



**DECIDE – DEMocratic Compact: Improving Democracy in Europe**

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN:**

**ALDA - The European Association for Local Democracy, France**

**Center for Research Cooperation and Development, Albania**

**Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities, Bulgaria**

**Town of Petrinja, Croatia**

**Local Democracy Agency Sisak, Croatia**

**Vejle Kommune, Denmark**

**Local Democracy Agency Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**Local Democracy Agency Zavidovići, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

**Local Government of Ujbuda, Hungary**

**National University of Public Service, Hungary**

**Birgu Local Council, Malta**

**The Mountain Community Iezer Muscel Association, Romania**

**Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo Mesto, Slovenia**

The present Memorandum of Understanding remains open to the signature of the other partners until  
31/12/2015



### **CONSIDERING THAT:**

- This protocol is the basis of the European network which is one of the outputs of the project DECIDE, the partners do act:
  - on behalf of the wishes and needs of their citizens
  - to increase the mutual relations between their cities and citizens
  - to strengthen the ties between the communities involved and to promote their dialogue
  - to exchange their experiences and to implement all joint activities which may foster mutual improvement in all the areas of their competence
  - to encourage and support exchanges between their citizens
  
- The partners intend to cooperate:
  - according to the rules of hospitality
  - with respect for their diversity
  - in an atmosphere of trust and in a spirit of solidarity
  - granting to all people the possibility of participating in the exchanges between the communities without discrimination of any form, according to the universal values of liberty, democracy, equality and the rule of Law, and according to the relationships established between their communities.

### **IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

- The Partners signing the Memorandum of Understanding are in will and determination for the common objective of “establishing a partnership network”, to develop and foster cooperation and exchange in the following areas:

**Citizen participation in public and political life at local level**

**Economic and Social Issues**

**Environment**

**Culture**

**Education**

**Volunteerism**



**IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS AGREEMENT  
TO CARRY OUT THE SPECIFIC FORE-MENTIONED ACTIVITIES:**

- The Partners decide to convene a plenary meeting once a year, to develop joint action plans and to evaluate the cooperation.
- The Partners identify the Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), initiated by the Council of Europe and with its headquarter in Strasbourg (France), as cooperating organisation in the implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding.
- The Partners will spend, in order to provide sustainability and effectiveness to their cooperation, their best efforts to sensitize/activate their citizens and their respective regional, national or international authorities to that end.
- The partnership has a time span of 3 years from the date of subscription and it can be renewed with the explicit signature of a new cooperation protocol among the parties.

Signed in Prijedor, Bosnia and Hercegovina, 9th June 2015

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