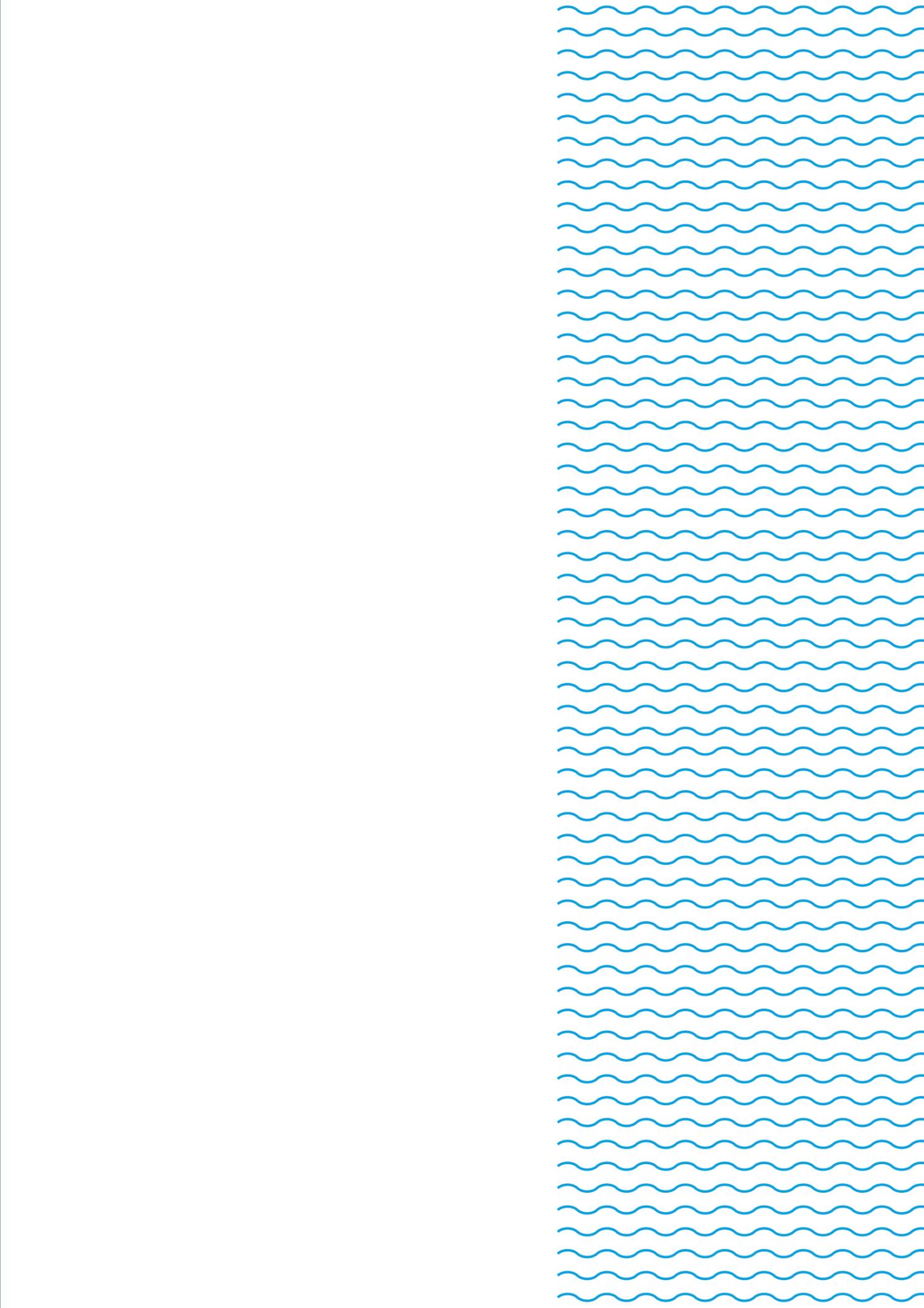


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Governance

MedCities was established in 1991 in Barcelona when 16 cities formed a network with the purpose, initially, of supporting environmental protection from a local perspective. In 2015, the network became a fully independent organization and now brings 61 local authorities from all shores of the Mediterranean basin. The transformation of MedCities into a legal association has increased its operational capacity and enhanced its ability to promote urban sustainable development.

MedCities is governed by its General Assembly, formed by all its member municipalities. The Assembly approves among others the annual Work Plan, the activity and economic Annual Reports and the Annual Budget as well as the adhesion of new members. 2019 General Assembly has been kindly hosted by the City of Tunis (28 November 2019)

MedCities is managed and represented by a Board of Directors made up of 7 to 9 members. All positions within the Board of Directors are unremunerated.

MedCities Board of Directors for the period 2019-2022 was approved by the members at the Extraordinary General Assembly held in Barcelona, 5 October 2018. The composition of the current Board is as follows:

- Municipality of Tétouan (President)
- Al-Fayhaa Urban Community (Vice-President)
- Municipality of Sfax (Vice-President)
- Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (Secretary)
- Municipality of As-Salt (Treasurer)
- Municipality of Dubrovnik (Member)
- Municipality of Marseille (Member)
- Municipality of Larnaka (Member)
- Metropolitan Municipality of Izmir (Member)

MedCities General Secretariat is established in Barcelona, under the premises of Barcelona Metropolitan Area and with the support of the Municipality of Barcelona. The Association has a decentralized structure with two territorial antennas (Knowledge Transfer Centers-KTC) in Sfax (Tunisia) and in the Urban Community of Al Fayhaa (Lebanon).

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Welcome message from the President



Mohamed Idaomar,
President of MedCities

Dear members,

It is a real pleasure to present one more time the activities of our network in my renewed position as MedCities President.

The year 2019 has been the first of a new mandate of the Board that must address crucial aspects of the positioning of our network in technical and political arenas.

From an internal perspective, this new phase has been accompanied by a handover of the position of Secretary General. Mr. Tiana, who after successfully leading the consolidation of MedCities as a legally independent association transferred his tasks to Mr. Canals in the month of June. I would like to convey my high opinion on both of them and congratulate them for the smooth and successful transfer of responsibilities. In this framework, the General Assembly approved in its meeting of November 2019 in Tunis the 2020 Action Plan, which includes among others the mandate to engage all members in the definition of our Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. This collaborative work is to guide the internal strengthening of our network as well as our standpoint to mainstream our position into the upcoming post 2020 global and Mediterranean urban agendas.

We have set the basis of it all during 2019. I am especially proud of our engagement on collective efforts through our input and support to two joint strategic declarations. The Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance allows MedCities to insist on the need to strengthen the role of local governments in the region. With the endorsement of the Declaration on "Ecosystem-based approaches for biodiversity protection and management in the Mediterranean" by our network and by a number of individual member cities, we are able to position ourselves in addressing urgent environmental challenges in the Mediterranean by working with nature. We have further engage in crucial processes for the post 2020 urban agendas. To mention a few, at a technical level we have joined the Network of Mediterranean Urban Planners, promoted by AVITEM. I had moreover the honor to represent our network in the Technical Consultation on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG+16) held in Tunisia. At a more political level, we continue the engagement with the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCSD) and contributed to the UNEP MAP COP 21 Ministerial Declaration. This was the further the occasion to welcome MedCities as full UNEP MAP Partner. We have furthermore strongly engaged in the 6th Congress of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders last November in Durban, by organizing the session "The Mediterranean local accent in global governance" bringing together the mayors of Barcelona, Tunis, Izmir and Union of Municipalities of Dannieh to voice the Mediterranean singularity in the global agendas.

All this, together with the great number of activities undertaken by the network gathered in this report demonstrate the positive benefits of cooperation and the need to continue positioning local governments at the cornerstone of a sustainable future for the Mediterranean.

Welcome word from the Secretary General



Josep Canal Molina,
Secretary General
of MedCities

Dear members and fellows of the Mediterranean family,

This is the first time I have the honor to introduce you to this document that summarizes the activity of our association during 2019. As the new general secretary, I feel great responsibility and pleasure in directing an orchestra of musicians that play perfectly in tune, thanks to their efforts. I'm referring to the secretariat's team, a group of talented professionals headed by its director, Mr. Oriol Barba. Ms. Clara Alberola, Ms. Mireia Baeta, Ms. Konstantia Nikopoulou, Ms. Carolina Pérez, Mr. Dario Ros and Ms. Laia Vinyes make up our team, which has grown and will grow further with the incorporation of Mrs. Aina Pedret next January 2020. I do not want to forget Mr. Iván Luque and Mr. Patrick Herron, who accompanied us for some years and have now undertaken new projects. All these professionals have been working under the direction of our former general secretary, Mr. Xavier Tiana, whom I would like to especially thank for the great legacy he leaves us. In addition, I would like to express my recognition to MedCities' father, Mr. Joan Parpal.

I wish to underline the confidence received from the members of the steering committee and our president Mr. Mohamed Idaomar, with whom I feel comfortable to work to make MedCities a very useful tool to all of you. I myself have been a mayor and I know the problems the cities encounter. Municipalities are the first level of public administration and that's where our association plays a key role; we work to meet the various needs of our member cities in the field of urban sustainable development, local governance and responsiveness towards their citizens.

In this report, you will find dozens of executed projects, of different scales, that all help strengthen the capacities of our municipalities through the promotion of trainings and expert interventions, as well as knowledge and experience sharing activities between sister cities. We channel financial resources to launch projects so that the member municipalities can improve the life quality of their residents and that of their territories.

The organization is currently living a period of growth. Next year's budget is doubled, but we stay with our feet on the ground. This capacity to generate external resources would not be possible without the structural contribution of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area, the Barcelona Municipality and the cooperation of the Government of Catalonia. I do not want to forget our cities, primary beneficiaries of the projects; they help our association to grow year after year through their financial contributions. Internal solidarity makes us stronger.

We have initiated a path and this year 2020, all of our 61 members will work together on the consolidation of a Strategic Plan for the next four years.

I send all of our cities and collaborating entities a heartfelt greeting. Moreover, a very special welcome to our new members: Gaziantep, Mersin, Montpellier and València. Thank you for relying on MedCities.

2019 at a glance

During 2019 MedCities has continued supporting member cities in participating in multiple projects and initiatives.

Numbers do not always reflect the work of an organization. However, these figures attempt to enable an initial insight. The following pages of this report break down these numbers with in-depth information.

A platform for projects



1 City Development Strategy project launched



8* projects shortlisted by EU funding programs engaging 14 member municipalities

* 5 approved, 3 under evaluation



6 technical assistance actions to 6 member municipalities



7 international knowledge sharing events organized



medurbantools.com available in French



5 trainings addressing 33 member municipalities from 10 countries

A knowledge sharing network



A voice for Mediterranean local authorities



Engaging in 3 political processes



Participating in 4 international forums involving 7 member municipalities



2 declarations supported

A collaborative regional actor



Contribution to 2 regional actor's technical platforms

2 bilateral exchanges



4 new cities, raising the number of members to 61

A platform for projects

Promoting, implementing and assessing City Development Strategies in the Mediterranean

This year, MedCities has succeeded in securing a project within the framework of the “Local Authorities: Partnerships for sustainable cities” program of the European Commission (EuropeAID). “ASIMA Tunis: Strategic Planning and improved governance for a resilient metropolis” aims to strengthen multi-level governance in the city of Tunis by articulating the metropolitan actors around a city strategy and it will be coordinated by MedCities in partnership with the Municipality of Tunis and the Barcelona Metropolitan Area.

The project, which has a budget of 2.6 million euros and a duration of 48 months, aims to provide support to the city of Tunis in the definition of its strategic plan to face the metropolitan challenges of sustainable development, linking them with Agenda 2030. It also aims to strengthen the capacities of the Municipality of Tunis, in the implementation of policies to address the city environmental changes related to waste management, by promoting circular economy and waste recovery and valorisation.

To achieve these results, the project will foster cooperation between cities, generating a spill-over effect that will benefit other MedCities members, especially other Tunisian cities. It also aims to create long-term partnerships between its members as well as with other global metropolises, linked to the project through the Metropolis network.

The project launch is expected to be in November 2019 and a preparatory meeting was organized in late September 2019 with political and technical representatives of the Municipality of Tunis and relevant Tunisian stakeholders, active in urban planning and development.

This project will build upon the methodological inputs of USUDS and the Madinatouna project. As part of the latter, MedCities recently reviewed the methodological guidelines for the elaboration of City Development Strategies (CDS) in Tunisia, which was published by UNDP.

Providing technical assistance to members with the support of the territorial antennas

MedCities has offered continuous support to its members in defining and implementing tailor-made and focused interventions – “technical assistance actions” to improve city management. These are short scale activities with a strong component of capacity building. Throughout 2019, MedCities has supported six member cities through its Knowledge Transfer Centres (KTCs) in Al Fayhaa (Lebanon) and Sfax (Tunisia), launching and/or completing actions of technical assistance.



Aerial view of Sousse, Tunisia



VALORISATION OF URBAN RAINWATER
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Gabès **Tunisia**



LOCAL YOUTH COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE, SOCIAL COHESION
M'Saken **Tunisia**



PARKING AREA MANAGEMENT
MOBILITY
Sidi Bou Said **Tunisia**



GIS SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE (SAAS)
SMART CITIES AND INNOVATION
Al Fayhaa Urban Community, Tripoli **Lebanon**



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Koura **Lebanon**



AWARENESS RAISING IN SCHOOLS ON SORTING AT SOURCE
WASTE MANAGEMENT
Mennieh Union of Municipalities **Lebanon**



Tunis, Place de la Kasbah



Technical visit in Gabès

Finalisation of the technical assistance action in Gabès on rain water harvesting and valorisation

On 19 February 2019 a workshop was held in Gabès (Tunisia), with the aim to present the results of the situation analysis and benchmarking report produced by MedCities on management techniques for the valorisation of urban storm-water. This activity was part of the support that MedCities is providing Gabès with the implementation of its City Development Strategy, where water valorization and efficient management was previously identified as a strategic objective. The workshop gathered representatives of various local stakeholders involved in water management in order to define courses of action to be carried out in the short- and medium-term to optimize rainwater management in the city of Gabès.

An analysis on the current situation of rainwater drainage in the municipal territory of Gabès was presented, focusing on the need to control the flow of runoff water and to recharge groundwater. After an extensive and productive debate among local actors and the creation of a technical commission, a number of possible measures were identified and specific pilot actions were defined, and set to be implemented in the short-term, especially regarding storm-water roof harvesting, rainwater drainage interventions in areas of the city that represent important runoff locations and groundwater-recharge techniques.

Supporting M'Saken in the creation of the Local Youth Council

In May 2019, a new technical assistance program was launched to support the city of M'Saken (Tunisia) to enhance social cohesion, especially in the peripheral areas of the city, and to promote youth participation in municipal affairs and public life. This activity aligned with the priorities set out by the City Development Strategy elaborated via the Madinatouna project. MedCities is supporting the Municipality in establishing a Youth Local Council with the participation of local youth associations as well as young citizens between the age of 15 and 30. MedCities is offering methodological support and training for the creation of a consultative youth body in M'Saken. With the support of a local expert, and in a participatory way, during the rest of the year, an operational plan will be defined for the Local Youth Council and an action plan will be identified with the aim to enhance social cohesion and the sense of belonging through participation in public activities. The project, funded by the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD), also focuses on the exchange of experiences and practices. A representative of the city of M'Saken will participate in the 7th Meeting of the Mediterranean Citizen's Assembly Foundation, which will take place in November 2019 and will focus on youth in the Mediterranean region. Furthermore, a study visit with representatives of M'Saken has been organized in Barcelona at the end of the year



Setting the M'Saken Youth Council

Enhancing capacity for managing municipal parking areas in Sidi Bou Said

MedCities is providing support to the municipality of Sidi Bou Said in an innovative project that aims to control vehicle access to its old town and at organising and optimizing the parking facilities available in the city. The technical assistance action, currently under development, will develop a mobile application and back-office support which will allow, on the one hand, to assist the municipality in monitoring vehicle access to the historic centre (mainly vehicles related to merchants and restaurants) and on the other hand to know in real time the number of parking spaces available in the designated parking areas and to disseminate reliable information to vehicle drivers via billboards and a mobile application.



Meeting the Mayor of Tripoli during technical visit



Scheme of possible GIS system for Tripoli by Nexus Geographics



Assessing and enhancing Al Fayhaa' Geographical Information System (GIS)

MedCities is supporting the Urban Community of Al Fayhaa (UCF) in the reinforcement of their capacity on the use of IT to manage municipal services through more interactive and participatory technology. The action takes the municipality of Tripoli as a starting point, since it already has a developed GIS system in place despite it being outdated. A technical visit took place in September 2019 to take stock of the present system, layers and data, and of existing additional data that could be included as a layer. Also during the visit, different existing options were presented to upgrade to a cloud GIS system with SAAS (software as a service) possibilities, which could be linked to apps for continued use and updates. The result would be a selection of three possible options to further develop the GIS and execute the first phase of the procedure.

This process will also benefit technicians from the municipalities of El Mina, El-Beddawi and Qalamoon, members of the Urban Community of Al Fayhaa, through exchanges and participation in training sessions. The final objective is that this pilot action is subsequently adopted by the entire UCF.



Final event in Mennieh

Assessing and promoting a sustainable tourism offer in the Koura Municipalities Union

The action aims to enhance socio economic development in the Koura MU by providing technical support in the implementation of its development strategy. The technical assistance is focused on assessing and promoting its sustainable tourism offer thus fostering economic growth.

Starting in September 2019, the activities include the inventory of tourism assets and actors throughout the Union, a methodological proposal for the animation of a tourism board, and the proposal of three to five soft actions -within a given time frame and budget- which can address priorities set out in the KouraMU's development strategy. A first meeting of the tourism board and the implementation of one of the soft actions will bring to a close this technical assistance project early next year.

Finalisation of the sorting at source awareness raising campaign in the schools of Mennieh

In February 2019, MedCities participated in the final event of a technical assistance project in Mennieh which implemented an awareness-raising campaign in schools to emphasise the importance of sorting waste at source.

The final event, organised by the Union of Municipalities of Mennieh, gathered approximately 400 people, including the Head of the Education Department of North Lebanon, local authorities and representatives of participating schools. It was also an opportunity for groups of students who were involved in the campaign to present their creative uses for recycling, with prizes awarded to different projects.

The event, which enjoyed a large media coverage in North Lebanon, included the participation of the Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation, which provided financial support to the project in 2018.



Local school competition in Mennieh

Developing bilateral and multilateral cooperation projects

Pioneering Urban Actions on Accessibility in Tangier and Tétouan

The cooperation project on Urban Accessibility in the cities of Tangier and Tétouan "ACCESTT", launched in 2018 and finalised in April 2019 strengthened the capacity of both municipalities and their civil society associations to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

The project final event was held in Tangier, with the aim of fostering the exchange of knowledge and good practices on accessibility policies in Mediterranean municipalities, exhibiting the opportunities and responsibilities of local authorities in promoting accessibility in urban public spaces and facilities.

This seminar was also an opportunity to present the results of the ACCESTT project including the tools and pilot projects developed during the implementation under the coordination of MedCities and the leadership of the municipalities of Tangier and Tétouan, counting on the capacity of the Association 'Colombe Blanche' in Tétouan and the Union of Associations in Tangier to execute actions.

The main actions carried out during the project can be grouped in five axes:

- Training sessions on technical and legal accessibility within municipal technical teams, local authorities and civil society.
- Consultative spaces on accessibility. Support and strengthening.
- Exchange of knowledge and experience on urban and universal accessibility.
- Implementation of urban pilots.
- Development of guidelines on accessibility criteria, as a basis to promote municipal plans on universal accessibility.



A new ramp facilitates access to the Medina of Tétouan

The two pilot projects developed in Tangier and Tétouan are among the first experiences of urban transformation towards accessibility developed in these cities. In Tangier, an area has been transformed around a cultural centre that, as a significant element, has seen the installation of the first traffic lights with sound support for blind people in the north of Morocco, as well as all the technical implications in the traffic network that this encompasses.

In Tétouan, the intervention focused on historical heritage, the Bab Okla gate of the medina which in addition to its technical complexity, has had a great impact on pedestrian routes, since it is one of the busiest routes in the city.

The project highlights the common challenges and transfer opportunities on urban accessibility between Mediterranean cities, which must be taken into account when public policies are implemented seeking to promote better quality of life for all citizens.

The projects below are currently awarded or under evaluation.

Supporting energy transition efforts of Tunisian municipalities

In February 2019, MedCities launched a new project to enhance the capacity of Tunisian municipalities to undertake energy transition initiatives. Funded by the French Environment & Energy Management Agency (ADEME) and the Swiss platform REPIC (Renewable Energy, Energy and Resource Efficiency Promotion in International Cooperation) Rev'Acte (Réseau des villes alliées pour le climat et la transition énergétique) was implemented under the leadership of the National Agency for Energy Management in Tunisia and the coordination of Ide-e. Rev'Acte is a network comprised by technical and political representatives of the cities of Tunis, Sfax, Sousse, Nabeul, Bizerte, Mahdia and Tozeur who will be working on the following four thematic areas: urban mobility, public lighting, eco-construction and the energy efficiency of buildings, and alternative energy production.

On 4 April 2019, the network launched its first common activity which brought together seven municipalities in order to facilitate the capitalisation and dissemination of their pilot initiatives, the transfer of skills and the exchange of experiences and tools. The first meeting focused on identifying the technological status of each municipality by sharing the results and tools of ongoing and finalized projects, as well as on drawing out the priority axes of intervention by highlighting the motivations, objectives and needs for technical assistance and training. During the following months, the project partners identified an action plan for each working group with specific activities and deliverables to implement upon its finalisation, in November 2020, validated by the network in July 2019.



Rev'Acte: Tunisian municipalities meeting

A study visit was also organised for July 2019 in order to get an insight on the technical conditions of the photovoltaic installation project in the city of Nabeul, intended to be used for public lighting in the municipal building. In the following months, the project has planned for the organisation of technical trainings and seminars and well as the organisation of the first regional study visit for the exchange of practices and experiences with other Mediterranean countries. Furthermore, the project will accompany network members in the elaboration of small projects and the implementation of short-scale technical assistance actions.

Promoting ecotourism and territorial branding in two Lebanese cities

MedCities, with funding from the Municipality of Barcelona, launched in March 2019 a new project, implemented in the Municipality of Zgharta Ehdem and the Union of Municipalities of Jezzine. "TerBrand: Empowering Mediterranean Municipalities in branding their territorial added value" aims to reinforce the role of local authorities in promoting sustainable and alternative tourism as a driver of economic activity in their territories, by coordinating local tourism actors and directing them towards a common territorial vision.

The project has already launched a process of participatory definition of the territorial branding and communication strategy of Zgharta Ehdem, with the support of marketing and territorial development experts. It finished in October 2019 and in the following months, it will produce concrete communication material and implement marketing actions stemming from the strategy. In Jezzine, the project focused on implementing some of the strategic communication activities already identified by the territory, such as the participation in tourism exhibitions or the implementation of targeted promotional actions, which took place in July and August 2019.

In the following months, the project will support the municipalities involved by identifying new tourist products, through consultation with stakeholders in order to diversify the touristic offer and combat the negative effects of seasonality. To do so, a strong component of capacity building and knowledge exchange was included in the project. In October 2019, a Lebanese delegation from the TerBrand beneficiary cities visited the Metropolitan Municipality of Izmir in order to exchange experiences in the promotion of agrotourism, the diversification of touristic activities and the creation of public private bodies for destination management (DMO). In that sense, in order to reinforce the capacities of municipalities to implement public-private partnerships around the local tourism boards, the technical support of the Tourism Board of Barcelona will be mobilised until the end of the project.



Example of coastal urbanisation problems in Almería (photo: MITECO)

Contributing to coastal protection strategies for Málaga, Cádiz and Almería

The Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition (MITECO) launched in March a project to take an integrated approach to the design of coastal protection strategies for the Andalusian provinces of Almería, Cádiz and Málaga.

The project is being implemented by an international consortium led by the Coastal and Marine Union (EUCC) and which, along with MedCities, includes the Environmental Hydraulics Institute (IH Cantabria) and the University of Cádiz. Working alongside MITECO for a period of over 24 months, the group will carry out a diagnosis, an analysis of possible scenarios and risk-reduction options and the design of coastal protection strategies.

The project will consider physical, environmental, socio-economic and institutional factors related to coastline evolution and erosion, flooding and the effects of climate change. MedCities is leading the communication and stakeholder-participation components of the project, which will involve the engagement of key actors at municipal level, including the Municipality of Málaga, a MedCities member.

MedCities is currently engaged in the definition of a similar project for the Balearic Islands, in which engaging the city of Palma, also a MedCities member, is of particular interest.

The project is supported financially by the Structural Reform Support Service of the EU.

Finalisation of the project “Vous en dire long sur la Médina de Tunis »

The Association for the Safeguarding of the Medina of Tunis successfully finalised the project “Vous en dire long sur la Médina de Tunis” with a closing ceremony that took place on 1 July 2019. The project was funded by the Provincial Council of Barcelona with the mediation of the MedCities network. The project was launched in the summer of 2017 with the aim of preserving and enhancing the architectural, urban and cultural heritage of the historical centre of Tunis, with the active participation of the civil society and the involvement of the local population. The project contributed to improving the visibility of the Medina of Tunis as a cultural platform that attracts both visitors and potential investors. In order to do so, the project highlighted the added value of the city centre's rich heritage, by using information and communication technologies, elaborating materials that illustrate the main historic buildings, the cultural spaces and the handcraft and creative sector workshops as well as by suggesting new thematic circuits for visitors.

Launch of TangerAccueil, a project for the improvement of the capacity for migrant reception and integration in Tangier (Morocco)

MedCities has launched a new project for the “Promotion of partnerships for the reception and integration of immigrants in the city of Tangier (TangerAccueil)”. Launched in August 2019, TangerAccueil falls under the MC2CM - Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Program, managed by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, UCLG and UN Habitat. The project seeks to improve the capacities of the city of Tangier in order to cope with the arrival of displaced population and migrants by creating a service of first reception in order to facilitate their knowledge of rights and services and access to them. The project is led by MedCities and is implemented locally in cooperation with the Municipality of Tangier. The project also has a strong component of capacity building through peer-to-peer cooperation with the Municipality of Barcelona, which will participate in knowledge sharing activities and by exchanging experiences in migrant reception.



Recycling cages and containers ready to be distributed in Al Fayhaa

Finalisation of Integrated Solid Waste Management in Al Fayhaa (ISWMF) and launch of the second phase

Launched in 2016 under the initiative of MedCities, the ISWMF project came to its conclusion in March of 2019. Since then, the second phase was launched, with funding from the Catalan Agency of Development Cooperation (ACCD). In February 2019 a joint mission was organised with ACCD, the Catalan Waste Agency, the Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation and MedCities in order to discuss the operational plan of the pilot projects of selective waste collection in four areas of Al Fayhaa and in 15 schools. Recycling cages and containers were distributed to citizens, shops and schools in the pilot areas and selective collection was launched in the last months of the project. Furthermore, a second line for the treatment of waste separated at source was created and adequately equipped in the waste treatment plant of Al Fayhaa in order to take advantage of the added value of correctly separated recyclables. Also, a coordination initiative was launched in Al Fayhaa between the urban community and environmental civil society organisations in order to boost cooperation and exchange imports among the stakeholders active in the promotion of recycling and waste valorisation. Lastly, in March 2019 MedCities participated in the presentation to the President and the technical staff of the Urban Community of Al Fayhaa of the strategic plans on waste management prepared by the project “Collection and Transfer Plan, the Treatment and Disposal Plan and the Plan for Sweeping and Street Cleaning”. The second phase of the project (ISWMF2), launched in October 2019, will allow to consolidate the results, reinforce the capacities of local civil society organisations and the municipalities of Al Fayhaa in the implementation of waste-valorisation initiatives and monitor the impact of the project in the territory.



Bizerte, Tunisia

Succeeding to engage in new projects under EU funded initiatives

MedCities has been particularly successful in the last two calls for projects launched by EU Interreg Med Programme engaging several member cities. In regard to the thematic horizontal projects, MedCities has joined successful proposals to continue engaged in the Biodiversity Protection and Urban Transport Communities, undertaking the role of project leader for the latter. Concerning the last call for “modular” projects, MedCities is engaged as a leader of the capitalisation component of two awarded projects in which several member cities are also participating, one addressing sustainable tourism in islands and on the other blue economy. All four projects were launched in November 2019.

In 2019, MedCities submitted several multilateral cooperation projects for funding and fostered access to these funding mechanisms for its members.

Particularly relevant is the submission and approval of the project “ASIMA Tunis: Strategic Planning and improved governance for a resilient metropolis” within the framework of the “Local Authorities: Partnerships for

sustainable cities” program of the European Commission (EuropeAID) which MedCities will lead in partnership with the Municipality of Tunis and the Barcelona Metropolitan Area. The network was moreover present in the new call for strategic projects, launched by ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme, by participating as a partner in two proposals - one related to supporting the access of NEETs and women to the labour market and the other on energy efficiency in public buildings. MedCities fostered the participation of five of its members to this call's projects.

Furthermore, MedCities, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona and in partnership with the city of Gabès (Tunisia), submitted for funding a proposal to promote the management and valorisation of urban rainwater to the EU's development cooperation agency.

The projects below are currently awarded or under evaluation.



URBAN TRANSPORTS

Lead partner

URBAN MOBILITY

BARCELONA METROPOLITAN AREA (AMB)
SFAX
IZMIR
AL FAYHAA
AGADIR



BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION COMMUNITY

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

MARSELLA



INCIRCLE

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN ISLANDS

PALMA
LARNACA



BLUEFASMA

BLUE ECONOMY

LARNACA
BARCELONA METROPOLITAN AREA (AMB)



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TUNIS
BARCELONA METROPOLITAN AREA (AMB)
BARCELONA



VALEUR-GABÉS

URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT

GABÉS
BARCELONA METROPOLITAN AREA (AMB)



A knowledge-sharing network

Promoting capitalization and knowledge events for our members

MedCities continues the implementation of the PANACeA project with a focus on transferring results

In 2019, MedCities continued its contribution to the Interreg MED Horizontal Project PANACeA which brings together the Biodiversity Protection Community (BPC) under the leadership of the University of Málaga (ETC-UMA).

MedCities focuses its contribution to the community building and capitalization components of the project. In this respect, in 2019, MedCities lead the working group related to emerging pressures such as marine litter and climate change, especially with regard to the development of joint reports and capitalisation events. MedCities organised a PANACeA session at the International Forum on Marine Litter and Circular Economy -MARLICE- in Seville (Spain) during the month of April with the support of UNEP MAP among others. The session aimed at showcasing the results of the projects that addressed this issue within the BPC and debated about the pending challenges as the way forward taking policy, science and management priorities into account.

In May, an open event in Rome gathered approximately 80 Mediterranean actors to discuss ecosystem-based responses to Mediterranean biodiversity challenges aiming to foster multi-sectoral and multi-level cooperation. MedCities organised the practical session to showcase the tools being developed and applied by the community. On a national scale, MedCities and ETC-UMA, with the support of the Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition (MITECO) brought together over 40 key national actors in the month of May to explore synergies with state initiatives and uptake the results of BPC projects.

MedCities has, in this context, encouraged its members to support the Declaration on “Ecosystem-based approaches for biodiversity protection and management in the Mediterranean”. The Declaration stems from a collaboration between the BPC and the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup (SEARICA) and is a consensus statement towards understanding and managing transboundary and cumulative impacts on Mediterranean ecosystems. Addressing various sectors of society – from public, national, regional and local authorities to research and academic institutions, NGOs and the private sector – the declaration was signed during the final PANACeA Conference in Málaga (14 - 16 October) - which gathered approximately 100 representatives from different Mediterranean institutions and organisations to debate on effective collaboration mechanisms for a more integrated management of natural resources. MedCities was in charge of moderating the session about the urgency to balance blue growth and the conservation of the coastal and marine ecosystems which underpin it. The event also provided the opportunity to jointly identify the most urgent actions to be carried out on different political levels in order to foster the necessary transformative changes to ensure a future for Mediterranean ecosystems, all of which will be addressed during the next phase of the project. The MedCities Secretariat, together with the cities of Málaga and Marseille took part in the official signing ceremony endorsing the declaration.



Ceremony of signature of the biodiversity protection declaration at Malaga City Council.

GOSUMP and MedCities lead and contribute to transfer and capitalisation events of the Mediterranean Urban Transports Community

As a partner of the Interreg MED Horizontal Project GO SUMP which launched the Urban Transports Community (UTC), MedCities has contributed in 2019 to the coordination of several technical events on the subject of urban mobility in the Mediterranean area.

On 27-29 March, the UTC attended in Nicosia (Cyprus), the CIRCLE2019 (Challenges for the Islands in the era of the Circular Economy) and SMILE2019 (6th Sustainable Mobility & Intelligent Transport Conference) conferences organised by the Cypriot Ministry of Transport, Communication and Works. As well as being an interesting stage to showcase the results of the modular projects, the community made use of the occasion to hold a TechCamp – a workshop which presents and tests the ICT tools developed within the Urban Transports Community and further experiences among participating stakeholders. The seminar included two sessions: an introduction to the activities deployed by modular Pprojects supported by ICT technologies, and a testing session which showcased a data collection app and urban modelling software.

The project’s final event took place on 17-19 September as part of the European Mobility Week, hosted by Málaga City Council. For two days during the conference, the results and lessons learnt from the modular projects, as well as those by the UTC were transferred. Participants further engaged in the validation of the policy recommendations stemming from the experience of the last three years. MedCities presented the key elements and aspirations for the next phase of the project, which the organisation will be leading for the next 32 months.



GO SUMP final event at the Observatory for Urban Environment in Malaga



Expanding the scope and contents of the platform www.medurbantools.com

This year, MedCities continued to extend and enhance MedUrbanTools, the knowledge-sharing platform on urban development in the Mediterranean managed by MedCities, which is now able to reach a much wider audience interested in sustainability in the Mediterranean region. The highlight was the launch in February of a French-language version of the website.

MedUrbanTools is a resource for all those interested in urban development - including local authorities, development agencies, researchers and NGOs, and it contains three main types of content: voices (expert interviews), cases (examples of innovative urban development) and tools (resources aimed at supporting the improvements in urban strategies and management). Gathering together experiences and instruments from projects and initiatives from all around the Mediterranean region, the platform addresses all key urban issues, from mobility to economic development and, from culture and identity to environment and climate change.

In addition to the launch of the French-language version, the content of MedUrbanTools has also been expanded, with the addition of over 30 new tools which provide practical guidance and support to those engaging in urban development projects on a wide range of themes, such as water-use efficiency, migrant integration and the promotion of sustainable tourism.

Furthermore, the synergies with GO SUMP project facilitated the creation of a new section dedicated to section on Mediterranean urban transport, which increases the thematic resources of the platform whilst supporting the capitalization of project results among Mediterranean urban experts and municipalities.

MedUrbanTools is designed to be an easy-to-use and practical resource, which collects knowledge and experience from a wide range of sources, updated continuously to reflect innovations and good practices in the field.

Strengthen capacity-building of member cities

In 2019 MedCities and its KTCs continued engaging member cities in training sessions on targeted strategic topics. During this period up to 33 member cities from 10 countries benefited from these activities, strengthening the capacity to address topics such as energy transition, territorial branding, good municipal governance and urban mobility.



Tripoli, Lebanon



REV'ACTE

IMPLEMENTING ENERGY TRANSITION
Tunis, Sfax, Sousse, Nabeul, Bizerte and Mahdia **Tunis**



TERBRAND

TERRITORIAL BRANDING AND COMMUNICATION RELATED TO RURAL AND MOUNTAIN TOURISM
Zgharta-Ehden **Lebanon**



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TRAINING ON SKILLS FOR ENHANCED LOCAL GOVERNANCE, INCLUDING TRANSPARENCY, QUALITY CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, LEADERSHIP, PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS Sidi Bou Said
All Lebanese member cities (13) **Lebanon**



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDRAISING CAPACITY TO FULFIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS
As-Salt, Jerash and Zarqa **Jordan**



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Cycle road map dedicated to promoting cycling

Name: Rhodes Public Transport Information System

Description: The App gives information about the Rhodes Municipality bus schedule and traffic situation

Utilities
• bus schedule
• traffic information

Operating system
Android/iOS

Updating at 2019
version 3.1.2

Language
ita/eng

Availability
free/paid

Developer/Manager
RSDA transportation company

and/information

ACTION PLAN OF "SUSTAINABLE ELECTRO-MOBILITY PLANS"

ICT & Electromobility, Mobility,
Tools, Utc

HANDBOOK ON SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IN THE MED AREA

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Managerial training on the definition of energy transition projects (Rev'ACTE project)

The first managerial training on the elaboration of energy transition projects took place on the 3-4 July and was organised by the Rev'ACTE network, under the leadership of the National Agency for Energy Management in Tunisia and coordinated by Ide-e with the support of MedCities. It aimed to strengthen the capacities of the seven local authorities engaged in the project to address the implementation of energy transition. During the training session the project's four thematic working groups focused on setting up energy projects, especially in regard to identifying objectives, results and planning activities. This training session is the first of four "managerial" training modules for municipal project leaders set out in the project.



Rev'acte workshop in Sousse



Rev'acte technical visit to solar energy installations

Training on territorial branding and communication (TerBrand project)

Within the framework of the TerBrand project, funded by the Municipality of Barcelona, a training session took place on 10 July on the notion and concept of territorial branding and communication related to rural and mountain tourism, targeting five representatives of the Municipality of Zgharta Ehden and 14 stakeholders from the region's tourist sector, with the presence of experts from Lebanon and other countries. The aim of the workshop was to raise awareness on the importance and impact of territorial branding on a territory and its identity. Moreover, it was an opportunity to discuss the Zgharta-Ehden case in order to collect inputs from local stakeholders related to their perception of the territory and its assets. The workshop was strongly focused on the concept of rural and mountain tourism and the challenges and opportunities that it presents for Lebanon. This was the beginning of a series of capacity building activities to be implemented by the TerBrand project.

Next, a study visit delegation was hosted by the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality (Turkey), on 1-2 October, with the participation of a representative each from the Municipality of Zgharta Ehden and the Union of Jezzine Municipalities, as well as a representative of each of the region's tourism stakeholders. The delegation was accompanied by the MedCities KTC and MedCities General Secretariat. The objective of the visit was the exchange of experiences regarding territorial promotion and communication but in particular to gain an insight of the diversification of the tourism actions being carried out in Izmir through the promotion of nature and of rural and agricultural food tourism in the area. The mission was an opportunity to benefit from the Izmir's gained experience in similar projects and to discuss the challenges and advantages of public private partnership. The latter is an issue that will be explored further in the coming months in cooperation with the Municipality of Barcelona, funder of the project, and Barcelona tourism board.

Building municipal skills for enhanced local governance in Lebanon

MedCities and KTC Al Fayhaa launched in 2019 a training cycle aiming to reinforce technical capacities to perform administrative and management responsibilities in a sound and transparent manner, strengthening accountability towards citizens. The training, session, hosted by the municipality of Jounieh, will cover three thematic blocks: "Quality and transparency on provision of municipal services"; "Communication, leadership and anti-rumour strategies" and "Public governance, citizen participation and social inclusion". The session, to which all 13 Lebanese members have confirmed their attendance, will take place in the months of October and November in four separate sessions, one per week. This action is being supported financially by the Catalan Agency for Development and Cooperation.



Training session in Jounieh



Participants to first training session in Jounieh

The Urban Training centre in Jordan

MedCities has continued to support Jordanian municipalities in bridging the gap between available resources to face environmental challenges and the local capacity to access and manage those funds.

Starting in 2018 and joining forces with the AMB, who is supporting activities in the area, the "Urban Training Centre" (UTC) - conceived not as a building but as a series of capacity-building actions addressed toward Jordanian municipalities - has provided training sessions on improving the efficiency of waste-collection routes. A second training session was hosted by Zarqa in October and both trainings - financially supported by the Catalan Agency of Cooperation and Development - increased the technical ability of municipal staff to obtain resources to fulfil interlocal development plans through enhanced fundraising knowledge and skills.

MedCities envisions the UTC as a stable training program addressed to policy makers and technical staff. It is also a platform for technical trainings, intersectoral cooperation and to improve transparency in data sharing and soft skills, aiding municipalities by aligning local activities to contribute to national strategies. Zarqa, As-Salt and Jerash are the three Jordanian members of the Association engaged in these activities. UTC activities also include non-member municipalities such as Madaba, Ajloun, Irbid and Mafraq.

Training on sustainable mobility for Mediterranean cities

Last 12-13 June, as part of the transfer and capitalisation activities of the GO SUMP project, MedCities set up a series of high-level training sessions on sustainable mobility. It was attended by experts on mobility services from over 20 Mediterranean cities, representing 12 different countries, including municipal teams from 12 MedCities member cities. The aim of the training sessions was to strengthening technical capacities and foster the transferability of piloted urban practices, from the Interreg MED Urban Transport Community (MED-UTC) towards new cities interested in the process of exchanging mobility tools and good practices.

The session was structured around two topics: "Financing Sustainable Mobility", which included panels covering both the most innovative concepts and the most consolidated mechanisms for financing sustainable mobility; and "Mobility & Tourism Nexus", a session attended by pioneering experts in the fields of urban tourism mobility regulations and strategies who presented methodological concepts and experiences in municipal management related to their field of expertise.

The conference came to a close with "peer to peer" sessions between cities from different areas of the Mediterranean region, sharing their best practices and tools through that favoured the transfer of knowledge and the study of potential for replication in new urban contexts.



GO SUMP Peer-to-peer session

A collaborative regional actor

Participating in permanent technical platforms on sustainable urban development

MedCities joins the Network of Mediterranean Urban Planners, launched by AVITEM

On 16-17 May MedCities participated in a workshop on city-port relations which gathered experts and representatives throughout the Mediterranean region, to discuss the multifunctional and versatile role of Mediterranean ports. MedCities contributed to the workshop by discussing on the territorial dynamics induced by port reconversion projects, focusing more specifically on the interactions between the city and the port, considered both an actor and a territorial asset, within the frame of their urban development strategies. Furthermore, a representative of the city of Saida (Lebanon), a network member city, presented and exchanged their vision of the city in regard to the reallocation of its commercial port and the valorisation of its fishing port and waterfront has turned it into a multifunctional public and economic space.



« Port-Ville ; Ville-Port »



MedCities represented by its President at the SDG16+ Technical Consultation in Tunis

In March, the Mayor of Tétouan and President of MedCities, Mohamed Idaomar, participated in the SDG+16 technical Consultation held in Tunisia. Within the framework of the series of regional technical consultations organized in different countries involving the Government of Tunisia, UNDP, the Global Alliance for SDG 16 and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the debates gathered regional and national representatives from local authorities, associations of local authorities, civil society organizations and opinion leaders from countries in the Arab region, Africa, Europe and Latin America. These shared good practices and lessons learned in the localization, implementation, monitoring and reporting of SDG 16, especially in the promotion of inclusive and sensitive institutions on an infranational level.

The President of MedCities underlined the importance of implementing local plans, which are fundamental to an increasingly inclusive territorial approach to development, thus reducing inequalities in the access to infrastructure and opportunities in cities. However, he reiterated the need to show citizens the human and financial resources available to cities in order to meet their needs and involve them in strategic planning options.

Fostering bilateral exchanges among its members

From 30 September to 3 October, a mission was organised in the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality within the framework of the TerBrand project, with the participation of representatives from the Municipality of Zgharta Ehden and the Union of Municipalities of Jezzine, as well as representing representative of each tourism stakeholder of each region. Accompanied by staff of MedCities KTC in Al Fayhaa and General Secretariat, the objective of the mission was to transfer the experience of the Izmir Metropolitan Municipality in the implementation of policies for the promotion and communication



Training in Izmir

of its territory as well as to get an insight on relevant projects aiming to diversify the tourist offer in Izmir through the promotion of nature and rural and agro-cultural food tourism. The two days of meetings and visits allowed participants to visit relevant sites, such as the Peninsula project, and to understand the public and private cooperation efforts to promote the territory and its attractions. Furthermore, the partners of the TerBrand project will benefit from a technical exchange with the Tourism Board of Barcelona, which will address its technical and financial design as a public, private and community-based initiative which structures tourist promotion and activity in the territory.



Exchanging experiences in Izmir

A voice for Mediterranean local authorities

Participating in political processes at a regional level

MedCities is cofounder of the Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance alongside CRPM-InterMediterranean Commission, Arc Llatí, Euroregió Pirineus Mediterrània and Euroregione Adriatico Ionica.

On 4 February, MedCities joined a new initiative to promote cooperation and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region by signing the Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance Joint Declaration. This declaration aims to bring together the main networks of local and regional governments in the Mediterranean region to work together on joint projects while, at the same time, valuing the varying strategies and cooperation initiatives being developed in the region. Promoted by the Intermediterranean Commission of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), it was also signed by the Pyrenees-Mediterranean Euroregion, the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion and Latin Arc, whilst also receiving the support of the Union for the Mediterranean. In October, the MedCities President and secretary general reinforced the support to the Alliance by participating in a parallel event of the European Week of Regions and Cities called "The future of the Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean and the Med alliance, integrating strategies for sustainable development and cohesion after 2020". The MedCities President stressed the urgency to strengthen the role of local governments in the region through the implementation of concrete projects and capacity building of municipalities.



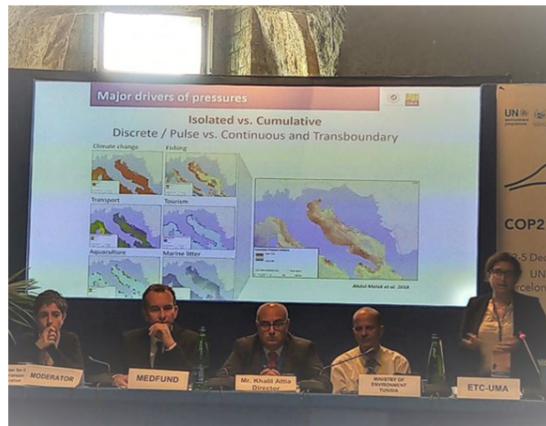
Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance meeting in Brussels

MedCities participated in the 18th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCS D)

On 11-13 June, MedCities participated in the 18th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development (MCS D), held in Budva (Montenegro). The MCS D is part of the framework of the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP MAP), and it brings together signatory states of the Barcelona Convention and relevant stakeholders linked to environmental protection in the Mediterranean region. MedCities has been a member of the Commission for the past three terms (six years), representing local and regional authorities. MedUrbanTools - the knowledge-sharing platform on urban development in the Mediterranean managed by MedCities - is one of the 11 flagship initiatives of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development for the 2016-2025 period.



Secretary General speech in the COP21 meeting in Naples



Speakers in COP21, Naples

Contributing to the UNEP MAP COP 21 Ministerial declaration

MedCities actively was engaged in the consultative process for the UNEP MAP COP21 convention that will bring together the signatory states of the Barcelona Convention/Mediterranean Action Plan on 2-5 December in Naples (Italy). Apart from the aforementioned 18th Meeting of the MCS D, MedCities participated in the Regional Stakeholders Consultation meeting on 24-25 October 2019 in Athens. Mr. Josep Canals, MedCities Secretary General put into attention the lack of the mention of the role that the Local Authorities are playing in the struggle against the Climate Emergency whilst renewing the commitment of our cities in working alongside the states to address this huge challenge.

This meeting contribute to the preparation on the COP21 Ministerial Declaration that was hold last December. There, the strategic actions and policies of the MAP Barcelona Convention were set out. Some examples are: increasing the enviromental protection of the Mediterranean Sea and costal zones, as well as to contribute to the sustainable development ot the region in the next biennium and beyon.

COP21 delivered a Ministerial Declaration as the forward-looking political guidance to the MAP system, particulary in view of the definition of the Mid Term Strategy 2022-2027.

Promoting the interests of local authorities in international forums at a regional level

Addressing sustainability in the "Built Environment"

On 16 May, in collaboration with the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Program, MedCities organised a roundtable on sustainable planning and management in Mediterranean cities within the framework of the conference "International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment" held in Scilla (Italy).

Participating in the roundtable were the MedCities member cities Sousse and Sant Cugat del Vallès (which is part of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona), as well as AVITEM (Agency for Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Territories). They presented examples of innovative measures in public lighting, circular economy, mobility and energy efficiency in public buildings. These will shortly be included in the MedUrbanTools knowledge sharing platform.

Organizing a thematic session for the upcoming UCLG World Congress "Built Environment"

MedCities organised a single session within the 6th Congress of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders that which will take place on 11-15 November 2019 in Durban (South Africa). Under the theme "Territorial, Multilevel Governance and Sustainable Financing" and the "Local4Action" track, the session will bring together MedCities member representatives and other Mediterranean and global actors. Under the title "The Mediterranean local accent in global governance", the session will aim to contribute to relaunching a political voice on a local level from the Mediterranean region.



The mayors of Izmir, Tunis and Dannieh at the UCLG world congress in Durban.



Stressing the need to foster decentralisation at the European Week of Regions and Cities

The European Week of Regions took place on 7-10 October in Brussels gathering a large number of cities and regions that showcased their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy and prove the importance of local and regional levels for good European governance. The MedCities secretary general spoke during the presentation “Empowering territories for a sustainable future for the Mediterranean”, in which he highlighted the need to provide local administrations with practical tools to build capacity and policy recommendations to address pressing challenges. This is part of the role that MedCities has played in the Interreg MED horizontal projects Go-SUMP and PANACeA. MedCities stressed the need for decentralisation and citizen engagement in the whole region in order to be able to act on an appropriate scale. It’s especially local governments that can understand and resolve the local problems, being the first door of call for citizens.

Strengthening the association

Appointment of the new Secretary General

In June 2019 Mr. Josep Canals Molina was appointed Secretary General by the Medcities Board of Directors, replacing Xavier Tiana Casablanca who served in its position with dedication and success this position for over three years, consolidating MedCities as an association. This marks a change of mandate in which different challenges will need to be addressed. Mr. Canals is an ecologist with a master degree in land and urban planning with strong expertise in both public space and waste management. He gained his experience while assisting as counselor mayors, as the one of Bogota, Colombia and later, as a mayor himself. These periods gave him key abilities in public governance.

During the past few months, Canals has focused his efforts on meeting a wide range of actors to introduce himself as new Secretary General, in order to increase the visibility of MedCities work and to strengthen institutional relations, thus creating binding new partnerships. This includes institutional meetings with members



The Secretary General in the European Week of Regions.

that provide structural support, such as the AMB and the city of Barcelona, mayors from cities as Málaga and Tunis, networks such as Metropolis and Cities Alliance, the Government of Catalonia, institutions such as the Union for Mediterranean, the European Institute for the Mediterranean, the Institute for Catalan Studies, the European Commission representation in Barcelona and potential donors such as the FC Barcelona Foundation. Furthermore, he has actively participated in international meetings of relevance to the network such as the European Week of Cities and Regions, the Annual Conference of the Mediterranean Commission of the European League for Economic Co-operation (ELEC), the World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and the Regional Stakeholders Meeting for the preparation of the UNEP MAP COP21 Ministerial Declaration on environmental protection in the Mediterranean region.

To excel in management and transparency standards

MedCities has shown a high level of transparency in its internal management. There is an internal procedure in accordance with current law that guarantees equal opportunities and the optimization of resources for any external provider that chooses to provide its services to MedCities. The internal personnel hiring processes are also standardized, applying a transparent and equitable management model.

To comply with all of this, MedCities keeps the association’s website updated, making it the main tool for better transparency and where all relevant documents, news and information are published.

Partnering with other institutions

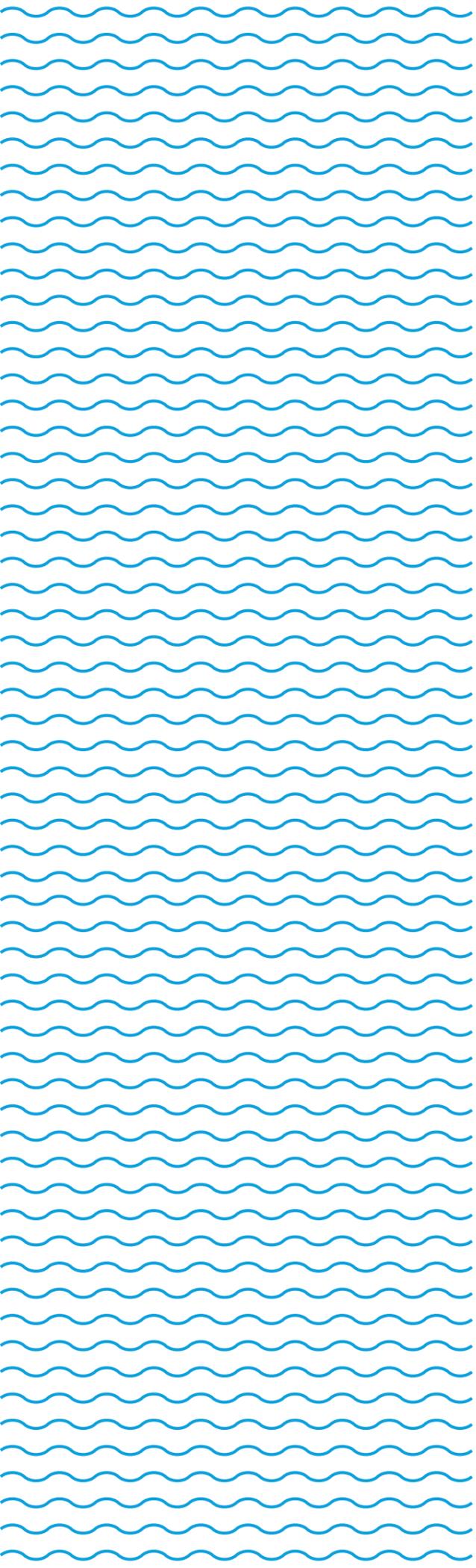
MedCities operates as a reliable and cooperative actor together with other institutions working on urban sustainable development in the region. During this year 2019, MedCities has cooperated in projects and activities with different institutions:





Members

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| 02 Alexandria (Egypt) | 18 El Minah (Lebanon) | 33 Málaga (Spain) | 48 Saida (Lebanon) |
| 03 Al Fayhaa, Urban Community (Lebanon) | 19 F'nideq (Morocco) | 34 Marseille (France) | 49 Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) |
| 04 Ancona (Italy) | 20 Gabes (Tunisia) | 35 Martil (Morocco) | 50 Sfax (Tunisia) |
| 05 Antalya (Turkey) | 21 Ganziantep (Turkey) | 36 M'Diq (Morocco) | 51 Sidi Bou Said (Tunisie) |
| 06 As-Salt (Jordan) | 22 Gaza (Palestine) | 37 M'Diq-Fnideq, Union of Municipalities (Morocco) | 52 Sousse (Tunisia) |
| 07 Barcelona (Spain) | 23 Izmir (Turkey) | 38 Minieh, Union of Municipalities (Lebanon) | 53 Tangier (Morocco) |
| 08 Barcelona, Metropolitan Area (Spain) | 24 Jbeil (Byblos), (Lebanon) | 39 Menzel Bourghiba (Tunisia) | 54 Tataouine (Tunisia) |
| 09 Batroun (Lebanon) | 25 Jerash, Municipality of Greater (Jordan) | 40 Mersin (Turkey) | 55 Tétouan (Morocco) |
| 10 Batroun, Union of Municipalities (Lebanon) | 26 Jezzine, Union of Municipalities (Lebanon) | 41 Monastir (Tunisia) | 56 Tirana (Albania) |
| 11 Benghazi (Lybia) | 27 Jounieh (Lebanon) | 42 Montpellier (France) | 57 Tripoli (Lebanon) |
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| 14 Dannieh, Union of Municipalities (Lebanon) | 30 Larnaka (Cyprus) | 45 Oran (Algeria) | 60 Zarqa, Municipality of Greater (Jordan) |
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