



LADDER

LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS DRIVERS FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS



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RE-GRANTING SCHEME GRASS ROOT ACTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION



“Our actions at the local level have an impact at the global level”: this is the motto of the [LADDER’s video](#), realised by [Progettarte](#).

The video shows in few minutes the results of the re-granting scheme action of the three-year project LADDER – coordinated by ALDA. The video focuses on some of the micro-projects funded by LADDER, which aim at fostering the implementation of the SDGs at the local level all around Europe.

74 micro-projects have been supported in order to contribute to the LADDER’s mission: raising awareness about global issues and sustainable development throughout the cooperation between Local Authorities and Civil Society Organisations. The winning projects provided constructive activities, which have been recognised as an inspiration for citizens, Local Authorities and Civil Society Organisations. The selected projects aimed at raising public awareness on global development issues and promoting global citizenship through development education: not only did these projects inform citizens, but they also promoted citizens’ engagement and participation

within their area. 1 million citizens from 25 member states were reached by this action!

Willing to know more? Let's begin our journey!

In Dublin (Ireland) the project "Youth For Peace" brought together many young people involving them in workshops dealing with violence prevention and making them reflecting about the link between global war, conflict and the migration crisis. In the meantime, on the other side of Europe, Rucava County Council (Latvia) promoted a project called "Water - The beginning, the existence and continuation" which aims at protecting the local Baltic Sea area raising awareness on environment pollution of the sea (SDG 14 - Life Below Water). At the end of the project, a movie about this issue will be co-produced by citizens and filmmakers. Moving now to Portugal, the "Butterfly Effect Project" organised a 5-day working camp in order to inform and assert young unprivileged people about sexual and reproductive health and rights. Finally, in Italy the project "GlobalEdu" strengthened the promotion of global citizenship education among social workers.

These projects, taken as examples among all the ones implemented, demonstrate how LADDER project has succeeded in reaching different parts of Europe at the local level, involving different actors (common citizens, LAs and CSOs) and implementing different techniques to succeed in supporting DEAR and SDGs values and objectives. This action has once again revealed that little action at the local level can really contribute to make the world a better place to live in!

All the winning projects for the 2017 Call of Proposals have been announced [here](#): take a look!

Useful links:

["Microprojects for SDGs"](#) - Photo gallery of some of the projects implemented by LADDER

LATEST NEWS FROM LADDER'S NETWORK



[Birthday wishes for the 2-year anniversary of the SDGs](#)

On 25 September 2017 we celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ALDA and the LADDER project commemorated this date through important actions which make us reflect on the tasks that

still lie ahead our heads!



[Youth for Sustainable Europe – the contribution of youth to the implementation of SDGs](#)

From 25 to 27 September 2017, the [Young European Federalists \(JEF\)](#) organised the LADDER's Special Initiative "Youth for Sustainable Europe" in Brussels, this event discussed the links between Sustainable Development Goals and youth.



Global education and Citizen Journalists – interview with Paola Berbeglia

Paola Berbeglia, Delegate of the Steering Committee group of the Global Citizenship Education & People Engagement Hub of Concorde Europe, delivers an interview on the

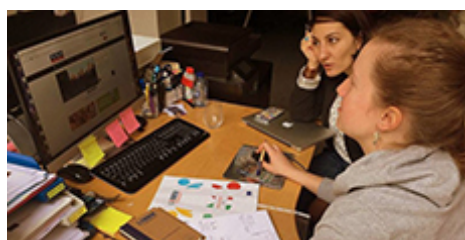
important contribution given by LADDER's Citizen Journalists network to global education.



Citizen Participation University 2017

From 3 to 7 July 2017 the CPU took place in Kunbabony, Hungary. Within LADDER's thematic path "Citizens' participation for development", this event brought together citizens and professionals to learn from/with one another about civic

engagement and local practices.



Job Shadowing activity goes on in spring and in summer 2017!

From March to July 2017, seven new peer-to-peer exchanges have been carried out. Once more these productive encounters resulted to have excellent outcomes, increasing the exchange of experiences and sharing good

practices among the consortium. The Job Shadowing activities took place in [Belgium](#), [Greece](#), [Turkey](#), [Serbia](#), [Malta](#), [Ireland](#), [Mallorca](#) in spring, [Bulgaria and the Netherlands](#) in summer.



The International workshop of the PPC Path: Public-Private Cooperation and Sustainable Tourism on the spotlight

A strong contribution to the implementation of the SDGs and to increase sustainable tourism through a multilayer & multi-stakeholder approach

was made at LADDER project International workshop on Public-Private Cooperation (PPC) and Sustainability which took place in Cagliari (Italy) from 12 to 14 July 2017.



Development education and LADDER in the spotlight at the Assises of Decentralised Cooperation for development

ALDA, together with many members of its network and of the consortium of the project LADDER, participated in the 5th edition of the

Assises of Decentralized Cooperation for Development, organised by the European Commission and Committee of the Regions in Brussels on 10-11 July.

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, engagement of public & private sector. Have a look to their contributions!

[Interview to Salil Shetty, Secretary General of Amnesty International](#) **Andreas Canvin**

Interviewing the Secretary General of Amnesty International, Mr. Salil Shetty. What about human rights defenders? Which is the role of civil society in protecting human rights? And what is the current state of human rights on a global scale?

[On the importance of Independent Living](#)

Dilyana Deneva

Have you heard about Independent Living movement? It exists since the '60s and although it was launched in the USA, it is present worldwide. Dilyana Deneva writes about it in her latest article.

[Social entrepreneurship: The solution for the depopulation of the rural areas of Central and Eastern European countries](#)

Dragos Cuta

In Central-Eastern Europe, because of the lack of jobs in rural areas, many youngsters are emigrating to bigger cities or abroad. Dragos Cuta sees a solution in social entrepreneurship, which will have direct results in providing more sustainable jobs for young people, empowering rural communities in these countries.

[Responsible consumption](#)

Lilyana Savova

Ingvar Kamprad, Warren Buffett, and Olaf Ton are some of the wealthiest people today who are known to practice the so-called responsible consumption. Do you practice it too? Lilyana Savova tells us more about the right consumption of products, services and goods in Bulgaria.

[Information are not enough to change our behaviour: interview with Jan Krajhanzl, eco-psychologist from the Masaryk's University in Brno](#)

Kristina Hudekova

People are willing to buy unethical products even when the information about their origin is provided to them, this is what a recent experiment in

Slovakia showed. Interview to the eco-psychologist Jan Krajhanz to discover how this is possible. According to him, information is not enough and even a disaster might not change this behaviour.

Access to information and work with it in least populated places

Reneta Kirilova

Information is fast and very easy accessible in the modern society, but what happens if you are not living in a big city or you are not so modern or young? What is a person going to do to acquire knowledge? In this article Reneta Kirilova describes what means living in places where getting access to good information is not easy and outlines possible solutions.



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