

FRANCE / TOULON PROVENCE MEDITERRANEE URBAN COMMUNITY

The exceptional landscape of the Greater Toulon Urban Area stretches between land and sea, showcasing the natural beauty of preserved beaches and hiking trails overhanging one of the finest bays in Europe. The 12 communes of Toulon Provence Méditerranée (TPM) pool their forces to protect this rare environment through regional action plans targeting the just balance between environmental protection and the economic and urban development required for the current growth of the territory.



PRESENTATION

The Toulon area, as the third urban growth area of the French Mediterranean seafloor and the first national Defense base, is strategically located. Its metropolitan ambition is furthered by the establishment of leading companies, the support of the world-class Sea Competitiveness Cluster and other major clusters.

Around the harbor, itself a site of Euro-Mediterranean interest, TPM is working on large-scale developments, notably in the field of tourism and innovation. TPM acts as coordinator for major investments, among which the establishment of the Marine Techno Park, high-tech sites, activity parks, network of business incubators and business centers, new university campuses, port infrastructures, ultra high-speed communication networks, etc.

INTENTIONS / EXPECTATIONS

After concluding the 2nd Bay Contract of Toulon and its watershed for 2013-2018, TPM is now preparing a Bay Contract for the Îles d'Or, in the bay of Hyères-les-Palmiers. The issues of the project are significantly different, because the area combines several operations led by numerous actors. For maximal efficiency, it seems necessary to develop a new way of working all together. MEDSEATIES offers TPM the opportunity to implement a pilot project on this important topic.

ROLE AND VALUE ADDED IN THE PROJECT

The Urban Community of Toulon is the local authority responsible for the MEDSEATIES activities implemented in Toulon area, with the support of the Pôle Mer Méditerranée (Sea Innovation Cluster).

As such, TPM's role is particularly important in the realisation of the Governance and Capacities Work Packages. The Urban Community contributes to the studies and tools requiring information and data from its territory. These activities are complemented by the awareness raising action that Toulon Provence Méditerranée leads. TPM also implements capitalization activities and disseminates project results in its territory.

Within the framework of MEDSEATIES, Toulon Provence Méditerranée wishes to share its experience in integrated coastal zone management, notably through the coordination and the animation of the Bay Contract of Toulon and its watershed. This action plan, which started in 2002 and was renewed in 2013, pools all local stakeholders in a common project to restore the quality of water and marine habitats. TPM especially offers to share with all the MEDSEATIES partners the tool created to monitor the bay contract, in the form of a very precise dashboard.

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