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## European Conference on VOLUNTEERING for DEMOCRACY

Bydgoszcz, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### CALL FOR BEST PRACTICES: VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Dear members, dear partners,

On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the Association of Local Democracy Agencies is organising a European conference about volunteering and citizen participation in Bydgoszcz (Poland). This conference will unite around 150 participants from local authorities and non-governmental organisations from all over Europe.

During the conference, an interactive session will allow participants to present their own experience with volunteering in order to make their activities known to a larger public and to make others benefit from them. We know that many of you, our members and partners, possess considerable experience in this field.

**ALDA invites you to contribute to this interactive session with a presentation of your activities in the field of volunteering as a means of citizen participation.**

Volunteering plays a considerable role in civil society. Often, it is most valorised in the social sector. But as volunteering is a highly relevant way to participate actively in your society, it also has an important political impact. Have you already implemented activities that aim at exploring the potential of volunteering for improving citizen participation? Which experiences have you made with such projects?

Those organisations or individuals wishing to present their experience will have around 10-15 minutes at their disposal, which can be organised as you wish.

To present your experience in the interactive session, please send us a **short outline of your experience with volunteering for citizen participation.**

Thank you for sending this text to :

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before **6<sup>th</sup> June 2011**. Ms. Westerhaus will also answer any questions you may have concerning this call.

We thank all participants in advance for their contributions, which will contribute significantly to the success of our conference on volunteering and citizen participation.



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