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Optimizing Euro-Palestinian Decentralised Cooperation

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DRAFT PROGRAM



Wednesday, November 27th

- 14.00 – 18.00 : Registration / Kursaal
- 19.00 : Welcoming cocktail reception / Greater Dunkirk Council Hall
- Dinner (not included)

Thursday, November 28th /Morning / Kursaal of Dunkirk.

- 9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 11.00

OPENING PLENARY CONFERENCE

Speakers :

Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian National Authority
Michel Delebarre, Former Minister, Senator-Mayor of Dunkirk, Chairman of the Greater Dunkirk Council, Chairman of Cites Unies France.

Marylise Lebranchu, Minister of Civil Service, State Reform and Decentralisation

Claude Nicolet, Chairman of the French Network of Decentralized Cooperation Initiatives for Palestine (RCDP)

Frode Muring, Special Representative, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Palestine

Isabelle Durant, Vice-president, European Parliament

Leoluca Orlando, Mayor of Palermo, Member of the European Network of Local Authorities for Peace in the Middle East

Anne Paugam, General manager of the French Development Agency

Video message from **Kadir Topbas**, Mayor of Istanbul, Chairman of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

11.00 – 13.15

PALESTINE: CONTEXT AND PERSPECTIVES

Plenary session moderated by **Bertrand Gallet**, General manager of Cités Unies France

Strategic challenge

Pascal Boniface, Director of the Institute for International and Strategic Relations (IRIS)

The humanitarian situation

Ray Dolphin, Humanitarian Affairs Specialist, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, OCHA

The situation of Palestinian Refugees

Matthias Burchard, Director, Representative Office to the European Union, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

Situation of Jerusalem : An Overview

His Excellence Adnan Al Hussein, Minister for Jerusalem Affairs and Governor for Quds governorate

Roberto Romero, Vice-president in charge of International and European Affairs, Regional Council of Ile-de-France

13.15-13.30

To be confirmed: SIGNATURE OF THE AGREEMENT FOR JERUSALEM WITH AL QODS AGENCY, CITES UNIES FRANCE AND THE RCDP

With **Dr Abdelkebir Alaoui M'Daghri**, General manager of the Bayt Mal Al Qods Acharif Agency, representing His Majesty the King Mohammed VI, Chairman of the Al Qods Comittee.

13.30 – 14.30

Lunch / Kursaal

Thursday, November 28th/ Afternoon / Kursaal

14.30 – 18.00

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1 : Investing in Sustainable Local Development : Opportunities and Constraints

moderated by **Flavio Lotti**, General director of the Italian National Coordination of Local Authorities for Peace and Human Rights.

Investing in Sustainable Local Development in the occupied Palestinian Territories (oPt) is not only useful, it is also necessary. The social and territorial fragmentation of the oPt represents a serious obstacle in building a viable state and it requires a different and more pronounced attention on the real living condition of local communities. In this complex context, investing in Sustainable Local Development is one of the most suitable and effective approaches. But what does promoting a Sustainable Local Development in the oPt exactly mean? What are the problems and the obstacles that we face? What is the role of Palestinian Local Authorities? In what way European Decentralized Cooperation can contribute? From which experience should we learn?

With **Youssef Nasser**, professor of Economics at Birzeit University (oPt), former Mayor of Birzeit, **Valentina Bononi**, Councillor in charge of economic development and international cooperation at the Municipality of Marsciano (Italy), **Julien Salingue**, Political science PhD student at University Paris 8, **Bruno Anantharaman**, head of the department of local authorities and development for Palestine at the French Development Agency, **Chrisine Crifo**, Vice-chairman in Charge of Decentralized Cooperation, and **Abdulfatah Hamail**, Governor of Bethlehem.

WORKSHOP 2 : Building a Palestinian State : what role for local authorities ?

Moderated by **Audes Signoles**, Lecturer at Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence

This workshop aim at crossing points of view of operational workers and researchers to analyze the contribution of the local Palestinian institutions to the construction of a central administration. What role did the emerging Palestinian Authority and its leaders want to attribute to municipalities either in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank ? To what extent did this suit the aspirations both of civil society and of the mayors who had been appointed at the head of these institutions ? Which transformations could be observed in terms of allocation, modalities of action and financing municipalities, as well as in the political staff who manages them ?

With **His Excellence Saïd Al-Kuni**, Palestinian Minister of Local Governments,

Mazen Ghunaim, Palestinian Deputy Minister of Local Governments, **Olivier Donnet**, Expert in Institutional Development and Governance at the Belgian Technical Cooperation, **Pierre Duquesne**, Ambassador, in charge of Economic questions of reconstruction and development at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Issam Akel**, APLA General Manager, **Xavier Guignard**, PhD student at Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne University, and **Abeer Machni**, PhD student in Public Law at University Paris 1

WORKSHOP 3 : Water, a Strategic Ressource.

Moderated by **Claude Reznik**, Deputy-Mayor of Montreuil in Charge of Decentralised Cooperation and Migrants.

In a region where the water is a scarce resource, access is a major stake. The scarce character, decaying distribution networks, difficulties in implementing construction sites and difficulties in management are only a few problems among those faced by Palestinian public authorities. By crossing a diversity of points of view of personalities active in the sector of water (experts, representatives of the Palestinian central Authorities, Palestinian local authorities and municipalities), this workshop will highlight the role of decentralised cooperation with regard to these challenges.

With **Pierre Blanc**, Lecturer-researcher in Geopolitics at Bordeaux Science Agro and Sciences Po Bordeaux and Editor of Confluences Méditerranée, **Victoria Dabdoub**, coordinator for French-Palestinian decentralized cooperation at the Palestinian Water Authority, and **Pierre Schapira**, Deputy-mayor of the city of Paris in charge of International and European Affairs and Francophonie, and **Othman Dawoud**, Mayor of Qalqilya.

16.30–17.00

Coffee break

17.00–18.00

Second part of the workshops

18.00–18.30

Documentary « Broken Hopes », West Bank, the split life.

In five sequences, photojournalist Cédric Gerbehaye and the journalist Eve Sabbagh narrate everyday life in the West Bank: access to water is refused, houses are destroyed and endless controls occur.

An VU agency and Action against hunger documentary, in partnership with Mediapart.

18.30–19.00

FEEDBACK FROM THE WORKSHOPS

19.00-20.30

Exhibition : Arab Springs : Challenging Times.

Free access/ Depoland, Dunkirk / Bus

This retrospective imagined by Alain Mingam, reporter and photograph, shows 200 pictures taken during the start of the Arab Spring in order to fight indifference and respond to the urgent need of solidarity.

With Alain Mingam, tour in English.

20.30

Dinner offered by the coordinating organisations.

Casino, Place du Casino, Dunkirk / in front of the Kursaal.

Friday, November 29th / Morning / Kursaal of Dunkirk.

9.00 – 9.30 Welcoming session

9.30 – 12.30 20 YEARS AFTER: EVALUATING THE OSLO AGREEMENTS

Moderated by **Jean-Paul Chagnollaoud**, Head of the Méditerranée and Middle East research and studies Institute (IREMMO) and university lecturer

9.30-11.00 The Oslo Agreements and the Stagnant Peace Process.

With **Ghassan Khatib**, former Minister of the Palestinian National Authority, professor at Birzeit University and **Dr Yossi Beilin**, Former Minister of Justice and President of Beilink (Business Foreign Affairs)

11.15-12.30 Initiatives of Local Authorities and the Civil Society in Support of Peace Dialogue.

With **Ghassan Shakaa**, mayor of Nablus, Chairman of APLA, **Gilbert Benhayoun**, Chairman of the Aix Group, **Dr. Albrecht Schröter**, Mayor of Jena, **Stéphane Raffalli**, Mayor of Ris Orangis and Essonne Department Councillor, and **Donatella Porzi**, Councilor in Charge of International Cooperation, Province of Perugia.

Screening the movie «Tel Mond-Salfeet in Ris Orangis: Travelling for Peace».

12.30-12.45 READING DUNKIRK +10 STATEMENT

Flavio Lotti, General director of the Italian National Coordination of local authorities for peace and human rights, co-founder of the European network of local authorities for peace in the Middle-East.

Claude Nicolet, Chairman of the French Network of Decentralized Cooperation Initiatives for Palestine, co-founder of the European network of local authorities for peace in the Middle-East.

12.45 – 13.30

CONCLUDING PLENARY CONFERENCE

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Claude Nicolet, Chairman of the French Network of Decentralized Cooperation Initiatives for Palestine.

Ghassan Shaka, Mayor of Nablus, Chairman of the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA)

Shlomo Bohbot, Mayor of Ma'alot-Tarshiha, Chairman of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel (ULAI)

13.30

Lunch / Kursaal

Friday, November 29th / Afternoon / Greater Dunkirk City Hall.

From 15.00

Working session for networks of Euro-Palestinian Local Authorities (Euro-Gaza, Euro-Nablus, Euro-Bethleem, Network of Jericho's Partners...).

Organised by the own initiative of networks, at the Greater Dunkirk Council Hall, Pertuis de la Marine, Dunkirk

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Adresses / Plan.



VENUES

1. **Palais des congrés, le Kursaal** : Place du Casino, Dunkerque.
2. **Communauté urbaine de Dunkerque** : Pertuis de la Marine, Dunkerque.