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ACTIVITY REPORT

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18 YEARS OF THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCY MOSTAR

The 18th birthday only happens once!

It brings with it maturity and responsibility, and we want to believe that the Local Democracy Agency from Mostar came of age as a mature and responsible organization, which has proven seriousness through its work and is recognized as a serious factor, both in the NGO sector and among local representatives, authorities and the international community.

Every journey begins with the first step. We believe that these 18 years of ours, 18 big steps towards a more democratic society, are really just the beginning of an exciting journey in which we have been and are happily including all associates and friends.

That is exactly why the birthday party on the occasion of the 18th birthday of LDA Mostar was an opportunity to gather many faces and names from our organization's past, present and future existence and activities. Thank you to everyone who made this evening a memorable party, after which impressions will be collected for a long time.

And us? We move on, towards new challenges, successes, new friendships and collaborations; and we hope for many more birthdays.





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.

ABOUT US



City of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
(host partner)

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.



Region Puglia, Italy
(partner leader)

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.alda-europe.eu)
- ·BNLD – Balkan Network for Local Democracy (www.alda-balkan-youth.eu)
- ·Network for Building Peace (www.mreza-mira.net)
(The director of LDA Mostar is a member of the Governing Board)
- ·ALF – Anna Lindh Foundation (www.annalindhfoundation.org)
(Team member of LDA Mostar is a Governing Board member)
- City of Mostar Local Dialogue Platform

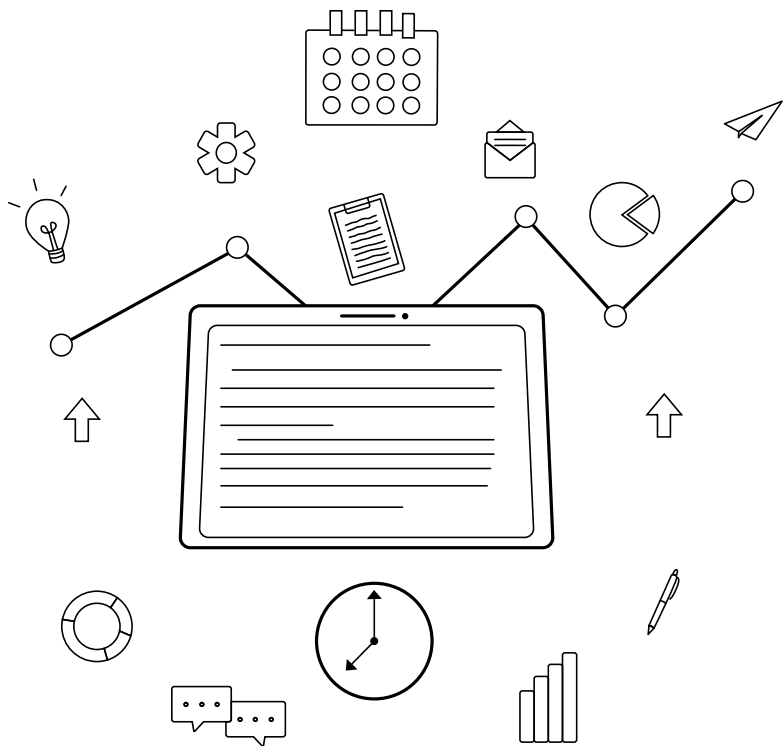
OUR NETWORK



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. 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.



PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2022



YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF NON-FORMAL LEARNING



Project duration: 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)



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the European Union**

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Institut za
razvoj mladih KULT



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



BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA
Federacija Bosne i Hercegovine
Federalno ministarstvo kulture i sporta

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

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 Girisim 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, analyze, 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 2022

The Final Evaluation Meeting of the project was held in Durrës, Albania from the 3rd until the 6th of April, 2022. It was a hybrid type of meeting which involved representatives of 11 partner organizations. During the meeting, each partner country presented their local activities, pros and cons of the project, and future insights about the methods of non-formal learning. The consortium discussed the project follow-up, as the results and deliverables of this project were excellent. The need for the continuation of implementing further activities in regards to non-formal learning, on the territory of 11 countries, was found essential by project partners.



The final local dissemination activity and Closing Conference was organized on the 12th of April, 2022 in Mostar by LDA Mostar. The Closing Conference brought together participants from different CSOs, the Federal Ministry of Education and Science, high-school representatives and youth workers. At the Conference, many project results and conclusions were elaborated on. During the project implementation, three international mobility activities were carried out, plus 22 job shadowing activities that included over 100 young people from 11 participating countries were realized.



Altogether, 44 local workshops were conducted, 11 opening and closing conferences in 11 partner countries were created, encompassing 2500 participants. Further on, the Conference participants discussed other activities such as deliverables created within the project: Research about valorization of NFL, Catalog of inspiring stories, Toolkit of NFL and Recommendations.

On 25th of April, 2022 LDA Mostar organized its fourth local workshop gathering young people and youth ambassadors for non-formal learning in order to discuss the importance of participation in non-formal education activities and the power of validation and recognition of competences acquired outside the formal education environment through the innovative methodology of YAMNFL project.



During the local workshops, two of the main projects results have been promoted:

- Research on recognition and validation of non-formal learning in EU, WB and Turkey.
- Catalog of inspiring stories about non-formal education with research activities.

Participants showed a great interest in the project and expressed their willingness to be included in activities concerning non-formal education, recognizing the importance of developing their skills and competences.

STAR - STREET ART



Timespan: 01/11/2019 – 31/10/2022

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



**Co-funded by
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)

Description: In recent years, rising migration flows have made Europe multicultural and multiethnic. As a result, cities have changed their urbanization and profile, and suburbs have increased the generation of fragmentation and marginalization. Additionally, the crisis of recent years (e.g., the 2008 financial crisis or the refugee crisis) exacerbated urban stratification and hostility between areas, producing stigma and socio-spatial exclusion. The goal of the project is to create a network of cities with a common strategy that will promote social inclusion and reduce marginalization by rehabilitating neglected and abandoned areas of European cities through street art. The project involves actors from 14 different countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, France, Italy, *Kosovo, Latvia, Portugal, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Germany, and the Netherlands.

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 maximize 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 2022

On January 27th a local workshop was organized by the City of Mostar in cooperation with LDA Mostar gathering young people from Mostar with the aim of raising awareness among students on social inclusion using the power of art. Workshop was organized in the premises of the City of Mostar Department for Civil Affairs. The youth leader representative of the Youth Council of Mostar Melissa Memić and the young artist Medina Ćukić prepared presentations and led the workshop. Prior to the workshop, the representative of the City of Mostar and LDA Mostar organized the preparatory session with the workshop leaders in order to introduce the project and the activity objectives and to give the inputs for preparation of the presentations.



Two representatives of City of Mostar/LDA Mostar presented the project's local activities and findings on the Final Conference, held in Amsterdam from 25th-27th of May, 2022. The event was focused on best practice exchange between European cities and civil society organizations on street art initiatives as a tool to promote social inclusion and urban regeneration at the community level.



On June 3rd, 2022, a second local workshop for the young people of Mostar was organized with the aim of gathering concrete ideas for the mural creation. Young people were given a task of sketching the ideas for the mural creation which will promote intercultural understanding and social inclusion.

At the end of the Jun, 2022, a mural in Mostar was created by the young artist from Mostar, Medina Ćukić, who succeeded in her intention to convey a universal human message through her work, which is in line with the messages and goals of the project itself. The mural can be found on the wall of a public kitchen building in Mostar.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND CSOS IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – LINK 4 COOPERATION



Project duration: January 2021 – December 2023

Donor: The European Union



Aplicant: Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar)

Partners: Local Democracy Agency Zavidovići, Local Democracy Agency Prijedor, Center for Development of Herzegovina Trebinje, ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy

Affiliated entity: ALDA Skopje – Association of agencies for local democracy

Project Description: The project promotes principles of good governance with a view to effective and responsive performance of the local government units in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project will empower the capacities of local authorities (elected leaders and civil servants) and civil society in implementing participative processes. Together they will identify concrete problems of the community that will find their solutions thanks to the participative approach. The project will therefore build capacities and solve problems, by consolidating the approach in the years to come.

The main target group of this project are the 40 local CSOs and grassroots organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina and 12 Local self-government units – municipal administration and local councilors as local decision makers.

Overall objective: to strengthen the capacities of CSOs engaged in public policy processes to become skilled and reliable partners in policy-making and reform processes in B&H.

Specific objectives:

- Create stronger links to citizens by engaging in public policy process, reaching out to society as a whole including marginalized groups and grass root communities and encouraging civic activism and public participation in policy-making;
- Capable, transparent and accountable LAs;
- Effective CSOs;
- LAs have enabling policies and rules for grass root organizations and civic initiatives;
- CSOs create network for coalition-building for increased impact in campaigning and advocacy.

ACTIVITIES IN 2022

At the end of 2021 and at the beginning of 2022, representatives of the "LINK 4 Cooperation" project consortium held a series of meetings with representatives of project beneficiaries - 12 local self-governments from the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



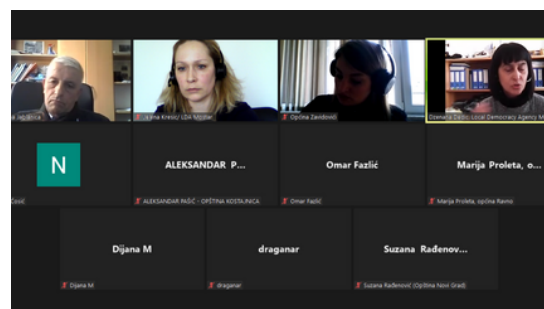
Activities implemented in the first year of the project were presented at the meetings, as well as the upcoming activities, with the focus on the grant scheme for the civil sector in the project area, which will be realized in 2023. The meetings were also an opportunity to present potentially interesting models of joint promotion on the project web portal and the project's social networks (FB and Instagram). The aim of the meetings was the presentation of the European Label of Excellence in Management Program - ELoGE and the Leadership Academy Program - LAP as extremely valuable tools of the Council of Europe that will give a new dimension to the relations between local governments and civil society organizations involved in this project.

At the meeting of representatives of the project consortium held in Mostar on February 8, 2022, in addition to the regular exchange of information between partner organizations, a workshop was held on the implementation process of the methodology of the Council of Europe's ELoGE program, which will be applied in 12 local government units involved in the project. At the workshop, the steps and materials that will be used to make the ELoGE process as clear as possible to users were determined.



Previously, from October till December 2021, 16 representatives of the project consortium underwent ToT (training for trainers) for the implementation of the ELoGE methodology held by external experts delegated by the Council of Europe, and thus the representatives of the consortium became certified trainers for the implementation of the ELoGE program. The ELoGE program includes a process of self-assessment of local governments within the framework of 12 principles of good local governance. The performed self-assessment detects stronger and weaker segments of local government activities, followed by targeted training aimed at improving them. After the completion of the ELoGE workshop of representatives of the project consortium, a series of workshops began with representatives of local ELoGE teams, delegated on behalf of 12 local governments, beneficiaries of the project.

As a part of preparation for the first project's Forum in Zavidovići, on March 9, 2022, an online informative meeting was held on the topic "Promotional and dissemination activities of the project" with communication officers of 12 local governments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, beneficiaries of the "LINK 4 Cooperation". The goal of the meeting was to intensify cooperation on the promotion and dissemination of all key project activities with a focus on the ELoGE program of the Council of Europe, which will be officially launched on March 17, 2022, within the scope of the first project Forum in Zavidovići.



The meeting of the representatives of the project consortium was held on March 16, 2022, hosted by the Local Democracy Agency Zavidovići, with the aim to discuss details of the “Forum for the exchange of best practices of cooperation between CSOs and Local Authorities”. Representatives of the project consortium made a detailed review of the status of the project activities carried out so far, discussed the details of the Forum, future project activities and financial reporting.



On March 17, 2022, the first project Forum for the exchange of best practices of cooperation between civil society organizations (CSOs) and local authorities was held in Zavidovići, Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition to representatives of the international community and donors, the Forum was attended by representatives of local authorities and CSOs from Berkovici, Jablanica, Kostajnica, Maglaj, Mostar, Nevesinje, Novi Grad, Prijedor, Ravno, Trebinje, Zavidovici and Zepce, who jointly identified specific challenges of cooperation and expressed readiness to find optimal solutions to strengthen cooperation.



The main part of the Forum was the launch of the ELoGE program of the Council of Europe in Bosnia and Herzegovina designed to support communities in their quest to improve their local government, to be implemented in 12 cities and municipalities. The aim is to conduct self-assessments of these cities and municipalities in accordance with the 12 principles of good democratic governance. The first ELoGE accredited platform in BiH, consisting of representatives of the project consortium, will be continuously available to cities and municipalities in the process of self-assessment in the coming months.



The Conclusions and Recommendation of the Forum are summed up in the following DOCUMENT.

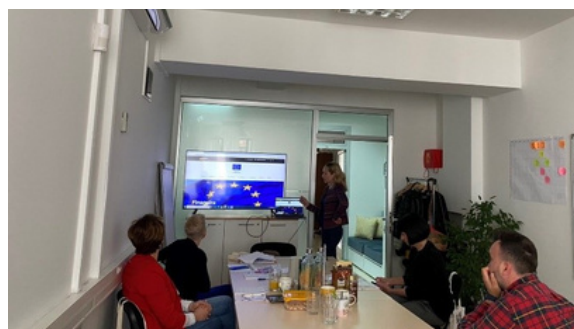
In the period from March to June 2022, representatives of the consortium of the LINK 4 Cooperation project held a series of workshops on the implementation of the ELoGE program of the Council of Europe addressed to representatives of 12 local governments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the project beneficiaries.

The workshops were facilitated by the project consortium representatives, certified ELoGE experts, including a detailed presentation of the ELoGE program based on 12 principles of good democratic governance. Special focus was put on the ELoGE Benchmark methodology and the parallel collection of opinions from citizens, local elected officials and local administration through questionnaires. Examples of good practices from EU member states were presented to ELoGE teams delegated on behalf of each of the 12 local governments with the emphasis on the fact that the process of passing the ELoGE standard is extremely important for detecting any shortcomings and positive aspects of local government.

Upon completion of the ELoGE process of self-assessment of local governments, and based on detected challenges in certain areas, training modules will be created through the Leadership Academy Programme (LAP) of the Council of Europe, which is also one of the specifics of the "LINK 4 Cooperation" project.



ELoGE process evaluation workshop was held in Sarajevo on May 7, 2022, organized by the Local Democracy Agency Mostar. The workshop was realized with the aim of transferring the evaluation methodology and procedures to an independent ELoGE committee consisting of experts in the field of local government. The independent committee will make the final decision on which of the 12 local governments, beneficiaries of the LINK 4 Cooperation project, will meet the criteria of the ELoGE program standard, consisting of 12 principles of good democratic governance.



At the beginning of the second half of 2022, representatives of 12 local governments from Bosnia and Herzegovina started with the implementation the ELoGE program of the Council of Europe within the "LINK 4 Cooperation" project. This comprehensive capacity self-assessment process based on 12 principles of good local governance is a tool which deeply scans all areas of local government and is an excellent landmark and basis from which municipalities and cities can make improvements in all areas that are more challenged.

The Local Democracy Agency Mostar is the holder of the first and only accredited platform for the implementation of the ELoGE methodology in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which also includes the other members of the project consortium. A total of 16 representatives of this platform have been certified by the Council of Europe for the implementation of ELoGE, and are available to local governments as mentors during the implementation of this process.

In accordance with the ELoGE methodology, representatives of local governments have the task of filling out the basic ELoGE document, the ELoGE Benchmark, which is based on 12 principles of good local governance, and to which more than 90 indicators are linked. The grades assigned by the local government must be based on the provided documentation, which supports them.

In parallel with the completion of ELoGE Benchmark, the opinion of citizens, local administration and elected officials is collected through ELoGE questionnaires, which are also based on 12 principles of good local governance. Although the opinions collected through the questionnaire do not directly affect the self-assessment carried out by the local government, they serve as a comparison and benchmark for the ELoGE independent commission on the degree of divergence of attitudes and opinions.

In accordance with the ELoGE methodology, the self-assessment of the local government is referred for analysis to an independent committee composed of local government experts. Members of the evaluation committee make a final assessment on meeting the minimum prerequisites for awarding the ELoGE certificate and the symbolic av



ELoGE

Evropska oznaka izvrsnosti u upravljanju



During September and October 2022, as part of the "LINK 4 Cooperation" project, the Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar) implemented a series of trainings through the Council of Europe's Leadership Academy Program (LAP). The training was intended for representatives of local government and civil society organizations from Berković, Jablanica, Kostajnica, Maglaj, Mostar, Nevesinje, Novi Grad, Prijedor, Ravno, Trebinje, Zavidovići and Žepče.



LAP training, divided into two cycles, was successfully completed by three groups of participants. Under the guidance of LAP trainers certified by the Council of Europe, more than 60 participants went through an intensive program having the opportunity to exchange the existing practices of their institutions and organizations, detected shortcomings in the work, and based on what they had learned, tried to find ways for improvements.



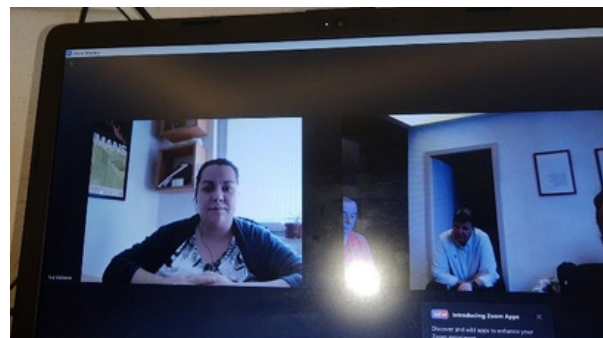
The training modules were selected based on a previously performed assessment of the condition and needs of the target groups, including a multi-month self-assessment process of 12 local governments included in the project. Additionally, the modules were adapted having in mind results of the questionnaire sent out to CSO representatives from the same 12 municipalities/cities.

The Leadership Academy Program (LAP) is a training program primarily intended for public authorities at various levels for strategies and capacity building taught in 2 cycles. The purpose of the program is to teach participants better leadership, management and planning skills.



The main goal of LAP is to acquire knowledge and tools that will enable participants to better manage responsibility and changes within the institutions they come from. In order to support the democratization process, through the strengthening of good governance and capacity building of local authorities and civil society, the Local Democracy Agency Mostar, in cooperation with project partners, included representatives of civil society in the aforementioned Program.

The Leadership Academy Program training in Trebinje was an opportunity to organize a regular meeting of representatives of the project consortium, which was held on October 25, 2022 in Trebinje. The focus of the meeting were preparatory activities for the start of the organization of the second project Forum in Prijedor. In addition to planning the project Forum, representatives of the project consortium evaluated the activities carried out in the recent period, and defined the approach to the implementation of upcoming activities.



Within the framework of the project, an informal Participatory Democracy Network was established which, in addition to the 12 local government units included in the project, gathers civil society organizations registered on the territory of these 12 local communities. The goal of the Network is the exchange of experiences, networking and the establishment of closer cooperation between CSOs and local authorities.



Until now, members of the Network have had the opportunity to educate and develop the capacity of their organizations through the LAP program of the Council of Europe, and in 2023, CSOs, members of the Network, will also have the opportunity to apply for funds through a grant scheme that is an integral part of the third year of the project. Organizations that become members of the Network will also have the opportunity to sign an online protocol (memorandum of understanding) with local governments for the purpose of developing relations and continuous cooperation.

All interested civil society organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina are invited to join the Network through a simple [online form](#).

The meeting of representatives of the project consortium was held on December 8, 2022 in Prijedor, organized by the project partner Local Democracy Agency Prijedor, and preceded the second project "Forum for the exchange of best practices of cooperation between CSOs and local authorities". The representatives of the project consortium agreed on the last details before the Forum in Prijedor, presented the activities carried out in the previous period, and touched upon the upcoming activities of the project and details related to financial reporting.



Second year of the "LINK 4 Cooperation" project was rounded off with the second project Forum for the exchange of best practices of cooperation between civil society organizations (CSOs) and local authorities, which was held in Prijedor on December 9, and gathered over 60 participants with areas of 12 local communities included in the project.



In addition to representatives of the international community the Forum was attended by representatives of local authorities and CSOs from Berkovici, Jablanica, Kostajnica, Maglaj, Mostar, Nevesinje, Novi Grad, Prijedor, Ravno, Trebinje, Zavidovici and Zepce, who jointly identified specific challenges of cooperation and expressed readiness to find optimal solutions to strengthen cooperation. Additionally, as the key tools in the context of joining the European Union an assessment of the impact and importance of the ELoGE process and the Leadership Academy (LAP) program of Council of Europe was also carried out.



The second project Forum had two main goals:

1. Assessing the state of cooperation between local authorities and civil society in 12 local governments of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Evaluating the impact and importance of the ELoGE process and the program of the Leadership Academy Program (LAP) of the Council of Europe as key tools in the context of joining the European Union

Please find the conclusions and recommendations from the Forum in Prijedor in the following [DOCUMENT](#).



PROJECT MOSTAR - SPACES TO ACTIVATE AND REJUVENATE



Project Duration: August 2021 – July 2024

Donor: Government of the United Kingdom



Applicant: People in Need (PIN)

Partners: Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI), Youth Cultural Center (OKC Abrašević), Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar) i Nešto Više (NV).

Description:

Mostar – Spaces to Activate and Rejuvenate is a three-year project, which seeks to improve public space and its use in Mostar through activating citizens and supporting citizen-led initiatives that contribute to shared civic, cultural, and economic life in Mostar. The project aims to support citizens and local authorities to effectively use new skills, tools and mechanisms to address priorities in an inclusive, gender sensitive, participatory and systematic manner.

The preparatory phase of the project, which will define the involvement and activation of citizens, as well as other relevant participants with the goal of their direct involvement in creation of positive changes in Mostar, is currently underway.

An intense and challenging period will start in spring 2022, when everything we planned in the preparation phase, after taking the pulse of the city and its citizens, will be realized.

Mostar-base project partners will implement a series of innovative activities to activate and involve citizens with a goal of establishing dialogue between communities, on common priorities with, in the overall framework of the project's spheres of activity. In addition, the Project will directly allocate funds for financing of infrastructure investments in public spaces, as well as initiatives to be led and designed by citizens, which relate to common public space.

The project lead is People in Need (PIN), a Czech non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides humanitarian and development aid in more than 30 countries around the world. Four other organizations are equal partners in the consortium: Everyday Peace Indicators (EPI), Youth Cultural Center Abrašević (OKC Abrašević), Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar) and Nešto Više (NV).

The Project is funded by the Government of the United Kingdom.

ACTIVITIES IN 2022

In April 2022, LDA Mostar marked Earth Day with an event titled "Do you need public spaces?" that gave the citizens of Mostar the opportunity to talk with activists about the importance of public spaces and green areas. The goal of the event was to point out the fact that public spaces belong to everyone, and that through active participation in the creation and use of public spaces, the quality of life in Mostar can be improved.



Following the discussion with the activists, the citizens left their suggestions for locations that require urgent interventions and actions that could solve the mentioned problems. Through 26 questionnaires, citizens left 44 suggestions that were processed by the LDA Mostar team and sent to the City of Mostar Administration - the Mayor's Office and the Department for Economy, Communal and Inspection Affairs, and the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Environmental Protection of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton.

In order to collect proposals for the revitalization of open public spaces in June, on the occasion of World Environment Day, LDA Mostar organized talks with citizens titled "Imagine public spaces according to your own measure" at four locations in Mostar - Hotel Bristol Mostar, Cultural Center Mostar North, Visitor Center and Support Center for the clusters Mostar and HD Herceg Stjepan Kosača. Citizens at all four locations had the opportunity to learn more about what public spaces are and how to think about them in the context of Mostar and specific regions of the city.



After getting acquainted with the Project and the introductory lecture, the citizens left their suggestions for urban acupuncture in the public spaces of the city, which should contribute to their improvement and daily use.



A total of 74 questionnaires were filled out and submitted, in which certain locations were mentioned 85 times, and for which a total of about 200 suggestions, ideas and comments were given by citizens. Through processing and unifying the questionnaire, we saw that citizens have the greatest need for green areas (renovation and revitalization of existing ones, addition of new ones and regular maintenance), bicycle paths, adequate access to public areas for people with disabilities and more inclusive children's playgrounds.

In August, 2022 we socialized with citizens of Mostar at two locations - Nikola Šubić Zrinski Street and Braće Fejić Street within the Street action "What drives you", and informed them about the possibility of voting for five out of the total of 71 proposed interventions for urban acupuncture in public open spaces.



During the two-day campaign, LDA Mostar collected 331 votes from the citizens of Mostar for interventions in open public spaces.

In the first quarter of 2022, the City of Mostar went through the process of self-assessment of its own capacities based on 12 principles of good democratic governance, through which the local self-government evaluates its activities. At the same time, the citizens of Mostar, 1,524 of them, gave their own assessment of the quality of services provided and the policies implemented by the City of Mostar through an online survey.



The conducted research was consolidated into a publication entitled Self-assessment of the capacity of the City of Mostar based on 12 principles of good local self-governance compared to the viewpoints of the citizens of Mostar. Through the publication titled "Self-assessment of the capacity of the City of Mostar based on 12 principles of good local self-governance compared to the views of the citizens of Mostar", presented to the public in November 2022, LDA Mostar indicated the need for additional awareness raising among citizens about the basic duties and responsibilities of the city administration, and in parallel to improve active channels of communication between the City and citizens.



Based on the results of the self-assessment, and with the aim of improving communication with the citizens, the City of Mostar launched the program "Dobar dan Mostar", through which you can follow current information from the economy, art, sports, and the latest information about the projects that the City is implementing.

In the period September-December 2022, LDA Mostar implemented two capacity-building activities for representatives of the City of Mostar and civil society organizations (CSOs) from the Mostar area. The aim of the program was to acquaint the participants with tools that will help them better manage organizations or institutions, as well as networking the public and civil sectors. The activities carried out as part of this program are:

The Leadership Academy Program (LAP)

Thirty-five representatives of CSOs and the City of Mostar, through two cycles of training, led by certified trainers of the Leadership Academy Program, had the opportunity to discuss and educate themselves about leadership, management and planning skills at the organizational and institutional level. The program was created on the basis of a self-assessment of the City of Mostar and a survey filled out by representatives of CSOs as part of the application for the Program.



The tools adopted by the participants enabled them to better manage responsibility and changes within the organizations they come from. In addition to new tools, the Leadership Academy Programme enabled participants to network with officials of the City of Mostar and the non-governmental sector, as well as work on concrete initiatives to improve the quality of life of citizens.



One of the participants, Medina Gosto Bakić, from the Vrba Women's Association, in December 2022, together with two other organizations participating in the LAP, based on the new skills acquired through training, launched an action to provide hygiene items for women staying at the Psychiatric Department at the Cantonal Hospital "Dr.Safet Mujić" in Mostar.

In December, 16 participants of the Leadership Academy Program participated in the Coaching program at Igman mountain. The goal of the program was to deepen cooperation and strengthen ties between the civil and public sectors, and with the help of a trainer to educate the participants on issues of team leadership, team communication and the project cycle.



During the program, the participants, through a series of interactive exercises and with the mentorship of a trainer, worked on project proposals which, for some of them, will become the basis of the application to the Public call for the collection of project proposals for the allocation of grants intended for the joint action of civil society organizations and local authorities.

The three participants who represented the City of Mostar on the program - Senada Demirović Habibija, Elvira Šuta and Gordana Lovrić, after getting to know the needs of the civil sector, after arriving in Mostar, as part of a joint report, sent two initiatives to the Mayor's Office. Their short-term proposal was to acquire a mollii suites for multiple sclerosis (MS) and polio patients, and their long-term proposal was to introduce participatory budgeting as a regular practice for the City of Mostar starting from 2024. As an advisory body in the process of creating the budget, the network of civil society organizations, which was created through capacity building programs under the leadership of LDA Mostar, was entrusted.

YOUTH EMPOWERED TO CHANGE THE WORLD (YECW)



Project duration: 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2023

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



**Co-funded by
the European Union**

Applicant: NGO IUVENTA (Serbia)

Partners: Local Democracy Agency Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); TDM 2000 (Italy); VSI PASAULIO PILIECIU AKADEMIJA (GCA) (Lithuania); Farhat Hached Institute for Research and Democracy (FHIRD) (Tunisia); JORDAN Youth Innovation Forum (Jordan)

Description: With this project we will promote young people's sociopolitical development and psychological empowerment such that they understand the roots of problems facing their communities and have the skills and motivation to take action by using PAR methodology. By applying the Participatory Action Research methodology in the local community, young people will be able to conduct public advocacy towards decision makers that lead to a potential solution to the problem and their direct or indirect involvement in decision-making processes.

Overall goal of this project is to build the capacity of partner organizations and their members on participatory action research (PAR) and foster the use PAR methodology in addressing different community issues and take concrete actions that lead to social changes.

Specific Objectives:

SO1: Develop participants' understanding of Participatory Action Research (PAR) methodology and how it can improve participants own and their organizational practices in the field of youth participation and engagement

SO2: Develop future researchers' competences, knowledge and skills on the PAR process and multiplying PAR methodology

SO3: To use PAR methodology focusing on pressing issues related to young people: engagement and participation, especially engagement and participation in decision making process

SO4: Promote Participatory Action Research Methodology to support sustained youth participation in democratic life and strengthen youth participation and engagement initiatives

SO5: Support young people's socio-political development and psychological empowerment, so that they understand the roots of problems facing their communities, and have the skills and motivation to take PAR action as agents of positive change



ACTIVITIES IN 2022

Project activities started with a kick-off meeting held in a hybrid form on February 3 and 4 in Tunis gathering project partner representative and discussing partners obligations and responsibilities in the following period.



Kick-off meeting was soon followed by the first local conference. This opening conference was organized on April 12 in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina gathering participants from various civil society organizations, the Federal Ministry of Education and Science, Mostar, representatives of secondary schools, youth workers, etc. LDA Mostar officially launched the YECW project, and the stakeholders got acquainted with the goals and activities of this two-year project, with a special focus on the activities that will involve young people and youth workers of the city of Mostar, as well as with the expected results of the project.

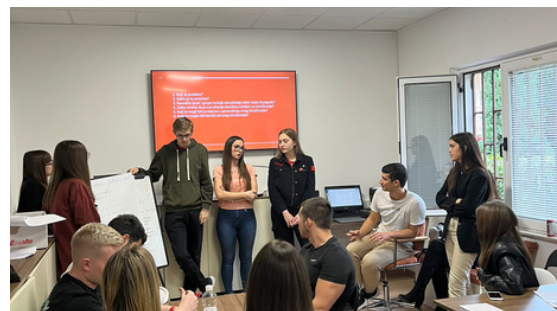


Upon the local conference, the first webinar was held as a preparation for the first international activity/mobility/training. The first two webinars were held on May 31 and June 1. The webinar was made up of representatives of partner organizations, as well as participants who will be part of the international education. The main topic of the webinar was the participatory action research (PAR) methodology.

The webinar was followed by the first international mobility activity, a training that took place in Vranjačka Banja, Serbia, in the period from June 6 - 12. The training consisted of an introduction to the agenda for the week, as well as the project itself, team building activities and non-formal learning (NFL) in youth work, and most importantly about research methods that young people can use to conduct research in their local community, approaches problems and find a way to influence these problems using the participatory action research (PAR) methodology.



As the continuation of the international training in Vranjačka Banja, young people implemented what they've learned in their local community with 20 young people and youth activists from the city of Mostar. The first part of the training for the youth of the city of Mostar was successfully implemented. The training at the local level was held in Youth HUB (LDA Mostar premises) and lasted for 3 days in the period from October 24-26. The training consists of two parts, whereby a total of 20 young people took part in the first part of the training, which lasted three days, and were educated on PAR Methodology.



On the first day of training, young people had the opportunity to get to know a little more about the method and types of research, all through the PAR methodology. On the second day, they had the opportunity to deal with the goals of the research and the research question, as well as what are the problems that affect our society at the local and regional level. In addition, they were trained in what types of research and data collection methods exist in order to better approach a problem.

The final day of the training was based on a detailed presentation of data collection methods and research planning and timeline. The main goal of the training was to support and educate young people to be competent PAR methodology researchers with the skills and knowledge to implement PAR at the local and regional level. This training will train and improve the knowledge of future researchers about the PAR methodology and the way they do all the research steps.



The third and fourth webinars were held towards the end of the year in preparation for the Second International Mobility/Training/Activity project to be held in Cagliari, Italy. The webinars took place on December 27 and 28. The goal was to provide support to training participants and a letter to local PAR teams and to ensure quality implementation of the PAR methodology. The 3rd and 4th webinars covered the following topics: Data analysis, Presentation of key data findings and Dissemination of key data findings.

BEYOND THE TALES



Project duration: 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2023

Donor: Erasmus+ (KA220-YOU: Cooperation among Organizations and Institutions – Cooperation partnerships in youth)



**Co-funded by
the European Union**

Applicant: Humanitas (Slovenia)

Partners: Umanotera (Slovenia), Sudwind (Austria), LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), CEPS (Spain)

Description: Global problems are not isolated, they are interdependent, intertwined, complex, and it is important to address them in this way, including addressing and cooperating at the international level. The project is a response to the disconnection between climate change and migration among young people, building on the results of the survey, which suggest that young people do not currently associate climate change and migration to a great extent, but are aware of their connection in relation to the future.

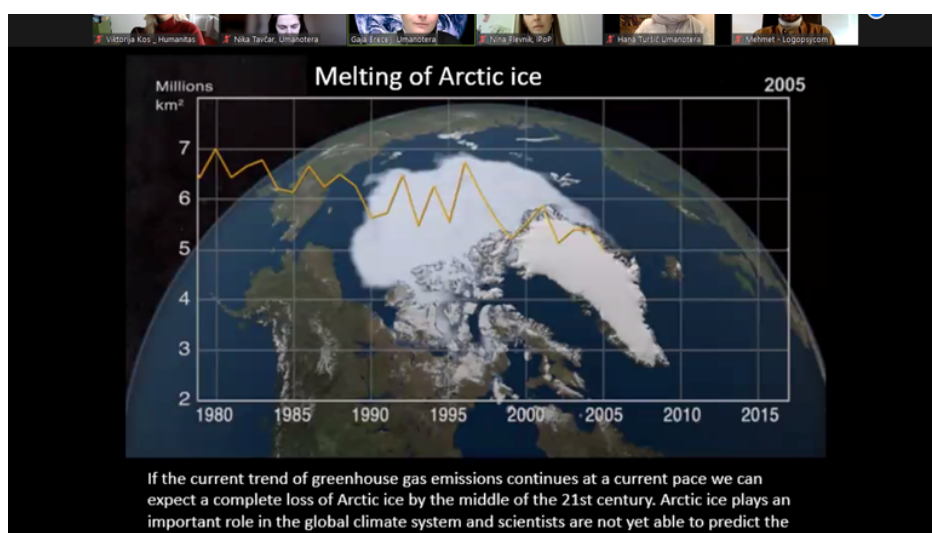
Overall Goal is to target youth workers with knowledge and information aimed at building and strengthening competences and critical understanding of climate migration.

Specific Objectives:

- to promote and strengthen the networking and solidarity between youth workers and young people and to foster understanding, solidarity, and encourage activation for a climate and social justice society;
- implementation of a communication plan, through which we will communicate the project contents to the general public and stimulate public discourse on climate migration, a currently overlooked topic;
- to increase the organizational capacity of the NGO sector in the partner countries through the dissemination of the acquired organizational skills across the networks of the partner organizations;
- to support and promote the new EU initiative “Climate Education Coalition” in the fight against climate change.

ACTIVITIES IN 2022

The project activities started with a kick-off meeting of the representatives of partner organization and the agreement of the task's assignment as well as the determination of the dates for the upcoming activities. The first project result started with meetings aimed at strengthening the capacity of the organizations participating in the project consortium. The first lecture/lesson was prepared by the partner organization "Umanotera" concerning the organization's green operating system. Following a sketch of the broader situation in the field of climate change, participants learned how they can reduce their impact on the environment and carbon footprint by managing their own offices and a green organization management system.



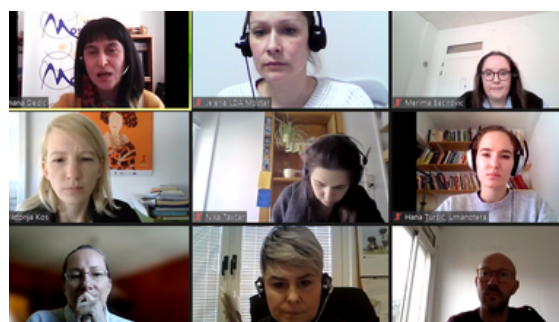
Representatives of LDA Mostar participated in the second online workshop on "Methodology of work in the field of anti-racism/anti-discrimination and intersectionality" held on March 3. The lecture was held by partner organization "Südwind", specialized in dealing with global citizenship education and the introduction of international development issues and concerns into civil society initiatives. The workshop was primarily intended for partner organizations in the consortium, but also for other organizations interested in capacity building in this field.

During the workshop, issues such as: existing forms of racism and discrimination were addressed; the concept of intersectionality; why it is important to be sensitive to issues of racism, discrimination and intersectionality when dealing with the climate crisis and climate migration; how to implement the principles of anti-racism and anti-discrimination in the way our organization works...

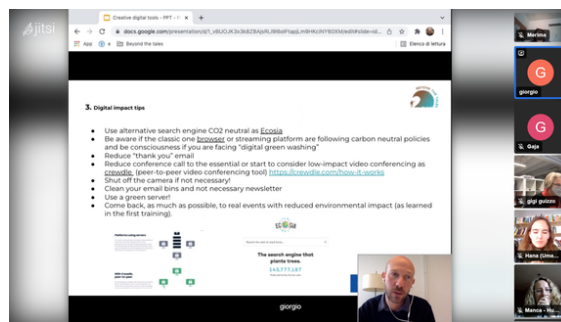


LDA Mostar held a third online lecture as one of its activities. The lecture was held by LDA Mostar director, Dženana Dedić, and was based on the topic of "Intersectoral dialogue between civil society organizations and relevant stakeholders that lead to the increase of participatory democracy". The lecture was primarily intended for partner organizations in the consortium, but also for other organizations interested capacity building in this field.

During the workshop, the following issues were addressed: democracy, the issue of migrations and elections in city of Mostar and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Moreover, projects related to climate change and migrations implemented by LDA Mostar were presented.

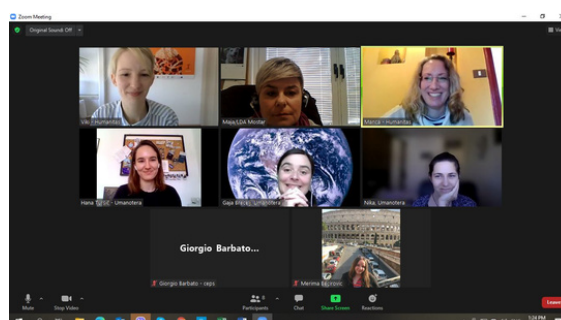


The fourth activity as part of the project result was an online workshop on "Creative digital tools, digital learning methodologies and digital habits" organized on March 15. The lecture was held by partner organization "CEPS", specialized in this area, to provide people with access to the social and cultural capital of the community through their empowerment, promotion of cohesion and social inclusion, and the fight against social inequalities. The following questions were addressed during the workshop: What digital tools do youth workers and people in general use? and Does technology increase the carbon footprint?



The fifth online workshop on the topic "Introduction to global education" was organized on March 22. The partner organization "Humanitas", which is the coordinator of the project, and is specialized in the field of global learning and support programs for children and local communities since 2000, delivered a lecture. During the interactive workshop, the discussion revolved around the concept of global education and its methodologies, and the following questions were addressed:

- analysis of the current situation in the world and ourselves in it (our beliefs, way of thinking)
- a vision of possible alternatives to dominant models
- the process of change towards responsible global communities



As an activity of project result two, LDA Mostar organized qualitative research in the form of a focus group on May 11. The focus group discussion is based on an in-depth analysis of the needs and work of youth workers in the areas of climate change, (climate) migration, and youth activism.



The mid-term meeting of the project consortium was held in Mostar from June 13- 17. In addition to discussing the results of projects 1 and 2, representatives of the project consortium, visited the CSO “Nešto Više”, a non-profit organization founded in 1997 by a group of young people with experience in working with organizations from the civil society sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On the second day, project consortium representatives held a meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Environmental Protection of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, presenting the scope of their work to each other, mainly discussing topics such as climate change and migration in Bosnia and Herzegovina afterwards.

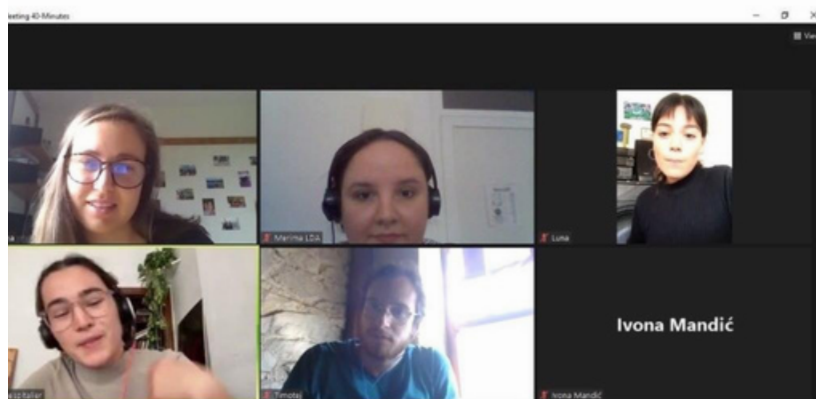
The last day of the mid-term meeting began with the visit of the representatives of the City of Mostar, where they discussed topics such as climate change and migration, in addition to other environmental protection topics related to Mostar. Towards the end of this visit, the partners agreed and concluded the next steps of project activities and dissemination.



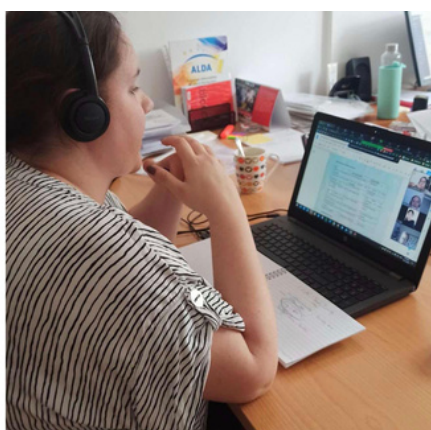
The last activity for 2022 was based on the creation of Module 3: Change of perspective. Two young people from each partner country were selected to create Module 3 based on their ideas, which will be incorporated into the online training in 2023. Module 3 that will be prepared is called Change of perspective, because the young people will not read what the educators have prepared for them, but will prepare materials for the educators and thus share their views on the most current topics of today.



Educators, youth workers and educators who will participate in the online course will benefit from the module in a way that they will hear about socio-political-ecological situations, global problems, causes and potential solutions from the perspective of young people, which is not otherwise the case because young people are often perceived as recipients of information and knowledge and not as creators. In this way, educators, youth workers and teachers will change/expand their perspectives on social-political-ecological situations, global challenges, causes and potential solutions, as well as they will gain new ideas about how to do better and more involve your students.



Young people were given the opportunity to design parts of the project themselves, thus taking on the role of active creators who enter the topics that are most relevant to them into the online module. Youth workers, educators, teachers will have the opportunity to hear the perspective of young people. The main goal is to direct youth workers to knowledge and information aimed at building and strengthening competencies and a critical understanding of climate migration.



PIROUETTE – PERFORMATIVE ARTS FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION



Project duration: 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2024

Donor: Erasmus+ (KA220-YOU: Cooperation among Organizations and Institutions – Cooperation partnerships in youth)



**Co-funded by
the European Union**

Applicant: NGO Nest (Germany)

Partners: LDA Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina); QCODE (Italy) and Youth of Ura (Albania)

Description: “Pirouette” is a 2-year Capacity Building aimed at promoting the use of performative street arts such as circus, street dance and street painting as an innovative NFE methodology to foster social and civic engagement of youth and, eventually led to a community-led regeneration of urban/disadvantaged areas. The idea behind the project stems from the recognition of youth’s social and civic engagement as a driving force for community development.

Already in this, the project uses an innovative approach to the problem, as young people’s engagement is seen as a starting point for community regeneration and not its final result. Moreover, it intends to promote the combined use of different performing arts as an innovative methodology of NFE, as the involvement of performing arts in NFE is often limited to a single discipline or few activities within NFE-based training formats and the educational potential of the combination of different arts has not been exploited in the context in which the project is inserted. The innovativeness of the project also emerges from the application of this methodology in a youth exchange on design, implementation, and management of cultural and creative initiatives, which includes activities that provide them with field-based and experience-based competencies by exploiting the potential of the performing arts to build up the confidence of young people, facilitate their personal development and improve their interpersonal and communication skills.

Overall Goal: recognizing the social and civic engagement of young people as a driving force for community development through the use of performative street arts such as circus, street dance and street art.

Specific Objectives:

- inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities through participation in mobilities and local activities is designed to provide them with the skills needed to carry out community-led performing arts festivals/projects/initiatives autonomously.
- promotion of the values of democracy and tolerance among young people who will pass these values through their more familiar tools: that of the arts.
- “planting seeds” for peace and post-conflict reconciliation through the empowerment of young people thanks to the encounter of peers with different cultural backgrounds, the exchange of ideas/challenges/issues/proposals, and the capacity to put in place youth-driven initiatives for reconciliation through the power of the arts.

The Project aims to produce the following results:

- Research conducted on best practices of performative arts for educational, community development, regeneration purposes;
- Training Format designed and tested;
- A toolkit designed and tested;
- Mobility of youth workers;
- Youth Exchange of young people on creative urban regeneration through performative arts.

Target groups of Pirouette can be divided into two groups:

Direct:

- Young educators, youth workers, and trainers from program and partner organizations
- Young people living in urban and/or disadvantaged areas

Indirect:

- Young people with an artistic background or a background in event organization
- Youth organizations and NGOs, cultural associations, civil society organizations (CSO), etc.

ACTIVITIES IN 2022

The first international activity of the Pirouette project was the Kick-off meeting in Berlin, Germany held from June 3-6 with 2 representatives of LDA Mostar presented.



The next activity was the creation of reports and questionnaires based on research at the regional level. How to facilitate the use of art as a form of non-formal education? This was one of the central questions of the questionnaire that forms the first report of the Pirouette consortium. The first publication that speaks better about the Pirouette project, which is carried out by the partner organisations "NGO NEST" from Berlin, "Q Code Magazine" from Italy, "Youth of Ura" from Albania and the Local Democracy Agency Mostar from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The publication contains 10 guided interviews of partners with youth workers and 10 questionnaires for partners with street artists.

The purpose of creating the questionnaire was to identify the needs and expectations of the stakeholders involved in the project, to determine the level of familiarity with the use of street art as an educational form and to examine the personal opinion of the participants about what they think would facilitate the use of art as a form of informal education. The complete report is available on www.pirouetteproject.eu.

VISIBILITY OF 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](#) and [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'.

As part of its ongoing projects, the Local Democracy Agency Mostar also administers the following websites and pages on social media:

[Project "LINK4Cooperation" web platform](#)

[Project "LINK4Cooperation" FB page](#)

[Project "LINK4Cooperation" Instagram account](#)

[Project "Youth Ambassadors of Non Formal Learning" web page](#)

[Project "Youth Ambassadors of Non Formal Learning" FB page](#)

[Project "Youth Ambassadors of Non Formal Learning" Instargam account](#)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

EESC HEARING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

On May 24, a meeting of the Committee for the Monitoring of the Western Balkans of the EESC was held in Sarajevo on the topic of "Consultation with civil society from Bosnia and Herzegovina", which was attended by the director of LDA Mostar, Dženana Dedić, among other guests. The aim of this consultation was to present the views of civil society to the EESC's Western Balkans Monitoring Committee, which will transmit them to the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as to the institutions of the European Union. Among other things, positions were presented on social and civil dialogue, the economic situation and the state of the labor market in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a special focus on young people, as well as freedom of expression and the media in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the fight against misinformation.



Ionuț Sibian, president of the EESC's Committee for Monitoring the Western Balkans, addressed the audience with the opening remarks and the presentation of conclusions after the event. Numerous representatives of civil and government sector organizations, trade unions, representatives of the academic community, and UNESCO talked with the participants of the event through three panel discussions.

We asked the representative of the EESC Committee to simplify the procedures of European projects for civil society organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina so that they could deal more with the essence and work on solving problems in society, which is the essential task of the civil sector. We also emphasized the necessity of building democracy at the local level and democratic education of citizens so that they can competently participate in the democratic processes necessary for serious positive changes in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

THEMATIC SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR YOUTH ISSUES OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES OF THE FBiH PARLIAMENT

On May 24, a representative of LDA Mostar participated in the thematic session "Toward better opportunities for youth" scheduled by the House of Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in cooperation with the Institute for Youth Development KULT and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy WFD.

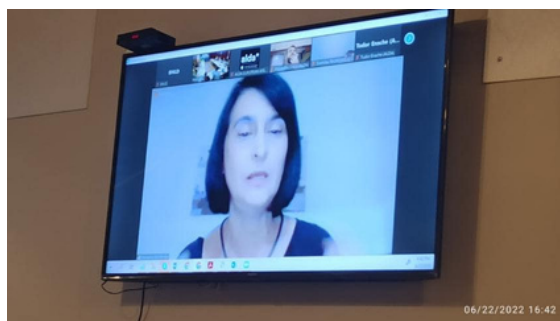
The participants of the thematic session were presented with the Analysis of Research on the Position and Needs of Youth in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Analysis of the Costs of Emigration of Youth from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants also had the opportunity to hear more about what the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Federal Ministry of Health, the Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and the Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts are doing to improve opportunities for young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina, each within their own jurisdiction.



The thematic session ended with the adoption of draft conclusions that will be sent to the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ALDA CONFERENCE - SUPPORTING THE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AGENCIES IN UKRAINE

The director of LDA Mostar, Dženana Dedić, addressed the participants of the conference in Brussels on June 22, through an online link, which was organized as a sign of support for local democracy agencies in Ukraine. The host of the conference is our umbrella organization ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy, and in addition to presenting reliable information from the field, its goal was to present ways to further strengthen the network of LDAs, and to find ways to provide concrete assistance to local democracy agencies in Ukraine, in order to managed to help civilians in war-torn Ukraine through them.

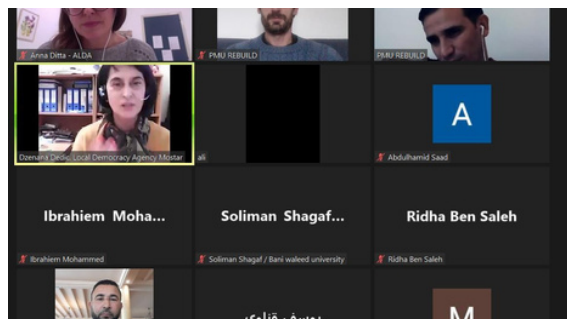


The conference gathered, among others, representatives of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, representatives of state and local authorities from the EU and Ukraine, the civil sector, and representatives of LDAs from Ukraine.

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES WITH STAKEHOLDERS OF THE "REBUILD" PROJECT

The exchange of experiences and good practices is an important part of our activities and the basis for the further development of new ideas and cooperation. Thus, on November 24, we had the pleasure of sharing our experiences and good practices with the stakeholders of the project "Rebuild - Research and Education Building Urban Institutions for Local Development" (Libyarebuild) from Libya, which are linked to the creation of connections and continuous strengthening of cooperation with representatives of local authorities and the non-governmental sector. The REBUILD project was financed by the European Commission.

The project holder is the autonomous province of Trento from Italy in cooperation with 10 partners - municipalities/cities of Libya: Benghazi, Beni Walid, Charyan, Sabha, Sirte, Tobruk, Tripoli, Zintan, Zliten and Zawiya.



STRENGTHENING OF ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITIES IN COOPERATION WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - KULT

With the aim of strengthening and improving organizational capacities, LDA Mostar signed an agreement on cooperation with the Institute for Youth Development KULT from Sarajevo in September, committing to self-assessment, verification and expert assessment of organizational capacities through the KULT/POK tool. Previously, in June 2022, representatives of LDA Mostar participated in the presentation of tools for assessing and strengthening organizational capacities, during which they had the opportunity to hear more about the KULT/POK tool as well as the Profibes online application for project accounting and good practices when managing social media non-governmental organizations. The event was organized by the Institute for Youth Development KULT through the activity Local Power, with the support of USAID in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

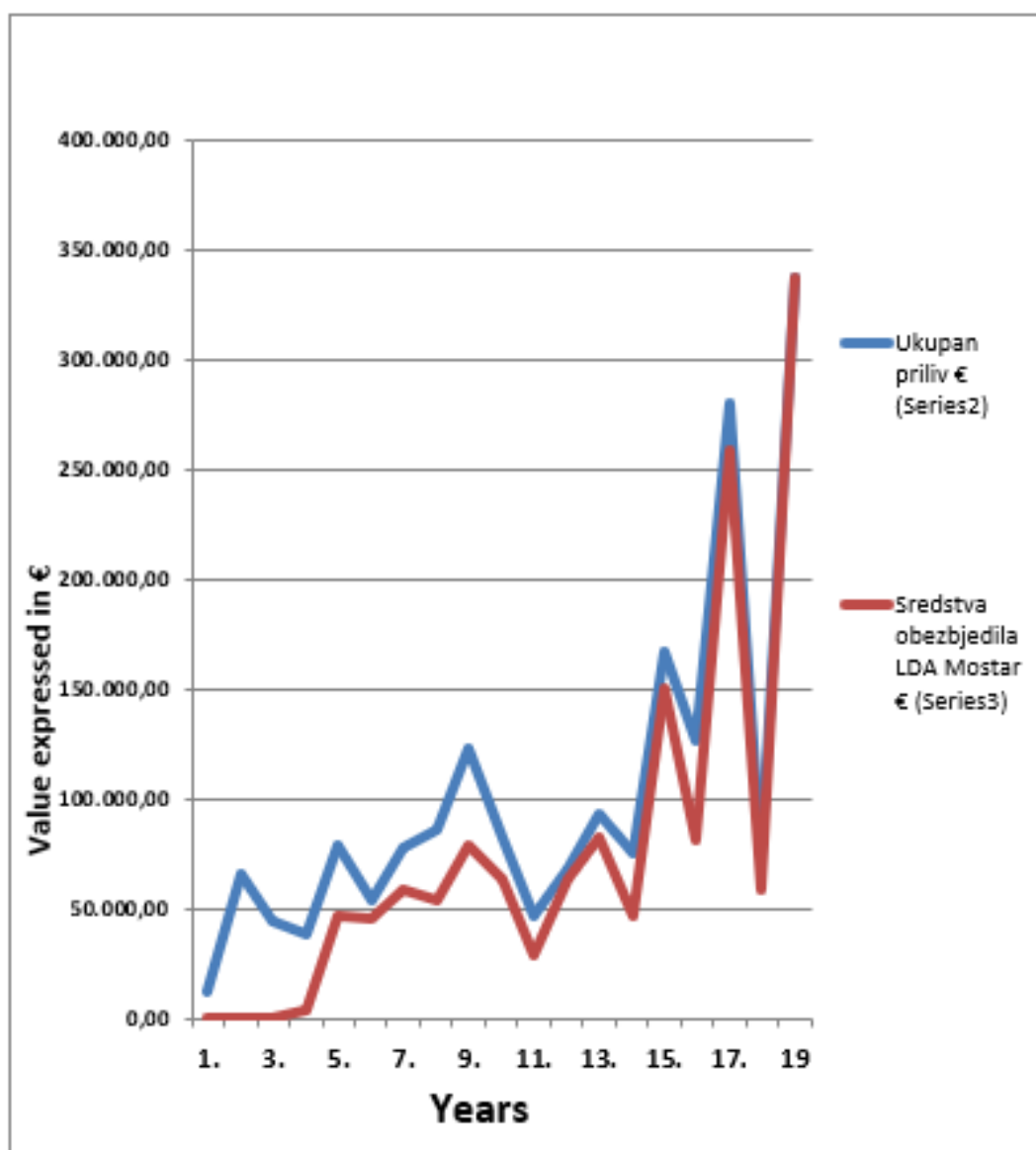


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Total funds for the period 2004-2021

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%
18.	2021	74,341.47	74,341.47	78.62%
19.	2022	337,092.07	337,092.07	100%
	TOTAL	1.934,650.29	1.458,683.73	

Graphic view of fundraising for the period 2004-2022



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