

Migration and Development – LADDER Special initiative in Malta

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From 11th to 13th November 2015, the event "Migration and Development: EYD 2015 - The year for local action for global solutions" was held in Sliema (Malta), in the framework of the LADDER project and in parallel with the Valletta Summit on Migration, organised by SOS Malta & ALDA.

This conference represented an opportune moment to discuss the global perspectives of migration and the link with development, whilst focusing on actions that can be taken at the local level to address challenges of migration and raise awareness on the global dimension of the topic.

The event was officially opened by Ms. Claudia Taylor-East, CEO of SOS Malta, and by the **HE Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta**. HE the President stressed the importance of acting on this urgent matter after so much time lost in passivity: "It's up to governments now to develop new policies, and new strategies have to be put in place. Misinformation and misconception should be avoided, and the approach to migration should be realistic, comprehensive and proactive", stated HE the President.

Mr. Dobrica Milovanovic, Representative of Kragujevac Municipality, Serbia, Member of the Governing Board of ALDA, and delivered a presentation on the integration of migrants at the local level in Serbia, with a particular focus on the role of LAs in development education.