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The Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to the promotion of good governance, citizen participation and cooperation between local authorities and civil society.

ALDA was established in 1999 as an initiative of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to coordinate and support a network of Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs) already in existence since 1993. The Local Democracy Agencies are self-sustainable, locally registered NGOs that act as promoters of good governance and local self-government.

ALDA is a membership based organisation gathering more than 160 members, from local and regional authorities to smaller non-governmental organisations, coming from more than 30 countries.

The present project portfolio consists of 29 projects that ALDA is trying to raise funds to implement. The portfolio has been finalised after a stringent evaluation procedure carried out by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) to assess the project proposals. The assessment took into account the following criteria: the strength of the project design and proposal presentation, their relevance to the objectives of our network and to the regional and European priorities, and the capacity of the proponents to complete the project successfully.

It includes specifically 5 projects proposed by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) and 25 projects by the Local Democracy Agencies (LDAs).

The selection of the projects has followed both a thematic and a geographical criterion: the portfolio includes therefore a wide range of topics and an extensive geographical coverage.

We strongly encourage you to provide financial support to these projects.

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ALDA - 1. Opening a Local Democracy Agency (LDA) in Azerbaijan



Proponent	Association of Local Democracy Agencies
Countries/ Area of implementation	Azerbaijan
Field/Sector	Local Democracy and Citizen Participation
Full name of the project	Opening a Local Democracy Agency (LDA) in Azerbaijan
Summary of the project	<p>In an effort to support the development of citizen participation in Azerbaijan, ALDA is working towards opening a Local Democracy Agency in Azerbaijan. The future LDA in Azerbaijan will become part of the network of LDAs and its activities will be a practical exercise of policy sharing between citizens and local authorities.</p> <p>In March 2012, ALDA held a first information meeting with potential partners from Europe and Azerbaijan to inform them on the project and to discuss the possibilities to open an LDA in Azerbaijan. With the opening of LDAs in Armenia in 2011 and in Georgia in 2006, an LDA in Azerbaijan will complete the LDA network in South Caucasus. The Agency will be an operational platform of debate, capacity building and shared cooperation between civil society and local authorities. As such, it will represent a practical exercise of democracy and citizen participation.</p> <p>In the initial phase of this project ALDA will work to strengthen its relations in Azerbaijan and build further support for the idea of an LDA together with the initial group of potential partners of the LDA.</p>
Objectives	<p>The LDA will have the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the participation of civil society in the decision-making process at the local level; • Increasing the interest, awareness and capacities of citizens to take part in the decision-making process at the local level; • Increasing the awareness and skills of the local community and local authorities to address the needs of citizens; • Increasing the interest and sharing of information between Azerbaijan and other European countries to enable closer cooperation and an ongoing exchange of best practices.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting participatory processes in decision-making at local level; helping local authorities to operate in an open and inclusive way. • Improving possibilities, skills and capacities of civil society to engage in dialogue, advocacy and communication activities with local authorities. • Changing citizens' approaches and improving their skills as far as citizens' involvement in local decision-making process is concerned. • Raising the level of cooperation and sharing of information between Azerbaijan and other European countries and stakeholders to enable closer cooperation and an ongoing exchange of best practices especially in the field of community development and citizen participation.
Target beneficiaries	Beneficiaries will be civil society organisations, local authorities and all citizens living in the area.
Expected results	To constitute a local democracy agency in Azerbaijan which will be operate as locally registered NGO and will function as a coordination and stimulation agency for the local society with the support of civil society and local authorities from Europe.
Total budget	35,000 €
Amount requested	25,000 €



ALDA - 2. Dialogue and Cooperation to strengthen local self-government in South Caucasus



Proponent	ALDA, with the support of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, LDA Georgia, LDA Armenia and in cooperation with LDAs in the Balkans
Countries/ Area of implementation	South Caucasus
Field/Sector	Local Democracy and Citizen Participation
Full name of the project	Dialogue and Cooperation to strengthen local self-government In South Caucasus
Summary of the project	<p>Two international events will be organised to exchange knowledge and experience and strengthen cooperation between South Caucasus and European countries.</p> <p>The Kutaisi III conference will be a continuation of the Kutaisi process that ALDA, supported by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, initiated in 2009 to establish a political process to support the efforts to decentralisation and the strengthening of local self-government in South Caucasus. In addition the process aims to create a dialogue between civil society and local authorities from South Caucasus on Good Governance and on citizen participation.</p> <p>Another international conference will gather LDA delegates and LDA partners from the experienced LDAs based in the Balkans with LDA delegates and partners from South Caucasus to discuss how to best use the experience and knowledge of LDAs and partners in the Balkans to support the development of LDAs in South Caucasus. The conference/seminar will also provide a forum where LDAs and partners can discuss specific ideas and initiatives to strengthen the link between the LDA work in the Balkans and South Caucasus.</p>
Objectives	<p>These conferences are aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a dialogue between local actors from South Caucasus and from Europe and particularly between civil society and local authorities from South Caucasus on Good Governance and on citizen participation; • Fostering the exchanges of experience and good practises of developing local democracy in South Caucasus; • Creating and/or strengthening the cooperation between the participants.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kutaisi III Conference. • International Conference to present and discuss the experience of LDAs and LDA partners in the Balkans.
Target beneficiaries	Beneficiaries will be civil society organisations, local authorities and citizens living in the area.
Expected results	Enhanced opportunities for citizens, civil society organisations and local authorities to meet and debate together.
Total budget	50,000 €
Amount requested	40,000 €



ALDA - 3. Platform Enhancing Democratic Governance: Initiative for Networking and Growth



Proponent	Association of Local Democracy Agencies
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Albania
Field/Sector	Local Democracy and Citizen Participation
Full name of the project	PLEDGING: Platform Enhancing Democratic Governance: Initiative for Networking and Growth
Summary of the project	Both through exchange of good practice and interaction among the regional networks engaged, the action is designed to help build capacity of local CSO-s to contribute to active citizenship and participation in policy and decision making processes.
Objectives	<p>The project aims at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing CSOs regional partnerships for EU integration; • Helping develop CSOs capacity for influencing/monitoring/implementing policy reforms; • Helping build capacity of CSOs to contribute to active citizenship and participation; • Creating CSOs resource and development networks; • Creating regional platforms for policy dialogue with the EU.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three regional conferences: Towards the culture of participation, Education for democratic citizenship, Good governance and EU perspective. • Two regional trainings for CSOs and LAs on consultation and citizen participation and on local co-operation agreements. • Study visit to EU. • Seven local trainings for the creation of CSO Resource & Development focal points. • R&A component: Local democracy and citizen participation in the Western Balkans: comparative analysis and local practice based on extensive field research.
Target beneficiaries	EU/regional CSO networks, local/regional authorities/associations, R&D, think-tank groups, CSO-s/citizens in local communities, media and public at large.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved capacity of CSOs for cross-sectoral partnership building. • Established regional CSO platforms for effective influencing, monitoring and implementing policy reforms. • Improved capacity of CSOs to contribute to active citizenship and participation. • Established sustainable CSO local task forces & pool expertise in good governance. • Established CSO resource and development focal points as sustainable mechanisms of consultation and civil dialogue. • Enhanced civil society dialogue and good governance co-operation platforms with the EU counterparts.
Total budget	700,810 €
Amount requested	550,000 €



ALDA - 4. Jeunesse pour la Tunisie



Proponent	Association of Local Democracy Agencies
Countries/ Area of implementation	Tunisia, cities of Jendouba, Beja, El Kef, Siliana, Zaghouan, Kasserine, Kairouan, Sidi Bouzid, Gafsa, Tozeur, Kébilie, Médenine, Gabés, Tataouine, Tunis; France
Field/Sector	Youth & Citizenship
Full name of the project	Jeunesse pour la Tunisie
Summary of the project	<p>Tunisian young people were key actors during the Jasmin Revolution when revealing the economic, social and political difficulties they face. However, the active participation they showed on social networks has not led to their better representation in formal democratical sphere.</p> <p>The project aims at encouraging active citizenship among the youth by creating check-and-balance youth organizations, and by associating them with relevant local and national authorities to support a constructive dialogue.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support marginalised groups, by informing Tunisian youth about local, national and international opportunities; • To reinforce civil society capacities in Tunisia through youth good practice exchanges and a network aiming at developing trainings for young people that will then act as “multipliers” of active citizenship; • To strengthen interaction between governmental and non-governmental actors thanks democratic dialogue between local authorities and youth associations
Main activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information: information seminars, information points about European programmes, information campaigns, newsletters, and a website with a chatroom. 2. Training: youth peer training sessions and a study visit. 3. Networking & cooperation: the International Tunisian Youth Fair.
Target beneficiaries	<p>Tunisian young people from 18 to 30 at large, whatever their academic or professional background.</p> <p>Local and national authorities in charge of youth policy.</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tunisian young people living conditions improved by training youngsters to access and diffuse verifiable information about topics they are directly concerned by. • Around 60 young activists trained and considered as multipliers of active citizenship in 15 Tunisian governorates.
Total budget	294,990 €
Amount requested	221,210 €



ALDA - 5. Volunteers 4 Democracy

Proponent	Association of Local Democracy Agencies
Countries/ Area of implementation	All the countries
Field/Sector	Citizens' Participation and Volunteering
Full name of the project	Volunteers 4 Democracy (V4D)
Summary of the project	<p>The initiative Volunteers 4 Democracy is aimed at involving people in the promotion of ALDA's values through the participation in ALDA's activities. The initiative will have a strong impact on the communities the volunteers will come from, being for participants a on-the-field school of active citizenship, whose lessons they will implement in their local environments.</p> <p>Thus, thanks to V4D the volunteers will not only be active, informed and change-bringing citizens, but will also act as multipliers in their communities, spreading the idea of volunteering as a way of contributing to local social development.</p>
Objectives	The objective of the initiative V4D is to raise common citizens' awareness of their role in the social and political system, through their concrete involvement in ALDA's mission, that is the promotion of healthy local democracy, citizens' participation and human rights.
Main activities	<p>ALDA has created a constantly updated database collecting all the V4D opportunities and is matching them with the expression of interests the Association is receiving from the volunteers (for guaranteeing the involvement of a large and varied group of people, ALDA is currently spreading the news about V4D initiative among its numerous members from all over Europe and their networks).</p> <p>After sending the CV and a motivational letter to the program coordinator, the candidate volunteer receives the calls for Volunteers 4 Democracy and can apply for the ones he/she is interested in.</p> <p>In the case of being selected for a volunteering opportunity, all the participant's travel, board and accommodation expenses linked with the activity are covered, and at the end of the activity the volunteer is required to present a report regarding the experience.</p>
Target beneficiaries	Everyone motivated on human rights, citizens' participation and local democracy.
Expected results	To create a group of strongly motivated people participating in ALDA's activities as volunteers and promoting human rights, citizens' participation and local democracy issues.
Total budget	20,000 €
Amount requested	25,000 €



LDA Albania - 1. Flood Risk @ Civil PROtection.sh

Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Albania
Countries/ Area of implementation	Albania, Shkodra Regions
Field/Sector	Civil Protection - Professional Training - Environment
Full name of the project	Flood Risk @ Civil PROtection.sh
Summary of the project	<p>Water and hydrogeologic risk for the District of Shkodra</p> <p>The greatest risk for the district of Shkodra, and more specifically the city of Shkodra, seems to lie in the Buna and Drin rivers: the situation of floods and of the outflow of waters of the lake to the river Buna is out of control, and the lake level is constantly increasing. Recent researches developed by the project RIVA "Re-qualification of Lake Shkoder basin - Environmental System Analysis" within the line 2.3 (Environment and Sustainable Development) of the Italian program of support to regional cooperation have clearly shown the flood risk in Shkodra district is high.</p> <p>The project idea is to create and develop a system of civil protection in the district of Shkodra, through exchange of best practices with the civil protection system in force in the Province of Brindisi, starting from the formation of human resources.</p> <p>Civil Protection is the system of activities and facilities created by the State to protect the integrity of life, property, settlements and the environment from harm or risk of damage from natural disasters, catastrophes and other calamities. In Italy, the law governing the National System of Civil Protection is the number 225/92. The reason for this collaboration between Shkodra and the Province of Brindisi primarily is the reputation of the Italian Civil Protection System, which is among the most advanced and tested throughout Europe.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of the municipal department of civil protection; • Creation of the body of voluntary civil protection; • Involvement of public body employees and volunteers, educated and prepared in intervention competences, in Civil Protection, for forecasting and preventing emergency and intervening in it.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of best practices in the matter of Civil Protection. • Training course for civil protection workers (public and voluntary) restricted to 20 people aged between 22 and 60, who know some elements of informatics, and who speak Italian and/or English. The expected duration of the training is 200 hours, including 120 hours of simulations, and triage sanitary practices conducted in cooperation with international partners.
Target beneficiaries	Albania LDA, Community, Local government structures (Municipality - Prefecture - Region).
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased civil protection awareness of citizens. • Increased citizens' interest in volunteering.
Total budget	90,800 €
Amount requested	50,800 €



LDA Albania - 2. Expert in Europroject

Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Albania
Countries/ Area of implementation	Albania, Shkodra Regions
Field/Sector	Participation in EU Programs - Training Course in Europrojects
Full name of the project	Expert in Europroject
Summary of the project	In Albania there is a significant difference between the willingness to respond to EU calls for proposals and the ability to properly design them. Then, the need of organizing a specific training module in the field of the European Project aims at improving the quality of projects submitted by Albanian operators to apply for funding. Project Planning Course: the LDA Albania, with its training experience on European and international issues, in collaboration with the University of Shkoder, will organise the second edition of a basic course in Project Planning (ISSUE I) with the aim to disseminate the principles of Project Cycle Management (PCM) and thereby providing a practical tool for the design and project management funded by the EU.
Objectives	The Project Planning course has the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explaining the context of policies of financial cycle 2007-2013 in which the various funding programs are planned; • Orientating the participants towards the use of techniques of Project Cycle Management (PCM) and, in particular, the approach of the Logical Framework, which is the methodology used worldwide to develop and manage public programs and projects; • Providing the necessary basic knowledge to manage Community Directly Financed projects; • Illustrating the techniques required to prepare budget planning and reporting.
Main activities	The program is a discussion of these topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to policies and community programs. • Introduction to Project Cycle Management (PCM). • The logical framework approach: analytical phase, planning, realization phase, evaluation phase, project budget and reporting. • Lectures held by: university professors (Albanian and foreign) and professionals.
Target beneficiaries	Albania LDA, Community, Local government structures (Municipality - Prefecture - Region).
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness and knowledge about Project Cycle management. • Enhanced opportunities for citizens to develop ideas into concrete plans.
Total budget	66,000 €
Amount requested	42,000 €



LDA Armenia - 1. AGORA – Armenian Citizens and Communities together for Local Democracy



Proponent	Association of Local Democracy Agencies - Local Democracy Agency Armenia
Countries/ Area of implementation	Armenia, cities of Gyumri and Yerevan
Field/Sector	Local Democracy and Citizen Participation
Full name of the project	Armenian Citizens and Communities together for Local Democracy
Summary of the project	<p>The project would consist in the creation of a Permanent Commission/Working Group coordinated by the LDA and gathering local authorities, civil society organisations and citizens that will meet regularly through dialogue, discussions, public hearing and debate on local affairs including discussions and oversight on local budget issues.</p> <p>In addition the Permanent Commission will organize a public exhibition with presentations of Local Authorities and civil society organisations and examples of their cooperation.</p> <p>As part of the project the Permanent Commission will provide small sub-grants to support specific initiatives to enhance cooperation between Local Authorities and Civil Society.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the interest, awareness and capacities of citizens and civil society organizations to be active on local affairs and decision making; • Facilitating the participation of civil society in the decision-making process on local level.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a Permanent Working Group gathering Local Authorities, Civil Society organisations and citizens with regular meetings on local issues (also on local budget issues) in the cities of Gyumri and Yerevan. • Organisation of a public exhibition with presentations of Local Authorities and civil society organisations with examples of their cooperation. • Distribution of small sub-grants to support specific initiatives to enhance cooperation between Local Authorities and Civil Society.
Target beneficiaries	Beneficiaries will be all active citizens, civil society organisations and local authorities in the involved Communities in Armenia.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced opportunities for citizens, CSOs and local authorities to meet and debate together. • Increased public interest among citizens for local affairs and specific activities implemented to showcase positive cooperation between Local Authorities and Civil Society.
Total budget	50,000 €
Amount requested	40,000 €



LDA Armenia - 2. REGIOARM – Connecting Citizens and Local Authorities in Regions of Armenia



Proponent	Association of Local Democracy Agencies - Local Democracy Agency Armenia
Countries/ Area of implementation	Armenia, towns of Gyumri, Ijevan and potentially other towns/regions in Armenia
Field/Sector	Local Democracy and Citizen Participation
Full name of the project	REGIOARM - Connecting Citizens and Local Authorities in Regions of Armenia
Summary of the project	<p>The present proposal aims at increasing the capacity of local authorities to augment and include citizens and civil society in the policy-making-process by more efficiently using the legal possibilities provided for citizen participation at the local level.</p> <p>Bearing in mind that the local authorities often try to comply with the requirements of the law, but they do it mostly in a formal way and not a comprehensive way which would effectively include citizens, the project would provide a European perspective on the issues of local-self governance and practical ways and ideas on how to improve citizen participation.</p>
Objectives	<p>The project will have the objectives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the interest, awareness and capacities of local authorities to involve citizens in local affairs and decision making; • Facilitating the participation of civil society in the decision-making process at the local level.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings and seminars for Local Authority representatives in different regions of Armenia on the legal opportunities for citizens' and civil society participation in democratic process and on the European values of local self-government. • Trainings for civil society representatives and staff on the legal opportunities to be involved in the decision making process, project management and methods in advocacy and lobbying, etc. • Creation of a section on the LDA website to facilitate coordination and exchange between CSOs.
Target beneficiaries	Beneficiaries will be all citizens, civil society organisations and local authorities in the involved communities in Armenia.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness, knowledge and capacities of local authorities to involve citizens in local affairs and the decision making process. • Increased capacities of CSOs to enhance their impact and influence in the decision making process at the local level.
Total budget	40,000 €
Amount requested	30,000 €



LDA Mostar - 1. YOUNG – Youth Organizations Unified for New Generations



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Mostar
Countries/ Area of implementation	Bosnia and Herzegovina - City of Mostar area
Field/Sector	Strengthening the role of Civil Society in promoting HR and democratic reform, thought the role of Youth Council of City of Mostar
Full name of the project	YOUNG – Youth Organizations Unified for New Generations
Summary of the project	<p>A new Youth Council (YC) was registered and consists of a network of local non-governmental, non-profit, apolitical youth NGOs that work with the youth and for the youth and as a new organization needs improvements in communication as well as in building its capacities.</p> <p>The project promotes new developments and brings changes; information and awareness of work, training and continuing education are core priorities in our project; the project aims at producing long-term effects and bringing lasting changes: building community leadership and motivating young people to be active, strengthening public participation in the development of communities and societies.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General goal of the project: improvement of the conditions and situation of youth in society in the city of Mostar in accordance with the Youth Act of Federation BiH. • Specific goals: building capacities of the newly established YC; strengthening engagement of executive and legislative political power regarding the youth situation, problems, needs and obligations within society; improving the awareness of citizens and local authorities about the youth problems and rights by promoting the Youth Act.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings: Youth Act in Federation of BiH – introduction, explanation; team building; Project Cycle Management; fundraising training; strategy planning; training in HR, lobbying and advocacy; leadership; • Exchange of best practices: visits to some other YCs; • Interactive informative workshop for local authorities; • Lobbying and Advocacy training for local authorities; • Two roundtables; • Promotional documentary movie on the topic of promotion of Youth Act of Federation of BiH; creation of an interactive website of Youth Council; promotional materials.
Target beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct beneficiaries: Youth Council members, NG organizations – members of Youth Council; • Indirect beneficiaries: employees of the Mostar City Administration; Councillors – members of the City of Mostar City Council.
Expected results	Youth of the YC educated and ready to become active citizens, participate in decision-making and be proactive in every day life in the city of Mostar and its region, as well as be able to attract other youth and lead them in active citizens' participation.
Total budget	34,101 €
Amount requested	24,721 €



LDA Mostar - 2. The Bubby Train



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Mostar
Countries/ Area of implementation	Bosnia and Herzegovina, City of Mostar
Field/Sector	Protection of HR, Integration through Innovations, Educational Methods
Full name of the project	The Bubby Train
Summary of the project	<p>The children of one part of Mostar do not attend the same school programme as those living on the 'other side' of the city and any relationships they have with children from the other side are rare, sporadic or non-existent. In fact we can affirm with certainty that one of the consequences of being a child in Mostar is limited movement and ignorance of local geography.</p> <p>The project consists of an educational drive/city tour for the abovementioned pupils in a small train known as "The Bubby train". This tour is aimed at exploring the cultural and historical heritage of Mostar as a unified city. The excursion will also serve to encourage pupils to discover important city institutions. The pupils will be accompanied by a local guide, their teachers and two police officers.</p>
Objectives	<p>Goal of the project: to overcome the stereotypical division and fear that has come about as a result of the recent history of Mostar and to develop urban consciousness within the youth of Mostar.</p> <p>Specific goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance the knowledge about the city and its cultural and historical heritage; • To enhance the knowledge about the role of the police within their community as well as practical knowledge of traffic regulations and traffic signs.
Main activities	<p>The main components of the action are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory activities – contacting all schools, preparation of the timetable for the activities; • Train tours for all pupils from fourth and fifth grade from all elementary schools in the city of Mostar, as a pilot program; • Coordination and monitoring of activities among all parties (elementary schools, ministry of internal affairs HNK/Ž and transport companies).
Target beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct target groups (beneficiaries): pupils from first to fifth grade of elementary schools in Mostar (pilot action: fourth and fifth grade). • Indirect target groups (beneficiaries): Ministry of Internal Affairs of Herzegovina - Neretva Canton, Ministry of education, science, culture and sport of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, citizens of Mostar.
Expected results	Children of both sides of the divided city of Mostar will have the unique opportunity to see "the other" side of the same town, to learn about history, culture and urban way of leaving, but also to get basic traffic knowledge.
Total budget	40,720 €
Amount requested	26,105 €



LDA Zavidovici - 1. Improvement of the selective waste collection system in the area of Zavidovici



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Zavidovici
Countries/ Area of implementation	Bosnia and Herzegovina, City of Zavidovici
Field/Sector	Environment
Full name of the project	Improvement of the selective waste collection system in the area of Zavidovici
Summary of the project	<p>From the beginning of its activities in Zavidovici, the LDA is engaged on the topic of waste and ecology. Attention is focused on the situation of the municipal waste dump: there have been conducted scientific research, we have tried to find funds to start the intervention at the site of the landfill, operated on raising public awareness about the importance of careful and proper waste management through public campaigns and information, realized programs of environmental education in local schools.</p> <p>We also sought to evaluate the role of Roma communities in the local context, which deals with the collection and selection of waste materials and its sales, develop the cooperation between European universities and local authorities.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of experimental selective waste collection and enlargement of the area; • Strengthening of competences of involved technical personnel; • Increasing of environmental awareness of citizens and correct separation of the waste.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission of Italian technicians for planning the activities. • Gathering of information about the area interested in the selective waste collection. • Preparation of detailed plan for selective waste collection in a new area.
Target beneficiaries	Citizens of Zavidovici, public institutions, Roma people.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased environmental awareness of citizens and correct separation of the waste. • Consolidated experimental selective waste collection and enlarged area covered by selective collection.
Total budget	20,000 €
Amount requested	14,000 €



LDA Zavidovici - 2. A Safe Place: Program of interventions to support victims of domestic violence



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Zavidovici
Countries/ Area of implementation	Bosnia and Herzegovina, City of Zavidovici
Field/Sector	Social Sector
Full name of the project	A Safe Place: Program of interventions to support victims of domestic violence
Summary of the project	<p>There is a large number of women facing the problem of family violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina. BiH society is built on deep patriarchal understanding, so that women victims of violence do not enjoy the support of society and face many prejudices.</p> <p>Along the 2010-2011 period LDA Zavidovici has implemented the project: "A safe place: program of intervention to support victims of domestic violence", continuing the previous one carried on since 2007.</p> <p>In 2007 LDA Zavidovici started the first phase with the objective of gathering information on attitudes and beliefs about domestic violence and of starting building relationships with community members.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep on information and prevention activities already carried out and enlarge them to rural areas; • To strengthen community infrastructure to respond to and prevent domestic violence (to support the association activities to provide services to victims, complementing the ones provided by the social services).
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops for different target groups to highlight issues and cases of violence against women. • Awareness campaigns through street shows and meetings at grassroots level.
Target beneficiaries	<p>Domestic violence victims.</p> <p>Education workers, health workers, police workers.</p> <p>Youth, children; volunteers; general community.</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and prevention activities in rural areas carried on. • Strengthened community infrastructure to respond to and prevent domestic violence. • Strengthened capacity of Local network and Association of implementing a domestic violence prevention programme.
Total budget	20,000 €
Amount requested	14,000 €



LDA Prijedor - 1. Promotion of social integration services, people with disabilities in acquiring skills



Proponent	Association Project Prijedor
Countries/ Area of implementation	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Municipality of Prijedor
Field/Sector	Socio-economic integration of marginalized groups
Full name of the project	Promotion of social integration services, people with disabilities in acquiring skills
Summary of the project	<p>The activities of this project will be implemented in the Municipality of Prijedor in Bosnia Herzegovina.</p> <p>Through the described initiative, working with the local partner Association (Association for the Disabled in Prijedor) and local institutions (School Natosevic, Municipality, Centre for social welfare) it is intended to improve the living conditions of the disabled population, with particular attention to mental illness, and to strengthen the policy response to the expressed needs of the local community from this target group and their families.</p> <p>The areas of intervention in which the project will work, continuing and developing initiatives that have been already started in 2011, will be: capacity building of the association's local partner, socio-economic inclusion of disabled people, raising awareness of the needs expressed by the disabled population.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the managerial and networking skills of local partners; • Promoting the improvement and expansion of social services in the involved area (including projects through socio-economic and cultural issues); • Promoting processes of empowerment and taking charge of the local community in situations of social distress (including disability).
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching and training for directors of the association for the disabled in Prijedor on writing projects and fundraising and networking with other organizations active in the social sphere. • Organization of individual occupational therapy through workshops on crafts and cultivation, production and sale of strawberries. • Accompaniment and support for the association for the disabled in dialogue with the institutions of the Municipality of Prijedor and the Republika Srpska, and support of information activities and in creating public awareness on social problems and in particular the disability.
Target beneficiaries	Association for the Disabled in Prijedor, 26 disabled children who attend the association's activities, disabled population of Prijedor
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened management capacity of the association for the disabled in Prijedor. • Strengthened ability to network among themselves and with the institutions for the disabled associations in Prijedor. • Greater integration for users with disabilities in the community. • Increased manual abilities and working for disabled users. • Greater sensitivity of the institutions and civil society to address social issues addressed by the project.
Total budget	15,000 €
Amount requested	10,900 €



LDA Prijedor - 2. Promotion of Entrepreneurship



Proponent	Association Project Prijedor
Countries/ Area of implementation	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Municipality of Prijedor
Field/Sector	Local Development
Full name of the project	Promotion of Entrepreneurship
Summary of the project	<p>The project will focus on five areas of intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the situation of micro-credit fund managed by the Association of Farmers (in particular it is intended to accompany the fund to try to intervene to improve the critical points raised by the survey of microfinance in 2010). • Fostering a debate among teachers on job orientation towards an inclusive curriculum of training, and creating a dialogue with other teaching staff and director of the School to strengthen ties with the working world. • Promoting the typical production of quality in collaboration with the City and Promotur. Two local producers will be identified to be involved in the extended network of Promotur and will be offered an incentive to produce in the form of in-kind-donations/training.
Objectives	Promote the economic development of communities of Prijedor (Bosnia Herzegovina), by strengthening the professional associations spaces and microcredit and supporting entrepreneurship and quality production.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of Micro-Credit and Local Credit. • Redefining Curriculum and Career Guidance. • Promotion of the typical production of quality. • Organization of individual educational farms.
Target beneficiaries	<p>Students of agricultural school in Prijedor, members of farmers in Prijedor.</p> <p>Association for the promotion of responsible tourism Promotur.</p> <p>Schools of Prijedor.</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of the situation of micro-credit. • Comparison among teachers for possible re-orientation work. • Identification of 2 new producers within the farmers' association in Prijedor or new entrepreneurs to be included in the circuit of Promotur. • Promotion of educational farming experiences for local schools.
Total budget	10,000 €
Amount requested	8,000 €



LDA Osijek - 1. School of Local Democracy



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Osijek
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, Osijek-Baranja County
Field/Sector	Youth Capacity Building in Active Citizenship and Democracy
Full name of the project	School of Local Democracy
Summary of the project	"School of Local Democracy" is a regional project which will take place in Eastern Croatia (Osijek-Baranja County), an area heavily struck by war. At the same time this is the bordering region with Serbia and an area very close to Bosnia and Herzegovina – so the crossroad of different ethnicities, religions (Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic) and cultures. By bringing young people from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia together this project aims at contributing to reconciliation in the region and especially to opening new horizons of regional cooperation possibilities for its participants. Its main activity will be the youth camp which will consist of different levels of activity – from cognitive and topic focused to creative and intercultural. Promotion and visibility of the project will be an important point of this project cycle and therefore special care will be taken to promote the project in the best way and to disseminate its results at regional and European level.
Objectives	The main project objectives are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To raise awareness of young people about the importance of local citizens' participation for the future of their communities and their lives;• To improve political literacy of young people in the region;• To provide good quality frame for contacts of young people from the region (Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia);• To give contribution to reconciling process in the region.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Networking in the region.• Promotion and visibility.• Regional youth camp.• Evaluation.• Reporting.
Target beneficiaries	The target beneficiaries of this project are 24 young people from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia in the age between 18 to 25.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raised awareness of young people about importance of local citizens' participation in the life of their community.• Improved political literacy of young people.• Improved and intensified relations among young people in the region.
Total budget	14,000 €
Amount requested	12.000 €



LDA Osijek - 2. European Labyrinth



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Osijek
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, Osijek-Baranja County
Field/Sector	European Awareness
Full name of the project	European Labyrinth
Summary of the project	<p>European Labyrinth is an open space public manifestation which will be organized in May to mark the Day of Europe and the European Week in the town of Osijek and in Osijek-Baranja County.</p> <p>It will offer children and youth various creative and amusing activities that will teach them about European identity and European values. It will involve a great number of volunteers who will prepare a creative methodology and work on its implementation during the manifestation itself. At the same time the project will provide space for innovative activities and networking among stakeholders from different sectors. As Croatia is about to enter the EU membership, the timing of this project will be an excellent opportunity to support this act among Croatian citizens.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To promote European values and European identity at local level;• To mark the Day of Europe and the European Week in a creative way adjusted to needs and interests of children and youth;• To foster cooperation of different stakeholders active in work with children and youth;• To support voluntarism at local level.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Networking at regional level.• Volunteer management.• Promotion and visibility.• Open space public manifestation "European Labyrinth".• Evaluation.• Reporting.
Target beneficiaries	The target beneficiaries of this project are children, young people, citizens, institutions and organizations involved in work with children and youth.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visibly marked Croatia's accession into EU.• European values and spirit promoted among children and youth.• Improved cooperation of different stakeholders involved in work with children and youth.• Volunteering supported and promoted.
Total budget	16.000 €
Amount requested	14.000 €



Project Portfolio ALDA 2012-2013



LDA Sisak - 1. Smile to Smile



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Sisak
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, Sisak-Moslavina County
Field/Sector	Social Sector
Full name of the project	Smile to Smile
Summary of the project	<p>Project "Smile to Smile" is been implementing in Sisak area during 12 months by a clowns-volunteers group called "SKLAUN", organised by the LDA Sisak. The "SKLAUN" is gathering clowns-volunteers since October 2008 and is currently composed of 7 members. The purpose of clowns-volunteers is to help people (mostly children) living in disadvantage mental, social and physical surroundings, using laughter and game in a unique way.</p> <p>The clown-therapy is conducted in institutions such as children homes, old people's homes, organisations working with physical and mental difficulties and similar, and during public manifestations.</p> <p>The clowns-volunteers look and behave as any other clowns. They are wearing clowns' clothes and shoes; use different equipment and combining different methods and clown techniques - dance, juggling, acrobatics, magic interlaced with science and verbal expression and gesticulation. During their shows, clowns are tackling different topics interesting for public, such as discrimination, prejudices, conflict resolution, and involvement of disadvantaged people. The clowns are regularly supported by know-how transfer by the Italian organisation "Viviamo in Positivo" from Venice.</p>
Objectives	<p>The project objective is to promote non-discrimination and tolerance and to break down the prejudices by developing volunteerism in local community throughout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting clown therapy in Sisak area in order to help people living in disadvantage physical and mental surrounding; • Promoting voluntarism and creative usage of free time.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular volunteers' meetings for getting into proper physical form, rehearsing techniques and methods and developing sketches. • Shows of clowns-volunteers. • The clowns will visit institutions supporting children and adults with fewer opportunities: children homes, old peoples' homes, welfare centres, associations of handicaps and similar. Shows during public manifestations and celebration of Planet Earth Day are also foreseen. • Involving new volunteers. • Study trip to Italian organisation "Viviamo in Positivo".
Target beneficiaries	People with fewer opportunities. General community.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased interest of citizens of Sisak-Moslavina County in volunteering and clowning. • Increased number of people volunteering in SKLAUN group. • Minimum of 7 performances held in different social institutions and civil society organisations dealing with disadvantaged groups.
Total budget	20,000 €
Amount requested	15.000 €



Project Portfolio ALDA 2012-2013



LDA Sisak - 2. For Community without Domestic Violence



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Sisak
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, Sisak-Moslavina County
Field/Sector	Social Sector
Full name of the project	For Community without Domestic Violence
Summary of the project	<p>Project "For Community without Domestic Violence" is been implementing in the period of 12 months in the area of Sisak-Moslavina County. Since 2003, LDA Sisak is implementing a program for the protection of domestic violence victims that includes the functioning of a free-of-charge hot line. In the period of last 8 years, police records for Sisak-Moslavina County have shown an increase of domestic violence cases, same as records of LDA Sisak hot-line. National policy for preventing domestic violence is clear but local policies and instruments are weak or not existng. Public lacks real knowledge of the issue and guidelines on how to react when domestic violence occures, especially in rural and remote areas. Moreover the helpers – relevant experts working on prevention and/or rehabilitation - are overworked and do not have valid support form relevant national institutions through education and supervision.</p>
Objectives	<p>The main objective of the project is to contribute in reducing domestic violence in Sisak-Moslavina County area, while specific aims of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• giving first aid and strengthening the victims of domestic violence;• achieving more quality protection of domestic violence victims in and out of the institutions;• sensitising the public on issues of domestic violence and responsibility of society in providing help for the victims.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Functioning of free-of-charge hot line for victims of domestic violence and on-line forum.• Supervision of hot line volunteers.• Educational trainings for helpers (relevant experts working with victims).• Call for short story competition on domestic violence topic and publishing a publication on domestic violence.• 3 radio shows and pubic awareness campaign on domestic violence issues.
Target beneficiaries	Hot-line callers (victims of domestic violence), users of the on-line forum, helpers-social workers, psychologists, lawyers, police, judges, high school pupils, general community.
Expected results	The project will result in improved services for domestic violence victims in Sisak-Moslavina County and in bigger sensitivity of the wider community on domestic violence issues.
Total budget	30,000 €
Amount requested	20,000 €



LDA Verteneglio - 1. EU.N.V.I.R.O.N.M.ENT – European Notions Values and Instruments for Respecting Our Nature, Minimizing ENergy waste and Trash collection



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Brtonigla-Verteneglio
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, region of Istria
Field/Sector	Youth Field
Full name of the project	EU.N.V.I.R.O.N.M.ENT – European Notions Values and Instruments for Respecting Our Nature, Minimizing ENergy waste and Trash collection
Summary of the project	<p>After confirming the entry of Croatia into European Union in 2013, it has become even more important to increase the general understanding of the European policies and programmes, and promote the results of EU assistance to support the candidate country and the new EU members. Through this Action the Local Democracy Agency seeks to contribute to spread information about European environmental values and standards and food safety and consumer protection issues in elementary schools of Istria Region for having citizens that are aware of the benefits of EU enlargement and are supportive to Croatia entering the European Union.</p> <p>On one hand, the need to build a Europe with the full contribution of citizens, by promoting their involvement starting from the local bottom-up level, has become one of the main priorities of the European Union, as highlighted by many communications and official documents of the principal EU institutions. On the other hand, a lack of information about EU is still strong and the gap between institutions and civil society is wide.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To use interactive non formal learning tools which may grant a stronger impact and better results;• To have a multiplying effect to involve directly and indirectly as many young people as possible in order to create a better informed public;• To increase networking among elementary schools through participative activities to enhance participation.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation preparations of the action; quiz on Ecology and Environment Preservation.• “Eco-Angels Junior” Seminars: four seminar sessions for training “Eco-Angels Junior”; educational trip to Environmental DG in Bruxelles; celebrating 5th June, the Word Environment Day.• Lectures and questionnaires in elementary schools (Buje, Umag, Novigrad, Poreč, Pula), research about environmental topics; promotional activities.
Target beneficiaries	Elementary school students of the 6 th and 7 th class ageing from 12 to 15; elementary school teachers; youth and peers other than those directly involved; other elementary school employees (cleaning, kitchen staff); families of target groups; local communities in general.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informed youngsters enrolled in Istrian elementary schools about EU benefits and commitments to enlargement.• Improved access to information about all EU.N.V.I.R.O.N.M.ENT topics.• Raised cross-sharing of best practices and enhancing youngsters to link among themselves in networks.• Improved communication between society and institutions.
Total budget	50,000 €
Amount requested	40.000 €



LDA Verteneglio - 2. G.I.L.D. – Get Involved in Local Democracy



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Brtonigla-Verteneglio
Countries/ Area of implementation	Croatia, region of Istria
Field/Sector	Youth Field
Full name of the project	G.I.L.D. – Get Involved in Local Democracy
Summary of the project	<p>Project G.I.L.D. (Get Involved in Local Democracy) takes place in Verteneglio and Buje in Croatia. Eight volunteers from four different countries (Italy, Spain, Macedonia and Poland) will develop various types of activities from September 2012 to August 2013 (11 months), whose main objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to increase the level of understanding of nature, role and functions of the European Union, in a region that shows its uncertainty about the forthcoming accession of Croatia; most of the activities aim at influencing the young generations of Istrian people;• to outline the characteristics, advantages and challenges of becoming European citizens.
Objectives	Raise awareness on European citizenship and on youth active participation and volunteering, promote opportunities given by Youth in Action Programme in general so to be of help since Croatia will join the EU family soon, develop potentials of our new volunteers and let them be innovative and free to express their initiatives locally throughout the two services areas described above.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cooperation with youth: raise awareness on issues as youth policy, youth active participation and citizenship.• Rural development and ecology: activities that will promote inclusion of young people in local rural development and will rise their awareness about the issues which the local institutions and people are facing, in order to provide sustainable development for Istrian region.• Activities to integrate volunteers with the community, in order to increase mutual respect, understanding and acceptance for cultural diversity, promotion of tolerance and solidarity (teaching language classes to local citizens, organizing exhibitions on different themes, promoting their home country, culture, and language among the local population).
Target beneficiaries	Youth coming from rural area, students, youth workers/leaders, members of Youth Council and Counsel, youth with fewer opportunities, youth from linguistic minorities.
Expected results	<p>Visible results: media dissemination, ensured by the volunteers' intensive role in all local medias.</p> <p>Not visible results: celebrations of European anniversaries and official holidays, lessons of Italian and lessons of Croatian for the volunteers, that will start at the beginning of their service.</p>
Total budget	71,720 €
Amount requested	67,200 €



LDA Georgia - 1. Integration of IDPs in Local Society through community mobilization activities



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Georgia
Countries/ Area of implementation	Georgia, Kutaisi-Imereti Region
Field/Sector	Internally Displaced Persons (Idps)
Full name of the project	Integration of IDPs in Local Society through community mobilization activities
Summary of the project	One of the problems that Georgian government is facing is about 400,000 Internally Displaced People (IDP), who were enforced, based on their nationality, to leave so called "South Ossetia" and Abkhazia breakaway regions. In Imereti region, which is the largest Region of Georgia, 30% of IDP families are living. With the financial and technical support of international organizations and friend countries, several collective centers in the region were rehabilitated for them. Now most of the families have their own apartment, which, according to the decision of government, was deliver to them as their property. So people who have always lived in rural area and whose main activities were agriculture and livestock farming, are now living in totally different circumstances in cities, and their integration process in the local society is very hard.
Objectives	<p>Based on the situation explained above, "new" IDPs are facing two main problems: lack of information on IDP rights and activities provided by different organizations for them and lack of the involvement of IDP community in the decision-making processes related to their fate.</p> <p>Based on this, the goal of the project is to support the IDPs in their integration process into local society and increase their capacity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobilizing IDP community; • providing education on IDP rights and advocacy.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mobilization activities will be conducted in 10 of the biggest IDP collective centers located in Imereti Region. • Parallel to the CM activities, 10 Community Based Organization (CBO) will be established and registered. Bank accounts will be opened. • CBO office will be created in one of the room of center and will be equipped with PCs, printers, UPS, stationary furnitures. The Internet connection will also be installed in the centers. These expenses will be covered by the project. The CBOs will have the capacity to work on the development of project proposals.
Target beneficiaries	The beneficiaries will be 1,347 IDP families living in the 10 collective centers.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness of 1,347 IDP families about the importance of their participation in local life. • Developed citizens' knowledge on IDP rights and advocacy.
Total budget	80,000 €
Amount requested	70,000 €



LDA Georgia - 2. Community Development and Environmental Protection



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Georgia
Countries/ Area of implementation	Georgia, Imereti Region
Field/Sector	Environment Protection
Full name of the project	Community Development and Environmental Protection
Summary of the project	<p>“Community Development and Environmental Protection” project aims at supporting environmental protection in Imereti Region Municipalities through organizing civic education campaigns and community-based projects.</p> <p>In general, farmers will receive updated information about environmental protection and how to produce bio products.</p>
Objectives	<p>Project objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To train and inform village trustees in Imereti Region Municipalities about different environmental protection activities; • To inform population of the targeted communities about separation of waste, preparation of organic manure and ways of production of bio products, new standards and norms of usage of fertilizers etc. through Information/Education/Communication campaigns; • To increase skills and knowledge of farmers about how to prepare different bio manures and produce bio products.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a “Farmer Guide”, which will include useful information on how to manage waste separation and collection in rural areas. • Two days of training on different aspects of environmental protection for the trustees of villages - territorial entities and other interested people will be organized in each Municipality (20 participants in each Municipality, 220 in total). • In the schools located in pilot villages special lessons “Clean Environment and Bio products” for pupils will be organized by project experts. These lessons will mainly focus on providing information to the pupils about environment protection, ecology, bio products, waste collection and separation.
Target beneficiaries	<p>Project beneficiaries are the populations of 11 Municipalities of Imereti Region: in total about 750,000 inhabitants.</p> <p>Direct beneficiaries of the project will be 220 training participants, mainly trustees of Municipal Administrations in villages -territorial entities and members of Municipalities; about 1,100 pupils and teachers of 11 schools located in pilot villages.</p> <p>Direct beneficiaries of the project will be about 20,000 inhabitants of pilot villages.</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased environmental awareness of citizens and correct separation of waste. • Responsible citizens informed about environmental problems.
Total budget	47,000 €
Amount requested	40,000 €



LDA Kosovo - 1. Promotion and protection of Children's Rights in Kosovo



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Kosovo
Countries/ Area of implementation	Kosovo, Peja/Pec, Klinë/Klina, Prishtina/Priština
Field/Sector	Human Rights
Full name of the project	Promotion and protection of Children's Rights in Kosovo
Summary of the project	The present project proposal aims at giving a high visibility to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). In a country where over 30% of the population is under 15, the importance of promoting children rights is a fundamental part within the framework of human rights protection and promotion.
Objectives	General objective: to promote children rights and to give high visibility to CRC in Peja/Pec, Klinë/Klina and Prishtina/Priština. Specific objectives: to increase the sensibility of all citizens about the importance of promoting human rights in general and children rights in particular; to raise awareness about children rights among youth and children operators, teachers and parents; to increase skills of children operators as for children rights promotion and protection; to foster public discussion about children rights.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training course for operators: it aims at deepening the knowledge of the CRC as a tool for children rights' protection and promotion in different contexts (especially educational, family, public, non-formal). During the training, participants will get acquainted with different notions, strategies, tools and methodologies concerning human rights education. • Dissemination day in primary and middle schools: 5 operators will manage the activity structuring one day of school activities on the issue of children rights. It will take place in 6 schools in Peja/Pec, Klinë/Klina, Prishtina/Priština. During the activities the operators will collect material to produce a dissemination product to be disseminated during the final event. • Public promotional event: it will be held in Peja/Pec on 20th November 2012 on the occasion of the CRC anniversary. The event foresees: an informal session; a conference; the organization of a stand in the main square; a treasure hunt on the topic of children's rights.
Target beneficiaries	15 children operators will benefit from the training course (5 days), 6 school directors and teachers will benefit from the dissemination day, approximately 600 students will benefit from the dissemination day, approximately 2,000 citizens (including children) will benefit from the public event - 60 participants to the conference will be informed about children's rights in Kosovo.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased citizens' sensibility about the importance of promoting human rights and children rights (600 students and 2,000 citizens). • Raised awareness about children rights among youth and children operators, school staff (6 school directors and minimum 6 teachers) and parents. • Increased skills of children operators (15) with a special regard to children rights promotion and protection. • Fostered public action-oriented discussion about children rights (60 participants into the conference). • Increased visibility of LDA Kosovo.
Total budget	30,000 €
Amount requested	25,000 €



LDA Kosovo - 2. Schools of Memories – Memories of Schools



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Kosovo
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Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training course for operators: it aims at deepening the knowledge of the CRC as a tool for children rights' protection and promotion in different contexts (especially educational, family, public, non-formal). During the training, participants will get acquainted with different notions, strategies, tools and methodologies concerning human rights education. • Dissemination day in primary and middle schools: 5 operators will manage the activity structuring one day of school activities on the issue of children rights. It will take place in 6 schools in Peja/Pec, Klinë/Klina, Prishtina/Priština. During the activities the operators will collect material to produce a dissemination product to be disseminated during the final event. • Public promotional event: it will be held in Peja/Pec on 20th November 2012 on the occasion of the CRC anniversary. The event foresees: an informal session; a conference; the organization of a stand in the main square; a treasure hunt on the topic of children's rights.
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Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased citizens' sensibility about the importance of promoting human rights and children rights (600 students and 2,000 citizens). • Raised awareness about children rights among youth and children operators, school staff (6 school directors and minimum 6 teachers) and parents. • Increased skills of children operators (15) with a special regard to children rights promotion and protection. • Fostered public action-oriented discussion about children rights (60 participants into the conference). • Increased visibility of LDA Kosovo.
Total budget	30,000 €
Amount requested	25,000 €



LDA Montenegro - 1. Employment and workplace mediation for persons with disabilities



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Montenegro
Countries/ Area of implementation	Montenegro
Field/Sector	Social care - Employment
Full name of the project	Employment and workplace mediation for persons with disabilities
Summary of the project	<p>The level of development of one society is measured by the integration of all in all spheres of life – especially in work market. Persons with disabilities in Montenegro have being left and neglected for decades.</p> <p>Now, with new initiatives of Montenegrin government, new laws on social inclusion in educational system and professional rehabilitation and employment and with a state fund (approximately 3,000,000 euro each year not spent!), new opportunities for persons with disabilities to become productive members of society are being created.</p> <p>The missing link in implementation of these policies are special services that would connect business companies and potential candidates for specific working place.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a specialized service for workplace mediation for persons with disabilities; • Engagement of persons with disabilities and coordination among CSOs representing them; • Engagement of existing agencies and services in partner countries and municipalities; • Engagement of Montenegrin Professional Rehabilitation and Employment Fund.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for a group of experts. • Exchange of experiences and study visits. • Database of employers. • Database of candidates – persons with disabilities. • Direct contact with employers and promotion of the possibilities, including state incentives.
Target beneficiaries	<p>Persons with disabilities: for starting 50 and then more (Municipality of Niksic 250, other municipalities in Montenegro around 1,500).</p> <p>Employment bureaus in 12 municipalities in Montenegro.</p> <p>Employers: 250 for starting.</p> <p>Families of persons with disabilities.</p>
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized services for workplace mediation for persons with disabilities established. • 50 persons with disabilities employed during the first year. • Properly functioning of the Fund for professional rehabilitation and employment of persons with disabilities.
Total budget	120,000 €
Amount requested	84,000 €



LDA Montenegro - 2. Clean Development



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Montenegro
Countries/ Area of implementation	Montenegro
Field/Sector	Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Sources of Energy (RSE) promotion
Full name of the project	Clean Development
Summary of the project	Montenegro is adopting legislation and strategies for application of energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy promotion, in order to fulfill EC requirements and other international standards such as Kyoto. Some good projects have been launched in that sense, working both at citizens' and at companies' level. Yet the success is not coming: there are administrative barriers and obstacles in obtaining support for financing individual projects, and investments are obtained at a very slow pace.
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of conditions for setting up committed legislation and available funds; • Creation of local-municipal regulations in favor of EE and RSE; • Involving local communities in specific projects; • Facilitation and promotion of admission to other available international funds; • Establishment and engagement of Montenegrin Government Fund.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion and support to possibilities for application on funding instruments and incentives. • Creation of actions and regulatory plans with Municipalities for energy efficiency in public buildings and for possibilities for renewable sources of energy construction. • Training of experts. • Study visits to successful examples. • Promotion of potential for investors – both foreign and local.
Target beneficiaries	<p>12 municipalities in Montenegro and Union of Municipalities. Relevant companies and unions of business companies. Development agencies. Environmental NGOs. International partners – chambers of commerce, professional associations... Citizens, schools...</p>
Expected results	<p>Legislation and other regulations developed, adjusted and applied – especially at the local level; public sensitized. Five pilot projects: 2 EE (and RSE) equipment installed in public buildings in municipalities, 2 in private houses or offices; 1 renewable energy source functioning (for this project a public/private partnership will probably be established).</p>
Total budget	250,000 €
Amount requested	175,000 €



LDA CSS - 1. Effective Empowerment of Organizations of people with disabilities



Proponent	Centar Lokalne Demokratije - Lda Niš / Local Democracy Centre - Lda Niš
Countries/ Area of implementation	Southern Serbia
Field/Sector	Capacity Building for Civil Society, Social Inclusion
Full name of the project	Effective Empowerment of Organizations of people with disabilities
Summary of the project	<p>The basic focus of this project is related to the improvement of the capacities of Civil Society Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPWD) through trainings and networking with other stakeholders. We will create an environment in which these CSOs will be able to successfully promote the rights and interests of people with disabilities, ensure resources for their sustainability, improve the level of cooperation and partnership between OPWDs, local authorities and other CSOs at the local level.</p> <p>This project will have impact on OPWDs by increasing their capacities in leading and management, strategic planning and advocacy. During the implementation of the project activities, through networking meetings and official agreements, co-operation between local authorities and CSOs will be ensured and increased and access of general public to information about OPWD in Niš area will be improved through specific informational campaigns led by local OPWDs. The political result of the project will be an increasing in political and advocacy skills of OPWDs, and promotion of the unity of organizations of persons with disabilities. Furthermore, the capacity building of OPWDs will have a direct impact on strengthening civil society at the local level.</p> <p>Project duration is 18 months.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to development of Civil Society Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPWD) in Southern Serbia region; • Improved conditions of local OPWD for successful development, sustainability and cooperation at the local level.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education through training courses and mentorship for representatives of organizations of persons with disabilities. • Networking and partnership activities between local organizations of persons with disabilities and other local CSOs, local government and other stakeholders. • Information and promotional activities.
Target beneficiaries	OPWDs in Nis area; local authorities; persons with disabilities.
Expected results	Capacities of at least 8 major OPWD strengthened for successful management, better sustainability, and promotion of rights and interests of people with disabilities. Network between OPWDs, local authorities and other stakeholders established. Approximately 200.000 citizens introduced to existence, work, activism and everyday life specificities of the PWD and their organizations.
Total budget	69,300 €
Amount requested	64,300 €



LDA CSS - 2. Networking for Local Social Entrepreneurship



Proponent	Centar Lokalne Demokratije - Lda Niš / Local Democracy Centre - Lda Niš
Countries/ Area of implementation	Serbia, Southern and Northern Serbia, Cities of Niš and Subotica
Field/Sector	Socioeconomic Development
Full name of the project	Networking for Local Social Entrepreneurship
Summary of the project	<p>The action is designed as a coherent set of four components. Each component consists of a specific set of activities that will produce concrete results that will create basic preconditions for the development of social entrepreneurship at local level in the cities of Niš and Subotica.</p> <p>Networking component: in order to improve current conditions that can support local socioeconomic development and to enhance their capacities, local stakeholders in two cities, Niš and Subotica, will sign a protocol of cooperation and establish Local Teams for social entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Capacity building component: capacity building component is composed of the kick-off conference, which will gather and inform all local stakeholders about the concept and benefits of social entrepreneurship in EU and Serbia, and specific trainings for local authorities and CSOs on practicing EU and Serbian models of social entrepreneurship and respective legal issues in Serbia.</p> <p>Research component: upon forming and completed education, members of the Local Teams will undertake detailed researches at local level, in Niš and Subotica, on the population of unemployed and resources that could support the development of social entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Project duration is 12 months.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to development of alternative economy in the cities of Niš and Subotica; • Creating basic preconditions for development of social entrepreneurship.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick off Conference "Horizontal networking for local socio-economic development". • Signing the protocol of cooperation among local stakeholders and Development of Local Team for Social entrepreneurship. • Promotion of Local Team and social entrepreneurship at regional fairs in Niš and Subotica.
Target beneficiaries	Local authorities and institutions dealing with local economic development and local CSOs in Niš and Subotica; population of unemployed people in the areas of the cities of Niš and Subotica; local communities in the areas of the cities of Niš and Subotica.
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders in Niš and Subotica that support local socioeconomic development informed and educated in the topic of social entrepreneurship. • Horizontal network between local stakeholders in Niš and Subotica supporting local socioeconomic development established.
Total budget	113,098 €
Amount requested	99,718 €



LDA Subotica - 1. Capacity Building and development of cooperation between Local Governments and NGO Practitioners for better Local Economic Development



Proponent	Local Democracy Agency Subotica
Countries/ Area of implementation	Republic of Serbia, mainly in autonomous province of Vojvodina and North Backa County; Republic of Croatia, Osijek-Baranja County (IPA CRO-SRB); Republic of Hungary, Bacs-Kiskun County (IPA HU-SRB)
Field/Sector	Potential Applicants in IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes: Local Governments and NGO Practitioners
Full name of the project	Capacity Building and development of cooperation between Local Governments and NGO Practitioners for better Local Economic Development
Summary of the project	<p>Although numerous NGOs and LAs are active in the EU CBC programmes in which Serbia is involved, many of them are facing different types of obstacles in reaching the IPA funds through projects and later the implementation of those projects is questionable. The efficiency of use of IPA funds available for Serbia is not on enviable level. Therefore, an important goal of LDA Subotica as an experienced EU project office in north of Backa is to try to expand and develop existent administrative capacity of local/regional NGOs and LAs to manage EU projects and moreover to cooperate.</p> <p>With this aim co-operation between geographically relatively distant municipalities can be fostered and conditions for better economic and social growth of municipalities can be reinsured, because they are sharing common interest to get engaged in EU cross-border co-operation programmes.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support more effective exchange of good local practice and expertise gained through the EU CBC Programme with Hungary and try to make the links with the other CBC programmes (such as Serbia-Montenegro, Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia-Croatia); • To help building capacity of NGOs involved in the EU CBC Programmes and support cooperation between them; • To establish better communication and cooperation between NGOs and LAs.
Main activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the programme documents of the respective EU Programme areas in cross-border co-operation programmes. • Selection of the best practices. This includes a balanced regional approach in terms of including the projects in all the CBC programmes (at least one project per municipality included), as well as thematic issues addressed by the projects (people-to-people measures, socio-economic development, service provision in tourism, SME-s development, business infrastructures...). Communication with the project team members; field visits, interviews with target groups and final beneficiaries; project data collection and creation. • Actual project data analysis - comparisons of the newly introduced institutions and their performances, potential follow-up actions and project impact analysis.
Target beneficiaries	Project beneficiaries will be local governments and NGO practitioners working in the abovementioned CBC programmes and areas.
Expected results	<p>The main project outcome is the collection of good practice examples generated through the research implemented in the field of CBC project cooperation.</p> <p>Second result of the project is the establishment of new inter-municipal and inter-sector cooperation which can serve as a basis for solid regional project implementation, especially in the light of new possible bigger regional IPA Programmes – IPA for SEE or Western Balkans.</p>
Total budget	60,000 €
Amount requested	47,000 €



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