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EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK - ALDA AND ITS MEMBERS CELEBRATING IT EVERYWHERE

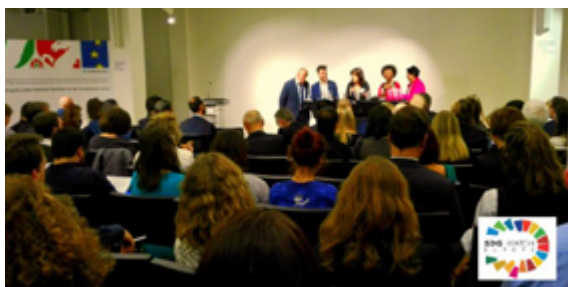
During the month of October, the [ELDWW 2016](#) took place, with main topic "Living together in culturally diverse societies: respect, dialogue, interaction". ALDA, in cooperation with its members and partners, renews its commitment towards promotion and fostering of democratic participation at grassroots level with a number of initiatives.

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DOUBLE INTERNATIONAL EVENT IN TUNISIA: FOCUS ON CIRCULAR MIGRATION AND LOCAL DEMOCRACY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

From 19 to 21 October 2016, ALDA held a double event in Tunis, closely organized with its international and local partners. The event began with the joint conference ALDA & ARLEM – the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (Committee of the Regions), with title "Local and Regional authorities exchanging experiences on circular migration".

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ORIANO OTOČAN, PRESIDENT OF ALDA, AND THE LADDER PROJECT AT THE SDG WATCH EUROPE LAUNCH

On 13 October 2016, the SDG Watch Europe was launched in Brussels! SDG Watch Europe is a new EU-level alliance of 75 CSOs from development, environment, social, human rights and other sectors. Its goal is to hold governments to account for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs).

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THE CONSELL OF MALLORCA HOSTS MEETING OF ALDA GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board of ALDA met on 7 October in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, hosted by the Consell de Mallorca. The Vice-President of the Consell, Mr Jesús Jurado welcomed ALDA Board members by highlighting that “The work of ALDA is extremely important in today’s Europe”.

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ALDA AND ENERGY CITIES JOIN FORCES FOR SUSTAINABLE TOWNS AND CITIES

ALDA is glad to announce our crossed membership with Energy Cities, the European Association of local authorities in energy transition.

[Energy Cities](#) represents more than 1,000 towns and cities in 30 countries.

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"EURECS: A EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO ELECTORAL CYCLE SUPPORT". PAPER LAUNCHED TODAY AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

On 28 September, within the celebration of the International Day of Democracy at the European Parliament, the EURECS report jointly released by ECES, EPD and its members has been launched.

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ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY LIBRARY

The second issue of the Local Democracy Library on development of active citizenship has been released. The survey shows ways to strengthen local democracy in Eastern partnership countries.

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FORUM OF PROJECT CHOICE IN UKRAINE: FOCUS ON CHALLENGES IN THE WORK WITH CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE EAP

From 29 September to 1 October, in frames of the "CHOICE- Cultural Heritage: Opportunity to improve Civic Engagement" project, regional Forum made its start.

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[Development Centre Novo Mesto, Consultation and Development Ltd.](#) - **Slovenia**

[Energy Cities, the European association of local authorities in energy transition](#) - **France**

[Kontaktstelle für Umwelt und Entwicklung \(KATE\) e.V.](#) - **Germany**

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