2nd CALL FOR TARGETED CITY ACTIONS
Narrative & Local Governance of Migration
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.

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 March, 2021. More information about MC2CM is available at [www.icmpd.org/mc2cm](http://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 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** includes the following cities and local authorities’ organisations: Amman, Beirut, Casablanca, FAMSI, Lisbon, Lyon, Madrid, Naples, Oujda, Rabat, Sfax, Sousse, Tangier, Tajourah, Tripoli (Libya), 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 region.

Actions are encouraged to include activities that sustain a realistic and fair narrative on migration.

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 also 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 should be implemented in at least one of the target countries of MC2CM (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia) and set out to address an identified need of local urban migration governance in line with the above listed objectives of the call.

However, actions led by a local or regional government or a network of local or regional governments in Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine are also eligible.

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;
- access to social and political participation;
- protection against discrimination, forced evictions, and prevention of homelessness;
- foster social inclusion and interaction between migrants and host communities;

Applications must 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.

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:
- Local or Regional Governments;
- Local or Regional Government associations or networks, 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;
- Consortia targeting one or more cities are eligible;
- Applicants must have financial and operational capacity to complete the proposed Action;
- Applicant and affiliated entities must have necessary professional competences and qualifications to complete proposed Action.

5.2 Eligibility of Actions:
- Action carried out in at least one target country (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia) or by a local or regional government or a network of local or regional governments in Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine;
- Action must 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;
- Action must be completed by 31 December, 2020;
- Duly filling out of the Application Form and Budget in English or French and submitting along with supporting documents, including:
  o feasibility study on which Action is based;
  o Letter of support from local or regional authority(ies) where applicable;
  o last annual financial (audited) report of the organisation, where applicable;
  o 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.

5.2.1 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.

5.2.2 Ineligible costs:

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 a Selection Committee made up of representatives of the Project Steering Group on the basis of the following award criteria:

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<td>To what extent does the Action align to and contribute to MC2CM objectives and generate added value?</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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<td>To what extent is the Action aligned to a city’s participation in the MC2CM project (core member of the network)?</td>
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<td>To what extent does the Action set out to achieve one or more of the MC2CM policy recommendations?</td>
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7. Timetable

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| Information session(s) (workshops and webinars) | First round: 04/11/2019 (FR) (EN)  
  Second round: 13/11/2019 (FR) (EN) |
| Deadline for applications                  | 22/11/2019            |
| Indicative date of administrative check selection | 29/11/2019          |
| Indicative date for selection committee meeting | 09/12/2019         |
| Signature of Grant Contract                | December 2019 / January 2020 |
| Indicative starting date of Actions        | January 2020          |
| Latest possible end of implementation of awarded Actions | 31/12/2020            |
8. Grant provisions

- **Available budgetary allocation for the Call for Proposals**
  A total budget of 390,000 Euros has been earmarked for this second call for Targeted City Actions. The maximum amount of funding available per Action is 50,000 Euros. Consideration will be given for joint action proposals up to a maximum of 60,000 Euros corresponding to implementation in more than one city fulfilling the set criteria.

- **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. In case no co-financing is foreseen it should be 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 or Co-Applicant(s). 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 and submit Application Packet in ENGLISH or FRENCH by **22 November 2019, Before 12:00 am CET** to action.MC2CM@icmpd.org.

- Please address any questions by email to action.MC2CM@icmpd.org. Replies will be provided to all questions in writing within 2 working days **by 18 November at the latest**.

Submission Checklist:

- **Filled** Application Form, with supporting docs:
  - 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 5 years, where applicable;

- **Filled** Budget template