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Re-granting scheme - Call for proposal open

Are you willing or intending to develop and implement a grass root level project on development education, awareness raising and engagement for development?

The re-granting scheme of the [project LADDER](#) is now open for 2016.

Eligible countries for this call are: **Spain, Sweden, Germany, Estonia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Netherlands, Romania, Luxembourg.**

For more information, please [check out the news](#) on **LADDER** website, where the *call for proposal*, the *application form* and the *budget template* are provided.

Applications (in English only) must be submitted by email to

nikos.gamouras@aldaintranet.org (scan versions with signature & stamp). The deadline is the 22/07/2016.

For more information on the project, visit www.ladder-project.eu



** Be aware that there is also a re-granting scheme of LADDER launched at national level in the following countries: Latvia, Denmark, Poland, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Malta, Italy, Greece, Ireland, Croatia. Applications for projects in those countries must be submitted to the co-applicant from that country. For more information, feel free to contact us.*



EDDs 2016: “Localising the Sustainable Development Goals: Owing the global development agenda”

ALDA is pleased to invite you to the workshop “Localising the Sustainable Development Goals: Owing the global development agenda”, that will take place in the framework of the 2016 EDDs on 15th June at 16.00 at Tour & Taxi (Avenue du Port 86 – C, 1000

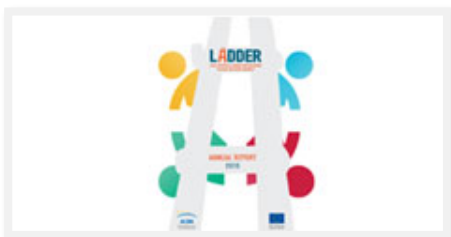
Brussels).

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are entering into the implementation phase, which requires a number of actions, including developing action plans, monitoring and engagement. The involvement of all stakeholders of the quadruple helix (the public and private sectors, academia and civil society), together with citizens, is crucial. Raising awareness and creating engagement for development is essential.

The LADDER project is an example of good practice. It demonstrates that local authorities and civil society working at local level act as multipliers and can create change to improve the life of citizens. This session will address the implementation of the SDGs from a local perspective using a multi-stakeholder approach, engaging all relevant actors and discussing opportunities and challenges.

We aim to provide a stimulating intellectual discussion. The workshop will be moderated by **Antonella Valmorbidia**, Secretary General of ALDA. Among the panellists: **Jacopo Barbati**, Member of the Executive Board of Young European Federalists Europe; **Fabio Masini**, Professor at the University of Roma Tre; **Abbas Sbeity**, Young Leader – Inclusive, Sustainable and Resilient Cities from Lebanon; **Gemma Aguado**, UNDP ART Programme Analyst, United Nations Development Programme.

We are looking forward to meet you at the EDDs!



Annual Report 2015 of LADDER project

All the activities of the first year of LADDER project gathered in the Annual Report 2015. Check it out, and go through the main events and steps of the project with us!

 [Download Report 2015](#)



Special initiative EYD2015 – Paris

In the framework of the project LADDER and of its General Assembly in Paris, ALDA launched a special initiative titled “Capitalisation of the European Year for Development: The added value of Decentralised Cooperation to promote local governance”.

The event, organized by ALDA in cooperation with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the Art Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and with the French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (AFCCRE), was aimed at capitalizing and consolidating the lessons learned from the European Year for Development 2015, within the new development framework: the 2030 Global Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). What are the next steps seen from the perspective of local authorities working together with civil society to face the challenge of SDGs implementation at local level? A series of speakers representing institutions, local authorities, and civil society participated and stimulated debate on the topic.

Local Authorities (LAs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSO) are major stakeholders for development. Having a considerable potential to reach out to citizens and create impact and a change in development policies and practices, they shall be recognized and their actions supported. Furthermore, the local level has been recognized a key element, as “localizing development” in the Sustainable Development Goals.

At the same time, innovative approaches are needed to enable international cooperation to tackle SDGs. The event showcased decentralised cooperation as a powerful tool to foster global action for peace building, social cohesion and sustainable development, by stimulating action on the implementation of the SDGs at local level.

The event was opened with the words of Bertrand Fort, Delegate for the external action of local authorities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, and it led to the adoption of recommendation on the promotion of decentralized cooperation as a tool for development and good governance.

Useful links:

Recommendations [eng.pdf](#) / [fr.pdf](#)

Agenda [eng.pdf](#) / [fr.pdf](#)

[Photo Gallery](#)



Migration: root causes & consequences at local level – Survey & recommendations”

Given the increasing number of migrants arriving to European Union, ALDA and the LADDER consortium adopted, during the General Assembly, some recommendations following the “Migration Initiative” with the aim of addressing this issue.

Due to various reasons such as conflicts, dictatorships, poverty, hunger, lack of jobs opportunities, increasing numbers of migrants are fleeing their countries and trying to reach the European Union. During the last few years this phenomenon has reached an incredible proportion and has often been accompanied by dramatic humanitarian issues, including shipwrecks, high numbers of deaths and illegal smuggling of human beings. Furthermore, the increasing flow of migrants and refugees managing to reach Europe contributed to awaken dangerous movements with racist and xenophobic connotations, questioning European values such as integration and tolerance.

ALDA – European Association for Local Democracy – in cooperation with SOS Malta, have elaborated an analysis, launched within the Migration path of LADDER that SOS Malta is leading, on the root causes of migration in the last decade and on the level of civic participation of migrants in local communities across Europe. The document aimed at collecting the voice of migrants already living in Europe in order to better understand the obstacles faced in their integration process and promote evidence based policies capable of addressing the current crisis within a long term perspective. The document has been presented on the occasion of the General Assembly in Paris last 12 May and a set of recommendations have been adopted, which highlight the role of local authorities in policy making and implementation, call for effective aid and migrants integration in the local communities, and stress the importance of migration as a driver for development.

Read the [recommendations on migration](#) (ENG, .pdf)

Read the [full document on results of the survey on migration](#) (ENG, .pdf)



The Winners of Slogan Competition

Congratulations to all slogan competitions participants!

The Slogan Competition, as an initiative of LADDER project, aimed to raise awareness on development topics and cultivate development education among youngsters and in schools. The competition gave the opportunity to many students to think and express their concerns on development issues through inventive and meaning-full slogans, videos and drawings.

Among the 773 submitted proposals, 34 were selected while the best 5 won an Ipad Air.

See them with the prize! Congratulations to all participants for their high interest and creativity!

- [Video](#): Tolerance – “Don’t let your eyes cover your heart with judgement” submitted by Jelena Buden, Dalija Poustecki, Ena Anđel, Anamarija Zulicek (Croatia)
- [Drawing](#): “Different religions, languages, skin colours; but we all belong to one human journey. Together we achieve more!” submitted by Andrija Aracic (Croatia)
- Slogan: “Don’t put your feet up, Help stop the heat up.” submitted by Kaitlin Doherty (Ireland)
- [Drawing](#): We want a world like a painter’s palette, a set of colors submitted by Valentina di Foggia (Italy)
- [Drawing](#): Feel free to improve our world!!! submitted by Patricia Mancos (Romania)

See again proposals & winners [HERE](#)