



European Association for Local Democracy
Association Européenne pour la Démocratie Locale

MEMBERSHIP

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY - ALDA -

*Promoting good governance and citizen participation
at the local level in the enlarged Europe since 1999*

Become a member of ALDA!

✓ About us

The European Association for Local Democracy is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to the promotion of good governance and citizen participation at the local level. ALDA in particular focuses on activities that facilitate cooperation between local authorities and civil society.

ALDA was established in 1999 at the initiative of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to coordinate and support a network of Local Democracy Agencies which was established in the early 1990s. It remains one of its supporting programmes. It is the umbrella organisation of the Local Democracy Agencies which are self-sustainable, locally registered NGOs that act as promoters of good governance and local self-government.

ALDA is a membership based organisation gathering more than 170 members (including Local Authorities, Associations of Local Authorities and non-governmental organisations) coming from more than 35 countries. ALDA is funded through membership fees and project funding from the European Commission, the Council of Europe and other public and private donors.

✓ What is unique about ALDA?

Most of ALDA's work is based on the method of multilateral decentralized cooperation. This method involves a multi-stakeholder approach which focuses on strong partnerships between Local Authorities and non-governmental organisations. These partnerships create positive synergy and ensure that common goals are reached in a successful way.

✓ What we do?

In the framework of promoting good governance and citizen participation at the local level ALDA focuses on various themes, such as European integration, decentralisation, civic initiatives and volunteering, human rights and sustainable economic development. ALDA conducts its activities through different forms of action:

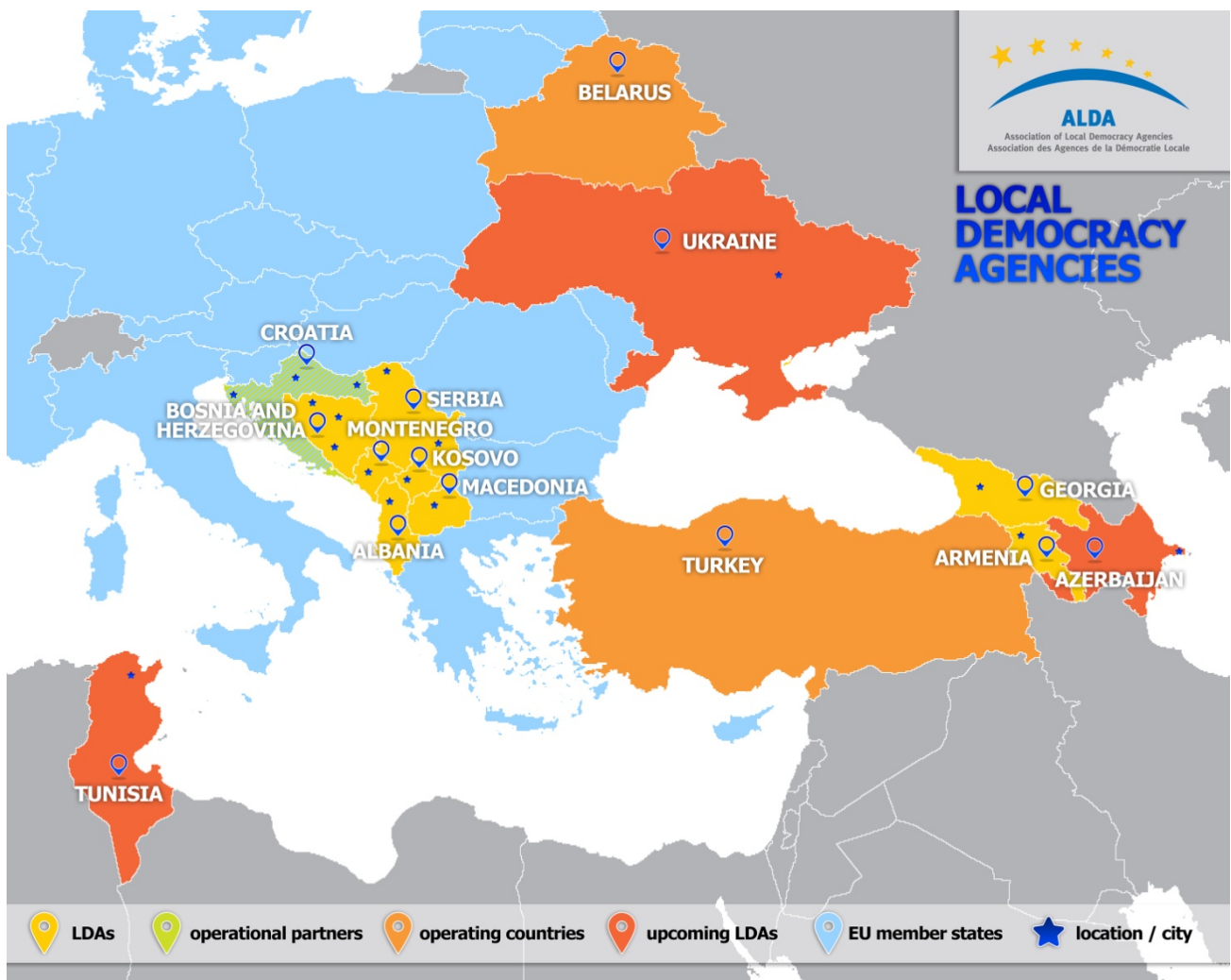
- Coordinating and supporting the 13 Local Democracy Agencies in their activities.
- Conducting its own projects in the field of good governance and citizen participation at the local level.
- Supporting other local stakeholders' initiatives - like Local Authorities - by providing expertise gained through ALDA's knowledge and experience in the regions where ALDA and the Local Democracy Agencies are working.

✓ Where we work?

ALDA works in most of Europe and the European neighbourhood countries. Activities in the European Union focus in particular on the promotion of Active European Citizenship. Activities in the Western Balkans and European Neighbourhood focus on good governance, citizen participation, European integration and decentralisation.

Most of the Local Democracy Agencies are located in the Western Balkans, which gives a natural focus on that area. But ALDA is also becoming more and more active in the European neighbourhood. In 2006 a Local Democracy Agency was established in Kutaisi in Georgia and in 2011 a Local Democracy Agency was opened in Gyumri in Armenia. We are now working towards the opening of two new LDAs in 2015: in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, and in Tunisia.

ALDA is also leading several other projects and developing partnerships in other European neighbourhood countries, such as Belarus, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey.



Services to members

Sharing our mission

Being a member of ALDA means first of all sharing our mission – the promotion of good governance and citizen participation at the local level.



As a member you will access the following services:



Projects development and funding opportunities research:

15 years experience in developing and implementing projects

- Priority on opportunities offered to be partner of projects, or to join consortia built to apply for tenders in various fields
- Support of ALDA multilingual staff in the project proposal development phase (EN, FR, IT, SR, MK, RU)
- Identification of relevant international partners for specific areas
- Support to the partnership building process and dissemination of members' calls for partners
- Identification of potential donors



Being part of a consolidated European network

Strategic partner of the Council of Europe and of the European

- Support in the relations with:
 - EU, CoE, UN, Agencies, and other public and private International institutions
 - Local and regional authorities, as well as National Governments in the enlarged Europe
 - European Officials, MEPs and other relevant international and European authorities
- Visibility through a European network counting over 160 members (local authorities, NGOs, association of local authorities)
- Promotion of members' activities, initiatives and events at the European level through ALDA's communication channels (newsletter sent to over 11.000 contacts, website with over 200.000 visitors and 1.300.000 visits per year, social networks, media activities)
- Online presence for our Members on ALDA website, and presentation to the network of contacts via the newsletter
- Access to EU experts, professional networks, academic organizations



Information and structures

Wide dissemination of our activities and our members'

- Timely updates via ALDA communication channels, particularly the monthly newsletter in EN, FR, RU, SR, IT
- ALDA and EU publications, information materials
- Access to the information points on EU and active citizenship (info-points based in Brussels and Vicenza)
- Free use of ALDA equipped offices and meeting rooms in Brussels (Belgium), Vicenza (Italy), and upon approval of the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg (France)



Capacity building

Further your skills and horizons through a variety of opportunities

- Information on funding programmes and opportunities
- Participation in international events (conferences, seminars, etc.) promoted by ALDA
- Priority in partnership for specialized trainings (e.g. Master classes on EU programmes, trainings, etc.)
- Participation in ALDA working groups (on Citizens Participation and Local Governance, Western Balkans, Mediterranean Area, Local Democracy Agencies support)
- Priority in offers of internship and job-shadowing
- Participation in the programme 'Volunteers for Democracy', allowing members to select volunteers to participate into international events



How to become our member

If you are interested in becoming member of the European Association for Local Democracy please fill the membership form following the procedures indicated.

The form together with a short description of the applicant member and motivation for becoming member of ALDA should be returned to ALDA.

By post please send the form to:

The European Association for local Democracy- ALDA c/o Council of Europe
F-67075 Strasbourg, France

Or by e-mail to:

alda@aldaintranet.org

Membership applications are approved by ALDA's Governing Board, normally within a period of one month. After the Governing Board has approved the application, the applicant will receive instructions for payment of the membership fee and once the membership fee has been paid the applicant is considered a full member of ALDA.

For more information please contact ALDA via phone: +39 0444 54 01 46 or email: alda@aldaintranet.org

Thank you for your interest in the European Association for Local Democracy!



Membership Application Form

1 – Status and contacts

Name of the organization or institution asking to become member (or name of the person for individuals): _____

Tick the box representing your type of organization or institution:

- Municipality
- County
- Region
- NGO
- Individual member
- OTHER

Contact person of the organization (name and surname) _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ City _____ Country _____

Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

All ALDA members get free access to all ALDA services for members (for further information, see the enclosed document on Services to Members) and more information at www.alda-europe.eu

2 – Fees

The following membership fees apply to:

A. Membership for Local and Regional Authorities:

Number of inhabitants (Municipality*, County, Region)	10-10.000	10.000-50.000	50.000-200.000	200.000-1.000.000	>1.000.000
Fee per year	300 Euro	600 Euro	1200 Euro	2400 Euro	4800 Euro

* For municipalities hosting an LDA, **only half** of the fees are requested

B. Membership for NGOs, Universities and other institutions:

300 Euro per year

C. Friend of ALDA – Individual membership:

For individuals who wish to support ALDA's mission by becoming part of an international network of people committed to develop democracy and citizen participation at the local level. The membership fee is 60 Euro per year.

3 – Description and motivation

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