

Supporting the Covenant of Mayors' (CoM) action:

- Encouraging and assisting interested cities and municipalities to join the CoM.
- Providing support to ensure that proposed actions are in line with the Covenant of Mayors' objectives.
- Working in collaboration with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, to assist signatories of the CoM with scientific and technical questions related to the preparation of their SECAPs.
- Providing support through CES-MED help desk to assist the municipalities process their applications and start the preparation of their SECAPs.

A total of 50 municipalities have already joined the Covenant in addition to Salé, Morocco, while 7 have started the process of adhesion and over 155 municipalities are planning to join and consequently to prepare a SECAP.

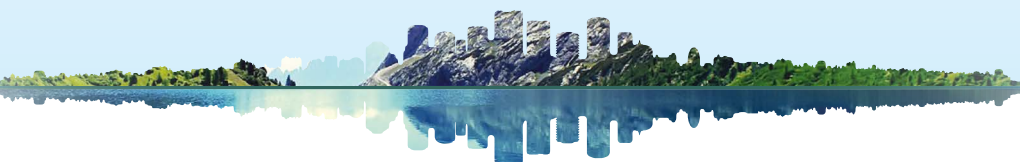
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The Context

Urban development and sustainable energy challenges in the Southern Mediterranean countries:

Today, about 460 million people live in countries in the Mediterranean region. Of these, two-thirds live in urban areas concentrated in coastal zones. The southern Mediterranean countries account for over 30% of the region's population and this percentage continues to increase.

Most cities in this region face similar challenges related to urban development, energy supply, and environmental management, particularly as regards to water and waste management. Needs in areas of urban management are particularly significant, such as transport systems, water and waste infrastructure, clean energy and energy saving.

Hence, over the coming years, needs related to urban development and sustainable energy are expected to increase sharply in view of growing population and limited sustainable planning and management capacities.

CES-MED at a glance

- **Duration:** 63 months, starting January 2013 (three phases with two extensions until March 2018).

What is the CES-MED project?

"Cleaner Energy Saving Mediterranean Cities" (CES-MED) project is an EU-funded initiative set up to:

- Provide training and technical assistance support to Local and National Authorities in the ENPI South region, with a view to help them respond more actively to sustainable policy challenges.
- Develop the capacities of Local Authorities to formulate and implement more sustainable local policies, such as extended use of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures to reduce CO₂ emissions, as well as efficient water and waste management, environment-friendly public transport solutions, etc.
- Raise the awareness of the local population with regard to local sustainable policies, knowledge-sharing, and building lasting partnerships between Local Authorities in the EU and in the ENPI South region.

- **Beneficiaries:** National and Local Authorities in eight out of the ten ENPI South Countries*: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Tunisia.

* Disclaimer: At the time this publication was prepared, EU cooperation with Syria and Libya was suspended due to the political situation in the countries.

CES-MED cities in action:

- **Preparing the Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs):** An important aspect of the CES-MED project is to support Local and National Authorities in developing and producing a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP).
- The SEAP proposes adapted measures to reduce CO₂ emissions by 20% from set baseline emissions inventory levels; prescribes Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy solutions as well as priority projects to undertake, noting that the **preparation of a quality SEAP is required to join the Covenant of Mayors**.
- **23 SEAPs were produced and five SECAPs are being done** with the direct support of CES-MED. Many other cities are preparing their SEAPs/SECAPs with guidance from the Project. A practical *on-the-job-training* approach is adopted in order to assure the maximum participation of the municipalities and national actors in the production of the plans.
- **Creating a National Coordination Group (NCG):** In each partner country, a NCG was formed of key National Authorities and presided by the country's National Focal Point (FP). In Egypt, the FP (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) is leading the project's activities while associating key authorities whose representatives are embodied within the administration of the two Governorates that have joined CES-MED and are also part of the municipal teams that undertake CES-MED activities.

- **Eight "Recommended National Sustainable Urban and Energy Savings Actions" reports prepared.** Each Report proposing suggestions to facilitate the preparation of SEAPs and funding of municipal projects specified in the plans. The Reports' recommendations were approved and adopted by the FPs and the NCGs members.
- **Creating a "SEAP Support Mechanism" (SSM):** In Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Morocco and Jordan, national authorities support the establishment of a national Unit aimed at propagating the SECAPs' approach nationwide, applied through a well-defined SSM.
- **Coordinating with funding agencies** and promoting the cities' readiness to cooperate with development organisations and benefit from funding facilities and grants to prepare SEAPs and possibly for the preparation of feasibility studies and implementing projects.
- **Providing manuals and guidelines for the preparation of SEAPs/SECAPs** including guidelines tailored for southern Mediterranean countries, manuals to prepare Baseline Emission Inventories and Community Awareness and Promotion plans (CAPP), and disseminating them, including through CES-MED website.
- **Collaborating with regional energy projects and programmes** such as CLIMA-SOUTH, RCREEE, MED-ENEC, ASCIMER, GIZ (KfW), MED-DESIRE, JIHA TINOU (Morocco), Tag Sviva (Israel), CPMR Inter Mediterranean Commission and others.

All information, manuals and guidelines can be found on the project website: www.ces-med.eu

