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European Association  
for Local Democracy



# LOCAL DEMOCRACY FOR GLOBAL IMPACT.

13  
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2024

**ALDA  
FESTIVAL**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
WORKSHOPS  
CONFERENCES

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# 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.



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.

# ALDA FESTIVAL & GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024 *agenda*





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9:30 - 18:30

## ALDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (FULL AGENDA)

El Born Sala Moragues

10:00 - 10:15

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### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Speaker:

- **Oriano Otočan** - ALDA President

10:15 - 11:00

El Born Sala Moragues

### LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ENGAGING GLOBALLY: A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

**Moderator: Dorothee Fischer** - Senior Communications Expert and CEO  
Legado Sharpe & Fischer

Speakers:

- **Maria Eugenia Gay** - Deputy Mayor of Barcelona
- **Helfried Carl** - Founder of the European Capital of Democracy initiative
- **Tunc Soyer** - President of the Chamber of Regions, Congress of the Council of Europe
- **Domènec Ruiz Devesa** - MEP, President of the Union of European Federalists, Vice President of the European Movement International
- **Patrick Molinoz** - Chair of the CIVEX Committee of the European Committee of the Regions, Vice-President of the Region Franche-Comté
- **Albert Castellanos i Maduell** - Secretary for Enterprise and Competitiveness of the Ministry of Business and Labour of the Government of Catalonia, President of the AER

11:00 - 11:15

El Born Sala Moragues

### FAMILY PICTURE AND SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALDA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS



BREAK

11:45 - 12:50

## LOCAL DEMOCRACY, ENGAGING GLOBALLY: A WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE

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### Speakers:

- **Jutta Urpilainen** - European Commissioner for International Partnerships (video message)
- **Thijs Berman** - NIMD Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy President
- **Emilia Saiz** - UCLG Secretary General
- **Erion Veliaj** - Mayor of Tirana, chair of B40 (TBC)
- **Vadim Boichenko** - Mayor of Mariupol, representative of the Association of Ukrainian Cities\*
- **Senén Florensa i Palau** - Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed)

*\*Vadim Boichenko is the only recognised and legal mayor of Mariupol and he is Ukrainian working in exile in his own country with and for the citizens of Mariupol forced to leave by an illegal Russian occupation*

12:50 - 13:00

El Born Sala Moragues

## VIDEO OF THE PAWEŁ ADAMOWICZ AWARD 2023 TO ADL ZAVIDOVICI



LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:00

El Born Sala Moragues

## ALDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATUTORY MEETING

- Appointment of the President of the Assembly
- Report of activities 2023
- Report of activities of the 4 years strategy
- Moral report of the President
- Approval of the accounts 2023
- Treasury Report 2023
- Discharge of the treasurer
- Reading of the auditor



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### PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME 2024

- Approval of the strategic views 2024-2028
- Welcoming new members and certificate



BREAK

16:30 - 17:30

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### ELECTIONS OF THE NEW GOVERNING BOARD OF ALDA 2024-2028

- Presentation of the candidates
- Voting procedures

17:30 - 18:00

El Born Sala Moragues

### PRESENTATION OF THE NEW GOVERNING BOARD

18:00 - 18:30

El Born Sala Moragues

### FAREWELL OF THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT, ORIANO OTOČAN

19:00 - 19:45

El Born Sala Moragues

### CEREMONY OF RECOGNITION FOR ALDA'S MEMBERS' SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN LDAS (AGENDA)

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” - [In cooperation with Fons Català](#)

9:30 - 11:00

El Born Sala Castellví

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

Towards unexploited opportunities and future challenges - [In cooperation with Ajuntament de Barcelona](#)



BREAK

11:00 - 13:00

Fundación Bofill/IEMed

**TOOL FAIR ON INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE IN MEDITERRANEAN CITIES ([AGENDA](#))**

11:30 - 13:00

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

Integrated Cities for Migrants Inclusion "multi-sectoral collaboration" - [In cooperation with Fons Català](#)

11:30 - 13:00

El Born Sala Castellví

**LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY ([AGENDA](#))**

Models and context of implementation, innovation and challenges [In cooperation with IOPD](#)



LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 16:00

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**LOCAL DEMOCRACY FOR INCLUSIVITY: EXPLORING GENDER EQUALITY IN CAREGIVING AND SOCIOECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ([AGENDA](#))** [In cooperation with Metropolis & TUI](#)

14:30 - 16:00

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**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO FACE CLIMATE CHALLENGES ([AGENDA](#))**

Networking Event



BREAK FROM 16:00 TO 16:30

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**THE VALUE OF PEER-TO-PEER APPROACH IN CROSS-BORDERS COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ([AGENDA](#))**

16:30 - 19:00

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**ALDA MARKETPLACE ([MORE DETAILS](#))**

Networking and presentation of several initiatives

16:30 - 18:00

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**WORKSHOP - ALLIES FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY: EXCHANGE WITH ALDA MEMBERS ([AGENDA](#))**



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**DEMOCRATISATION OF AFRICA VS THE AFRICANISATION OF DEMOCRACY, WOULD LOCAL DEMOCRACY FIND THE BALANCE? ([AGENDA](#))**

9:30 - 11:00

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**LOCAL DEMOCRACY IN A SHIFTING LANDSCAPE ([AGENDA](#))**

Reassessing EU Enlargement Agenda in Eastern Partnership countries and its Implications

9:30 - 16:00

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**PARTNERS MEETING EPIC UP: A KEY PROJECT ON MIGRATION ([DETAILS HERE](#))**



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**LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT: A GREAT HERITAGE TOWARDS NEW PERSPECTIVES ([AGENDA](#))**

In cooperation with DG INTPA/TALD Facility & Diputació Barcelona

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**LOCAL DEMOCRACY: EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES AN ENHANCED COOPERATION BETWEEN CSOS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS ([AGENDA](#))**



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**WORKSHOP - INTRODUCTION TO TALD FOR CSO AND LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES ([AGENDA](#))**

Presenting the methodology and raise awareness on how to use it

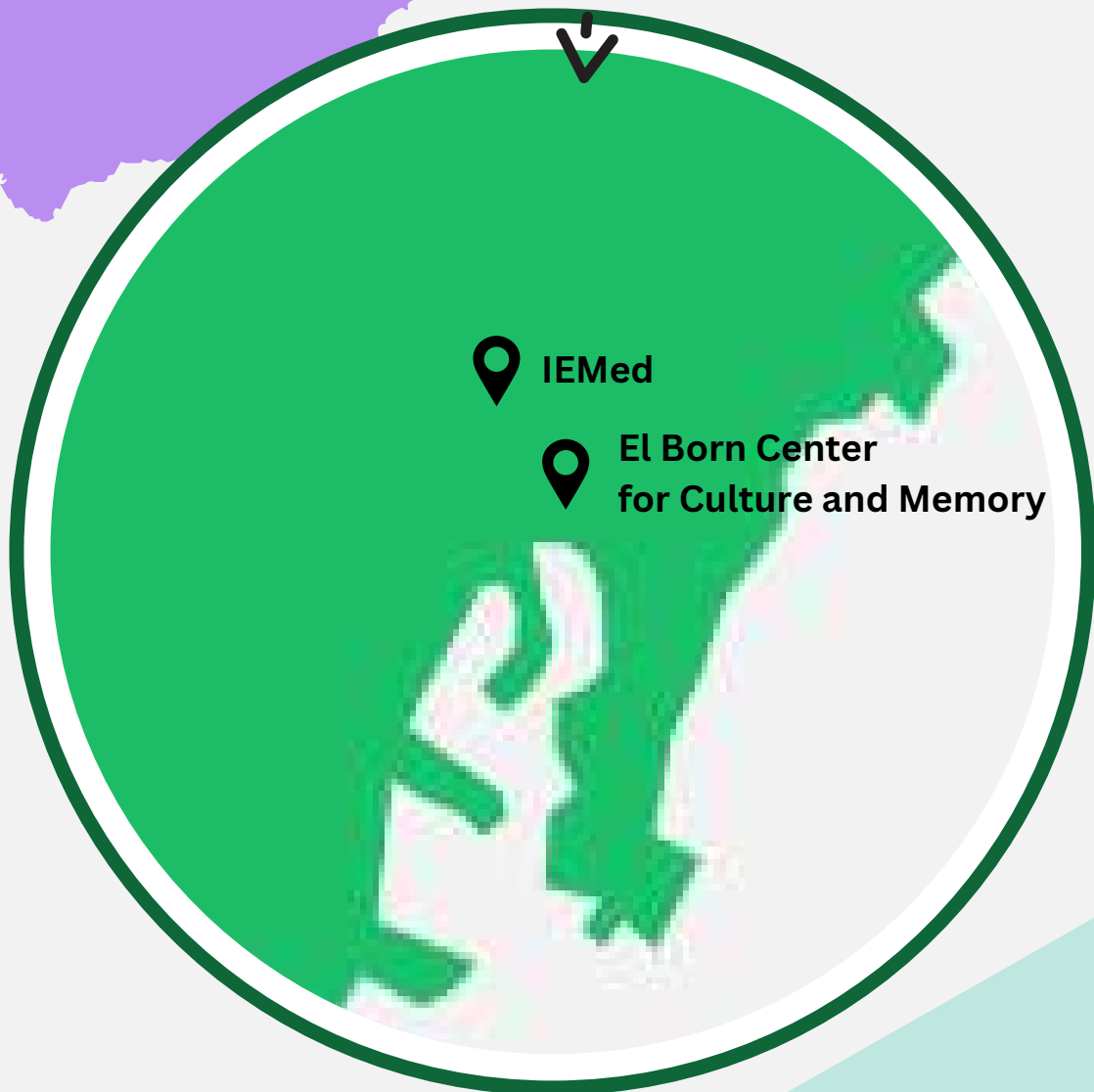
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**MAXIMIZING RESOURCES: FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS ([AGENDA](#))**

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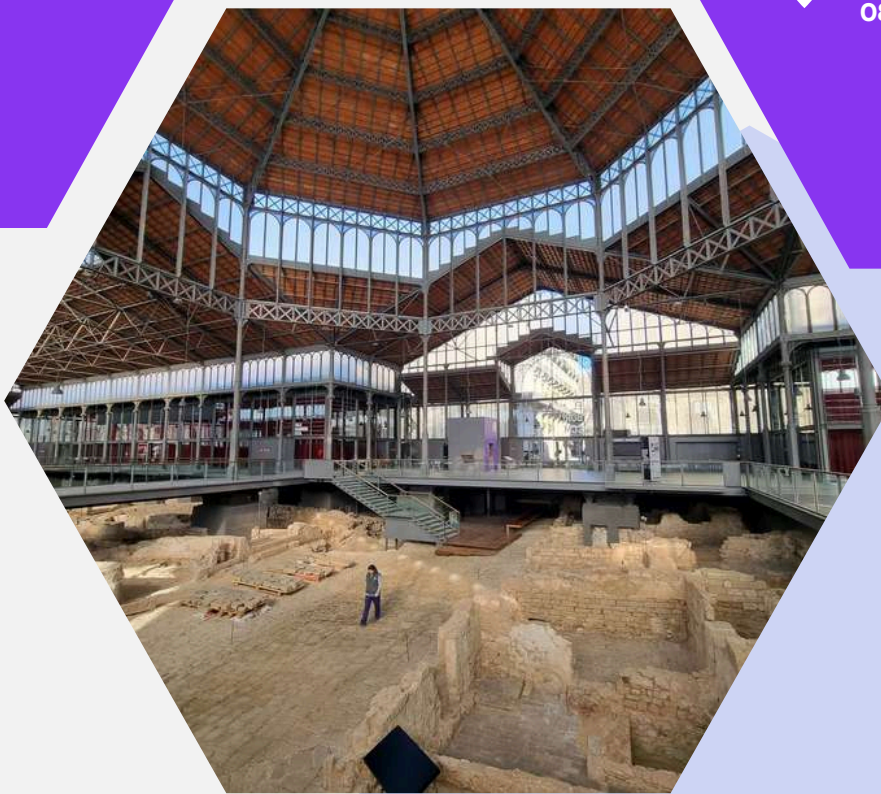
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CIUTAT VELLA, 08003 BARCELONA**

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

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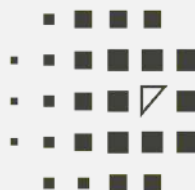


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