



Mediterranean Committee
Région



Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE OF UCLG 2007-2009

PRESENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PLAN OF ACTION

This document presents the objectives and the plan of action of the Mediterranean Committee of UCLG for the period of 2007-2009. It has been adopted during the second World Congress of UCLG in Jeju, from the 29th to 31st of October 2007.

THE MISSION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMITTEE OF UCLG

As the first institutional platform of dialogue common to all local authorities of the Mediterranean countries, the Mediterranean Committee provides a regular support to the Presidency and to the Secretariat of UCLG in order to enhance, define and implement the Mediterranean policy of UCLG.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1) **To support the associations of local authorities and communities of the South and the East of the Mediterranean** (exchange of experience and of « effective practices », diagnostic of the needs and of the development potential), **to accompany decentralisation initiatives by helping the emergence of such structures in the Mediterranean countries.**
- 2) **To support the different process of decentralisation/devolution** by a dialogue with the states.
- 3) **To search for and to promote concrete initiatives in favour** of peace in the Near East, of conflict prevention (« Peace Keeping »), of dialogue between cultures, of regional integration processes and of development in the whole region, which would give rise to long-term partnerships and exchanges between the territories (north-south, south-south).
- 4) **To defend the role and participation of the local authorities and communities in the Barcelona process, the European Neighbourhood Policy, and more generally within the Mediterranean partnership.**
- 5) **To favour targeted partnerships between local authorities and the World Bank as well as UN agencies (UNDP, UNITAR...).**
- 6) **To provide technical assistance to the partners involved in Mediterranean projects** (local authorities and their networks and associations), through the

constitution of groups of experts ready to intervene in issues and/or in targeted geographic contexts, and through the organisation of seminars and technical trainings on topics selected by the local authorities and their networks.

- 7) **To perpetuate the offer of technical assistance by setting up tools**, by allowing the visibility and by the evaluation of the practices of local authorities through: websites, databases, technical sheets, newsletter.
- 8) **To work in cooperation with the other thematic Committees of UCLG**, by requesting their expertise and by strengthening their legitimacy in their respective fields of action.

ACTIONS ENVISAGED

1. To federate the numerous actors by « structuring actions » around common stakes in the Mediterranean

1.1 Development of the Mediterranean Committee

1.2 Organisation of the Forum of Regional and Local Authorities of the Mediterranean scheduled to take place in Marseilles in November 2008

1.3 To support the Mediterranean local authorities into an active participation in the new European Neighbourhood Policy and in its cooperation instruments.

2. To enhance current initiatives through reinforcement of actions, allowing the Committee to occupy a useful and complementary position in the Mediterranean arena.

2.1 Participation in the consulted initiative under the aegis of UCLG and of the local authorities of the world, for the support of Lebanese municipalities facing the stakes of reconstruction and development.

2.2 To support the organisation of a conference on municipal waste management in the Mediterranean, by the EU General Direction for the Environment, on the 20th of November 2007 in Marseilles within the framework of the Economic Week for the Mediterranean, due to take place from the 19th to the 24th of November 2007.

2.3 Follow-up and consolidation of the initiative « Innovative metropolitan territories: technopoles and poles of competitiveness » conducted by the World Bank (KNA-MENA Marseilles Office), the City of Marseilles and the GTZ.

2.4 Organisation of the Mediterranean knowledge society forum, on the 14th and 15th of February in Marrakech, with the World Digital Solidarity Agency, the Mediterranean Committee of UCLG, and the society Conviction

3. To support the local authorities through technical contributions in their search for information, for partnerships, and for project set-up.

3.1 Development and maintenance of the internet portal dedicated to Mediterranean local authorities: « inventory of networks and agenda of initiatives ».

3.2 Organisation of the first seminary for exchange of experience between national associations and / or the (technical) networks of local authorities of the South and the East of the Mediterranean.

3.3 Offering technical assistance to the Mediterranean local authorities who are members of the Committee.

PLAN OF ACTION 2007-2009

Actions	Schedule	Commitments
Action 1.1 Development of the Committee	Structuring action for a period of 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-financing provided by the City of Marseilles and the PACA Region - Political and logistical support provided by Cités Unies France - Co-financing provided by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Action 1.2 Organisation of the forum of the Regional and Local authorities of the Mediterranean.	Structuring action for a period of 3 years : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparatory Phase (conception and material preparation) from June 2007 to November 2008 - Holding of the Forum in November 2008 in Marseilles - Actualisation from November 2008 to November 2009 	Accommodation of the Forum in Marseilles provided jointly by the City of Marseilles and the PACA Region, and in partnership with Cités Unies France. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-financing provided by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. - Participation request of the Committee of Regions.
Action 1.3 Preparation and support of the Mediterranean local authorities to the Neighbourhood Policy	Structuring action for a period of 3 years	Resources of the Mediterranean Committee
Action 2.1 Consulted initiative "Lebanon"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparatory phase launched in September 2006. - Launching of the operational phase : September 2007. 	Support of the initiatives with the Committees within the framework of UCLG « Decentralised Cooperation » and « Diplomacy of Cities », the cities of Lyons, Barcelona, Turin, Marseilles, and Cités Unies France.

Action 2.2 Participation and follow-up of the European Union programme « Horizon 2020 », in partnership with MedCities.	- Conference co-organised with the General Direction for the Environment on the 20th of November 2007	Support of the GD for the Environment for the mobilisation of local authorities and for the dissemination of information, in partnership with MedCities.
Action 2.3 Follow-up and consolidation of the initiative « innovative metropolitan territories : technopoles and poles of competitiveness »	- Launching in June 2007 - follow-up and perspectives in 2007-2008.	Support of the initiative conducted by the World Bank (KNA-MENA Office of Marseilles), the City of Marseilles and the GTZ.
Action 2.4 Organisation of the Mediterranean forum of numerical solidarity	- Forum scheduled on the 14th and the 15th of February - Creation of a study group inside the Committee: from February to November 2008	Partnership with the World Digital Solidarity Agency and with the society Conviction.
Action 3.1 Maintenance of the Internet Portal « Inventory of networks and Agenda of initiatives »	Structuring action for a period of 3 years	Resources of the Mediterranean Committee
Action 3.2 Organisation of the first « inter-network seminary »	Launching of the preparatory phase in March 2007. Holding of the seminary : during the first semester of 2008	Resources of the Mediterranean Committee
Action 3.3 Technical Assistance to the Mediterranean local authorities members of the Committee	Scheduled for 2008-2009	Co-financing of the « running and the development of the capacity of technical assistance of the Mediterranean Committee of UCLG» provided by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs