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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS DRIVERS FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS

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## WHEN EXCHANGE IS KEY: THE LADDER TOOL FAIR BETWEEN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND SDGS



The understanding of SDGs and DEAR projects, the exchange on methodologies and lessons learned and the direct engagement of citizens and communities contributing to development: this is the LADDER Tool Fair!

Organised on 10-12 May in Toruń, Poland, with the great support of the [Region Kujawsko-Pomorskie](#), the Tool Fair has been opened by a plenary session chaired by Mrs. **Imisława Gorska** Vice-President of ALDA.

Among panellists, the Vice-Marshal of Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region, Mr. **Zbigniew Ostrowski**, who mentioned the importance of cooperation between Local Authorities and Civil Society Organisations, as a practice to better achieve results, but also the essentiality of creating connections, from transports to dialogue, from education to environment: *“All kind of connections are essential and must be improved, cause an open city is an open society”*, he said.

A permanent open space for the LADDER Tool Fair and exchange of practices has been set in one

of the main rooms, giving the opportunity to share materials, ideas, and networking with people directly engaged in the implementation of DEAR projects and SDG-related activities. More than 170 participants attending the events had the opportunity to get to know the SDGs-related activities developed within our network.

The opening ceremony has been followed by 6 different workshops providing important reflections and exchange of methodologies, addressing several topics, such as global citizenship, education sector, environment, and many more.

On the stage of the Dwor Artusa, hosting the LADDER activities in Toruń, also the theatre play “In a Better World” had its enormous success. *“An example on how it is possible to represent SDGs through art. And this is the best way, since nobody is indifferent to emotions triggered by art”* said a participant at the end of the play.

Among participants, also some Citizen Journalists of the LADDER initiative joined the activities, getting inspired by the topics discussed and getting closer to DEAR projects and SDGs. Aim of their participation was to provide them with the opportunity of meeting the whole network, gathering new ideas and information for their future works in the field.

The event was closed by the Closing Ceremony and Presentation of LADDER results, where Mr. **Oriano Otočan**, President of ALDA, Mr. **Leszek Świętalski**, Secretary General of [URC RP](#), Mr. **Mger Kuiumchyan**, Deputy Head of Dnipropetrovsk Regional Council, and Mr. **Dirk Bocken**, Coordinator of Round Tables from [GENE](#), shared their impressions and wishes to foster these actions, ensuring a continuity and making them as much as possible sustainable in the future.

The events of LADDER project have been organised back to back with ALDA General Assembly 2017.

**Useful links:**

[Photo gallery of the event](#)

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## LATEST NEWS FROM LADDER'S NETWORK

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Recommendations for the  
Council Conclusions on the EC  
Communication



Next Steps for a Sustainable  
European Future

### [SDG Watch Europe delivers its Recommendations to support a sustainable future](#)

The SDG Watch Europe alliance delivers its Recommendations for the Council Conclusions on the EC Communication, believing that this constitutes an important opportunity for the EU and its member states to outline a clear roadmap and set concrete actions to ensure the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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### [The new European Solidarity Corps and the reactions of LADDER Youth Path](#)

In May 2017, the Youth Path drafted a resolution in response to the European Solidarity Corps, a new EU initiative launched on December 7th aiming to improve opportunities for young people and promoting solidarity.

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### [Letter to Jean-Vincent Placé. See the Reactions of the Citizen Participation Path](#)

The Citizen Participation path, led by [CEEEN](#), has been following the design and implementation of citizen participation policies at EU level. Advocacy actions are permanently carried out to raise citizens and stakeholders' awareness on the role and importance of citizen participation in development.

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### [Kairouan hosts the LADDER MED Path meeting](#)

The MED Path of the LADDER project met in April in Tunisia in an event jointly organised by [ALDA](#), [Lam Echamli](#) and [COPPEM](#) (co-coordinators of the MED path), approving the [Strategic Paper for the LADDER MED Path](#).

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### **Citizen Journalists Initiative**

The [LADDER Citizen Journalists' network](#) is growing day by day and it is reaching all Europe and beyond. Check out some of the most recent contributions in each of the six main themes!



The most recent work published by our Citizens Journalists is addressing issues on poverty & development, climate & energy, tolerance & inclusion, citizens' participation. Have a look to their contributions!

### [Bonn: US indecision and China and India's new leadership in the field of energy production](#)

**Chiara Soletti**

Which measures the leading economies are taking regarding climate change? What if we compare Trump's administration to China and India? Few days after the end of the UNFCCC intermediate negotiations held in Bonn, the debate continues with regard to the impact of the Trump Administration's decisions with respect to the environment.

### [The eye of empathy](#)

**Dominik Bartol**

Statistics show that almost 50% of children are bullied by other students at least one per month. This percentage might be higher because a number of children don't report their bullies. What can we do about it? Is there a method to help children to properly react, in order to lower the percentage in the future?

### [Free Country, free university? Clash of Parallel Realities in Hungary](#)

**Muriel Wagner**

Hungary and protests against the closing of the Central European University and against the stigmatisation of civil society organisations, after the decision of the government proposing amendments that prevent the CEU from existing as a higher education institution.

### [Bullets & Bad Breath – Youth Journalism in Palestine](#)

**Andreas Canvin**

Janna Jihad is the youngest reporter in the world. Being only 12, she has been covering news about human rights abuses since she was 7, even risking her life while doing it. Andreas Canvin interviewing Janna with a video interview.

### [Lessons from Liverpool: An insight from the Greens Congress 2017](#)

**Irene Vivas Lalinde**

Inspiring speeches and interesting workshops: the role of youth in sustainability and successful campaigns of the #Greens2017. Irene Vivas Lalinde shares her recent experience in Liverpool, where she participated in the Global Young Greens Congress as part of the Spanish Delegation.

### [Electorate databases: good or bad for democracy? A lesson from political marketing](#)

**Anna Maria Elena Ferrari**

The USA first, the other countries after: more and more the electorate database is part of the political campaigns. How can databases and electorate targeting have a positive impact on the state of democracy and provide more participation and a better managing of money?



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