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TOGETHER IN ACTION

Empowering Local Communities for
Sustainable and Inclusive Futures

Our 2025 subgrantees



Overview of the Call



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The CERV Programme

The Call falls under the umbrella of the CERV programme, which seeks to support and develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law.

ALDA

ALDA aims at strengthening a worldwide global alliance of local and regional authorities and civil society actors working together in local communities, in order to make them more resilient, socially and economically successful, more inclusive, sustainable and fair.

16 INITIATIVES FUNDED



Thematic Focus



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ALDA works with and for local resilient communities, to address the future challenges from a democratic, environmental, social and economic point of view. This call for proposals seeks to support initiatives that are aimed at **fostering European Citizenship** by improving conditions for civic and democratic participation in Europe, at promoting environmentally sustainable communities - in line with the Green Deal - and at supporting an inclusive and people-oriented economic local development all over Europe.

Strengthening Civic Participation in the EU

In alignment with the CERV Programme, projects should strengthen citizens' engagement and participation in democratic life while empowering individuals and organizations to understand, advocate for, and actively contribute to the **respect of EU rights and values at the local level**.

Values of **non-discrimination and equality** (including gender equality), and the **promotion of inclusivity** must be integrated in all foreseen actions, regardless of their specific objectives. In fact, proposals should clearly articulate how these values will be integrated into the project design, implementation, and outcomes.

Aligning with ALDA Thematic Hubs

Applicants must align their actions with the priorities set by ALDA's thematic hubs. Proposals should clearly **identify the thematic hub under which their action falls and how it contributes to the overarching goals within that theme**.

ALDA Thematic Hubs



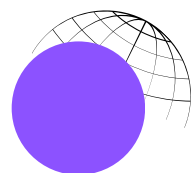
ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE



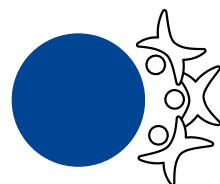
DIGITAL & INNOVATION



GENDER, INCLUSION & HUMAN RIGHTS



MIGRATION



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & EDUCATION



TERRITORIAL & LOCAL DEVELOPEMENT

The Results

| Name of the Organisation | Country | Connected ALDA Hub |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Studio Progetto Social Cooperative | Italy | Environment & Climate Hub |
| Agora CE | Czech Republic | Territorial and Local Development Hub |
| Associazione Luciano Lama ODV | Italy | Migration Hub |
| REPLAY NETWORK | Italy | Territorial and Local Development Hub |
| The Human Rights Cities Network (HRCN) | Belgium | Migration Hub |
| La Mente Comune | Italy | Environment & Climate Hub |
| Stand Up for Europe | Belgium | Youth Empowerment & Education Hub |
| Biosphaera | Italy | Environment & Climate Hub |
| Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation | Estonia | Environment & Climate Hub |
| ICEI | Italy | Youth Empowerment & Education Hub |
| KASA | Portugal | Youth Empowerment & Education Hub |
| ADL ZAVIDOVICI | Italy | Gender Inclusion & Human Rights Hub |
| Vicenza Calcio Femminile | Italy | Youth Empowerment & Education Hub |
| Albansko kulturno društvo Lirija Velenje | Slovenia | Migration Hub |
| Comuni Virtuosi | Italy | Territorial and Local Development Hub |
| Caracol | Italy | Gender Inclusion & Human Rights Hub |

Studio Progetto Social Cooperative

VICENZA, ITALY



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R.O.O.T.S. – REGENERATION OF ORIGINS THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY

ROOTS is a local initiative designed to promote environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, and social inclusion through the creation and collective management of a shared social garden at Villa Zileri in Monteviale (Italy). The project is developed in partnership with local farms, cultural cooperatives, curatorial collectives, and seed libraries. The project aims to foster civic participation, raise ecological awareness, preserve local biodiversity, and ensure social inclusion by involving community members—especially people with fewer opportunities — in hands-on environmental practices.

First, citizens and local actors co-design the garden and choose local seed varieties in collaboration with seed libraries. Second, a series of hands-on workshops are organised on topics such as regenerative agriculture, natural horticulture, seed-saving, food preservation, and small-scale poultry farming. In the final phase, ROOTS hosts a public event featuring a tour of the garden, practical demonstrations, and a roundtable on social agriculture.

Hub Environment & Climate



Funding received : € 10.000

EQUIPPING STAKEHOLDERS WITH TOOLS FOR LOCAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

This project supports innovative, high-quality citizen participation at the local level in the Czech Republic and Europe. It aims to strengthen civic engagement, build trust in democratic institutions, and contribute to inclusive, sustainable communities (SDG 11). Through expert events, webinars, and targeted outreach, the project equips citizens, local authorities, and participation experts with practical tools and knowledge. It also engages newcomers and fosters peer learning.

Central to the project is a one-day expert conference, which brings together Czech and European speakers to present real-life case studies and share lessons learned from participatory planning processes. The event includes presentations, workshops, and interactive formats like World Café sessions, and will be recorded, subtitled, and made available for wider dissemination. Complementing this, two thematic webinars focus on topics such as sustainable development and participatory budgeting, offering moderated expert discussions and reaching a broad audience online. To maintain momentum and broaden impact, the project also features regular communication with a growing network of over 2,000 stakeholders through email updates and social media campaigns, supported by partnerships with national civic and municipal networks.

Territorial and Local Development Hub



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Associazione Luciano Lama ODV

ENNA, ITALY



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ENNACTIVE: DIALOGUES AND ACTIONS FOR MIGRANT INCLUSION IN ENNA

ENNActive is a youth-led initiative in Enna, Sicily, that promotes active European citizenship and local inclusion by connecting young people with migrant background and local students (ages 15–29). The project addresses limited civic participation and the spread of disinformation, especially affecting migrant youth. ENNActive works with local schools, youth centers, and migrant support groups to ensure inclusive participation and sustainability. Using non-formal education and participatory methods, ENNActive fosters intercultural dialogue, builds mutual understanding, and empowers youth to recognize and counter misinformation, strengthen their civic engagement, and feel a sense of belonging.

From May to October 2025, the project begins with trust-building activities and introductory workshops focused on EU values, human rights, and civic participation. Participants then engage in thematic sessions exploring migration narratives, access to local services, and shared challenges in the community. These insights feed into youth-led co-design labs, where mixed groups will develop inclusive civic action proposals such as social media campaigns, community events, or creative outputs like videos or local “welcome maps.” The project ends with a public event to present these proposals to the wider community and local authorities, followed by targeted dissemination and evaluation to amplify impact and ensure continuity.

Migration Hub



Funding received : € 10.000

PUC-C.A.R.E. (PUC -COMMUNITY ACTIONS FOR A RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT)

PUC-CARE enriches Rome's Community Service Projects (PUC) by turning green space maintenance into a pathway for civic engagement, environmental education, and social inclusion. The project aims to transform PUC beneficiaries from passive recipients of welfare into active facilitators of community participation through co-designed and co-managed urban micro-gardens.

The project fosters long-term community responsibility for regenerated green areas, strengthening local cohesion and enabling skills transfer to home and shared spaces.

Using a participatory and non-formal educational approach, the project brings together PUC participants, residents, schools, and institutions to create and care for sustainable micro-gardens in public spaces. These gardens serve as local hubs for environmental learning, social connection, and democratic engagement. Activities include practical workshops (e.g., composting, water management, vertical gardening), storytelling sessions, and creative documentation, all tailored to ensure accessibility and inclusion.

Territorial and Local Development Hub



Funding received : € 10.000

The Human Rights Cities Network

CITY IN BELGIUM THE NETHERLANDS, PROVINCE OF UTRECHT



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TOGETHER IN ACTION FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND NURTURING TRANSFORMATION (TALENT)

This project aims to strengthen democratic participation in the EU by engaging first-time voters with refugee backgrounds in the 2024 European Elections and in local civic life beyond the ballot box. Building on the outcomes of the DARE (Democratic Action of Refugees in Europe) initiative, it supports the inclusion of newly naturalized citizens, especially those who arrived during the 2015–2016 migration period and are voting for the first time.

Through a participatory and inclusive methodology, the project combines webinars, co-creation workshops, civic mentorship, and institutional dialogue to foster sustained engagement.

Activities include a multilingual awareness webinar, a participatory workshop to develop inclusive civic messages, an in-person policy dialogue between local authorities and refugee-background citizens, and a final community event showcasing civic stories and policy recommendations. The project promotes non-formal education, creative communication, and direct engagement with municipal actors, reinforcing local democratic resilience and a shared sense of EU citizenship.

Migration Hub



Funding received : € 10.000

GOOD PRACTICES OF CLIMATE JUSTICE THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE

This project promotes civic participation through cycling activities and cultural events focused on social and climate justice. Using bicycles as both a practical tool and symbol, it raises awareness about environmental challenges and social inequalities, fostering intergenerational dialogue and community collaboration. Key goals include promoting climate and social justice, connecting these issues, encouraging civic engagement, and building a local network committed to sustainable mobility and activism.

Activities combine practical training, such as weekly social cycle workshops emphasizing reuse and recycling, with cultural events including reading groups, film forums, art exhibitions, and storytelling sessions that explore the link between social and climate justice. The project uses a peer education approach to empower participants to share knowledge and spark meaningful discussions within their communities.

Running from May to October 2025, the project features itinerant workshops, community dialogues, and a final public event to showcase outcomes and encourage ongoing involvement, aiming to build lasting awareness and collective action for social and environmental change.

Hub Environment & Climate



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Stand Up for Europe

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



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PARTICIPEU – EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR EU PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

ParticipEU is a youth-centered initiative designed to bridge the gap between young citizens and EU decision-making by fostering participatory democracy skills and motivation. The project focuses on building youth knowledge of EU participatory tools like the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), facilitating direct dialogue with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), and creating informal, inclusive spaces for civic engagement through public events such as "EU Picnic Talks."

Through interactive workshops simulating the ECI process, moderated "Meet Your MEP" sessions, and relaxed public discussions, ParticipEU empowers young people to actively engage with EU institutions beyond elections. It leverages strong partnerships with student organizations and civil society to integrate these activities into student life and wider youth networks. The project aligns with ongoing EU participatory frameworks, encouraging youth to contribute to real-time policy debates and strengthening democratic inclusion across Europe. Activities are planned from May to October 2025.

Youth Empowerment & Education Hub



Funding received : € 10.000

ÈVRGREEN WEEK 2025

ÈVRgreen Week 2025 is a citizen-focused project in Verona that promotes education and participation on urban environment and climate change, linked to both local institutions and the EU Green Week.

It targets all residents, including vulnerable groups, encouraging them to see themselves as part of the environmental solution.

Activities include conferences, participatory workshops, citizen science excursions to map biodiversity, children's and adults' workshops on recycling, swap parties, treasure hunts, and public discussions; all free and open to the public.

The project uses engaging, inclusive, and digital methods to raise awareness, such as interactive apps (iNaturalist), audiovisual content, and accessible routes for all. It involves local experts, universities, environmental associations, and promotes circular economy practices through diverse hands-on events from May 19 to June 8, 2025, fostering community involvement in sustainability and urban nature conservation.

Hub Environment & Climate



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Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation

PEIPSIÄÄRE AND MUSTVEE MUNICIPALITIES, ESTONIA



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BRIDGING GENERATIONS IN LAKE PEIPSI REGION- EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE

This project empowers marginalized and multicultural communities around Lake Peipsi to actively participate in environmental decision-making and sustainable practices. Focusing on rural residents—including youth, elderly, ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities—it promotes ecological awareness, intergenerational learning, and community resilience through nature-based solutions like sustainable gardening, biodiversity conservation, and traditional knowledge sharing.

Key activities include community spring walks and clean-ups, a local biodiversity exhibition with storytelling, and autumn workshops on seed saving and traditional food preservation led by elders. A public awareness campaign via social media, local events, and a documentary supports ongoing engagement. The project runs from May to October 2025 and aims to foster environmental stewardship, cultural continuity, and social cohesion.

With around 60 direct participants and wider outreach to 500+ individuals, the initiative aligns with EU Green Deal priorities and regional efforts for climate resilience and sustainable rural development.

Hub Environment & Climate



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ICEI

TURIN, ITALY



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VIBES – VOICES FOR INCLUSION, BELONGING, EQUALITY AND SOLIDARITY

The VIBES initiative aims to strengthen the democratic participation of young people across Italy by empowering them to actively contribute to building inclusive, diverse, and plural communities. It focuses on developing their skills and tools to address contemporary social challenges such as discrimination, gender equality, and fundamental rights, while promoting EU values through a capacity-building process.

Between May and October 2025, the project selects motivated youth from six Italian cities, prioritizing those with fewer opportunities and diverse backgrounds. After an online preparatory phase, participants and youth workers attend a three-day Youth Camp in Turin. This in-person event features interactive sessions using methodologies like intercultural dialogue, anti-rumours strategies, future thinking, and non-formal education to deepen young people's civic engagement and leadership skills.

The Youth Camp encourages peer learning, foster inclusive communication, and prepare youth to actively engage with local and national decision-makers. Following the event, a set of youth-led recommendations are developed and widely disseminated through digital publications, social media, and outreach to local authorities and European partners.

Youth Empowerment & Education Hub



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KASA

PORTUGAL



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KASA | PT HUB FOR THE FUTURE! (VIVA AMADORA | AMADORA CHAPTER)

Prompted by research showing many secondary school students feel disconnected from democratic values, KASA|PT launched a youth-focused project in Amadora, a suburb of Lisbon. The project aims to empower 15–17-year-old students to become active citizens in their schools and, eventually, their communities.

Using non-formal education and tools like the Compass manual on human rights, the project offers immersive weekend workshops at the KASA|PT HUB.

Through creative activities, including theater, public speaking, music discussions, and debates, participants build critical civic and communication skills.

Stakeholders include Nirvana Studios, the Dr. Azevedo Neves school cluster, and international partner CEMEA. The initiative also builds on existing Ubuntu training events, promoting servant leadership, dialogue, and a culture of care. Activities run from May to November 2025, with modules delivered in September and October and ongoing evaluation to ensure impact and sustainability.

Youth Empowerment & Education Hub



Funding received : € 10.000

PRIDE TO BE EU – PRIDE TO BE YOU

The project, developed by Associazione ADL Zavidovici in collaboration with the Municipality of Brescia and local activist groups, addresses the growing issue of hate speech and discrimination against the LGBTQIA+ community, a concern made urgent by the lack of adequate legal protections in Italy and recent national and European research.

PRIDE to be EU – PRIDE to be YOU seeks to engage the entire local community, especially young people aged 15 to 29, in promoting inclusion, respect for diversity, and awareness of fundamental EU values through a participatory and intersectional approach.

Central to the initiative is the idea that education, communication, and community dialogue are powerful tools to counter hate and foster safe, respectful environments.

Activities include a communication campaign co-created with young people, public seminars involving experts and personal testimonies on discrimination, and capacity-building sessions for teachers on inclusive education. Cultural and awareness-raising events, such as the Rainbow Tour on May 17 and a film screening on LGBTQIA+ and migration topics, aim to blend reflection, creativity, and public engagement.

Gender Inclusion & Human Rights Hub



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A.S.D. Vicenza Calcio Femminile

VICENZA, ITALY



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GIOCHI-AMO A CALCIO

“Giochi-Amo a Calcio” is an inclusive football initiative by ASD Vicenza Calcio Femminile aimed at promoting social integration, gender equality, and civic participation among children and adolescents with intellectual and motor disabilities. Rooted in the principles of Adapted Physical Activity and inclusive education, the project uses weekly football sessions to enhance participants’ motor, cognitive, and emotional skills, while fostering autonomy, self-confidence, and teamwork.

Running from May to October 2025 at the Baracca Sports Facility in Vicenza, the program includes sport training, emotional reflection, autonomy coaching, and community engagement events. Activities are tailored to individual needs using simplified rules, visual aids, and inclusive communication. Families, schools, and local institutions are actively involved, and a final “Inclusion Match Day” will celebrate achievements and promote the methodology.

Inspired by a university thesis, the project aspires to become a scalable model for inclusive grassroots sport across Europe, reflecting the values of participation, non-discrimination, and human dignity.

Youth Empowerment & Education Hub



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EMPOWERING ALBANIAN PARENTS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ADAPTATIONS IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This initiative aims to empower Albanian parents and guardians of children with developmental challenges enrolled in adapted education programs. It focuses on improving access to information, strengthening communication with schools and institutions, and fostering active civic engagement. Through a combination of bilingual informational materials, culturally sensitive workshops, and one-on-one counseling, the project supports parents in navigating the education system and advocating for their children's rights. Collaboration with schools, local communities, and research institutions such as CVIU contribute to a richer understanding of the challenges faced and help shape constructive dialogue between families and public authorities. Running from May to October 2025, the project includes the development and dissemination of bilingual brochures, the organization of workshops on education and inclusion, and the provision of regular counseling sessions. It also engages a research partner to co-develop policy recommendations and conclude with a presentation of findings to local authorities. A visibility and awareness campaign accompanies these efforts, using digital tools, community events, and media outreach to amplify the initiative's message. With inclusion, accessibility, and sustainability at its core, the project is designed to strengthen civil society and build lasting support networks within the Albanian community.

Migration Hub



Funding received : € 10.000

STUDY VISITS "IDEE IN VIAGGIO"

Study Visits "Idee in Viaggio" is an initiative by Associazione Comuni Virtuosi aimed at promoting democratic participation and active citizenship through hands-on, experiential learning.

The project targets young local administrators, activists, and engaged citizens under 35, offering them the opportunity to explore successful European models of participatory governance and sustainable city management.

By fostering mutual learning and exchange of best practices, the project strengthens civic engagement, encourages the development of locally inspired initiatives, and contributes to building a European network of communities committed to values such as sustainability and transparency.

Participants are selected through a public call and prepared through online sessions. The study visits include meetings with local leaders, exploration of regenerated urban spaces, and practical workshops on themes like participatory budgeting and ecological transition. Upon return, participants share their experiences through public events, local workshops, and community-based action plans, ensuring that the knowledge gained translates into concrete civic impact in their home territories.

Territorial and Local Development Hub



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RESET: COLLECTIVE ROOTS, RADICAL FUTURES

RESET aims to create inclusive spaces of expression, dialogue, and imagination for communities often excluded from cultural and decision-making processes. Through a range of participatory artistic practices, including workshops, performances, urban walks, and visual storytelling, the project gives voice to marginalized groups, encouraging them to share their identities, reflect on collective challenges, and co-create new narratives rooted in social justice, intersectionality, and environmental awareness.

Activities explore themes such as gender identity, migration, climate justice, and human rights, engaging diverse participants, youth, migrant communities, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQIA+ community, in a process that blends art, activism, and informal education.

Collaborations with collectives like CHEAP, ife, and Tides enrich the project with expertise in street art, sound, and environmental reflection, while interactive formats such as psychogeographic mapping and co-design workshops foster deep local engagement.

Aligned with the goals of the 2030 Agenda, particularly SDGs 10, 13, and 16, the initiative promotes civic participation, inclusivity, and sustainability. Art is used both as a tool for personal expression and as a catalyst for social transformation, reinforcing community bonds and empowering participants to become active cultural agents in their territories.

Gender Inclusion & Human Rights Hub



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