

MEDITERRANEAN CITY-TO-CITY MIGRATION PROFILES AND DIALOGUE

The purpose of this document is to present the work of UCLG in the framework of the project “Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Profiles and Dialogue” (C2C project), which aims to improve the inclusion and integration of migrants at city level in the Southern Mediterranean region, including through access to human rights. The C2C project was launched in February 2015 and will run for three years. It is led by ICMPD (the International Centre for Migration Policy Development) with UCLG and UN-Habitat acting as project partners. UNHCR is also associated with the project.

I. The project

1. The overall objective of the project is **to contribute to improve the inclusion and integration of migrants at city level in the Southern Mediterranean region, including through access to human rights.**
2. The project is being implemented by three international organizations with a relevant role in migration issues, local government advocacy and sustainable urban development. It is led by **ICMPD** (the International Centre for Migration Policy Development), and **UCLG** and **UN-Habitat** are project partners. **UNHCR** is also associated with the project.
3. The project aims to reinforce the knowledge and capacities of local politicians, senior officials and practitioners from departments of city administrations working in relevant sectors, such as housing, healthcare, education, community participation, urban planning, labour and employment.
4. The main outputs and results of the project should be beneficial for city administrations, authorities, civil society and migrant organizations in particular, as well as migrants in participating cities themselves.

II. UCLG’s role in the project

- **Building and maintaining a network** of local and national stakeholders. Over the past few months, the UCLG World Secretariat has been working to involve different cities from our organization in the project. At the moment, the following cities have confirmed their participation: **Tangiers, Tunis, Beirut, Amman, Lisbon, Lyon and Turin.**
- **Coordinating the seven thematic peer-to-peer learning meetings** that will bring together representatives from the department for inclusion and the concerned thematic department of the 10 participating cities.
- **Contributing to the policy paper.** The project will enable the definition of a global policy paper on the role of cities in integration and inclusion processes. UCLG will be very active in the implementation of this document, and will aim to include the visions and comments of all components of the organization, in order to create a shared

position on the topic. A first draft should be presented in the framework of the UCLG Congress in Bogotá and the Habitat III Conference in Quito in October 2016.

III. UCLG's goals

5. Through this project UCLG seeks to:
 - **Raise awareness among local and national authorities of the southern Mediterranean** on the importance of the inclusion and integration of migrants as part of the cohesion strategy of their territory.
 - **Demonstrate the responsibility of local governments** to deal with migration issues and the pertinence of dealing with these issues at local level.
 - **Promote and enhance peer-to-peer learning and decentralized cooperation** at north-south, north-north and south-south levels, to exchange views, methodologies and experiences, and to profit from the best practices developed within the network.
 - **Advocate at both national and international level for the recognition of the fundamental role of local authorities**, in particular municipalities, with relation to the integration and inclusion of migrants.

IV. Involving UCLG Sections, Committees and Working Groups

6. UCLG Sections and Committees may support the project by providing information, examples of good practices and contacts for local actors. They can also disseminate the information and the results of the project to their members and follow up on work on migration issues in their region; this would ensure the sustainability of the action at the end of the project period. Involvement in the implementation of the project can also be explored.