



## Activity Report 2018



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## About

The Local Democracy Agencies have been established in the Western Balkans by the Congress of the Council of Europe since 1992, as a support program to strengthen local democracy, foster respect for human rights and further sustainable development. Today there are 14 active Local Democracy Agencies based in Western Balkans, South Caucasus and North Africa coordinated by ALDA, on top of 3 LDAs - Operational partners, based in Croatia.

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The agencies function as self-sustainable, locally registered NGOs, but they are different from other local NGOs because of the international framework they operate in. Indeed, the LDAs develop partnerships with local authorities and NGOs from all over Europe giving to the whole network direct access to an international framework through the support of ALDA, the Council of Europe and the European Union.



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.

The international legal legitimacy of LDAs has been recognized through a number of official decisions of the Council of Europe.

## LDA MOSTAR



Since its establishment in November 2004, Local Democracy Agency Mostar acts as a locally registered non-profit, nongovernmental organization, with the support of its partners and co-operation with other Agencies and the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA). It is precisely this co-operation, both on local and regional level that has enabled numerous activities and projects useful for the development of local community and its inclusion into processes at the regional level. Activities of LDA Mostar, which aim to create a more active citizenry on one side, and transparent and accountable local authorities on the other, are focused towards development of a modern democratic society. These activities entangle every segment of life of the local community and offer a possibility of improving the living standard of all categories of the society by directly influencing concrete changes.

### Partners

- Region Puglia, Italy (partner leader)
- City of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina (host partner)



- Municipality Vejle, Danmark
- NGO IPSIA, Italy



- Färgfabriken, Sweden

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## **Mission**

To support the process of democratization in the City of Mostar by strengthening good governance and capacity building of local authorities and civil society, and active participation of citizens in public life.

## **Vision**

LDA Mostar will be a resource center for institutions of cantonal authorities, city administration and civil society for harmonization of standards with democratic standards of the European Union.

## **LDA Mostar activities and projects aim to:**

- Promote concrete initiatives of encouraging democracy on local level;
- Build bridges between citizens and authorities;
- Develop plural civil society and active participation of all social groups;
- Encourage the process of reconciliation and protection of human rights;
- Incite sustainable local development;
- Strengthen the knowledge of local community on the processes of stabilization and accession.

## **Membership in Networks**

- ALDA– European Association for Local Democracy ([www.alda-europe.eu](http://www.alda-europe.eu))
- Network for Building Peace / Mreža za izgradnju mira([www.mreza-mira.net](http://www.mreza-mira.net))
- ALF - Anna Lindh Foundation ([www.annalindhfoundation.org](http://www.annalindhfoundation.org))

## **PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2018**



## Balkan Regional Platform for Youth Participation and Dialogue



**Timespan:** 01/01/2015 – 31/12/2018

**Donor:** European Commission (Civil Society Facility, Operating Grants to IPA CSO Associations, Support to Regional Thematic Associations)

**Applicant:** The European Association for Local Democracy - ALDA (Strasbourg / France)

**Partners:** LDA Mostar, LDA Prijedor and LDA Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina), LDA Subotica and LDA Knjazevac (Serbia), LDA Niksic (Montenegro), LDA Peja/Pec (\*Kosovo)

**Associated partner:** ALDA Skopje (North Macedonia)

**Objective:** to contribute in structuring regional thematic cooperation and coordination between civil society and public authorities from targeted countries; to improve environment for youth activism and participation, in particular of young people with fewer opportunities



## Activities

In the fourth and final year of the project, LDA Mostar initiated and implemented several local mechanisms for youth participation such as Local Youth Advisory Group (LYAG), Youth Taking Over Day (YTOD), Youth Megaphone - International Youth Day Celebration, Local Youth Initiatives and local research which included interviews with local stakeholders. As a part of the research LDA Mostar produced a video interview which could be found on the following [link](#).



Final LYAG Meeting



Youth Megaphone – International Youth Day Celebration



One of this years' Youth Initiatives

Along with our project partners, LDA Mostar participated in several regional project events and activities in 2018: 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Network Meeting in Podgorica (Montenegro), 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Youth Forum in Skopje (North Macedonia) and 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Network Meeting in Novi Sad (Serbia).



5<sup>th</sup> Regional Network Meeting in Podgorica



4<sup>th</sup> Regional Youth Forum in Skopje



6<sup>th</sup> Regional Network Meeting in Novi Sad

## Added Value

As the final result of Youth Taking Over Day mechanism within the project, LDA Mostar succeeded in lobbying for its “institutionalization”. According to the LDA Mostar proposal, the City of Mostar recognized the importance, accepted and signed the decision to formalize YTOD as the regular annual “Day of Open Door” for young people of Mostar.



As a part of Youth Taking Over Day (YTOD) activities in 2018 LDA Mostar continued to implement actions towards the restoration of the democracy within the City of Mostar which has no functional City Council since 2012 and no local elections since 2008 due to the complex political situation marked with the lack of political will and constructive dialogue. On Jun 26<sup>th</sup>, LDA Mostar representatives, along with their partners from “Elect Mostar” coalition, constituted of several NGO’s, participated the round table session with the representatives of the “Reflection Group on Mostar”, established by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. The session was opportunity to discuss the current issues and the possible ways and actions in order to move towards the resolution of the Mostar crisis. The visit of the “Reflection Group on Mostar” was a part of the activities of the Congress to promote local and regional democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



On September 18<sup>th</sup>, as the attempt to raise the Mostar issue in the period approaching the General Elections 2018, LDA Mostar organized the Public debate titled “Five to twelve” along with its partners from coalition “Elect Mostar”. Public debate was the unique opportunity for the young people of Mostar to meet young representatives of political parties falling in the category under 30 years of age, candidates on the lists for General

Elections 2018. It was the first time that event such this occurred in Mostar and that young people of Mostar got the opportunity to raise the issues and discuss the crucial

problems they are facing. It was satisfying for the organizers as well as for the young people and young politicians to discuss the problems that are especially important for the youth such as education, employment, problems with the high percentage of emigrations as well as the participation of young people in political life within the City.

Representing the coalition “Elect Mostar”, LDA Mostar continued the dialogue with the “Reflection Group on Mostar” on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Young representatives of the political parties (candidates on the lists for General Election 2018) also attended the meeting which was a part of the pre-election visit of the CoE delegation to the Bosnia and Herzegovina. The meeting was the follow-up on discussing the possible concrete actions and projects that can be implemented towards the resolution of the situation in Mostar with the special accent on the role of young people and the need to strengthen education for democracy and active citizenship.



## Urban Re-Generation - The European network of cities - URGENT



**Timespan:** 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2018

**Donor:** European Commission (Europe for Citizens)

**Applicant:** The European Association for Local Democracy – ALDA (France)

**Partners:** Università IUAV di Venezia (Italy); LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Association of Albanian Municipalities (Albania); SPES – Associazione Promozione e Solidarietà (Italy); Local Councils' Association (Malta); Fundacion Privada Indera (Spain); Municipality of Kumanovo (North Macedonia); European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation Amphictyony (Greece); Kallipolis (Italy); Rede DLBC Lisboa (Portugal); City of Strasbourg (France); Municipality of Novo Mesto (Slovenia).

### Objectives:

- to create spaces of discussion and mutual learning among citizens from different socio-cultural backgrounds and from different countries of Europe;
- to foster active citizenship and co-creation of policies and services in local societies, particularly for citizens who are often excluded from the decision-making processes;
- to enhance the capacity of local institutions to be “multipliers” in their own communities in order to engage a wide range of stakeholders;
- to provide a new impetus to the EU enlargement process, contributing to the establishment of a long-lasting thematic network of cities that are strongly active and committed as key players in Europe.



## Activities

In the final year of the URGENT project LDA Mostar implemented several local activities. During 2018, LDA Mostar got the chance to support the publishing of the book



“Cookery Book from Mostar - Food for the soul and body” by journalist Amela Rebac. The book is not only about the Mostar’s gastronomy tradition but more about co-habitation, sharing and unity. The second activity was the intervention in the public space - Park Boulevard which is located in the central urban area of the City of Mostar and was selected as the project target area after the territorial analysis 2017. For the local population this was

also the important learning process on how to use a democratic tool of participatory planning. Additionally, within the frame of the project, LDA Mostar supported the publication of the Monograph of Centre ADA (Centre for Architecture, Dialogue and Art). Centre ADA is an independent platform where citizens can consume the City as a cultural expression through architecture and art beyond the theory. The Monograph will present the 6-year long work of Centre ADA and activates in establishing this independent platform by using art and architecture as a tool for a dialogue in divided society.

Along with its project partners, representatives of LDA Mostar participated in the Final Conference “Reactivating European urban citizenship: a network of inclusive towns”, which took place in Athens (Greece) between 30<sup>th</sup> of May and 1<sup>st</sup> of June. All partners shared the results of the local activities and findings as well as presented their pilot projects and their organizations within the Inclusion Fair which was the part of Conference program.



Within the Urgent project some important outputs have been produced: City Manifesto, Handbook, Survey, Territorial Analysis and project’s Newsletter. Please find the respective documents on the following links: [www.urgent-project.eu/resources/](http://www.urgent-project.eu/resources/) or at [www.ldamostar.org/portfolio/urbana-re-generacija/](http://www.ldamostar.org/portfolio/urbana-re-generacija/)



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## Innovating COworking Methods through Exchange – INCOME



**Timespan:** 01/03/2017 – 28/02/2019

**Donor:** Erasmus+ programme of the European Union

**Applicant:** Stiftelsen Fargfabriken, Stockholm (Sweden)

**Partners:** Clube Intercultural Europeu, Lisbon (Portugal); Consorzio ARCA (Italy); Development Centre Novo Mesto, Novo Mesto (Slovenia); European Association for Local Democracy – ALDA, Strasbourg (France); LDA Mostar, Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Megahub, Schio (Italy); Municipality of Larissa, Larissa (Greece).

**Objectives:** The project targets the people who coordinate the co-working spaces in the countries involved, in order to improve their practices, skills and capacities concerning the good management of co-working spaces. They will act as multipliers, sharing the lessons learnt with their peers and colleagues. The project also wants to raise awareness on methods for supporting youth entrepreneurship and employability among a wider audience, addressing namely youth associations, business organizations, culture organizations and public authorities. Putting together different co-working spaces from all over the Europe while also discussing and investigating the concept of co-working in itself, the project wants to raise a discussion on the alternative ways of promoting youth employment and empowerment. Different examples will serve for defining the concept of co-working, looking at comparative perspective on the practices existing in different countries, analysing their strengths, weaknesses and opportunities.

## Activities



LDA Mostar in cooperation with Centre ADA participated in the Job-shadowing programme within the INCOME project. The aim was to exchange the experiences and practice on co-working on the local context examples between the partner organizations. In this regard, LDA Mostar hosted four representatives of the Municipality of Larissa (Greece) from 16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of March. Within the same program four LDA Mostar/Centre ADA representatives visited Municipality of Larissa in the period from 26<sup>th</sup> of

April till 6<sup>th</sup> of May. All the experiences drawn from the Job-shadowing programme are summed up in the project's final publication which will be finalized at the beginning of 2019.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, along with Centre ADA, LDA Mostar organized the local stakeholder event "Coworking Café". This event was an excellent opportunity to gather all the representatives and individuals related to the co-working concept in the local community as well as to present INCOME project and its activities.







Along with its project partners, representatives of LDA Mostar participated in two international project activities in 2018. The first one was the Transnational meeting in Novo Mesto (Slovenia) – “What’s working in co-working?” and the second and final project event was Final Conference in Schio (Italy) – “Co-working in the spotlight: Can it help youth access to the job market?”.



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## Snapshot from the Borders – Small towns facing the global challenges of Agenda 2030



**Timespan:** 21/10/2017 – 21/10/2020

**Donor:** European Union (EuropeAid DEAR budget line)

**Applicant:** Municipality Lampedusa and Linosa (Italy)

**Partners:** Africa e Mediterraneo (Italy); Agios Athanasios Municipality (Cyprus / Greece); Amref Health Africa Onlus (Italy); Balkan Institute of Labour and Social Policy (Bulgaria); Autonomous Province of Bolzano – South Tyrol (Italy); Constanta Municipality (Hungary); Črnomelj Municipality (Slovenia); Cromo Közhazsnú Alapítvány Foundation (Hungary); Insamlingsstiftelsen Harald Edelstam (Sweden); Eine Welt Netzwerk Thüringen e. V. (Germany); Fundacion Africana Para La Medicina Y La Investigacion Amref Flying Doctors (Spain); Ville de Grande-Synthe (France); ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies (Austria); Kopin(Malta); LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Maribor Municipality (Slovenia); Marsa Local Council (Malta); North Aegean Region (Greece); Novapolis Association – Center of Analysis and Initiatives for Development (Romania); Municipality of Pesaro (Italy); Municipality of Rhodes (Greece); Region Puglia (Italy); Municipality of Strass (Austria); Südwind Verein für Entwicklungspolitik und globale Gerechtigkeit (Austria); Cabildo De Tenerife (Spain); Stadtgemeinde Traiskirchen (Austria); Burgas Municipality (Bulgaria); ISCOMET Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies (Slovenia); Siklónagyfalú Municipality (Hungary).

**Affiliated partners:** Province of Barcelona (Barcelona / Spain); Mediterranean Migration Network (MMN) (Nicosia / Cyprus); European Volunteer Centre (CEV) (Brussel / Belgium); CSV Marche - Centro Servizi Volontariato Marche (Ancona / Italy); Comitato Permanente per il Partenariato Euro-Mediterraneo dei poteri locali e regionali – COPPEM (Palermo / Italy); Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC) (Ancona / Italija); Step4 s.r.l. – impresa sociale (Milan / Italy); Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Barcelona / Spain).

**Overall Objective:** Project aims to improve the critical understanding of European, national and local decision makers and of public opinion about global interdependencies determining migration flows towards European borders, in the perspective of reaching SDGs targets, especially SDG 1, 5, 10 11 and 16. Specifically, the project intends to strengthen a new horizontal, active network among cities directly facing migration flows at EU borders, as a way to promote more effective policy coherence at all levels (European, national, local).

**Specific Objective:** The Action intends to contribute to a new European narrative which re-localizes the development discourse in the Mediterranean and at other European borders: this includes a shift towards a more coherent human rights-based approach to migration and development; new territorial policies aimed at creating decent work and sustainable production and consumption patterns; transnational and decentralized cooperation fostering strong linkages among communities; and migrants as a new human development actors participating actively in local communities at the social, economic and political levels.

**LDA Mostar in the project:** LDA Mostar is the only non-EU partner within the project Snapshots from the Borders funded by the EuropeAid DEAR budget line. According to the donor propositions LDA Mostar is not allowed to implement any local activities within the project. However, LDA Mostar as the project partner is obligated to share experiences, participate in the project international events and to disseminate project activities and all project outputs.

## Activities

In 2018, LDA Mostar representatives, along with their project partners attended two international meetings: Kick-off meeting which took place in Lampedusa (Italy) from 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of May and Coordination Meeting in Vienna (Austria) from 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of December which was an opportunity for the partners to work on campaigning, advocacy and financial reporting to discuss messages, contents, tools and activities of the campaign as well as to collect the ideas and to discuss the establishment of Border Towns Network whose aims coincide with the specific objective of the project.



## Balkan Kaleidoscope



**Timespan:** 01/08/2017 – 01/31/2019

**Donor:** European Commission (Europe for Citizens - Strand 1: European Remembrance)

**Applicant:** LDA Subotica (Serbia)

**Partners:** European Association for Local Democracy - ALDA (France); LDA Knjazevac (Serbia); LDA Mostar, LDA Zavidovici and LDA Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina); KulturLife (Germany); Institute for National History of Macedonia (North Macedonia); Centre for Peace, Nonviolence and Human Rights (Croatia); Municipality of Ravenna (Italy); SPES – Centro di Servizio per ilVolontariato del Lazio (Italy); Sombor Education Centre (Serbia); Znanstvenorazikovalni Center Slovenske Akademije Znanosti in Umetnosti (Slovenia).

**Overall objective:** The project draws attention to the importance and value of oral tradition and overview images from multiple angles in the historical narrative. The project aims to promote young people a deeper understanding of the common European history, common values, and to develop respect, tolerance and appreciation of European diversity based on memories of the Yugoslav wars and their consequences for modern Europe and its society, and the importance of foundations EU integration insistence.

**Specific objectives:** The project aims to help young people across Europe to better understand the complexity and delicacy of the intercultural dialogue while developing education capacity to use a methodology different perspective as a tool easy to use, personal testimony and narrative that nurtures critical thinking and impartially. Through these values project fosters reflection on the importance of peace in Europe as well as an understanding of the goals and commitments they have made in the area of the Balkan countries towards democratic reforms and progress towards EU integration.



## Activities



As a part of local activities, LDA Mostar organized several linked events in 2018. Two separate workshops on "Multiperspectivity in history transmitting" were organized for the college students (10<sup>th</sup> of March) and high school students (17<sup>th</sup> of March). The workshops were followed by the study visit (24<sup>th</sup> of March) to three different religious communities and their religious buildings organized for all the workshops participants. Participants visited orthodox Monastery in Zitomislici, Sisman Ibrahim-pasa Mosque in the

historic town of Pocitelj and the premises of Caritas in Capljina and the Catholic Church which is the part of the building complex. The goal was to experience different religious communities all destroyed by the war happenings and rebuilt all over again, and whose population once refugees are today back to their homes and trying to rebuild intercultural relationships once again. The study visit was an eye-opening experience for most of the participants. For some of them it was the first opportunity to encounter different religious communities in such a close way and to learn first-hand about the interculturality and the intercultural dialogue.



From 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of October, LDA Mostar was the host of the 2nd International Event "Teachers and students for multiperspectivity in history and remembrance teaching" which gathered more than 170 participants. This two-day event brought together representatives of partners' organizations from 7 EU countries and the Western Balkans as well as local stakeholders to present activities carried out in their local communities.



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## Volunteer Management in Europe's Youth sector - VOLS EUROPE



**Timespan:** 01/12/2017 – 31/05/2019

**Donor:** European Commission (Erasmus + program - Capacity Building Youth - Western Balkans)

**Applicant:** Local Democracy Agency Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Partners:** LDA Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina), LDA Knjazevac (Serbia), LDA Niksic (Montenegro), ALDA Skopje (North Macedonia), United Societies of Balkans Astik Etairia (Greece), Genista Research Foundation (Malta), Association for the development of voluntary work Novo Mesto (Slovenia), Rede Portuguesa de Jovens para Igualdade de Oportunidades entre Mulheres e Homens (Portugal), LDA Kosovo (Kosovo) Fundacion Privada Indera (Spain), Consorzio Comunita 'Solidale Societa' Cooperativa Consortile (Italy)

**Objective:** The project aims to promote volunteering among young people and organizations dealing with youth issues in order to promote the Erasmus + program as a stimulus for volunteering, and especially the European voluntary service to strengthen counsellors for young people in their aspirations towards active participation (social / civil) young people how to European and local level.

### Activities

During 2018 communication with the project partners was established and visibility materials were prepared and produced. Project activities are based on the six-day international training on volunteering in Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) which was originally planned for May 2018 but has been postponed for March 2019 due to unforeseen circumstances. Prior to the training the capacity building activity with the team and the surveys of the consortium is planned.



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## Women's Communication for Solidarity - WomCom



**Timespan:** 01/09/2017 – 01/03/2019

**Donor:** European Commission (Erasmus + program - KA2 -Western Balkans Youth Window)

**Applicant:** Cultural Center Grocka (Belgrade, Serbia)

**Partners:** GEA Coop Sociale (Italy); Association of women Sandglass - women's Association Hourglass (Serbia), The European Association for Local Democracy - ALDA (France), LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Trim Vrboska - Association for the promotion of sustainable development on the island (Croatia)

**Overall objective:** increasing the capacity of young women in rural areas of the Western Balkans in order to achieve progress in equal opportunities.

**Specific objective(s):**

- building international solidarity between young women from rural communities of the Western Balkans and European urban communities through connecting and networking;
- improving the capacity of young workers who facilitate and support the social communication of young women;
- developing the skills of assertive communication and artistic young women to express their opinion and create an active influence in their communities;
- increase interest and knowledge among young women in rural areas of the Western Balkans on European policies on gender equality and inclusion;
- justify the celebration of the International Day of Rural Women in the communities involved in the project.

## Activities

In the period between March 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, LDA Mostar organized 10 preparatory workshops for 20 young women with the assertive communication as the main topic. The subject of each workshop was different: “Women and interculturality” (6 workshops), “Movement and communication” (2 workshops) and “History of murals – from Fresco to graffiti” (2 workshops). These workshops were the preparatory activity for the Youth Exchange international workshop “Solidarity” which was organized in Jelsa-Island Hvar (Croatia) (May 18<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>). Thirty young women, age 18-30, 5 representing each partner organization, participated in the respective 10-day workshop with the main focus on solidarity among the women through art and intercultural learning. The main result of the workshop was visual solution for 6 murals which were later painted in each partners’ local community. In the period from 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> of Jun, two young female artists, painted the mural on the walls of the public theatre in Mostar in accordance with the visual solution made by participants of the aforementioned international workshop.



As a part of the preparational activities for the UN International Day of Rural Women celebration (October 15<sup>th</sup>), LDA Mostar organized the press conference announcing three events: opening of the mural, music concert of the band "Sunday Stories" and the art performance "Remember". The art performance "Remember" was the added value of the project, created by the group of young people and delivering the strong message which condemns the violence against women through assertive communication. The respective art performance arises as a valuable projects' output based on the video guide "Remember", produced by LDA Mostar within the project activities. The video guide "Remember" can be found on the following [link](#).





On October 30<sup>th</sup>, LDA Mostar organized the last local activity within the project – a panel discussion “Marginalized groups of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina” – which gathered more than 30 women representatives of different governmental and non-governmental organisations dealing with women rights. The panel participants discussed crucial issues concerning women rights with the special focus on underrepresented groups of women (rural women, women refugees etc.). The panel discussion was also a chance to present the murals created in 6 partners’ communities as well as to present other projects’ activities and results achieved.



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## Youth's Advocate



Youth`s advocate

**Timespan:** 01/10/2017 – 01/08/2018

**Donor:** Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union

**Applicant:** Local democracy agency Niksic (Montenegro)

**Partners:** LDA Kosovo (\*Kosovo); LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); ALDA Skopje (North Macedonia); Association of young ecologists of Niksic (Montenegro); LDA Brtonigla (Croatia); LDA Knjazevac (Serbia); LDA Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina); LDA Subotica (Serbia); LDA Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Open Doors Center (Albania); System and Generation (Turkey).

**Description:** This program wants to help strengthening capacities for participation in policy making process of youth workers in the Balkans and Turkey, and that young people learn more about the possibilities and ways of participation and involvement in the creation of local policies and action. This approach is an innovation in the Balkans because it has young people as its target group for this kind of topic and it is dealing with enhancing opportunities for the young people.

**Overall objective:** Aim of this project is empowering young people for articulation of their interests and needs by using different models, mechanisms and techniques. General objective is that improved capacities of youth workers, so that they can create and manage serious advocacy and lobbying campaigns for the youth policies on local and regional level.

**Specific objectives:** Education and empowerment of 35 youth workers from WB countries Croatia and Turkey, in creation and management of advocacy campaigns for policies that concern youth throughout activities carried out in a period of 10 months. Exchange of experience among representatives of eight countries and identifying its key aspects with regards to participation of young people in the policy making. Raised awareness of youth in the WB countries and the EU about the EU standards of youth participation and active citizenship.



## Activities



During 2018, LDA Mostar representatives participated in two international events within the project. In February (21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>), projects' steering committee meeting took place in Niksic (Montenegro). The goal of the meeting was to bring together representatives of partner organizations in order to coordinate all preparation activities with project partners.

In a period from 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of September, LDA Montenegro hosted the training seminar for 35 youth workers from 8 Western Balkan countries and Turkey. Training program had the aim of strengthening capacities for participation in policy making process of youth workers from the targeted countries, and that young people learn more about the possibilities and ways of participation and involvement in the creation of local policies and actions. The participants had to chance to visit the Municipal house in Niksic, as program part of the manifestation Days of European cultural heritage.



In order to provide practical upgrade of the learnt during the training sessions, participants had opportunity to visit Montenegrin Parliament, and to have interactive session with four Montenegrin MPs, on 27<sup>th</sup> of September.



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## Regional YOUTH COMPACT for Europe



**Timespan:** 20/04/2018 - 20/04/2021

**Donor:** European Commission (Consolidating Regional Thematic Networks of Civil Society Organizations)

**Co-funded by:** Balkan Trust for Democracy, a project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States

**Applicant:** Centre for Democracy Foundation (Serbia)

**Partners:** The European Association for Local Democracy – ALDA (France); ALDA Skopje (North Macedonia); LDA Subotica (Serbia); LDA Niksic (Montenegro); LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); LDA Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina); LDA Kosovo (\*Kosovo); LDA Knjazevac (Serbia); LDA Zavidovici (Bosnia and Herzegovina); LDA Albania; CRTA (Serbia); Youth Act (Albania); SODEM (Turkey).

**Description:** Regional Youth Compact for Europe is a cooperation initiative launched by 14 CSOs from the EU, Western Balkans and Turkey with the aim to enhance the effective participation of civil society and youth organizations in the EU integration and accession negotiation process through capacity building, awareness raising and advocacy actions organized at local, national and regional level.

### Objectives:

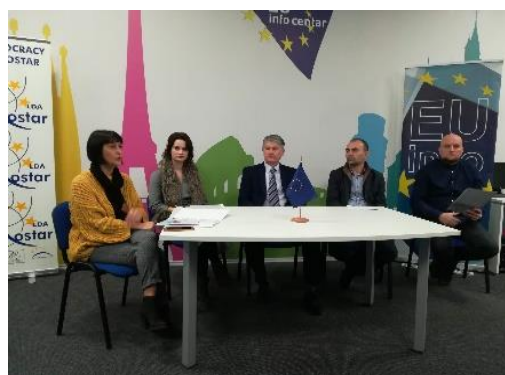
- Enhance the regional cooperation and exchange platform by increasing the space for participation of local CSOs and youth in the political and economic reform process of the EU integration agenda of Western Balkan countries and Turkey;
- Strengthen CSOs and youth groups' capacities for structured civic dialogue and pro-active engagement in evidence-based advocacy, watchdog and policy monitoring initiatives in areas of public administration reform, regional mobility in education, employment and cultural participation;
- Increase the capacities of regional CSOs cooperation platform for coalition building at regional and EU level for cooperating with local and national public authorities to widen the reform impact, advocacy initiatives and increase the level of inclusion of youth in relevant sector policy and decision-making processes;
- Help consolidate the Western Balkans Network for Local Democracy as a regional cooperation and consultation platform engaging CSOs, youth and local authorities in the Western Balkan countries and Turkey to contribute expertise and practice exchange on good governance, citizen participation and the role of CSOs and local authorities as relevant stakeholders with transformative role in the EU integration and accession negotiation process;



- Improve innovative youth friendly communication, outreach activities and capacity-building for grassroots and other types of non-governmental organizations working on bringing about positive change at the local level.

## Activities

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, LDA Mostar organized its first local event within the projects' local mechanism Community multi stakeholders' platforms "Monitoring Reforms Locally – Good Practice Becomes Our Practice". The aim of respective mechanism is to create more cross sector perspective in addressing the reforms implementation focusing on issues on rule of law, good governance, employment and social cohesion and public administration reform. The issues that were treated are reflecting the role of local government in implementing European standards and policies, and the role of civil society organizations in monitoring these reforms. In the first year of the project, LDA Mostar implemented this mechanism in the form of the panel discussion titled "Bosnia and Herzegovina on its path towards EU integration" which gathered the representatives of local and regional authorities, as well as the representatives of NGO's and academic community. The main objective of the panel was to discuss the status of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the obstacles it faces within the process of EU integration.



Panel discussion started with the opening remarks made by Ms. Dzenana Dedic, director of LDA Mostar, who also presented the project and its activities to the participants.

First panel topic "Europeanisation of local government with a focus on Bosnia and Herzegovina" was presented by M.Sc. of political science, Ms. Ana-Mari Bosnjak, assistant professor, Faculty of Political Science, "University of Mostar".

The second panel topic "Institutional and non-institutional approach to EU integrations from the local and cantonal point of view" by Mr. Ivan Jurilj, director of the Office for the EU integrations within the West Hercegovina Canton Government.

The third and last panel topic was "The Stabilization and Association Agreement - ten years after", presented by PhD. Edin Rizvanović, professor, Faculty of Law, University "Džemal Bijedić".

Along with its project partners, representatives of LDA Mostar participated in several international project activities: First Management Team Meeting in Belgrade (June 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>); First Regional Training for Network Members in Novi Sad (October 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>); Study Visit to NCEU (National Convent on EU) in Belgrade (November 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>).



## Added Value

In the frame of project's activities, the representatives of LDA Mostar, LDA Zavidovici and LDA Prijedor established the communication and cooperation with the Directorate of the European Integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina (DEI). On November 11<sup>th</sup>, respective LDAs representatives meet the representatives of DEI in Sarajevo. DEI representatives expressed the willingness to support the project but also to participate in some of the crucial events and activities. Cooperation in and knowledge-exchanging and promoting EU integration in Bosnia and Herzegovina is also agreed.



## BeRlin cultural Intervention - Differences Grow Equal / BRIDGE



**Timespan:** 15/04/2018 – 15/07/2018

**Donor:** Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Sarajevo (Small Culture Funds / "Kleiner Kulturfonds")

**Applicant:** Local Democracy Agency Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

**Partner:** Street Arts Festival Mostar

### **Description:**

Bridge Concept is cultural exchange program between artists from Mostar, Sarajevo, Tuzla and Berlin through street art and music. The idea is to bind these four cities through the realization of cultural programs and art interventions in public space during the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Festival Mostar.

### **Objectives:**

- Networking artists and musicians from Berlin and Mostar for the purpose of future collaborations
- Promotion of Berlin's street art and electronic scene in Mostar
- Empowering the artistic cultural urban art platform in Mostar with artistic support from Berlin

## Activities

The project envisaged two activities which were implemented within the frame of Street Arts Festival Mostar: mural painting and one music event. In regard to aforementioned, one of the most recognized abstract street artists from Berlin, Johannes Mudinger, painted a mural on one of the city buildings contributing to the developing street art scene in Mostar. Additionally, Mudinger visited the orphanage in Mostar and held art workshop on wall painting with the children. Another activity within the project was the performance of DJ



Andre Schone from Berlin together with local DJ's in the frame of "StreetArtura Vinyl Box" event of the Street Arts Festival Mostar. This event was one day conceptual program including a DJ workshop for youth. The aim of these programs and art actions was to empower relations between artist from Mostar and Berlin, and to create positive social reactions and multicultural connections.



## Mostar Days of Oris



**Timespan:** 20/04/2018 – 22/04/2018

**Donor:** The event was financed 95% by sponsorship, 2% by entrance fees and 3% by the Cantonal Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports.

**Applicant:** Local Democracy Agency Mostar with its Centre ADA (Centre for Architecture, dialogue and art)

**Description:**

This architectural event has been organized for the first time in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation of the Centre for Architecture, Dialogue and Art ADA Mostar and ORIS House of Architecture from Zagreb (Croatia). More than 500 visitors of the Mostar Days of Oris 2018 had the opportunity to participate in interesting lectures by prominent, award-winning local and international architects. They had the opportunity to learn about the excellence and complexity of their architectural works, to discuss and socialize with professionals from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. Mostar Days of Oris offered numerous accompanying programs of cultural and entertainment content through which visitors had the opportunity to familiarize with the City of Mostar and the region of Herzegovina.



## Activities

Mostar Days of Oris was officially opened on April 20<sup>th</sup> with the introductory event "Architecture as a Socially Responsible Practice" with the lectures by Joachim Granit, creative director of Fargfabriken (Stockholm), Muhamed Serdarevic – architect and founder/partner in the design bureau "Normal Architecture" (Sarajevo) and Senada Demirovic Habibija – architect and curator of the Centre for Architecture, Dialogue and Art – ADA (Mostar).

On the same day the interactive program for children and young people took place titled "Architecture, space, design" – Mini Oris. This program was specially designed for children and youth with emphasis on the promotion and presentation of architecture and design as their potential professional orientation. That was also a chance for young people to meet and talk to some of the most prominent architects.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the main event of the Mostar Days of Oris took place in Mostar gathering prominent, award-winning international architects as well as large number of participants who had the opportunity to hear some interesting lectures by award-winning architect from Germany – Alen Jasarevic; Han Tümertekin – Turkish architect, winner of the Aga Khan architecture award; "2 Architects" - Croatian design studio, winner of the American architecture Prize; Snøhetta – internationally known design studio, winner of the Aga Khan and Mies Van de Rohe award for architecture.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, study visit was organized within the event. The participants had to chance to visit "2 Architects" design biro as well as the family estate Stanic near Mostar, designed by the respective design biro and the winner of the prestigious American Architecture Award.



## **OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2018**



## **Touristic-Educational Program of LDA Mostar**

**Timespan:** 07/03/2018; 09/03/2018; 22/03/2018.; 07/05/2018; 14/08/2018;

**Description:** In 2018, as a part of LDA Mostar standard Touristic – Educational program we hosted 5 groups of tourists who visited Mostar, mainly students from Italy.

## **Green Design Center Mostar**

Representatives of the LDA Mostar and Centre ADA participated in two-day stakeholder workshop “Social impact and circular economy in the built environmental” (November 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) to test a social impact methodology for circular buildings focusing on the proposed Green Design Centre. The Green Design Centre (GDC) Mostar is envisioned as a location that will be showcasing principles of circular buildings. It is also a place for development of new reversible concepts with the local industry. It will be open to the public and has educational purposes. As such, it will be a part of a new innovation park in Mostar, where different aspects of sustainable living will be integrated such as urban farming, wind mills, open workplaces for disabled children and open expo exhibiting innovation sustainable concepts.

## **Coalition “Super Citizens”**

LDA Mostar is a member of the Coalition “Super Citizens” initiated by the OSCE which gathers several CSO’s and whose activities are aiming at improving the social cohesion in the City of Mostar. It is based on the principles of tolerance, coexistence and respect for diversity. The Coalition works together to promote tolerance and positive values within the community and to prevent prejudices, incidents of discrimination, hate or unhappiness for the community. In the cooperation with the representatives of the City institutions the Coalition is currently working on the Guidelines and Action plan of civil society and City institutions, to combat content motivated by hatred and prejudices. Within this year’ activities, the study visit to Trebinje was also organized for the representatives of the Coalition on the International Tolerance Day (November 16<sup>th</sup>).

## **Network for building Peace**

In 2018 delegate of LDA Mostar was invited to apply for the position of the Governing Board member. The Network for building Peace is currently in the process of registration. Network for building Peace was established in February 2010 and currently gathers 150 NGO’s and CSO’s and 20 educational institutions legally registered Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## **Non-formal Network “Common Story”**

Since 2018 LDA Mostar is a member of non-formal Network “Common Story”. The Network emerged from the project "Promotion of professional and social integration of

marginalized families - children, youth and adults / parents - in Mostar by establishing community support groups" implemented by the SOS BiH Children's Village organization, Mostar program, with financial support by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Sarajevo. The "Common Story" Network consists of almost 40 CSO's and public institutions.

## **European Capital of Culture 2024– City of Mostar Candidature**

LDA Mostar representatives, along with the representatives of other CSO's and stakeholders, participated in the development of the City of Mostar Cultural Strategy. The Strategy is one of the crucial documents within the application City of Mostar is planning to submit in 2019 in order to become the European Capital of Culture 2024.

## **ELoGE– European Label of Governance Excellence**

Delegate of LDA Mostar participated in the two-day workshop "European Label of Governance Excellence" organized by ALDA at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (September 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) and held by the Centre of Expertise for Local Government Reform. The training was about the 12 principles of Good Governance, developed by the Centre of Expertise during the past 10 years to assess the performance of the Local Governments in the CoE Member States. Principles range from responsiveness to rule of law, ethical conduct, sound financial management, Fair Conduct of Elections, Representation and Participation.

## **Ethical codex for CSO's in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

LDA Mostar actively participated in creation of the Ethical Codex for CSO's in Bosnia and Herzegovina which was initiated by the Centre for Civil Society Promotion (CPCD). The Codex is adopted to establish a mechanism for self-regulation within the community of CSO's in BiH and establishes a set of values and principles that will be used in their work and achievement of the goals. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, LDA Mostar delegate signed the respective Codex.

## **Charter on Cooperation between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and NGO's**

LDA Mostar actively participated in creation of Charter on Cooperation between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and NGO's. On November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 LDA Mostar delegate was first to sign the Charter on Cooperation between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and 74 NGO's in Sarajevo. The Charter creation was a part of the project "Capacity Building of Government Institutions to Engage in Policy Dialogue with Civil Society in BiH (CBGI) – Phase II" funded by the EU.

## **Pro-Buducnost project working group**

LDA Mostar representative is one of three members of the City of Mostar working group within in the project “Pro-Buducnost” since 2013. PRO-Buducnost (Confidence, Understanding, Responsibility for the Future) is USAID's project of building peace and trust among citizens of all ethnic and religious groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## **Dialogue for the future**

LDA Mostar representatives participated in the work of Focus group of the project “Dialogue for the future” constituted of CSO's whose area of activity has a special focus on underrepresented groups and civic activism. The Focus Group aimed at fostering dialogue among the activists of the City of Mostar with the focus on building a more just society through the promotion of social cohesion and diversity at the local level in BiH. Project “Dialogue for the future” is jointly implemented by the UN agencies in BiH - UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNESCO, in partnership with the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Center for Promotion of Civil Society (CPCD) is responsible for the local activities' realization in cooperation with the City of Mostar.

## **SHL – Schuler Helfen Leben BiH - Academy for Youth Leaders in Civil Society**

Within the SHL's Academy for Youth Leaders in Civil Society program, LDA Mostar provided the internship for two young students in the period from May 14<sup>th</sup> – Jun 30<sup>th</sup> and from July 25<sup>th</sup> – September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Cooperation with the Faculty of Economy, University “Dzemal Bijedic” Mostar**

As a part of Cooperation with the Faculty of Economy, University “Dzemal Bijedic” Mostar, LDA Mostar provided the internship for one student with the aim of linking practical and theoretical knowledge. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, respective institution awarded the certificate of appreciation to LDA Mostar.

**VISIBILITY**

## Visibility of activities implemented by LDA Mostar

TYPE OF MEDIA	NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS
FB Page <a href="#">@ldamostar</a>	805
FB Page <a href="#">@infopointmostar</a>	1064
FB Page <a href="#">@izborisezamostar</a>	242
Instagram Profile <a href="#">@ldamostar</a>	414
YouTube Profile <a href="#">LDA Mostar</a>	5
Web Page <a href="https://ldamostar.org/">https://ldamostar.org/</a>	<b>visits:</b> 23.692

Through its official channels of communication, LDA Mostar, regularly and without exception, disseminates and promotes information on the activities within the projects it implements as well as information on the activities in which it participates. Local and regional media are timely informed about the key project activities and events LDA Mostar organizes, regularly resulting in media coverage. Through its social media profiles, as well as through its website, LDA Mostar publishes information regarding the activities implemented by its partners as well as news relevant to the wider context of its projects and the local community, which are in line with the LDA Mostar priority areas.

LDA Mostar Facebook page "Info Point Mostar" is dedicated to young people, bringing new and relevant content on education, scholarships, EU programs, youth mobility programs, volunteering and activism, courses, workshops, student accommodation, vacancies, as well as all other information of local and regional character, which are relevant to youth. Info Point Mostar was created within the framework of the EU project "Balkan Regional Platform for Youth Participation and Dialogue", which was implemented from 2015 to 2018 on the territory of the eight local communities of the Western Balkans. LDA Mostar implemented project activities in the local community as one of the project's partners. From the beginning of 2019, "Info Point Mostar" continues its activities beyond the boundaries of the project, still within the scope of the LDA Mostar.

LDA Mostar is one of the administrators of Facebook page "Elect Mostar" created within the young people's initiative "Elect Mostar" during the Local Elections in BiH in 2016, when citizens of the City of Mostar were denied the right to vote in local elections. Facebook page "Elect Mostar " provides information on the activities of the initiative which is conducted by the "Elect Mostar" coalition formed by three NGOs: LDA



Mostar, Youth Council of the City of Mostar and OKC Abrašević. This FB page also brings positive news in relation to young people as well as the information of political character related to the City of Mostar. The idea for the establishment of the initiative "Elect Mostar" was a result of the meeting of the Local Youth Advisory Group in Mostar, created as a mechanism for youth participation within the EU project 'Balkan Regional Platform for Youth Participation and Dialogue '.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

## Total funds for the period 2004-2018

No.	Year	€ TOTAL CHASHFLOW (Series2)	€ FUNDS PROVIDED BY LDA Mostar (Series3)	% LDA Mostar
1.	2004	11,870.00	0.00	0.00%
2.	2005	66,489.14	0.00	0.00%
3.	2006	44,636.99	0.00	0.00%
4.	2007	38,370.31	3,579.10	9.33%
5.	2008	79,519.11	46,467.72	58.44%
6.	2009	53,655.05	45,898.29	85.54%
7.	2010	77,920.97	58,859.66	75.54%
8.	2011	86,336.20	53,873.00	62.40%
9.	2012	123,312.92	79,236.92	64.26%
10.	2013	83,171.09	63,323.09	76.14%
11.	2014	46,658.10	28,851.97	61.84%
12.	2015	68,549.76	63,049.76	91.98%
13.	2016	93,818.41	82,041.26	87.45%
14.	2017	75,212.66	47,474.66	63.12%
15.	2018	166,701.10	149,889.87	89.92%
TOTAL		1,116,221.81	722,545.30	

# Graphic view of fundraising for the period 2004-2018

