



Lifelong
Learning
Programme

ALDA Training on:

“Citizens Participation and Funding Opportunities to Support Participative Initiatives”

Strasbourg

The training course on “Citizens Participation and Funding Opportunities to Support Participative Initiatives” aims to:

- Deepen participants’ knowledge about the concept of active citizenship and citizens participation in the European context
- Increase awareness of the role they can play in improving governance and relationships between citizens and governments at all levels
- Acquire information on the existing funding opportunities, and mainly on the Europe for Citizens Programme
- Learn how to develop a successful project in the framework of the different actions of the Europe for Citizens Programme and other funding opportunities related to citizens initiatives

The training is both theoretical-oriented and practical-oriented conceived in order to encourage participants to a close interaction with trainers and other trainees. Participants will have the chance to practice various teaching methods, including structured discussion, lectures, role play, workshops with case studies, working groups, presentations, networking and partnership sessions. Furthermore some sessions will include trainer presentations of concept and materials, which lead to discussions and debate among the participants. On the other hand, some other sessions will encourage participants to share their own experiences in order to have feedback from trainers and to better plan their actions in their local context.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES AGENDA

Day 1

09.00: Introduction to the programme, objectives, and methodology

09.30: Participants’ presentation

10.00: Citizens Participation and Governance in the enlarged Europe: concept definition, main actors, good practices

11.30: The role of civil society and local authorities in participatory initiatives

14.30: Developing participatory initiatives and existing funding opportunities in the European context

17.00: Question time

Day 2

09.00: The Europe for Citizens Programme and other Programmes: general presentation and questions-answers time

11.30: Threats and opportunities for initiatives in the field of citizen participation: lecture and open discussion among participants

14.30: Funding opportunities for civil society and local authorities: technical session

17.00: Question time

Day 3

09.00: Project cycle management: general introduction to the project approach; key documents and methodologies; PCM principles and the Logical Framework Approach

11.30: Project cycle management: analyses of best practices; participants contributions; lecture and presentations

14.30: Working group in the Council of Europe

19.00: Dinner

Day 4

09.00: Workshop 1: Development of joint project proposals

– presentation of the workshop: introduction and discussion of specialised terminology relevant for EU funding

11.30: Workshop 1: analytical phase: stakeholder analysis, problem analysis, selection of goals and strategy, analysis of risks (group work on case studies/selected project ideas, presentations of results)

14.30: Workshop 1: partnership building; budget preparation (group work on budget preparation, case studies, presentations); finalization of the project drafts

17.00: Question time

Day 5

09.00: Workshop 2: Evaluation of project proposals – each working group will read and make corrections to the project draft developed by another group

11.30: Workshop 2: presentation of the results

14.30: Evaluation session: questionnaire; round table discussions; follow up