



Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Dialogue, Knowledge and Action

Sub-regional Peer-Learning Event – Agenda

Building trust through strengthened cooperation: the role of civil society in the urban governance of migration

25-26 June 2019

Location: Sfax

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As highlighted in the [MC2CM Policy Recommendations](#): "Effective integration measures and inclusive policies require multi-stakeholder governance mechanisms. Civil society organizations are necessary to provide or support access to public services. Their role is also crucial in helping local communities to understand diversity, without tensions, and to explore common values".

In a context where participating cities have little capacity to deal with migration, the role of civil society is crucial in providing reception instruments, promoting the inclusion of newcomers and strengthening social cohesion in the urban space. With this in mind, local governments can establish mechanisms for cooperation with the various actors of civil society, with the aim of guaranteeing the right to the city, promoting migrants' participation in social and political life and ensuring their access to basic services.

Through their work with migrants, civil society organisations (CSOs) can help create trusted spaces and contribute to a better understanding of migrant populations' characteristics and needs. In addition, the work of these organizations is also important for local populations and contributes to building bridges that facilitate cultural, religious and social exchange, while also promoting a nuanced discourse and guaranteeing respect for human rights in urban areas.

MC2CM addresses this issue by first encouraging the cities of the network to map their local migration contexts through the City Migration Profiles, thus promoting the establishment of a city stakeholder group. In addition, the peer learning spaces created by the MC2CM project represent an opportunity for cities to deepen their knowledge to achieve sustainable results. In this context, this sub-regional peer-to-peer meeting aims to identify the necessary mechanisms and practices to consolidate multi-level governance models that integrate civil society in an appropriate way to promote social cohesion and combat non-evidence-based discourse on migration.

This meeting will be an opportunity to bring together and engage representatives of civil society organizations to ensure that their voices are heard and taken into account when setting up coordination mechanisms at the local level.

Monday, 24 June 2019	
Afternoon	Arrival of participants
19:30 – 21:30	Social Event (tbc depending on arrival times of majority)
Tuesday, 25 June 2019	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and welcoming coffee/tea
9:00 – 9:30	Institutional opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mounir Elloumi, Mayor of Sfax – Leila Garbouj, Program Officer, Protection and Migration, Swiss Cooperation Office in Tunisia – Donya Smida, Head of ICMPD Tunis Office / Project Manager ProGreS Migration – Mohamed Boussraoui, Senior Manager Migration, UCLG
9:30-9:40	Presentation of the objectives of the meeting <p>Objective: To situate the context of the meeting, the programme and the methodology of exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lamine Abbad, Project Manager MC2CM, ICMPD
9:40 – 10:30	Session I: Definition of the discussion framework <p>Objective: To identify participants' expectations regarding the functions and responsibilities of CSOs in their contexts as well as find a common definition of the nature of civil society and its role in local migration governance in line with the background note.</p> <p>Methodology: Participants will be invited to answer the following guiding questions, based on their experience and on the background note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What constitutes the civil society and what are civil society organisations? ✓ What are CSOs roles in local migration governance systems? ✓ What are your cities' expectations regarding CSOs' functions and responsibilities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Camille le Coz, Expert, Migration Policy Institute – <i>Moderation</i> : Fátima Fernández, UCLG
10:30 – 11:15	Session II: 'Right to the City' and local migration governance: local partnerships to protect human rights and access basic services <p>Objective: To open a dialogue on the role of municipalities in ensuring the 'Right to the City' and CSOs' in advancing rights-based governance.</p> <p>Methodology: Storytelling</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Amanda Fléty, Coordinator of the Secretariat of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy & Human Rights
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Session III: Experience from the field: exchange and good practice presentation</p> <p>Objective: Participants to discover engage with and reflect on concrete examples related to coordination mechanisms between local governments and CSOs in the field of migration governance.</p> <p>Methodology: Poster presentations, participants will be invited to circulate in groups between stations (10min presentations + 5min Q&A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Moderation:</i> Alia Fakhry, ICMPD – <i>Facilitators:</i> Lina Gast, UCLG, Amanda Fléty, UCLG, Fatima Ghaddar, ICMPD
13:45 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 17:00	<p>Technical Field Visit/Peer Review to Caritas</p> <p>Objective: To explore the challenges and opportunities of the coordinated work with civil society: the example of the collaboration between the Municipality of Sfax and the NGO Caritas.</p> <p>Methodology: Participants will be invited to work in groups to answer guiding questions by sharing their observations, recommendations and personal experiences related to the visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Case presentation:</i> Mohamed Aydi, Municipality of Sfax – <i>Moderation:</i> Lamine Abbad, ICMPD and Fátima Fernández, UCLG
17:00 – 18:00	Side meeting between partners and cities: participants will be given the opportunity to exchange with project partners

Wednesday, 26 June 2019

9:00 – 9:45	<p>Session IV: Peer-Review presentation of the results</p> <p>Objective: To present participants’ review of the previous day’s field visit.</p> <p>Methodology: Participants to reconvene in working groups to briefly present their answers, observations and recommendations, according to guiding questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Respondent:</i> Mohamed Aydi, Municipality of Sfax – <i>Moderation:</i> Jesus Salcedo, UN-Habitat
9:45 – 11:00	<p>Session V: What are the main challenges of coordination with CSOs and how can they be addressed?</p> <p>Objective: To define with participating cities and CSOs the challenges of day-to-day cooperation in local governance of migration.</p> <p>Methodology: Selected cities and CSOs representatives to open the discussion on coordination challenges from their perspectives. The debate is then open to all participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Moderation:</i> Lina Gast, UCLG
11:00 – 11:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:15 – 13:30	<p>Session VI: How to ensure sustainable, flexible and effective coordination?</p> <p>Objective: To hear proposals and recommendations from CSOs and local governments on multi-level coordination and in relation to MC2CM Policy Recommendations.</p> <p>Methodology: Open debate</p> <p><i>Moderation:</i> Jesus Salcedo, UN-Habitat</p>
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Lunch</p>
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Take away: what should we report from this meeting</p> <p>Methodology: Participants to draw their conclusions and recommendations from the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Day 1 – Day 2
15:30 -16:00	<p>Next steps and Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lamine Abbad, MC2CM Project Manager, ICMPD – Representative of the City of Sfax