



European Year of Citizens 2013 (EYC 2013) Proposals from the Association of Local Democracy Agencies

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1. ALDA supports the idea of an Alliance that will work to organize and implement the Year on Active Citizenship 2013.
2. ALDA supports the idea of organizing quickly “decentralized” groups of support at the national level.
3. The Alliance could also work in coordination with national supports for raising funds for local/national events by lobbying the National institutions.
4. The activities of the EYAC should be done mainly with small and local events and not only focusing on high level discussions.
5. ALDA supports to work even more on new members States and future member countries (of the Enlargement process).
6. EYAC 2013 needs to engage civil society and local authorities and promote an open debate on the future of participation mechanisms to strengthen European identity

and *The European Project*.

7. ALDA proposes to reach political objectives in terms of citizens' participation (and mechanisms for facilitating this) with legislative initiatives, best practices at the community level, etc. with the EYAC 2013. The group, in preparing the Year, should set these high objectives.

8. The preparatory could of the Alliance also further discuss methodologies and meaning of European Active Citizenship, while preparing the Year.

9. We should engage the discussion with stakeholders with ENPI area (in consultation), as much as possible, since they are the direct beneficiaries of the effects as neighbors of Europe.

10. We should lobby during this year to make sure that the EYAC 2013 will be strongly recognized in all its different aspects (social, identity, cultural, youth) for building European Identity.

11. We should strengthen the engagement of the Structural Dialogue of the programme Europe for Citizens in the EYAC2013 and lobbying for putting an emphasis of the work of the partners of the programme.