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Cleaner Energy Saving Mediterranean cities

*Supporting local authorities in the ENPI South
to respond to sustainable development challenges.*

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The Project

- **Building Capacities** of the Local and National Authorities to address local sustainable development challenges
- **Duration:** 36 months. Project start: 07/01/2013
- **Beneficiaries:** Cities/municipalities in ENPI South region



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Overall objective

- To support the Local Authorities in the ENPI South to address local sustainable development challenges



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Purpose

- Apply more sustainable local policies (similar to those applied through the Covenant of Mayors)
- Develop Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs)
- Enable partnership between National Authorities and cities towards sustainable development





Project Team

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- **Joint Research Centre**, supporting in the process of preparation of the action plans for sustainable energy.



Target Groups

- Primarily Cities, Local Authorities & Municipal Networks
- Local populations, civil society, private sector
- National Authorities dealing with Local Authorities
- International Associations of Cities and their National Affiliates
- Future Covenant of Mayors support structures



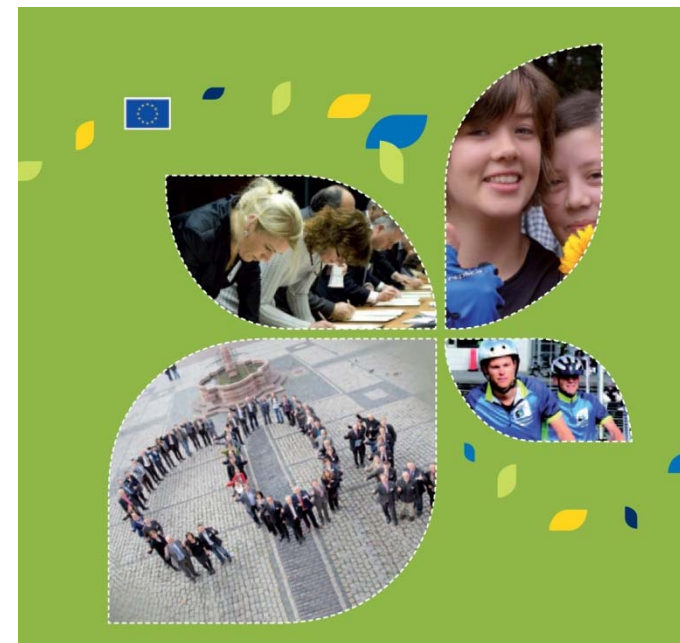
The SEAP (Sustainable Energy Action Plans)

A city plan to reach sustainability

- Establish vision and assess needs
- Prepare plan of intervention
- Identify funding

A capacity building opportunity

- CES-MED training, networking, benchmarking and technical support





The SEAP Process

1. Apply to COM
2. Prepare and submit the SEAP, with CES-MED support
3. Conduct baseline inventory
4. Identify funding
5. Implementation
6. Continuous Support and Monitoring by JRC

“How to develop
a Sustainable Energy
Action Plan”



Expected project results

1. **Effective Partnerships** between National and Local Authorities towards sustainable development
2. **Comprehensive plans** to solve real problems in renewable energy, energy efficiency, water and waste management, public transport and mobility, sustainable urban planning
3. **Increased awareness** and involvement of the local population





Expected project results

4. **Benefit** from adherence to Covenant of Mayors, prepare and implement SEAPs
5. **Two regional focal points** (Maghreb & Mashreq) in Beirut and Rabat





Component 1

- Capacity building the design and implementation of local sustainable actions
 - Partnership of National and Local Authorities for local sustainable actions
 - On the job training for the preparation of SEAP
 - Guidance and orientation to funding





Component 2

- Ensuring the help-desk and CoMO function
 - Continuous Help Desk assistance
 - Liaise with Coordinators/Covenant Supporters
 - Networking and partnership building
 - Exposure to benchmark actions



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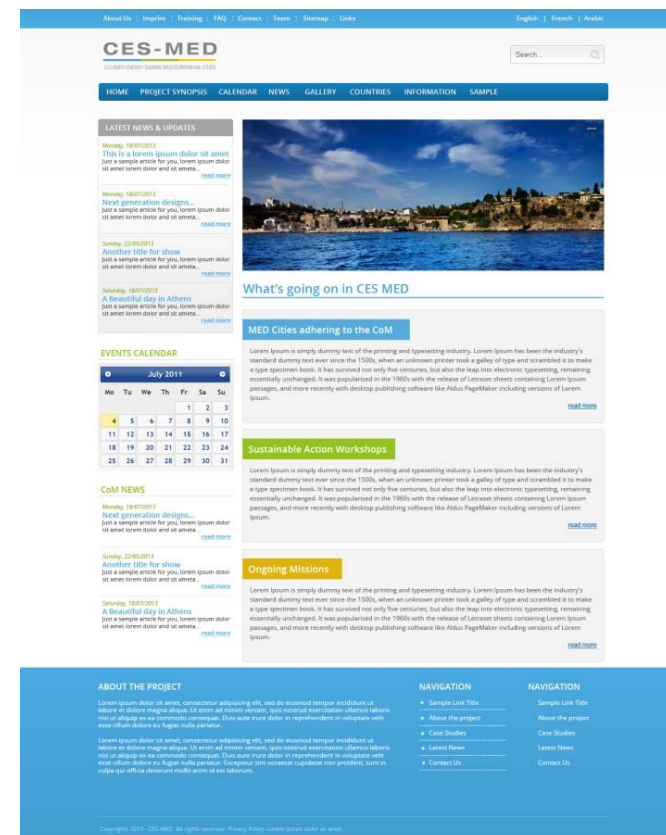


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Component 3

- Information and awareness-raising for Local Authorities
 - A “Citizen’s Awareness Promotion Plan” for each city/municipality
 - Participation in relevant events
 - Service by Arabic extension of COM website
 - Service by CES-MED trilingual website

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Main project advancements:

- Focal Points and National Coordination Groups confirmed in six countries
- A First Workshop “Sustainable Energy Needs Assessment” was held for seven municipalities
- 21 municipalities have joined the project in 7 countries, and many additional municipalities have requested to join.

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Country	Selected cities	Wait listed cities
Algeria	Siddi Bel Abbed, Batna, Boumerdes	-
Egypt	<i>Not confirmed</i>	-
Israel	Shefr'am, Ramla, Rosh Haayin	-
Jordan	<i>Not confirmed</i>	-
Lebanon	Beirut, Baakline, Kab Elias	8 municipalities among which: Synay, Btekhnay, Kernayel...
Libya	Ghudamis, Al-Khums, Jaghboub	-
Morocco	Oujda, Agadir, Benslimane	Temesna
Palestine	Tulkarm, Nablus, Hebron	Jericho, Bethlehem, Beit Sahour
Tunisia	Kairouan, Sousse, Sfax	Mehdia



Main project advancements (cont'd):

- Communication ties were established with AFD and EIB.
- A Helpdesk function was established in both project offices to ensure continuous support to municipalities
- Seminars were conducted with the JRC for the adaptation of the SEAP guideline
- The CES-MED website was launched

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Main project advancements (cont'd):

- The structure of a “Citizen’s Awareness Promotion Plan” for each city/municipality was prepared
- CES-MED Mayors and Focal Points were invited to attend the co-organised High-Level Covenant of Mayors Forum in Istanbul
- Promotional material was prepared in English, Arabic and French

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Challenges Faced

- Current political changes in a number of countries are reflecting highly unstable conditions
 - this may limit the team's capacity to work in
 - the country itself: e.g. Libya
 - some cities/municipalities: e.g. Kab Elias and Batna
 - Precaution and continuous monitoring of the situation is undergoing
 - For Libya, since conditions are quite unsecure and not improving, work in the country is being reconsidered.
 - In such case, further actions would have to be conducted to the benefit a different country.



Challenges Faced

- The CoM requires a commitment to reduce CO2 emissions by 20% for joining municipalities
 - this is not expected to be feasible for most cities/municipalities.
 - The SEAP guidebook for ENP South countries will not be compulsory if these requirements are not eased

Challenges Faced

- Project approval was obtained in seven countries and both national and local authorities were convinced to join CES-MED.
 - Still, in some countries (i.e. Egypt, Jordan and Libya) the project's approval or advancement is delayed.
 - active support from DG DEVCO and EU Delegations was obtained to overcome delays, but so far no official response was given by country authorities
 - Efforts are still being pursued in that direction
 - While following the discussions with National and Local authorities, the benefits that the project can have for the relevant countries are being put forward.

Recommendations

- In several countries, additional cities/municipalities expressed their interest to join the project and to benefit from its assistance.
 - Especially in Lebanon and Palestine with:
 - Up to 9 municipalities in Lebanon: Al Majdal al Zakzouk wa Wata Fares, Synay, Ain Kfarzabad, Btekhay, Al Ghabet wal Roueiss, Zahle Maalaka and Kernayel, as well as Tripoli and Menjez
 - And 3 in Palestine : Beit Sahur, Jericho, Bethlehem
 - Special program for technical assistantship will be provided for this “wait-list” of cities.

Recommendations

- There is a need to tailor CES-MED support action (and workshops) in each city/municipality and adapt to the diversity of conditions, capacities and priorities and avoid project duplication.

Examples:

- **Baakline:** extending CES-MED action to cover Baakline Union of Municipalities (instead of the single small municipality of Baakline) may be considered.
- **Beirut:** in the case of Beirut, delimiting the project's scope and area of intervention is necessary considering the size of the capital.
- **Sfax:** the city of Sfax, which is engaged in preparing and funding a SEAP, CES-MED will focus its assistance on formulating Pilot Actions ready for implementation.

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