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
- Dortmund
- Grenoble
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- Irbid*
- Lisbon
- Lyon
- Madrid
- Naples
- Oujda
- Rabat
- Ramallah*
- Seville
- Sfax
- Sousse
- Tajoura
- Tanger
- Tripoli
- Turin
- Vienna

* Adhesion to the project pending availability of the funds of the project
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 12 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)

The project involved over 100 organizations and 300 different participants
1- Dialogue Component: Future activities

Upcoming thematic learning activities:

- Homelessness & adequate housing (date tbc, Madrid)
- Urban citizenship (date tbc, Grenoble)
- Cooperating with the private sector (date & location tbc)

Future of the project:

- Capacity building as a key follow up of the work done by MC2CM
- Build a curriculum with academic certification (need of specialized partners, e.g. ALGA)
2- Knowledge Component

Knowledge

City Migration Profiles
City Stakeholder Group
City Priority Paper
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

Funded by the European Union
3- Action Component

MC2CM Targeted City Actions:

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

Global Agenda:

- Contribute to 9 of the 17 SDGs
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