



Balkan regional platform for
youth participation and dialogue



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REGIONAL NEWSLETTER ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION



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Local Democracy Agency Prijedor was created as a humanitarian initiative in March 1996.

In 1997 the first projects on the subject of diplomacy and decentralized cooperation were initiated.

In 2000 LDA Prijedor became a member of the European Association of Local Democracy Agencies – ALDA, promoting the concept of good governance and citizen participation at the local level.

Today most of the activities we carry on are in partnership with the International humanitarian organization "Associazione Progetto" Prijedor.

"Local Democracy is a process in which everyone can really participate and LDA is the place where everyone can make a concrete contribution"

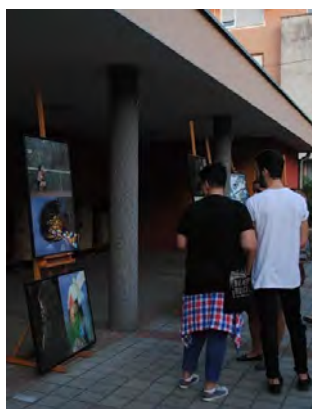
Thematic areas!

- Economy
- Social welfare
- Art & culture
- Education and youth
- Entrepreneurship
- Communication
- Inter-ethnic dialogue
- Decentralized cooperation



Activities!

- **Decentralized cooperation Prijedor /Trento**
- **Promotion of Europe at grassroots level:** Info-Points, Educational seminars, elections support.
- **Inter-ethnic dialogue & reconciliation:** "School of Peace" "Civic Forum" support to population return.
- **Local Development** Training for young entrepreneurs, support to agricultural producers, promotion of rural tourism networking, support for vulnerable families.



Our priority areas!

- Capacity building for local civil society
- Cross-border and regional co-operation programs
- Youth empowerment and trainings, youth volunteering
- Promoting citizen participation at local level
- Promoting intercultural dialogue and good governance
- Sustainable economic development



Local Democracy Agency Subotica was founded in 1993 following the Council of Europe initiative.

Since 1999 LDA Subotica operates as a member of the Association of LDA-s. At the same time has a long term close co-operation with many international partners with Wolver Hampton City Council (UK) as the Lead Partner of her consortium.

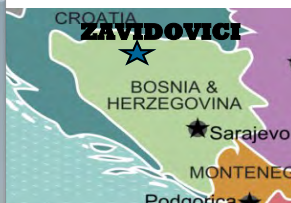
On local level it has developed strong links with local secondary and higher education institutions, minority organizations, neighborhood communities.

Our team!

- 3 Local Project managers responsible for LDA management, local project coordination, PR, administration and finances.
- 4 regular local volunteers with EVS and Youth in Action experience.
- Network of local dedicated civil society practitioners and volunteers of different ethnic background.



ZAVIDOVICI!



The town of Zavidovici is very young. Nobody knows for sure when the first man came to live in the area, but the city was built in the late 19th century, in the center of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Long known for the wood processing industry, it earned the name of "city of wood".

Our nature!

The city itself has 4 km² but the territory of over 590 km². It is crossed by three rivers and has a very variegated nature: caves, forests and animals of different kinds.



Our discoveries!

One of the most famous discoveries on the territory of Zavidovici is the stone spheres phenomenon.

In the area that belongs to the city, approximately 50 stone spheres have been found in 11 different locations.



Our youth!

Zavidovici has many talented young people in sport and in scientific disciplines.

There are numerous examples of successful youngsters who made their first steps in Zavidovici, and are today world famous.

Nevertheless most of them, unluckily, had to leave this city due to the lack of local opportunities.



Our heritage!

This area has a rich cultural heritage, with the oldest archaeological findings dating from prehistoric times.

During the year numerous events are organized dedicated to traditional and contemporary culture.



Our events!

Youth festival in Knjazevac is a manifestation with long tradition. It is taking place every year since 1954.

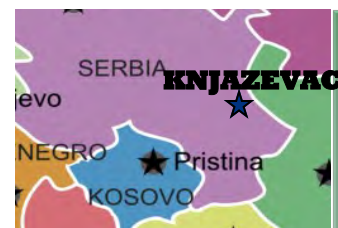
Apart from established artists, first night of the festival is reserved for amateurs, who are yet to become famous.



Our youth!

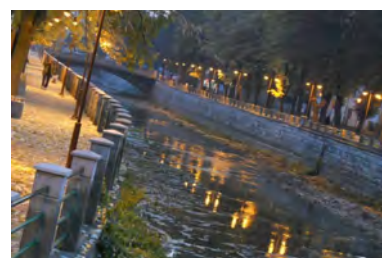
Local authorities are constantly improving the position of youth in our municipality, through grants, free public transportation, free swimming pool tickets, cinema and theatre plays, etc.

There are several organizations working with youth and organizing different activities such as "we share a planet with..." this year with China.



KNJAZEVAC!

The City of Knjazevac is located in the Timok region, along the border with Bulgaria. It is in a valley, surrounded by 3 rivers.



The municipality has a rich natural display in his surroundings, especially in "Stara Planina" natural park



RESEARCH ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE BALKAN REGION

8 focus groups in our communities!



A research on youth issues

was conducted in the Balkan region. Young people from Bosnia, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo participated and implemented the comparative study.



Focus group Niksic



Focus group Peja

Focus on youth participation

This research has analyzed the national legislation concerning youth, but also the needs and position of the youngsters living in these communities, with a special focus on the possibilities for youth participation.



Quantitative... online survey!

An online survey was conducted and provided an overview of young people opinion on youth-related issues in local communities.

The information collected was then subject to comparative analysis.



Focus group subotica



Focus group Mostar

Qualitative... focus group and interviews of stakeholders

The focus groups gathered young people from different social, economic and cultural areas. They had the opportunity to debate on opportunities and obstacles to youth participation in local communities. Thus, adding a qualitative perspective to the research. Besides the focus groups, the youth workers conducted interviews with relevant stakeholders in 5 countries and provided systematic information regarding youth position and participation.



YOUTH ART WORKSHOPS



Subotica art workshop



Mostar art workshop



Prijedor art workshop



Niksic art workshop



Zavidovici art workshop

“Young workshop participants, supported by professional training were able to expresse themselves in a creative way, showing how they see their city and their community.”

FIRST BALKAN YOUTH FORUM FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY

On 21 September 2015, in the City Hall in Subotica representatives of Local and Regional authorities as well as Civil Society representatives discussed on the topic of **youth participation**. More than 60 participants joined the event



The Youth Forum was
a great opportunity to...

Promote the Balkan Platform for Youth Participation

Discuss about youth policies' decision making challenges

Promote inclusive youth policies : "Nothing about youth, without youth"

Present the 1st regional research on "Youth active citizenship and participation"



After the Forum the Youth Engagement Workers team held a meeting for coordination of the Platform



Find out more about our activities:
Check out our website

YOUTH INFO POINT

8 Info Points opened !

To be informed is your right!
Our volunteers are there to bring
you a whole new world of
opportunities!

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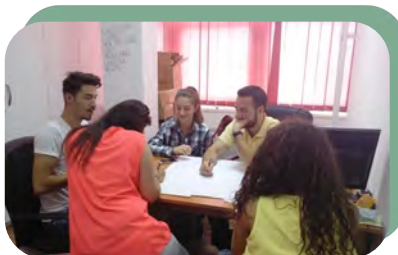
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