



SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC UNION AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN DIGITAL ERA



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The aim of the project

The project seeks to provide local and regional policy makers and citizens with **tools to support active citizenship, and democratic Union in the era of digital culture** - all in the context of the Europe for Citizens' programme.



INSTRUCTIONS

Each partner is requested to provide this information:

1. Main characteristics of the local area and the institution
(what is special about you)
2. Three most important activities of your institution
3. What is special about your team?
(competences, number, origin, etc.)
4. Pictures of the local area

Federación de Municipios de Madrid SPAIN



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CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

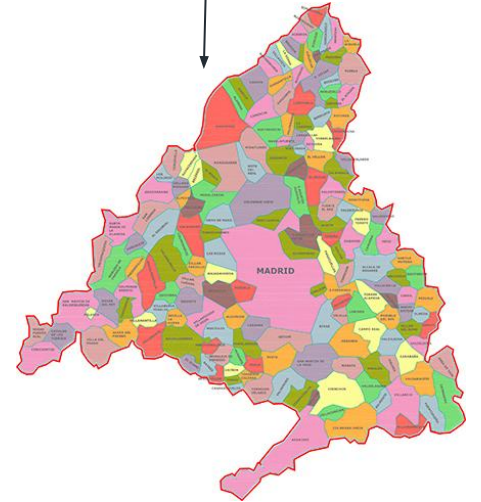
- Represents the 179 municipalities of the Madrid region
- Defend local council policies
- Provides support and advice services to their municipalities

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

- FMM offers training to more than 4000 municipal technicians and elects every year
- Make national and european projects for your councils
- Participate in the generation of local legislation with the regional institution of Madrid

YOUR TEAM

- The FMM team is made up of 14 people
- The team is multidisciplinary and specialist in every areas of local action
- FMM have been working for more than 40 years





Uppsala
Folkuniversitetet
SWEDEN



Folkuniversitetet

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

YOUR TEAM

Folkuniversitetet is an adult educational association that offers a wide range of adult education all over Sweden

- Our Focus Areas: Education, Life Science, Culture, Language and International projects;
- Folkuniversitetet in Sweden has over 48 local branches, over 240 000 students, 400 employees and 7000 teachers;
- We work closely with the Universities of Sweden.

Folkuniversitetet runs numerous internationally oriented activities such as:

- **language courses** (in about 48 different languages; at levels from beginners to advanced; International language examinations);
- **courses abroad** (language training in several countries around the world, trainee periods in vocational training);
- **Advanced Vocational Education** (post secondary education)
- **projects with an international emphasis** (more than 50 projects in vocational and adult education, integration policy and empowerment).

Our team, different not only by their origin and personality, but by their professional experience and expertise.

□ **Transnational coordinator & Director of the Department:**

Ali Rashidi

□ **Project Manager:**

- Alina Vakoliuk
- Anastasiia Tsaruk
- Anna Petersson
- Aysel Lalayeva
- Denis Riabov
- Maria Nyberg
- Free consultants

□ **Financial Manager:**

- Viktoriia Kuzmenko
- Valentyna Plakhtii





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Association for Developing
Voluntary Work
SLOVENIA

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

Novo mesto, cultural, administration, religious, business center of **Dolenjska region**. The main characteristics:

- **forested** landscape with the **river** valley,
- **rural** area, high **fertility** rates, lower **education structure**,
- a lot of **migrants**,
- **Roma people** -> poor living condition, social security and education, low employment rate

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Intercultural dialogue

Festival The Week of Cultures, intercultural events, exchanges, trainings, workshops ...

Active citizenship

Youth center, promotion of voluntary work, human rights education ...

International cooperation

Implementation of projects funded by local, national and EU programs and funds

YOUR TEAM

25 employees
150 volunteers
100 members
120 external experts
3600 organisations
10.000 hours of voluntary per year
30 project per year





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European Affairs Fund of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina SERBIA



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOCAL AREA

Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Serbia

- **northern province** of **Republic of Serbia**
- belongs to **middle European regions** (Pannonian plain)
- **plain landscape & rivers (Danube)** with network of canals & **mountain (Fruška gora)**
- **45 municipalities and cities & 7 districts & 3 regions** (Bačka, Banat, Srem)
- largest city **Novi Sad**
- population of **2 million people**
- **multi-ethnic** (27 nationalities & 6 official languages) “Europe in miniature”
- half million hectares of **fertile arable land** => great potential for **agriculture, tourism** and **renewable energy source utilization**
- major **industries: agriculture** and **food industry, IT sector, accompanying automotive industry, metal industry, business services** and **tourism**



MAIN ACTIVITIES OF INSTITUTION

European Affairs Fund AP Vojvodina, Serbia

1. Coordination of activities of **provincial institutions** in the **process of European integration**
=> **promotion of common European values and ideas** (EU Programmes, Open Calls) through **SEMINARS, ROUNDTABLES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES**
2. Building and strengthening the **institutional capacities** of the **AP Vojvodina** through **educational activities**
=> **TRAINING COURSE “EU Funding Opportunities” & SPECIALISED PROGRAMME “Management of Regional Development through EU funds”**
3. Realization of **cooperation with European cities and regions** and their **institutions**
=> creation of joint **PROJECTS** with regional and other European partners, regarding the use of **pre-accession funds** and other **EU funds**



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Comune di Penne ITALY

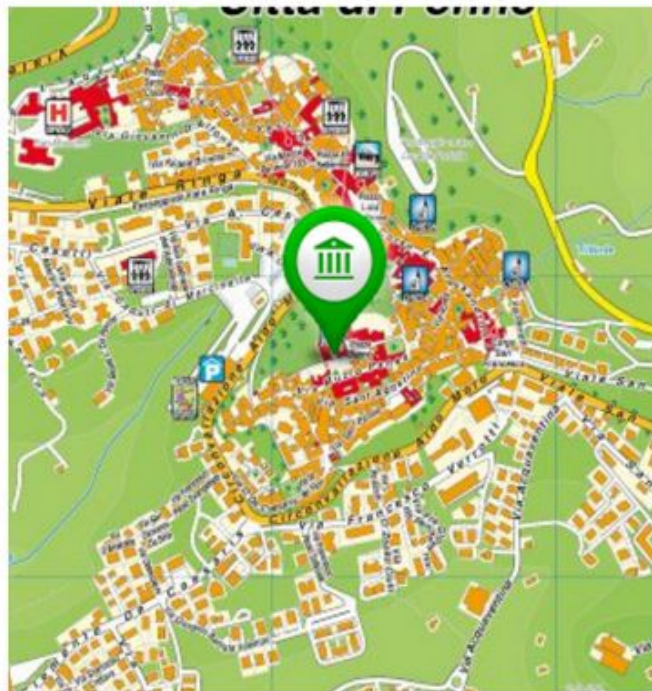


Penne
Città d'Arte e degli Arazzi

Penne, Abruzzo, Italy

<https://www.comune.penne.pe.it/index.php>

Penne: City of Art and Tapestries, one of the club of the Most beautiful villages in Italy
("Borghi più belli d'Italia")



Agora of Vestin Culture and Capital of the Farnesian State



Project Team

- Mrs Lorenza Di Vincenzo, born in Charleroi, on 24 February 1973, graduated from the "G. d'Annunzio" University in Pescara, Master of Science in Nursing (healthcare assistance) Science, Master of Science in Coordination of Nursing Professionals, Second Level Master in Health Management Direction, Councilor for Social Services, Child Services and Public Green in the Municipality of Penne in Abruzzo Region;
- Eng. Piero Antonacci, born in Penne, on 16 April 1960, graduated from the Polytechnic University of the Marche Region, degree in Civil Engineering, Technical Area and Environmental Manager and Executive Office for European Policies Manager in the Municipality of Penne in Abruzzo Region;
- Mr Di Fabrizio Aldo, born in Penne, on 26 April 1975, graduated from the "G. d'Annunzio" University in Pescara, Master's Degree in Economics and Institutions at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" with specialization in International Economics, Specialization Course in Internationalization Strategies at the University of Teramo with a Qualified Minister of Expertise in Strategies for Internationalization, Specialization Course in European Programs at "Consorzio Civica" of Pescara, Project Manager in the Municipality of Penne and within the municipal competence in the ENSIE Project;

MUNICIPALITY OF PENNE: CONTEXT ANALYSIS

- Penne is a small town of 12.199 citizens in the Province of Pescara within the Abruzzo Region;
- It is within the "Borghi più belli d'Italia" and the "Città Slow" and it is "Città d'Arte e degli Arazzi";
- There are 4.690 families, 4% of the population is foreign; the per capita income in 2016 was just over 15.000 euros;
- The resident population is 12.199 citizens, plus 515 foreigners (Romanian No. 231, Pole No.48, British No.40, Slovak No.1 -female-, Macedonian No.40, Albanian No.20, Moroccan No.11, Tunisian n.11, Nigerian n.9, other nationalities n.104); families with at least one foreigner are No.317;
- 21% of the population is elderly (65 years of age), 13% are young (up to 14 years), 65% are between the ages of 15 and 65;
- There are No.7.883 enterprises, of which: No.209 in the industrial sector (artisanal), No.103 in the institutional sector, No.231 in the field of services, No.240 others;
- In the Abruzzo Region, the number of employed decreased by 3,7% (between 2016 and 2017); the employment rate in the first quarter of 2017 was 53,9%; the unemployment rate was 13,7%; the inactivity rate was 37,4%;
- The data shows a very fragile regional production system. The innovation hubs and enterprises network involved micro-enterprises and employ 52% of the employees. An improvement of micro-enterprise competitiveness and the attractiveness for medium and large enterprises are needed.

Main Activities

Intercultural dialogue

Festivals, intercultural events, exchanges, trainings, workshops, meetings

Active citizenship

Remembrance days, workshops with schools, training sessions ...

International cooperation

Implementation of projects funded by local, national and EU programs and funds

European Project Design

Single European Service (SES) as a counter for business and citizens of the Vestina Area

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Association "Institute PERSPECTIVES" BULGARIA



CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

From 2015 to 2019 we provided opportunities for 320 young people from 15 small towns in Bulgaria to take part in 45 European Youth Exchanges under KA105 projects of the Erasmus + programme. There were organized trainings in 8 small towns in Bulgaria, engaging over 1600 young people for a period of 3 to 21 days.

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

1. "First Steps to EU Values" methodology, which has been certified for its effectiveness and quality with a Gold Quality Mark Certificate.
2. "AYUTSE" Education methodology with topic Against youth unemployment through social entrepreneurship.
3. "Danube Survivor", Non-Formal Education program for outdoor learning.

YOUR TEAM

-30 youth workers.

-20 phd students, youth researchers and university professors.

Over 320 volunteers from 15 Bulgarian towns





European Initiatives Society
POLAND

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

Our main goal is **promotion of socio-economic cohesion with the European Union.**

European Initiatives Society implemented over 80 projects in Lodzkie region, 80% of the projects were carried out in partnership with public administration.

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Cooperation with local communities in creating projects and initiatives suited for their specific needs in the areas of:

- educational opportunities
- business development
- NGOs and informal groups support

YOUR TEAM

The NGO established in June 2000.

Board of 5 people representing the areas of **sociology, economics, pedagogy, IT, HR and administration plus a wonderful accountancy.**

All of us experienced in co-operation and cooperation creating projects.

Professionals **running 4 nurseries for 100 kids.**

PHOTOS



TOWARZYSTWO INICJATYW EUROPEJSKICH





Lodzkie Region
POLAND

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

Self-government unit

Managing Authority for **ROP
2014 – 2020**

Designer of regional policy

- **Regional Development Strategy**
- **RIS LORIS 2030**
- **Regional Spatial Plan**

Supervising among others
regional **cultural, educational
institution**
and **business support
organisations**

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Implementation of projects
co-financed by EU under **Interreg
Europe, Intrerreg CE, Horizon
2020, Europe for Citizens, ROP
2014-2020**

Supporting regional development in
the area of **circular economy,
Industry 4.0, decarbonization,
water management, social
innovations, entrepreneurship**

Creating international cooperation,
promotion of local companies on
foreign markets

OUR TEAM

International Projects Unit

Departament of Promotion

Marshal's Office of the Lodzkie
Region

- **14 people**
- **16 projects** implemented
- **7 regional stakeholder groups**
- **152 international partners**
- Regional Office of the Lodzkie Region
in Brussels and Chengdu





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Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region POLAND

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA

Self-government since 1999

One of the 16 voivodeships

Area: almost 18 000 km²

Population: over 2 mln

19 districts, 4 main cities, 144 communes

2 capital cities:

- Bydgoszcz (office of the voivod)
- Toruń (office of the Marshal and Regional Parliament -> self-government)



@WojewodztwoKujawskoPomorskie
@KujawskoPomorskieInternational



@kujawskopomorskie



@lubietubyc

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Regional development

Economic development

Infrastructure

Health

Environment protection

Management of EU funds

International cooperation

Innovation

Education

Culture

Tourism

Sport

OUR TEAM

KUJAWY
POMORZE

Executive Board:

- Marshal Piotr Całbecki
- 2 Vice Marshals
- 2 members of the board

Regional Parliament:

regulatory authority + controlling body

- President of the Regional Parliament
- 30 councillors

Marshal's Office:

- 18 departments
- over 1.000 employees





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Dagda Local Municipality
LATVIA

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

Dagdas local municipality is situated in the eastern part of Latvia and is known as an ecologically nice and clean area. Dagda Council and its Educational Department manage six public schools and two kindergartens, which provide up-to-date education and prepare young generations for the labor market. We have a lot cultural events and international festivals. Dagda has organised a lot of multicultural events and participated in several cross-border cooperation projects. It focuses on contemporary cultural movements, inventions and gives special importance to people of all age gaining self confidence to express themselves more clearly and independently. Dagdas local municipality is working on the field of rural development The rural areas in Dagda are becoming more and more popular for tourism because of the clean nature and small family guesthouses. Tourism on rural area can represent a significant income for inhabitants. Because in summer we have a lot musical events where are our students and elderly people, seniors active involved.

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

1. Organising a lot of cultural events for different targets group with involvement local people, taking care of latvian cultural traditions: folksdances and folks songs, ethnography and international festivals
 2. A bright spectrum of sport activities
 3. Non - formal education in youth organisations, implementing of youth projects.
- Dagdas region wants to be a social, cultural, involved entity, involved in the construction, development, diffusion and promotion of culture, education and art; to promote, prioritize and satisfy the needs and demands of the socio-cultural world by uniting and facilitating the participation of all the sectors involved in society.

YOUR TEAM

The staff of the organisation are experienced workers that are delivering educational, youth and sport programmes and activities on the regular basis in Dagda region. The staff of the organisation is working a lot in cooperation with other organisations/clubs and educational establishments. We are experienced in managing projects, organising logistics of big events (also international) and well known in the city and Dagda region. We will share our experience to other participants as well. Persons involved in this project have high motivation and willingness to learn more about common project theme, gain skills and competences in leadership, decision-making and communication.

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LOCAL ACTION GROUP
SDRUŽENÍ SPLAV
CZECH REPUBLIC

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

- smaller and medium sized villages, no bigger towns and 2 differing parts:
 - foothill of Orlické hory - economically stable, low unemployment, Škoda car industry
 - Orlické hory itself - lower number of inhabitants, insufficient public transport, quality environment, touristic potential, mountain border region - Poland

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

- LEADER program implementation
- regional education development
- vulnerable groups of people
- environment

YOUR TEAM

motto - TOGETHER FOR
PEOPLE AND COUNTRYSIDE
(creates SPLAV in Czech
language)

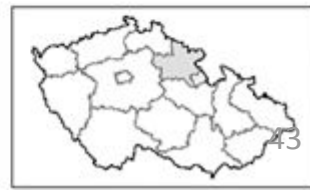
- founded in 2014 in the area about 500 km², population about 36000 inhabitants, 31 municipalities
- 54 members and 13 employees

All forcing the region to the
better future!



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1:200 000





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Alba County Council
ROMANIA

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

Alba County - located in **Transylvania, Centre Region, Romania**, in the western Carpathians, a landscape of exquisite beauty and mystery and rare species of wildlife

County capital: Alba Iulia (the soul capital of the Romanians) - **Alba Carolina Fortress**, the largest and best preserved Vauban-type citadel in the Southeastern Europe. **December 1st, 1918** - Transylvania decided its union with Romania, celebrated today as the National Day of the country

Alba County Council - local public authority, actively involved in designing and implementing policies in **Alba County**, in cooperation with the local public authorities of 11 towns and 67 communes

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

Elaborates and implements strategies for health, social, education, transport infrastructure, utilities, economic development, tourism, heritage conservation, culture, youth, sport, environment protection

Develops, implements projects with local and European funding (e.g. education and training, youth, European citizenship, environment, transport infrastructure, social economy, administrative capacity development);

Informs the local public authorities, other local actors, citizens about the local public policies, national and European policies and funding opportunities.

YOUR TEAM



Accessing and Coordinating Projects' Service – 7 public officers

DIGITAL Project team - Multidisciplinary team, with different professional experience and expertise in strategic planning at county level, in coordinating and implementing regional and local development projects, public relations and communication, foreign language skills.

<https://www.cjalba.ro/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ConsiliulJudeteanAlba>



ALBA COUNTY IN IMAGES





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Association EVO Kavadarci
Macedonia

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

Municipality of Kavadarci, is located in the southern part of Macedonia. We are well known as a wine city. almost every house are producers of wine and wine products. My organization EVO-OEV is a young citizen organization, consist of young enthusiastic persons, working in different areas.

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

We are working different grant scheme: Tourism, IT, Europe for citizens, Embassies in our country.

YOUR TEAM

Sasho Moshev - project manager
Petre Zdravkov - IT manager
Stefanija Stoeva -legal advisor
Lasko Kuzmanov - project assistant
Zlatko Bakev- legal advisor.

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The Bicester Community
Twinning Association
UK



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Town Ludbreg
CROATIA

CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR AREA

- ❑ Ludbreg is one of the **oldest settlements** in Croatia with a rich historical heritage, a religious center with a **600-year** tradition of pilgrimage, and according to a local legend, **Center of the World**.
- ❑ Ludbreg is also an **economic and entrepreneurial center**. The town's development is based on investments in the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and in the economic sector.
- ❑ Great importance is given to investment in the development of **human capital**, social services, the introduction of **innovative and creative solutions**, **ICT tools** and in raising the **quality of life** of its residents.

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Town Ludbreg is a **local government** that aims to improve economical, social, cultural and sustainable development and it is an efficiently organized **public institution**.
- ❑ Town Ludbreg key activities are performing tasks which directly address **rights and needs of citizens** such as human rights, active citizenship, cultural heritage and improved living conditions.
- ❑ Town Ludbreg plans its development on investments in **entrepreneurship, education, tourism, economy, new technologies** and develops projects and programs around these main areas.

YOUR TEAM

- ❑ **Project team**
 - ❑ Petra Međimurec
 - ❑ Melanija Struški
- ❑ **Petra Međimurec**
 - ❑ **Political Science and EU Funding Expert**, Advisor for Development Projects, **7** years experience in PCM, implementation of projects. Project manager of **4** projects.
- ❑ **Melanija Struški**
 - ❑ **Expert in Economics**, Senior Associate for Entrepreneurship and Tourism, **4** years experience in planning, management and organization

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Bruxelles Europe ASBL
BELGIUM

BRUSSELS

Brussels, capital of the kingdom of Belgium is also the capital of Europe. It's well known for its Grand-Place, its Atomium, its Manneken-Pis, its Gueuze and its Kriek, its waffles and its chocolates... (don't miss them!).

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS TRAINING AND STAGE MEETINGS ORGANISATION

BXL Europe asbl, Bruxelles Europe asbl is a NGO specialized in European affairs and policies.

We provide in work placements, educational programmes and study visits in Brussels.

BXL Europe asbl is a meeting organiser specialised in EU public affairs events.

BXL EUROPE TEAM

Roberto GUGLIELMI
President

Riccardo BARILE - CEO

Francesco MARCHIONNI -
Digital Project Manager

Bruxelles



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Association des Agences de
la Democratie Locale (ALDA)
FRANCE

Where we work

ALDA works throughout the enlarged **Europe** as much in the **EU** as in the **Western & Eastern European** and the **Euro-mediterranean area**.

- 6 ALDA Offices
- 3 Operational partners
- 15 Local Democracy Agencies

What we do

ALDA is dedicated to the promotion of **good governance** and **citizen participation at the local level**. Our work focuses on activities **facilitating cooperation between local authorities and civil society**.

ALDA works on various topics:

- Citizenship participation
- Digitalisation
- Environment
- Migration,...

Who are we

We are a team of young people, **motivated and passionate** by our job. We work from 6 different offices but we are constantly in contact!

We strongly believe that our actions are **seeds** generating stronger and resilient local communities, growing bigger and bigger.

"...from local, to global"



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ALDA



Towards **ALDA 20**

20 years, so many achievements ...and the best is yet to come!

ALDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pula, Croatia | 25 - 27 May 2020

Be ready for a 2020 of celebrations
with our members and friends!





Thank you!

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