

## Summary of Medcities General Assembly 2014

The General Assembly of MedCities for 2014 was held in Izmir the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with the participation of representatives of the following cities:

- **Mostafa El Yassa**, Deputy Mayor in charge of Urban Planning, Municipality of Agadir
- **Betül Uslu Kulleş**, Director of International Relations, Metropolitan Municipality of Antalya
- **Antonio Romero**, Head of Mediterranean Program, Directorate of Int. Relations, Municipality of Barcelona
- **Jordi Portabella**, Vice-president, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- **Mohamed Riadh Lazem**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Bizerte
- **Ralph Saliba**, Council Member, Municipality of Jbeil/Byblos
- **Mohamed Sefiani**, Mayor, Municipality of Chefchaouen
- **Mokhtar Jamei**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Djerba
- **Andro Vlahusic**, Mayor, Municipality of Dubrovnik
- **Ramzi Nohra**, Governor, North Lebanon Governorate and Mayor of Municipality of El Mina
- **Adel Hadj Yahia**, President of the Urban Planning Commission, Municipality of Gabès
- **Aziz Kocaoglu**, Mayor, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality
- **Andreas Karakatsanis**, Chief Municipal Engineer, Municipality of Larnaka
- **Lassaad El Gdhami**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Kairouan
- **Hassine Hammouda**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Mahdia
- **María del Carmen García Peña**, Director, CIEDES Foundation (Málaga)
- **Imen Noura**, Vice-president of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Monastir
- **Mohammad Al-Seoudi**, Mayor, Municipality of Saida
- **Mabrouk Kossentini**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Sfax
- **Mohamed Raouf Dakhlaoui**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Sidi Bou Said
- **Mohamed Mokni**, President of the Special Delegation, Municipality of Sousse
- **Aziz Zaidi**, Head of External Relations and Protocol, Municipality of Tanger
- **Mohamed Idaomar**, Mayor, Municipality of Tetouan – President of MedCities

- **Henrik Hysenbegasi**, General Director of Strategic Projects and Foreign Investments, Municipality of Tirana
- **Nader El Ghazal**, President, Urban Community of Al Fayhaa and Mayor of Tripoli
- **Souad Sassi**, Responsible for External Relations and International Cooperation, Municipality of Tunis
- **Mohammed Saaddieh**, President, Urban Community of Dannieh
- **Albert Serhal**, Mayor of Kfarfalous, Union of Municipalities of Jezzine
- **Shahwan Moawad**, Mayor, Municipality of Zgharta

The Assembly approved:

- **The Activity Report presented by the Secretary General (Annex 1).**
- **The Action Plan presented by the Secretary General (Annex 2).** The members have the possibility to make comments on the Action Plan until the end of the year. If there are any significant alterations to the Action Plan, the Executive Committee will decide their acceptance. The final version will be communicated to all members.
- **The Budget for 2015 presented by the Secretary General (Annex 3).** The Budget is approved but subjected to the final approval of the budgets of the Municipality of Barcelona and the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) for their financial contributions to the Association.
- The annual fees, which are the same as approved in the General Assembly 2013.
- The celebration of the next General Assembly has not been decided during the Assembly. This decision has been delegated to the Executive Committee that will discuss the available 5 candidatures on a proposal made by the Secretariat. The final decision will be communicated to all members.

The Assembly was informed by the Secretary General on the following issues:

- The formal constitution of MedCities Network into an Association will be finalised by the end of 2014.  
By now, the situation regarding the adhesions to the Association is as follows:
  - Cities that have completed membership procedure:  
Tanger, Tetouan, Chefchaouen; Tunis, Sfax, Sousse, Kairouan, Djerba, Bizerta, Gabès, Mahdia, Monastir, Sidi Bou Said; Urban Community of Al Fayhaa (Tripoli, El Minah, El Badawi and Kalamoun), Saida, El Minah, Jezzine, Zgharta, Dannieh; Larnaka, Limassol; Izmir; Dubrovnic; Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, Málaga, Tirana.

- Cities undergoing membership procedure:  
Barcelona, Roma, Marseille, Thessaloniki, Nabeul, Agadir, Benghazi, Silifke, Tripoli, Sidi Bouzid, Byblos.
- Cities not having started membership procedure:  
Montpellier, Lyon, Ancona, Haifa, Ashdod, Alexandria, Alepo, Latakia, Gaza, Zarqa.
- The General Secretariat will charge the participation fees for 2014 to the members in the following weeks. The participation fees for 2015 will also be charged to the members during 2015.
- The General Secretary informed on the launching of the new website of MedCities, which was presented to the participants during the workshop. The technical staff of MedCities will start contacting the members of the network in order to provide information and ask for collaboration on this issue.
- The General Secretary of MedCities, Mr. Joan Parpal, will formally retire from the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014. He will no longer be the Responsible for MedCities at the AMB; however he will maintain his role as Secretary General.
- After the retirement of the General Secretary, Mr. Oriol Barba will assume the Technical Direction of MedCities and Mr. Xavier Tiana, Head of International Relations in the AMB will be the Responsible of MedCities at the AMB.

The planned workshop on promoting project implementation was held after the General Assembly. Attached are the agenda of the Assembly and the workshop (Annex 4) and the list of attendees to both meetings (Annex 5). A summary of the results of the workshop will be sent in due course, with concrete proposals of work.

President of MedCities



M. Mohamed Idaomar

General Secretary



M. Joan Parpal