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“French-speaking Saturdays” from January to October [Youth planet, Bureau de Liaison de la France à Prishtina, commission européenne]
Organization of activities every Saturday with French-speaking children from Gjilan region

Moving the ADL premises in February 2004

We are now located in the centre of Gjilan

Partners’ meeting in Gjilan / Gnjilane in April

The meeting was held in April despite the serious and dramatic events that took place in the whole of Kosovo in March 2004. Youth Planet, Equipe de Paix dans les Balkans, Kosovo Ensemble, Mouvement pour une Alternative Non-violente, Association française de soutien et d’aide au Kosovo (AKASAK) et ALFA – all French partner – were present.

Supporting different local initiatives which aimed at raising people’s awareness towards environment protection [Canton of Geneva program]

Support to the local association “Hand on the heart” in organizing seminars whose topics were environmental education in the Northern area of Kosovo. This association will edit a final report summarizing the seminars, discussions and debates by the end of the year.

AFASAK working visit

In order to set up an institution for disabled children in Prishtina / Pristina

Developing cooperative games for children/ teenagers [with Youth Planet association]

This type of game is about the way municipalities in Kosovo are working, its aim is to raise children’s / teenagers’ awareness of the work and duties of local authorities. This project will be finalized at the end of 2005.

Inter-ethnic dialogue initiatives in Mitrovicë /Mitrovica [with Equipe de Paix dans les Balkans]

Working groups, inter-ethnic meetings on topics such as economy, preparation of a CD.

Visit of a French youth group in May [with ALFA]

Programme involving fairy tales, legends of Kosovo, meetings with youth from the area of Gjilan / Gnjilane and of Prishtina / Pristina.

Organisation of a multi-ethnic conference with municipalities from all over Kosovo [with the Association of Kosovo Municipalities]

Participation of minorities' representatives, topics discussed: the European standards' implementation at local level

Project on a school curricula reform as far as civic education is concerned [with OSCE, the Ministry of Education of Kosovo]

Trainings, edition of a book for teachers

Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe in Strasbourg in May [with the Association of Kosovo Municipalities and IFES]

Support to the Association of Kosovo Municipalities' delegation, in which Serbs have been represented for the first time in two years.

Stand during the 1st Forum of Peace Initiatives, Paris, June [with the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies]

Presentation of ALDA's and the Local Democracy Agencies' activities



Support to two postgraduate students from June to December (from France and Norway)

One is working on “Intercultural education and its implementation in Kosovo”, the other one is working on “Trans-border cooperation in South-Eastern Europe”.

Creation of a working group on local economic development in October [French Ministry of Foreign Affairs program]

The group has been working in the village of Zhëgrë / Zegra (at the border with Serbia-Montenegro and the “Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)

Working group on media and Internet in August [LGI project]

Included in this project: designing a new website for LDA Kosovo

Helping to send a group of Albanian and Serbian Kosovar youth at the World Festival of Youth in Barcelona in August.

The help was focused on administrative formalities the 40 participants had to fill in to travel.

Trainings on conflict management from September to December [ANCI programme – National Association of Italian Municipalities]

Organisation of a forum for NGOs in Kumanovo in September [with the Council of Europe, the East-West Institute ANCI program and the Irish government]

More than 400 local NGOs representatives from Macedonia, Serbia-Montenegro and Kosovo. Representatives from all communities, important involvement of international actors (OSCE, UN, CoE).

Launching a project on Youth with the Ministry of Youth in Kosovo [with the Scouts et Guides de France, le ministère français des affaires étrangères, l’institut National de la jeunesse et de l’éducation Populaire de France, Youth Planet, le Mouvement pour une Alternative Non-violente]

Write a survey concerning organizations working in the youth sector, define the youth worker profession, create a document of skills reference, and propose a training curricula for the youth workers to the ministry. The project will be implemented in 2005 and 2006.

18. Awareness-raising campaign to encourage citizens to take part in the debates organised by their municipalities in November [with OSCE and the Association of Kosovo Municipalities]

More than 18.000 posters for the whole of Kosovo (end 2004 – beginning 2005) and 26 meetings with municipalities and representative citizens – around 1200 participants.

Training for educators [Institut Univesitaire de Formation des Maitre de Grenoble en France, Bureau de Lainson Français, centre de Didactique de Gjilan, Municipalité de Gjilan]

25 educators have been trained during a week

Media activities from January to December

Partnership with ARTE for 3 documentary films (economic situation, youth, and social situation).

Screening of the ARTE documentary films made with ADL Kosovo in the Council of Europe.





Miscellaneous



The LDA has been working with several European media these last months: 4 TV reports with ARTE, projects with different TV productions, article in the Belgium newspaper Le Soir, TV report on the Swiss channel “la Télévision Suisse romande”, etc.






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Project "Promoting civil society and trans-border co-operation"

Financed by Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation and Governments of Liechtenstein and Finland and Basel Stadt Canton

First Cyber Forum on "New territorial organization in Macedonia"

From 2 to 10 February 2004 a Cyber Forum was open on the LDA-Ohrid website. The discussion of the experts was broadcast on 10 February 2004 whereas the questions from the audience had been collected beforehand. The written format of all questions and answers was published on the LDA-Ohrid website. After the forum, the data was used for a CD-Rom which included video clips and a narrative part.

The role of experts had: Ms. Gazime Starova, PhD. Professor teaching at the Law Faculty- Skopje, Ms. Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova, PhD. Professor teaching at the Law Faculty- Skopje, Mr. Ilija Todorovski, PhD. Professor at the Institute of Sociological, Political and Juridical Research - Skopje and Mr. Ace Koceski, Mayor of the City of Veles. Moreover, the following people participated in the Cyber forum: Mr. Aleksandar Gestakovski, Minister for the local self-government, Mr. Goran Angelov, President of the Association of municipalities in Macedonia and Mr. Owen Masters, expert from the Council of Europe's office in Macedonia.

Second Cyber Forum on "Human resources management in the light of the new competencies of the municipalities"

On 22 May 2004 the Cyber Forum on "Human resources management in the light of the new competencies of the municipalities" took place. At the same time, the forum had been broadcast on the local TV "TV M". The role of experts had Mr. Zivko Andreski - PhD from the Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research - Skopje and Ms. Elena Petkanovska - official expert for local self-government.

Through the forum a wide audience in the whole of the country and abroad could be reached.



B. Training for youth on “Promoting the participation of Youth in the decision-making process”

The training took place in Ohrid from 5 - 8 August 2004. The target group consisted of young people from six municipalities (Ohrid, Struga, Resen, Bitola, Debar, Kicevo) from the south-western part of the country.

The experts present were Mr. Filip Andreski and Mr. Zoran Popovski.

General topics:

1. Theoretical background of the decision-making process;
2. Techniques, rules and skills of the decision-making process;
3. Phases of the decision-making process;
4. Models and processes;
5. Rational method of the decision-making process, Delphi technique.

Project “Sustainable development and environment in Southern and Eastern Europe”

Financed by Canton of Geneva

a) Two radio debates

In the framework of the project “Sustainable development and environment protection”, the Local Democracy Agency - Ohrid organised two radio debates dedicated to “Solving the problems with the solid waste”. The debates took place on 14 February 2004 and on 15 May 2004 live on “Radio Ohrid”. In the course of the debates, the wider audience was animated by the experts Mr. Sokol Klincarov from the Ministry of Ecology and Mr. Milco Biljanovski representative from the waste management company “Drisla” from Skopje. In the first two debates the President of the City Council Ohrid, Mr. Jordan Trca, presented his views and expectations of the implementation of this project.

In the course of the debates the following topics were discussed:

- How to protect the natural resources from solid waste pollution;
- Using solid waste for new useful products;
- Reducing the negative impact of waste



on the environment;

- Selecting, collecting, transporting and transforming solid waste.

The listener of the radio show could actively take part in the discussion through phoning the radio station during the show.

b) Information campaign

During the preparation phase of the campaign 3000 were designed and printed which were distributed in eight primary schools in the Ohrid area. In collaboration with 'Review Ecology', monthly magazine printed in Skopje, the leaflets were also distributed among NGOs in Skopje who cooperate with the magazine. Appropriate numbers of leaflet were given to the City Council and for the regular visitors/readers in the City library.



Round Table “Access to the information resources”

Follow-up of the programme “Communication skills”, financed by the LGI 2003/2004

A round table was organized on 10 June 2004 in which 37 journalists from private and public, print and electronic media from the cities of Ohrid, Struga, Kicevo

and Debar participated. The experts involved were PhD. Zivko Andreski and MSc. Klime Babunski from the Institute for Political and Juridical Research at the University of Skopje. The mediator was Mr. Boris Georgievski, president of the Regional association of journalists, which was at the same time co-organizer of the round table.

That it is often difficult for journalists working in the “Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” to have access to the different information channels was one of the main messages stressed at the round table. Consequently, journalists are often not in a position to provide the citizens with relevant and objective information. Taking into consideration these facts, participants of the round table agreed to force the Government to adopt a new Law in the Parliament for the free access to information recourses.



Project “Action for the local development in the Balkans”

Financed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Activities

1. Training on social and economic local development.
2. Creation and functioning of 11 local working groups animated by the participants of the training course.
3. Redaction and formal signature of 11 action plans for local development.
4. Awareness raising among French communities.
5. Technical assistance for the implementation of the first steps of the action plan.





Project “Actions for capacity building of local authorities and civil society in SEE”

Financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Activities

1. Two trainings on conflict management for civil society representatives and local authorities.
2. Training for local authorities on "Participatory Planning Processes".
3. Workshop for Youth on "Participation in the planning process for solving problems at the local level".
4. Info point.

All trainings and workshop were implemented in the period from September to December 2004. General conclusions are that this programme contributes significantly to the strengthening of the management capacity of local governments, civil servants and representative of civil society. All participants expressed their readiness to participate in similar training programmes in the future in order to improve their own capacities.

The preparations for the Info point started in July 2004 which is located in the premises of the LDA. Books were purchased and copies made of important European documents were made.

Project “Culture and Religion - Bridges of Cohesion”

Financed by CBM programme of the Council of Europe

Activities

1. **Cycle of 11 Radio programmes dedicated to the Council of Europe** legal standards, structure and important documents. The programmes were produced and broadcast on a monthly basis i.e. one programme per month in the period of 11 months. So far seven programmes have been produced.
2. **Production, presentation and distribution of a CD-Rom "Cultural values of the peoples in Ohrid-Prespa region".**

Several experts prepared the text for the Macedonian, Albanian and Greek peoples living in the Ohrid-Prespa Euro region. The texts contain data concerning the material, spiritual and social culture for the peoples in the defined region. Besides the text, the experts with the assistance of the LDA Ohrid prepared photo, video and audio materials.

The production and presentation of the CD-Rom is planned for April 2005.

3. Production of TV Debate dedicated to inter-religious dialogue. LDA staff already started with the preparation of the programme. It will be broadcast on a national TV and will involve competent persons in this area. The TV debate will be broadcast during January and February 2005.

Project “Strengthening partnership and co-operation”

Financed by Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Council of Europe

Activities

1. Partners' conference.
2. Publication.
3. LDA website.

Partners' conference was organized from 21st to 22nd April 2004 in Karditsa (Greece).

General Topics:

1. Presentation of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies.
2. New approach in partnership towards achieving results - cooperation through common projects and specific programmes.
3. Experiences in the work with the partners.
4. Partnership as a base of functioning of the LDA.

CD card and a leaflet were published to summarise the meeting. It was at disposal on the ALDA stand during the plenary session of the Congress in Strasbourg in May 2004, but they were also distributed among partners and visitors of the LDA Ohrid.



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Partners

Town of Prijedor; Association Project Prijedor, Italy; towns of Aldeno, Borgo Valsugana, Caderzone, Caldonazzo, Cavalese, Giustino, Grumes, Lavis, Levico Valsugana, Massimeno, Pergine Valsugana, Pinzolo, Predazzo, Ronzo Chienis, Spiazzo, Tassullo, Trento and Varena, Italy; Diputación de Córdoba, Spain; House of Peace' Association, Trento; Association of Trentini in the World, Association 'Il Mosaico', Trento, Cooperative of Solidarity 'L'Ancora', Trento.

**Marking four years of activities of the LDA
of Prijedor**



On 17 April 2004 the celebration for the four years of decentralised cooperation and people's diplomacy of the LDA of Prijedor took place, where an overall assessment of the work so far was carried out and the commitment of the LDA partners to the LDA priorities and activities was renewed. A conference open to the community of Prijedor took place, with the participation of local authorities, representatives of NGOs and institutions which had been working together with the LDA in the previous four years, as well as



representatives of the Association Project Prijedor, of towns or NGOs from Trentino, and representatives of the trade union SPI-CGIL Friuli Venezia Giulia. The representatives of the LDA partners drew an assessment of four years of work of the LDA of Prijedor and discussed the impact of the LDA activities on the community in areas such as the return of refugees, coexistence and reconciliation, youth and third sector, local economic development, activities with people most in need. Finally, the protocol for 'renewing the pact between the communities' was presented, protocol which was then signed in Trento on 3rd May 2004 by the Mayor of Prijedor and representatives and members of the Association Project Prijedor. More than two hundred people participated in the conference which was followed by a round table with representatives of the LDA partners, members of the Civic Forum and representatives of local associations. They discussed the ways for a greater citizens' participation in the two communities of Prijedor and Trentino and defined objectives for their activities in the area of decentralised cooperation. The whole programme was sponsored by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.



Interethnic dialogue and reconciliation

Promotion of the civic forum of Prijedor

The activities of the Civic Forum of Prijedor supported by the Association Project Prijedor intended to improve the cooperation of activities on conflict and reconciliation in the community, on European integration and on a more active participation of the Civic Forum in some of the activities of the LDA. It was the aim of the Civic Forum to define the objectives and the activities of the LDA of Prijedor. Moreover, it aimed at increasing visibility in the community of Prijedor as a place where citizens from different nationalities can discuss, implement activities and promote reconciliation in the community.





This year the members of the Civic Forum participated in the collection of interviews about the history of Prijedor (industrialisation, life in the city and national minorities) within the joint-programme of the museum institutions of Prijedor and of Trento. The Civic Forum participated in the organisation of the event celebrating the four years of LDA work as well as in a conference on EU integration of BiH and the symbolic elections for Europe in Prijedor. Furthermore, they went on a study trip to Brussels and Strasbourg to bring the results of the symbolic elections to the European institutions. Finally, within the programme 'Capacity Building for Local Authorities and NGOs in SEE' sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the ALDA-ANCI partnership the members of the Civic Forum participated in the training on conflict management, with the aim to strengthen group cohesion and the impact of its activities.

Prijedor and neighbouring municipalities. The activities of the workshop focused on the promotion of dialogue and non-violent communication, conflict management, active participation of young people in the local and political life of the community, the role of youth organisations, networking and cooperation between youth organisations at local but also at international level.

Prijedor town of coexistence and reconciliation

In September 2004, the activities of the project 'Prijedor town of coexistence and reconciliation' sponsored by the Confidence Building Programme of the Council of Europe started with monthly trainings for teachers and workshops in 20 classes of elementary and high schools of Prijedor in which the presence of returnees, displaced people or refugees is high. The aim of the workshops was to provide the children, but also teachers and parents, with the tools for non-violent communication, tolerance and dealing with differences in a multiethnic community. This project was managed by Diakom, the local NGO promoting interethnic dialogue and non-violent communication in schools.

Journalism Traineeship for free, independent and multiethnic information

The third edition of the course of journalism for free, independent and multiethnic Information (November 2003 - August 2004) involved around 25 young people of the Prijedor area and provided them with the tools to understand the role, the functioning and the main features of the information society in a better way and to become themselves active in that world with the publication of three issues of the magazine 'Crno Bijeli Svijet', TV and radio emissions. In this way, the young people had also the opportunity to improve their understanding, analyse and write about relevant issues of their local community. In the second part of the course of journalism interviews on the history of Prijedor were conducted (industrialisation, life in the city and national minorities). The project was managed by the Crno Bijeli Svijet

School for Peace III

The third edition of the School for Peace was organised in Prijedor sponsored by the ALDA-ANCI Programme 'Capacity Building for Local Authorities and NGOs in SEE'. The three-day workshop was attended by 25 young people from international youth organisations of different areas of





redaction created in the previous edition of the project and was supported by the Transborder Cooperation and Interethnic Dialogue programme financed by Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Basel and Finland.

Support to the Youth Centres of Prijedor

With the support of the Association Project Prijedor the LDA Prijedor promoted the creation of the Youth Centre Hambarine in the return area of the left bank of the river Sana in Prijedor. It also supported the activities of the Youth Centre Ljubija, and promoted the networking of the three formal youth organisations of Prijedor and informal youth groups as well as the following joint activities: seminar on the role of media for democracy, meeting with representatives of youth associations from Italy about the role and opportunities that youth organisations can provide for young people, campaign with the creation and the distribution of five hundred posters in the town of Prijedor inviting young people to go out to vote at the municipal elections of 2 October 2004, creation of an info point for youth where young people can find information about job opportunities, training and educational opportunities, cultural and social activities, etc., sponsored by the programme 'Capacity Building for Lo-

cal Authorities and NGOs in SEE' financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the ALDA-ANCI partnership.

Promoting transparency and citizens participation

Training for local authorities

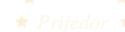
The training on conflict management and the training on participatory planning process for local authorities were carried out within the programme "Capacity Building for Local Authorities and NGOs in SEE" financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the ALDA-ANCI partnership. The trainings lasted for three days and involved around twenty officers working in the Municipality of Prijedor or in the administrations of the different local communities. The first training gave the municipal officers tools to recognise and better deal with conflicts to improve the work of the public administration. The second training enabled them to use a participative approach for their planning and the decision-making at work, in order to increase their capacity to analyse problems, identify possible solutions and ensure the participation of the relevant stakeholders, more transparency and a more effective impact of the actions on the local administration.





Working group for transparency and reform of public administration

The Working Group for Transparency and Reform of Public Administration had started in 2002 with the following members: LDA Prijedor, OSCE field office Prijedor, Municipality of Prijedor and local NGOs. In 2004, it promoted the definition of criteria for a transparent allocation of the municipal resources envisaged in the municipal budget for the NGO sector; a training for NGOs and the administrations of the local communities about municipal budgeting; the creation of webpages with information about the activities of the local NGO sector; a public hearing on the municipal budget for 2005 to which citizens, NGOs and the administrators of the local communities were invited to raise their questions and proposals about the municipal budget for 2005.



Public debates with the candidates for mayor at the municipal elections

With the support of the Association Project Prijedor, the LDA organised two public debates directed in particular at young people of Prijedor. 12 candidates for the role of Mayor in the elections of 2 October 2004 were also shown on local TV. The aim was to make the young people and the citizens more interested and involved in the local political life and in the choices affecting the entire community. On the other hand, they intended to make politicians more aware of their accountability towards the citizens electing them. The candidates presented themselves and their programmes and answered to the questions of the public on the following issues relevant for the community of Prijedor: creation of opportunities for young people in Prijedor, relations between local government and citizens, reintegration of the returnee population and integration of the refugee population, local economic development. As preparation for the municipal elections, the LDA also organised a round table and a day of training for local journalists of Prijedor and of the surrounding municipalities about the role of media for democracy in a multiethnic society and in particular in time of elections. This last event was sponsored by LGI Budapest as a follow-up of the training for LDA staff on communication held in Osijek.

Promotion of Europe from below

Symbolic elections for the European Parliament and study visit to Brussels and Strasbourg

On 12 and 13 June 2003 when the citizens of the EU countries voted for the European Parliament, the citizens of the Municipality of Prijedor in Bosnia and Herzegovina also voted. Not for the European Parliament, of course. They expressed their symbolic vote of belonging to Europe, by putting their signature to the symbolic ballot paper by saying 'I am also a citizen of Europe'. More than 6000 signed ballot papers were collected in schools and in the poll stations prepared in 40 of the premises of the administrations of the local communities composing the municipality of Prijedor. The commitment of the local authorities, NGOs and the youth centres to the organisation and carrying out of the symbolic elections contributed to their success. With this action, the citizens of Prijedor wanted to express their will that Bosnia and Herzegovina together with the other countries of South East Europe become as soon as possible member of the EU as guarantee for peace, human rights, democracy, valorisation of the different cultures and peaceful coexistence of many nationalities.

This initiative was organised by the Local Democracy Agency and the Civic Forum of Prijedor with the sponsorship of the Association Project Prijedor. It was launched with a the conference on European integration for Bosnia and Herzegovina. The speakers came from the LDA of Prijedor, universities of Banja Luka and Trento, the Delegation of the European Commission to BiH and the Department for European integration of the Coun-



cil of Ministers of BiH. The more than six thousand symbolic ballot papers collected during the symbolic elections and their political message were presented by the Civic Forum of Prijedor, around 30 people, the LDA and the Association Project Prijedor to MEPs in Brussels during the study visit that the LDA and the Civic Forum organised to the institutions of the EU in Brussels and to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in November 2004. The meetings during the study visit included members of the EP, officers of the European Commission, the liaison office of the Province of Trento, the Ambassador of BiH to the EU, the ANCI office, officers of the CoE and the Congress as well as the Ambassador of BiH to the CoE.



Other activities

1) Joint activities between the Museum Kozara of Prijedor and the History Museum of Trento

The cooperation between the Museum 'Kozara' of Prijedor and the History Museum of Trento started with the memorandum of cooperation signed between the two cultural institutions in 2003. In 2004, the joint activity consisted of collecting oral and written memories of the history of Prijedor.

2) Culture, sport and other exchanges

- > In 2004, the LDA Prijedor continued to promote the exchanges between schools from Italy and schools of Prijedor through an exchange of letters and material and the third visit of pupils of the elementary school Obradovic of Hambarine, Prijedor, to the school Cesare Battisti of Monfalcone.
- > Study visit of fire men corps from Prijedor to the voluntary fire men corps of the town of Pergine Valsugana, the town of Trento and of the province of Trento.
- > Cultural exchange between the association L'Ancora of Tione di Trento and the folkloristic groups Osman Dzafic and Mladen Stojanovic of Prijedor. L'Ancora held a pop concert 'on the wings of hope' in the open air in the centre of Prijedor and the folkloristic group Osman Dzafic presented its programme of folk dances in several towns of Trentino.
- > Sport exchange between handball team of Ljubija and the handball team of Pressano, Trento, supported by the Province of Trento and the town of Grumes. In cooperation with the Youth Centre of Ljubija a tournament was organised in the handball playground of Ljubija (reconstructed in 2003 thanks to the town of Rovereto).



3) Humanitarian help

The LDA of Prijedor and the Association Project Prijedor continued to support projects of humanitarian help to the people most in need of Prijedor, especially through a project of direct financial support of about 300 families of Prijedor by Italian families, above all from Trentino. Moreover, humanitarian help and home assistance for old people was provided to the area of Ljubija through the association Zdravo da ste, and sponsored by the trade union SPI-CGIL Friuli Venezia Giulia to the area of the left bank of the River Sana through the association Mostovi Prijateljstva.

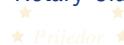
Producers Prijedor. The aim of the project was to develop an entrepreneurial culture and to support young people of Prijedor to start their micro-entrepreneurial activity. The project provided training to around 20 young people of Prijedor including topics such as how to start an entrepreneurial activity and draft a business plan. Moreover, a study visit to relevant enterprises in Italy was organised. The best business plans were selected and the support for starting the microenterprise together with tutorship was provided to the selected projects and to some of them the possibility was given to do an internship in Italian organizations relevant for their business project.

4) Local sustainable development - become an entrepreneur

The activities of the project 'Become an Entrepreneur' started in November 2003 and were supported by Association Project Prijedor and Cooperativa di Solidarietà Sociale L'Ancora in 2004. All the

5) Support to the Association of Agricultural Producers of Prijedor

The microcredit fund of the Association of Agriculture Producers of Prijedor, whose creation was supported in 1998 by the Association Project Prijedor, was increased by a further donation of 15.000 euro by the Rotary Club of Trento and it amounted to



phases of the project starting from the selection of the participants to the tutorship were carried out in cooperation with local partners: Regional Development Agency NW Prijedor, Centre Zdravo da ste, Youth Centre Prijedor, Association of Agriculture

around 90.000 with 104 credits disbursed in 2004. This year the Association Project Prijedor continued to support partly the microcredit institution and the publication of the quarterly magazine of the Association of Agriculture Producers of Prijedor.



6) Promotion of young entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector

For the third year, five students of the Agriculture High School of Prijedor were selected for a study trip to Trentino hosted by the town of Pergine Valsugana, the Institute San Michele all'Adige and the Cooperative S. Orsola of Pergine Valsugana, leader in

Geneva through the ALDA raised awareness on the protection of the environment and on waste management issues through a campaign with leaflets and a public debate which was also transmitted in the local radio. Citizens of Prijedor were presented their rights and duties regarding the environment, the legislative tools at their disposal for the protection of the en-



Trentino in the sector of small fruit production. The project provided the five young participants with technical knowledge, tutorship and financial support to start with a production of strawberries together with their families. The project was financed by the town of Pergine Valsugana.

vironment and the activities that NGOs are carrying out in that field. Finally, citizens had the possibility to give their opinions and their proposals for the creation of the Local Ecological Action Plan for the municipality of Prijedor.

7) Local economic development in the Balkan Region

The project financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France through the ALDA was implemented with the training of two local animators and the creation of a local action group, which carried out an analysis of the territory of Prijedor and drafted a project proposal for a pilot project on the promotion of exchange of information between job seekers and potential employers.

9) Network of rural tourism in Prijedor and the Balkans

The Association Project Prijedor in cooperation with the association Tremembé from Trento active in the field of 'responsible tourism' continued to promote the local network of families which underwent training on responsible tourism in 2003 and hosted tourists in their homes, and the network at the Balkan level.

8) Protection of the environment in South East Europe

This project sponsored by the Canton of

10) Participation in Civitas 2004

With the sponsorship of the Observatory of the Balkans and the Province of Trento the experience of decentralised cooperation between Trentino and Prijedor was presented at the Civitas 2004 in Padua, Italy.





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**Environment, health and development
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Objectives, activities and achieved results

Media campaign for the promotion of the project at the local level

26 June 2004: one interview for Radio Zavidovici and one interview for the national newspaper Dnevni Avaz on water issues by Mr. Emilio Molinari (Vice-President of the Italian Committee for the World Contract of Water).

July 2004: article in national Bosnian magazine "Dani" about the initiative for protection of waters and establishing of a Bosnian Committee for the World Contract of Water.

One radio broadcast on the local station about the initiative for promotion of "Tajan" area as "Monument of Nature" and international youth eco-camp in Kamenica.

Publication on the "Tajan" area

The association "Tajan" together with the group "Atom" of Zavidovici realized a research project on the "Tajan" area in order to enhance its natural, historical, geographical and tourist resources. Promotional material was printed and its translation into Italian is in progress, in order to spread and promote it in Italy and to link this area to other parks in Northern Italy. In the publication, the group marked parts of the area which are still mined.

On 26 June 2004 we organized a roundtable where the research on the "Tajan" area was presented.

Protection of "Tajan" area

The protection of the area is needed as it possesses many natural beauties such as caves, rocks for alpinism, canyons, lakes, little rivers with fishes, savage animals - bears, wolves, savage cats, foxes, boars, roes deer, martens etc. - endemic fauna and flora growing just in this area. It is also a potential area for the development of eco-sports and for sustainable tourism. At present, the area is seriously threatened by the reduction of forests and pollution.

Environmental education in primary schools

The Association "Peace Trees" and the Association "Plamen" of Zavidovici, under the supervision of cooperative "Cauto" of Brescia, organized in April 2004 educational activities on the environment in the schools of Zavidovici (I Osnovna Skola, II Osnovna Skola, Gradski Vrtic, playroom of "Plamen"), Gostovici, Hajderovici, Vozuca, Kovaci. About 25 children of each school were involved. The activity finished off with a final party in the centre of Zavidovici on 15 May 2004, where children presented their works with waste materials and performances.

International youth eco-camp

The eco-camp took place in Kamenica near Zavidovici from 27th of July until 3rd of August 2004. 25 participants from Zavidovici and other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo, Prijedor, Kakanj, Tuzla) were involved. In addition, there were visitors from Bosnia and Herzegovina but also from Italy and Nederland.

The camp was organised in cooperation with Mountaineering Association P.D. "Tajan" Zavidovci.



Kamenica (Zavidovici), August 2004: Eco-camp

Sustainable development and environmental protection in South East Europe

Sponsored by Geneva Canton

1. Assessment of the local situation

In December 2003/January 2004, thanks to the work of an Italian student from the University of Brescia, we assessed the local waste management in the area. The present assessment confirmed a very problematic situation in Zavidovici regarding the collecting of waste materials, as it

is not sufficient to cover the whole Municipality and there is no waste separation.

A local working group was founded which should take part in the training sessions and define a pilot project.

The working group is composed of one civil servant, representing the Municipality, the director of the municipal firm for waste management ("Radnik"), the representatives of two environmental associations ("Peace Trees" and "Tajan") and the director of the private firm for paper and cardboard recycling.

2. Information Campaign

In January 2004, a public seminar was organised to address all interested citizens to explain the principles and the correct

method of composting.

In April 2004, a leaflet was produced containing information on the illegal neglect of waste and how to reduce waste.

Local Development in the Balkans

Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France

1. TOT on local development for local animators

The two local animators (Miss Aleksandra Makric and Mr. Amir Ljubovic) took part in all the TOTs organized by ALDA in 2004 (Zavidovici, Rozaje, Verteneglio).

2. Constitution of a local working group

The two animators formed a local working group constituted of 8 members: representatives of local and political institutions, associations, civil society, enterprises, culture.

From May to September 2004 the local working group met regularly to discuss and analyse the ways to improve the local conditions, to find solutions to arising problems, to develop proposals and to introduce them to a wider audience.

The members of the working group are: Mr. Karahasanović Enver (representative of agriculture sector), Mr. Slipić Ibrahim (representative of the youth), Miss Mujanović Mediha (representative of culture), Mr. Prnjavorac Jasmin (Association of entrepreneurs), Mr. Muminović Amir (representative of educational sector), Mr. Skejić Armen (representative of financial sector), Mr. Amir Ljubović and Miss Aleksandra Makric (as local animators).

3. Diagnosis of the territory

The working group was given the task to assess the territorial heritage, to identify the actors of the local development and to define the priorities and sectors of intervention.

Women and Gender Issues

During 2004 we initiated a group of women (11 still in Bosnia-Herzegovina) from Srebrenica who took part in a video-documentary realized by our LDA in 2000 ("Europe, Srebrenica").

A delegation of these women came to Italy twice during 2004: once in March to take part in a conference in Bardonecchia, titled "Gender perspectives in conflicts", and

one more time in June to take part in a solidarity campaign in Erbusco (Brescia) with the Mayor of Zavidovici and local Italian authorities.

Through one of our Italian partners from Alba we continued to support the women Association "Zena-Zeni" of Zavidovici.

We increased the distribution of traditional handcraft products by women from Zavidovici (above all women from Srebrenica), through our network of fair trade.

Schools - The other friend

Sponsored of Nave (Brescia) and Primary School of Nave

1. Production of a movie

The students from the schools of Nave and the I Osnovna Skola of Zavidovici realized a movie (wrote the script and acted in it), focusing the attention on their own territories.

Until April 2004 the students had an exchange by e-mail, thanks to the work of teachers and LDA staff, in order to write the scenario.

In April 2004 a video-maker from Italy came to Zavidovici to shoot the Bosnian part of the movie.

2. Exchange in Italy and public presentation of the movie

The Bosnian students and teachers spent 10 days in Italy in May 2004, hosted by Italian students and families, in order to shoot together the final part of the movie.

On 3 June 2004, the Association of LDA of Zavidovici and the Municipality of Nave organized a public presentation of the movie with the presence of the Mayor of Zavidovici and the Italian local authorities.

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“Plaiades” of
Castelnuovo
B.ssa (Siena)**

On 26 November 2004 the Schools of Gostovici and Poljice (Zavidovici) sent their paintings and writings to the “Toscana Festival” on the topic “Peace and war seen by children”. This first contact is a first step in order to verify the possibility to initiate an exchange between schools and communities in 2005.

**A Bridge with
the Balkans**

Municipality of Alba, Ufficio della Pace of Alba, Technical School of Zavidovici

The aim of the project was to realize a youth exchange by producing a video, involving schools in Zavidovici and in Alba on youth topics.

In May 2004, we realized a video-tape, interviewing students of the Technical School of Zavidovici, in the school and in other places of the town. The video-tape is still in production.

**Strani-Vari 2004:
trainings for
social animators
and educators
centres for
children**

Municipality of Alba, Ufficio della Pace of Alba, Province of Cremona, ARCI of Cremona, Youth Centre “Naviganti” of Concesio (Brescia).

**26th of November 2004 – “Toscana Festival”
Italian children looking at Bosnian pictures**



**Recreative centres for children
Zavidovici - Summer 2004**





1. Constitution of a local working group

In March 2004, we constituted a local working group of young people (10 people at first, 14 at the end) who were in charge of participating in all activities foreseen by the project.

2. Training on education topics in Bosnia-Herzegovina

In May 2004, we organized three days of training on educational topics for the local working group in Zavidovici.

3. Trainings and youth exchange in Italy

A delegation of the Bosnian working group (5 members) came to Italy from 25 June until 4 July 2004 in order to know all Italian working groups (in Cremona, Brescia and Alba) involved in the project and to take part in workshops on educational issues and animation techniques and to work in the framework of Italian recreative centres for children.

4. Recreative Centres for Children and Youth Exchange in Bosnia-Herzegovina

From 26 July until 14 August 2004, the Bosnian and Italian working groups organized activities for children on ecology topics together, involving the I and II Osnovna Skola of Zavidovici and the primary schools of Mecevic, Lovnica and Poljice (municipality of Zavidovici).

About 250 children took part in the activities.

5. Workshop and youth exchange in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Between 29 and 31 October 2004, a delegation of the Italian group was hosted by the Bosnian group and they both took part in a workshop on educational issues, in order to evaluate the summer activities and develop a follow-up of the project.

6. Constitution of a local association in Bosnia-Herzegovina

The local working group together with other young people from Zavidovici decided to start the process in order to constitute a local association for recreative and cultural activities at the local level. This association will be supported by the Italian working groups and will be the partner of "Strani-Vari 2005".

Roma integration through confidence building measures

Financed by the CBM 22 (03) programme of the Council of Europe

1. Assessment of the Roma situation in the Zavidovici Area

We produced an enquiry, through the constitution and the training of an interethnic field team consisting of young people, in order to have an insight into the Roma situation in the local area analysing different aspects (demography, socio-economic conditions, historical settlements etc.).

2. Roundtable "Roma perspectives in Zavidovici area"

On 23 April 2004, we organized a roundtable, with the participation of the field-team, local stakeholders and national experts, in order to present the results of the assessment and explore future venues of action. In total, 68 people took part in the roundtable.





Tutoring of Roma children and youth (after the pre-school lessons held in summer 2003)

We constituted a team of 10 young tutors of different ethnic groups in charge of taking care of 40 children during the scholar period and to support them during their daily homework.

4. Media action

Ten radio features were produced in Bosnian and Roma language by two members of the local Roma Associations and broadcast by the local radio station.

Vivicitta 2004

UISP Brescia, UISP Cremona, Technical School "Moretto" of Brescia, Professional School of Zavidovici

As each year, the international competition for peace was organised. On 2 May 2004, we had participants from the Technical School "Moretto" of Brescia and from almost all schools of Zavidovici, particularly from the Professional School, which is one of the organizers.

This year we also organized basketball matches between the teams of Zavidovici, UISP Brescia and "Moretto" of Brescia.

School of Poljice

Municipality of Meldola-Predappio (Forlì), Croce Verde of Forlì

On 23 April 2004, the Primary School of Poljice was opened at the presence of Italian and local authorities and of one Italian delegation constituted by the representatives of the civil society involved in the project.

The school could be reconstructed thanks to the work of 15 volunteers, local firms and local authorities.

Garden for children

Supporters of Brescia football team

Thanks to the fundraising organized by the supporters of the football team of Brescia we are arranging a garden for children in front of our LDA. The work is in progress and it involves the local Association "Peace trees" with its young volunteers. The garden will be inaugurated in 2005 at the presence of the donors, local authorities and local citizens.

Communication Skills

LGI of Budapest, ALDA

Between 24 and 27 March 2004, the LDA staff took part in a Training of Trainers on communication skills in Osijek (Croatia), organized by ALDA.

The follow-up in Zavidovici consisted of the two-day workshop "Internal and external communication in local associations and NGOs".



Almost 15 people (representatives of local associations and NGOs) took part in the workshop. The workshops mainly focused on the following topics, aiming to improve the communicational skills:

- > communication within a group;
- > non-verbal communication;
- > promotional communication;
- > external communication: with media and local authorities.

The workshop was lead by one journalist from Zenica, Esad Hecimovic writer for Devni Avaz (national newspaper) and Ramiz Becirovic, expert from Tuzla.

Moreover, a leaflet was produced which aims at giving a general outlook on the local associations present in Zavidovici area, furnishing their "identity card" (basic information, contact persons etc.).

The project manager was Mr. Ibrahim Slipic.

The road from Brescia to Zavidovici

During this year we concluded the production of a video-documentary about ten years of history of LDA of Zavidovici. The DVD will be distributed in 2005.

Actions of capacity building for local authorities and civil society in South Eastern Europe

Financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Trainings of trainers

From 1 to 10 September 2004 and from 1 to 10 November 2004, two local trainers (Mr. Sladjan Ilic and Mr. Ramiz Becirovic) took part in the trainings organized by ALDA on conflict management and participatory planning.

2. Trainings for local authorities and civil society

From 24 to 26 September 2004, we organized one training for representatives of civil society coming from different parts of

Bosnia-Herzegovina (Zavidovici, Maglaj, Tuzla, Zenica, Sarajevo, Kakanj, Nevesinje) on conflict management and mediation skills in which 20 representatives of associations and NGOs took part.

Between 15 and 16 October 2004, the same training was organized for local authorities (representatives of the Municipality of Zavidovici and of local communities: Donji Gostovic, Mahoje, Maoca, Krivaja-Smailbasic, Pasin-Konak, Gostovic). The main aim of both trainings was to deepen participants' understanding on the concept of the conflict resolution and to improve their knowledge and skills in using alternative strategies for solving conflicts.

On 10 and 11 December 2004, we organized a second training for local authorities on participatory planning processes, in order to deepen their knowledge and skills in using those strategies to implement concrete and planned activities linked to the solution of problems at the local level and to achieve general objectives.

On 12th of December we organized an extra training for a group of young people, mainly from the local group of theatre and the local voluntary group of LDA. The aim was to facilitate them to plan the concrete actions needed to constitute a local association for cultural and recreative activities. Ten young people took part in the training.

3. Youth wokshop

From 29th to 31st of October we realized a three-day workshop for young people from Zavidovici and from Alba (Italy). 24 people took part in the workshop. The aims were to focus on the specific topic of the role of animator and educator, working with children, to exchange experiences and best practices on the activities that the Italian and the Bosnian groups organized together during summer 2004, to plan the follow-up of that project for 2005.

4. Youth info point

In order to open a local youth info point in Zavidovici, the info point manager Miss Arijana Dizdarevic took part in a study visit to the info points of Alba (Cuneo) and Rovereto (Trento) in November 2004. The



study visit focused on the contents, the objectives, the territorial effects and the general functioning of a youth info point.

The trip was organized in cooperation with the LDA of Prijedor and the LDA of Central and Southern Serbia, and the different Italian partners.

Italian and Balkan Partnership

ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities), ALDA, CRESME, EPF

The main aim is to improve the functioning of Balkan administrations through the constitution of partnerships between Balkan and Italian municipalities to realize a specific project and to achieve a common result.

On 3rd of December 2004, LDA organized a meeting in Zavidovici between one representative of Cresme (Mr. Giovanni Guazzugli), one representative of ANCI (Mr. Luciano Leonetti) and the Mayor of Zavidovici (Mr. Iset Basic), at the presence of LDA staff (Mr. Sladjan Ilic) and the tutor for Bosnia-Herzegovina appointed by the programme (Miss Dzeraldina Milicevic) to verify the interest of the Bosnian municipality for the programme and to define the potential projects to work on.



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Sustainable Tourism Programme

CTA of Turin, Group of Volunteers for Development of Turin, Association "ATOM" Zavidovici

From 1st to 14th of August we organized a programme of sustainable tourism in Bosnia-Herzegovina in different interesting and attractive natural resources such as: Sarajevo, Mostar, Travnik, Dubrovnik and others. The programme had a "classical" part and an "adventurous" part, giving the opportunity to practice different sports (rafting, climbing, speleology) and enjoy excursions to the mountains.

14 tourists, coming from different parts of Italy, participated in the programme, they visited LDA of Zavidovici, met the delegate and the staff, tried to have a basic knowledge of the programmes and the activities and visited the summer activities of the Association (eco-camp and recreative centres for children).

The tourists were accompanied by one Italian animator and a local guide.

Humanitarian Aid

In 2004, we still received many requests (both financial and material) from individuals, families, schools, associations, NGOs, local communities. This is a sign of the difficult situation of the local population in Bosnia-Herzegovina, ten years after the conflict.

Despite the fact that humanitarian aid is no longer in our priority, we could not ignore the situation. This is the reason why we are continuing to move the solidarity of the civil society linked to our Italian network, delivering books, papers, office equipment, shoes, dresses, toys, musical instruments, composters to recycle organic waste, medicine, sanitary towels, money etc., supporting and trying to help families to deal some urgent problems (recovering in hospital, inscription of children to schools, paying bills, buying food etc.), giving to students opportunity to study etc.



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Inauguration

After several months of preparational activities and meetings, supported by the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, the Association of the Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) opened the Local Democracy Agency (LDA) in Mostar, on the 22nd of November 2004.

The event was divided into two parts: a partner meeting was held in the morning, followed by an international conference.

These two events contributed to achieve some key objectives, namely:

> to appoint the delegate of the Agency and introduce him to participating organizations and groups;

- > to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Mostar and the international partners;
- > to agree on future activities of the LDA in Mostar;
- > to strengthen the network initiated by the partners;
- > to strengthen the new LDA's visibility.

However this event is the conclusion of a process towards the establishment of the Local Democracy Agency in Mostar. The programme held in those last months had the following objectives:

- > to raise the issues for the future programme and activities by working with local authorities and NGOs;
- > to identify the priorities;
- > to collect and interest partners for the opening of the LDA;
- > to define strategies and actions.



The results are:

- > event organized in the host city of Mostar;
- > a wide representation of European and local partners;
- > contribution of partners with on-going programmes.

The inauguration and the international seminar were held thanks to the financial and political support of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

The partner meeting organised in Mostar on the 22nd was attended by:

- > Mr. **Gianfranco MARTINI**, President of the Association of the LDAs;
- > Mr. **Per VINTHER**, Vice-President of the Association of the LDAs;
- > Mr. **Martial PARIS**, Assistant of the Director of the Association of the LDAs;
- > Mr. **Tommaso VACCAREZZA**, Project Manager of the ALDA;
- > Mr. **Dario GHISLETTA**, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe and member of the Governing Board of ALDA, lead partner LDA Verteneglio;
- > Ms. **Caroline-Helene MARTIN**, Secretariat of the Congress of Local and regional Authorities;
- > Mr. **Roberto RUOCCO**, Councillor of Region Puglia, Italy;
- > Mr. **Mario DE DONATIS**, Head of President Office, Region Puglia, Italy;
- > Mr. **Mahmut, HÝÇYILMAZ**, Mayor of Kayseri, Turkey;
- > Mr. **Lucio GREGORETTI**, Head of Mayor Office, Monfalcone, Italy;
- > Mr. **Melita RICHTER**, Assistant of the Mayor Office, Monfalcone, Italy;
- > Mr. **Dusan SOSKIĆ**, Member of the City Assembly, Kragujevac, Serbia and Montenegro;
- > Mr. Jovan **PAVLOVIĆ-BOJADŽIĆ**, Vice-President of the City Assembly, Kragujevac, Serbia and Montenegro;
- > Mr. **Hugh CHETWYND**, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (observer);
- > Ms. **Barbara ZECHES**, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg at the Council of Europe (observer);
- > Mr. **Sergio TALAMO**, Responsible of the Communication Office, FORMEZ, Italy;

- > Mrs. **Palma PALAMETA**, on behalf of the Mayor of Mostar;
- > MR. **Bozo VUKOJA**, Director of Regional Economic Development Agency (RE-DAH), Mostar;

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Follow-up

In the second half of February 2005 a second partner meeting will be held in Rome in order to develop an action plan for the following activities of the LDA in Mostar. One other priority is to have the LDA Mostar registered as a local association.



Mr. Roberto MASELLI, delegate indicated by the Puglia Region.

Projects implemented so far

1. Local Economic Development

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2. Actions of capacity building and South Eastern Europe

Financed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Democratisation project with secondary schools from Mostar

Financed by the Government of Luxembourg



Agenda May - October 2005

May 2005

Seminars on the protection of the environment and sustainable development sponsored by the Canton of Geneva, Switzerland
(9 - 10 May, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Kosovo/UNMIK; 12 - 13 May, Ohrid, "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia")

Information Day on South East Europe in cooperation with the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA)/Centre des Etudes Européennes, City of Strasbourg, Conseil Regional, Conseil General, Council of Europe and others
(31 May, Strasbourg, France)

June 2005

Partner meeting within the programme MAHLDE.NET within the Interreg III A Programme of the European Commission
(15 and 16 June, Zagreb, Croatia)

General Assembly ALDA
(17 June, Zagreb, Croatia)

Training of Trainers on Communication Issues within the ANCI/ALDA programme on capacity building in South East Europe
Sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(27 June - 3 July, Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

July 2005

Training of Trainers on Local Economic Development within the programme "Promoting local economic development in Western Balkans: youth groups capacity building"
Sponsored by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Study visit to media institutions in Poland/Second part of Training of Trainers on Communication Issues within the ANCI/ALDA programme on capacity building in South East Europe
Sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(17 - 23 July, Warsaw, Poland)

September 2005

Training of Trainers on European Issues within the ANCI/ALDA programme on capacity building in South East Europe
Sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(Niksic, Serbia and Montenegro)

October 2005

International Conference within the programme "Active European Citizenship"
Sponsored by the European Commission
(Kaunas, Lithuania)



**Training of Trainers
on Communication Issues
in Osijek - Croatia,
March 2004**



**EU Mayors seminar
on relations
with citizens
in Suresnes - France,
March 2004**



**Medieval evening
during the
EU Mayors seminar
in Birmingham - England,
July 2004**

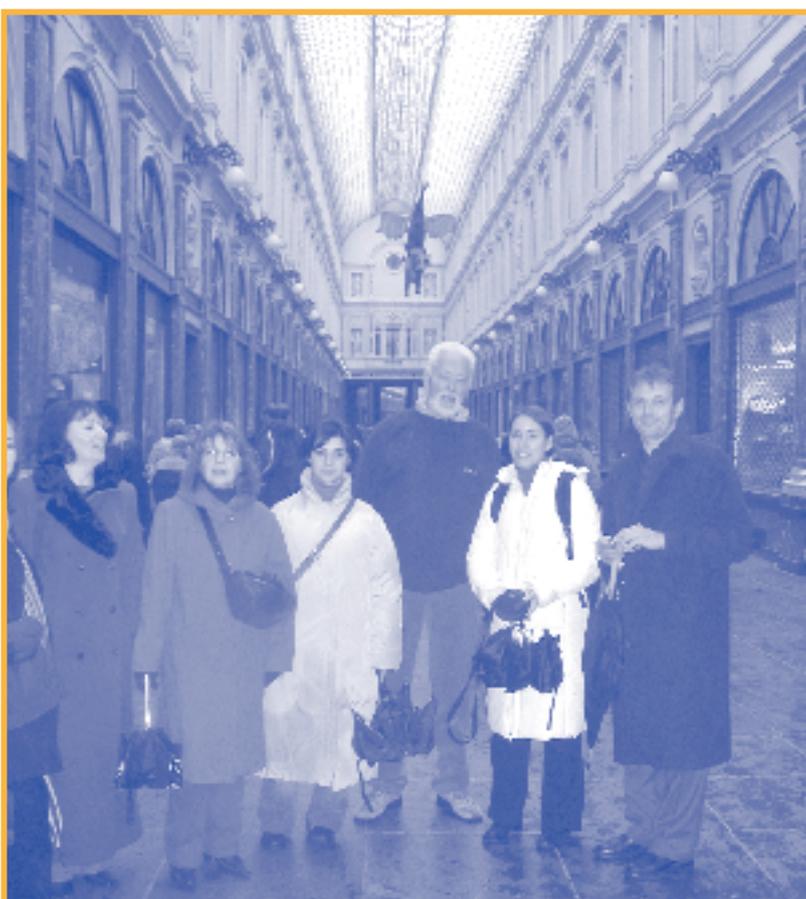
**EU Mayors
visit to Lithuania
September 2004**



**EU Mayors
final conference
in Mogliano Veneto - Italy,
December 2004**



**Training
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Affairs
in Brussels,
December 2004**



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