

El Prat de Llobregat - Visit to Zgharta-Ehden, Lebanon

April 24-27th, 2023

Context

Within the LASERMED Project, representatives from Zgharta-Ehden, together with 3 Mediterranean cities partners of the project, visited several municipalities in the province of Barcelona, of which El Prat de Llobregat.

This visit revealed several points of “affinity” between the two territories, and created an appetite for further cooperation. Zgharta-Ehden will therefore be honored and pleased to receive a visit from El Prat del Llobregat, Diputació de Barcelona (Provincial government) and MedCities secretariat to continue strengthening the network links and project opportunities, with a special focus on the local socio-economic axis and development instruments.

Proposed Planning

Arrival to Beirut international airport on **April 24th** and transfer to Zgharta (by MuZE).

- **April 25th:**
 - Guided tour of the old district (the Church and other heritage locations, the Citizens Initiative project)
 - Visit of the Social Solidarity Enterprises: the Soap Factory, the Refashioned Garment Shop, Made in Zgharta boutique, other citizens initiatives
 - Lunch at an old district “table d’hôte” (hosted by MuZE)
 - Visit of the territory (the Olive terroir, Ehden built heritage & the Nature Reserve, the Qadisha Valley)
 - Informal discussion during dinner in Ehden (hosted by MuZE)
- **April 26th:**
 - AM:
 - Visit to the Municipality. Meeting with the Mayor and Council Members
 - Meeting with the Sub-Prefect
 - Lunch with council representatives
 - PM:
 - Public Meeting Session (the Municipal Amphitheater):
 - Presentation of MedCities and the LASERMED project
 - Presentation of Zgharta-Ehden, review of decentralized cooperation projects and partnerships.
 - Presentation of El Prat de Llobregat on social & environmental policies and the Employment Agency; and of Diputació de Barcelona (socio-economic promotion and international relations)
 - Distribution of Participation Certificates to LASERMED trainees
 - Closing discussion on partnership axes and reciprocity potential
 - Dinner (hosted by MuZE)
- **April 27th** - 06:00 Departure to Beirut (by MuZE): Turkish Airlines flight 10:00 AM from Beirut