



Activity Report

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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 15 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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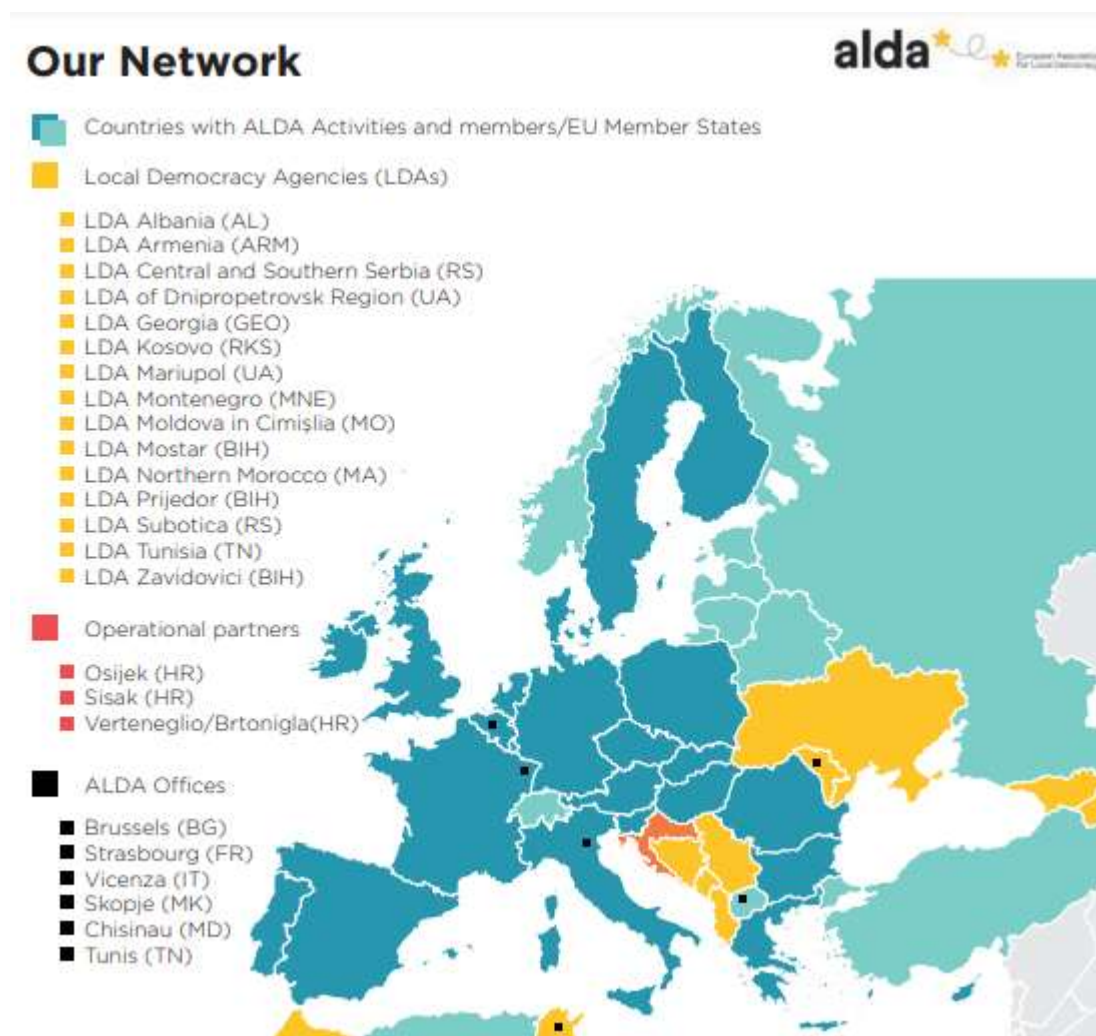


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The agencies function as self-sustaining, locally registered NGOs, but they are different from other local NGOs because of the international framework they operate in. Indeed, the LDAs develop partnerships with local authorities and NGOs from all over 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 the 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, Denmark



- 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 the local community on the processes of stabilization and accession.

Membership in Networks

- ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy (www.ald-europe.eu)
- BNLD – Balkan Network for Local Democracy (www.ald-balkan-youth.eu)
- Network for Building Peace (www.mreza-mira.net)
(LDA Mostar director Governing Board Member)
- ALF - Anna Lindh Foundation (www.annalindhfoundation.org)
(LDA Mostar team member Governing Board Member)

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2020

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



Timespan: 21/10/2017 – 21/10/2021

Donor: European Union (EuropeAid DEAR budget line)



This project is funded by
the European Union

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); Croma 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); Siklósnagyfalu 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, a non-EU partner is not allowed to implement any local activities within the project except if those activities are of exceptional importance for the EU. However, LDA Mostar as the project partner is obligated to share experiences, participate in the project's international events and to disseminate project activities and all project outputs. In regards to position within this project and in line with donor propositions, LDA Mostar was asked by the lead applicant to implement some local activities which were the crucial element missing to fulfil the higher project agenda.

Activities in 2020

While the COVID-19 world pandemic hit the project territories in 2020, the project partners along with the project leader tried hard to diminish the consequences and to keep the project alive. Reshaping project activities so that they continue to be implemented continuously was the main agenda.

In order to combat the coronavirus pandemic, many European countries have gone into lockdown and again returned to semi normal life conditions. During that period people were not able to move around freely, and many administrative services have been significantly reduced. In this period project partners were continuously underlining on how these circumstances affected the refugees, migrants and asylum seekers the most while being neglected and left out in the majority of territories.

As a part of its project obligations, LDA Mostar continued in this period to promote and disseminate project activities as well as to actively participate in the international project events.

Along with Snapshots from The Borders mayors, regions representatives and partner NGOs, on **June 26th**, LDA Mostar participated in the first **Online Coordination Meeting** of the project. In a time of limited travel possibilities, a big organizational effort made it possible to hold a meeting with simultaneous translation in all the languages of our wide European partnership.



Partner mayors reported on how the COVID-19 emergency is affecting their territories, including both locals and communities of migrant origin. In addition, all of them announced their willingness to join the Border Towns and Island Network - established in Marsa in December 2019 - shortly, marking another important milestone of the project. The participation of representatives of Amref Health Africa in Kenya, Amref Health Africa in Uganda and Amref Health Africa in Ethiopia has brought a closer look to the impact

of the COVID-19 on African countries, in line with our aim of improving dialogue and mutual knowledge among countries of origin and destination of migration flows.

As a long-awaited event, on **September 10th**, the **Holy Father Pope Francis** received in the Clementine Hall of the Vatican Apostolic Palace the mayor of Lampedusa Totò Martello, together with the delegation of "mayors of the borders" adhering to the project "Snapshots from the Borders". In his speech addressed to Pope Francis, Mayor Martello touched some of the issues related to migration flows and to the commitment of the border territories involved in the front line on the reception of migrants.

Pope Francis reminded us of the importance of remaining human, and of remaining united. *"The inhabitants of frontier towns and territories - societies, communities, Churches - are called to be the first actors of this turning point, thanks to the constant opportunities that history offers them. Frontiers, which have always been considered as barriers of separation, can instead become "windows", spaces of mutual knowledge, of mutual enrichment, of communion in diversity; they can become places where models are experimented to overcome the difficulties that new arrivals entail for native communities."*, the Holy Father Francis stressed in His speech during the Vatican audience for the representatives of the project Snapshots from the borders.

During the audience at the Vatican, the project campaign to make October 3rd "European Day of Memory and Welcoming" (the date in 2013 when the most dramatic sinking of migrants in the sea of Lampedusa happened) was presented to Pope Francis.



One of the project **advocacy activities** was to create a series of articles dedicated to migrations by touching the topics of interculturality, multiculturalism and empathy, people and places which connect and unite. This series of articles called “**Border Stories**” written by the Italian journalist **Christian Elia**, described ordinary people and common places in all the project territories which are in some way connected with the migrations and relatable to everyone. LDA Mostar assisted in connecting the author with the potential interlocutors and the places in the City of Mostar related to the topics. Two stories were derived from the City of Mostar: [“The bridge of culture. The OKC Abrašević Centre in Mostar”](#) and [“Dario, beyond the borders of Mostar”](#). Stories from all the other project territories can be found on the project's [official webpage](#).



Regional YOUTH COMPACT for Europe



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

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



This project is funded by
the European Union

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



Co-funded by: City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina)



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 in 2020

Although the Covid-19 virus pandemic made it difficult to work on project activities in the months that followed, LDA Mostar succeeded to successfully implement some of the activities beforehand. The first activity was the implementation of the **internship program** that aimed to provide a framework for young people in the region to gain first-hand experience about the functioning of CSOs and the work they do but also to assist in finding out and establishing

innovative, youth friendly, forms and content of communication, leading to increased youth participation in civil initiatives, policy design and structured dialogue. Within the internship program LDA Mostar was pleased to host a student from Serbia, **Ms Jasmina Krajovan**, who was recommended to our organization by our project partner **CRTA** from Belgrade. Jasmina stayed with LDA Mostar from **February 10th till March 10th**. As a journalist and communication specialist, Jasmina assisted with the PR activities of the organization as well as the social media and web management but also was the irreplaceable team member in project implementation. As this was the exchange internship program, LDA Mostar also recommended student, **Ms Daria Knežević** from Mostar for the internship in CRTA. Apart from the other activities implemented by CRTA, Daria primarily contributed to the implementation of the local and regional activities of the RYCE project.

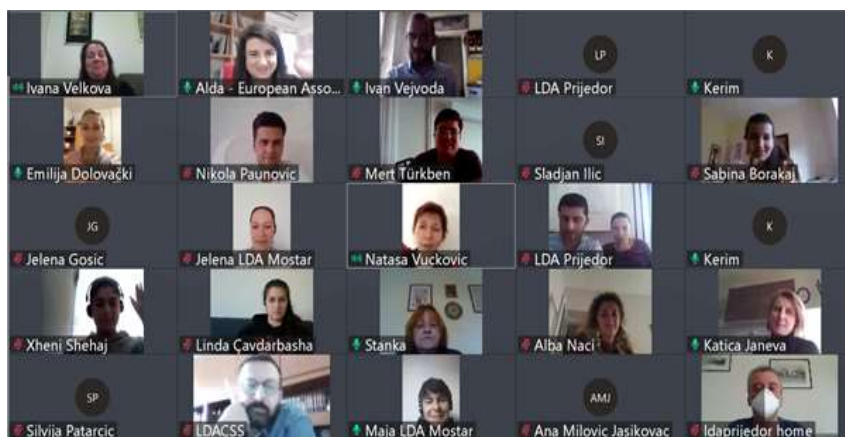


On **March 5th** LDA Mostar organized two local events with the same title “**Regional Youth Compact for Europe - We are the Europeans**”. The first one was the **local workshop** on the EU Chapter 19 (Social policy and employment). The workshop gathered professionals from local companies and NGOs and young people from Mostar. The aim was to provide general insight into the policies and topics of Chapter 19 and to help young people to develop new skills that are highly desirable and attractive when applying for job vacancies. During the workshop, Mr. Goran Dodig, CFO at [Intera Technology Park](#) talked about the skills that are highly appreciated by the employers and how to prepare for the job interview. Mr Dodig gave some insights "from the other side" about the recruitment process and shared some tips and tricks for future young workers. Ms

Daniela Marić, Legal Advisor at [SPARK](#) (IT education hub) presented the legal aspect of volunteering and internships, what are the rights of volunteers and interns, on one side, and what are the obligations of companies and institutions organizing internships and volunteering programs on the other side.



Workshop was followed by a **panel discussion** constituted of the institutions, companies and NGOs representatives, providing internships and volunteering programs. They presented their organizations and program offers. Panelists were Ms Sanja Đermanović from the CSO "Nešto više", doc.dr. Goran Ćurić from University "Džemal Bijedić" in Mostar, Mr Goran Dodig from Intera TP and Ms Maja Vejzović from LDA Mostar.



The measures against Covid-19 haven't prevented project partners from continuing their work. On **April 6th**, the project team held an **Online Coordination Meeting** in the final stages of the second year of implementation. The meeting covered the ongoing and future activities, as well as administrative procedures that followed in the transition from the second to the third year of the project. As the

different measures in the Western Balkans countries prevented the implementation of some activities, the main topic of the meeting was to create new approaches and to find innovative solutions to continue with the planned actions. Special importance was given to different approaches based on communication tools.

On **January 16th** Youth Fund **“We have a say”** call for proposal was officially launched in the framework of RYCE project. A total of 64 applications were received, and the evaluation team selected 14 best projects. **Grant Awards** recipients were announced on **September 1st**. The overall objective of the Youth Fund “We Have a Say” was the improvement and development of the participatory policies and enhancement of local democracy in communities of the Western Balkans through support to local youth organisations fostering active citizenship and participation of young people at the local level. The total funds of the Youth Fund amount 78.000 EUR.



During the COVID-19 world pandemic lockdown, young people from all around the region shared their experiences and feelings on the **RYCE blog** within the projects webpage. Their blogs were the mirror to the young people's thoughts and struggles during the pandemic and gave us all the insight to the ways of coping with it. LDA Mostar volunteer Amil Brković also shared his thoughts and observations in his blog titled **“You are not alone”**. All other blogs can be found on the following [link](#).

On **July 10th**, an **online webinar “Western Balkans' local authorities: EU accession & Berlin Process”** took place as one of the project’s international events. The webinar was officially opened by ALDA’s President Mr Oriano Otočan, and Secretary General Mrs. Antonella Valmorbida and moderated by ALDA’s Director of Skopje office & SEE Regional Programmes Coordinator Ivana Petrovska. Keynote speeches and presentations were delivered by Mr Andrej Zernovski, the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia Mr Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes (DG NEAR), Mrs Nataša Vučković, director of the Center for Democracy Foundation and Mr Nikola Dobrosravić, President of the Croatian Delegation to the European Committee of the Regions and member of the CIVEX and COTER commissions and Prefect of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County.



The keynote speakers have addressed important questions about the Western Balkans EU integration processes. It was stressed that local and regional authorities have their say in policy making and good governance. This approach was very important in 2020, especially in relation to the Berlin process. The importance of opening perspectives to young people and to motivate

them to stay in the Balkans was underlined. In order to straighten their capacities reforms, need to be performed. The conclusion from all sides: it is important to invest, to create and to map the possibilities and then find the actors to work on the integration.

The recording of the webinar is available on the following [link](#).

The webinar was organized within the framework of the RYCE project supported by DG NEAR and coordinated by the Foundation Center for Democracy. The webinar is part of the strategic objectives of our Balkan Network for Local Democracy.



In an effort to foster debate about European perspective and the future of the Western Balkans as an integral part of the EU, a **call for blog contributions** was also announced within the project inviting experts, practitioners and young people. The aim of the blog was to be a forum for discussion on the topic of EU integration of the Balkans and inclusion of young people in running accession negotiations. The blog processed some crucial topics such as: Rule of law, fundamental rights (Chapter 23 and 24 in the EU accession negotiations), Economic and social issues where employment is priority concern for citizens (Chapter 19) and EU accession and youth participation on local level.

The Second Annual Conference and Regional Thematic Network Forum scheduled to be held in the period 17-19 of March 2020 in Novi Sad, Serbia, was postponed considering the Covid-19 outbreak and health risks. The **Regional Forum** entitled **“Remembrance and Intercultural dialogue”** took place virtually on **December 21st and 22nd**. The two-day program played a vital role engaging regional and international experts representing civil society organisation, academia,



researchers, cultural and educational institutions and business community. The goal of the Regional Forum was to examine regional cooperation with a special focus on the question of remembrance and intercultural dialogue in the Western Balkans by approaching the dominant narratives and giving it a new perspective on the narrative legacy. The online gathering featured 8 panel discussions and interactive workshops which drew 40 speakers and around 60 participants from 14 countries. More than 720 minutes of online content was produced with high quality debate. All the presentation recordings are available online on the following [link](#). Inspiring stories and experience were reflecting on different topics such as EU integration as vector of

peace and reconciliation, the multicultural dialogue and the “Balkan route” of migrations, the role of the new digital world, dealing with the past through storytelling, cultural heritage and memorial tourism as potential for local development and cultural understanding, linguistic diversity and combating disinformation.

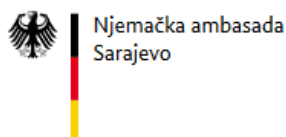
The virtual event was organised in cooperation with the Balkan Network for Local Democracy – BNLD, and financially supported by the Central European Initiative, the Normandy for Peace program, the Western Balkans Fund and the EU Commission within the Regional Youth Compact for Europe project.

BRIDGE (Part 3) - BeRlin cultural Intervention - Differences Grow Equal



Timespan: 01/09/2020 - 30/11/2020

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 (Part 3) is the extension of the 2018 and 2019 Bridge Concept project and its mission is cultural exchange program between artists from Germany and the artists from Bosnia and Herzegovina through street art and urban music. The idea is to bind Berlin and Mostar through the realization of cultural programs and art interventions in public space during the 9th Street Arts Festival Mostar. Since the COVID-19 pandemic situation took another turn to our reality in 2020 the hosting of an artist in Mostar was not possible. Nevertheless, LDA Mostar and Street Arts Festival Mostar found the ways to create programs in line with project goals and ideas. In 2020 together we realized 3 successful activities and brought the energy of Berlin to Mostar.

Objectives:

- Having continuity in developing the Bridge Concept in Mostar and contribution to the Street Arts Festival Mostar program
- Networking artists and musicians from Berlin and Mostar for the purpose of future collaborations

- Promotion of Berlin's street art and electronic scene
- Empowering the artistic cultural urban art platform in Mostar with artistic support from Berlin

Activities in 2020

The first activity in 2020 was the **graffiti exhibition** of the artist **Stefano Paggani aka Sub0** from Berlin titled “**Everything will be ok**”. Paggani is an expert on mural arts ranging from all kinds of colourful typefaces and characters to inventive, huge wall paintings mainly in Berlin. Within the Bridge part 3 we exhibited his prints at Youth Center Abrašević in Mostar and as well-organized music events, fire poi show and created an atmosphere similar to Kreuzberg in Berlin. The event was followed by the Music Program of the **Bass Collective Jah Forcefield** from Sarajevo and the Fire Show Performance of **Aleksandra – Zlex Dom**. Also, we played video performances of Sub0 street art and wall paintings.



The second activity of the project was **mural painting** by the high school students from Mostar. Mural was inspired by the urban artists from Berlin who ended up painting a big wall of the kindergarten “Ciciban” with the help of artist **Sabina Maslo** from Mostar.



The third activity was the **art interventions in the city** with characters and graffiti by Stefano Paggani aka Sub0. During the activity large prints of his artworks were printed and exhibited in public spaces.

CLINK - Cultural heritage linking diversities in Europe



Timespan: 01/01/2019 - 30/06/2020

Donor: European Commission (Europe for Citizens) - Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation



Co-funded by the
Europe for Citizens Programme
of the European Union

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

Partners: LDA Subotica (Subotica / Serbia); Association des agences de la Democratie Locale (Strasbourg / France); LDA Knjazevac (Knjazevac / Serbia); LDA Prijedor (Prijedor / Bosnia and Herzegovina); LDA Sisak (Sisak / Croatia); LDA Niksic (Niksic / Montenegro); Omma Studio (Heraklion / Greece); LDA Zavidovici (Zavidovici / Bosnia and Herzegovina);

Objective: Project aims to deepen the connection between people from 10 communities from 3 EU (CRO, FR, GR) and 4 non-EU countries (BiH, SRB, MN, AL) and the heritage that surrounds them, as well as to raise their awareness on connections and place their own cultural heritage has in the tapestry of Europe's rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Description: Through planned activities it gathers and engages in discussions, forums, exchange of practices, study visits, art events and a diverse group of participants: state and non-state cultural actors, entrepreneurs, craftsmen, designers, architects, youth groups, local authorities and CSOs.

Activities follow two paths: international events gathering all partners (Caen/Normandy, FR; Knjazevac, SRB; Mostar, BH) and local events in 9 communities. Activities have been designed to reach 750 direct and 100.000 indirect participants, to have strong European dimension and tackle three out of four themes of the European Year of Cultural Heritage: engagement (practices of bringing Europe's cultural heritage, history and shared values closer to people; direct engaging of young people in a dialogue with state and non-state cultural actors on the policies of promotion and preservation of cultural heritage, exploring cultural heritage and creating artistic reinterpretation of it; engagement of a wider public with those reinterpretations), sustainability (re-imagining public, industrial, religious or military heritage sites; responsible and sustainable tourism developed around cultural heritage) and innovation (education and training for the traditional crafts in order to foster participation and social innovation).

Expected outcomes are increased interest in cultural heritage with direct and indirect participants, awareness of EU policies on cultural heritage and ways of its promotion, protection and sustainable use for socioeconomic development of societies, as well as enforced sense of belonging to a common European space.

Activities in 2020

As a project leader LDA Mostar was challenged in 2020 to continue with the project activities and finish the project in time especially since CLINK project was one of the most interesting and most fruitful projects, we had the pleasure to lead. Just before the start of the pandemic in Bosnia and Herzegovina LDA Mostar managed to organize the last local activity. A **Community Forum "Our Cultural Heritage"** took place in [Code Hub Mostar](#) on **March 12**.



Representatives of the relevant public institutions, educational institutions, the private and non-governmental sectors, as well as individuals contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage, participated in the work of Forum. The panelists of the Forum were: architect **Ms Senada Demirović Habibija**, representative of the **City of Mostar**, who spoke about the importance of UNESCO World Heritage in the local community, **Mr Boris Trapara** from **CHwB BiH – Cultural Heritage without Borders**, who spoke about the importance of non-formal education for cultural heritage, **Ms Aida Bičakčić**, a representative of the **Commission to Preserve National Monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina** spoke about the heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and **Mr Edin Pandur**, owner of **Art Studio Pandur**, who spoke to forum participants about the importance of old crafts as promoters of cultural heritage. The facilitator of the event was **Ms Amra Šarančić Logo** from the Commission to Preserve National Monuments of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The forum was also an opportunity for **young entrepreneurs** and **artists** to exhibit their handicrafts and works of art inspired by BiH's cultural heritage, as well as an excellent chance for networking, exchanging ideas and making some new collaborations. Check out the panelist's biographies and presentations on the following [link](#) as well as the [event promo video](#). As a final step of this particular activity was the summary of the Community Forums from all the partner communities which was documented in [Community Forums Overview](#).



The next activity in 2020 was the **research in the communities – mapping potential cultural heritage sites with potential for adaptive re-use**. As the adaptive re-use of heritage buildings is an important factor in creating sustainable communities, project partners had the opportunity to detect some of the heritage sites which could be potentially re-used in order to become a potent driver for community action. LDA Mostar had the task to detect several heritage sites in the City of Mostar which could potentially become beneficial or even crucial to the community development. Our findings on this subject are summed up in the following [document](#).



Following the international event in Knjaževac which took place in September 2019, our project partner, LDA Knaževac, issued a **Collection of best practices** of sustainable use of cultural heritage for urban regeneration and economic development titled [“Cultural heritage as a source of urban regeneration”](#). This document summed up some of the best practices presented during the Best Practice Fair within this international event. Within this document, LDA Mostar presented its

educational-touristic program that combines the traditional tourism offer with the all-encompassing experience of the history, tradition, architecture and culture of the City of Mostar.

As the COVID-19 world pandemic progressed, it ruined plans for LDA Mostar to organize the partners meeting and the final conference of the project in Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina). Instead, LDA Mostar organized **partners meeting** online on **May 27th** and the virtual **Final Conference** titled **“Regenerating heritage: new life for abandoned industrial, religious, military or public buildings”** was organized on

May 28th gathering more than 130 participants from Western Balkans and European Union as well as the international participants. Attendees had the opportunity to listen to the respected experts in the field of cultural heritage, coming from the public and educational institutions as well as from organizations dealing with this topic.



The event successfully brought together cultural actors from partner countries and opened a dialogue on innovative practices aimed at raising awareness on cultural heritage of the general public, in particular with young people. It was an excellent opportunity for local actors and international participants to enrich their knowledge and share their experience in the field of cultural heritage

preservation and awareness. The event was concluded with a [common statement](#) coming from the project participants acknowledging that the cultural heritage is a potent driver for community action.

Therefore, the heritage sites and buildings can have a very positive influence on many aspects of the way a community develops. Regeneration, housing, education, economic growth and community engagement are examples of the ways in which heritage can make a very positive contribution to community life.

All the materials used during the conference as well as the panellists' biographies, presentation and the entire [recording of the conference](#) can be found on the following [link](#). All the project activities in detail are available on the CLINK [official webpage](#) as well as the CLINK [infosheet](#). Follow the project's [FB page](#) and become a member of the CLINK community.

IMPACT - Inclusion Matters! Using Performing Arts towards Cohesion and Tolerance



Timespan: 01/03/2019 – 01/10/2021

Donor: European Commission (Erasmus + KA2 – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, K205 – Strategic partnership for youth)



Applicant: Municipality of Vejle (DK)

Partners: ALDA (France); La Piccionaia Carrara (Italy); LDA Niksic (Montenegro); LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Coalition of youth organizations SEGA (North Macedonia); Drustvo za razvijanje prostovoljnega dela Novo Mesto (Slovenia); Udruzenje Centar za urbani razvoj (Serbia)

Description: The core idea of the project is to offer Western Balkans' refugees' amusement and social inclusion opportunities, by using theatre and art strategies. During phase 1, the project will promote collaboration and an exchange of best practices among European theatre companies with previous experience in working with refugees and Balkan arts groups. During this phase a social inclusion strategy will be developed. During phase 2 Balkans arts groups will implement the above-developed strategies through art workshops with Western Balkans' refugees and local communities, and eventually will implement final performances. Phase 3 is dedicated to a massive communication and dissemination campaign by publishing guidelines on how to use performing art strategies for social inclusion, a promotional video and surveys.

Objective: The main objective is to bring together Balkans' refugees with local communities by fostering cohesion and tolerance. Participants shall understand that people are stronger together and that they can learn from one another.

Specific Objective:

- exchange best practices on how to use art strategies to integrate refugees and how to bring together refugees with local communities;
- develop a new social inclusion strategy and methodology;
- enable intercultural meetings by showing that diversity is an enrichment;
- prevent and fight against prejudices and stereotypes;
- foster personal development and social inclusion;

- show that theatre and other kind of performing arts can form a methodology to overcome the gap between refugees and local citizens and to bring them closer;
- provide formal and non-formal education on theatre, migration etc.;
- promote theatre as self-help-initiatives.

Activities in 2020

At the end of 2019 LDA Mostar started implementing the **local pedagogical workshops** in cooperation with [MTM - Mostar Youth Theatre](#) using theatre tools. Beneficiaries of the workshops were the displaced persons and migrants currently residing in the **Refugee Camp "Salakovac"** situated near the City of Mostar. In 2020 these local workshops continued. LDA Mostar has implemented 5 weeks of workshops for the three groups of participants. More than 100 refugees and local citizens in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina were participating in the activities during December 2019 and January 2020. The motive that guided us through this whole process was the ideal of equality.



During one of the workshops, we were making masks, casting the face with plaster bandages. Whoever wanted a mask would lie on the floor covered with nylon and we would start making a mask. This process sometimes lasted 20 minutes or more. Most of the "models" were children who were lying still and patiently during that time. It was delightful to observe the absence of hyperactivity and the need to constantly provoke someone's attention, which is almost always encountered

among young people. When the masks were done, we would explain to the participants why we made them in the first place: "Looking at the mask, we can't conclude anything about the skin colour, nationality, religion or any other imaginary traits we associate with people as padlocks of prejudice". The message of the workshops was quite clear. We are all the same kind; we are all human and we all need love. It is the source of energy that drives the world and brings together even complete strangers.



During the workshops, elements of theatre in education, playback theatre and forum theatre have been used. The tools of these methodologies have enabled workshop leaders and workshop

participants to build mutual trust which has resulted in the opening of participants in the process. In this way mutual trust, individual and group opening and deepened the understanding of local participants about the reasons for migration was achieved.

After gaining trust and understanding during the workshops participants were introduced to the community through joint walks around the city, children playing in the park and joint trips to the patisserie. In the end participants and the local hosts all realized that there are less differences between them and that this model of joint work could be transmitted beyond and result in successful social inclusion outside of this particular micro space.



As the crown of the local workshops, in cooperation with MTM, LDA Mostar envisioned the premiere of the theatrical play titled "Game" to be presented in 2020 but the COVID-19 world pandemic prolonged our plans for 2021. This play was the direct result of the workshops, inspired by the life stories of migrants from around the world who have currently found refuge in Mostar, played by the young actors and actresses from MTM and directed by **Sead Đulić**.

During 2020, due to COVID-19 world pandemic two **partner meetings** were held online. The first meeting took place on **March 3rd** and was the opportunity for partners to update each other on the implementation of the local workshops as well on the dissemination plan update. The second meeting held on **October 28th** was dedicated to the project adjustments due to the pandemic crisis including the possible cancelations of the 2021 Final Conference in Denmark and switching to online conference. It is something to be yet determined.

Capacity building, support to the local Institutions and contribution to the economic development of the renewable energy, environment sustainability, forest management, promotion of micro and small enterprises in three BiH municipalities



Timespan: 11/04/2019 – 31/05/2020

Donor: Autonomous Province of Trento (Programme of cooperation and development Trentino-Balkans 2018-2020)

Applicant: Associazione Trentino con i Balkani Onlus

Lead Partner: Associazione Progetto Prijedor

Partners: City Administrations and Local Democracy Agencies Prijedor, Mostar and Zavidovići; City of Trento; Civil Protection of Trentino, Consortium for Environmental Protection; Ministry of Environmental Protection of Federation of BiH and Republic of Srpska; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Federation of BiH and Republic of Srpska.

General Objective: Promote the exchange of experiences and the dissemination of good practices in three municipalities of Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning: sustainable development; local socio-economic development; professional options for young people; participation and dialogue between civil society and local institutions; global citizenship.

Specific Objectives:

SO1. Improve the capacities of local public institutions, competent ministries and Bosnian civil protection in designing and managing public initiatives related to the mitigation of climate change effects prevention and management of natural disasters, management of natural resources and use of alternative energy sources

SO2. Strengthen the tools and capacities of the micro and small enterprises, associated and cooperative enterprises

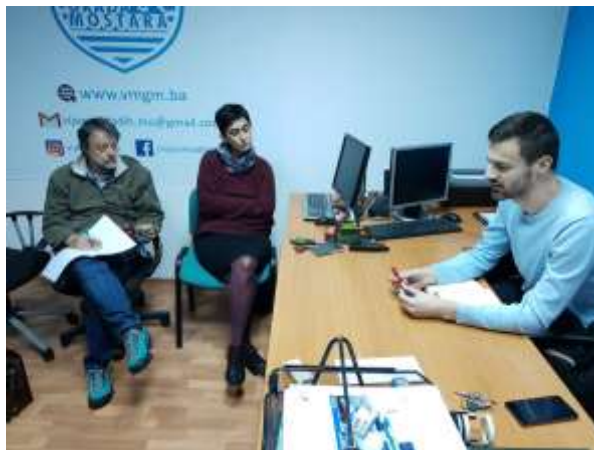
SO3. Fostering greater cohesion, convergence and participation between civil society and public administrations in promoting sustainable local development models

Activities in 2020

During the period from **January 27th-29th**, LDA Mostar representatives held a series of meetings with representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions / organizations in the City of Mostar, in order to collect necessary data for the development of **SWOT analysis** which will show the state and needs of Mostar territories when it comes to **micro and to small businesses**. The mentioned analysis was further carried by the higher expert in micro and small businesses from Trento (Italy), **Mr Dario Caccamisi**, and was used as a base of activities that were yet to follow within the project. In order to gain better

perspective on the overall situation in the area of micro and small business, during Mr Caccamisi mission we held meetings with the representatives of the City of Mostar Department of Economy, utilities and inspection/Economy Service, representatives of the City of Mostar, Department of social affairs/Education, Youth and Sports Service, with the director of the REDAH - Regional Development Agency of Hercegovina, president of the City of Mostar Youth Council and with the representatives of the INTERA - Technology Park Mostar.





On **February 3rd**, His Excellency, **Ambassador of the Republic of Italy in Bosnia and Herzegovina**, Nicola Minasi, welcomed representatives of LDA Mostar in Sarajevo, as well as representatives of LDA Zavidovići, LDA Prijedor and Associazione Trentino Con and Balcani. Among other things, it was discussed about the traditional cooperation between Italian organizations and the organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as about the possibility of cooperation extension in the Balkans region through programs funded by Italian autonomous region Trento.



In a period of **February 17th-20th**, a mission of the waste management expert **Ms Francesca Villa** was organized, during which a series of meetings were held with relevant actors from the City of Mostar. The aim was the data gathering for detecting the biggest challenges within the area of waste management and possible pilot project development based on the inputs and the population needs. During this period Ms Villa along with LDA Mostar representatives met representatives of the e Department of Public Utilities and the Environment Protection of the City of Mostar, director of the Public Company "Komos" Mostar, manager of the private recycling company Alba BH, president of the Citizens Association "Sinovi Mahale" and executive director deputy of the CSO "Nešto Više". Within Ms Villa Mission, on **February 20th**, LDA Mostar organized a **training** titled **"Waste management"** which was conducted by Ms Villa. Training was the great opportunity for relevant stakeholders to gain much needed knowledge on this crucial subject concerning the wellbeing of the local community. Representatives of the City of Mostar, representatives of the local CSOs as well as the representatives of all project partners

participated in the training presenting their views on the waste management challenges in their local communities.



On **March 4th**, just before the pandemic crisis hit Bosnia and Herzegovina, LDA Mostar managed to organize a **training for young people** titled **"Writing a business plan - start your own business"**. The training was organized in youth friendly premises of the [American Corner Mostar](#) and was held via Skype by a senior expert with extensive experience in the field of micro and small enterprises, **Mr Dario Caccamisi**. The aim was to introduce young people, who intend to

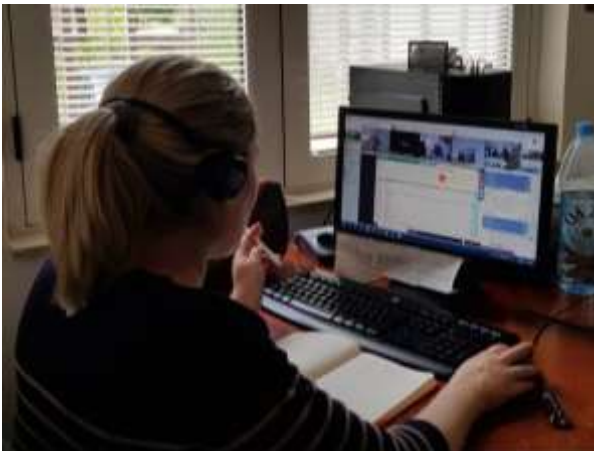


start their own business or have a business idea that they want to further develop, to the elements and the further elaboration of the business plan. At the same time, the training was attended by the young people from Mostar, Prijedor and Zavidovići, organized also by LDA Prijedor and LDA Zavidovići in their local communities. Upon completion of the training, participants were then divided into three groups in each of the cities, and each group had a time intended to develop a business plan under the mentorship of Mr. Caccamisi and the assistance of

the Local Democracy Agency in their city. The best business plans/business ideas in each city had the chance to be co-financed within the project.



The **follow up** of the training "**Writing a business plan - start your own business**" was organized by LDA Mostar via GoToMeeting platform on **Jun 10th** due to the COVID-19 precautions. The training was again conducted by Mr Dario Caccamisi, and the aim was to provide necessary help to the three groups of young people whose business plans were the best ones. In order to realize their business ideas a business plan this time needed to be worked out in detail.



After the second training and the business plans improvements, implementation of the projects based on the best business plans followed and is projected to be finished at the beginning of 2021.

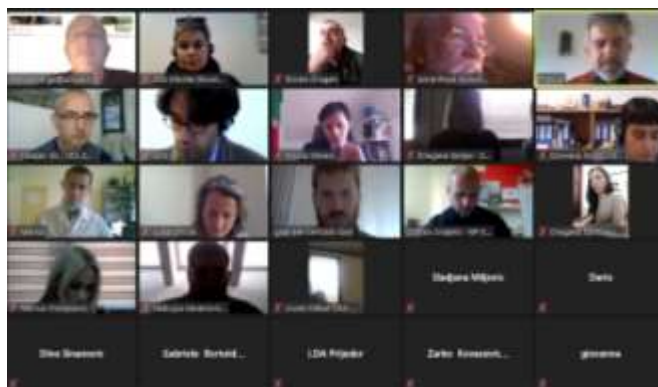
The adoption of Web technologies based on the provision of government services has become a global trend in public administration. E-government inherits the administrative reform policies inspired by the new public administration (NJ) reforms that have been implemented across the EU over the last twenty years. However, e-government aims to overcome NJ reforms, as its goal is to transform the relationship between the public sector and society and to explore new channels of service delivery. Building and managing websites is becoming an essential element of modern public administration, but little is known about how these initiatives are implemented. Given the

significant investment of time and other resources in government networking initiatives, it is crucial to begin evaluating public administration website initiatives in terms of quality and efficiency and the use of ICT instruments in the private and public sector. Following these facts, the project aimed to investigate what are the conditions when it comes to E-government. Accordingly, in **October 2020** the **questionnaire for the citizens of Mostar** was developed investigating **E-government, E-governance** and **transformation of public administrations** in BiH. The aim of this study was also to better understand the development of e-government at the local level in BiH through an analysis of the state of the art in this field in the three municipalities involved in the project (Mostar, Prijedor and Zavidovići).



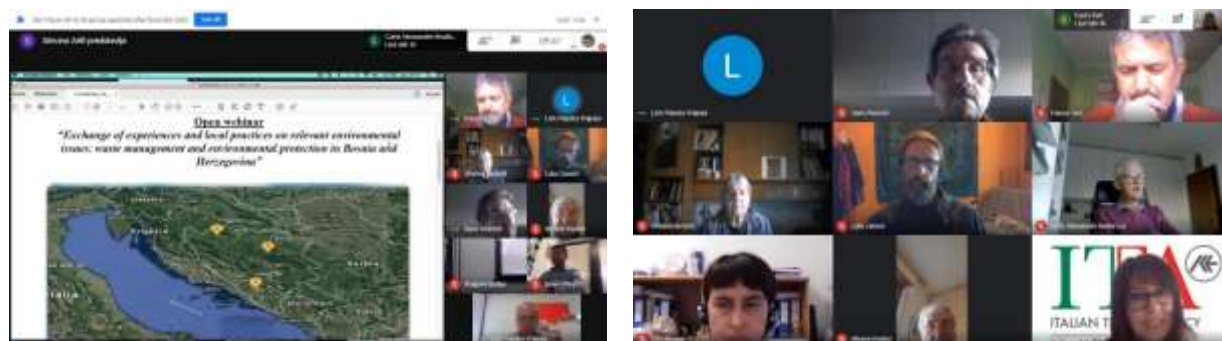
On **October 29th** the technical seminar titled **“Flood risk management - the local framework and EU-based perspective”** was organized online within the framework of the project. The seminar was conducted by Ms Giovanna Caramuta and discussed the general principles and the goals as well as the EU-centred overview and risk and hazard assessment within the flood risk management. Relevant stakeholders from three local communities (Mostar, Prijedor and Zavidovići) participated in the seminar discussions.

After this technical seminar another four seminars followed within the project. The first one was the open online webinar **“Exchange of experiences and local practices on relevant environmental issues: floods risk management and forest management in Bosnia and Herzegovina”** organized by LDA Zavidovići on **November 23rd** gathering numerous academia experts and relevant stakeholders from Trentino Province in Italy and three communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mostar, Prijedor and Zavidovići). His Excellency, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nicola Minasi, also participated in the event, giving the valuable inputs to the participants. On behalf of LDA Mostar Ms Mirhana Tuzlaković, forestry engineer, talked about the challenges and the potentials in the business improvement in the domain of forest management.



The Second open online seminar titled **“Exchange of experiences and local practices on relevant environmental issues: waste management and environmental protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina”** was organized on **November 26** by LDA Prijedor gathering relevant experts and stakeholders from Italy and Bosnia and Herzegovina. This particular

topic was especially important within the project considering the fact that all of three local communities (Mostar, Prijedor and Zavidovići) had the task to detect the crucial problems within concerning waste management and to find optimal and functional solutions which could be offered to the community in form of the pilot project.



The third open online seminar within the project was titled **“Exchange of experiences and challenges: the role of the small and micro-enterprises for the local development”**, organized by LDA Mostar on **November 30th**. On behalf of LDA Mostar, Ms Amela Sjekirica-Suljić, Expert advisor for EU funds and entrepreneurship development Business Service Center, Department of Economy, Utilities and Inspection Affairs - City of Mostar presented on the topic of **“The micro-entrepreneurship in the City of Mostar”**.



Open online seminar **“E-government and e-governance: practices and applications in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Trentino”**, was the fourth and last seminar with the project, organized on **December 4th** gathering relevant stakeholders and presenting case studies from all local communities involved in the project as well as the EU policies and the future opportunities for the Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Youth Ambassadors of Non-Formal Learning



Timespan: 01/11/2019 – 31/10/2021

Donor: Erasmus+ (KA2 – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices – Capacity Building in the field of Youth)



Co-funded by: Institut for Youth Development KULT



Co-funded by: Ministry of Culture and Sports, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina



Applicant: Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar)

Partners: Društvo za razvijanje prostovoljnega dela Novo mesto (Novo mesto / Slovenia); The Future Now Association (Sofia / Bulgaria); Kosovo Center of Diplomacy (Prishtina / Kosovo*); United Societies of Balkans (Thessaloniki / Greece); Youth 4 Society (Tirana / Albania); Center for Intercultural Dialogue (Kumanovo / North Macedonia); Asocijacija za demokratski prosperitet – ZID (ADP-ZID) (Podgorica / Montenegro); NGO IUVENTA (Šabac / Serbia); Turk Girsim ve Is Dunyasi Konfederasyonu (Istanbul / Turkey); TDM 2000 (Cagliari / Italy).

Description: The project is based upon Non Formal Education and is working to develop the new methodology of the Youth Ambassadors of Non Formal Education, trained youngsters which can use peer-to-peer approach providing their experience to inspire other young people and relevant stakeholders in giving a higher credit and a better use to NFL experiences.

General Objective: The project aims at promoting participation in Non-Formal Education activities and the power of validation and recognition of competences acquired outside the formal education environment through an innovative methodology. Project wants to take into consideration what has been done so far within this area, research for best practices and successful stories, and get ready to go on the field to reinforce the importance of Non-Formal Learning.

Specific Objectives: To research, collect, analyse and spread existing best practices and policies in the field of validation and recognition of NFL, as well as successful stories of young people, in the 11 countries participating in the project

To train 22 “Young Ambassadors” to promote the role of NFL in the development of competences starting from real experiences on the field, successful stories and dedicated methods

To create a network of Young Ambassadors of NFL to set up the base for sustainable work in the field of promotion of NFL, setting up a platform for sharing of stories, challenges, ideas and best practices

To produce a complete methodology for the “Young Ambassadors of NFL” concept, including a dedicated manual, a catalogue of successful stories, online and offline tools, and methods for facilitation of dedicated workshops

To develop a set of recommendations to facilitate the creation of new policies for the validation and recognition of competences acquired outside the formal education environment, involving public institutions, private sector and civil society

Activities in 2020

The first activity in 2020 was the **Kick-off meeting** which took place in **Kumanovo, North Macedonia** from **15th -17th of January**. The first international activity, hosted by the Center for Intercultural Dialogue, gathered the representatives of all project partners. The meeting was coordinated by project leader - LDA Mostar. It was an opportunity for the partners to meet and exchange ideas and to discuss expectations and overall and individual project responsibilities. Unfortunately, later on in the 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic it became more than obvious that some of the project activities agreed in Kumanovo needed to be adjusted to the newly formed circumstances. The meeting continued with a **workshop** held by an external expert **Ms Marija Popović**. It aimed to introduce to the participants the general overview of non-formal learning, EU and WB countries statistics as well as examples of best practices.



Although the project envisaged the first local activity, the **Opening conference**, to be organized in all 11 partner countries during April 2020, this was not possible for security reasons. Given that the rapid spread of COVID-19 began in BiH in March 2020 and that a state of pandemic was declared around the world, the partners began **extensive and coordinated online promotion** of the project through projects' official social media and web page but also through the social media and web pages of all the partners. Nevertheless, the partner from Northern Macedonia (Center for Intercultural Dialogue) managed to hold an Opening conference and present the project on March 3rd, just before the COVID-19 crisis hit Northern Macedonia.

In July 2020 during the regular Project team Skype meeting the consortium decided to try to organize **promotional conferences/events**, all in accordance with health measures in each partner's country, online or offline, as circumstances permit. Accordingly, LDA Mostar organized three promotional events in Mostar, respecting all COVID 19 measures. **First event** was held on **September 19th** in **Youth Cultural Centre Abrašević**, as a part of an already scheduled cultural event (exhibition and concert). That was an opportunity to introduce our project to the young people of Mostar, and present them the opportunities and values of non-formal learning. Further on, LDA Mostar applied to be a part of the European event Erasmus days 2020 Celebration. On **October 15th and 16th**, LDA Mostar organized **"NFL TALKS"** events in **American Corner Mostar** and **Youth Club "POK Mostar"**. These events were conceived as casual gatherings where LDA Mostar presented its project but also used this opportunity to learn about Erasmus experiences within our local youth community.



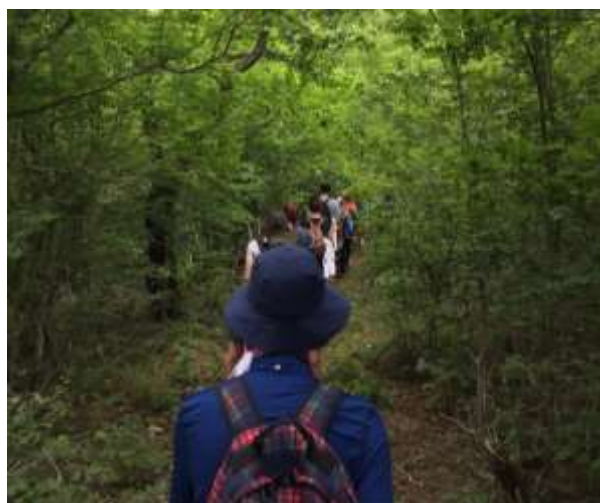
One of the key activities within the project was the **research on existing policies on recognition and validation of non-formal learning (NFL)**, and gathering successful stories of young people that built their path thanks to NFL competences. The second research consisted of **collecting inspiring stories** of young people that, thanks to the NFL, built a personal or professional path, identifying their way to arrive there and how they manage to make it important for their future.

LDA Mostar, in cooperation with partner organization Asocijacija za demokratski prosperitet – ZID developed the **research methodology** that was adopted by all partners. On **April 22nd** started the **national research** of the NFL, as well as collecting relevant EU data. First step was dissemination of a [questionnaire](#) that was shared among young people, aged 15-30. The aim of the questionnaire was to find out what young people know about non-formal learning methods and how they can use them. In total **990 young people** within 11 project partner countries participated in this research.

In light of global lockdown, project partners managed to organize the [interviews with the relevant stakeholders](#) in their communities, which was also a part of the research. The aim was to collect information about the current situation on NFL national policies, youth mobility, about non-formal learning but also stakeholders' role in it. These interviews were also a starting point for recommendations and conclusions of the research. At the end **36 interviews** were conducted (online or offline) and published online from **May to July**.



Third step towards research completion was the implementation of **focus groups with young people** where they were asked about their perceptions, opinions, beliefs, and attitudes towards youth mobility and NFL. **Twenty-six focus groups** have been organized (online or offline) in the period from **May to September**, and **more than 250** individuals participated in it. LDA Mostar organized two focus groups in Mostar. The **first one** was organized on **Jun 26th** as a part of a hiking experience gathering young people aged 24 to 28 and **the second one** on **July 10th** gathering young activists, representatives of youth organizations and young people who already had some relevant experience with the NFL.



As an **additional contribution to the research**, reviewing existing strategies about NFL in partner's organizations and a description of current status of NFL was delivered by all partner organizations, and was added as a part of the research. After the finalisation, the ["Research on](#)

[recognition and validation of non-formal learning in European Union, Western Balkans and Turkey](#)” was published in December 2020.

In the meantime, the project team made an additional effort and involved youth in additional online activity - **youth blogs** on pandemic impact on their lives. Eight blogs were published and shared on the project's web page and social media and disseminated on webpages and social media of the project partners.

In December 2020 [“Catalogue of Inspiring Stories about Non Formal Education”](#) was issued online in English. The catalogue brings the collection of inspiring stories of young people that built a personal or professional path thanks to NLF. By collecting these stories, a small tool will be created by the Youth Ambassadors to promote Non-Formal Learning. Fifty inspiring stories were collected in written form, and 8 were in video form. The Catalogue was also translated to Bosnian language which was fundraised by LDA Mostar and **funded by [Institute for Youth Development KULT](#)**.

The next important activity, supposed to be implemented in 2020, was the creation of the **Network of Youth Ambassadors** on the **online platform for exchange of stories and best practices of NLF**. Due to the COVID-19 crisis the launching of the platform needed to be postponed for several months but nevertheless was implemented till the end of 2020. LDA Mostar conducted a single tender procedure for constructing and designing the online platform. For this activity LDA Mostar managed to fundraise the additional funds again **co-funded by KULT**.

Additionally, in 2020, LDA Mostar also managed to fundraise funds from the **Federal Ministry of Education and Sport** through the **Transfer for Youth** program.

Project management activities were organized and implemented during the whole implementation period. **Skype meetings** of the consortium were organized regularly (6 meetings in the first year of implementation). The second international **Mid Term Evaluation Meeting** which was planned to take place in **Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina** in **October** was replaced with the **online version** on **November 20th** due to the COVID-19 pandemic gathering representatives of all partner organizations. It was an opportunity to look back and see what has been done and discuss the future steps and plan the future of the project. Regular communication between all the partners was very important during the first year of the project, as it kept all organizations within the consortium strong, considering major difficulties for us all due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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Timespan: 01/11/2019 – 31/10/2022

Donor: European Commission (Europe for Citizens - Network of Towns)



Co-funded by the
Europe for Citizens Programme
of the European Union

Applicant: Municipality of Arcugnano (Italy)

Partners: Town Council of Beato/Lisboa (Portugal); Directorate for Culture, Youth and Sport - Peja (*Kosovo); Stichting Street Art Museum Amsterdam (Netherlands); Municipality of Trebnje (Slovenia); Pargaujas novada pasvaldiba (Latvia); Municipality of Vlore (Albania); Municipality of Mioveni (Romania); AGENTURA PRO EVROPSKE PROJEKTY&MANAGEMENT SDRUZENI – Praha (Czech Republic); Municipality of Bydgoszcz (Poland); City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); kitev - Kultur im Turm – Oberhausen (Germany); City of Zajecar (Serbia); Municipality of Reggio Emilia (Italy); ALDA (France)

Objectives:

- tackling the regeneration of depressed and abandoned areas of European cities, by using the power of community street art in order to generate local identity, social inclusion and active citizenship;
- building a strong network of towns, committed to exchange positive results of using the street art as a way to involve communities and regenerate public spaces, by creating a multiplier impact.

Expected outcomes:

- networking among European towns that use community street art to maximise active citizenship and social inclusion is promoted;
- best practices among the partners for promoting active citizenship, social inclusion and urban regeneration in a sustainable way are exchanged;
- sense of belonging and local identity among citizens is increased;

- cohabitation and solidarity between citizens are improved;
- citizens' engagement in local and social issues is increased;
- citizens' awareness on European values is increased.

Note: As one of the project partners, City of Mostar decided to assign LDA Mostar as the project collaborator, assisting the City of Mostar in implementation and reporting project activities.

Activities in 2020

The first official activity in 2020 was the **Kick-off meeting** which took place **online** on **April 15th** instead in Arcugnano, Italy. It was the opportunity for the partners to meet each other and to discuss the project methodology, activities and finances. LDA Mostar representatives were attending the meeting as the project associate to City of Mostar which is a partner on this exciting project.



Representatives of LDA Mostar, the [City of Mostar](#) and [Street Arts Festival Mostar](#) were part of the First International Event of the STAR project titled **"Street art against urban and social marginalization"** held through the online platform on **June 4th**. This event was originally also planned to be organized in Arcugnano, Italy in form of a training but due to the COVID-19 world pandemic and its consequences it was organized virtually. Nevertheless, this event brought together **more than 100 participants** interested in street art and the impacts it has on society in general with a focus on local communities. During the event, a project was presented and discussed between CSO and Local Authorities representatives and artists. The City of Mostar is one of the partners of this project financed through the EU program Europe for Citizens, and the LDA Mostar is an official associate of the City of Mostar within the Star project. Accordingly, LDA Mostar director, Ms Dženana Dedić, had the honour to present on behalf the City of Mostar during the event. The [presentation](#) was mainly dedicated to the variety of art projects LDA Mostar, Street Art Mostar and the City of Mostar have implemented during the last several years with the emphasis on street art. **The recording of the event** is available on the following [link](#).



The first local activity - **meeting the local stakeholders** took place on **June 11th**. During the meeting the representatives of the LDA Mostar along with the representative of the City of Mostar, Ms Sabina Memić, presented the project and the local path to the representatives of the Street Arts Festival Mostar. The first step towards the implementation of the **Local path phase I** implies the identification of the target place for urban regeneration involving the young people, schools and general population. This action needed to be in the form of **mural painting** which was supposed to be a direct result of the work and engagement of the young people of Mostar. In order to proceed with this activity, the questionnaire for the citizens of Mostar was designed asking them to choose the preferable location for urban regeneration within the city, involving them in such a way to take part in the decision making. Two types of **questionnaire** were designed, one for the [experts](#) and one for the [general population](#).





On **October 5th**, representatives of LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar took part in the event titled “**ALDA TALK 2.2 - Street art for re-building communities**”. The webinar started with an introduction of the street art movement and its evolution by the **Street Art Museum Amsterdam** representative, the discussion followed with a presentation of the **CAPUS project**, through the description of participatory actions for street artworks conservation. Finally, the **Borgo Universo Festival** was presented as an innovative and successful case study for building effective public-private and civil society partnerships and enhancing inclusive and sustainable urbanization, civic engagement and participatory processes. The intention of the webinar was to explain the role of Street Art as a process for social and urban regeneration of communities, specifically as a tool to support economic, social and environmental links between urban, per-urban and rural areas. The project intercepts SDGs 10.2, 11.3, 11.A, 17.17 and the talk was

broadcast within the **European Sustainable Development Week**.

On **November 12th**, the project team held the **Coordination Meeting** on Zoom platform in order to reschedule some of the project activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic repercussions. Despite all the difficulties, the partners discussed and found out innovative ways to engage citizens through the project activities.



Monumental 9



Timespan: 24/10/2019 – 24/07/2020

Donor: Regional Cooperation Council (“Support to the implementation of the RCC Triple-P Tourism in SEE: Promotion, Policy, and Pilots Grants Work Programme”)



This project is funded by
the European Union

Applicant: Local Democracy Agency Montenegro

Partners: LDA Mostar; LDA Subotica; LDA Prijedor; LDA Zavidovici; LDA Knjazevac; LDA Kosovo*; ALDA Skopje

Description: The core activities of the proposed action are aimed to help create preconditions for new tourism product development to increase youth employment and income generating activities through engaging micro-localities, youth greeters and creative writers (and/or vloggers) in regional cooperation programmes. Capacity building for LDA greeters and vloggers, professional tour guide skills development exercise, field visit and learning by doing approach are all intended to contribute to the overall objective with specific focus on activities designed to engage youth from local communities in regional intercultural exchange programme to work together on a new tourist product development.

Overall objective: Help create preconditions for new tourism product development to increase youth employment and income generating activities through engaging micro-localities, youth greeters and vloggers in regional co-operation programme

Specific objective(s):

- develop youth friendly innovative promotional actions to provide orientation and publicise the narrative of the nine magnificent monuments from the WW2.;
- create youth friendly online platform to present sites, locations and heritage
- develop regional pilot youth intercultural exchange programme including exploration, storytelling, digitalisation of the new cultural tourism product: Monumental 9;

- help increase attractiveness for tourist development and income generating activities at micro-localities;

Activities in 2020

The first projects activity in 2020 was the **Regional capacity building programme** titled “**Each monument tells its own story**” which gathered **30 young greeters and bloggers** from partner organizations in **Prijedor** in a period **February, 13th-15th** on the locality of **Kozara Monument**. Interactive workshops combined desk research and field visits were designed to help develop greeters’ skills, creative writing skills as well as research work to create a quality tourist promotional narrative. The training programme in Prijedor comprised a combined set of skills development workshops and practical site visits prepared and organized by the senior trainers as a learning – by – doing **pilot tour**.



Senior trainers, **Mr Dario Terzić** and **Mr Darel Kapetanović**, introduced the young participants to effective communication styles, creative writing approaches, while the practical work included the use of innovative and digital/video tools to present sites and locations and provide either orientation or informational content on heritage, adventure, tourism and other services, as well as mobility aspect of the product.



Field visits/photo safari included the cultural sites in the city of **Prijedor – City Museum, Mladen Stojanović Memorial House**, while the young trainees spent one whole day on the **Kozara Monumental complex** where they were taking some spectacular photos enjoying also a sunny day and a bright sky. Individual and group photo sessions, video / short film making, documenting some personal impressions were the part of this creative process.

With the trainers' guidance and professional tour guides assistance, the follow-up activities later included creation of the LDA teams who would be engaged in learning by doing approaches (based also on the Training manual produced) to further promote and publicise the cultural sites and tourist development, while the training manual produced will serve as the grounds for their further professional skills development.

Kozara Monument was a memorable experience for the young greeters most of whom were here for the first time.

On **June 24th** another **Coordination meeting** of the project team took place virtually. The LDAs were discussing the preparations of the local activities: online training, new web platforms and other local activities which were foreseen in the following months as promotion for cultural heritage from World War 2 in Western Balkans.



On **14 July**, the **online training** for the **young greeters** was organized following their participation in the training programme and follow-up pilot regional tours with the aim to motivate, inspire and provide basic knowledge and skills for quality presentations of cultural heritage along the tour explored throughout the entire project implementation. LDA Montenegro along with partners LDA Mostar, LDA Kosovo, LDA Zavidovići, LDA Prijedor, LDA Knjaževac, LDA Subotica and ALDA Skopje has developing new touristic products using greeter concept and modern approaches in order to increase youth employment and income generating activities through engaging micro-localities.



On **July 15th** another **online training** was organized. This time for the **young local bloggers and vloggers** within the project. How to become a vlogger and or blogger, how to take a good architectural photo, how to promote cultural heritage through posts and blogs and to get to know the monuments dedicated to the Second World War in the region were some of the topics of this webinar.



The activity that followed was the **first field tour** to **Konjic, Jablanica, Mostar** (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and **Nikšić** (Montenegro) within the frame of the project organized from **July 27th-31st**. The tour attracted young bloggers, greeters and touristic workers who had the opportunity to visit different parts of the cultural heritage sites. **Tito's bunker** in Konjic, the **Battle of Neretva Memorial** in Jablanica, the **Partisan memorial cemetery** in Mostar and the **Trebješa Memorial site** near Nikšić were part of the first tour.

The field tour started in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The first stop was to visit **Tito's bunker** in Konjic. The fascinating part is that citizens of ex-Yugoslavia didn't know about this facility until the early 90's. That is why the bunker is considered the **best kept secret** of the former state. Apart from the bunker, the participants had the privilege to visit the birthplace of **Zuko Džumhur**, a prominent **Bosnian writer, painter and caricaturist**. Next place to visit was the **Homeland Museum** of Konjic and the **Nikšić family woodcarving museum**.

After visiting Konjic, the participants headed to Jablanica, a town located in Herzegovina-Neretva canton in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In Jablanica they had the opportunity to enjoy an evening with the sounds of the **Music School "Galeb"**. Furthermore, they visited the **Museum "Battle on Neretva"** and spent some time with the women of the **Women's Association "Most"** who prepared delicious traditional Bosnian dishes.



The last stop in Bosnia and Herzegovina was the City of Mostar. The participants visited the **Partisan Memorial Cemetery** built in honour of the fallen partisans and all those who participated in anti-fascist battle. Nowadays, the cemetery is neglected and ruined, testifying a time that provokes ideological debates. Under the trees in the **City park Zrinjevac**, the participants discovered relaxing and energizing classes of yoga and meditation. Moreover, the participants explored the murals of the **Street Art Festival Mostar** and the graveyard where the most famous poet of Mostar, **Aleksa Šantić**, was buried.



The visit to the **Old town in Mostar** offered the possibility to learn **traditional techniques of making copper objects, woodcarving, painting on stones**, making traditional **Bosnian coffee**, and dancing traditional **folk dances** were among the most interesting activities. At the evening the visit was dedicated to **Mostar's Youth Theatre (MTM)** and theatre play "Dream of Freedom", representing the Second World War from the point of view of people trapped in the camps of the Fascist-Nazi regime. The part of the tour in Bosnia and Herzegovina was wrapped up by the city **rafting tour on the river Neretva** and with the adrenaline adventure on the **zip line** (Fortica Hill).



The field trip then continued in Montenegro discovering **Nikšić** and its cultural heritage and tradition. Starting with the **arboretum**, a collection of domestic and foreign species of trees and shrubs, made in **Grahovo** by General Vojo Kovačević. The tour continued to the recently restored **Uprising and Revolution Memorial Park** on the **Umac hill**. The tastes of the region, the traditional ambient, and old stone house and local food were also explored in the **ethno-house and cave "Dedovina"**. **Slano Lake** and **Bridge on Moštanica** so-called The **Roman bridge** are unavoidable attractions on the way to Nikšić. "**Riverside Maksimović**", was the perfect place to taste the fish specialties in an authentic ambience on the banks of the river Zeta. The adventure continued in the **village of Župa** in Nikšić, enjoying the unusual natural beauties and getting acquainted with the techniques of cheese production on the **Miličić family farm**. Nearby, there is a monument honouring the memory of persons who lost their lives in the battle of Sutjeska.

Trebjesa, the protected natural area of the town of Nikšić, was the last place to visit. The park has more than 200 herbaceous and 40 woody species. There are 15 endemic species of the Balkan Peninsula. A place for relaxation, cycling with a panoramic view of Nikšić. At the foot of Trebjesa, an imposing monument was erected in the shape of 11m high arms that stretch to the sky in memory of 32 executed resistance members. "Generations will admire your heroism for centuries" was engraved on this monument, completed in 1987 by the author Ljubo Vojvodić.



The **second tour** within the Monumental 9 project focused on discovering monumental landscapes of **Brezovica (Kosovo*)**, **Kruševo (North Macedonia)** and **Niš (Serbia)**. The excursion was organised from **July 28th to August 1st**. Young bloggers, greeters and touristic workers who had the opportunity to visit different parts of the cultural heritage sites such as Monument to the Sharr Mountain Partisan Unit in Brezovica, the Makedonium (Ilinden) in Kruševo and Bubanj Memorial Park in Niš.



Regional Pilot tour 3 was jointly organized in a period **August 10th-15th** by **LDA Subotica** and **LDA Prijedor** team members. The adventure started with the **Kozara Monumental park** and the surrounding area near Prijedor (Bosnia and Herzegovina), continued with travel to **Sremski front memorial park** in the proximity of Fruska Gora in Vojvodina while the last stop was at **Kadinjača memorial complex** in western Serbia near the City of Užice.



On **September 22nd-23rd** the last project activity was the **Closing Conference** held in **Nikšić, Montenegro** announcing the end of the project Monumental 9.

This project came up with online training for young local greeters, vloggers and bloggers. The main outcome was the creation of **3 pilot tours** to **promote memorial tourism**. The first trip was in Konjic, Jablanica, Mostar and Nikšić, second expedition was Brezovica, Kruševo, Niš and the last trip was to Prijedor, Šid and Užice.



An interactive and user-friendly web site containing audio, visual and written narratives of the nine magnificent monuments from WW2 is created. To explore our adventure in the Balkans, have a look at our [website](#).

The follow up of Monumental 9 is our **CulTours** project creating **mobile applications for promotion and shared cultural heritage**. It is funded by Western Balkan Fund.

WB CulTours - Cultural tours in Western Balkans



Timespan: 01/06/2020 – 01/06/2021

Donor: Western Balkans Fund



Applicant: Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD)

Partners: Local Democracy Agency Mostar (Mostar / Bosnia and Herzegovina); Local Democracy Agency Niksic (Niksic / Montenegro); Local Democracy Agency Knjazevac (Knjazevac / Serbia); Local Democracy Agency of Kosovo (Peja / Kosovo)

Overall objective: to contribute to regional cooperation and regional cohesion in WB6 through cultural cooperation and activities for sustainable growth.

Specific objective(s):

- to promote shared cultural heritage in Western Balkan countries related to common history through creation of youth friendly tool;
- to support local sustainable development of micro-localities through income generating activities and tourism;
- to reinforce the cooperation and networking among different stakeholders on local and regional level

Description: The project idea was developed as follow-up of the on-going project titled “Monumental 9” financed by the Regional Cooperation Council’s Programme: “Support to the implementation of the RCC Triple-P Tourism in SEE”. The project “Monumental 9” supports creation of an online platform to present and promote the narrative of nine monuments from World War 2 in Western Balkans. The project develops pilot youth intercultural exchange programmes including exploration, storytelling, digitalisation of the new cultural tourism product as well as capacity building programmes for young vloggers and greeters. “Monumental 9” is helping to increase attractiveness for tourist development and income generating activities and micro-localities.

Against this backdrop, the proposed Action will build upon the outcomes in the “Monumental 9”, notably the vast information created during the project and presented on the online platform, contributing thus to sustainability and added value of the social intervention as well as to the multiplication of the outcomes.

This project will contribute to the promotion of the touristic potentials of the region of Western Balkans through the perspective of the common cultural heritage and shared history notably through involvement of youth. The project will promote networking at the local level of various stakeholders with an aim of increasing touristic potentials and opportunities for youth employment, better understanding and reconciliation in Western Balkans.

In this specific context of economic and social crises, it is even more important to tackle the question of tourism, support the sector and contribute to the local economic development of the local communities.

Main activities:

- 1) Creation of mobile application for promotion of shared cultural heritage: 1.1. research and work with local stakeholders; 1.2. development of tool for promotion of cultural heritage,
- 2) Local activities for touristic development 2.1. Identification of local economic stakeholders related to the touristic development; 2.2. promotion of touristic tools to local touristic promoters; 2.3. Webinars for exchange of ideas on tourism and local economic development.
- 3) Regional Networking activities: 3.1. Online partner meetings; 3.2. Regional networking event; 3.3. Regional online webinars.

Expected results:

- 1) Mobile application created to promote shared cultural heritage related to monuments from World War 2 in Western Balkan Countries
- 2) Touristic products developed in cooperation with local stakeholders in order to promote sustainable economic growth
- 3) Reinforced Balkan Network for local democracy to implement thematic project that include civil society organizations, local authorities and other economic and cultural stakeholders.

Target groups: Local democracy agencies in Western Balkans, local authorities, Local CSOs, CSO thematic network, young greeters and vloggers, local/national public authorities/government bodies, media.

Final beneficiaries: Educational/cultural institutions, tourist associations, SMEs, 5 local communities, population in the communities involved

Activities in 2020

On **November 6th** LDA Mostar organized an **open webinar** titled “**Tourism in time of Covid-19: Potential for local development**” with the aim to discuss the impact that COVID-19 has on the situation in tourism in the City of Mostar and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The webinar hosted renowned experts in the field of tourism: **Mr Ramiz Bašić**, Senior Expert Associate of Touristic Community of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, **Dr.sc.Irma Dedić**, Professor and Head of Faculty of Tourism at Dzemal Bijedic University, **Ms Stanislava Borovac**, Professional Tourist Guide and

Interpreter of local heritage, specialized in the field of adventurous routes and on behalf of LDA Mostar, director **Ms Dženana Dedić** represented the project.

By choosing the above-mentioned panelists, LDA Mostar included the participation of the academic, governmental, private and non-governmental sector in webinar discussion. This way, participants were able to gain a comprehensive insight into the state of tourism in the city of Mostar, Herzegovina-Neretva region, but also in Bosnia and Herzegovina as a whole, that was directly affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic.



Throughout presentations, the panelists demonstrated the current situation in local tourism, advantages and disadvantages of local tourism affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity to reform the Tourism Sector by introducing innovation and digitization but in a same way avoiding dehumanization. Also, they stressed the importance of the development of congress and rural tourism, labeling local heritage/products, creating detailed and comprehensive marketing and unification of legislation and the need to create an umbrella institution at the State level.

The **recordings** of the entire webinar are available on the following [link](#).

STEP - Systematic transparency in election process



Timespan: 2020 – 2022

Donor: European Union, Government of the United States of America and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe



This project is funded by
the European Union



Applicant: Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod lupom”

Partner: Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar)

Description: The STEP Project is implemented by the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections “Pod lupom”. The Coalition consists of five NGOs from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina: Centers for Civil Initiatives; Citizens’ Association “Democracy-Organization-Progress” Prijedor; Institute for Youth and Community Development “Perpetuum Mobile” Banja Luka; Center for Civil Cooperation Livno and Tuzla Citizens’ Forum.

The STEP Project will directly increase the strength and visibility of civil society organizations (CSOs) in civic election observation and support the development of civil society in the democratization process in Bosnia and Herzegovina, covering two election cycles: Local Elections 2020 and General Elections 2022. The Project seeks to strengthen civic participation and strengthen the CSO movement across the country to support free and fair elections, while reducing the risk of electoral fraud and manipulation.

Through the Project, a series of activities were designed and they are divided into five components following the imperative of capacity building of CSOs in order to strengthen the civil sector for sustainable election observation activities in the future. STEP consists of five components:

1. Capacity building and network development
2. Election observation
3. Policy development and advocacy
4. Communication with the public and educating
5. Media monitoring

The Coalition was established in May 2014 with the aim of implementing a project of civic, non-partisan observation of the 2014 General Elections.

The main activity of the Coalition is election observation. So far, the Coalition has observed the 2014 General Elections, the early local elections in seventeen municipalities, the 2016 Local Elections, the first elections in the newly formed Stanari Municipality, the repeated elections in Stolac Municipality, the revocation of Lukavac Mayor, the 2018 General Elections and Local elections 2020. About 10,000 observers were engaged in all these elections. In addition, the Coalition conducts research and development of international comparative analyses, monitoring sessions of the BiH Central Election Commission, organizing round tables and conferences

bringing together representatives of legislative institutions, the election administration, the international and academic community, the media and civil society. The coalition advocates the improvement of the election process in all its segments. In addition to the above activities, the Coalition also educates young voters during the election year, in order to motivate and encourage them to actively participate in the election process.

The role of the LDA Mostar in project:

The LDA Mostar team has decided to support the work of the Coalition for the BiH Local Elections 2020 signing the "Letter of Intent of CSOs to participate in the STEP project" and in early 2020 made an assessment of its own capacities. LDA Mostar staff was engaged as a long-term observer (LTO) monitoring the election process for a period of about two and a half months prior to elections and on Election Day.

The activities of LDA Mostar staff were related to:

- Observation of the pre-election process (observation of the work of the election administration and monitoring of compliance with election deadlines, observation of the (pre) election campaign, observation of reporting by local and other media and observation and reporting of election irregularities)
- Animation of short-term observers – STOs (including campaigns on the streets, training and accreditation of election day observers)
- Weekly reporting
- Appointment of STOs at polling stations and coordination of STOs on the actual Election Day
- Presentation of the STEP Project and the Coalition in public in accordance to the rules of the Coalition

Activities in 2020

The first activity was the long-term observance in the Municipalities Neum, Ravno and in the City of Mostar. Beforehand, LDA Mostar representatives participated during June in online Training for trainers (ToT) for Long Term Observers (LTO) organized by the Coalition "Pod lupom" and continued with the training in Sarajevo during September, 2020. LDA Mostar was also monitoring the media reporting and political parties in the context of elections and election rules. During the whole period we had meetings with relevant stakeholders in the election process: The City election commission, media representatives, political parties and others. Organizing the street info actions in Mostar to inform the citizens first hand on the election and disseminating the information on a daily basis were also our regular duties.



We were also animating the STO (short term observers) and managed to gather the requested number of potential observers to cover all polling stations on Election Day, later on organizing and executing the training for STOs.



On the Election Day in Mostar, LDA Mostar delegate, Ms Dženana Dedić participated in the press conference organized by the Coalition "Pod lupom" on December 18th in Mostar. The press conference aimed to present the **Preliminary report on long-term observation of the Local Elections in Mostar** for the period from October 5th till December 14th, 2020.

During the Election Day team of LDA Mostar provided constant support to observers on the field.



Strengthening trust, a precondition for a better future for young people

Timespan: 25/08/2020- 25/08/2021

Donor: PRO – Budućnost / financed by USAID and CRS (Catholic Relief Services)



Lead Partner: City of Mostar

LDA Mostar in project: sub-contractor of the project leader

Objective: to improve institutional mechanisms for cooperation at the local level, with the aim of strengthening the position of young people in the community



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2020

EU TACSO3 - Western Balkans and Turkey Regional Civil Society Forum in Skopje

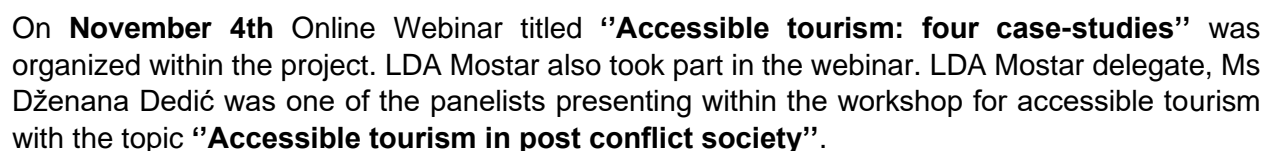
In the framework of the EU-funded Technical Assistance to Civil Society Organizations in Western Balkans and Turkey (**EU TACSO 3**) project, **Western Balkans and Turkey Regional Civil Society Forum** took place between **21 and 23 January** in Skopje, North Macedonia. The Forum gathered 108 representatives of civil society, public authorities, EU representatives, donors, experts and other stakeholders in the area of civil society development in the region of Western Balkans and Turkey. On behalf of LDA Mostar, director Ms Dženana Dedić attended this event, as the **CSO representative in B&H national team** but also as the **representative of our regional Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD)** together with our colleague, ALDA Skopje office director and SEE Coordinator Ms Ivana Petrovska. It was an excellent opportunity to present the BNLD on the EU and regional level but also to learn about the architecture of the new EU Pre-Accession Instrument for the EU budget period 2021-2027 (IPA II). The representatives of the European Commission upon the presentation opened a consultation process with CSOs on their recommendations for future support and use of EU funds in Western Balkan and Turkey.



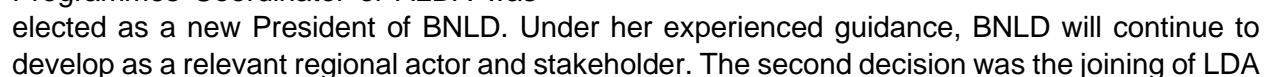
LDA Mostar part of the project's GATE (Granting Accessible Tourism for Everyone) Community of interest

The [GATE](#) project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund and the Interreg V-A Italy-Austria 2014-2020 programme with the aim to collaborate on a cross-border level to make sure that inclusive tourism is no longer just the “highlight” of certain alpine and pre-alpine areas, but expands all over, becoming a true strength within the cooperating area. It is an opportunity for growth of the whole tourist offer, promoting what is defined as an “experiential” approach: seeing, hearing, touching, breathing and, of course, tasting the mountains! This is a cross-border cooperation project carried out by the UNESCO Dolomites Foundation (lead partner), the independent L. Social Cooperative, the Municipality of Santorso, CAI Alpago, the University of Innsbruck, and Salzburg Research with the support of ALDA. The GATE consortium commits to

In 2020 **LDA Mostar** became the representative of the GATE's Community of Interest after signing the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on **March 23rd**. Within the Memorandum, LDA Mostar committed to disseminate and provide visibility to the project and its outputs, to participate in the "Inclusive Tourism Help Desk" that will be developed by the project and discuss its contents with the aim to replicate the project activities and the technological tools on offer and to attend some of the project events.



The Balkan Network for Local Democracy (BNLD) held an **Extraordinary General Assembly online on April 9th** with all members representatives present. Apart from standard administrative discussion on different relevant topics, two important decisions were made during the General Assembly. Ms Stanka Parać from LDA Subotica, long time SEE Regional Programmes Coordinator of ALDA was

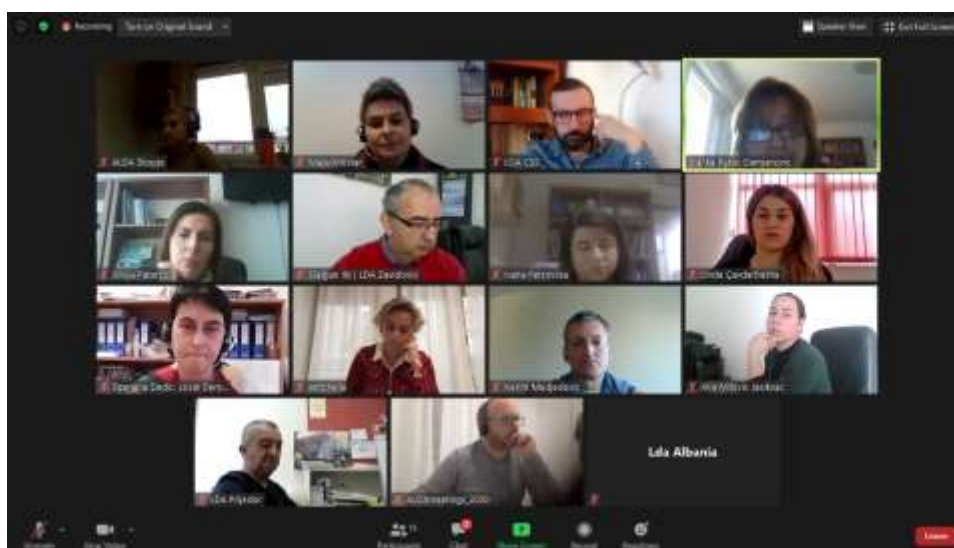


Albania to our Network, and became our newest member in BNLD. These decisions will bring new perspectives for the Network and will shape the future of the regional approach in a new and positive way.

On **July 16th**, the **Governing Board of Balkan Network for Local Democracy** had an **online meeting**. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the following Strategic planning of BNLD: methodology, engagement, deadlines etc.



On **December 23rd** LDA Mostar representatives attended the **Annual General Assembly** meeting within **Balkan Network for Local Democracy**. Network members were discussing Overview of the Year 1 of the Network and the Action plan for 2021.



The Annual ALDA General Assembly

On October 9th all the Balkan LDA delegates participated in The Annual ALDA General Assembly online meeting ALDA - Association of Local Democracy Agencies using this occasion to also celebrate the 20th anniversary in the context of the European Week of Regions and Cities.



Public Debate "Elections and Citizen Participation in Democratic Processes" within the EU project "Together we are Europe"

On October 16th, LDA Mostar delegate Ms Dženana Dedić participated in the Public Debate "Elections and Citizen Participation in Democratic Processes", which was organized within the EU project "Together we are Europe" in the premises of the INTERA Technology Park in Mostar. Among other guest speakers, Ms Dedić spoke on the topic "Active Citizenship". It was an honour to participate in the Public Debate and to talk about democratic processes and citizen activism at a very important time for the City of Mostar. The Public Debate was broadcasting online via Zoom platform.



Network for building Peace lost its founder and president, peace activist and humanitarian Goran Bubalo

On Jun 9th we lost our dear colleague and friend, a great humanitarian and peace activist Goran Bubalo. Goran was the founder and president of Network for building Peace and EU TACSO 3 Country Coordinator for Bosnia and Herzegovina, but more than that, he was an outstanding person with incredible dedication and commitment working tirelessly as an activist in civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina for over 20 years. He would be truly missed by his friends, colleagues and collaborators while the civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina lost one of its main drivers.

His legacy will be cherished and continued by his Network for building Peace which was established in February 2010 as a non-formal network and currently gathers 176 NGOs and CSOs and 21 educational institutions legally registered in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



ALF - Anna Lindh Foundation – Bosnia and Herzegovina activities

On **November 6th**, LDA Mostar representative attended the online **Electoral Assembly** of the Anna Lindh Foundation - Bosnia and Herzegovina. The attendees discussed the report on the main office work and the members of the Board of Directors of ALF BiH were elected.



Meeting with the representative of Congress of local and regional authorities of CoE - presentation of the “Building democratic participation in the City of Mostar”

On November 18th, representatives of the LDA Mostar participated in the online meeting organized by the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe. The meeting was the chance for Congress to introduce the project "Building democratic participation in the City of Mostar" to civil society organisations and media, and to discuss ways in which local stakeholders can be involved in various stages of the deliberative process in Mostar. Stewart Dickson (ILDG, United Kingdom), Congress Spokesperson on the Observation of Local and Regional Elections, encouraged all participants to take up an active role in Mostar's journey towards deliberative democracy. He stressed that “One of the key elements that makes deliberative processes successful is the full engagement of all local



stakeholders, because such a process is about letting citizens build up their own solutions and contribute to local policy making". "We are glad to see the interest shown, in particular ahead of the long-awaited elections in Mostar scheduled for 20 December", he added. The meeting was attended by 13 civil society organisations, including representatives of a religious community and the Association of Municipalities and Cities of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The event was organised in the framework of the project "Building democratic participation in the City of Mostar" implemented by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities within the Council of Europe Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2021. The aim of the project is to create opportunities for citizens to engage in a deliberative process and increase their input in local decision-making. In turn, this process will foster dialogue at local level and contribute to the revitalisation of democratic processes in the City of Mostar.

Mostar Summer Youth Program (MSYP) - "Your choice: a conversation with young people about elections in Mostar"

LDA Mostar had the honour to participate in the Mostar Summer Youth Program event "Your choice: a conversation with young people about elections in Mostar" organized via Zoom platform on 14th of November 2020. On behalf of LDA Mostar, director Ms Dženana Dedić talked about our organization, the active citizenry as well as the transparent and responsible local authorities with the main focus on the elections in Mostar and youth activism.



Visibility of the activities implemented by LDA Mostar

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 ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) i [YouTube](#)), 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" continued its activities beyond the boundaries of the project, still within the scope of the LDA Mostar work.

LDA Mostar is one of the administrators of Facebook page "[Elect Mostar](#)" 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 ".

MEDIA	FOLLOWERS
FB Page @ldamostar	1164
FB Page @infopointmostar	1363
FB Page @izborisezamostar	350
Instagram Profile @ldamostar	706
YouTube Profile LDA Mostar	5
Web Page https://ldamostar.org/	

Financial Review

Total funds for the period 2004-2020

No.	Year	€ TOTAL CASH FLOW (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%
16.	2019	126,920.97	81,261.74	64.03%
17.	2020	280,073.97	259,246.06	92.56%
TOTAL		1.523,216.75	1.063,145.05	

Graphic view of fundraising for the period 2004-2020

