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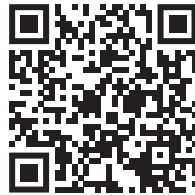
The transnational assessment tools and indicators for buildings and urban areas developed in CESBA MED project and tested in 9 different European urban areas, will be adapted and transferred to the South and East sides of MED, integrating new indicators and criteria.

To support a participatory approach in urban sustainability planning, the CESBA MED co-creation Labs as well as the Local Project Committees will be established in each participating city.

The Sustainable MED Cities deliverables are conceived to be easily adapted and used by the local authorities.



The exploitation of the Sustainable MED Cities tools and methodologies can increase the impacts of policy instruments used by municipalities to support the development of building regulations, urban plans and strategic development plans.



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Sustainable MED Cities



**INTEGRATED TOOLS  
AND METHODOLOGIES  
FOR SUSTAINABLE  
MEDITERRANEAN CITIES**

**CAPITALISATION PROJECT**

## The context

In the Mediterranean, two thirds of the population is already living in urban areas. By around 2050, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme predicts that the urban population will grow to around 170 million in the countries on the northern shore of Mediterranean and to over 300 million on the south and east.

A new sustainable approach to spatial planning and management of Mediterranean cities, offering longer-term sustainable solutions is needed.



### How does Sustainable MED Cities project address this challenge?

- By providing innovative tools and methodologies, useful to develop effective policies, strategies and action plans in relation to the Mediterranean strategy for sustainable development 2016-2025.
- By delivering advanced capacity-building programmes for Mediterranean public authorities to step up their capacity to drive the urban regeneration.

## BUDGET

€ 0,7 million total budget  
85% ENI CBC Med



## DURATION

24 months:  
01/10/2021 – 30/09/2023

## OUTCOMES

### A Sustainable MED Cities assessment system

A common transnational system for measuring the level of sustainability at the different spatial scales, from buildings to cities. The use of common indicators can be used to fix measurable energy and sustainability targets in transnational policies and facilitate the exchange of best and innovative practices through the use of Key Performance Indicators. A Passport for the MED built environment will be delivered to compare the environmental performances of MED cities.



### A Sustainable MED Cities online Platform



The online platform enables users to generate contextualised tools for any MED city and can be used for carrying out assessments at building, neighbourhood and city scale. A collaborative platform will be integrated for supporting, in conjunction with the overall project strategy, a participatory approach in assessment and monitoring of sustainability.

### A decision-making methodology upgraded to be usable by cities

The holistic methodology for supporting the decision making process, that was developed in the CESBA MED project, will be enhanced to also cover the needs and priorities of cities in the South and East side of MED. In addition, a contextualised version will be prepared for the cities of Sousse (Tunisia), Moukhtara (Lebanon) and Irbid (Jordan). This methodology enables the decision-makers to identify the most convenient retrofitting scenario at building and urban scale through the selection of the best solutions.



### A multi-level governance approach in sustainability planning



This innovative approach facilitates the horizontal and vertical integration of different governance levels and allows local and regional authorities to successfully plan and implement combined energy and sustainability measures. In addition, it provides improved monitoring and verification schemes of projects, along with more efficient public spending.

### Three pilot tests in neighbourhoods of Tunisia, Jordan and Lebanon

Three cities, Irbid in Jordan, Moukhtara in Lebanon and Sousse in Tunisia will apply the contextualised tools and methodologies and will test them on a pilot case study. Synergies with the GreenBuilding project <https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/projects/greenbuilding> will be implemented in the two cities, Irbid and Moukhtara, partners of both projects.



### Innovative training system for capacity-building programmes for cities and regions



Sustainable MED Cities will set up and test a training system aiming to increase awareness, knowledge and skill of public authorities, by focusing on their needs and challenges.