
- CIVILSCAPE
- European Projects Association ASBL
- Clube Intercultural Europeu
- La Piccioniaia scs
- Samarcanda Cooperativa Sociale Onlus
- HUMANITAS
- IRS - Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale
- Federazione Trentina della Cooperazione
- Danube 1245
- Development Centre Novo Mesto, Consultation and Development Ltd.
- Ser Joven Association
- Stichting Fairtrade Gemeente Nederland
- Consorzio Operativo Salute Mentale Società Coop. Sociale C.O.S.M.(COSM)
- ARDES, The Regional Association for Economic and Social Development (ARDES - l'Association Régionale de Développement Economique et Social)
- Kallipolis
- ZRC SAZU - Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

- LIKE - Villes et régions européennes pour la culture
- 4Change CRL (Cooperativa Culturale e de solidarierda social CRL)
- Globus et Locus
- Foundation for Defending Citizens Against State Abuse - F.A.C.I.A.S.
- Fondazione Teatro Comunale Città di Vicenza
- ICEI - Institute for International Economic Cooperation
- Biosphaera - RSN Ricerche e Studi Naturalistici
- SLOGA - Slovenian Global Action
- Associazione Giochi Antichi
- Climate Coalition
- Udruga za promicanje aktivnog građanstva - ECHO
- Asociacion Mar Violeta
- Open St. Petersburg (Otkritiy Peterburg)
- "Polis Vestina" Association
- Rinascita Società Cooperativa Sociale
- Union marocaine des conseils et associations de la société civile
- Brindisi Produce S.C.A.R.L
- Cooperativa Sociale Aster Tre
- Civic Alliance - Latvia (CAL)
- FELCOS Umbria
- MitOst e.V. F
- KITEV - Kultur im Turm e.V.
- CRISP - Crisis Simulation for Peace e.V.
- GEA Cooperativa Sociale
- Center for Democracy Foundation, FCD
- Notus - asr
- Le cose che vanno International
- Center for Civic Cooperation - Centar za gradansku suradnju Livno
- Progetto Sud
- HUB NICOSIA
- KRAP ASD

- Cantieri Teatrali Veneziani
- INNOVED (Center for Education and Innovation)
- Replay Network
- Association Euni Partners
- GAL Alto Tammaro: terre dei tratturi scari
- The Democratic Institute - Society and Education
- Udhëtim i Lirë - Liberi di Viaggiare
- DYPALL Network
- Centoraggi Soc. Coop.
- Cineclub Venezia
- KASAPT - Kapacity, Adaptability, Solidarity, Adventure
- Solidarity Overseas Service Malta (SOS Malta)
- Associazione di Volontariato Cittadini Digitali
- Fundacja "Merkury"/ Merkury Foundation
- Accademia d'Archi 'G.G. Arrigoni'
- Cooperativa Zattera Blu s.c.s. onlus
- Stichting Street Art Museum Amsterdam, SAMA
- Local action group (LAG) Zagorje-Sutla
- Timočki omladinski centar - Timok Youth Centar
- Europimpulse Network
- Centro Universitario Teatrale (CUT)
- EGTC ALPINE PEARLS ltd
- Associazione Brain Traumi Cranici Onlus
- Labsus- Laboratorio per la sussidiarietà APS
- ASP - Azienda Sanitaria Provinciale di Ragusa
- ECN - The European Crowdfunding Network AISBL
- AVMAD - Associazione Veneto Malattia di Alzheimer e Demenze Degenerative
- Film Festival della Lessinia
- Rural Coalition
- La Vigna Società Cooperativa Sociale
- CIAC Onlus (Centro Immigrazione, Asilo, Cooperazione Internazionale Onlus)

- Dubrovnik Development Agency - Dubrovacka razvojna agencija
- Coro Pueri Cantores del Veneto
- Asociacion Mundus - Un Mundo a tus pies
- Casa dei Sentieri e dell'Ecologia Integrale
- Tyro Association for Arts
- New Life Association NLA
- Perrevia Network
- WeYouth Organization
- Caracol Olol Jackson Onlus
- Associazione OGD Pedemontana Veneta e Colli
- Center for European Policy Studies on Regional and Local Development - CRLDS
- Coordinamento Regionale Volontariato e Solidarietà Luciano Lama
- Cooperativa Sociale Di Solidarieta' Promozione Lavoro
- Ka.der (Association for Support of Women Candidates)
- Associazione Olivicoltori Sanniti - AOS
- Agricoltura è Vita Campania
- Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori - CIA - Benevento
- Arial Gymnasium SSD
- USMA CASELLE ASD
- NGO "I am BUCHANETS"

### ■ Universities and Schools

- IUAV Venezia University
- Cultural Institute Nicolò Rezzara
- ENAIP Veneto Impresa Sociale
- GRM Novo Mesto - Center Biotehnik in Turizma
- Faculty of Organisation Studies in Novo Mesto
- Mariupol State University

### ■ Local Democracy Agencies & Operational Partners

- LDA Albania
- LDA Armenia
- LDA Mostar
- LDA Prijedor
- LDA Zavidovici
- LDA Georgia
- LDA Edremit
- LDA Kosovo
- LDA Northern Morocco
- LDA Moldova in Cimișlia
- LDA Montenegro
- LDA Center South Serbia (LDA CSS)
- LDA Subotica
- LDA Tunisia
- LDA of the Dnipropetrovsk Region
- LDA Mariupol
- OP Osijek
- OP Sisak
- OP Verteneglio

### ■ Individuals

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- Dobrica Milovanović
- Roger Lawrence
- Barbara Elia





## GET INVOLVED - ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP STARTS WITH YOU



### \* Friends of ALDA

If you believe that local democracy is key to better, more sustainable local communities, ALDA's doors are open to you. You can support our activities with a small donation starting from 20 €/year and become a Friend of ALDA.

You will always be informed about our initiatives, receive our monthly and thematic newsletters, be invited to meetings and events, and receive the E-card 'FRIENDS of ALDA' as symbol of the relationship and trust with our Association. The card will also ensure discounts on training opportunities and other activities organised by ALDA and ALDA+

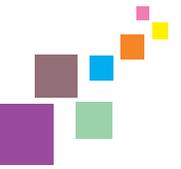
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### \* Volunteers for Democracy

Would you like to support local democracy, citizens' participation, and human rights? You can help us with your skills and time through an ad-hoc volunteering agreement!

Volunteering with ALDA means contributing to local democracy in Europe and its Neighbourhood, as well as developing new skills, practicing languages, and being part of a fast-paced, international association. Particularly motivated volunteers will have the opportunity to attend international events for the association.

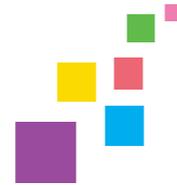
To join the programme, send an email to [alda@alda-europe.eu](mailto:alda@alda-europe.eu), attaching your CV, motivation letter, and description of how you would like to contribute to ALDA's activities.



## \* Citizen journalists

Have your say and express your opinion on issues you find interesting or worth to be publicly discussed. Our goal is to encourage and support active citizen participation in the enlarged Europe, thus empowering all Europeans to contribute to the improvement of their communities, and of the whole Europe. Contributions of citizen journalists will be disseminated via ALDA's communication channels. *Don't be shy, Europe needs your voice!*

For information or articles submission, please contact [alda@alda-europe.eu](mailto:alda@alda-europe.eu)



## \* Traineeship opportunities

ALDA has several agreements with universities and institutions to host trainees in all its offices. Our idea of traineeship is offering young people the opportunity to grow professionally in the field they would like to build a career in. We all remember how tough it was to access the working environment, and we have a vivid memory of our first experiences and mentors.

That's why we offer traineeships within our organisation, and make sure they represent a cornerstone in trainees' development. We are not looking for people to make coffee - we do manage this crucial task pretty well. We need people with fresh ideas and creativity, enthusiasm, and willingness to be part of the team of ALDA. Tutors and staff make sure that the traineeship develops personal and professional skills of the youngsters, and a variety of support initiatives are in place to support our former interns.

If you are interested in establishing an agreement with a University, School, or other institution, please contact [internships-alda@alda-europe.eu](mailto:internships-alda@alda-europe.eu)

## \* Gianfranco Martini Scholarship

ALDA awards an annual scholarship in memory of our Honorary President, Gianfranco Martini. Martini was among the initiators of the concept of Local Democracy Agencies and became the first

President of ALDA in 1999. Throughout his active life he remained passionate about the promotion of local democracy, the engagement of civil society and the encouragement of interethnic dialogue in Europe, with a particular focus on the Western Balkans.

This scholarship supports every year a student or researcher proposing a project focusing on local democracy, engagement of civil society and/or interethnic dialogue. The winner then presents her/his work during our following General Assembly.

Information about the application is disseminated through ALDA's website and channels.



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