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Supporting local authorities' efforts towards the energy transition and climate action

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The UfM energy and climate context at a local level

The UfM mandate

THE INCREASE IN FREQUENCY, INTENSITY AND DURATION OF HEAT WAVES IS AMPLIFIED BY THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT

Source: MedECC

BY 2030, 80% OF THE POPULATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN 10% OF THE LAND

Source: The European Investment Bank

1.5°C - THE RISE OF AVERAGE TEMPERATURE NOT TO BE SURPASSED AS AGREED THROUGH THE PARIS AGREEMENT IS ALREADY BEING EXCEEDED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Source: IPCC

The Mediterranean municipalities face multiple **challenges...**
...that can turn into **opportunities** if properly addressed.

The Mediterranean local communities have a central role to play in the **energy transition**. The region is rich in renewable energy sources, such as wind, sun and water, having therefore the potential to promote the **shift towards more sustainable, low carbon energy systems**. There is also a potential to increase energy efficiency through the development of new technologies in areas such as cooling and heating, building construction and renovation, public lighting, urban transportation, etc. Investments on renewable energies and energy efficiency will develop local jobs and local qualifications as well as reduce the financial burden for importing fossil energies.

"Cooperation between cities is now at the core of regional strategies against climate change in the Mediterranean."

Mohamed Idaomar, Mayor of Tetouan and President of MedCities



Why local authorities? A bottom-up approach

In order to address these pressing issues affecting the Mediterranean region, cities are in the best position to identify actions that best meet their local needs and to carry them out on the ground, as they can design and implement policies that take the local context into account.

The Ministers of Energy of the UfM countries emphasised the support to local authorities "in the promotion, deployment, and scaling up of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions that are compatible with securing a high quality of life for their citizens."

Declaration of the UfM Ministerial Conference on Energy (2016)

The Union for the Mediterranean recognises the significant role local authorities play in achieving environmental and climate-related objectives and supports them in their efforts towards the energy transition, through the **Energy Transition @ Local Initiative**.

UfM Peer to Peer Dialogues for Local Authorities' Efforts in Energy Transition

The UfM organizes UfM Peer to Peer Dialogues for Local Authorities' Efforts in Energy Transition, focusing on issues such as public-private partnerships (PPPs), technical assistance to LAs, project financing, project bankability, and policies, among others.

UfM Capacity Building Programme for Supporting LAs Efforts in Energy Transition and Climate Change

This programme consists of vocational training sessions and technical study visits focusing on topics such as efficiency in urban mobility, buildings and street lighting.

2nd UfM Energy and Climate Business Forum: Supporting Local Authorities in their efforts towards the energy transition

The second edition of the UfM Energy and Climate Business Forum gathered, in 2019, local authorities, stakeholders, private sector investors, international financial institutions, and government representatives with the aim of:

- Identifying **business opportunities** and innovative solutions with potential of replication
- Highlighting and exchanging regional best practices
- Enhancing cooperation and networking
- Promoting tangible and **innovative financing solutions**, private investment and public private partnerships in the Euro-Mediterranean region



Clima-Med project

One of the major objectives of the UfM labelled project Clima-Med is to increase the numbers of local Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plan (SEACAPs), including greenhouse gases inventories and climate vulnerability and risk assessments, developed and implemented in line with the **Global Covenant of Mayors** principles, leading to concrete actions implemented by local authorities in the Southern Neighbourhood.

UpM en bref

Mission

Renforcer la coopération et le dialogue régional par la mise en œuvre d'initiatives et de projets concrets portant sur le développement humain, la stabilité et l'intégration.



42 Membres

27 pays de l'UE et 15 pays du Sud et de l'Est de la Méditerranée. Leurs hauts fonctionnaires se rencontrent régulièrement afin de superviser et coordonner les activités de l'UpM

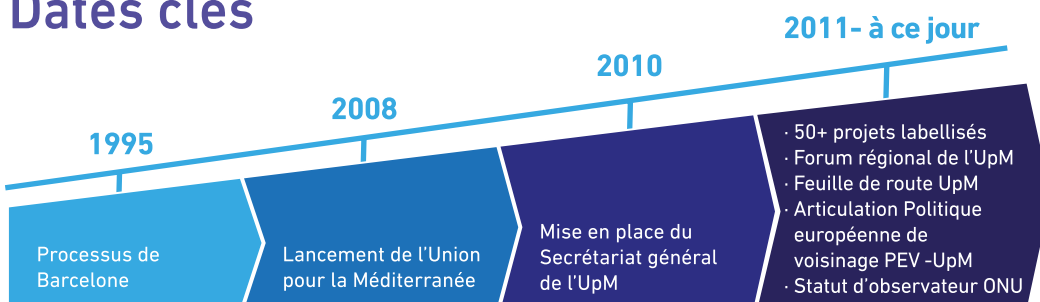
2 Co-présidents

L'UE et la Jordanie assurent la co-présidence Nord-Sud depuis 2012. Cette co-présidence incarne le principe de co-appropriation.

1 Secrétariat

Basé à Barcelone, le Secrétariat est la plateforme opérationnelle de l'UpM.

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