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EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

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European Local Democracy Week

Launched on 16 October 2007

The European Local Democracy Week (ELDW) is a pan-European event that aims to boost dialogue between local authorities and citizens, strengthen local democracy and promote citizen participation.



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Local authorities from the 46 Council of Europe member States and their associations are invited to register and organise public events to promote and foster democratic participation at grassroots level.

Municipalities are invited to nominate a personality with local influence as "VOICE of the ELDW" - its goodwill ambassador.



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FLAGSHIP EVENTS IN THE WEEK OF 15 OCTOBER



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PARTNER OF EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK





Allocate a specific budget for citizen participation,

Run an ELDW promotion campaign using the ELDW visual identity,

Carry out specific activities linked to theme of the year,

Organise an event with a pan-European dimension,

Extend the social scope of the initiative,

Promote the engagement of young people and youth organisations,

Implement sustainable initiatives,

Implement innovative activities and projects.

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Promoting a participatory culture by engaging citizens

Boosting the quality and intensity of citizens' participation in local affairs

Enhancing dialogue between citizens and elected representatives

➡ Increasing citizens' trust in elected representatives and institutions

Strengthening the sense of a common mission and mutual responsibility

Giving a European dimension to the activities

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National **Coordinators from** 46 member states and current year participants are invited to the annual meeting of ELDW in order to share best practices and discuss prospects and the theme for the following year.

ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING







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ROLE OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS

Inform local and regional authorities - members

Advise local and regional authorities about the ELDW website

Motivate them to organise events on the theme

Use social media: Twitter & Facebook pages

Use ELDW toolbox

Organise an event in your organisation

Participate in the Annual Coordination Meeting

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CONTACT WITH ELDW TEAM

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