

## Civil Society Days 2021: bridging citizens and institutions for a sustainable future

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### ALDA actively joins the EESC Civil Society Days

As we have all experienced, 2020 has been a year of great challenges, which has – to some extent – put to test our cornerstone habits, methods and ways of life. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted, and still does, in moments of grief and sadness. Yet, it may also serve an opportunity to stop and reflect on how to reconstruct our society, so that no-one will be left behind.

Having that in mind, the virtual **2021 EESC Civil Society Days** gain a significant importance in gathering European citizens, civil society organisations and the European institutions together to discuss our future.

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### ALDA signed the Civil Society Declaration for the future of Europe

ALDA has co-signed, with other organisations, the Joint Civil Society Declaration so that to create a platform serving not only as a counterpart for the EU institutions, but also to represent citizens and people living in EU, while the public event **Civil Society Convention on the Future of Europe**, will be held online on February 3rd.

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### ALDA in the jury of "European Youth Capital 2024"

When talking about youth empowerment and participation, one cannot forget to mention the **European Youth Capital Award**, a great opportunity for youngsters to actively take part in reshaping and reconsidering how to participate in the life and decision-making processes of their cities.

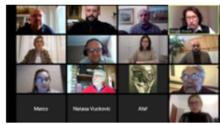
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### ALDA and EACEA: a long-lasting cooperation

On January 28th 2021, our Secretary General, Antonella Valmorbidia, took part in the annual EACEA meeting "New Year Event". The **European Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture (EACEA)** kicked its year off with an online meeting, setting the guidelines for the new projects in the 7 upcoming years.

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### First 2021 ALDA Governing Board

Following the great start of last December, on Thursday, 11th of February, the **Governing Board** of ALDA met online for the first time in 2021. As the last time, the agenda was full of important and stimulating issues. Members of the governing board especially focused on the **division of delegations** to the Governing Board members, adopted the action plan for the selection of the Advisory Board members and for setting the Working Groups among our members.

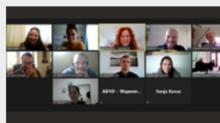
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### Kick-off conference and multi-stakeholder workshops: AUTREMENT project is on the right track!

After several postponements linked to the health crisis, the first conference of the **AUTREMENT** project – (Urban Territorial Development to Reinvent Mobility and Engage Tunisians) finally took place in Kairouan (Tunisia) and live from Strasbourg and several other cities in Tunisia and Europe!

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### The Schuman Declaration at the heart of the new project DESIRE

How can we talk about the Schuman Declaration? How to foster the civic engagement of younger generations? How art can help talking about solidarity, diversity and citizenship? This is the goal of the European project: **DESIRE – Declaration of Schuman: Initiative for Revitalizing Europe**, a project funded by Europe for Citizens programme.

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### DEVOTE: towards a finer integration of migrant students in schools

On February 1st 2021, the kick-off meeting of the project **DEVOTE – Developing the Competencies of Teachers to Integrate Students from Migrant Background into European Schools** took place online and was hosted by ALDA, project's leader.

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### A grant to promote citizenship education and international solidarity

ALDA is continuously supporting activities in the field of active European citizenship and international solidarity. In this perspective, **ALDA has granted a special fund called FONJEP ECSI – Education for Citizenship and International Solidarity** – for the triennium 2021-2023.

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## NEWS FROM THE LDAs



### LDA Mostar for Good Governance in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Local Democracy Agency Mostar** (LDA Mostar) takes the field with a new project, called "Strengthening local participation and cooperation through partnership of Public Authorities and CSOs in Bosnia and Herzegovina- LINK 4 Cooperation".

The aim of this project is to strengthen the principles of good governance through the promotion of reliable management of local self-government units in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Furthermore, it will foster the capacity of local authorities and civil society to control participatory processes.

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## CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

**Call 1 – European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) Turkey Programme**  
Deadline of the call: 16/03/2021 at 16:00 (Brussels date and time)  
Location: Turkey

**Call 2 – Climate for Cities (C4C) in the Southern Neighbourhood**  
Deadline of the call: 31/03/2021 at 12:00 (Brussels date and time)  
Location: Southern Neighbourhood

**Call 3 – Mayors for Economic Growth - Pilot projects**  
Deadline of the call: 06/04/2021 at 16:00 (Brussels date and time)  
Location: Eastern Europe Region

**Call 4 – Strengthening Innovation through supporting cluster cooperation and start-up ecosystems in the South Neighbourhood countries**  
Deadline of the call: 08/04/2021 at 12h00 (Brussels date and time)  
Location: All Countries

## NEW ALDA MEMBERS

**Altavilla Vicentina - Italy**

**AVMAD - Associazione Veneto Malattia di Alzheimer e Demenza Degenerativa - Italy**

**Lessinia Film Festival - Italy**

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