
Local Democracy Agency Mostar



ACTIVITY REPORT
2004-2006

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ALDA	Association of Local Democracy Agencies
ANCI	Associazione Nazionale Comuni Italiani (National Association of Italian Municipalities)
BiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
CBM	Confidence Building Measures
CeSPI	Study Centre of International Politics
CoE	Council of Europe
COSPE	Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries
CKM	Centre for Commercial Management
EU	European Union
EYF	European Youth Foundation
IB	Italian Balkan
LDA	Local Democracy Agency
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
OSCE	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PPP	Participatory Planning Process
RS	Republika Srpska
SME	Small – Medium sized Enterprise
U.G.	Udruženje Građana (Association of citizens)
UWC	United World College

1 INTRODUCTION

Although the war in Mostar ended 10 years ago, the town is still facing many consequences of the conflict. The administrative reform - oriented to set up a single and united administration - has been carried out but the unification of the town is not an easy task to be achieved. It is a big problem and a big challenge at the same time. If we look ahead the unification must be economic and administrative but also social in order to build up a peaceful and democratic town in a democratic society.

For these reasons, the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (www.ldaaonline.org), under the auspices of the Council of Europe, established a Local Democracy Agency in Mostar.

The LDA Mostar is the last Agency that came into existence out of the 11 Local Democracy Agencies operating in the former Yugoslavia. The programme of LDAs was founded in 1993 as an initiative of the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. In the years, it has proven to be an ambitious experience that enables different actors to cooperate on different levels for the objectives of building up the peace, development and stability from below.

Since its start up that culminated with the official inauguration on November 22, 2004, the LDA Mostar has begun a series of actions to foster the interethnic dialogue, to strengthen the capacity of the administration, to empower the civil society and to provide the local community with viable economic opportunities. The adopted methodology of multilateral decentralised cooperation, gives the Agency an international dimension and the opportunity for its partners – the host City of Mostar included - being fully involved in the definition of the Agency's strategic plan. The LDA Mostar in this way represents a place of meeting and dialogue between the different communities. It puts together the local demands and the needs of the city and can develop concrete initiatives and ideas. Under this perspective, the decision to register the Agency as a local association was given to address the need of guaranteeing the ownership of the local community and the sustainability of the Agency. Indeed the LDA Mostar can have access to a wide range of sources and funds that allow looking at the future with more trust and commitment.

After the first two years of activities, the following report gives an insight into the work done so far, including the people reached and the outputs produced.

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2 – PROJECTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

2.1. Actions of Capacity Buliding for Local Authorities and Civil Society in South-Eastern Europe

Objectives

- To offer target groups tools that are both long-lasting and immediately useful.
- To develop capacities of the civil society groups to advocate their rights and to strengthen their awareness and capacities as organised citizens in order to be represented in local authorities and other decision-making institutions.
- To exchange good practices and experiences among local authorities and non-governmental organisations in the area where the project is being implemented to improve their knowledge of real cases and ability to solve practical situations.
- To promote the participation of youth in local authorities and other decision-making organizations at the local level.



Summary

This activity of democratisation is understood as the active promotion of the participation of citizens and their interest groups in the decision-making process at the local level. Through decentralised decision-making, the activities aim at contributing to the stability in the area and at representing a basis for the solution of conflicts - and the prevention of new ones - and the promotion of human rights.

Activities:

Info Point in the LDA (3 years)

An Info point on human rights and sustainable development has been established in LDA bureau. The Info Point is at disposal of both universities of Mostar ("Univerzitet Dzemal Bjadic" and "Sveuciliste") and supports students' researches through a free Internet connection. It is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 15-17 with the following content: Books, conventions, treaties, resolutions, handbooks and manuals on human rights protection, minority rights protection etc. published by the Council of Europe, EU, OSCE and UN.



1st Year of the Project (2004)

Activity

Training for civil society on conflict management, 6-8 October 2004.

Results Twenty representatives from various NGOs and associations attended the session, among them: representatives from Nansen Dialogue Center, Unija studenata Djemal Bijedic, Omladinska Informativna agencija, Skola Omladinske Politike, Altruist Association, Graditelji mira, Studentski Zbor Sveucilista u Mostaru, La Strada Mostar, OKC Abrasevic, Forma F.

Activity Training for local authorities on conflict management, 6-7 December 2004 and on participatory planning process (I), 12-13 December 2004.

Results The training focused on promoting the conflict management and participative culture in local government structures. 18 representatives of public administration and local association were present at this training.



2nd Year of the Project (2005)

Activity Training for local authorities on EU affairs (I), 8-9 November 2005;
Results 16 participants were trained and they have widened their knowledge about the European Institutions, about the EU Affairs and accession funds and about project writing skills.

Activity Workshop for youth, 15 November 2005;
Results In total, 70 young people active in youth associations, youth branches of political parties, student councils and other individuals participated in the open debate for establishing the youth council within the city administration. Two main ideas were presented: a youth advisory board and a youth council. This was followed by presentations of guest speakers from Jablanica and Sarajevo Youth Councils and Youth Commission of Konjic and some experts from OSCE presenting election procedures and possible coordination links between the Youth council and the City Council. At the end, participants filled out a questionnaire about Youth Council and Youth advisory board in a written form.

Activity Round table on development of tourism and protection of environment, 23rd December 2005;
Results Stimulation of common engagement of local authorities, the non-governmental sector as well as the business sector on issues related to protection of the environment and development of tourism and emphasis on the non-implementation of laws in force on this issue. The round table concluded that BiH has sufficient legislation concerning areas such as environmental protection.



However, this legislation is not being implemented in practice. The second conclusion was that there is a lack of tourism development strategy as well as insufficient pressure from the international community to undertake the necessary steps.

<i>Activity</i>	<u>Training for local authorities on communication skills and public relations, 09-10 of February 2006;</u>
<i>Results</i>	Increased level of knowledge and understanding on public communications and public relations skills, raising awareness about the importance of public appearance and communication with citizens.

3rd Year of the Project (2006)

<i>Activity</i>	<u>Training for local authorities on participatory planning process (II), 19-20 October 2006</u>
<i>Results</i>	to be achieved

<i>Activity</i>	<u>Training for local authorities on EU Affairs (II), November 2006</u>
<i>Results</i>	to be achieved

<i>Target groups</i>	Local staff of LDA, local elected officials, civil servants of local and regional authorities, community leaders of youth groups, community leaders of civil society;
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<i>Duration</i>	July 2004– November 2006
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<i>Partners</i>	ALDA, ANCI
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<i>Location</i>	Mostar and Herzegovina-Neretva Canton
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<i>Donor</i>	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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2.2. Local Economic Development in the Balkans

<i>Objective</i>	Assessing different economic sectors in the Herzegovina region in order to analyse impediments and opportunities for economic development and employment opportunities with the SWOT analysis, i.e. a tool for auditing an organization and its environment. It is the first stage of planning and addresses marketers to focus on key issues. SWOT stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.
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<i>Summary</i>	In order to carry out the assessment, a working group was created composed of 10 individuals with different professions, gender and nationalities. The selection of the working group members was based on the
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candidates' interest in social improvements, willingness to contribute to the assessment process, their engagement in projects of similar nature and coordination of such. The working group members consisted of psychologists, journalists, financial experts, project coordinators, representatives of different cultural centres, assistants and students of economy and agriculture. In order to assess the opportunities for the social and economic development on the local and regional level, 50 questionnaires were distributed to ten politicians (representatives of parliamentary parties in Mostar City Council), ten representatives of the agriculture sector (producers and experts from Faculty of Agriculture), ten representatives of NGOs which play a significant role in civil society in Mostar, ten representatives of the business sector (representatives of companies as well as business/economic agencies and institutions) and ten other people (students and other sectors that were not represented by first four groups).

Results

The assessment of different economic sectors in Herzegovina required factual background information about the region relevant for this assessment. The information, which was produced, concerned general facts about the region, its geographical potential and capabilities. Regarding the economic status of the region before the findings showed that several large companies operated in the region employing many thousands of people, but in recent years only few of these industries have proven to be competitive and sustainable. It was found out that there is a present focus on new emerging generations of dynamic small



and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

This is combined with the agriculture sector, based on small-scale production as well as the energy sector based on a regional network of hydroelectric power plants, mainly along the river Neretva.

The main pillars of the regional economy are:

- Agriculture - including wine production, 98% of all vineyards in BiH are in the region. There is also a strong potential for the fruit production.
- Tourism – Međugorje attracts over 250,000 visitors every year from all over the world, while the extremely favorable climate represents additional potential for the development of new products.
- Energy generation – the region currently exports energy to neighboring countries
- Tobacco – there are two tobacco factories in the region, which import most of the raw material.
- Metal – good tradition and high level of skills.

- Textile industry – operating at a low level compared to pre-war period, but unable to compete with incentives from other emerging economies e.g. Romania.
- Meat processing – three large meat processing plants in the region.

<i>Duration</i>	August – November 2004
<i>Location</i>	Herzegovina region
<i>Donor</i>	French Ministry of Foreign Affairs



2.3. *Mare Hadriaticum Local Democracy Cross Border Network (MAHLDENET)* - Action V: Setting up of a new LDA: a participatory planning path.

<i>Objective</i>	To strengthen the institutional cooperation and the cooperation between political, economic and social actors involved in actions of the local democracy development in the trans-border area of the Adriatic Sea.
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<i>Summary</i>	The Mahlde.net project, led by the Italian region Friuli Venezia-Giulia, seeks to strengthen the Adriatic trans-border cooperation, occasionally promoting interaction between economic and social actors. The intention is to
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contribute to the construction of a Europe of citizens through actions for the territorial integration development,

institution building in Balkan countries, improvement of existing network and infrastructures. The acronym Mahlde.net stands for MAre Hadriaticum: a place of meeting and exchange between countries and citizens in the Mediterranean; Local DEMocracy: partnership between local authorities and Local Democracy Agencies; cross border NETwork: partnership network beyond Italian borders which involves Italian local authorities and the reality of the Balkans. As pilot activity of the programme, the Action V for the setting up of the LDA Mostar has matched an initiative of decentralised cooperation of the Italian Region Puglia which currently supports the activities of participatory planning process and economic, cultural, etc. exchanges between the two shores of the Adriatic Sea.

<i>Results</i>	To be achieved
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<i>Partners</i>	Region Puglia, ALDA
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<i>Duration</i>	January 2005 – March 2007
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<i>Location</i>	Mostar and Herzegovina - Neretva Canton (BiH), Region Puglia (Italy)
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Donor Interreg Programme Transadriatic of the European Commission



2.4 To foster interethnic dialogue in the secondary schools of Mostar and its region

Objective Strengthening interethnic and inter-religious between students and teachers from each different ethnic group, exchange of the best practices on education issues between teachers and experts from HN Kanton and teachers and experts from cities and regions partners of the LDA, promoting the values of respect of human rights, democracy and respect of minority groups, contributing to the process of school reunification.

Summary The project addressed high school students and its goal was to foster the importance of lecturing about the values such as democracy, interethnic dialogue and minority rights to the high school teachers and students. Addressing high schools in Mostar is important as most of them are unofficially organised on ethnic basis. Project's different phases carried out through workshops, seminars and conferences resulted in recommendations for improvement of high school education.



Results Four workshops (both for teachers and for students) were held within the project and each workshop had a different theme, i.e. democracy and democratic principles in education, respect for human rights in high schools, dialogue and introduction to conflict analysis, how teachers can foster confidence building among different ethnic groups. The project was finalised by a conference on which recommendations of the workshops were discussed. Each workshop hosted around 20 participants, i.e. students, teachers, international guests and politicians. The recommendations of the workshops are:

- To introduce adjustments of teaching plans and programmes (higher level of involvement of teachers in creation of it);
- Similar project for parents from Parent Councils (and include professors and students in this project);
- Educational system should encourage recognising and development of talented students;
- To Introduce and encourage civil service and activism;
- Higher level of inclusiveness of professors and schools in the process of planning of different projects that aims to educate professors for the improvement of educational system;

- To improve the cooperation of NGOs, Institute for Education and Ministry of Education;
- NGOs should help in financing some projects developed by schools or Ministry of Education;

<i>Partners</i>	Nansen Dialogue Centre Mostar
<i>Duration</i>	April 2005 – July 2006
<i>Location</i>	Mostar
<i>Donor</i>	Permanent Representation of Luxembourg at the Council of Europe



2.5. Setting up the Local Democracy Agency in Mostar

N.B. In order to facilitate the dialogue between the two ethnicities, to provide and empower civil society with practical employment opportunities, the establishment of the Agency includes also activities towards this aim, i.e. training course for tourist guides, dialogue through practice – court trial simulation and formation of the Union for all secondary school councils.

Objectives Strengthening operational capacity of the LDA Mostar in the Herzegovina region, supporting concrete initiatives in order to improve the interethnic dialogue between university and high school students as well as providing professional skills for citizens which can be deployed in the tourism sector.

Summary The official opening of the LDA Mostar (November 22, 2004) was initiated by potential partners, international and local organizations, the Association of the LDAs and the City of Mostar. This step was essential for the city and the Herzegovina region due to the political and economic situation, which was at hand in the city. Ethnical division, high unemployment rates and the lack of highly educated professionals are the issues, which the city has to tackle. That is why the LDA Mostar committed itself to activities such as interethnic dialogue, the creation of employment opportunities among others which would improve the political and economic situation in Mostar's civil society.

Results Training course for tourist guides
The course hosted 30 participants and focused on activities for enabling tourist guides in West-Herzegovina and Herzegovina Neretva Canton to develop competences needed for the certification. The LDA Mostar carried out the training with assistance of the Centre for Commercial Management (CKM), which provided qualified trainers. The main tourist agencies in the region provided assignments for practical part of the training course. One of the most important results of the training was that the LDA Mostar, the CKM and the Federal Ministry of Trade and Tourism agreed on the contents of

the Rulebook which tourist guides will use for the state exam. The last information regarding this book is that it is being evaluated by the federal government and when published in the official state paper (Službeni List) it will become effective.

The Federal Ministry of Trade and Tourism has started to form the exam commissioners, which will enable the first state exam for tourist guides in Bosnia and Herzegovina leading to certificates for tourist guides.

Dialogue through practice – Court Trial Simulation

The activities consisted of a non formal training course with the aim to improve interethnic dialogue between the University of Mostar and the Džemal Bijedić University as well as to supplement the lack of practical



experience in the learning process within the two institutions. The course enabled students to put their theoretical knowledge in practice through use of cases from reality. The course hosted 15 students from the Faculties of Law and was

implemented in two segments during a six-months period. The final results of the activities were two trials in the field of criminal/civil procedural law carried out with the help of two university assistants and two experts acting as judges. The cases were therefore recreated and sentences delivered. The 15 participants received certificates signed by the Deans of the Faculties of Law from the both universities.

Workshop for the establishment of a union of secondary school student councils in Mostar

The role of the Union was to promote the idea of Union itself like activities as well as to lobby other secondary schools to be involved into the activities of the Union. The Union body consisted of three grammar schools ("Gymnasium") from the area of Mostar City (II Gymnasium regulated by federal curriculum, Mostar Gymnasium, federal and Croatian curriculum and Gymnasium "Fra Grge Martića" Croatian curriculum). This kind of multiethnic structure was a "open door" for other secondary schools to join in. The Union was registered as legal, non-governmental, non-party and non-profitable body with the aim to gather students from all secondary schools and enable them to influence formulation of the teaching process. The Union is able to promote itself and organize meetings with other secondary schools. Due to the above-mentioned results, the Union of all secondary schools participated in the seminar "Herzegovina Coordination Body for Student Councils" which was organised by the OSCE (Education Department) held in the City of Neum in October 2005.

<i>Partners</i>	Centre for Commercial Management, main tourist agencies in the region, University of Mostar (Faculty of Law) and Džemal Bijedić University (Faculty of Law), Fortuna Trade Tours Ltd., youth Association "Graditelji Mira"
<i>Duration</i>	June – December 2005
<i>Location</i>	Mostar and Herzegovina Neretva Canton
<i>Donor</i>	Permanent representative of Liechtenstein at the Council of Europe



2.6. Promoting Local Economic Development In The Western Balkans: Youth Groups Capacity Building

<i>Objective</i>	Supporting local economic development of Mostar and its region through the empowerment of youth groups.
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<i>Summary</i>	<p>The programme contributed to the Stabilisation and Association Process that is preparing countries in the Balkans to join the European Union. The focus of the programme was put on the combination of local, sustainable economic development with youth empowerment, mainly through trans-border and city-to city co-operation, training of trainers, and working groups. The specific objective was to increase entrepreneurial spirit among young people and to identify potential business projects that might strengthen the local economic development of their territory.</p>
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<i>Results</i>	Two trainings were held for 23 young entrepreneurs willing to start their own economic activity on themes such as financial and management capacities. Young entrepreneurs gained skills to develop business plan, they were given the opportunity to meet other entrepreneurs who have similar problems, exchange experiences with entrepreneurs who have started a business or who are in the process of starting a business. Four participants out of 23 have started a business of their own. i.e. Luna.Com d.o.o., Turizam24, Rent a Car and Internet Club.
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<i>Partners</i>	ALDA, Norwegian Association of Towns and Regions
<i>Duration</i>	August – November 2005
<i>Location</i>	Mostar and Herzegovina - Neretva Canton
<i>Donor</i>	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2.7. To support micro-economic initiatives of women in Mostar

<i>Objective</i>	The project aimed at giving a follow up to the training for tourist guides organized by the LDA Mostar in 2005. Thanks to the project, the young women, who attended the course, had the opportunity to start up an activity on tourism and to gain practical experience in this sector.
<i>Summary</i>	The young guides collected tourist information on Mostar and its surrounding area with the purpose to edit a mini-guide addressed mostly to the foreign tourists. Moreover, 3 tourist itineraries were identified and all the relevant info provided. After the registration of the association, the group of young women carried out an inquiry through the distribution of 200 questionnaires in order to identify the opportunities and strengths of the region as regards the tourism flow.
<i>Results</i>	Official registration of the no-profit Association "Narenta", publishing of the mini-guide on tourism in Herzegovina Neretva Canton in both English and Italian language, research on tourism potential and opening of a website (www.narenta.eu).
<i>Partners</i>	TamaT – Centre for Studies, Training and Research
<i>Duration</i>	February – April 2006
<i>Location</i>	Mostar
<i>Donor</i>	Region Marche (Italy)

2.8. Youth Radio Project Mostar

<i>Objective</i>	Strengthening interethnic dialogue among pupils of two primary schools in Mostar coming from the Eastern and Western side of the city of Mostar.
<i>Summary</i>	<p>The project addressed pupils from two primary schools in Mostar in order to bring them together in a joint activity. The second aim of the project was learning about radio journalism and making programs about the activities that occur in the City. The pupils were chosen through auditions and they attended one hour training sessions about radio journalism twice a week. During these sessions</p>



they learned the techniques of making a radio show and radio programmes.

<i>Results</i>	12 pupils received certificates for the participation in the first phase of this project. Pupils also learned more about the City of Mostar, since many of them did not know enough about the part of the City where they do not attend school. Moreover, pupils were engaged in dialogue and activities that had bonded them without the interference of the ethnic belonging.
<i>Partners</i>	OSCE Mostar, EDUCON Mostar and Local Radio Station "Radio X" Mostar
<i>Duration</i>	May – July 2006
<i>Location</i>	Mostar
<i>Donor</i>	OSCE - BiH



2.9. Youth cooperation and networking within LDA partnership – Supporting "All Different All Equal" campaign objectives

<i>Objective</i>	<p>"All different, All equal" campaign is the call of the Council of Europe, European Commission and European Youth Foundation for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation. From the June 2006, the Campaign lasts up to September 2007. Each participatory country has a National Campaign Committee. In BiH, LDA Mostar, in cooperation with the Ministerial Commission for the Coordination of Youth Issues, undertook the responsibility of creating a National Campaign Committee that will establish the national guidelines for the coordination of the campaign's activities. (More information on the website of the campaign http://www.alldifferent-allegal.info and on the BiH website of the campaign http://www.svijednaki.ba). In the frame of this initiative, LDA Mostar, through a series of activities, tries to become a relevant stakeholder in the field of youth activism.</p>
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<i>Summary</i>	<p>A training course will be organized for 26 participants coming from the network of LDA partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, FYROM, Italy, Montenegro, Kosovo, Norway and Serbia. The training will last for 5 days and contain team building exercises, presentation and SWOT analysis of the current status of the objectives of the campaign "All Different All Equal", lectures on running a campaign and organisational skills as well as on networking at local and national level,</p>
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introduction to campaign educational material, skills regarding running an NGO, project and strategic planning and many more.

<i>Results</i>	To be achieved
<i>Partners</i>	NGO "Builders of Peace" Mostar, U.G. "Inicijativa 21" Tuzla, Commission for the Cooperation of Youth Issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina (permanent body of the BiH Council of Ministers), LDA partner cities and regions.
<i>Duration</i>	June – November 2006
<i>Location</i>	Mostar
<i>Donor</i>	European Youth Foundation

3 – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

3.1 *The Right to Economic Initiative for a Local Sustainable Development: The Micro credit Potential, Achievements and Challenges in B&H*

<i>Summary</i>	<p>The conference was organised in the spirit of the International Year of Micro credit proclaimed by the United Nations. The aim of the conference was to analyse and discuss the situation regarding micro credit in B&H and the results achieved through micro credit programs in the country. The conference was one of the first international conferences held on this theme in B&H and it enabled guidelines for future developments of the financial market. The conference hosted more than 130 people from international organisations, associations, political parties, local institutions, media and civil society groups. By bringing together financial organisations, policy makers from national administrations, micro credit organisations and representatives from international and European institutions the conference contributed to deeper understanding about micro credit. The participation of foreign guests gave an insight into their experiences and to receive their feedback about issues regarding micro credit in B&H.</p>
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Date 10th November 2005

<i>Partners</i>	COSPE, LiNK, Regione Marche (Italy), ALDA, Interreg Adriatic, B&H Federal Ministry of development, entrepreneurship and handicraft of B&H;
<i>Donor</i>	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<i>Place</i>	Mostar



3.2 EU Policies and Tools in the Western Balkans – The opportunities for local governments

<i>Summary</i>	<p>The aim of the seminar was to provide the beneficiaries from the Western Balkans Local Governments with the basic know-how relevant to the EU External Co-operation with the Region. An up-to-date knowledge of the EU External Assistance tools is a pre-condition for actual access to the EC financial facilities. Gaining such know-how is a specific need of Local Governments in the Western Balkans. The training to Local Governments in the Western Balkans increased their chances to establish a durable and mutually profitable partnerships with the EU partners, defining joint development projects and accessing the EU financial facilities. The seminar focused on the evolution of policies and tools the main challenges, the open issues and the problems. The seminar contributed to further development of local community and it was an occasion to exchange experience between representatives from 20 various cities and municipalities from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and representatives from respective international as well as national organizations.</p>
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<i>Date</i>	19-20 January 2006
<i>Partners</i>	Italian Association of Local Authorities, CeSPI and ALDA
<i>Donor</i>	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<i>Place</i>	Mostar



3.3 Voices of Diversity Making the Difference

Summary

Thirty-five young people from all over the world attending the United World College of the Adriatic in Duino (Italy) came to Mostar to promote and empower volunteerism and civil participation of young people. Through educational and entertainment events, these young people shared their experience in volunteerism and civil participation with the young people from Mostar. Central event was the conference. The whole process leading to it was very innovative since the students were not only participants, but they were the main protagonists. In fact, they drafted the conference agenda, they identified the themes and they delivered the speeches, previously chosen during some laboratories. Thus, the conference was designed to develop the capacity of initiative, action and participation of the young people. Furthermore, the students from Mostar, planning the activities hand to hand with their international colleagues from the UWC, had the opportunity to meet and know different cultures in a way that they could figure out the diversity as richness and not as obstacle for the fulfilment of common goals. One of the aims of the conference was also to promote the next opening of the UWC in Mostar planned for September 2006.



<i>Date</i>	3-4 March 2006
<i>Partners</i>	City of Monfalcone, United World College of the Adriatic, Student Council of Gymnasium of Mostar
<i>Donor</i>	Region Friuli Venezia-Giulia (Italy)
<i>Place</i>	Mostar

4 – PARTNERS MEETINGS

By definition, the decentralised international cooperation is based on the participation of all the different actors in the phases of the action. Therefore, the partners are involved in a process of evaluation of the needs and identification of the resources. In addition, the partners get together, at least once in a year, to identify the strategy of the Agency, to evaluate the results achieved and the

work done in the past year and finally to nominate the delegate, which represent them in the field. The partners meetings are in this way one of the most important events during the yearly activity of the LDA.

1° Partner Meeting: Mostar (BiH), 22 November 2004

2° Partner Meeting: Roma (Italy), 17 February 2005

3° Partner Meeting: Mostar (BiH), 08 July 2005

4° Partner Meeting: Roma (Italy), 10 May 2006



5 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE LDA MOSTAR STAFF

<i>Title</i>	<u>3rd Seminar on Local Economic Development</u>
<i>Explanation</i>	Training of two animators from LDA in economic development in the framework of the project "Local Economic Development in the Balkans"
<i>Place</i>	Umag, Croatia
<i>Date</i>	1-10 September 2004
<i>Organizer</i>	ALDA



<i>Title</i>	<u>Building bridges between citizens and local governments through managing conflicts and differences</u>
<i>Explanation</i>	Training of trainers (ToT) in the framework of the programme "Actions of Capacity building for Local Authorities and Civil Society"
<i>Place</i>	Palic, Serbia
<i>Date</i>	1-10 September 2004
<i>Organizer</i>	ALDA



<i>Title</i>	<u>Participatory planning processes (I)</u>
<i>Explanation</i>	Training of trainers (ToT) in the framework of the programme "Actions of Capacity Building for Local Authorities and Civil Society"
<i>Place</i>	Ohrid, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
<i>Date</i>	1-10 November 2004
<i>Organizer</i>	ALDA

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Title *Seminar on EU Affairs*
Explanation Training at European Policy Centre of Brussels for LDA delegates and ALDA staff on EU Affairs in the framework of the programme “Promoting Local Economic Development in Western Balkans: youth groups capacity building”.
Place Brussels, Belgium
Date 27 November-1 December 2004
Organizer ALDA

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Title *4th Seminar on Local Economic Development*
Explanation Training of two animators from LDA in economic development in the framework of the project “Local Economic Development in the Balkans”.
Place Ohrid, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Date 21-23 January, 2005
Organizer ALDA

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Title *Enhancing communication capacities for local government*
Explanation Training of Trainers (ToT) in the framework of the programme “Actions of Capacity Building for Local Authorities and Civil Society”.
Place Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Date 27 June-3 July 2005
Organizer ALDA

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Title *Youth groups capacity building*
Explanation Training of trainers (ToT) on the capacities to promote local economic development in the framework of the programme “Promoting Local Economic Development In The Western Balkans: Youth Groups Capacity Building”.
Place Osijek, Croatia
Date 18-22 July 2005
Organizer ALDA

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Title *The Multiethnic communities in the new perspectives of European Union. Institutions, politics, funds, drafting project*
Explanation Training of Trainers (ToT) in the framework of the programme “Actions of Capacity Building for Local Authorities and Civil Society”.
Place Ulcinj, Montenegro
Date 26-30 September 2005

Organizer ALDA

Title Internal training for LDA delegates
Explanation Internal training for all new Delegates on LDA management.
Place Vicenza, Italy
Date 7-8 February 2006
Organizer ALDA

Title Importance and techniques of Participatory Planning
Explanation Training of Trainers (ToT) in the framework of the programme "Actions of Capacity Building for Local Authorities and Civil Society".
Place Ohrid, Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia
Date 18-24 July 2006
Organizer ALDA

Title Training course on processes of participatory planning
Explanation In the framework of Mahldenet programme, the course brought together local authorities and civil society on the theme of planning public policies, through participatory processes to be implemented with the cooperation of institutions, associations and local authorities working at local level.
Place Lecce, Italy
Date 18-19 July 2006
Organizer ALDA, City of Lecce, Region Puglia

Title European funds for the Balkans: getting prepared for IPA
Explanation Training for Trainers (ToT) in the framework of the programme "Actions of Capacity Building for Local Authorities and Civil Society".
Place Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Date 26-28 September 2006
Organizer ALDA

6 - STUDY VISITS, EXCHANGES AND OTHERS

Event Handing over the Prize "Culture of Management" for the City of Mostar to the President of the Mostar City Council from Association of Italian Municipalities

Place Rome, Italy
Date 11 February 2005



Event Study visit to Monfalcone for the celebration of the European Day.
A delegation of students and professors of the Gymnasium Mostar went on Monfalcone to participate to the event "1000 youngster for Europe: United in the Diversity". The event was jointly organized by the Municipality of Monfalcone and the United World College of the Adriatic.

Place Monfalcone, Italy
Date 8-10 May 2005



Event Participation of an advisor of City of Mostar to the seminar "Sustainable development and protection of environment in SEE".

Place Zavidovići, BiH
Date 25-26 May 2005



Event Study visit to Poland as a follow-up of the ToT on Communication

A Councillor of the City of Mostar, together with LDA trainers of ALDA/ANCI programme went on a study visit to Poland. The programme consisted of meetings with officials from City promotion Offices, Citizens Services departments and EU Affairs offices in the three host cities as well as national media

Place Warsaw-Plock-Nidzica, Poland
Date 17-22 July, 2005



Event Study visit to the Fair of Levante

The Supervisor of the Business Service Centre of the City of Mostar had the opportunity to meet several economic actors from Region Puglia during one of the main economic event in South of Italy.

Place Bari, Italy
Date 14-17 September 2005



Event Study visit on environmental issues to Geneva

The Head of Economic, Safety and Environment Department of the city of Mostar had the opportunity to visit different actors involved in waste management and

sustainable development. Study visit organized within ALDA project "Capacity building for local government in waste management and protection of environment" with the support of the Canton of Geneva.

Place Geneva, Switzerland
Date 20-22 September, 2005



Event Study Seminar "Building a Europe of Citizens"
The Delegate of LDA Mostar together with three representatives of City of Mostar and the Cantonal Minister of Justice and Administration attended the seminar organized by ALDA and Region Puglia in the framework of the Interreg project Mahldenet.

Place Bari, Italy.
Date 17 November 2005

Event Focus Group on "one stop shop for productive activities"
Within Mahldenet project, Region Emilia Romagna in collaboration with ALDA organized in Sarajevo a focus group for the Bosnian municipalities hosting LDAs. The Delegate of LDA Mostar, together with the Director of LINK association, the Supervisor of Business Service Centre and a representative of economic department of the City of Mostar attended the focus group. The purpose was to present the experience of One Stop Shop in the Region Emilia Romagna as well as to transfer the know-how acquired in this sector by the Italian region.

Place Sarajevo, BiH
Date 16 December 2005

Event Participation of a Mostar city councillor to the School of Peace organized by the LDA Prijedor

Place Prijedor, BiH
Date 19-20 December 2005

Event Study visit to Region Emilia Romagna
As follow up of the focus group organized in Sarajevo in December 2005, a representative of the City of Mostar went on a study visit in order to learn from the successful experiences on territorial marketing from some municipalities of the Italian region

Place Region Emilia Romagna, Italy
Date 27-31 March 2006

Event

Study visit of local entrepreneurs to Region Puglia

In the framework of Mahldenet programme, LDA Mostar, in collaboration with ALDA and Region Puglia, selected 10 Bosnian entrepreneurs and gave them the opportunity to meet up with entrepreneurs from Italy and to exchange best practices. Prior to the study visit to the companies from the Region, the Bosnian entrepreneurs participated in a seminar on the cooperation between Region Puglia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was held in the Chamber of Commerce in Bari.



Place

Region Puglia, Italy

Date

19-20 April 2006



Event

Study visit of teachers to Region Puglia

9 high schools professors from Mostar will go to Bari to attend a seminar on inter-cultural learning and new teaching methods. The initiative, within Mahldenet programme, will be organized in cooperation with Region Puglia and ALDA.

Place

Bari, Italy

Date

16-17 November 2006

7 - LDA MOSTAR PARTNERS, TEAM AND CONTACT DETAILS

Partners:

Lead partner: Puglia Region - Italy;
Host City of Mostar - Bosnia Herzegovina;
Region Sicily (up to 2005) – Italy;
City of Kayseri (up to 2005) – Turkey;
Province of Venice (from 2005) – Italy;
City of Montegrotto Terme (up to 2005) - Italy
City of Monfalcone - Italy;
Vejle AMT (up to 2005) - Denmark;
City of Vejle (from 2006) - Denmark
City of Kragujevac - Serbia;
Municipality of Sund (from 2006) - Norway;



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