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Operational partners of ALDA - Proposed changes for ALDA - Statute

Following the accession of Croatia to the European Union and addressing the question of the three Local Democracy Agencies existing in this country, in its document (19) 38 approved the meeting held in January 2013, the Governing Board of ALDA decided to give to these LDAs a new position in the network, called **Operational Partners**.

It has been decided that the **Operational partners** will follow these principles :

- The attribution of the label – with a revised set of criteria to the new situation of these LDAs, by the Governing Board of ALDA
- Limit of supporting research for partners in the form ALDA does for the other LDAs
- Definition of an annual plan of activities specifically dedicated to the LDA – OP the engagement of the LDA – OP in our activities as special expertise and support for our projects. The action plan will take into consideration the actual capacities.
- They are member of ALDA without paying membership fees

1. It is understood that the attribution Operational Partner is decided by a Governing Board Decision on a case by case basis.

2. In order to clarify the position of the Operational Partners in the ALDA's governance, it is proposed to modify the Statute provisions as it follows

Article 6 - Members of the Association

The Association shall comprise:

Honorary members, Statutory members, Active members.

a. The honorary members shall be distinguished figures invited by the Governing Board to support the Association's initiatives.

b. The statutory members shall be

1. Representatives of organisations represented on the Governing Board:

*2. One member appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe; The President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. The Local Democracy Agencies, which are established legal persons, represented by the Delegate and the **Operational Partners**, represented by the representative of the organisation.*

3. Other organisations giving support to the LDAs may also be invited by the General Assembly to become statutory members of the Association.

c. The active members shall be public or private legal entities or persons who wish to take part in the Association's activities on a regular basis and help it to achieve its objectives. Active members of the Association are in particular representatives of municipalities, regions, national or regional associations of local and regional authorities or Non-Governmental Organisations, which are partners of an LDA.