

Membership Package



*Promoting good governance and citizen participation
at the local level in the enlarged Europe
- since 1999 -*

About us

ALDA - the European Association for Local Democracy is an organisation dedicated to the promotion of **good governance and citizen participation** at the local level. ALDA in particular focuses on activities that facilitate cooperation between local authorities and civil society. Every day, we **develop projects with our members** to support their activities for the good of the whole community. We are experts in identifying all possible means (EC funds, partnership, donations, etc.) to make our work – and our members' work possible.

ALDA is a **membership-based organisation** gathering more **than 350 members** (including local authorities, associations of local authorities and non-governmental organisations) coming from more than 40 countries. ALDA is funded through membership fees and project funding from the European Commission, the Council of Europe and other public and private donors.

ALDA was **established in 1999 at the initiative of the Council of Europe's** Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to coordinate and support a network of Local Democracy Agencies, which was established in the early 1990s. ALDA is the umbrella organisation of the Local Democracy Agencies which are self-sustainable, locally registered NGOs that act as promoters of good governance and local self-government in their regions.

What we do

In the framework of promoting good governance and citizen participation at the local level ALDA focuses on various themes, such as **European integration**, **decentralized cooperation**, **civic initiatives** and volunteering, **human rights** and **sustainable economic development**.

ALDA conducts its activities through different forms of action:

- Coordinating and supporting the **15 Local Democracy Agencies** and in their activities and **3 Operational Partners**.
- **Conducting our own projects** (and members' projects) in the field of good governance and citizen participation at the local level.
- **Supporting other local stakeholders' initiatives** - like Local Authorities - by providing expertise gained through ALDA's knowledge and experience in the regions where ALDA and the Local Democracy Agencies are working.



What is unique about ALDA

“The ALDA model for partnership building: a state of art for good local governance and citizen participation”

As its core element, **ALDA supports citizens** and groups of citizens in their initiatives aimed at **improving their local context**, building bridges with local authorities in order to make the change real.

Upon the need of members, **ALDA creates ad hoc partnerships**, finding the perfect stakeholders, in order to generate synergies and create promising collaborations to **find solutions** and reach the desired results.

In this framework, we work through a **participatory approach and the method of multilateral decentralized cooperation**, always focusing on strong partnerships between Local Authorities and civil society organisations.




Our members say about us..

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*“The collaboration with ALDA on the FACE project represented a great opportunity for us, in terms of intellectual outputs, professional growth, exchange with other countries and associations” – **Gabriela Diaz and Anna Mascheroni, Cittadini Digitali (Italy)** *

*“ALDA taught and provided us with tools to support our local democracy, promote active citizenship, stimulate societal and intercultural engagement; and all this in a participatory way. We want to show our citizens, and let them experience, that they are part of Europe and that our role as local government doesn't stop at the borders of our town, region or country.” – **Erik Fuhlbrugge, Zoersel Municipality (Belgium)** *



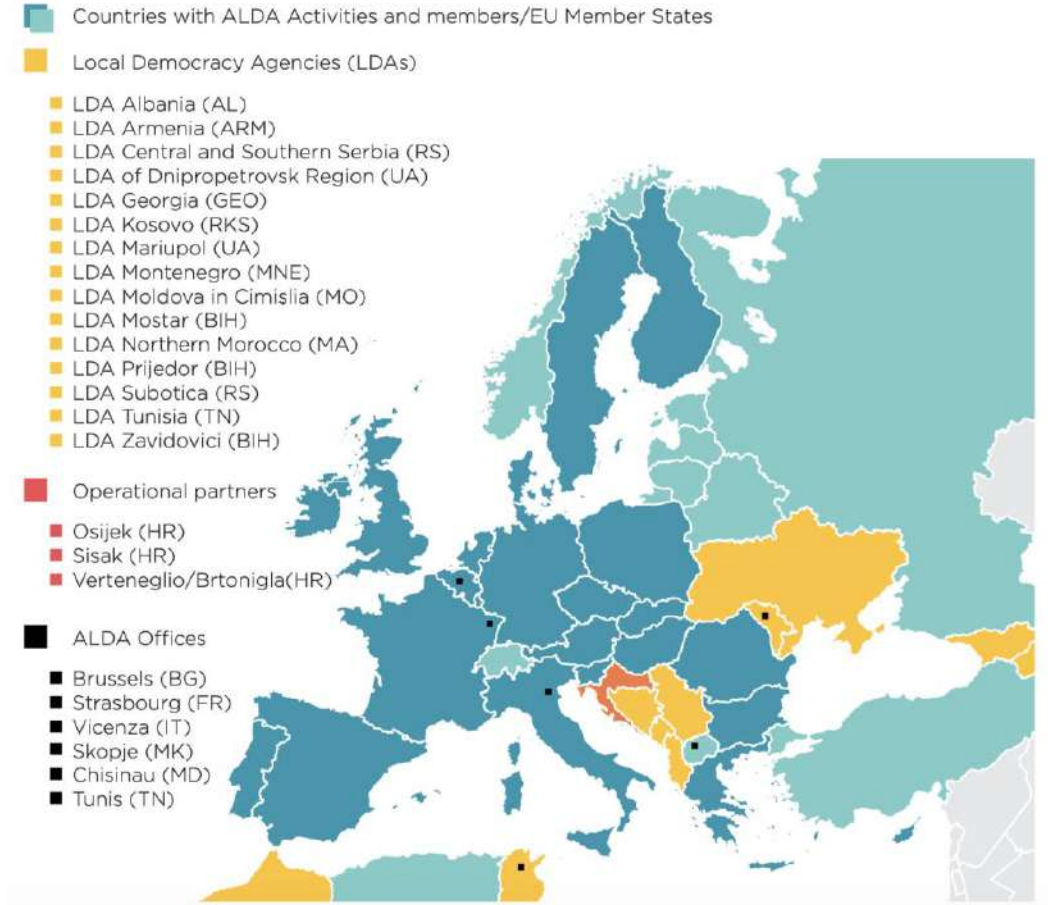
*“Civil society organisations like ALDA play a critical role in fostering active citizenship and creating a sense of togetherness in Europe. Working with ALDA ever since the 2019 European elections campaign has been a real pleasure. Together, we brainstorm ideas, share materials and support each other's campaigns to communicate about Europe better to citizens and encourage their democratic participation at EU-level” – **Shevani Murray, Civil Society Outreach Unit, DG COMM, European Parliament** *

Where we work

ALDA works in most of the European Union and the European neighborhood countries. Activities in the European Union focus in particular on the promotion of Active European Citizenship. Activities in the Western Balkans and European Neighborhood focus on good governance, citizen participation, European integration and decentralisation. The first Local Democracy Agencies (LDA) are located in the Western Balkans, which gives a natural focus on that area. Recognising the need and the possibility, ALDA is also becoming more and more active in the European neighborhood. The most recent LDA was created in Tétouan, Morocco, a few years after the establishment of LDAs in Kairouan (Tunisia), Cimișlia (Moldova) and Mariupol (Ukraine). ALDA is also leading several other projects and developing partnerships in other European neighboring countries, such as Belarus, Turkey and Kyrgyzstan.



Our network



Services for Members

First of all, our mission: being a member of ALDA means first of all **sharing our mission**: the promotion of good governance and citizen participation at the local level

As a member you will access the following services:

Projects development and funding opportunities research:

→ *20-year experience in developing and implementing projects*



- **Priority on opportunities** offered to be partner of projects, or to join consortia built to apply for tenders in various fields
- Support of ALDA multilingual staff in the **project proposal development** phase (EN, FR, IT, SR, MK, RU)
- Identification of relevant **international partners** for specific areas
- Support to the **partnership building process** and dissemination of members' calls for partners
- Identification of potential **donors**

Being part of a consolidated European network

➔ *Strategic partner of the Council of Europe and the European Commission*

- Support in the relations with:
 - EU, CoE, UN, Agencies, and other public and private International institutions
 - Local and regional authorities, as well as National Governments in the enlarged Europe
 - European Officials, MEPs and other relevant international and European authorities
- Visibility through a European network counting over 350 members (local authorities, NGOs, association of local authorities)
- Promotion of members' activities, initiatives and events at the European level through ALDA's communication channels (newsletter sent to over 13.000 contacts, website with over 200.000 visitors and 1.300.000 visits per year, social networks, media activities)
- Online presence for our Members on ALDA website, and presentation to the network of contacts via the newsletter • Access to EU experts, professional networks, academic organizations

Information & Structure

➔ *Wide dissemination of our members' activity and logistic support*

- Regular updates via ALDA communication channels, particularly our **monthly newsletter** in six languages: English, French, Russian, Serbian, Italian, Arabic
- ALDA and EU publications, information materials
- Access to the information points on EU and active citizenship (Brussels and Vicenza)
- Free use of ALDA equipped offices and meeting rooms in Brussels (Belgium), Vicenza (Italy), and upon approval of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg (France)



Capacity building

➔ *Further your skills and horizons through a variety of opportunities*

- Information on funding programmes and opportunities
- Participation in international events (conferences, seminars, etc.) promoted by ALDA
- Priority in partnership for specialized trainings (e.g. Master classes on EU programmes, trainings, etc.)
- Participation in ALDA working groups (on Citizens Participation and Local Governance, Western Balkans, Mediterranean Area, Local Democracy Agencies support)
- Priority in offers of internship and job-shadowing
- Participation in the programme 'Volunteers for Democracy', allowing members to select volunteers to participate into international events



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How to become a member

If you are interested in becoming member of the European Association for Local Democracy please, fill the membership form following the procedures indicated.

The form together with the last approved budget, a short description of the applicant member and motivation for becoming member of ALDA should be returned to ALDA, by e-mail to: membership@aldaintranet.org.

Membership applications are approved by **ALDA's Governing Board**, normally within a period of 15 days. After the Governing Board has approved the application, the applicant will receive instructions for **payment of the membership fee** and once the membership fee has been paid the applicant is considered a full **#ALDAmember!**

*For more information please contact us at +39 0444 54 01 46 or
email us to: membership@aldaintranet.org*

Thank you for your interest in ALDA - the European Association for Local Democracy!



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Membership Application Form

1 – Status and contacts

Name of the organization/institution applying for ALDA membership (or name of the person for individuals):

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Type of organization or institution (mark the box):

Municipality

NGO

County

Other

Region

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Contact person of the organization

Name and surname: Role/Position:

Address:

Postal Code: City: Country:

Tel.: Fax: E-mail:

If you would like to be part of one of ALDA's working groups, please tick the box corresponding to your interest. (Optional)

Western Balkans

Eastern Partnership

Mediterranean Area

Participation and Local Governance

Local Democracy Agencies support

2 – Fees

In order to calculate the due amount of your membership fee, please check the tables in the “Annexe A” and fill-in the table below with the requested information. We remind you that the membership fee is calculated on the basis of your Association/Organisation/Municipality's latest approved budget, to assure all our members a fairer fee allocation and enabling also smaller organisations to join ALDA and enrich our network.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	BUDGET CALCULATION	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
A. Membership for Local Authorities	last approved budget up to Euro Euro
B. Membership for NGOs, Universities and other institutions	last approved budget up to Euro Euro
C. Individuals		120 Euro

* For municipalities hosting an LDA, only half of the fees are requested

3 – Description of the applicant and the motivation for becoming member of ALDA

Please, describe shortly (1 page) the applicant, its activities and motivation for becoming member of ALDA.

The **form**, together with a copy of **the last approved budget**, a **short description of the applicant** and the **motivation** for becoming member of ALDA should be returned to ALDA via email to membership@aldaintranet.org

Memberships are approved on a continuous basis, usually within two weeks, by ALDA's Governing Board. As soon as the Governing Board approves the application, the applicant will receive instructions for payment of the membership fee. The applicant is considered a full member of ALDA once the membership fee is paid.

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- MEMBERSHIP GRID FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

LAs with budget up to 1.000.000 €	300,00 €
LAs with budget up to 5.000.000 €	550,00 €
LAs with budget up to 10.000.000 €	750,00 €
LAs with budget up to 50.000.000 €	950,00 €
LAs with budget up to 100.000.000 €	1.200,00 €
LAs with budget up to 500.000.000 €	1.700,00€
LAs with budget up to 1 billion €	2.400,00 €
LAs with budget between 1 billion and 5 billion €	3.200,00 €
LAs with budget between 5 billion and 10 billion €	5.000,00 €
LAs with budget over 10 billion €	7.000,00 €

- MEMBERSHIP GRID FOR NGOs AND CSOs**

NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 150.000 €	200 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 250.000 €	300 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 500.000 €	400 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 1.000.000 €	500 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 2.500.000 €	700 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 5.000.000 €	900 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget up to 10.000.000 €	1.200 €
NGOs and CSOs with a budget more than 10.000.000 €	1.500 €