



CHRISTMAS' DREAMS COME TRUE: LDA MARIUPOL ESTABLISHED

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A GLANCE OVER OUR COMMON ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017... AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR 2018!

Dear members, partners, friends,

The end of the year represents a great opportunity to have a look at what we have accomplished together in 2017, before starting a brand new year.

In 2017, three new Local Democracy Agencies were established. Each of them is part of our multiannual strategy and work, adds unique features and challenges to our network, and sees the involvement of motivated partners from all over Europe.

Two of the LDAs which joined the family this year are located in Eastern Partnership countries: the LDA Moldova in Cimişlia, the first in the country; and the most recent LDA, officially established only two weeks ago in Mariupol (Ukraine), the easternmost city in Europe.

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HAPPY BIRTH-DAY, LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCY MARIUPOL!

On 9 December, **Local Democracy Agency Mariupol** (Ukraine) became a reality. Mayors, members of the Ukrainian Parliament, representatives of civil societies and NGOs assembled for this important step toward the promotion of local democracy and good governance in the easternmost city in Europe.

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EMPOWERING LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCIES WITH A PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT SCHEME

On 5 December the proposal for a Partnership Support Scheme supporting the network of Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs) was discussed in Brussels, Belgium, in a meeting gathering over 40 representatives from all over the enlarged Europe

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TUNISIAN WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINE FOR EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT

Equality and empowerment are the keywords of the launching conference of the project PARFAIT (Women's Participation for Advancement and Innovation of Tunisia), held on 28 November in Tunis.

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ALDA SIGNS A MOU WITH ORU FOGAR TO JOINTLY PROMOTE DECENTRALIZATION

On 27 November 2017, ALDA's President Oriano Otočan signed a Memorandum of Understanding between ALDA and the United Regions Organisation – ORU Fogar, the international no-profit NGO that represents and defends Regional Governments on the world stage.

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PUSHING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ROMA PEOPLE

Two local events of the project PAL (Fighting discrimination and anti-Gypsyism in education and employment in EU) took place in Strasbourg on 15th and 29th November. The events were an occasion for Roma people living in Strasbourg to enhance their knowledge about job opportunities or trainings available.

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A NUMBER OF ACHIEVEMENTS – LADDER’S FIGURES AT A GLANCE!

After 36 months of fruitful work in cooperation with its [27 co-applicants](#) and [19 associates](#), the LADDER project can strike a successful balance. Our metrics are not only the brilliant debates and the smiles of participants during the final conference, but also the figures. The cooperation of local authorities and civil society organisations did promote Development Education & Awareness Raising (DEAR) in the European Union and beyond.

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STUDENT TALENT BANK PROJECT STARTS WITH A KICK-OFF MEETING!

On the 23-24 of November, ALDA hosted the first kick-off meeting of the Student Bank Project at the European Youth Center in Strasbourg, France.

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LDA MOSTAR SIGNED A CHARTER ON COOPERATION WITH BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA) was the first of 74 civil society organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina to sign a Charter on Cooperation with the BiH Council of Ministers. LDA Mostar actively participated in the consultations, and hope to be even more active in the implementation. This is definitely one instrument effectively building democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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CALL FOR PARTNERS

Creative Europe CULTURE - Support for European cooperation projects 2018

Deadline of the call - 18/01/2018 12:00h Brussels time

Location - EU Member States and overseas countries and territories - Acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates - EFTA countries - European Neighbourhood Policy Countries

ERASMUS + KA3: Joint Qualifications in Vocational Education and Training

Deadline of the call - 31/01/2018 12:00 (CET, Brussels time)

Location - Member states of the EU, non EU Programme countries

Erasmus + Key Action 1 Mobility

Deadline of the call - 01/02/2018

Location - Member States of the European Union, Non EU Programme Countries, Partner countries neighbouring the EU, other partner countries

Erasmus + Key Action 2 Strategic partnerships in the field of youth

Deadline of the call - 01/02/2018

Location - Member States of the European Union, Non EU Programme Countries, Partner countries neighbouring the EU, other partner countries

Policy project "Cultural and Creative Spaces and Cities"

Deadline of the call - 05/02/2018

Location - Only applications from legal entities established in the countries participating in the Creative Europe programmes are eligible:

EU Member States;

Eligible non-EU third countries, participants to the Creative Europe Programme¹⁸: Iceland, Norway,

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Republic of Serbia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Tunisia.

Supporting Civil Society Dialogue Between EU and Turkey Grant Scheme (CSD-V)

Deadline of the call - 16/02/2018

Location - Actions must take place in Turkey or EU Member States

[Please find more calls for partners on our dedicated web page](#)

NEW MEMBERS OF ALDA

[TILIA Association](#) - **Poland**

[Biosphaera – RSN Ricerche e Studi Naturalistici](#) - **Italy**

[Oxfam Wereldwinkels vzw](#) - **Belgium**

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