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Mediterranean City-to-City Migration

Dialogue, Knowledge and Action

3rd CALL FOR TARGETED CITY ACTIONS

Local Governance of Migration: Towards Migrants Sensitive Urban Recovery Responses

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MC2CM Call for Targeted City Actions

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1. Introduction

Migration affects people's lives at all stages and in all contexts. While migrants are subject to constraints and vulnerabilities linked to their journey and conditions, their departure, arrival or transit influence the concerned territories or urban areas and their inhabitants. Migration is a defining feature of urbanisation. Cities, through their innovative and transformative nature offer opportunities to migrants to take their share of responsibility and contribute with their skills and background to the durability of the socio, economic and cultural development. It is also at local level that most of the work on migration related issues should be undertaken, targeting all inhabitants (including new comers), to unlock the potential of migration.

With the existing migration challenges that local governments face, the pandemic has amplified the challenges as they continue to be at the front line of the response against the epidemic and its impact on people's lives, while also working on the recovery plans to ensure no one is left behind. The implications of the emergency measures are immense for cities of the EU South Partners Countries, with already-limited resources and persisting challenges related to migration governance. In their response to the outbreak, local and regional authorities face, more than ever, increasing challenges in providing vulnerable groups with the needed basic services to allow them both to be safe and contribute to the recovery efforts.

In this context, the Mediterranean City-to-City Migration project (MC2CM) contributes to improved rights-based migration governance in cities. Through its three components: **Dialogue, Knowledge** and **Action**, MC2CM anchors migration governance to a process of urban planning addressing the objectives as set out in the MC2CM policy recommendations: [Urban Challenges and Opportunities for the Mediterranean Region](#).

MC2CM is in its second phase of implementation, which began on 1 July 2018 and will run until 31 December 2021. More information about MC2CM is available at www.icmpd.org/mc2cm.

2. Functioning of MC2CM

MC2CM is implemented by **ICMPD, UCLG** and **UN-Habitat**, funded by the European Commission, through the Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), in the framework of the EU Emergency Trust Fund – North of Africa Window. It is co-funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

MC2CM activities are divided into three main components:

- The **Dialogue** component promotes cooperation and cross-fertilisation of practices between relevant stakeholders through dedicated learning programmes and exchanges.
- The **Knowledge** component delivers research to shed light on relevant data and information about the local dimension of migration and its priorities.
- The **Action** component, in which this call for proposals is framed, sets out to provide sustainable solutions and testing tools to address migration-related challenges and opportunities.

Furthermore, the objective of **promoting a realistic and fair narrative on migration** cuts across all project activities.

The MC2CM core network constitutes of the following cities and local authorities' organisations:

Amman, Beirut, Casablanca, Cadiz, Grenoble, Dortmund, FAMSJ (Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity), Irbid, Lisbon, Lyon, Madrid, Naples, Oujda, Rabat, Ramallah, Seville, Sfax, Sousse, Tangier, Tunis, Turin Metropolitan City and Vienna. Further, an extended group of cities and networks of local authorities participates to the project activities on an ad hoc basis.

3. Objectives of the call

The objective of the call is to award Actions that contribute to **foster a rights-based urban migration governance in the Euro-Mediterranean region and enhance the inclusion of migrants and refugees in cities response and recovery plans to the pandemic.**

Actions are encouraged to include activities that sustain a realistic and fair narrative on migration, **promote migrants' access to emergency response, and enhance their contribution to the sustainable recovery plans. Further, actions promoting digital transformation and contributing to the green deal will be highly valued.**

Actions must align to at least one of the specific objectives of the MC2CM project:

- A. Promoting a realistic and fair narrative on migration and fostering intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding;
- B. Improving cooperation between relevant stakeholders in the field of migration at local, national, regional and international levels;
- C. Improving migration-related knowledge and data management in the field of migration governance;
- D. Establishing policy, legislative, institutional and regulatory frameworks in the field of migration governance;

Applicants shall **establish a measurable link to the above objectives** during the proposal stage and must indicate how the action sets out to implement the [MC2CM policy recommendations](#) by making direct reference to this framework document.

4. Scope of Actions

Actions submitted shall be implemented in at least one of the target countries of MC2CM (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon, as well as the city of Ramallah¹) and set out to address an *identified need of local urban migration governance* in line with the above listed objectives of this call for proposals.

In line with the MC2CM Policy recommendations, actions can address the following priority areas:

- provision of welcome instruments;
- access to education;
- access to health;
- urban management and access to transition shelter and adequate housing;
- access to labour market, entrepreneurship and vocational training;

¹ Actions in Jordan, Lebanon and in the city of Ramallah are eligible thanks to the financial support provided by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

- access to social and political participation;
- protection against discrimination, forced evictions, and prevention of homelessness;
- promotion of culture, cultural diversity and intercultural communication to foster social inclusion among migrants and host communities;
- adoption of multi-level and multi-stakeholder initiatives to ensure inclusive crisis and recovery response:
 - building on the knowledge and connection of migrants and refugees,
 - leveraging contributions of migrants and refugees in whole-of-society approaches,
 - enhancing local leadership participation in multilateral governance systems.

Applications shall demonstrate a thorough **analysis of the local context** where the Action is due to take place. This must be corroborated through providing a feasibility study, City Migration Profile or similar.

Applications building on previous actions granted through MC2CM's calls for proposals aiming to scale up the scope and extend it to new cities are also considered as eligible.

Actions addressing the gender dimension of migration and targeting children and youth are particularly encouraged.

Actions must specify complementarity with other existing and related funding and programmes and indicate measurable expected results.

5. Eligibility criteria

5.1 Eligibility of applicants and co-applicants:

The following entities are eligible to apply for this call for proposals:

- Local or Regional Governments;
- Local or Regional Government associations or networks, national and international Non-Governmental Organisations, and other private law bodies, established in the EU or target countries, working on a non-profit basis.

NB: If the applicant is not a local or regional government, **a letter of support from public body (local or regional) where proposed action is based must be provided in the application;**

In addition, to be eligible:

- applicants shall have financial and operational capacity to complete the proposed Action;
- applicants and affiliated entities² shall demonstrate the **necessary professional competences and qualifications to complete proposed Action**

5.2 Eligibility of Application:

To be eligible for this call for proposals, Applications shall:

- Be submitted by 1 lead applicant and maximum 3 co-applicants;

² By affiliated entities, we refer mainly to networks/associations/federations of municipalities and/or NGOs, as per the definition proposed by the EU through the Padar Guidelines: https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/system/files/padar-guide-for-affiliated-entities_en.pdf (page 3 in particular)

- Demonstrate specific, clear and achievable objectives, a realistic workplan and achievable timeline and measurable outcomes;
- Provide elements of continuation of the project beyond the financial support allocated by MC2CM;
- Be submitted using the Application Form and Budget in English or French and with the following supporting documents attached:
 - ***feasibility study on which Action is based;***
 - ***Letter of support from local or regional authority(ies) where applicable;***
 - ***last annual financial (audited) report of the organisation, where applicable;***
 - ***list of initiatives involving external funding in the past 5 years, where applicable.***

Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to the rejection of the Application.

5.3 Eligibility of Actions:

To be eligible for this call for proposals, Actions shall:

- Target one or more cities in the countries listed above;
- Be carried out in at least one target country (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon, as well as in the city of Ramallah³);
- Be completed by **31 December 2021**;

Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to the rejection of the Application.

5.3.1 Eligible costs:

The eligible costs of the Action are costs that meet all of the following criteria:

- they are necessary for carrying out the Action, directly attributable to it, arising as a direct consequence of its implementation and charged in proportion to the actual use;
- they are incurred in accordance to the budget provisions;
- they are actually incurred by the organisation;
- they are reasonable, justified, comply with the principle of Sound Financial Management and are in line with the usual practices of the organisation regardless of their source of funding;
- they are incurred during the implementation period;
- they are identifiable and backed by supporting documents;
- they are covered by one of the sub-headings in the budget template in the Annex of the Application Form;
- they comply with the applicable tax and social legislation taking into account the organisation's privileges and immunities.

5.3.2 Ineligible costs:

³ Actions in Jordan, Lebanon and in the city of Ramallah are eligible thanks to the financial support provided by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The following costs are ineligible for financing:

- purchase of land or buildings;
- salary costs of personnel of public administrations;
- costs declared under another agreement financed by the European Union or any other donor;
- bonuses, provisions, reserves or non-remuneration related costs;
- full purchase cost of equipment and assets;
- duties, taxes and charges, including VAT, that are recoverable by the organisation;
- return of capital;
- debts and debt service charges;
- provision for losses, debts or potential future liabilities;
- banking charges for the transfers from the contracting authority;
- costs incurred during the suspension of the implementation of the agreement.

6. Award criteria & Evaluation

Eligible applications and their proposed Action will be assessed by an Evaluation Committee made up of representatives of the Project Steering Group on the basis of the following award criteria:

Criteria	Weight
<p>Relevance</p>	<p>30%</p>

To what extent does the Action align to and contribute to MC2CM objectives and generate an added value?

To what extent does the Action mainstream the narrative aspects and propose innovative approaches to build evidence-based discourse that contributes to improved rights-based migration governance in cities?

To what extent is the Action aligned to a city's participation in the MC2CM project (core member of the network)?

To what extent does the Action set out to achieve one or more of the MC2CM policy recommendations?

To what extent does the Action address the objectives of framework documents including the Global Compact for Migration, the New Urban Agenda, and Sustainable Development Goals?⁴

To what extent does the action translate the global compacts for migration and refugees into action through crisis response and recovery efforts?

⁴ Applications addressing objectives of global migration agendas are favoured.

	<i>To what extent does the Action address an identified local need?</i>	
Quality of Proposal and Implementation Methodology	<i>To what extent does the proposal provide clear elements of implementation: e.g. quality of the work plan, quality of the logframe (objectives, indicators and targets), coordination of the consortium, risk analysis, expertise of applicants/staff, coordination mechanisms with the Contracting Authority, etc.</i>	30%
Measurability	<i>To what extent will the Action deliver measurable results? i.e. Clear (gender specific, focus on children and youth) targets?</i>	10%
Sustainability	<i>To what extent will the Action contribute to a sustainable result beyond the timeline of implementation? To what extent the Action contributes to the implementation or definition of projects, programs or policies at local or national level?</i>	15%
Cost effectiveness	<i>To what extent does the distribution of costs among the cost categories correspond to the proposed activities? To what degree is the level of output and impact of the Action proportional to the amount of requested grant? To what extent are the costs of the Action borne from additional funding sources?</i>	15%

ICMPD may check if the organization or its representatives are included on sanctions or exclusion lists as necessary. If the applicant is found on any list, it should be excluded from the participation of this Call for Proposals.

7. Timetable

Publication of the Call for Proposals	08/06/2021
Deadline for applications	09/07/2021
Indicative date of administrative and eligibility check	12/07/2021
Indicative date for evaluation committee meeting	19/07/2021
Signature of Grant Contract	09/08/2021
Indicative starting date of Actions	09/08/2021
Latest possible end of implementation of awarded Actions	31/12/2021

8. Grant provisions

- **Available budgetary allocation for the Call for Proposals**
A total budget of EUR 400 000 has been earmarked for this call for proposals for Targeted City Actions. The maximum amount of funding available per Action is EUR 50 000.
- **Co-financing rate**
MC2CM may finance up to 100% of the total eligible cost of action; however, co-financing of the action is ordinarily expected and will be considered as an evaluation criteria. **In case no co-financing is foreseen, it should be duly justified by the applicant.**
- **Non-retroactivity**
No grant may be awarded retroactively for Actions already completed. Costs eligible for financing must not have been incurred prior to the date of signature of Grant Contract.
- **Non-profit**
The grant may not produce a profit for the Applicant, co-applicant, beneficiaries, or partners. Profit is defined as a surplus of the receipts over the eligible costs approved by the Contracting Authority when the request for payment balance is made.

9. Instructions

- Fill in the application package in ENGLISH or FRENCH and **upload it on the application platform** <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/icmpd/asp/Home> by **09 July 2021, 17:00 CEST – Vienna local time**.
- Please address any questions on the application platform until **28 June 2021** at 16:00 (Vienna local time). Replies will be provided to all questions received via the platform latest **02 July 2021**.

Submission Checklist:

- **Filled** Application Form, with supporting documents:
 - **Feasibility study on which Action is based**
 - **Letter of support from municipality(ies) where applicable;**
 - **Last annual financial (audited) report of the organization, where applicable;**
 - **List of initiatives involving external funding in the past 3 years, where applicable;**
 - **Legal entity identification form**
 - **Financial identification form**
 - **Declaration on honour**
- **Filled** Budget template