City to city cooperation, successful practices and promising frameworks

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The EU “Partnerships for sustainable cities” programme

- **42 city-to-city partnerships** already launched (and others **15 to be signed** by the end of the year), for a total budget of **165 M euro**

- **Mediterranean basin**: 15 cities, towns and regional councils from three different neighbouring countries, **Tunisia, Morocco and Libya** involved in 5 different projects, involving LA from 3 EU MS Spain, Italy and France.

  - **BEST TAG**: **Blue Economy for the Sustainable Towns of Taranto (Italy) and Gabès (Tunisia)** - 4MEUR: cooperation between the coastal cities of Taranto and Gabès on opportunities offered by the Blue Economy to improve economic, social and environmental quality of life of populations

  - **ASIMA TUNIS**: **Strategic planning and multilevel governance for resilient metropolis** – 2.7MEUR: partnership between **Municipality of Tunis** and the **Metropolitan Area of Barcelona** aims to improve urban governance through citizen participation, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement.
From central Call for Proposals to decentralised geographical approach (MFF 2021-2027)

- At present 42 LA partnerships actions for sustainable city development are ongoing and 15 more to be signed
- Programming of new resources is now being Geographised
- No more thematic line
- But specific attention to Local authorities as key actors for the implementation of the priority lines of RIP and NIP
- At National level (NIP)
- At Regional (Multi-countries) level (RIP)
Forum “Cities and regions for international Partnerships”
29-30 November 2021

International Forum co-organised every two years by the European Commission and the European Committee of the Regions (7th edition)

Specific Thematic Focus:

• Sustainable and Green Recovery (SDG 13, 14, 15)
• Participatory Citizenship and Good Governance (SDG 10, 11, 16)

Specific objectives:
1. Highlight challenges and Showcase good practices of Sustainable Green Recovery at Urban and Local level, including the impact of digital transformation.

2. Highlighting the tri-dimensional aspect of citizen-participation at local level. (inter gender, inter-generational and inter-cultural).

3. Identify concrete partnerships opportunities.
Date and web-platform for the Forum

29 and 30 November 2021

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(from the 8th of November registration opened)
Thank you for your attention!

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