

NOTES BENVINGUDA JUNTA DE GOVERN D'ALDA

Data: divendres 21 de novembre de 2025
Hora: 09h30 a 09h45
Lloc: Edifici Bogatell, C/ Zamora, 73 (Barcelona)
Punt de l'ordre del dia : << Greetings and introduction >>
(per part d'ALDA intervindrà la presidenta)

INTERVENCIÓ:

Dear members of the Governing Board, dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great honour to welcome you today to Barcelona and to the headquarters of the Diputació de Barcelona for this important Governing Board meeting and strategic retreat. We are delighted to host you in a city that values dialogue, participation, and innovation. Principles that are at the heart of ALDA's mission.

ALDA has always stood for strengthening local democracy, citizen participation, and inclusive governance. These values are more relevant than ever. Across Europe and beyond, local communities face unprecedented challenges: economic uncertainty, climate emergencies, and growing social polarization. These dynamics test our ability to maintain trust, cohesion, and democratic resilience.

Yet, as your agenda for these two days shows, we are not here to simply observe these challenges. We are here to shape solutions together. Today's sessions will allow us to reflect on ALDA's role in this evolving context, review key activities, and prepare for the future. From updates on thematic hubs and Local Democracy Agencies to discussions on membership and global outreach, this meeting is an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment and set priorities for the coming year.

The Diputació de Barcelona shares deep concerns on three critical themes: resilience and climate action, combating misinformation, and enhancing inclusive participation. These priorities must guide our strategies and inspire concrete actions that strengthen local democracy and empower communities.

The Diputació de Barcelona is proud to support ALDA in this mission. We believe that expanding partnerships, embracing digital transformation, and reinforcing the fight for equity will make ALDA not only a European leader but a global reference for democratic innovation.

I invite you to approach these discussions with openness, creativity, and a sense of shared responsibility. Together, through cooperation and solidarity, we can ensure that local democracy thrives in the face of global challenges.

Finally, after our work today, we will enjoy a relaxing visit to the Palau Güell this evening, where we will be able to continue our discussion in a pleasant and inspiring atmosphere.

Thank you for being here, and I wish you a productive and inspiring meeting.

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