

# Bridging the EYAC 2013 to the EYD 2015

The Universe WTD (Working Together  
for Development)



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**1. It is not MORE than a project : it upgraded an on going process and became one of the main platforms for developing capacities, knowledge and best practices for local authorities and civil society engaged in development, especially in Eastern Europe**

**2. it is a three year process where the partners became more acquainted with methodologies, exchanged their experience**



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3. The WTD *Universe* represents thousands of citizens, hundreds of civil society groups and local authorities, all members of the 20 networks (both CSOs and LAs) of the programme.
4. The WTD – from a multiple actor, became a single and unified stakeholder. It represented a point of reference for European institutions in identifying policies and practices



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**5. WTD represents an amazing gathering of leaders and driving forces for democratic changes, support of sustainable development, oriented to enhance the role of civil society and local authorities. It strengthened each of the partners, thousands of citizens and empowered them to be real actors of change and development.**



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# *WTD in action*



## List of the partners of WTD :

### **LEAD PARTNER**

Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) – FRANCE

### **PARTNERS**

RAM - Regional Association of Municipalities "Central Stara Planina" - Bulgaria

UBBSLA - Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities - Bulgaria

CIDEM – Civisme et Démocratie – France

FISPMED - International Federation for Sustainable Development – Italy

TECLA Associazione per la cooperazione transregionale, locale e europea – Italy

LALRG - Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments – Latvia

LSA - Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania – Lithuania

LCA - Local Councils' Association – Malta

CEECN - Central Eastern and European Citizens Network – Slovakia

UTC - The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia – Slovakia



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## **ASSOCIATES**

Albanian Association of Municipalities – ALBANY

Communities Association of Armenia - ARMENIA

Croatian Institute for Local Government – CROATIA

NALAG - National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia – GEORGIA

New Israel Fund – Shatil – ISRAEL

Association of Kosovo Municipalities – KOSOVO

ZELS - Association of the Units of Local Self-government of the Republic of Macedonia – MACEDONIA

BCSDN - Balkan Civil Society Development Network – MACEDONIA

The Citizens' Pact for South Eastern Europe – SERBIA

YÖNDER - Association of Local Government Managers – TURKEY

Union of Municipalities of Marmara – TURKEY





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## Three years on the move

**a) Capacity building for partners and Associates :**  
**International training on topics and methodology, study visits,**

**b. Focus on capacities of implementation of the partners**



**40 Local regranting schemes**

**Costant working groups**

**11 National Workshops**



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## Three years on the move

12 thematic international workshop (managed by the partners)

- Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue
- Environment and sustainable aspects to foster socio-economic development in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea area
- Climate change, a challenge to the Society
  - Good practice for civil participation in the political decision making process (with focus on development issues)



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## d) Networking and lobbying

- consultation for the Communication of the EC on the role of Local Authorities
- participation in the European Development Days
  - Statements and recommendations
  - On going consultations

Constant exchanges

with the **Civil Society Forum for Eastern Partnership**, **CONCORD** (Epan Group), **Corleap** (Committee of the Regions), **Congress of Local and Regional Authorities**, **Platforma** (CEMR)

## d) Coordination and outreach

- Report



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## EYAC 2013 to EYD 2015

EYCA 2013 was animated by a European Alliance (where ALDA led the first Working group and participated in the Steering Committee)

The EYCA 2013 oriented the process towards a more participative process in Europe and close to citizens, based on solidarity.

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The EYD 2015 puts emphasis on the role of citizens and the fact that Development should be understood as a matter of relevance for all citizens.

The WTD could make the bridge between these years.





## LESSONS LEARNED

1. LAs have a tremendous potentiality in being actors for change and development
2. This potentiality is increased and made more concrete if accompanied and followed by civil society groups and in a multistakeholder approach
3. The citizens participation and interactivity with CSOs is an essential element for development and should be valorised





## LESSONS LEARNED



4. LAs The actions should be included in a global support to administrative reform and decentralisation. Without an initial development of decentralisation, the activities remain mainly in the end of civil society which implements them, on ad hoc basis, with the local authorities
5. The regranting scheme was a positive experience for empowering the beneficiaries and partners
6. The constant exchange between LAs/association of LAs and specified NGOs was positive and source of inspiration and policy making

