



# Mediterranean Network for the promotion of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies (UDS) and three new UDS



## USUDS

**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

Population and economic growth in the Mediterranean Sea Basin is nowadays mostly concentrated in urban areas. The improved quality of life of urban populations has become a determining factor for the development of the whole Mediterranean region. To support the development of the Mediterranean area, a system of socially and economically efficient cities should be fostered. **USUDS** intends to address the challenge of city development planning through the promotion of urban sustainable strategies and the exchange of knowledge. With that purpose in mind, the project will focus on the implementation of three specific Urban Development Strategies in the cities of Sousse, Saida and Larnaca as well as on the creation of three Knowledge Transfer Centers in Málaga, Sfax and Al Fayhaa.

## Beneficiary

Metropolitan Area of Barcelona acting as Medcities General Secretariat (Spain, Cataluña)

## Partnership

1. Sfax City Council (Tunisia, Sfax)
2. Foundation CIEDES (Spain, Andalucía)
3. Sousse City Council (Tunisia, Sousse)
4. Saida City Council (Lebanon)
5. Larnaca City Council (Cyprus)
6. Urban Community of Al Fayhaa (Lebanon)

## Specific objectives

- To create a network of cities interested in building strategies for urban sustainable development
- To develop three new Urban Sustainable Development Strategies in Sousse, Saida and Larnaca

## Expected results

- Development of three new Urban Sustainable Development Strategies in the cities of Sousse, Saida and Larnaca
- Creation of a Knowledge Transfer Centre for Methodology and Best Practices in Málaga
- Creation of two Antennas of the Knowledge Transfer Centre for New Plans and Dissemination, respectively located in Sfax and Al Fayhaa
- Creation of a technological platform to exchange management tools and best practices in the Mediterranean area

## Target groups

- Municipal administrations and their staff
- City stakeholders (chambers of commerce, universities...)
- Low income groups
- SMEs

## Final beneficiaries

Local populations of the target cities

## Duration

24 months

## Budget

- Total budget: € 2.863.011
- Programme contribution: € 1.783.742 (62%)
- Project co-financing: € 1.079.269 (28%)
  1. Project partners: € 619.929
  2. Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID): € 300.000
  3. Barcelona Municipality: € 30.000
  4. Diputació de Barcelona: € 100.000
  5. Hariri Foundation: € 29.340

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