

SUSTAINABLE MED CITIES

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ABOUT

In order to promote sustainability in municipalities, local governments must have the capacity to measure it. In the previous “[CESBA MED: Sustainable Cities](#)” project, two tools for different scales (Sustainable Building Tool - SBTool and Sustainable Neighbourhood Tool - SNTTool) were developed for municipalities in Europe. With these tools it is possible to set requirements for buildings and neighbourhoods to move in the direction

of a sustainable municipality.

In this project, this knowledge will be transferred to South-east Mediterranean municipalities and a new tool will be added to the system: the Sustainable City Tool - SCTool.

Each municipality will get a CESBA MED Passport which allows them to compare sustainability of buildings, neighbourhoods and cities.

THREE TOOLS

The Assessment System incorporates three tools at different scales, for buildings (SBTool), neighborhoods (SNTTool) and cities (SCTool). These are tools to establish measurable targets in policy instruments and to evaluate the impact of project and plans of local and regional authorities. Tools will be made available to the end users on the Project online Platform. (Page 2)

LOCAL PROJECT COMMITTEES

LPCs provide useful feedback to the partners to optimise project activities. Read more about their role and how the LPC are formed. (Page 3)



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6 KEY STAGES IN DECISION MAKING

- ● **Initiate** the project with the right people around the table.
- ● **Adapt** the CESBA MED tools.
- ● **Evaluate** the level of sustainability of the building, urban area or city.
- ● **Identify** constraints and set targets.
- ● **Build** and rank scenarios.
- ● **Transform** the selected scenario into a concrete project.

THREE TOOLS AT DIFFERENT SCALES

The assessment system inherited from CESBA MED consists of **two tools: SBTool** (Sustainable Building Tool) and **SNTTool** (Sustainable Neighbourhood Tool). To evaluate the actual performance and relative level of sustainability of the buildings and the neighbourhood, a **new tool SCTool** (Sustainable Cities Tool) will be added for assessing the sustainability at city scale with new indicators for measuring among others, the level of smartness of cities. This tool will capitalize the indicators developed by CESBA MED for the 2019 edition of the [Istanbul Environment Friendly Cities Award](#).



SBTool



SNTTool

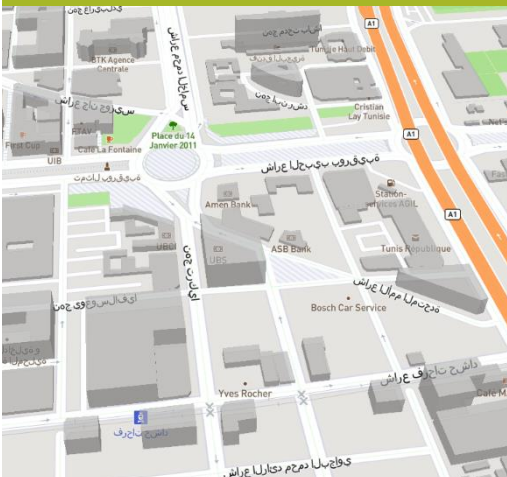


SCTool

USE OF THE TOOLS

The CESBA MED assessment system will be **adapted to the South and East sides of Mediterranean**. In collaboration with the three municipalities in the South-East Mediterranean participating in the project, **new indicators will be integrated** to take in account additional environmental, social, and economic issues (e.g. dust and air quality, availability of potable water, etc.). The three municipalities are: Municipality of Sousse (Tunisia), Moukhtara Municipality (Lebanon) and Greater Municipality of Irbid (Jordan).

The **CESBA MED Passport** will be adapted to compare the sustainability of buildings, neighbourhoods and cities in the whole Mediterranean in relation to the Objective 3 of the [Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development 2016-2025](#). The three municipalities will use the same tools, methodology and values, and develop a **Passport that will make possible to compare buildings, neighbourhoods and cities of different countries**.





MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE

The general strategy can be elaborated by the regional authority in collaboration with the municipality that will implement it.

The engaged authorities **use the same tools** and as a result have the same measurement system. This way they can all work efficiently and effectively to **coordinate policies and actions**. A Multi-Level Governance guide provides the necessary guidelines on how to best collaborate and connect at different levels.

This collaboration can be further expanded at even higher levels, including member states, the European Union or even different countries throughout the world.

TARGET GROUPS OF LPCs

The LPC will be composed by local members representing the different stakeholders interested in the project outcomes. It is important to get the right people around the table:

- Local, regional and national authorities with competence in energy efficiency and sustainable planning.
- Policy makers and decision makers.
- Associations of public authorities.
- Professionals: project Managers, planning and design teams.
- End-users and external parties.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF A LPC?

LPCs (Local Project Committees) are informal working groups established to:

- Fostering the awareness of the project in the local contexts.
- Provide feedback on project's activities/results.
- Get feedback from stakeholders involved in order to provide advices and guidance for developing results that meet their needs and expectations.
- Engage potential end users in the project.
- Support the dissemination and communication activities.
- Support the exploitation of project's outcomes.

CONFERENCE

23rd-24th March 2022

Barcelona, Spain

MedCat Days 2022 [🔗](#)



MEETING

28th-29th March 2022

Online

2nd Project Meeting



COMING SOON

6-7 Oct 22

Conference "Assessing Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Decarbonization" [🔗](#)

Paper + Presentation
Athens, Greece

Mid Oct 22

The Sustainable Built Environment Conference Series [🔗](#)

SBE22 Sousse Seminar
Sousse, Tunisia

Nov 22

UN Environment/MAP and MedCities event