



August Highlights: Advancing Democratic Values and Promoting Sustainability in Europe and beyond

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Empowering global advocates: ALDA Summer School 2024 at Villa Fabris 🌍

From August 28 to 30, Villa Fabris (Thiene) hosted the ALDA Summer School 2024, providing a unique learning experience. The event brought together **40 participants from over 15 countries worldwide, selected from more than 80 applications, to delve into essential topics on good governance and local democracy.**

Participants had the chance to engage with key European-level actors, equipping them to become effective advocates for local democracy and champions of democratic governance within their communities and beyond.

DISCOVER MORE!



Training tomorrow's Europeanists: the winners of the “Let's become European citizens” competition in Nocera Umbra (IT)

Active and informed citizenship is the cornerstone of a resilient, strong, and democratic Europe. To foster this awareness, the [European Federalist Movement](#), in collaboration with Europe Direct of the Municipality of Venice, organised the competition 'Let's Become European Citizens' (Diventiamo Cittadini Europei). This initiative awarded young people from the Veneto region with an official certificate and a European-themed holiday and training in Nocera Umbra (Italy), made possible by ALDA's funding.

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**Nominations are open: Mayor
Paweł Adamowicz Award**



**Empower Your Organisation
with Tailor-Made Trainings:**

2024, recognising courage and excellence in promoting freedom, solidarity, and equality

The [nominations for the Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award 2024](#) are open! During the 161st CoR Plenary Session on June 19-20, 2024, Vasco Alves Cordeiro, President of the [European Committee of the Regions \(CoR\)](#), officially launched the 4th edition of the Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award, which recognises courage and excellence in promoting freedom, solidarity, and equality. Launched in 2021, the Award of 2023 was granted to the [ADL Zavidovići Association](#), an ALDA member, in recognition of its outstanding contributions to local and regional governance.

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Exclusive Opportunity for ALDA Members!

Are you an **ALDA member** from an **EU country** looking to enhance your knowledge in EU Project Development, EU Funding Programmes, and Local Democracy? ALDA is thrilled to offer you an **exclusive opportunity** to participate in customised training sessions designed to meet your specific needs. As an ALDA member, you have the unique chance to access free, tailor-made training sessions delivered by ALDA's highly qualified staff, designed to provide in-depth insights and practical knowledge on key topics that matter most to your organisation.

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OUR ACTIONS IN EUROPE...



The Future We Want project: Youth unite to fight Fast Fashion

What kind of future do we truly want? **50 young participants** asked themselves this question before deciding to take action against Fast Fashion within the [Future We Want](#) project. It is a two-year initiative led by a consortium of 9 European organisations from **Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, France, Belgium, Finland, Italy, Germany, and Portugal**, financially supported by the **European Commission**. Join the **Transnational Caravan** as it passes through **17 cities** and become part of this major **advocacy initiative for a more sustainable planet**.

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GreenScape CE: Shaping Greener Urban Spaces Across Central Europe

Cities are growing in central Europe, often **turning green areas into grey concrete places**. This urban sprawl accelerates negative effects of climate change such as urban heat islands: the [GreenScape-CE project](#) works on reversing this trend by **making urban areas greener again**. The **Visual Mapping Platform (GVMP)**, developed within the project, is a cutting-edge tool designed to support urban climate-proofing through renaturing efforts.

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A Transformative Leap Forward: The Third GINEVRA Partners Meeting in Vienna

From the 12th to the 14th of June, the historic city of Vienna recently hosted the **third GINEVRA Partners Meeting**. This three-day event, filled with discussions, interactive sessions and a groundbreaking demonstration, was a resounding success, setting the stage for the future of autonomous vehicle (AV) mobility and multi-level governance.

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The Joint Strategy on 3Ps to Support Social and Solidarity Economy: the Power of Collaboration in Central Europe's Social Economy

Transformation

The **Joint Strategy on 3Ps to Support Social and Solidarity Economy** marks a significant initiative developed by project partners within the Interreg [3P4SSE project](#). This strategy aims to advance **Local Action Plans** through a strategic, three-pronged approach: divided into **three** sections, it outlines the foundational principles of the social economy, a detailed policy agenda, and an actionable framework—all designed to **drive the regional social economy forward**.

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...AND ALL OVER THE WORLD 



ALDA Takes Flight to Benin: Strengthening ties at Africa's International Forum on Participatory Democracy

From 7 to 11 August, 2024, a dedicated delegation of ALDA travelled to the **Republic of Benin** to engage in the [5th edition of the Forum de la Démocratie Participative en Afrique \(FIDEPA\)](#). Organised by the **International Observatory on Participatory Democracy in Africa (IODP)** with the support of [UCLG](#) and hosted by the **Municipality of Cotonou** (Benin), which holds the presidency of IODP Africa for 2024, the forum sought to address the challenges and opportunities in fostering citizen participation for the creation of sustainable cities and territories.

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Meet the selected Change-Makers from the second Call for Proposals of the WYDE Civic Engagement project

The [WYDE Civic Engagement - Women and Youth in Democracy initiative Civic Engagement](#) project is on a mission to **transform the landscape of youth and women's involvement in democratic processes across Sub-Saharan Africa**. As we continue the journey towards fostering a more inclusive and participatory governance structure, the project consortium is thrilled to announce the NGOs selected from the [second Call for Proposals](#).

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NEWS FROM THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCIES



ALDA's humanitarian aid initiative: emergency support for Dnipro (Ukraine)

The ongoing war, which has persisted for over two years, has greatly exacerbated the urgent needs of displaced individuals in Ukraine, including the crucial psychological support required in this challenging context. Through the "Emergency Support for Dnipro" project, ALDA in partnership with the [LDA of the Dnipropetrovsk Region](#), aims to improve the lives of these individuals.

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CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Call 1:

[Interreg North-West Europe 2021-2027](#)

Deadline of the call: 16 January 2025

Location: Belgium, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland parts of France and Germany.

Call 2:

[Three-year contract 2024-2026 "Strasbourg European Capital" \(FR: Contrat triennal 2024-2026 « Strasbourg Capitale européenne »\)](#)

Deadline of the call: 31 October 2024

Location: France.

Call 3:

[European support for the Integrated Programme for the reconstruction and general upgrading of disaster areas](#)

Deadline of the call: 4 November 2024

Location: EU Member States, Morocco, other eligible countries as indicated in the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe (NDICI-Global Europe).

Call 4:

[Support to Sustainable Cultural Heritage \(restricted call for proposals\)](#)

Deadline of the call: 30 September 2024

Location: EU Member States, Jordan.

To consult all the **other calls**,
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