OBJECTIVES

Strengthen the capacity of Local Authorities (LAs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to act in a sustainable way as drivers for development, fostering their role of multipliers

Enhance and increase the action of LAs in EU DEAR policies special reference to the EU Neighboring area

Develop & reinforce the cooperation between LAs & CSOs

Inform & engage citizens in global issues

Improve DEAR methods in non-formal education

What is DEAR?
DEAR stands for Development Education and Awareness Raising and aims at:

- informing EU citizens about development issues
- mobilising greater public support for action against poverty
- providing citizens with tools to engage critically with global development issues
- foster new ideas and changing attitudes towards global challenges

The EU has dedicated a specific program to reach these objectives, the DEAR programme which supports actions and projects on DEAR, implemented by civil society actors and local authorities in EU and acceding countries. For further information, see European Commission dedicated portal to DEAR: https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/sectors/human-rights-and-governance/development-education-and-awareness-raising_en

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LADDER, a 3-year project co-funded by the EU, seeks to enhance the action of Local Authorities for Development Education and Raising Awareness in the EU & the European Neighborhood. Local Authorities, in cooperation with Civil Society, have a considerable multiplier capacity and become drivers for change.

The final beneficiaries of LADDER are ordinary citizens, enhancing their awareness on global issues (short term), promoting their engagement in global challenges & poverty eradication (mid-term) & leading to a change of attitudes (long term).

In addition to all its activities of capacity building and awareness raising across the countries involved (both EU & non-EU), LADDER has also 6 thematic priorities and 3 geographical dimensions (in addition to the actions at EU level) in which local actors are set to work on, as follows: Thematic Paths and Geographical Paths.

Fourty six stakeholders: 26 partners & 20 associates, coming from 18 EU and 17 non-EU countries are part of LADDER.

Three Geographical Paths:
- MED Mediterranean area,
- South Eastern Europe,
- Eastern Partnership

Six Thematic Paths:
- Youth in development,
- Migration,
- Citizens’ participation in development,
- Public-private cooperation in development,
- Environmental and sustainable development,
- European Year for Development & follow up

One major challenge: Development Education & Awareness Raising (DEAR)

36 months of work: The project started in January 2015 and will end in December 2017.

Co-applicants: they are members of the consortium and are actively involved in the design and implementation of the actions

Associates: actively contributing and participating to LADDER’s implementation

**CO-APPLICANTS**

ALDA (leader) European Association for Local Democracy France
Foster Europe Foundation for strong European Regions Austria
JEF Young European Federalists Belgium
ENNA European Network of National Civil Society Associations Belgium
UBBSLA Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities Bulgaria
NAMRB National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria Bulgaria
CAC Croatian Association of Counties Croatia
Velje Municipality of Veje Denmark
AFCCRE French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions France
NALAG National Association of Local Authorities of Georgia Georgia
AMPHICTYONY EGTC Amphictyony Greece
Donegal Donegal County Council Ireland
TECLA Associazione per la cooperazione transregionale locale ed europea Italy
CIIME Consiglio Italiano del Movimento Europeo Italy
COPPEM Comitato Permanente per il Partenariato Euro-Mediterraneo delle Autorità Locali e delle Regioni Italy
Progettarte Progettante Associazione culturale Italy
LALRG Latvian Association of Local and Regional Authorities Latvia
SOS Malta Solidarity Overseas Service Malta Malta
Birgu Local Council Birgu Local Council Malta
URC Union of Rural Communes of the Republic of Poland Poland
SVOG Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities Serbia
CEECN Central and Eastern European Citizens Network Slovakia
UTCS Union of Towns and Cities of Slovakia Slovakia
SLOGA Slovenian Global Action Slovenia
The Hague Academy The Hague Academy for Local Governance Netherlands
Lam Echaml Lam Echaml Association Tunisia

**ASSOCIATES**

ADD-Medenine Association pour le Développement Durable Tunisia
AAM Albanian Association of Municipalities Albania
FACH Algerian Forum for Citizenship and Modernity Algeria
ALI Agency for Legislative Initiatives (Лабораторія законодавчих ініціатив) Ukraine
AMR Romanian Municipalities Association Romania
AKM Association of Kosovo Municipalities Kosovo*
ALAL Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania Lithuania
BINA NGO Alliance for Municipality Development Azerbaijan
CALM Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova Moldova
North-South Centre North-South Centre of the Council of Europe Portugal
CFOA Communities Finance Officers Association Armenia
CIRa Center for Institutional Development Macedonia (FYROM)
CISP Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli Italy
Civicus World Alliance for Citizen Participation South Africa
CLRA - CoE Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe France
Lev Sapieha Lev Sapieha Belarus
REMESS Réseau Marocain de l’Économie Sociale et Solidaire Morocco
SEEYN South East European Youth Network Bosnia-Herzegovina
SHATIL New Israel Fund - Shatil Israel
UMM Union of Municipalities of Marmara Turkey