



Statement on the Nobel prize to the European Union By Oriano Otočan, President of ALDA

For those who have been active for many years and all their strength to promote the role of Europe as an instrument for Peace and Democracy, as the Local Democracy Agencies and ALDA, this is a great achievement and recognition. I therefore welcome the Nobel price to the European Union !

As President of an organization of Local authorities and civil society, we expect this Nobel Price will be given not to the States and Institutions composing the European Union but rather to all the European Citizens, which are truly contributing every day – and in their life - to make the dream come true.

We also expect that the Nobel Price, such a symbolic and strong message, could put further energy and relaunch the accession process to Western Balkans. The word of peace and unity must be spread in this part of Europe too.

In view of the Year 2013, Year of Citizen, I therefore hope that the Price would be delivered for an idea – our Europe – and for every citizen belonging to it !

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