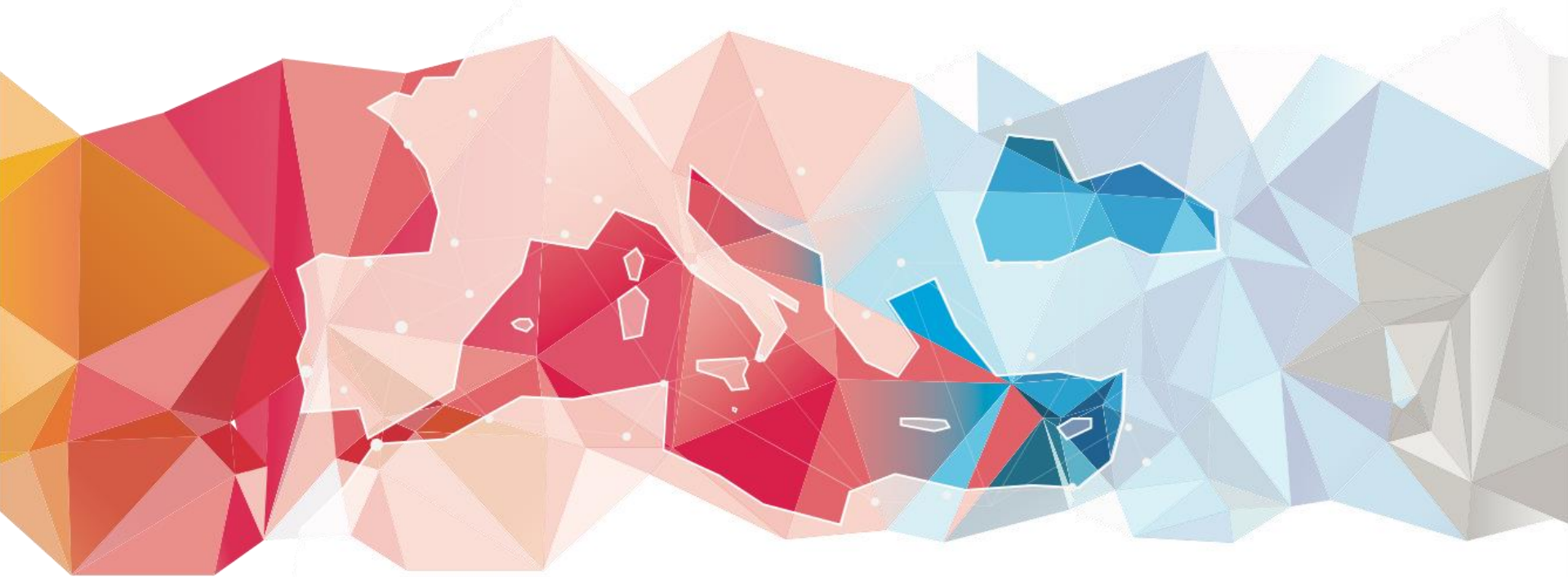# MC²CM

MEDITERRANEAN CITY-TO-CITY MIGRATION

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

June 2021

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

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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

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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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The 3 Pillars of the MC2CM Project

ACTION

PEER-TO-PEER MEETINGS
Stakeholders from all cities are connected and discuss pertinent migration issues.

CITY TOOLKIT
Learnings from the project are disseminated to a wider audience of local authorities that can use these to improve their own practices.

- housing
- intercultural dialogue
- healthcare
- access to basic services
- education
- urban planning
- access to human rights
- employment

- strategies
- policy options
- step-by-step guidance
- practical tools

KNOWLEDGE

CITY MIGRATION PROFILES
An expert team analyses the migration situation for all cities.

- local expertise
- research
- fact-finding
- analysis

CITY PRIORITY PAPERS
Each city defines priority areas for better governing migration at the city level.

PILOT PROJECTS
Southern Mediterranean cities tackle the most urgent priorities in an area of their choice through pilot projects.

- leadership
- inclusive approach
- ownership
- migration governance

- expert team
- operational test
- capacity building

CREATION OF THE CITY NETWORK
The network connects officials from city administrations, NGOs, academia and others.

national authorities · city administrations · civil society · academia · private sector · trust · involvement · commitment

DIALOGUE

MC2CM was presented at Habitat III in Quito and will contribute to implementation of the New Urban Agenda

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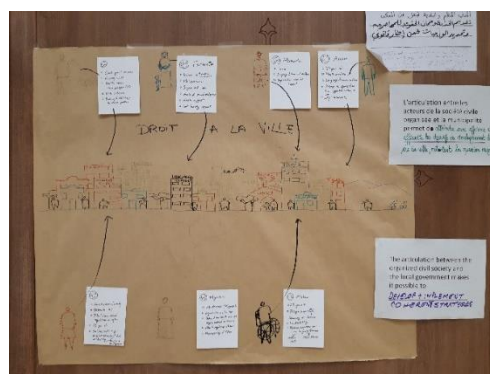# 1- Dialogue Component

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**

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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**

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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
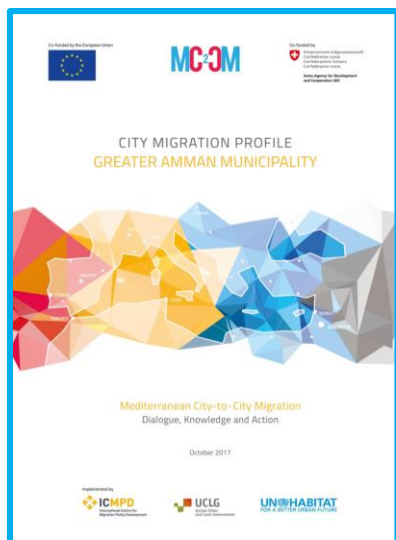
> Cities Priorities

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.**

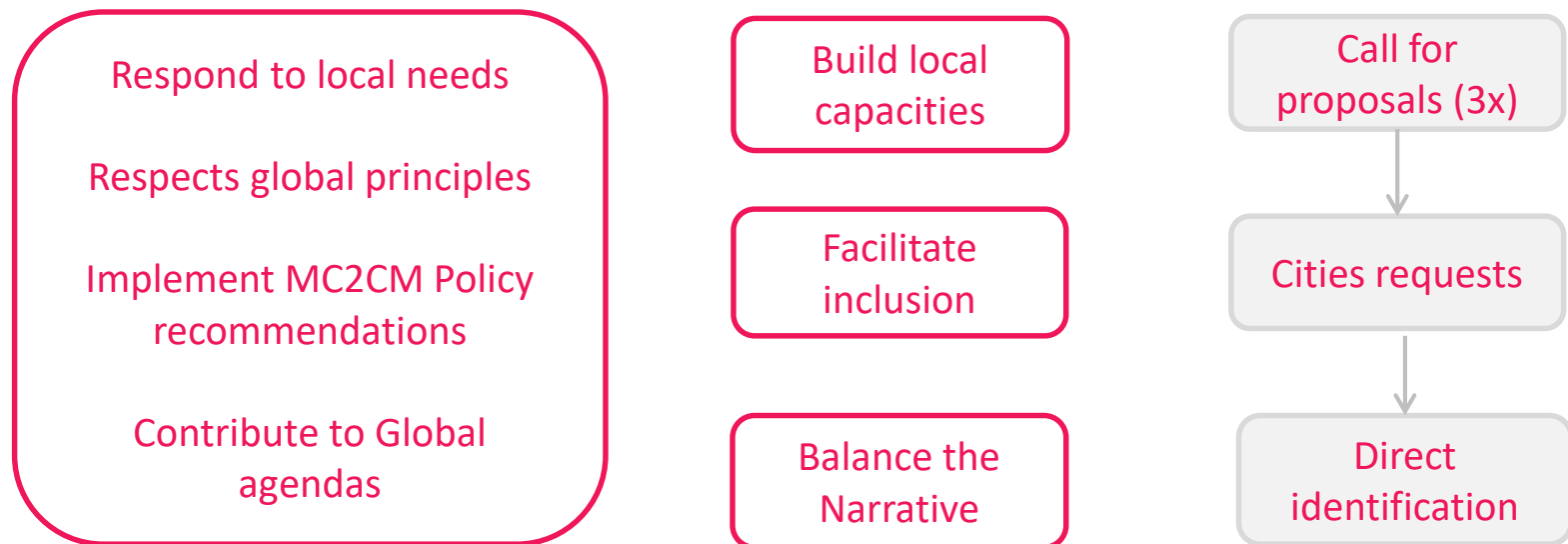# 3- Action Component

ACTION

TARGETED CITY ACTIONS

POLICY WORK

MAPPING OF RESOURCES

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

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

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Information gathering

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

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Identification of common challenges & local solutions

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"

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Implementation of local solutions