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for Local Democracy



LOCAL DEMOCRACY FOR GLOBAL IMPACT.

13
15
MAY
2024

**ALDA
FESTIVAL**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WORKSHOPS
CONFERENCES

**BARCELONA,
SPAIN**



INTRODUCTION

In the ever-evolving landscape of local democracy, active citizenship, and global cooperation, ALDA emerges as a dynamic force. **Through participative methodologies and decentralised cooperation**, ALDA empowers local communities in Europe and beyond. With a core mission of building bridges between local authorities and communities, the Association plays a pivotal role in fostering dialogue and collaboration that transcends borders. This commitment positions **ALDA as a local facilitator with global impact**, illustrating how grassroots activities can catalyze transformative change on a global scale.

The eagerly awaited ALDA Festival and General Assembly 2024 is set to become a landmark event, marking a significant milestone in the Organisation's relentless pursuit of its mission and impact. Taking place from **May 13 until 15, 2024**, and scheduled to unfold in the city of Barcelona, Spain, this assembly strategically aligns with the Barcelona European Capital of Democracy (ECoD) initiative, amplifying the resonance of its mission.

The event will also acquire special significance since it will take place the month before the European Parliament elections of 2024 scheduled for June 6-9 of the same year. The proximity to these crucial elections enhances the relevance of the General Assembly, creating a dynamic context where discussions, insights, and strategies formulated during the event can contribute meaningfully to the broader European democratic landscape.



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The ALDA Festival and General Assembly 2024 – “Local Democracy for Global Impact” will allow attendees to explore synergies between local and European levels of governance. This alignment reinforces the commitment of ALDA to fostering cooperation between citizens, local and regional authorities, and the broader European context, ultimately contributing to its mission and the one of its partners in promoting local democracy to ensure resilience. The event will also further consider the added value of ALDA and its mission into a more more global context with international partners.

The General Assembly, designed to be a three-day immersive experience, promises an engaging and thought-provoking and solution oriented programme. The event will cover key topics strictly related to ALDA’s Thematic Hubs among which citizens engagement, migration, gender equality, Human Rights, youth engagement, digitatlisation and territorial approach to local development.

In addition, it will also embrace an international perspective by touching many geographical areas among which are the Mediterranean, Africa, Western Balkans, Europe and Eastern Partnership countries. The ALDA Festival and General Assembly 2024 will represent the meeting point and discussion of local activities carried out on a global scale. Among the highlights are meetings with Barcelona students, thematic workshops, and international events. The agenda includes panel discussions featuring ALDA members and partners, as well as a captivating photo exhibition showcasing memories from Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

ALDA FESTIVAL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2024

agenda



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9:30 - 18:30

ALDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (FULL AGENDA)

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El Born Sala Moragues

10:00 - 10:15

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Speakers:

- Oriano Otocan - ALDA President

10:15 - 11:00

El Born Sala Moragues

LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ENGAGING GLOBALLY: A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

Speakers:

- **Maria Eugenia Gay** - Deputy Mayor of Barcelona
- **Pere Aragonès i Garcia** - President of Generalitat de Catalunya (TBC)
- **Helfried Carl** - Founder of the European Capital of Democracy initiative
- **Marc Cools** - President of the Congress of the Council of Europe, Marc Cools (TBC)
- **Domènec Ruiz Devesa** - MEP, President of the Union of European Federalists, Vice President of the European Movement International (TBC)
- **Patrick Molinoz** - Chair of the CIVEX Committee of the European Committee of the Regions (TBC)

11:00 - 11:30

El Born Hall



BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

El Born Sala Moragues

LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ENGAGING GLOBALLY: A WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE

Speakers:

- **Jutta Urpilainen** - European Commissioner for International Partnerships (TBC)
- **Pere Aragonès i Garcia** - President of the Government of Catalonia (TBC)
- Diputacio of Barcelona (TBC)
- **Thijs Berman** - NIMD Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy President
- **Emilia Saiz** - UCLG Secretary General
- **Enrion Velijai** - Mayor of Tirana, chair of B40 (TBC)
- **Senén Florensa i Palau** - President of the Executive Committee and Director General of the IEMed



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12:30 - 14:00

El Born Hall



LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:00

El Born Sala Moragues

ALDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATUTORY MEETING.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE TREASURER ([FULL AGENDA HERE](#))

15:00 - 16:00

El Born Sala Moragues

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME 2024

APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIC VIEWS 2024-2028
([FULL AGENDA HERE](#))

16:00 - 16:30

El Born Sala Moragues



BREAK

16:30 - 18:00

El Born Sala Moragues

ELECTIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNING BOARD OF ALDA 2024-2028

PROCLAMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNING BOARD

18:00 - 18:30

El Born Sala Moragues

FAREWELL OF THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT, ORIANO OTOCAN

19:00 - 22:00

El Born Hall

RECEPTION

Ceremony for members supporting Ukrainian LDAs and members

9:30 - 11:00

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LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND MIGRATION ([AGENDA](#))

"Changing communities: the role of local authorities in addressing the migration phenomena"

9:30 - 11:00

El Born Sala Castellví

LOCAL DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE ([AGENDA](#))

Towards unexploited opportunities and future challenges



BREAK

11:30 - 13:00

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PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND MIGRATION PRACTICES ([AGENDA](#))

Integrated Cities for Migrants Inclusion "multi-sectoral collaboration"

11:30 - 13:00

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LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Models and context of implementation, innovation and challenges

11:30 - 13:00

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INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Tool fair on intercultural dialogue in the Mediterranean



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14:30 - 16:00

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BEYOND BORDERS: EXPLORING GENDER EQUALITY IN CAREGIVING AND SOCIOECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ([AGENDA](#))

14:30 - 16:00

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

Networking Event

14:30 - 16:00

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THE VALUE OF PEER-TO-PEER APPROACH IN CROSS-BORDERS COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



BREAK

16:30 - 19:00

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MARKET PLACE

Networking and presentation of several initiatives

16:30 - 18:00

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INFO SESSION FOR MEMBERS (COUNTRY BASED)

Info session about ALDA and good practice from Spanish members

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9:30 - 11:00

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DEMOCRATISATION OF AFRICA VS THE AFRICANISATION OF DEMOCRACY, THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL APPROACH
([AGENDA](#))

9:30 - 11:00

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THE SHIFTING LANDSCAPE : ENLARGEMENT OF EUROPE
Reassessing EU Enlargement Agenda, Prospects, Challenges, and Its Implications

9:30 - 16:00

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EPIC UP PARTNERS MEETING



BREAK

11:30 - 13:00

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LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
([AGENDA](#))

A great heritage towards new perspectives

11:30 - 13:00

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EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR CSOS AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS ([AGENDA](#))



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WORKSHOP - INTRODUCTION TO TALD FOR CSO AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

Presenting the methodology and raise awareness on how to use it

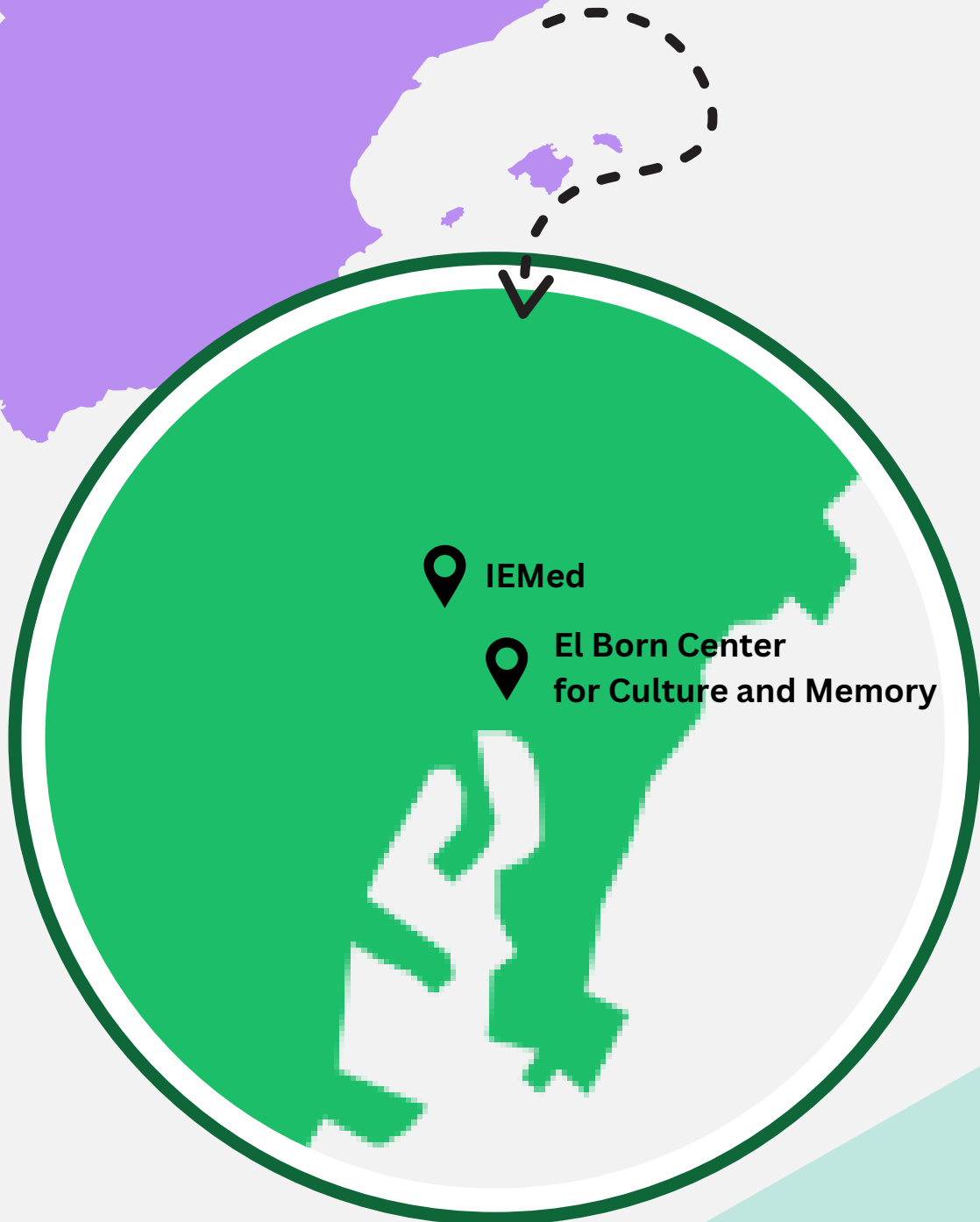
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HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT?

Info session about project development

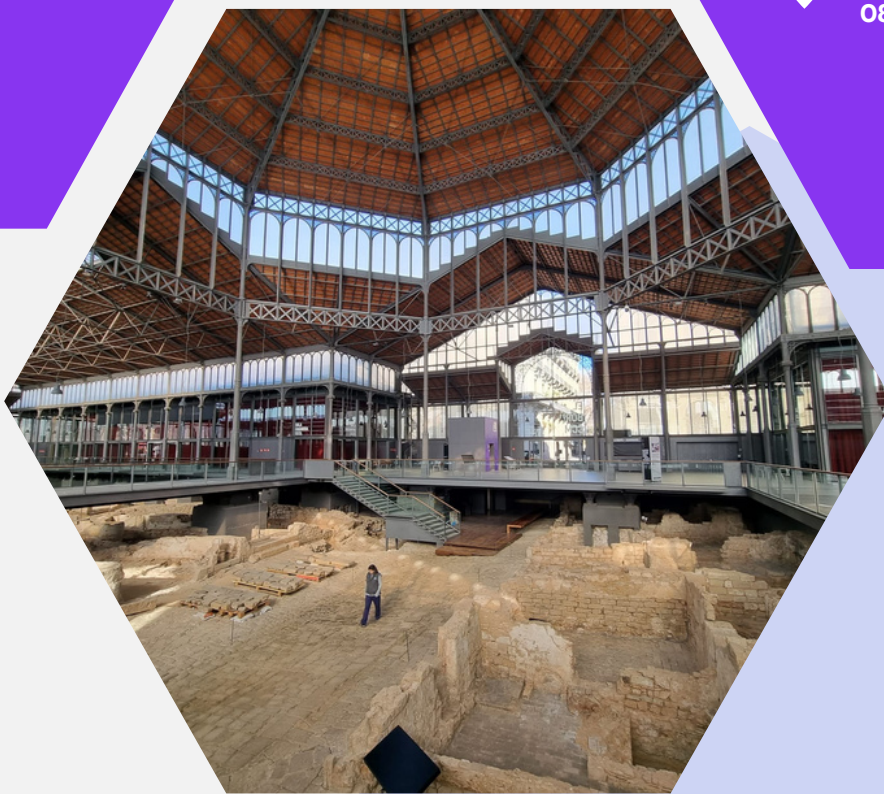
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 **EL BORN CENTER FOR CULTURE AND MEMORY: PLAÇA COMERCIAL, 12, CIUTAT VELLA, 08003 BARCELONA**

 **INSTITUT EUROPEÛEN DE LA MEDITERRANÉE (IEMED): C/ DE GIRONA, 20, L'EIXAMPLE, 08010 BARCELONA**

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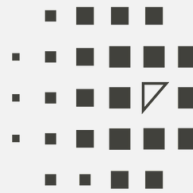
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