



**Antonella Valmorbida**  
Candidate as one of the EU Coordinator  
of the Steering Committee  
of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum



**Dear friend and member of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum,**

since 1999, I am the Director of the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies (**ALDA**), a European and independent Organization promoting local democracy, governance and citizen's participation. ALDA works in Europe and in the EaP countries, in particular in Belarus and Southern Caucasus. It is a close organization of the Council of Europe and the European Union.

**ALDA today, thanks to its actions, projects, number and quality of members and fundraising is among the first NGO dealing with Democracy and Civil Society participation in Europe.**

Fortunately, I also developed a lot of field work with the Local Democracy Agencies and as trainer and project manager in the past.

**I occupied one position of EU Coordinator in the first EaP CSF Steering Committee and I was fully committed in this task by leading also the lobbying group.**

**I wish to bring my experience and dedication into the EaP CSF Steering Committee again, believing it is one very important instrument to raise the voice and the role of civil society and its profile in the decision making process at the international and European level.**

**My intention in the upcoming year would be to create a higher interest and awareness among the EU civil society on the EaP process. It would be likely interesting to propose a EU NGO platform in the upcoming year in order have more impact on the issues of the Civil Society Forum.**

**I am looking forward to working with you all!**

Sincerely

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