

## ALDA at work to build more Europe

### Statement of our President Oriano Otočan celebrating 9 May

Today we celebrate Europe and the Schuman declaration signed in 1950. Europe was given birth with the aim to create a community of peace, stability, and prosperity for its citizens. Today, the very same Europe is affected by economic and migration crisis, and is surrounded by wars in its neighbouring areas. But even more important, we are witnessing a crisis of the European values.

We need more solidarity and less selfishness. We need a Europe without borders, offering free movement to people, goods, and ideas, which could meet the needs of its citizens and of people in our Neighbourhood. Europe should also find ways to enlarge faster.

ALDA, the European Association for Local Democracy, is an organisation living, acting, and believing in such a Europe. We are therefore ready to keep working to build “more Europe” for the prosperity of our citizens, and our neighbours.

**Oriano Otočan**  
**President of ALDA**

### Read more – and join ALDA in Paris on 12-13 May!

About ALDA, the European Association for Local Democracy: [www.alda-europe.eu](http://www.alda-europe.eu)

### Do not miss our General Assembly on 12 May in Paris, at the MAE, and the conference and toolkit day on decentralised cooperation

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