Mediterranean City-to-City Migration: The MC2CM project
Towards improved urban migration governance

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**Introduction: Why Urban Migration?**

Migration & urbanization: two closely linked components

- 1 out 5 migrants live in the world’s 20 largest cities
- 60% of refugees live in urban situations
- 66% of the world population to live in cities by 2050
The MC2CM Project

MC2CM contributes to improved migration governance at urban level in a network of cities in North Africa, Middle East and Europe.

Partners

Migration Governance

Decentralised Cooperation

Sustainable Urban Development

Participating cities

- Amman
- Beirut
- Casablanca
- Cadiz (Gibraltar Straight)
- Dortmund
- FAMSI
- Grenoble
- Irbid
- Lisbon
- Lyon
- Madrid
- Naples
- Oujda
- Rabat
- Ramallah
- Seville
- Sfax
- Sousse
- Tanger
- Tunis
- Turin
- Vienna

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Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC
The 3 Pillars of the MC2CM Project

**Knowledge**
- City Migration Profiles
  - An expert team analyses the migration situation for all cities.
- Local expertise
- Research
- Fact-finding
- Analysis

**Peer-to-Peer Meetings**
- Stakeholders from all cities are connected and discuss pertinent migration issues.
- Housing
- Intercultural dialogue
- Healthcare
- Access to basic services
- Education
- Urban planning
- Access to human rights
- Employment

**Creation of the City Network**
- The network connects officials from city administrations, NGOs, academia, and others.

**Action**
- City Toolkit
  - Learnings from the project are disseminated to a wider audience of local authorities that can use these to improve their own practices.
  - Strategies
  - Policy options
  - Step-by-step guidance
  - Practical tools

**Pilot Projects**
- Southern Mediterranean cities tackle the most urgent priorities in an area of their choice through pilot projects.
  - Expert team
  - Operational test
  - Capacity building

**Dialogue**
- Leadership
- Inclusive approach
- Ownership
- Migration governance

MC2CM was presented at Habitat III in Quito and will contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
1- Dialogue Component

- Dialogue
- Expertise
- Group Work
- Field Visit
1- Dialogue Component: Peer-Learning events

MC2CM Peer-Learning events:

➤ Thematic learning events – themes selected by cities based on their priorities

Structure:

➤ A Background document to set the common understanding

➤ Meetings structure:
  ➤ Definition of the common challenges & opportunities
  ➤ Local solutions: cases presentation from participants
  ➤ Field visit – proposed by the host city
  ➤ Identification of recommendations by the participants

➤ A thematic learning note to capture & capitalize the results
1- Dialogue Component: Peer-Learning events

Since 2015, MC2CM has organised 15 thematic Peer-Learning events on:

- Intercultural dialogue and social cohesion (Lisbon, July 2016)
- Employment and entrepreneurship (Madrid, Nov 2016)
- Access to basic services (Tangier, Nov 2016)
- Refugees hosting (Vienna, Feb 2017)
- Urban planning and housing (Amman, March 2017)
- Education (Turin, July 2017)
- Multilevel and multi-actors cooperation (Lyon, Dec 2017)
- Communication on migration (Tunis, Sept 2018)
- Data collection (Amman, March 2019)
- Cooperating with Civil society (Sfax, June 2019)
- Cultural Policies as vector for migrants’ inclusion (Casablanca, Dec 2019)
- Communication on migration (Seville, June 2020; digital event)
- Private Sector Engagement in Migration Governance (Rabat, October 2020; digital event)
- Urban Citizenship (Grenoble, March 2021; digital event)
- The Link between Homelessness and Migration (Dortmund April 2021; digital event)

The project involved over 150 organizations and 450 different participants.
2- Knowledge Component: City Migration Profiles

MC2CM City Migration Profiles:

Establish a **knowledge basis** on:

- Institutional framework for governance of migration
- Policy framing and cooperation
- Key institutions and stakeholders
- Main interventions and practices
- Perceptions
- Challenges and lessons learnt
- Cities Priorities
2- Knowledge Component: City Migration Profile Process

Process is led by a **local expert**, overseen by **international experts** and the quality assurance by **the project team**.

Profiles ➔ Priority Papers ➔ Targeted Actions

Prepared by a **local expert** with input from the **city** and **stakeholders**.

Validated by the **city** and **stakeholders**.

Priorities and way forward identified for actions to be implemented by the **city** with relevant **stakeholders**.
3- Action Component

ACTION

TARGETED CITY ACTIONS

POLICY WORK

MAPPING OF RESOURCES
Funded by the European Union

3- Action Component

TARGETED CITY ACTIONS

- Respond to local needs
- Respects global principles
- Implement MC2CM Policy recommendations
- Contribute to Global agendas
- Build local capacities
- Facilitate inclusion
- Balance the Narrative
- Call for proposals (3x)
- Cities requests
- Direct identification

ICMPD
International Centre for Migration Policy Development

UCLG
United Cities and Local Governments

UN-Habitat
For a Better Urban Future
3- Action Component

MC2CM Targeted City Actions:

- 15 Targeted City Actions
- 8 countries
- 800,000 €

Global Agenda:

- Contribute to 9 of the 17 SDGs

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Rebalancing the Narrative on Migration: Cross-Cutting Activities

**Knowledge**
- **City Migration Profiles**
  
  The public perception of migration & integration affects the effectiveness of cities’ integration policy and practice and is included in each City Migration Profile

**Dialogue**
- **Peer-Learning Events**
  
  Thematic Focus: Communication on Migration
  - Sub-regional Peer-Learning event in Tunis, Sept 2018
  - Digital Peer-Learning event hosted by Seville, June 2020

**Action**
- **Targeted City Actions**
  
  Activities aimed at rebalancing the narrative on migration e.g.:
  - Training of media professionals to counter negative stereotypes on migration
  - Organization of the “Interculturality Week”

Information gathering

Identification of common challenges & local solutions

Implementation of local solutions