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WORKING **T**OGETHER **for** **D**EVELOPMENT

A new challenge for Local Authorities associations
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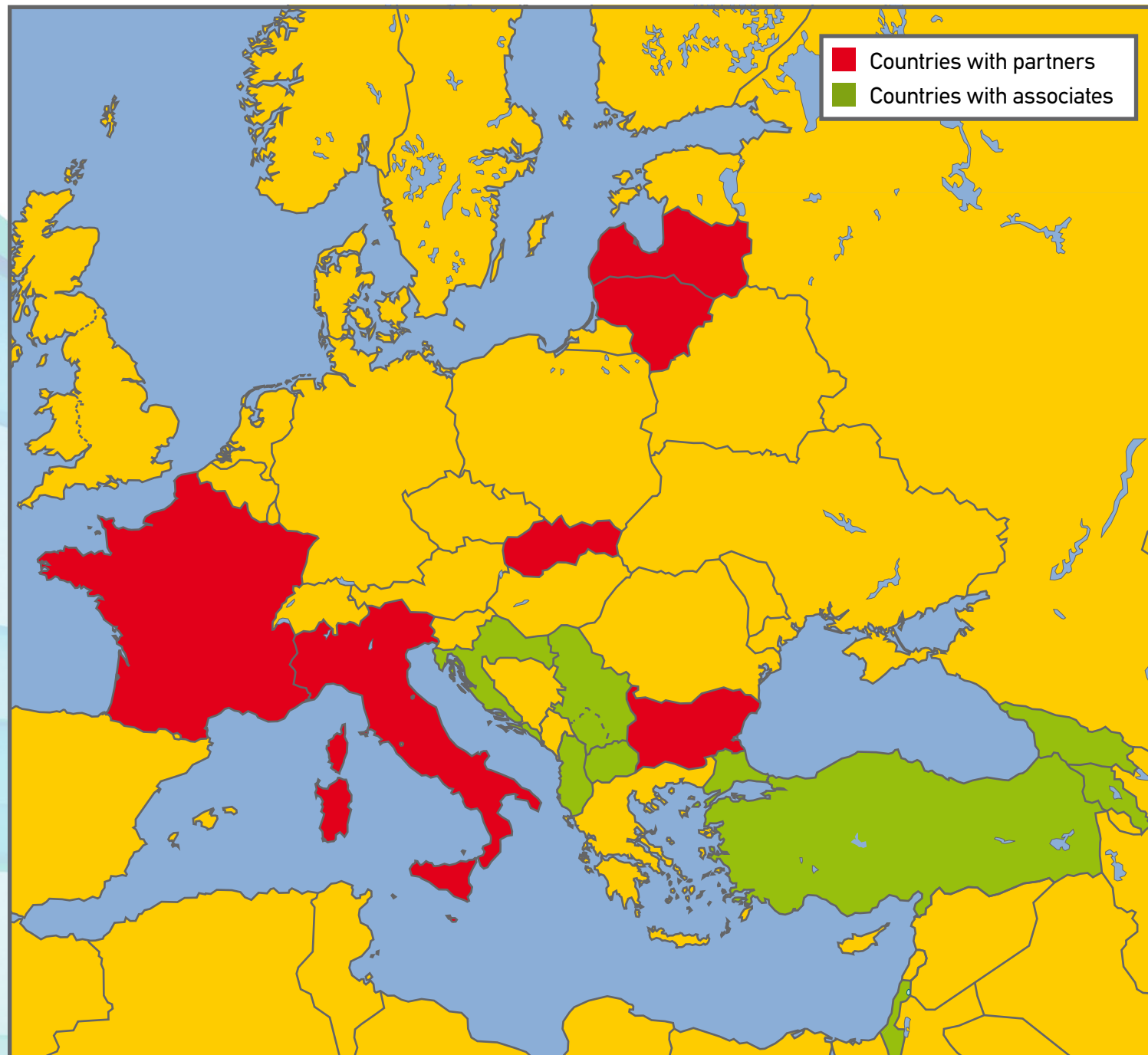
21 international partners for WTD

WTD - Working Together for Development is a multi-annual development project designed by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) in cooperation with 21 international partners and associates coming from 16 different countries of the enlarged Europe. The project lasts 30 months and involves both Associations of Local Authorities and NGO networks, and aims at improving their capacities to act as development agents in and outside Europe, in partnership with European and national institutions.

WTD is based on ALDA's long term vision of development and the method of multilateral decentralised cooperation. The project uses a multi-stakeholder approach and focuses on creating strong partnerships between Local Authorities and NGOs. Local Authorities and NGOs have extensive knowledge of their local communities, and their joint activities and cooperation play an important role in the field of development.

Who will be involved in the project?

WTD aims at giving a real contribution to the empowerment of local stakeholders to act as development agents. All the activities in the project will address local actors that already play a role in local development or have the potential to play a role in local development. The project will target development NGOs and Local Authorities and will reach participants through the members and networks of the partners and associates in the project.



Which activities will be implemented?

Activities will take place at international, national, regional and local levels in order to involve a maximum of actors and to allow synergies between development actors from different but complementary levels. The activities will be promoted, organised and implemented by ALDA in cooperation with all the project partners and associates.

International seminars and conferences will be organised to share best practices on local development issues, such as women and youth empowerment, sustainable tourism and rural development. Moreover, international and regional thematic workshops will be organised to exchange experience and provide the participants with further expertise on these issues.

During the project eight national and regional working groups will operate as platforms to discuss development issues related to their region and plan activities to be carried out at the local level in partnership with private and public actors.

More than 30 local activities will be directly funded by the WTD project through sub-grants. Local Authorities (with up to 30.000 inhabitants) and local development NGOs will be invited to submit project proposals with activities focusing on issues such as:

- trainings on local development;
- network building activities at the local level;
- information campaigns on local development issues;
- exchange of good practices;
- youth and voluntary activities in the field of development.

What will be the results of the project?

The project is expected to involve 3,000 individuals directly in project activities and an additional 7,000 stakeholders through indirect activities. The project will strengthen the capacity of NGO and Local Authority representatives coming from 16 different countries and 21 different organisations to engage in development work and become more efficient development agents.

The project results and conclusions will be shared with the wider public through publications and ongoing updates on the project website at www.alda-europe.eu/wtd

We are happy to share our experience and knowledge with other development actors and welcome you to join us to work together for greater involvement of Local Authorities and local non-governmental organisations in development work.

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Partners

- RAM - Regional Association of Municipalities “Central Stara Planina” (Bulgaria)
- UBBSLA - Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (Bulgaria)
- CIDEM – Civisme et Démocratie (France)
- FISP MED - International Federation for Sustainable Development and Fight Against Poverty in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea area (Italy)
- TECLA - Associazione per la cooperazione transregionale, locale e europea (Italy)
- LALRG - Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments (Latvia)
- Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania (Lithuania)
- LCA - Local Councils' Association (Malta)
- CEECN - Central Eastern and European Citizens Network (Slovakia)
- UTC - The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia (Slovakia)

Associates

- Albanian Association of Municipalities (Albania)
- Communities Association of Armenia (Armenia)
- Croatian Institute for Local Government (Croatia)
- NALAG - National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia (Georgia)
- New Israel Fund – Shatil (Israel)
- Association of Kosovo Municipalities (Kosovo)
- ZELS - Association of the Units of Local Self-government of the Republic of Macedonia (Macedonia)
- BCSDN - Balkan Civil Society Development Network (Macedonia)
- The Citizens' Pact for South Eastern Europe (Serbia)
- YÖNDER - Association of Local Government Managers (Turkey)
- Union of Municipalities of Marmara (Turkey)



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