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Social and Intercultural Dialogue through Governance for Local development: Mediterranean Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture (UPA)

The project aims at fighting social exclusion and poverty through improving the governance process for local development by promoting social and peri-urban areas in the participating countries: Al-Balqa (Jordan), Rome (Italy), Mahdia (Tunisia) and Barcelona (Spain).

The project will implement a governance system to create a dialogue through formal organizational structures set up between the public, NGO/Associations and private citizens in the realm of UPA. Social exclusion will find an answer in social and intercultural dialogue as an avenue towards the resolution of poverty’s consequences. Groups at risk of social exclusion will be provided with opportunities to render them self-sufficient, through UPA mechanisms adaptable for each local context.

General objective:
To promote social and intercultural dialogue through cross-border cooperation in the realm of local Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture (UPA) related governance issues.

Specific objective:
Improve capabilities of Project Partner Cities and Public administration towards implementing governance policies and strategies on local "UPA". Such policies should be aimed at: - Promoting social and intercultural dialogue; - Fighting social exclusion and poverty in cities.

Project budget:
Total budget of the project: 1.998.646,60 €

Amount of the EU contribution: 1.798.781,94 € (90%)

Project duration:
24 months (November 2013 - November 2015)

Main expected results:

- Planning and implementation of four strategic UPA plans to fight urban exclusion and poverty.
- Implementation of joint UPA governance committees with private/public sector members in four areas.
- Social and intercultural dialogue; - Fighting social exclusion and poverty in cities.
- Increase in UPA fields in three areas employing marginal community members for commercial aims.
- Mediterranean dissemination of project results to other cities from the MEDCITIES and ESMO network.
- Increased capacity of Public Administration cultural mediators (of Rome, BMA, Mahdia and Balga) to promote social and intercultural dialogue and support UPA governance processes.

Partners:
The Royal Botanic Garden (Al-Balqa’, Jordan);
Roma Municipality Department for Environmental Conservation (Lazio, Italy);
Mahdia Municipality (Mahdia, Tunisia);
ESMO S.r.l. (Lazio, Italy);
Barcellona Metropolitan Area (Cataluña, Spain);
Forestry Department of Al-Balqa’-Ministry of Agriculture (National Ministry, Jordan)

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