

**Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development
RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND PROMOTING
DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The present project aims at “supporting actions in the EU aiming at raising public awareness of development issues and promoting development education, to mobilise greater support for actions against poverty and for fairer relations between developed and developing countries and to change attitudes to the issues and difficulties developing countries and their peoples are facing”.

In particular, through our project, we aim at developing European citizens’ awareness and critical understanding of the interdependent world and of their role, responsibility and lifestyles, in relation to a globalised society; and to support their active engagement in global attempts to eradicate poverty, and promote justice, human rights, and sustainable ways of living.

Our project has been submitted under Lot 5, “Global learning and advocacy projects led by a Local Authority or Association of local authorities”, and aims at enhancing the competences of the groups of learners in addressing issues of global development outside of the formal education system.

2. RATIONALE

Local authorities (LAs) are gaining a relevant role in the field of development. As stated by the “Commission staff working document on Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) in Europe”, LAs have specific competencies in the areas related to development and, in cooperation with other actors, can therefore highly contribute to policy change and to promote change of attitude of citizens.

On the other side, Civil Society Organizations have a specific knowledge and expertise on global development issues, and are often the major actors in the field of development education, both within the formal and the non formal education systems.

The present project intends to create a wide platform of Networks of Local Authorities (both nationals and Europeans) and Networks/Alliances of Civil Society Organization to pursue the objectives of the “2015 European Year of Development (EYD 2015)”, by addressing key issues identified by the Communication “A Decent Life for All: Ending poverty and giving the world a better future”, developing thus a synergic programme aiming at reaching the planned objectives.

The thematic focus is on “good governance and development”, whereas “good governance” implies democracy, justice and equality, participation...

The geographical focus of the LADDER is on the neighbouring regions (EN) of the European Union: South East Europe (SEE), Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EaP) and Mediterranean (MED). The project will thus focus on the interdependencies between the European Neighbourhood and Europe, seeking to build citizens’ understanding of global public goods and challenges.

3. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of LADDER are the following:

- increased capacities of local authorities as drivers for development
- improved cooperation between LAs and CSOs at all levels (European, National and Local)
- improved information of EU citizens on development cooperation (promoting the EYD 2015 and onwards).
- enhanced methods and tools for promoting development education and awareness raising
- raised awareness of the interdependencies between the European Neighborhood and Europe

4. DURATION

The project duration is **36 months**.

The project started in January 2015 (Month 1 – M1) and will conclude by December 2017 (M36).

5. PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES

In the following table, you can find the institutions and organizations that are co-applicants in this project, as well as the associates of the project.

5.1 PARTNERS/Co-Applicants

| NR | COUNTRY | ORGANIZATION | STATUS | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ROLE | MAIN WPs CONCERNED |
|----|----------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | France | ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy | Association of Local Authorities | Project Coordinator | All WPS |
| 2 | Austria | Foster Europe | NGO | Coordinator of a Thematic Path – Focus on “Environmental and sustainable development” | WPs 1, 4 |
| 3 | Belgium | JEF Young European Federalist | European NGOs network | Coordinator of a Thematic Path – Focus on “Youth in development” | WPs1, 4 |
| 4 | United Kingdom | ENNA The European Network of National Civil Society Associations | European NGOs network | Coordinator of the mobilization of CSOs in Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovakia Support for visibility, communication and dissemination | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 5 | Bulgaria | UBBSLA Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities | Regional Association of Local Authorities | Co-coordinator (co-chair) of a Geographical Path – Focus on “Eastern Partnership” | WPs1, 5 |
| 6 | Bulgaria | NAMRB National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria | National Association of Local Authorities | Coordinator of the actions in Bulgaria | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8 |
| 7 | Croatia | CAC Croatian Association of | National Association of LAs | Coordinator of the actions in Croatia | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8 |

| | | Counties | | | |
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| 8 | Denmark | Vejle Municipality | Local Authority | Coordinator of the actions in Denmark | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 9 | France | AER Assembly of European Regions | European Association of Regional Authorities | Coordinator of a Thematic Path – Focus on “European Year for Development Cooperation 2015” Support for visibility, communication and dissemination | WPs 1, 4, 8 |
| 10 | Georgia | NALAG National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia | National Association of Local Authorities | Co-coordinator (co-chair) of a Geographical Path – Focus on “Eastern Partnership” | WPs1, 5 |
| 11 | Greece | EGTC Amphictyony | European Group of Territorial Cooperation | Coordinator of the actions in Greece | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 12 | Ireland | Donegal County Council | Local Authority | Coordinator of the actions in Ireland | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 13 | Italy | TECLA Association | Association of Local Authorities | Coordinator of the actions in Italy | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 14 | Italy | CIME Italian Committee of the European Movement | National NGOs network | Coordinator of a Thematic Path – Focus on “Public-Private Cooperation in development: economic growth and job creation” | WPs 1, 4 |
| 15 | Italy | COPPEM Standing Committee for the Euro Mediterranean Partnership of LRAs | NGO | Co-coordinator (co-chair) of a Geographical Path – Focus on “Eastern Partnership” | WPs1, 5 |
| 16 | Italy | Progettarte | NGO | Coordinator of the Creative Component | WPs 1, 7, 9 |
| 17 | Latvia | LALRG Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments | National Association of Local Authorities | Coordinator of the actions in Latvia | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 18 | Malta | SOS Malta | NGO | Coordinator of a Thematic Path – | WPs 1, 4 |

| | | Solidarity Overseas Service | | Focus on "Migration" | |
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| 19 | Malta | Birgu Municipality | Local Authority | Coordinator of the actions in Malta | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 20 | Poland | URCP Union of Rural Cities of Poland | Association of Local Authorities | Coordinator of the actions in Poland | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 21 | Serbia | SCTM Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities of Serbia | National Association of Local Authorities | Co-coordinator (co-chair) of a Geographical Path – Focus on "South East Europe" | WPs1, 5 |
| 22 | Slovakia | CEECN Central and Eastern Europe Citizens Network | International NGOs network | Coordinator of a Thematic Path – Focus on "Citizens' participation in development" | WPs1, 4 |
| 23 | Slovakia | UTC The Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia | National Association of Local Authorities | Coordinator of the actions in Slovakia | WPs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| 24 | Slovenia | SLOGA Slovenian Platform of development NGOs | National NGOs network | Co-coordinator (co-chair) of a Geographical Path – Focus on "South East Europe" | WPs1, 5 |
| 25 | The Netherlands | The Hague Academy for Local Governance | | Coordinator of Capacity building | WP 1, 3, 6 |
| 26 | Tunisia | Lam Echalm | National NGOs network | Co-coordinator (co-chair) of a Geographical Path – Focus on "Mediterranean" | WPs1, 5 |

5.2 ASSOCIATES

Associates will play a relevant role in the project. They not only attend the international events (trainings, conferences, etc.), but also contribute to the fora bringing their knowledge of the Neighbouring regions and their expertise and competencies on development education issues.

| NR | COUNTRY | ORGANIZATION | STATUS |
|------------------------------------|---------|--|-------------|
| SOUTH EAST EUROPE/ACCESSION | | | |
| 1 | Serbia | SEEYN – South East European Youth Network | Network NGO |

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| 2 | Albania | AAM - Albanian Association of Municipalities | National Association of Las |
| 3 | Bosnia Herzegovina | SEEYN - South East Europe Youth Network | International NGOs network |
| 4 | FYROM | CIRA - Centre for Institutional Development | NGO |
| 5 | Kosovo | UKM - Association of Kosovo Municipalities | National Association of LAs |
| 6 | Turkey | UMM - Union of Municipalities of Marmara | Regional Associations of LAs |
| EASTERN EUROPE AND CAUCASUS | | | |
| 7 | Armenia | CFOA - Communities Finance Officers Association | NGO |
| 8 | Azerbaijan | BINA - NGO Alliance for Municipality Development | National NGOs network |
| 9 | Belarus | Lev Sapieha | NGO |
| 10 | Moldova | CALM – The Congress of the Local Authorities from Moldova | National Association of LAs |
| 11 | Ukraine | ALI - Agency for Legislative Initiatives | NGO |
| MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA (MENA REGION) | | | |
| 12 | Tunisia | ADD Medenine – Association pour le Developpment Durable | NGO |
| 13 | Algeria | FACM Algerian Forum for Citizenship and Modernity | NGO |
| 14 | Morocco | REMESS – Reseau Marocain de l’Economie Sociale et Solidaire | NGO |
| 14 | Israel | Shatil | NGO |
| EUROPE AND OTHERS | | | |
| 15 | France | CLRA - Congress of Local and Regional Authority of the Council of Europe | International organization |
| 16 | Portugal | North-South Centre - European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity - Council of Europe | International organization |
| 17 | South Africa | CIVICUS - World Alliance for Citizen Participation | International alliance |
| 18 | Romania | AMR – Association of Municipalities of Romania | National Associations of LAs |
| 19 | Lithuania | ALAL – Association of Local Authorities of Lithuania | National Associations of LAs |
| 20 | Italy | CISP – Comitato Internazionale per le Sviluppo dei Popoli | NGO |