

## 2002: a new challenge for the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies

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The Association of the Local Democracy Agencies, created in the frame work of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, has now started a new year of activities. We can then be satisfied with the work already realised, sometimes in difficult situations, and with the success of the opening of the two new agencies in Montenegro and Serbia. The existing LDAs have been strengthened and the partnership of local authorities and NGOs has been enlarged in a way that was not even predictable in the past. The members of the Association are now a large number of actors representing all the sectors throughout Europe. We are also happy to see how different institutions are available for supporting the setting up and the activities of a new LDA in Kosovo, the eleventh one within the end of the year.

However an evaluation regarding only the internal life of the Association would be limited and not sufficient. The Agencies are appreciated since they work on the field and they are then in contact with the concrete issues of civil society. The evaluation of the work of the Association should be also made by considering the general context of the are, where the Agencies are implementing activities.

This short note could not deal with the whole analysis of the regional situation of South East Europe. Nevertheless, it is possible to point out some issues and questions.

Here are some points that the Association, each LDA, the Council of Europe and its Congress should include in their agenda. That will also be useful as an effort for evaluating the results of our work, from an organisational and political point of view, for having a further understanding of the situation on the field, in order to plan a strategy for the future.

First, those last years have been marked by a bigger insecurity and by a lower stability in the international relations and in the states, which are issued from former-Yugoslavia. It seems to me necessary to try to understand more deeply, all together, whether and how the Local Democracy Agencies – together with other precious experiences - have contributed to improve this risky background. Above all, whether the adopted methodologies of action have been efficient, especially with the aim of operating through co-ordinated networks. It is necessary to keep in mind the political objective which is to support democracy, the respect of human rights, freedom, dialogue, social solidarity, peace, employment and economic development, while seeking for a dynamic balance between globalisation and local growth.

Moreover, it must be further understood the role that the LDAs are playing for bringing the populations from these countries closer to Europe, to its process of political – and not only economical and financial – integration. None of these countries is formally a candidate for the accession to the EU, but the problem will come up in a very near future. And the EU should be more coherent while supporting, not only with words but also with facts, the projects that – after a deep evaluation – are going towards the direction mentioned above.

A similar reflection is also adapted for the Stability pact for South East Europe, which can be active if the countries, which are members, have the strength and the will to act. The Pact, however, also needs a general vision of action, co-ordinated and with shared priorities.

For these objectives and needs, the LDAs and their Association should give always more attention, in close link with the Council of Europe and its Congress, in the context of a fair and effective co-operation. We must stay strongly linked to the partnership with the local authorities and NGOs. For us too, clear priorities must be established in order to avoid a dispersion of resources. We believe that the quality of our members, our statutory bodies and our team, at all the levels, is a guarantee for the success in this direction too.

The President  
Gianfranco MARTINI

GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE ASSOCIATION  
TRENTO  
15TH OF FEBRUARY 2002

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The Association PROGETTO PRIJEDOR hosted the first Governing Board of the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies in Trento, in February this year. Its President, prof. NERVI welcomed the Association of the LDAs in Trento confirming the strong support to the initiative. The meeting was attended by all the members of the Board including the Ambassador of Belgium and representative of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, His Excellency Mr. Benoît CARDON DE LICHTEBUER. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities was represented by the Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Ulrich BOHNER and by the Deputy President of the Congress, Mr. Enda NOLAN, from Carlow County and lead partner of the LDA in Central and Southern Serbia.

During this meeting the programme of the Association for 2002 was introduced and accepted:

1. The SECRETARIAT of the Association would have been strengthened and supported by a new financial manager. The INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS would be the general assembly, two Bureau, three Governing Boards). A meeting of the future SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE is to be held this year.

## 2. ACTIVITIES OF THE ALDA

- ANNUAL SEMINAR OF THE AADL
- SENSIBILISATION of local authorities
- Website, newsletter, PROMOTIONAL material for the AADL
- TRAINING FOR DELEGATES AND STEERING COMMITTEE
- PROGRAMME FOR TRAINING OF TRAINERS AND TRAINING FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES (LGI)
- Summer school of the ALDA
- Establishment of a new LDA in Montenegro
- Programme of co-operation with the Assembly of the European Regions
- Administrative support for the partners which are using the Association for their LDAs (Sisak, Montenegro, Central and Southern Serbia, Osijek)
- Support for the LDAs

## 3. COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE LDAS

- SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT: transborder co-operation and interethnic dialogue (100.000 EURO confirmed). Stability pact umbrella. For 8 LDAs. Special support of 25.000 EURO from LICHTENSTEIN
- IRISH FUNDS: support for the LDA in Niksic and Central and Southern Serbia and support for a new LDA in Kosovo (Gjilane)
- COUNCIL OF EUROPE-HEADING 169: promotion of local democracy and civil society. 10 programmes of 8.000 EURO each
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE (BUDAPEST) (funds to be confirmed). Training of trainers and training in the Local Democracy Agencies "Local Government Management"
- WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (funds to be confirmed) supported by the city of Geneva.

The Governign Board accepted also the nomination of three new Delegates : MRS. TATAJANA PUSKARIC (replacing Mrs. Michela CAVALLINI) in Sisak; MR. DRAGUTIN DJEKOVIC (replacing MR. STANISA SURBATOVICH) in Niksic, MR. DANIEL STOJANOVIC in the LDA for Central and Southern Serbia.

The interpretation of the meeting was offered by the , I.S.I.T. Scuola Superiore Universitaria per Interpreti e Traduttori, Vicolo S. Maria Maddalena 22, 38100 TRENTO.

The book of the prof. Aldo BONOMI, "La Comunità maledetta" which is reporting his experience in the LDAs (in particular in Prijedor and in Central and Southern Serbia) was also presented officially to the Governing Board.

### 3. LDAs PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND NEW PROGRAMMES

*In the first three months of the year 2002, the Association was active to close the activities 2001 and to set up the actions 2002, following also the decisions made at the Governing Board in Trento.*

Some new contacts have been made and our programmes received important contributions.

#### CONTACTS AND MEETINGS

##### MEETING AT FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (27TH OF MARCH)

The Association presented its activities to Mrs. Françoise SELLIER, who is the officer in charge for the decentralised co-operation. They declared to be interested in our activities especially in the framework of activities of the Stability pact for south Eastern Europe and ready to consider our proposal as priorities in 2003. A special attention will be given to the work in Macedonia. The meeting was also followed by a visit to the Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, which was managing a programme for local authorities in Kosovo and in Albania.

##### PARTICIPATION IN THE BUREAU OF ENTO, TRAINING NETWORK LINKED TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (FEBRUARY)

ALDA confirmed its co-operation with ENTO for future training activities in South Eastern Europe. The joint work is welcome since both of the organisation are strictly related to the activities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

##### TRIPARTITE MEETING ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

The Council of Europe hosted a tripartite meeting on the issue Confidence Building Measures (7th of February). The event was attended by the Council of Europe, OSCE representatives and UN officers. The ALDA presented the work of the Agencies on the field.

##### MEETING WITH THE CANTON OF JURA (SWITZERLAND), 27TH OF FEBRUARY

The Local Democracy Agencies were illustrated to the director of international co-operation of the Canton of Jura. They might be interested to be member of the ALDA and to support a programme of activities.

##### STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE PROGRAMME WORKING TOGETHER, BUCAHREST (ROUMANIA), 16TH OF FEBRUARY

The ALDA attended the 5th Steering Committee of the programme Working Together, co-ordinated by Partner Roumania. The event was dedicated to strengthen the contacts between our Agencies and the training activities of FPDL. The programme supported by LGI- Budapest is strictly connected to this co-opération.

##### UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA (ITALY), PRESENTATION OF THE WORK OF THE ALDA IN THE MASTER FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, 5TH OF MARCH 2002

#### NEW PROGRAMMES AND FRIENDS:

##### CONFIRMATION OF THE SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAMMES

**IRELAND:** support to the LDA in Montenegro, Central and Southern Serbia, set up of the LDA in Kosovo

**SWITZERLAND:** transborder co-operation and interethnic dialogue

**LICHTENSTEIN:** transborder co-operation and interethnic dialogue

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTIATIVE – BUDAPEST (OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE):** translation into Serbian and adaptation into Croatian, Bosnian and Macedonian of the manuals “local government management”, and support for the “TOT and training in local government management”

##### A.A.S.TER, MILANO

Common proposal to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a programme, “a door to east” for the study and the evaluation of the potential of local actors in the Balkans for the development

##### ENCLAVES OF PEACE, DIRECTORATE FOR CULTURE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The ALDA is working together of the Directorate of Culture of the Council of Europe for supporting the programme “Enclaves for Peace” where experts from our LDAs in intercultural and interreligious dialogue will be present.

At the request of the Bureau of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, and on a proposal by the non-governmental organisation (NGO) Kosovo Ensemble in Lutterbach (France), the Association of Local Democracy Agencies has been approached with a view to preparing and superintending the opening of a Local Democracy Agency in Gjlane, Kosovo.

The choice of the Gjlane municipality arises from several factors. Gjlane is an area of Kosovo which has succeeded in preserving a multiethnic makeup, even during the confrontations of the past years. Thus Kosovar, Serb and Roma populations can be discerned, as well as populations of displaced persons or refugees originating from "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and southern Serbia. Furthermore, Gjlane's young Mayor Mr. Lufti HAZIRI is making determined endeavours to take part in the process of opening up this territory to European and international influences and securing its democratic future, strengthened by his office as Chair of the Association of All Kosovo Municipalities formed in November 2001. In that capacity, he is able to participate in the various activities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

This favourable position is confirmed by the presence of a French association, KOSOVO ENSEMBLE, which has been running numerous activities there for several years. This NGO already has a large membership of local authorities. In the light of its experience, the Governing Board of the LDAs Association has entrusted it with the management of the initial activities for setting up the Agency.

The LDAs Association is at present co-ordinating the recruitment of partners for the future Agency to extend a group who have already expressed readiness to enter into partnership with the new LDA.

For the actual commencement of the future LDA's activities and backup to the establishment of the partnership, the Association of LDAs has secured funds from the Irish Government in the framework of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe. The Association of LDAs has also received a grant in aid from "Kosovo Committee" in Thuin (Belgium) for setting up the Agency.

AS AN INDICATION, THE POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES ENVISAGED AT THIS STAGE FOR THE FUTURE AGENCY ARE:

#### 1) EDUCATION/TRAINING:

- a) Establishment of a partnership with the teachers' training college
- b) Action to set up contacts between schools

#### 2) CULTURE:

- a) Exchanges of young people between Gjlane and the partners.
- b) Exchanges in the arts sector.
- c) Participation by young people in the decision-making process at local level (with the support of the Irish Government).

#### 3) LOCAL DEMOCRACY:

- a) Seminars on the consolidation of local authorities. Activities to strengthen civil society (with the support of the Irish Government).
- b) Development of transfrontier co-operation (with the support of the Irish Government).
- c) Activities to strengthen civil society.

#### 4) ECONOMY:

- a) Promotion of a multiethnic community's local economic development (with the support of the Irish Government).
- b) replies to requests for general information on local economic development.
- c) Promotion of Gjlane's economic potential internationally, in particular at industrial fairs.
- d) Putting the town of Gjlane in touch with the partners of the Agency for prospective co-operation in the micro-economic field.
- e) Ad hoc support for reconstruction operations, particularly in the wake of the earthquake on 24 April 2002 .

*Moves to open a local democracy agency in Gjlane, Kosovo in 2002*

**A GROUP OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTACTED FOR THE NETWORK OF THE FUTURE AGENCY:**

A) In Europe: Town of Saint-Nolff (F), Alsace Region (F), Town of Illkirch-Graffenstaden (F), Morbihan Département (F), Town and built-up area of Vanne (F), City of Ypres (B), City of Essen (D), a group of British local authorities with the coordination of LGIB.

B) In Kosovo: Town of Gjilan, Town of Kamenicë, all other towns in Kosovo.

**2. ASSOCIATIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

a) In Europe: Solidarité Dunkerque Kosovo (F), Mouvement pour une Alternative Non Violente (F), Youth planet (F), Humanis (F), Centre Alpha (F) (vocational integration), Comité Kosovo Paris (F), Comité Kosovo, Thuin (Belgium), Kosovo Association of Rouen (F).

b) In Kosovo, Gjilan Association of French Teachers, Association of Municipalities of Kosovo, employed women's association, association of senior secondary students, Youth Centre.

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Through the support of the Irish Government, an initial series of activities are to be organised for the opening of the Kosovo LDA, requesting the co-operation of its future partners.

- 19/20 July 2002: Exploratory mission with the potential partners of the Local Democracy Agency
- [October 2002: local elections in Kosovo]
- November 2002 (date to be confirmed): Mission to prepare for the opening of the Agency
- December 2002 (date to be confirmed): Opening of the Local Democracy Agency in Gjilane, Kosovo

**5. ACTIVITY ZAVIDOVICI**

IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES IN BiH: THE ROLE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES  
Zepce, saturday the 26th of January 2002  
SEMINAR

Mr Nedžad Hodžić, President of the Transitional Committee, Municipality of Zepce: welcomed and presented the situation of the Zepce area from the point of view of minority/majority relations. Mr Steven Wheatley, prof., University of Liverpool intro-

duced the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities. Mr Slavo Kukić, prof. dr., University of Mostar introduced the situation of the Country six years after the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement under the respect of majority-minority relations. Ms Magdalena Syposz, Minority Rights Group International, London spoke about the role of Non-Governmental Organizations in monitoring and implemen-

ting the Convention. Mr Nedo Milicević, prof. dr., University of Sarajevo reported about the implementation of the Convention in BiH. After the presentation a discussion on minority rights and the situation of the Zavidovici-Zepce area was held.

During the seminar a photo exhibition representing the main articles of the Convention was presented by the Italian photographer Mr Christian Penocchio.



## ACTIVITY OF SISAK

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*Our New year started with activities in Refugee camps !*

*Activities of the Local Democracy Agency in Sisak*

Bringing it to the end, the project "Participation of youth in local administration – Establishment of Youth councils" had its last activity in late December through the training seminar. The organisation of Youth councils – transfer of skills and fund-raising. Thanks to the support of Congress of local and regional authorities of Europe and City of Mogliano Veneto, LDA hosted Francesca Campolo and Fiorella Lisandro from City of Mogliano Veneto (Italy) who presented the organisation and development of their young (but very busy) Youth council. The work and experiences of the City of Sisak's Youth Council was presented and discussed by Kristina Sušić. The new Croatian example of youth participation brought in focus the establishment of the Youth council in Kutina where the organisational work has been carried by Association "Društvo naša djeca"

During the last days of 2001 in Sisak has arrived the group of volunteers gathered in partner NGO "Il ponte" from Italy. They planned and implemented very successful "Winter camp", activities for children placed in orphan home and refugee camps "Dumace", near Petrinja, and "Barake tehnika" in Sisak. Their activities were based on psycho-cultural creative activities (drawing, painting, colouring), games with objects, hand ability activities, educational team games, games with music and role plays.

On the 1st of January 2002 young Italian volunteers visited the refugee camp "Dumace" and performed with a lot of fun their activities for Kosovo children.

During December 2001 and January 2002, LDA Sisak organised two seminars as the part of School of Civil Society program. First one, "Duties of national minorities and instruments for the protection of their rights", was held on 18th of December 2001. The lecturer was Milorad Pupovac, university professor and active member of Serb minority in Croatia. Dr. Pupovac presented the basic duties of national minorities inside one state; recognition of the state, political values and recognition of political mechanism regarding interest of majority and minority and stressed the creation of conditions necessary for the trust rebuilding as one of the main duties of minorities today in Croatia.

Second seminar "Minorities in media", held on 28th of January 2002, was organised with the goal to find out the extent of minority presence in media, to see how the media follows the work and activities of national minorities and to inform and educate members of minorities how to present themselves to the media. Lecturers, Stjepan Malović, sub-dean at the Faculty of Political science in Zagreb, director of the International Centre for the education of journalists, and young scientist Igor Kanizaj, presented the situation in Croatian

media giving the special accent on the minority presentation, media reporting, specialised broadcasts and articles, what are the international experiences in media covering, what are the rules and principles, freedom of information, declaration on racism and media, code of honour of Croatian Journalist Society, misuse, national intolerance towards national minorities and hate language through media. They also presented the results of the research "How media follow minorities".

As usual participants of the seminars were representatives of national minorities (Jews, Serbs, Czech, Roma, Muslims, Italians, Bosnian Croats), representatives of local authorities and state institutions, members of political parties and representatives of international organisations present in the area of Sisak-Moslavina. During the first month of the year, LDA Sisak has presented its new updated web page that is available on [www.lda-sisak.hr](http://www.lda-sisak.hr).

LDA was present on the important International conference "South Eastern Europe : A Challenge in the Process of the EU Enlargement" held on 1st of February in Zagreb. During last months LDA Sisak cooperates with Centro per risorse educative from Mogliano Veneto helping to produce the documentary movie on women and their position in Croatian society.

*Delegate  
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## 7. ACTIVITY OF SUBOTICA AND PRIJEDOR

*Workshop on co-operation between NGO-s and local self-government Subotica 8-9 February, 2002*

In the framework of the Program CIVIL SOCIETY IN MULTIETHNIC REGION OF VOIVODINA, supported by the Confidence Building Measures of the Council of Europe, Local Democracy Agency, Subotica, organized a WORKSHOP ON CO-OPERATION BETWEEN NGO-s AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT that was held at the Open University, 8-9 February, 2002. Apart from continuing efforts in relation with strengthening the networking process among local civil organizations, the main objective of the Workshop was to assess the co-operation between local civil organizations and the local self-government. There were twenty four representatives of local NGO-s, dealing with human and minority rights protection, education for civil society, humanitarian organizations, women's associations and a number of recently established organisations gathering young people, legal professionals and students. The main topics were concentrated around establishing better and more effective communication between local civil sector and local self-government presented in introductory notes by Mr. Imre Kern, vice-mayor of Subotica municipality. During seminar a survey was made on forms of cooperation between specific organisations and local government. According to the results and responses given in the questionnaires, there is a number of areas of common interests in which both sides may

achieve mutually beneficial co-operation (education for civil society, refugees' protection, legal assistance, humanitarian aid and others), but it is necessary to establish better cooperation between the civil sector on one side and their joint initiatives in which the local government on the other, should be included. There are good examples that could be mentioned, like in Hungary, about improving the performances and functioning of local self-governments based upon partnerships and agreements with local civil organisations. Mr. Imre Kern, vice-mayor of Subotica self-government also spoke about practical experiences of local councillors and officials in communications with local civil organizations. As there are more than forty registered organizations, it has become evident that a person in local self-government should be appointed as responsible for keeping regular contacts and to take care of requests from local NGO-s. As for the financing of their activities, the local government will receive applications for a wide range of projects and will support those which are most beneficial for the local community. In addition, as there have been concerns over ensuring necessary conditions, such as premises and offices for various NGO-s, available resources are limited so that these organizations still rely on their own capacities in this respect. The participants in the discussion stressed the importance of their role in local community and that these meetings may help broaden the network of local NGO-s. This network should be more effectively interconnected, and a number of discussants emphasised a need for establishing a joint mailing list in communication with local self-government and thus help improve its functioning and responsive governance. It has also become evident that the youth and women's organizations, as well as that a number of local ecological movements have already achieved significant results in public campaigns, advocacy work, lobbying and various cross-border and regional initiatives. However, strengthening the capacity of local NGO-s requires substantial improvements and innovative approaches. Therefore, most of them supported the idea of further implementation of projects aimed at training and developing skills of their members, particularly young people. Recommendations were adopted in which the initiative of Local Democracy Agency to help establish better mutual cooperation between local NGO-s and their more effective communication with local self-government was widely supported. It was noted that local organisations played an important role during the democratic change of government, particularly from the point of organizing activities and campaigns in the local community. Over the past year and a half, it has become evident that some tangible results have been achieved in terms of more visible presence of local women's and ecological organisations, but also a number of youth groups have become more active in local initiatives. Apart from initiating an "ecological seat" in the local Parliament, it was emphasised that civil organisations should also be represented as observers during sessions of the local Parliament. In order to establish better communication with the local self-government, the participants suggested that it would be necessary to appoint a person in local government responsible for regular communication with civil organisations. There have been a lot common areas determined as potential forms of co-operation with local self-government. Its website should include both the list and activities of NGO-s so that their presence would become more visible in local community. It was also agreed, that these recommendations will be delivered to the representatives of local government and a delegation composed of women's, youth and human rights organizations will pay an official visit to the mayor.

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**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION!**

Local and Regional Authorities:	
up to 10.000 inhabitants	250 Euros
10.000 - 50.000	500 Euros
50.000 - 200.000	1.000 Euros
200.000 - 1.000.000	2.000 Euros
1.000.000 or plus	4.000 Euros
NGO	250 Euros
ACTUAL PERSONS	50 Euros

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## Summer School of the Association of the LDAs in Ohrid (FRYOM), from the 26th to the 30th of July 2002

The **SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCIES** has the objective to improve the knowledge of the participants related to the process of stability and democratisation in the Balkans. A particular attention will be dedicated to the understanding of the mechanisms of actions of the Agencies, their multilevel approach and the programme for improving the cohabitation of different ethnic groups.

The participants will be given information about the different systems of local authorities in the different countries of the Balkans and the ways for including civil society in the decision making process. The students will improve their understanding of the role and capacities of civil society and local authorities for improving democracy and development in the South and Eastern Europe. They are supposed to acquire knowledge for getting involved in activities of decentralised international cooperation developed by the local authorities and by the civil society groups.

A particular attention will be dedicated to the applications coming from representatives of local authorities, civil servants as well as representatives of NGOs.

The participants will be requested to pay their travel to Ohrid. For the tuition and the accommodation in Ohrid, the cost for the 5 days, full board, is 590 EURO.

**THE MODULES OF THE SCHOOL ARE:**

**1ST DAY - DEMOCRATISATION PROCESS, THE EXPERIENCE OF THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCIES**

- The Local Democracy Agencies: an experience of decentralised international co-operation

**2ST DAY: COMPARISON OF THE DIFFERENT SYSTEM OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CROATIA, FRY, BiH AND FYROM**

- New challenges for the Macedonian local authorities
- The Croatian case. A step ahead.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina : the local authorities in the complexity of the system of the two entities

- Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro: three models of local self government

**3ST DAY: THE INNOVATIVE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATISATION**

- The civil society facing the democratisation process
- The evolution of the Balkan case and the participation of the communities. From where to start for a new beginning.

**4ST DAY: INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.**

- European Union and the Stability Pact for South and Eastern Europe
- The Council of Europe
- UNITED NATIONS, the experience of UNMIK
- OSCE

**AFTERNOON:**

**ROUND TABLE:** Facing the democratisation from the bottom: Europe from below

**PARTICIPANT:** representative of the international community, participants of the school, local authorities and NGOs from Macedonia

**5ST DAY: ON THE FIELD**

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