

## ALDA supporting local communities in the aftermath of Covid-19 Get free membership! A call for municipalities

ALDA - European Association of Local Democracy

During its 20 years of activity, ALDA - the European Association of Local Democracy has strenuously supported good governance and empowered local communities all over Europe and in neighbouring countries by sharing best practices in order to encourage a resilient approach to new challenges. In these unprecedented times, dismayed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are all aware that local authorities are confronted by significant defies. For this reason and in line with its mission, ALDA wants to offer everything that is in its power to support and assist particularly affected municipalities, and to share new tools to overcome these challenges as well as respond effectively to the needs of their communities.

### CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

In order to support Local Authorities heavily affected by the Covid-19 crisis, ALDA is selecting a group of **30 municipalities all over Europe and neighbouring countries**, that are not yet members, which are creating impact in severely affected communities and providing services to people that have been adversely touched.

ALDA will offer the selected candidates a **one-year free membership** that will give access to a number of services and assistance in the recovery process with ad-hoc information on specific funding programmes, free training and capacity-building opportunities, invitations to events and networking occasions.

### ALDA'S BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

Being a member of ALDA already normally offers a scope of opportunities such as **information exchange**, participation in **international events**, opportunities to join **EU consortia and transnational projects**, assistance in finding the proper **funding opportunities** (we regularly monitor 400 public and private funding programmes), searches for **international partners**, and **visibility** and **promotion** of the member's activities within our network.

In addition to that, ALDA has launched a few new activities that are member-specific to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

1. The **ALDATalks**, monthly webinars on a specific topic of interest involving the Association's members as speakers, with a chance for them to showcase their projects;
2. **2 free trainings** per year, including a presentation of the main funding opportunities for the new programming period (2021-2027) and new tools to face the consequences of the covid-19;
3. **Weekly visibility** on our social media **to one of our members**;
4. **Coming soon: a new dedicated section for members within our website.**

Interested in joining us for free and receiving the support from our big network?

## HOW TO APPLY

Municipalities wishing to apply to this call are requested to fill in the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) within **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020** including precise information regarding:

- number of inhabitants
- number of infected people
- number of covid-19 related deaths
- main affected sectors (education, tourism, agriculture, industry...)

You will also be requested to upload a text file describing at least one example of good practice that the Municipality has put in place in order to contain and fight the disease and the social and medical effects of it – highlighting, if possible, the cooperation that was established with the local Civil Society.

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**If you are interested, please click below to apply:**

[APPLY HERE!](#)

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Thanks for your attention and interest, we will get back to you after the end of the selection process.