Proposal for a Partnership Support Scheme for LDAs

Supporting LDAs is empowering good governance and EU policy in Neighborhood and Enlargement
ALDA at a glance -

OUR WORLD

- 18 years of activity
- 25 million people indirectly impacted in the enlarged Europe
- 40 countries where ALDA is present
- 5 offices
- 14 Local Democracy Agencies - LDAs
- +250 projects run
- 3 Operational Partners
- 1 upcoming LDA
Local Democracy Agencies: our long journey

The Local Democracy Agencies have been established in the Western Balkans by the Congress of the Council of Europe since 1992, as a support programme to strengthen local democracy, interethnic dialogue, foster respect for human rights and further sustainable development. Today there are 13 active Local Democracy Agencies based in Western Balkans and South Caucasus coordinated by ALDA, on top of 3 LDAs - Operational partners, based in Croatia.
Local Democracy Agencies: our long journey

The Local Democracy Agencies (locally registered NGOs) are permanent platforms of cooperation to support good governance with the support and in partnership with local authorities and civil society. They engage local partners (in cooperation countries) and are based with the support and cooperation of European local authorities and communities.
Most of the LDAs are located in the Western Balkans, which gives a natural focus on that area, in the fields of good neighbourly relations and inclusive regional co-operation.
Youth participation on local and regional level, remains number one objective for the Balkan regional platform

Our Citizens for Our Municipality: a top example of local cooperation in Serbia

"Elect Mostar": citizenship in action for a more participative electoral system!
The LDAs in the Mediterranean Area

The Maghreb region has been identified as priority areas for ALDA, which is especially working in Tunisia, supporting the democratization process, but also conducts activities and projects in Morocco and Algeria. The first LDA in the Mediterranean area was established in 2017 in Kairouan - Tunisia.
Paving the way to the future
LDA Morocco

LDA Tunisia is the first LDA opened in North Africa
The engagement of ALDA and LDAs in the European Union’s Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries aims to develop a multi-stakeholder local decentralised cooperation, citizen participation in local decision-making process and development, as well as decentralisation and local democracy.
United communities are more resilient and successful – Final results of LDA of Dnipropetrovsk region project

From Moldova to Georgia a common goal: empower Decentralised Cooperation

Gdańsk meeting - rallying support for LDA Mariupol
The added value of the LDAs

The most important aspect of the LDAs is the **process of partnership building**. The cooperation and partnership between local and international partners, between local authorities and NGOs, give added values to the process of designing projects and implementing local activities. This process is in itself a **learning process** for everyone involved and serves as a practical example of how a **democratic participatory planning process** can create results.

**13 LDAs**

**More than 70 among local and international partners**
The partners engaged in the LDAs are contributing directly with their own budget. It is a great commitment from them – both LAs and CSOs – for the complex political and economic context in Europe.

The synergic and systemic approach of each LDA is multiplied by the umbrella organisation, ALDA – the European Association of Local Democracy.

The activities of LDAs in 2015 was of 952.000 Euro. The investment of the partners’ fees (about 50.000 Euro) was multiplied 20 times!
The proposal for a partnership support scheme

The partners engaged in the LDAs are contributing directly with their own budget. A possible support programme, offering them a percentage of co-funding (50%) for their support and showing a real political and financial support would be an essential help for them. The multiplying effect for the LDAs will be enormous with the possibility to have more partners and more support for their activities.

Having more partners is multiplying the effect of the LDAs!!
THANK YOU