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I am writing the foreword to the Activity Report of the year 2004 with a feeling of great satisfaction. A satisfaction that reading the report can only confirm, taking stock of the quantity, and in particular, of the quality of the initiatives of the different Local Democracy Agencies and the Association of Local Democracy Agencies that it contains. It is not about a triumphalism unmotivated, but about a realistic recognition of the work completed work for which I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this in their different roles, including the Council of Europe and the Congress as well as our partners be it NGOs, donors, members of the European society, namely the countries in South East Europe concerned, and most of all, the colleagues in the LDAs and ALDA.

No comment to the report 2004: the progress and the innovations compared to the year 2003 are evident.

I have always stressed that the LDAs play an irreplaceable role in the democratisation process, in the respect for human rights and minorities, the interethnic and interreligious dialogue, in transborder cooperation and the integration process with the European Union that the countries of the LDAs are progressively involved in. These are the conditions for sustainable peace and real progress. However, these activities should never ignore the reality of the political, socio-economic and cultural situation of the countries and their evolution. The LDAs and ALDA should always have an "intelligent attention" to the real problems, even to the more difficult challenges, and they should always remain rooted to the field. In this context, last April, ten years after the Agreements of Dayton, the International Commission of the Balkans, presided by the former Prime Minister of Italy, Giuliano Amato, presented a report to the European institutions and at the same time, to 45 State Departments and the National Security Council in Washington. This Commission was composed of personalities that are well-known decision-makers in Europe and the United States. I recommend the reading of this report which conclusions (after a profound analysis) can be summed up as follows.

The current "status quo" of the Balkans cannot last and South East Europe has to leave the phase of being a protectorate or a feeble state behind if the countries would like to join the European Union. This is the only possible way if one would like to avoid that the Western Balkans become the "black hole" of Europe: without the Balkans in Europe, the unification process remains incomplete. If the "road map" towards reforms and a positive transition should fail, the Western Balkans will become an isolated "ghetto" and a threat to the stability and peace.

To conclude, the appeal made by the International Commission of the Balkans towards the European and international institutions as well as national governments, is also addressed to the local and regional authorities in their area of competence, including the Congress of the Council of Europe and all the LDAs and their Association that are concerned and which should take their specific responsibilities for the democracy, progress and peace in this region.

Gianfranco Martini, President ALDA



General Assembly 2004, Barcelona

When the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) was established in 1999, it brought together a network of Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs) in existence since 1993. The LDAs were set up by the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities; they were originally conceived to provide concrete assistance to war-ravaged municipalities in South East Europe through partnerships with counterparts in Western Europe. As the war in the Balkans ended, ALDA's focus shifted from crisis management to democratic reform, with an emphasis on promoting tolerant and trust-based relationships within communities.

ALDA comprises a network of 216 partners from 21 European countries of which 52% are local authorities, 25% are NGOs, 7% regional authorities and 16% others. At present, ALDA counts 107 members from 15 countries - local authorities (58%), NGOs (16%), individuals (20%) and others (6%) make up the broad network of members. 50% of them are also partners of the LDAs.

In November 2004, ALDA opened a new Local Democracy Agency in the city of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Partners of this new LDA include the Region Puglia, Italy (lead partners), host city of Mostar, Sicily region, City of Montegrotto, Italy; Region of Velje, Denmark, City of Kragujevac, Serbia and Montenegro, City of Kayseri, Turkey. Furthermore, the new LDA received financial support from the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Government of Luxembourg.

## Introduction to the Association of Local Democracy Agencies

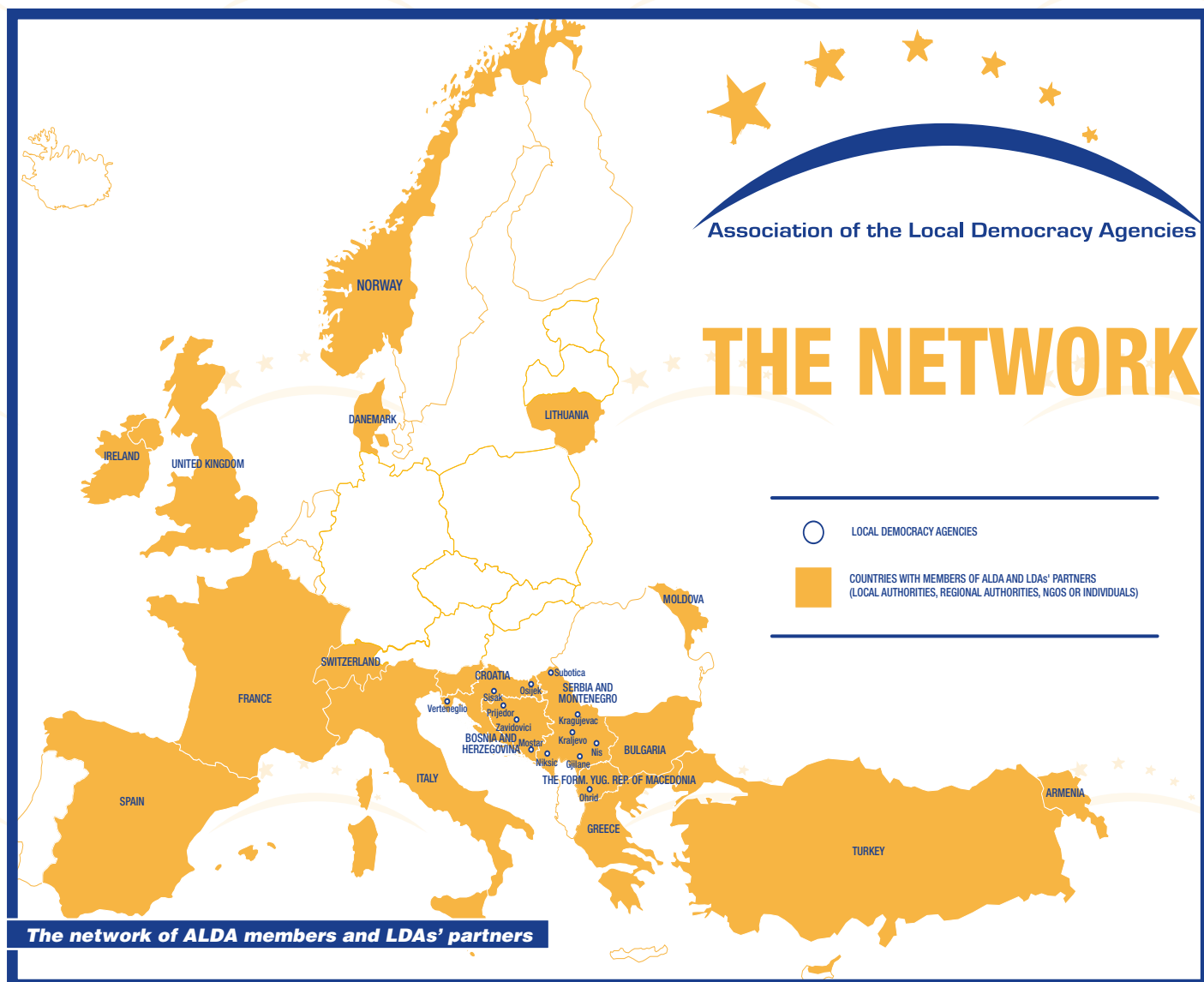


The partners of the Local Democracy Agencies



The main tasks of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies:

- > to coordinate the overall LDA activities;
- > to contribute to the fundraising and the development of common projects;
- > to provide LDAs and Delegates with technical and administrative support;
- > to receive voluntary contributions, from national, local and regional authorities, foundations, and other bodies for the purpose of developing general or specific LDA projects;
- > to represent the LDAs in front of institutions and sponsors and to guarantee an appropriate use of funds;
- > to network with local authorities, international organisations and NGOs from all over Europe;
- > to devise and run training courses for Delegates, local assistants and other LDA contact groups;
- > to develop common projects;
- > to provide a forum for discussing strategies for the LDA programme;
- > to promote the LDA activities and the international role of European local authorities in promoting local democracy, human rights and minority rights.



## Management and administration 2004

- > Institutional meetings:  
Governing Board and Bureau (February - Burton-upon-Trent, UK; May - Strasbourg; July - Barcelona, Spain; December - Suresnes, France);
- > General Assembly (July - Barcelona);
- > Website for ALDA ([www.idaaonline.org](http://www.idaaonline.org)) and newsletters;
- > Brochure and factsheet of ALDA;
- > Contact with the members and partners;
- > Registration of a branch office in Vicenza;
- > Following the activities of the Scientific Committee of ALDA;
- > Support and information for the LDA Delegates;
- > Accounting and reporting for funds. ALDA is under the control of an independent account service and an external

- audit to guarantee the best use of the membership fees and public funds;
- > Evaluation of the results of the LDA programmes sponsored by ALDA;
- > Management of programmes and co-ordination of LDA projects and financial reporting .

In 2004, the Association of Local Democracy Agencies improved the structure of its staff to face the increased number of activities:

- > Ms. Antonella Valmorbida, Director ALDA;
- > Mr. Martial Paris, Assistant to the Director;
- > Ms. Stefania Toriello, Project Manager;
- > Ms. Dorothee Fischer, Press Officer and

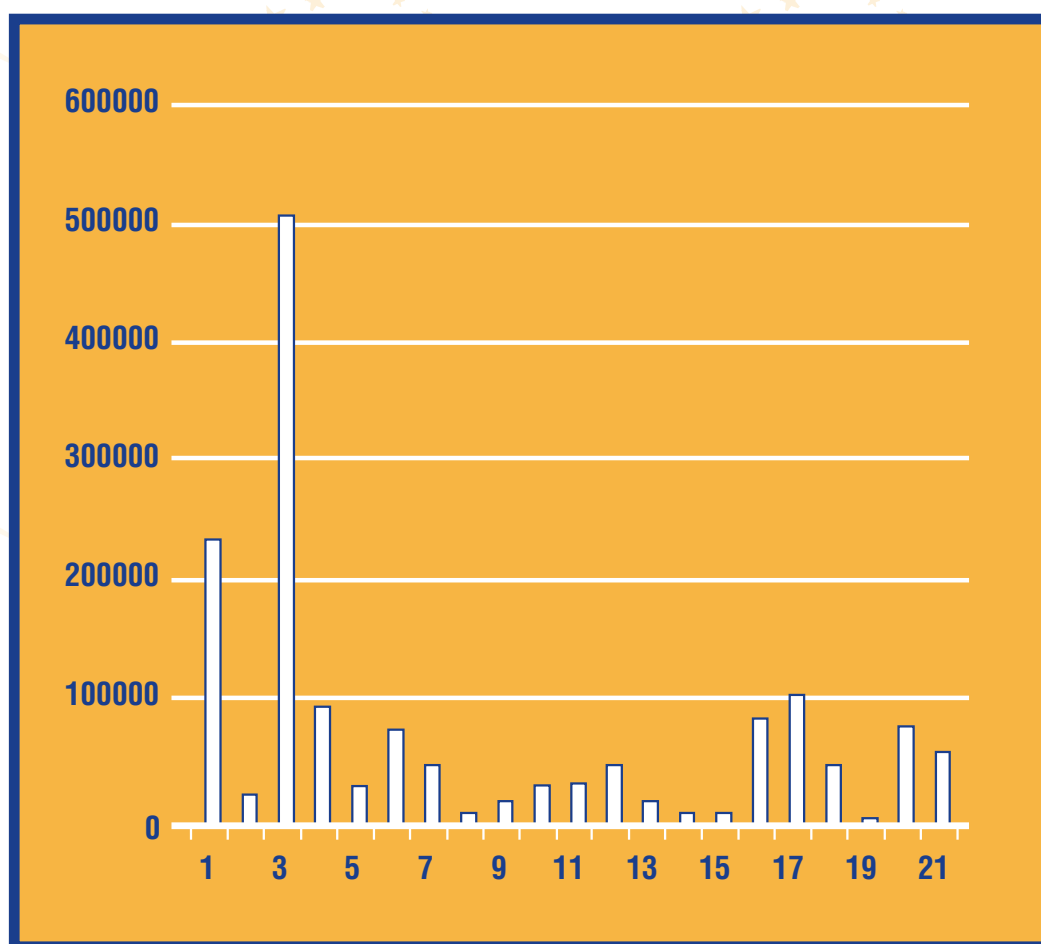
Project Manager;

- > Mr. Gianpaolo Giancon, ALDA financial officer (until April 2005), Ms. Barbara Elia since April 2005;
- > Ms. Gaelle Lapique (from July - December 2004), Assistant in cooperation with Syni Lausanne, Switzerland, Ms. Jelena Milenkovic (since January 2005).

Council of Europe support:

- > Ms. Sylvie Affholder (until December 2004);
- > Ms. Caroline Martin;
- > Ms. Elisabeth Laforge;
- > Mr. Mehdi Remili (since January 2005):

## Resources



1. EU (DG ENLARGEMENT)	14,76 %
2. EU (DG CULTURE)	1,53 %
3. ITALY (CAPACITY BUILDING)	31,55 %
4. ITALY (IB)	6,15 %
5. LGI	1,98 %
6. FRANCE	4,92 %
7. NORWAY	3,07 %
8. LIECHTENSTEIN (GEORGIA)	0,61 %
9. LIECHTENSTEIN (TBC)	1,23 %
10. INTERREG (REGION PUGLIA - MOSTAR)	2,04 %
11. INTERREG (Monfalcone)	2,08 %
12. SWITZERLAND (TBC)	3,07 %
13. LIECHTENSTEIN (TBC)	1,20 %
14. FINLAND (TBC)	0,61 %
15. BASEL CANTON STADT (TBC)	0,61 %
16. IRELAND	5,53 %
17. CONGRESS	6,76 %
18. GENEVA (FEDRE)	3,07 %
19. LUXEMBOURG	0,30 %
20. PARTNERS LDAs	5,10 %
21. MEMBERSHIP FEES	3,70 %

The total forecast amount of the 2004 budget is about 1.625.000 Euro.

All the contributions (except the Congress, the membership fees, DG Culture, Partners' support) are spread over the different years. In this graphic, the part for 2004 is only taken into consideration.

The official accounts are approved during the General Assembly in June 2005 and presented on the website free for download at [www.idaaonline](http://www.idaaonline).

The accounts of ALDA are checked several times per year, by different levels :

- > The LDAs (if programmes are managed by LDAs);
- > ALDA;
- > The donors;
- > The official account (KPMG France);
- > An official audit (requested by the French law for organizations using public funding).

Furthermore, the coherence between the declaration of non-profit activity, the equity between the members and the respect of the law for the NGOs are checked by the Official Audit.

The figures mentioned above are only the resources provided financially to the Association without considering the kind support of very high importance, in particular the staff provided by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the premises offered by the Council of Europe.

The General Assembly in Barcelona (July 2004) elected a new Governing Board that issued a new Bureau.

The Governing Board approved the rule that the local government authorities, members of the Association, can attend its meetings as observers.

### **The ALDA Bureau**

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External relations (with the European Commission, other European institutions, intergovernmental programmes); Support to fundraising in particular with the European Institutions, Day to day guidance and supervision of the work of the Director

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## Coordination of the following programmes

### EU Mayors Programme

Sponsored by the EU Information Programme Prince

The programme aimed at making local authorities aware of the challenges and benefits of EU enlargement. After the launching conference in December 2003, ALDA organised 4 seminars with best practice exchanges on local governance issues such as relations with citizens (Suresnes, France - March 2004), public utilities (Reggio Emilia, Italy - April 2004), sustainable development (Carlow, Ireland - June 2004) and decision-making (Birmingham, UK - July 2004). The main partners from England, Ireland, France, Italy, Poland and Lithuania also participated in visits to Poland and Lithuania in autumn 2004. The programme was finished off with an international conference in Mogliano Veneto in December 2004.



The results of the best practice exchanges are available on a CD-rom.



The main partners of the programme were:

#### Associations of local authorities:

- > Associazione Nazionale dei Comuni d'Italia (ANCI);
- > Cités Unies France;
- > Association of Directors of Community and Enterprise, Ireland.

#### Local authorities:

- > Carlow County Council, Ireland;
- > City of Suresnes, France;
- > East Staffordshire Borough Council, UK;
- > Kent County Council, UK;
- > Comune di Mogliano Veneto, Italy;
- > City of Reggio Emilia, Italy;
- > City Hall of Bydgoszcz, Poland.

#### NGOs:

- > Foundation in support of Local Democracy Training Center in Olsztyn, Poland;
- > Municipal Training Center, Kaunas, Lithuania.

## **ANCI/ALDA Programme “Actions for Capacity-Building of Local Authorities and Civil Society in Southern and Eastern Europe”**

*Sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and supported by ANCI, the Italian Association of Municipalities*

The project supports the process of democratisation in Southern and Eastern Europe.

The main lines of actions of the three-year programme are:

- a) capacity-building and strengthening of institutions and organisations through training of trainers and training for local authorities and non-governmental organisations
- b) civil awareness and participation through the development of civil society: participation of youth with city councils of young people and information centres for young people. A specific programme on urban planning will be carried out as a pilot activity in Prijedor.

The programme is realised thanks to an existing network, which is co-ordinated by the Association in 4 countries and based on 11 offices in the field. It focuses on areas where the democratic process has to be built from the local level together with local authorities and civil society organisations, which are the target groups of our activities.

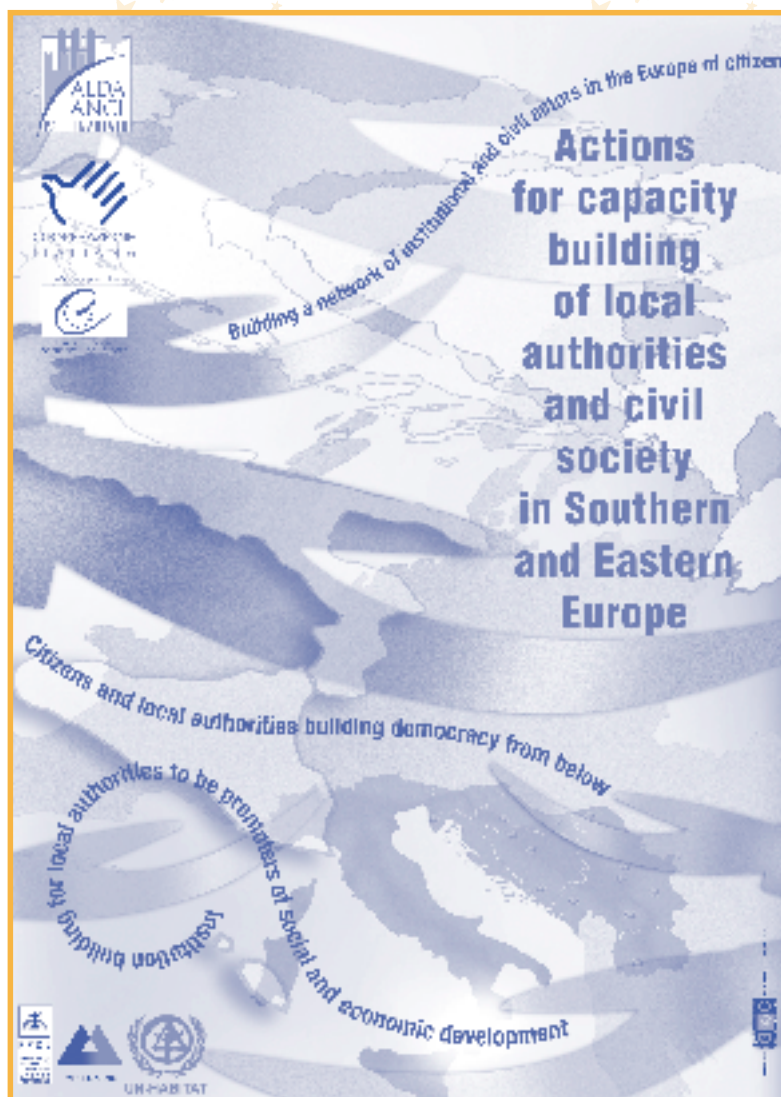
The programme is accompanied by a newsletter and a website.

### 1.1.a Priority theme(s) addressed:

- > To promote pluralism both at political and civil society level by strengthening institutions and organisations;
- > To promote the participation of people in the decision-making process (taking into account the equal participation of men and women in civil society, in economic life and politics);
- > To prevent, resolve and deal with the consequences of conflict, including the support of measures facilitating the peaceful reconciliation of different interest groups.

### Activities so far:

- > Launching Steering Committee (Strasbourg, May 2004);
- > Training of Trainers on Conflict Management (Subotica, Serbia and Montenegro, September 2004);
- > Training of Trainers on Participatory Planning Processes (Ohrid, “Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, November 2004);
- > Follow-up trainings on conflict management and participatory planning processes in the 11 LDAs;
- > Seminars for young people in the 11 LDAs;
- > Establishment of info points in the 11 LDAs.



### **ANCI/ALDA Programme “The Italian cities for the cities of the Balkans”**

Programme sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Programme aiming at identifying the cooperation between Italian towns and other local authorities with the cities of the Balkans in terms of public utilities and promoting practical action planning.

ALDA and LDAs are logistics and network of the main activities in the region.

### **Training of trainers on communication skills: Capacity building in local governance and leadership: communication skills for NGOs and local governments active in democratisation processes**

Sponsored by LGI Budapest

The objective of the seminar was to strengthen internal and external communication processes of the Local Democracy Agencies (LDA), the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) and the local authorities working with us. The seminar aimed at increasing participants' abilities to manage information and to use communication instruments inside and outside the LDA network in a more efficient way.

Activities:

- > Training of trainers on external and international communication issues (Osijek, Croatia, March 2004);
- > Follow-up training sessions in 10 LDAs;
- > Translation of publications for the ALDA website into local languages.

### **Local Economic Development**

Sponsored by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The programme aimed at assessing current economic needs in the areas of the 11 Local Democracy Agencies through SWOT analysis and to develop activities to foster economic development.

Activities:

- > seminar in Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina, April 2004);
- > seminar in Rozaje (Serbia and Montenegro, June 2004);
- > seminar in Umag (Croatia, October 2004);
- > seminar in Ohrid (“Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, January 2005);
- > working groups in the 11 LDAs.

### **Promoting local economic development in the Western Balkans: youth groups capacity building**

Sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in partnership with KS, the Norwegian Association of Municipalities

Local development was underlined as one of the ALDA priorities in the framework of EU integration for the upcoming 5 years at the General Assembly in Subotica (Serbia and Montenegro) in summer 2003.

The programme intends to foster local economic development and youth empowerment,



a topic which was chosen by the Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs) themselves as one of their common priorities for the upcoming years. Through this, ALDA will support the participating four countries in achieving the necessary standards proposed by the Stabilisation and Association Process (SAP) to access the European Union.

Therefore the main aims of the programme are as follows:

- > to increase the capacity of advocacy of youth;
- > to increase their capacity in the 11 pilot regions and at the regional level to be actors in local economic development;
- > to identify the potential trans-border co-operation activities in the field of economic development;
- > to set up and implement pilot projects of local economic development;
- > strengthening of the network of the LDAs and partnership.

Activities in 2004:

- > Training on EU Affairs in Brussels (December 2004).

In 2005, other training courses on local economic development as well as working groups will be organised to follow the activities.

### **Participation of civil society in the decision-making process at the local level. A common added value for local authorities in Europe**

*Sponsored by the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission*

The aim of this programme was to assess the inclusion of civil society in the decision-making process at the local level and to question whether it is a common and shared European value.

Activities:

- > survey conducted among local authorities and civil society organisations all over Europe on the participation of citizens in the decision-making process in today's Europe;
- > international conference (Barcelona, July 2004).

### **Pilot activities in Georgia**

The proposal for the setting up of an LDA in Georgia was formulated by the British and Norwegian members of ALDA. The country is also a priority for the activities of the Council of Europe.

It is the opportunity for the ALDA to export and to test its methodology to another geographical area.

Activities in 2004:

- > two fact-finding missions (February and October 2004);
- > seminar "Participation of civil society in the decision-making process" (Kutaisi, Georgia, October 2004).

The ALDA connected its activities with the setting-up of the National Association of Local Self Government Units managed by the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. During the second mission an ALDA delegation composed of Mr Per Vinther, ALDA Vice President and Mr Martial Paris, Director Assistant, attended the 5th workshop of this Association. The new LDA in Kutaisi, Georgia will be opened in summer 2005.



## Setting-up of a new LDA in Mostar

*Supported by the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Government of Luxembourg and Interreg IIIa Transadriatic (programme MAHL-DNET, leader Region Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy and direct partner Region Puglia).*

After several months of preparational activities, the Local Democracy Agency in Mostar was opened on 24 November 2004 and is the 11th Agency in the network.

The new LDA is involved in the following programmes so far:

- 1) Actions of Capacity Building for local authorities and civil society in SEE, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- 2) Local economic development, funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- 3) Sustainable development, protection of environment and waste management, funded by the Canton Geneva (CH).

### Partners:

Region Puglia (Italy, Lead Partner), host city of Mostar, Region Sicily, City of Monfalcone, City of Montegrotto (Italy), Region of Vejle (Denmark), City of Kragujevac (Serbia and Montenegro), City of Kayseri (Turkey).

## Transborder co-operation and interethnic dialogue

*Supported by Switzerland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, Finland and Basel Canton Stadt.*

The programme promoted pilot activities for the support of transborder co-operation and interethnic dialogue in the LDAs of Verteneglio, Sisak, Osijek, Prijedor, Zavodivici, Subotica and Ohrid.

The activities addressed the promotion of young political leaders, journalism, environment, participation of citizens to the local government issues, good governance and interethnic dialogue.



## Promoting civil society and local democracy in Serbia and Montenegro and Kosovo

*Supported by Ireland.*

The programme supported activities of the LDAs Central and Southern Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro.

- > development and support of the network of partners
- > activities of local development
- > capacity building of civil society
- > participation of youth
- > capacity building of local government (elected officials and civil servants)
- > interethnic dialogue

## Promoting partnership for the LDAs

*Supported by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.*

All the LDAs were supported to promote their partnership either through partner meetings or other means.

## Capacity building for local government in waste management and protection of environment

*Supported by Fedre/Canton of Geneva.*

In all the LDAs, awareness-raising campaigns on environmental protection and waste management were organised for local governments and civil society organisations.

Trainings for every LDA are planned to be implemented by summer 2005 based on a needs assessment realised in 2004.

A case study of particular interest will be presented to the Canton of Geneva and proposed for funding.

## To foster interethnic dialogue in the secondary schools of Mostar and its region in the framework of the opening of a Local Democracy Agency in Mostar

*Supported by Luxembourg.*

This project is addressing young people who attend secondary school and aims at making teachers of secondary schools aware of the importance to teach values such as democracy, interethnic dialogue, minority rights. It seems to be important to work in Mostar with secondary schools because after the war, most high schools in town were, non-officially but effectively, organised on an ethnic basis. To foster cooperation in the secondary education and the discussion about a possible unification of curricula is an important challenge to face.

**Objective I:** To foster interethnic and interreligious dialogue between students and teachers from different and religious backgrounds.

**Objective II:** Exchange of best practices on education issues between teachers and experts from Mostar and the region of Mostar and teachers and experts from the cities and regions of the partners of the LDA.

**Objective III:** To promote the values of respect for human rights, democracy and the respect for minority groups between students and teachers.

**Objective IV:** To contribute to the process of school reunification.

## Networking and Public Relations

- > Meeting of Italian partners/members, Cremona, 5 March 2004.
- > ALDA present in the Steering Committee ALDA in Montalcino, 5 March 2004.
- > ALDA present in Rimini, programme for local authorities, organised by AICCIRE on 25 March 2004.
- > Contact with the Permanent Representation of Armenia to the Council of Europe.
- > Membership with the European Policy Centre and visit to Brussels in April 2004.
- > Meeting in Roverto for ALDA membership with Associazione Campana della Pace, 13 April 2004.
- > Attending the twinning between Reggio Emilia and Kragujevac, Reggio Emilia, 30 April 2004.
- > Meeting in Modena for membership, 6 May 2004.
- > Presentation ALDA at the University of Padova, 10 May 2004.
- > Presentation Dorothee Fischer at a meeting for French local authorities organised by Cités Unies France in Paris on 14 May 2004.
- > Presentation Stefania Toriello in Gorizia on 14 May 2004 (project for the cities of water in the Balkans).
- > Presentation at the Central European Network, Bratislava, 23 May 2004.
- > Contact with Neuchatel and La Chaux de Fonds for a programme in Montenegro (and contact with the Swiss Agency for Development).
- > Meeting with the West Midlands Regional Assembly, 16 July 2004.
- > Cooperation with the network **NALAs**.
- > Supporting LDA Central and Southern Serbia for its programme with **Codess Mestre**.
- > Presence at the **SALON DE LA PAIX**, in June 2004, ALDA represented by LDA Kosovo.
- > Preparation **stand ANCI**, General Assembly, Geneva, October 2004.
- > Follow up visit Liechtenstein representatives to LDA Ohrid.
- > Cooperation with the group of the elected people from SEE of the Congress.
- > Participation Martial Paris and Dobrica Milovanovic in the **World Urban Forum** in Barcelona, September 04.
- > Participation Dorothee Fischer in a conference organised by the Active Citizenship Network in Brussels, 16 September 2004.
- > **Presence ALDA in Budva**, Economic Forum for cities and Regions in SEE, October 2004.
- > Report on the level of internationalisation of local authorities in Italy for CRESME, Italy.
- > Interest of the Association of Danish and Association of towns from Sweden.
- > Contact with **Stability Pact from South Eastern Europe, WT1**, inquiry and report for the Zagreb Ministerial Conference in October 2004.
- > Contacts with Ambassador Croatia.
- > Contact with Monfalcone (Italy), for a meeting and co-ordination.
- > Visit Per Vinther to Pristina, 12 October 2004.
- > Tour for donors with Luxembourg representative in LDA Montenegro and LDA Mostar.
- > Participation in the "Compa" fair for local authorities in Bologna, Italy, November 2004, together with the Municipality of Mogliano Veneto.
- > Contact with the Standing Conference of Serbian Towns for their final conference on the code of ethics for local elected representatives.
- > Screening of an ARTE Reportage on LDA Kosovo in the presence of the journalist and Steve Duchene at the Council of Europe, 5 November 2004.
- > Follow-up visit LDA Prijedor for the follow up of the "European Elections" to Strasbourg 7/9 November 2004.
- > Meeting Region Sicily, 15 November 2004.
- > Presence Dorothee Fischer in Magdeburg, 18 - 20 November 2004 (conference on how local authorities shape globalisation), and contact with German towns.
- > Contact with GTZ, Germany.
- > Strategy for Spain.
- > Contacts for setting up an LDA in Albania.
- > Preparation of an Information Day on SEE in the UK (together with LGIB).
- > Contact with the Association of Swiss towns and Causes Communes Suisses for future co-operation.
- > Presence Annual assembly Osservatorio per I Balcani, 4th of December 2004.
- > Follow-up with City of Trento, meeting with Salvatore Panetta in Trento, 10 December 2004.
- > Meeting in Nuremberg, Dorothee Fischer, Conference on Human Rights in the Cities, 9 - 10 December 04.
- > Meeting Reggio Emilia, Stefania Toriello, 18 January 2005, meeting also with the city of Torino for membership.
- > Information meetings with the Association of Local Authorities from Northern Ireland, February 2005 (Per Vinther and Martial Paris).
- > Meeting and contacts with Brussels Capital (Per Vinther).
- > Meeting with the East Midlands Regional Assembly Office in Brussels (Per Vinther, Dorothee Fischer).
- > Participation in a contact-making seminar on women's right, Tbilisi, Georgia (Dorothee Fischer).
- > Contacts with Lecce for Twinning programmes.
- > Cooperation with Partner Poland and LDAs for a programme of exchanges of best practices.
- > Contacts with City of Nice and Nantes, French strategy (Martial Paris).
- > Meeting with Codess Sociale Mestre - Italy for follow-up project Serbia (Stefania Toriello).
- > Contact with Council of Europe for the Year 2005, Citizenship through Education.
- > OECD : paper for the conference on local governance to be held in Trento (Italy in June 2005).

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## List of ALDA members

### Local Authorities

#### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

1. Municipality of Zavidovici
2. Municipality of Prijedor

#### CROATIA

3. Municipality of Brtonigla-Verteneglio
4. Region Istria
5. Municipality of Osijek

#### SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

6. Municipality of Kragujevac
7. Municipality of Subotica
8. Municipality of Niksic

#### FRANCE

9. Municipality of Suresnes

#### GREECE

10. Municipality of Karditsa

#### ITALY

11. Municipality of Lainate
12. Municipality of Mogliano Veneto
13. Municipality of Arese
14. Municipality of Bellaria
15. Municipality of Portogruaro
16. Municipality of Greve in Chianti
17. Municipality of Borgo Valsugana
18. Municipality of Preganziol
19. Municipality of Lavis
20. Municipality of Roncade
21. Region Friuli Venezia Giulia
22. Municipality of Ancona
23. Municipality of Reggio Emilia
24. Province of Venice
25. Region Puglia

26. Provincia Autonoma di Trento
27. Municipality of Lecce
28. Provincia di Milano
29. Region Sicily
30. Municipality of Trento
31. Municipality of Ravenna
32. Municipality of Marcon

#### IRELAND

33. Carlow County Council

### Association of the Local Democracy Agencies

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Numbers of inhabitants	Total of Contribution (Euros)
10 - 10 000	250
10 000 - 50 000	500
50 000 - 200 000	1 000
200 000 - 1 000 000	2 000
+ 1 million	4 000
NGOs	250
Actual persons	50

#### Partnership request for a specific Local Democracy Agency Programme

Wants to be specifically informed of the activities of the following LDA(s)  
(tick the right box):

#### CROATIA

- ☐ Osijek  
☐ Sisak  
☐ Brtonigla-Verteneglio

#### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- ☐ Prijedor  
☐ Zavidovici  
☐ Mostar

#### SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

- ☐ Subotica  
☐ Montenegro (Niksic)  
☐ Kosovo  
☐ Central and Southern Serbia

#### THE FORMER YUGOSLAVE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

- ☐ Ohrid

- ☐ LDA GEORGIA  
(to be opened in 2005)

## **LITHUANIA**

34. Municipality of Kaunas

## **SPAIN**

35. Barcelona

## **SWITZERLAND**

36. Municipality of Bellinzona

37. Municipality of Neuchâtel

38. Municipality of Lausanne

39. Municipality of Lugano

40. Canton Basel Stadt

## **UK**

41. East Staffordshire Borough Council

42. Kent County Council

43. Municipality of Chelmsford

44. Municipality of Arun

## **NORWAY**

45. Saltdal

46. Buskerud County

47. Vefsen

48. Levanger

49. Fauske

## **International Association of Local Authorities**

50. Assembly of European Regions

51. ENTO

52. CCRE

## **Associations of Local Authorities**

## **ARMENIA**

53. Communities Association of Armenia

## **FRANCE**

54. Cité Unies France

55. AFCCRE

## **ITALY**

56. Association of the cities of the  
Province of Treviso - Italy

## **MOLDAVIA**

57. Association of the mayors of the  
district of Chisinau

## **NORWAY**

58. Norwegian Association of Local and  
Regional Authorities

## **SWITZERLAND**

59. Causes Communes Suisses

60. Causes Communes Vaud

61. Causes Communes Ticino

## **UK**

62. LGIB (Local Government International  
Bureau)

## **Non-governmental organisations**

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

63. Local Citizens' Committee Zavidovici  
Bulgaria

64. Balkan Assist Association

## **CROATIA**

65. LDA Sisak

## **GREECE**

66. ANKA Karditsa

## **ITALY**

67. Association for the Zavidovici LDA

68. Association Project for Prijedor

69. Italian Consortium of Solidarity

70. Fondazione opera campana dei caduti-  
Progetto osservatorio sui balcani

71. Tavolo Trentino per la Serbia

72. Istituto Euromediterraneo - Trieste  
Lithuania

73. Municipal Training Centre, Kaunas

## **FRANCE**

74. Youth Planet

75. ALFA Formation

76. Equipes de Paix dans les Balkans

## **Others**

77. SPIM Energia s.r.l.

78. SPIM Servizi Pubblici

79. Sinergy Italia

80. Associazione imprenditori

81. ARCARI s.r.l.

82. Centro Marca

83. IAL FVG Agenzia Formativa - Area  
progetti internazionali

## **Individuals**

84. Affholder, Sylvie

85. Alvarez Jose Manuel, Rodriguez

86. Bisenic, Dragan

87. Bohner, Ulrich

88. Boorer, Malcolm

89. Bottacin, Diego

90. Bertotti, Cristina

91. Casagrande, Calude

92. Contin, Agostino

93. Devaud, Daniel

94. Faggian, Paolo

95. Franco, Lara

96. Friederich, François

97. Grigolato, Margherita

98. Locatelli, Rinaldo

99. Rizzo, Sebastiano

100. Saur, Léon

101. Vinther, Per

102. Zini, Guido

103. Zivkovic, Branka



## The main thematic priorities of the Local Democracy Agencies

*Among the main thematic priorities of the LDAs in 2004 were:*

### 1. Transborder cooperation

LDA Osijek  
LDA Subotica  
LDA Verteneglio  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia  
LDA Ohrid  
LDA Sisak  
LDA Kosovo

### 2. Sustainable development

All LDAs (Canton Geneva Programme) but in particular  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia  
LDA Montenegro  
LDA Prijedor  
LDA Verteneglio

### 3. Capacity building

All LDAs (ANCI/ALDA programme Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) but in particular  
LDA Kosovo

### 4. Interethnic dialogue

LDA Kosovo  
LDA Prijedor  
LDA Sisak  
LDA Verteneglio  
LDA Subotica  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia

### 5. Gender issues

LDA Sisak  
LDA Zavidovici  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia (Kraljevo)

### 6. Local economic development

All LDAs (Programmes supported by the French and Norwegian Ministries of Foreign Affairs) but in particular  
LDA Prijedor  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia (rural development and responsible tourism (Kraljevo), support to SME (Niš, Leskovac)  
LDA Osijek (rural development)

### 7. Youth

LDA Subotica  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia

LDA Kosovo  
LDA Montenegro  
LDA Ohrid  
LDA Prijedor  
LDA Zavidovici  
LDA Verteneglio  
LDA Osijek

### 8. Communication skills/the media

All LDAs, but in particular  
LDA Osijek  
LDA Kosovo  
LDA Ohrid  
LDA Zavidovici  
LDA Verteneglio  
LDA Prijedor

### 9. Minorities/refugees

LDA Central and Southern Serbia (Nis and Kraljevo)  
LDA Montenegro  
LDA Zavidovici  
LDA Sisak  
LDA Prijedor  
LDA Subotica

### 10. Disabilities

LDA Montenegro  
LDA Kosovo  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia (Directly in Kraljevo by supporting a program with disable children, with the Tavolo trentino con la Serbia; indirectly in Niš and Kragujevac, by promoting the establishment of social enterprises dealing with disabilities, also connected with local development)

### 11. European Issues

LDA Prijedor  
LDA Subotica  
LDA Verteneglio  
LDA Kosovo  
LDA Osijek  
LDA Central and Southern Serbia (Nis)

### 12. Public Utilities

**(water, waste, social housing)**

LDA Central and Southern Serbia (Niš, Kraljevo, Leskovac, Kragujevac)