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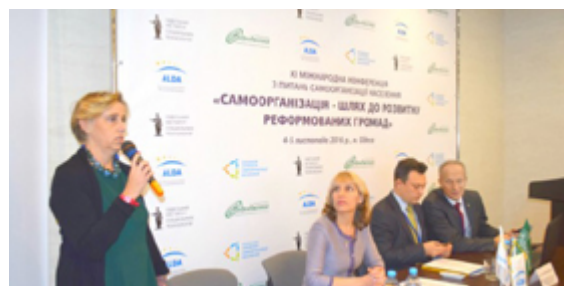
Environment, youth actions, and journalism  
There's more to civic participation than voting!



### ENGAGING CITIZENS IN THE TRANSITION TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY - WE-NET SEMINAR IN BRUSSELS

The final international seminar on circular economy at the local level in the framework of the project WeNET took place on 14-16 November in Brussels.

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### LOCAL AUTHORITIES MEET IN ODESSA, UKRAINE: FOSTERING LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

ALDA spent three days (3-5 November) in Odessa, participating in a Partners meeting for the upcoming LDA Odessa and in an International conference.

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## WOMEN, RESOURCES, BUSINESS: ALDA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST PROJECT IN MOROCCO!

From 14 to 17 November, Mohamed Salhi, member of ALDA Governing Board, and Anne-Laure Joedicke, coordinator for the Med area, were in Morocco to launch the first project that will be implemented by ALDA in the country, in partnership with ARDES – l'Association Régionale de Développement Economique et Social (ARDES, The Regional Association for Economic and Social Development).

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## REGIONAL FORUM IN MOSTAR: OPENING THE WAY TO GREATER REGIONAL DIALOGUE AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION

The 2nd Regional Youth Forum for Local Democracy was opened on 16 November in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Theme of the forum is "Towards the culture of regional dialogue and youth participation in the Balkans: Promoting youth mobility as the grounds for peace, stability and prosperity of the Western Balkans".

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## PAVING THE WAY TO THE FUTURE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCY IN CIMIȘLIA, MOLDOVA

On 15 November, ALDA, CALM (the Congress of Local Authorities of Moldova), and the municipality of Cimișlia organised the successful preparatory meeting with the potential partners of the future Local Democracy Agency (LDA) in Moldova.

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## SPECIAL INITIATIVE OF LADDER: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANUBE REGION

On 2-3 November 2016, the Special Initiative "Working towards sustainable development: Civil Society, Local Actors and EU Strategies" of the LADDER project Environmental & Sustainable Development Path was successfully held in Bratislava.

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## FRENCH DELEGATION FROM COLOMBELLES VISITED MACEDONIA AS PART OF THE COLLABORATION NORMANDY-MACEDONIA

Within the ALDA-led "[Program for decentralized cooperation between the Region Normandy and Republic of Macedonia](#)", French delegation from Colombelles visited the Municipality of Novaci in Macedonia from 15th to 21st October 2016.

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## "SUR LES PAS D'ALBERT LONDRES" WON THE EUROPEAN CITIZEN'S PRIZE 2016

ALDA is glad to announce that our partner organisation "Sur les pas d'Albert Londres" won the European Citizen's Prize 2016! The prize was awarded on 12 October 2016 in Brussels, by the Vice-president of the European Parliament Sylvie Guillaume and President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz, who is also patron of the European Citizen's Prize.

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## NEWS FROM LDAs



### "ELECT MOSTAR": CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION FOR A MORE PARTICIPATIVE ELECTORAL SYSTEM!

Young people from Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, expressed their discontentment on the situation of the City of Mostar in the light of the fact that the local elections have not been held in the past 8 years.

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### KICK OFF OF THE ANNUAL TRAINING FOR SISAK VOLUNTEER' COORDINATORS

The first Module of the Training for Sisak volunteer' coordinators took place on 20-21 October 2016. It was organised by the Local Democracy Agency Sisak in cooperation with the Town of Sisak and Centre for Social Welfare Sisak, on which premises the training is taking place.

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## NEW MEMBERS OF ALDA

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[Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation \(HEPF\)](#) - **Hungary**  
[Municipality of Chios](#) - **Greece**

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