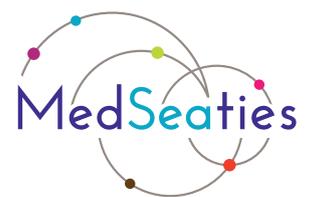




Inclusive governance for sustainable Mediterranean coastal metropolis

MEDSEATIES



Priority 4 Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance

Measure 4.3 Improvement of governance processes at local level



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Project in brief

The need for integrated governance, involving multi-level decision-makers and cross-sectoral stakeholders, is getting higher in the Mediterranean Sea Basin. This is particularly true in coastal urban areas, which are increasingly affected by urbanisation and environmental issues. Whereas coastal management requires local actions, local authorities are not systematically involved in the design of policies and programmes due to the lack of financial and technical capacities. In addition fragmented efforts and limited capacity building act as a major barriers which have to be overcome to enhance the sustainable management of coastal urban areas. The participation of civil society also constitutes a major challenge. In order to contribute to a better management of coastal cities, **MEDSEATIES** aims to empower Mediterranean local authorities (both decentralized authorities and State local agencies) and private stakeholders in multilevel and participatory decision-making processes.

Beneficiary

Agency for sustainable Mediterranean cities and territories - AVITEM
(France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)

Partnership

1. Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority - ASEZA (Jordan, Al-Aqaba)
2. Al Fayhaa Urban Community (Lebanon)
3. Municipality of Marseilles (France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
4. Municipality of Thessaloniki (Greece, Kentriki Makedonia)
5. Municipality of Genoa (Italy, Liguria)
6. Urban Community of Toulon (France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
7. PACA Sea Cluster (France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
8. Liguria Cluster of Marine Technologies (Italy, Liguria)
9. United Nations Development Program, Lebanon (International Organization)
10. University of Jordan - Faculty of Marine Sciences (Jordan, Al-Aqaba)
11. Al-Manar University of Tripoli (Lebanon)

Specific objective

To initiate a participatory process involving local authorities from 6 Mediterranean territories together with international actors, businesses, universities and civil society stakeholders in order to identify, assess and recommend innovative governance systems and policy tools aiming at a better management of urban coastal areas

Expected results

- A set of tools defined for governance of coastal zones
- Developed local and cross-border cooperation between key stakeholders through networking and clustering
- Mobilised local stakeholders to adopt tailored governance process following the signature of 6 Memoranda of Agreement
- 6 urban authorities and 800 decision-makers with reinforced capacities
- Increased awareness among decision-makers and elected officials concerning the importance of integrated management of coastal areas
- Increased number of actions related to the management of coastal cities implemented by local stakeholders

Main activities

- Identification of key stakeholders related to urban coastal management
- Design of a set of common indicators for the governance of coastal zones
- Evaluation of existing best practises for integrated coastal zone management at Mediterranean level
- Establishment of Local Working Groups gathering identified stakeholders together with national, regional and local authorities to enhance joint decision-making procedures
- Drafting of guidelines for policy implementation in coastal cities
- Training and capacity building actions for 800 Mediterranean decision-makers

Target groups

- National and local decision-makers
- Elected officials
- Other stakeholders concerned with costal management (entrepreneurs and investors, civil society, universities, environmental NGOs)

Final beneficiaries

- Community living and working in Mediterranean coastal cities
- Tourism, fisheries and port operators

Duration

24 months (December 2013 - December 2015)

Budget

- Total budget: € 1.834.518
- Programme contribution: € 1.651.067 (90%)
- Project co-financing: € 183.451 (10%)

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