

THE 2010 ELDW EDITION AT A GLANCE



Around 115 municipalities and other local authorities, from 24 member states of the Council of Europe, organised events in the framework of the European Local Democracy Week 2010.

Some statistics and qualitative aspects of the initiatives carried out by the European cities and municipalities are summarised in this booklet, as well as the involvement of the national associations and other main partners of the ELDW. A special focus is devoted to the "12 Star cities" and to their comments on their experiences.

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THE ELDW AT A GLANCE

2009

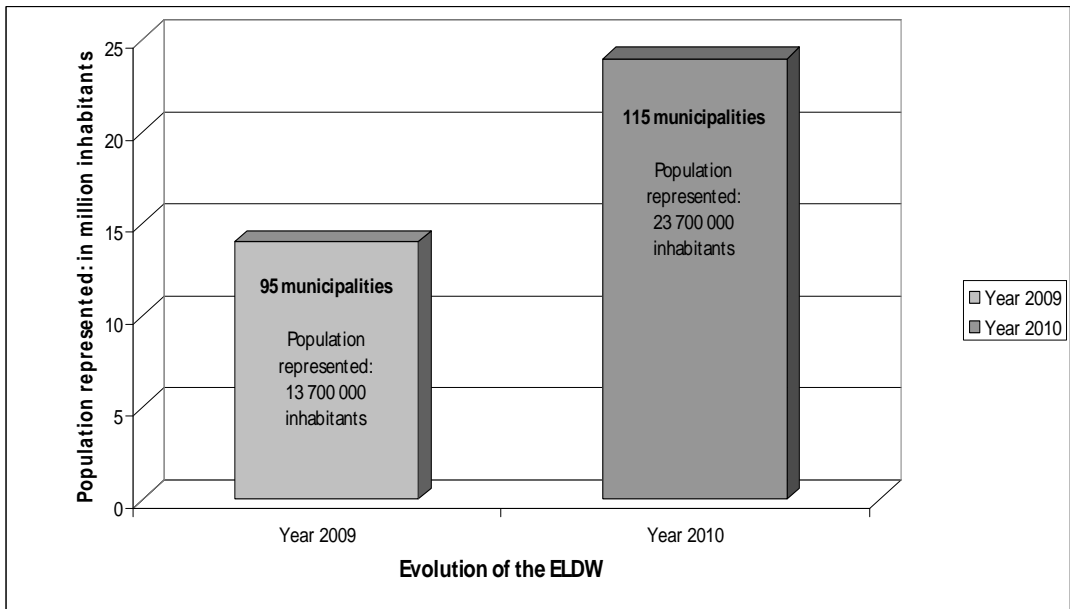
The overall population represented by the participant municipalities reached 13.700.000 million people.

24 municipalities with a population of more than 100.000 inhabitants took part to the ELDW

2010:

The overall population represented by the participant municipalities reached 23.700.000 million people.

50 municipalities with a population of more than 100.000 inhabitants took part to the ELDW.



THE PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES

EDITION 2009

EDITION 2010

ALBANIA

National Association of municipalities – information activities	Bushat *
	Kashar *
	Petrela *
	Synej *
	Dajt *

BELGIUM

Brussels Capitale-Region 19 municipalites ***	Brussels Capitale-Region 18 municipalites ***
Namur **	Liège ***
Verviers *	Namur **
Nivelles *	Gesves *
Peruwelz *	Houyet *
Libramont *	Comines-Warneton *
Houyet *	Estaimpuis *
	Gembloux *
	Gouvy *
	Herstal *
	Nivelles *
	Silly *
	Spa *

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Banja Luka **	
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<p>* : municipalities > 100 000 inhabitants **: municipalities < 100 000 inhabitants *** 2009 “pilot cities”</p>	<p>* : municipalities > 100 000 inhabitants **: municipalities < 100 000 inhabitants *** 2010 “12 star cities”</p>
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BULGARIA	
Troian *	Dobrich *
Sandansky *	
Sevlievo *	
Novi Pazar *	
Tvarditsa *	
Dolnia Mitropolia *	
Brutsartsi *	
Trun *	
Dolni Dabnik *	
Medkovets *	
Nova Zagora *	
Alfatar *	
Hitrino *	
Chernoochene *	
CROATIA	
Rijeka **	Kutina *
Pula *	Suhopolje *
Kutina *	
ESTONIA	
	Tartu **
FRANCE	
Strasbourg ***	Paris ***
Aix en provence ***	Strasbourg ***
Montreuil **	Aix en provence ***
St. Quentin *	Angers **
Clamart *	Villeurbanne**
Schiltigheim *	Metz **
La Chapelle Caro *	Niort *
	Schiltigheim *
	Marley-le-Roi *
	Frasnes *
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GEORGIA	
	Tbilisi ***
GERMANY	
	Lörrach *
GREECE	
Kalithea **	Maroussi *
Acharne *	Chania *
Drama Kalava Xanthi *	Serres *
Lamia *	Ierapetra ***
Agis Paraskevi *	Nemea *
Pyrgos *	
Ierapetra *	
Moudania *	
Megalopolis *	
Sykies *	
Anavyssos*	
Siatistas *	
Moudros *	
Apollonias *	
Kryoneri *	
Hidra *	
HUNGARY	
Miskolc **	
Nyugat Dunantul region **	
Szlonok *	
Budapest VII District *	
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ITALY	
Rovigo *	Torino Province **
Vignola *	Bologna **
	Modena**
	Perugia Province**
	Siracusa **
	Latina **
	Trento **
	Terni Province **
	Bolzano **
	Rieti Province *
	Schio *
	Rovereto *
	Mola di Bari ***
	Feltre *
	Roncade *
	Unione Terre di Po ***
	Brancaleone *
	Cerisano *
	Emilia Region *
	Umbria Region *
	Anci Umbria *
	Lazio Region *
	Anci Lazio *
	Anci Val d'Aosta *
LUXEMBOURG	
Dudelange *	
Mamer *	
Niederanven *	
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MALTA	
La Valletta *	La Valletta *
	Mriehel *
	Tarxien *
NETHERLANDS	
Alkmaar *	Amsterdam **
NORWAY	
Bergen **	
Kristiansand *	
Longsberg *	
Klepp *	
Lingdal *	
POLAND	
Katowice **	Katowice ***
Slupsk *	Slupsk *
Podkova Lesna *	Podkova Lesna *
PORTUGAL	
	Camara Municipal de Guarda **
	Amadora – Lisbon ***
	Beja *
	Santiago de Cacem *
	Bonavente *
	Cabeceiras de Basto *
	Peredes de Coura *
	Boticas *
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ROMANIA	
Iasi **	Deva *
Craiova **	Medias *
Arad **	
Slobozia *	
Oltenia	
RUSSIAN federation	
Komi republic **	Komi Republic **
St. Petersburg Finliandsky District **	St. Petersburg **
Scekinsky District of Tula Region **	Biysk **
	Shakhty **
	Kirovograd **
	Balakovo **
	Shelekhov *
	Volosovsky *
	Salvgorod *
	Tula Region **
	Volkhov *
SERBIA	
Palilula *	Belgrade ***
SLOVAKIA	
Nitra High Territorial Unit **	Nitra self-gov Region **
Zilina High Territorial Unit **	Zabiedovo *
	Košice – Juh *
	Moldava nad Bodvou *
	Stará Ľubovňa *
SPAIN	
Malaga **	Malaga **
Valencia **	Terrassa **
	Cadiz **
	Candelaria ***
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SWITZERLAND

	Lausanne ***
	Neuchatel **

"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia "

	Vinica *
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TURKEY

	Antalya ***
	Tarsus **
	Mugla ***
	Saferihisar (Izmir) *

UNITED KINGDOM

Salford **	Kent County Council **
Bedford *	Ealing London borough **
	Plymouth **
	Haringey London borough **
	Salford **
	Merton London borough **
	Portsmouth **
	Walsall **
	Vale of Glamorgan **
	Chelmsford Borough Council **
	Surrey City Council *

UKRAINE

National Association of municipalities – information and co-ordination activities with various cities	
Kyiv **	Odessa ***
Melitopol **	Kirovograd **
Boryspil *	Boryspil *
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THE INVOLVMENT OF THE PARTNERS IN THE ELDW 2010

National Associations

- **33 Associations from 18 member countries of the Council of Europe** carried on active and supportive actions during the preparation of the 2010 edition of the European Local Democracy Week. (page 14)

Governmental bodies

- GREECE: Ministry of Interior Affaires, Decentralization and e-democracy

European Institutions

- The Committee of the Regions
- EU Commission

European Associations and networks

- Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability
- The Union of the Baltic Cities
- Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)
- Solidarity Water Europe (SWE)

Associations which supported the ELDW in 2010

ALBANIA	Albanian Association of Communes
AUSTRIA	Association of Austrian Municipalities Salzburg Euregio
BELGIUM	Carrefour Régional et Communautaire de la Citoyenneté et Démocratie
BULGARIA	NAMRB - National Association of Bulgarian Municipalities
CROATIA	Association of Municipalities of the Republic of Croatia
FRANCE	AMF Association des Maires de France AFCCRE Association Maires de Grandes Villes de France Cites Unies France
GERMANY	Deutscher Städte und Gemeindebund Deutscher Städtetag
ITALY	ANCI - National Association of Italian Municipalities AICCRE UPI - Union of Italian Provinces Tecla Association ANCI Friuli Venezia Giulia ANCI Tuscany Coordinamento Agende 21 Italia
MALTA	Local Council – Association of Malta
NETHERLANDS	VNG Association of Netherland Municipalities
PORTUGAL	National Association of Municipalities of Portugal ANAFRE, National Association of the Freguesias
ROMANIA	National Association of Romanian Municipalities
RUSSIAN Federation	RNCM - Russian National Congress of Municipalities
SPAIN	Federation of Municipios Valencia Region
SWITZERLAND	ACCRESuisse
TURKEY	National Association of Municipalities Association of Marmara Region Union of Municipalities of Turkey
UNITED KINGDOM	NILGA, Northern Ireland Local Government Association Local Government Association
UKRAINE	National Association of municipalities

FOCUS ON THE « 12 STAR CITIES »

Facts and figures

42 local communities concerned, including Brussels with 19 municipalities and Unione Terre di Po with its 9 municipalities

450 Mayors and local councillors involved

8 million inhabitants: the overall population of the 17 “12 star cities”

26.400 citizens involved in the ELDW activities; hundred thousands informed

250 different events

40 primary schools and several high schools

20 Youth Councils

4 Universities

FOCUS ON THE « 12 STAR CITIES »

Activities

Information campaign in all the 17 cities involved: posters, leaflets, flyers, local TV coverage, newspaper articles, press conferences and social network pages (more details on the following page).

20 conferences on European issues covering environmental aspects, as well as democracy and European integration policies.

8 art exhibitions of works made of recycled materials (Paris, Ierapetra, Mugla, Odessa, Antalya, Candelaria, Amadora, Liege).

10 visits to industrial environmental plants: water, solar and wind energy plants, incinerators and other waste treatment plants.

8 marathons and bicycle rides with children and adults of all ages.

100 school classes involved in environmental protection and educational activities (biodiversity, saving water and energy, waste collection, healthy food).

20 Youth Councils debating issues on youth participation in the decision-making process.

80 Public meetings and workshops on environmental and eco-friendly innovation activities with citizens and residents organised in many of the districts and neighbourhoods of the “12 star cities”.

10 demonstrations on aspects of agricultural economics related to biodiversity and environmental protection, as well as on river and sea protection.

Bus tours informing the citizens about biodiversity, environmental protection, eco-friendly mobility (Strasbourg, Mugla, Aix en Provence, Paris).

Short films on environmental protection subjects produced by schools in Katowice, Mola di Bari, Amadora et Ierapetra.

THE VOICE OF THE « 12 STAR CITIES»¹

12 Star city	Added value of the Week	What is needed	Suggested themes for 2011 /other suggestions
Aix en Provence (FR)	The Week gave an additional opportunity to meet people who are always enthusiastic about it.	Congress participation could have given more visibility to the Week.	Economic development Disabled people and inclusion
Amadora (PT)	People are pleased to meet local politicians and interact with them in various initiatives, much more than posting questions on municipal websites.	The participation of a CoE speaker in the main initiatives would have made a greater impact on the citizens.	Youth participation in the decision making process.
Antalya (TU)	Taking part in a pan-European initiative was a great opportunity for the Municipality to organise activities involving citizens.	Exchange of good practices is needed to increase democracy at local level.	Youth involvement in the decision making process; volunteering.
Belgrade (Serbia)	The Week helped the interaction and communication between local politicians and citizens. It also boosted civil society through the participation of NGOs.		Protection of minorities; safety in urban areas.

¹ The tables are compiled on the basis of information gathered in the registration forms and in a short self-evaluation questionnaire sent to the 17 “12 Star” cities.

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Bruxelles (BE)	The Week has become a “regular” major participatory democracy event in Brussels’ agenda. It takes a different form in each municipality; boosting citizenship is its first characteristic.	Local politicians should participate more and interact with citizens. Public officers and NGOs are the main organisers of the events.	Establishing a local democracy city network.
Candelaria (SP)	The Week connects local activities to a global institution’s action (the CoE), it is essential to understand politics in a global context. For many young citizens participating in the Week was the most important public participation in their life.		After the Week, Candelaria citizens are “12 Star citizens”.
Ierapetra (GR)	The Week’s philosophy is citizen-centred and it helps politicians in communicating and problem solving activities with the citizens.	Media technologies may help in improving the ELDW communication.	Youth in financial crisis.
Katowice (PL)	ELDW largely contributed to the improvement of the interaction between the decision makers and the citizens.	The Week draws the attention of local politicians to the need of communicating more with the citizens on issues that influence their life.	Youth and senior citizens involvement in public life

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Lausanne (CH)	The Week was the opportunity to boost communication and involvement activities with youth and schools. The Week improved the city's acknowledgment of the Council of Europe role	A better coordination with other departments would have given greater impact. To participate in the ELDW should be decided more in advance.	Intergenerational relationship may be positively developed
Liège (BE)	Local democracy is also about people cooperating and communicating with each other. All categories of citizens participated very actively.	A national campaign on ELDW could help citizens to understand more about the Council of Europe's action.	Intergeneration activities.
Mola di Bari (IT)	The Week was a great event able to improve the local governance through dialogue. All categories of citizens were involved in the decision making process. It enhances trust and participation in local life and boosts community identity.	Local democracy is a continuous exercise.	Exchange of experiences on improving IT in public services.
Mugla (TU)	Citizens and local politicians both took advantage of the Week to improve their dialogue and interaction capacity.	The Week made the Council of Europe and the Congress known by the citizens, but not enough.	Empowerment of women, inclusion of disabled people.

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<p>Odessa (Ukraine)</p>	<p>Environmental issues met the communication interest of the municipality. Citizens' awareness of the environmental protection issues was increased. Internal staff communication was also improved by the Week.</p>	<p>Local politicians and staff acknowledged the role of the Council of Europe and the Congress.</p>	<p>The ELDW as a pan-European event is outstanding for Odessa, regardless of the leading theme.</p>
<p>Paris (FR)</p>	<p>The Week was a good occasion to make the citizens familiar with the concrete application of the Participation Paris Charter and to respond to NGOs mobilization on sensitive issues, linking together local authorities, NGOs and citizens.</p>	<p>The communication about the ELDW and the Council of Europe role were weak. To get a better coverage by media working more in advance is needed. A representative from the Council of Europe would have enhanced the CoE visibility.</p>	<p>Popular and citizens education; new technologies improving democracy; citizens rights and public services</p>

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<p>Strasbourg (FR)</p>	<p>ELDW is the occasion to raise citizens' awareness of the different means they can use to take part in the decision- making process. The Week took on a different form in each city district, according to the different problems citizens face (youth involvement, migrants' inclusion).</p>	<p>Providing the population with local democracy consultative tools is not enough. The Week improves the dialogue between local authorities and citizens. Local elected representatives by the Week learn more in debating concrete issues concerning citizens' problems.</p>	<p>To anticipate the Week during the summer time could facilitate open air events and would get more people together.</p>
<p>Tbilisi (Georgia)</p>	<p>The Week was the opportunity to inform the citizens about the projects undertaken by the municipality. ELDW activities advocated a more active engagement at local level.</p>		<p>Local community involvement in local governance reforms. Some of the activities could be implemented in co-operation with other towns of the region.</p>
<p>Unione Terre di Po (IT)</p>	<p>The Week was the most relevant public initiative of the area in the last 15 years, gathering together the Youth Councils, the schools, the economic sector and the local authorities. The citizens and the youth in particular felt to be the active members of their society.</p>	<p>The ELDW deserves the attention of other local authorities at the regional and national level.</p>	<p>Boosting the community spirit in the worldwide community age.</p>

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