



Territorial networking for capacity building and local development: a cross-border experience linking Lebanon, Jordan, France, Italy

T-Net

- Priority 1** Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories
- Measure 1.3** Strengthening the national strategies of territorial planning by integrating the different levels, and promotion of balanced and sustainable socio-economic development

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Project in brief

The decentralisation process which is ongoing in Jordan and Lebanon is facing several challenges such as organisational limitations, a low level of empowerment and a certain lack of capacities of local administrations. Obviously, these difficulties consequently limit the economic development and prevent local administrations from adequately delivering the required services citizens.

The **T-NET** project acts in this framework focusing on the promotion of socio-economic local development among territorial networks of local authorities, clusters of local authorities and civil society organisations from Jordan, Lebanon, France and Italy. Through a networking process, the project aims at building sustainable and long-lasting relationships in order to strengthen the capabilities of territorial planning in Lebanon and Jordan and to contribute to overcoming the obstacles faced in the decentralisation process.

Beneficiary

Regional Authority of Tuscany (Italy, Toscana)

Partnership

1. Oxfam Italia (Italy, Toscana)
2. Arci Regional Tuscan Committee (Italy, Toscana)
3. Regional Authority of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
4. Federation of the Municipalities of Zgharta district (Lebanon)
5. Union of Tyre region Municipalities (Lebanon)
6. Union of Jezzine Municipalities (Lebanon)
7. UNDP-Lebanon (Lebanon)
8. Jordan Society for Sustainable development (Jordan, Aqaba)
9. Greater Madaba Municipality (Jordan, Madaba)

Specific objective

Strengthening the skills of territorial planning in Lebanon and Jordan to design and implement local socio-economic development projects thanks to institutional building strategies and to the creation of territorial networks

Expected results

- Creation of networks among local authorities, clusters of local authorities, civil society organisations
- Development of the partnership skills and competencies on concepts such as territorial planning and good governance

- Local economic development processes through an increased participation of relevant stakeholders and local communities in local heritage valorisation for tourist promotion

Target groups

- Staff from the municipalities, federation of municipalities and civil society organizations involved in the project

Final beneficiaries

- Students and unemployed young people
- Small-scale entrepreneurs
- Local populations from the municipalities involved in the project

Duration

36 months

Budget

- Total budget: € 1.902.481
- Programme contribution: € 1.673.281 (87,95%)
- Project co-financing: € 229.200 (12,05%)

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