

**ACTION 1: TO COORDINATE & ENHANCE COHESION**

**Objective:** To promote the design, regional coordination, and cohesion of national urban policies (NUPs) and integrated city development strategies (ICDSs) across the Euro-Mediterranean region

KEY OBJECTIVES	KEY TOOLS	PROPOSED ACTIONS (2021-2040)	CRITERIA OF SUCCESS
<p>To promote the creation and harmonization of national urban policy documents (NUPs) and integrated city development strategies (ICDSs).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To develop and implement NUPs in UfM Member States who do not have an NUP, following common agreed frameworks.</li> <li>(ii) To compare and coordinate existing NUPs to this Action Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Assessing and evaluating the potential cooperation and added value of the UfM support to set up NUPs and ICDSs with UN-Habitat and the OECD, and other partner organizations involved in existing programmes.</li> <li>(ii) Encouraging Member States, and sub-national authorities to commit to and pursue the development of NUPs and ICDSs in the context of this Action Plan, building on existing tools and support activities.</li> <li>(iii) Mapping trends (including megatrends), risks and challenges for national and local urban planning (e.g. hotspots of climate emergency building on the PESETA IV project, environmental degradation, and other disaster risks as well as forced displacement), for inclusion of such challenges in NUPs and ICDSs.</li> <li>(iv) Mapping the development of NUPs and ICDSs across the region.</li> <li>(v) Mapping the governance of spatial development across the region.</li> <li>(vi) Mapping and making a critical assessment of the development of NUPs across the region (OECD, 2017).</li> <li>(vii) Promoting dialogue between national planning authorities to harmonize NUPs with this Action Plan and evaluate/monitor this harmonization.</li> <li>(viii) Helping national authorities to develop NUPs that are in line with this Action Plan in content and overall goals and objectives.</li> <li>(ix) Encouraging stronger regional governance in NUPs.</li> <li>(x) Mapping and encouraging the strengthening of water-related governance in NUPs (sea and fresh water resources), including the governance of the Mediterranean waters and associated water bodies in reference to urban development, using the Charter for Multilevel Governance in Europe (European Committee of the Regions (CoR), 2014) and Guidance Document 8 "Public Participation in Relation to the Water Framework Directive" (European Commission, 2003).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Number of countries with NUPs rises significantly to more than 80% in three to five years.</li> <li>(ii) Number of NUPs and ICDSs identified by the UfM as achieving coordination with this Action Plan rises.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To establish shared visions for medium and long term development, consolidating democratic transition processes by empowering local governments and fostering stakeholder engagement and community and citizen participation, and</li> <li>(ii) To ensure that the ICDSs protect and value the cultural heritage of places (including historic city centres); that they build on inherited building practices and identity; and that they integrate heritage conservation with sustainable urban development plans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Assessing and evaluating the potential cooperation and added value of the UfM support to set up NUPs and ICDSs with UN-Habitat and the OECD, and other partner organizations involved in existing programmes.</li> <li>(ii) Encouraging Member States, and sub-national authorities to commit to and pursue the development of NUPs and ICDSs in the context of this Action Plan, building on existing tools and support activities.</li> <li>(iii) Mapping trends (including megatrends), risks and challenges for national and local urban planning (e.g. hotspots of climate emergency building on the PESETA IV project, environmental degradation, and other disaster risks as well as forced displacement), for inclusion of such challenges in NUPs and ICDSs.</li> <li>(iv) Mapping the development of NUPs and ICDSs across the region.</li> <li>(v) Mapping the governance of spatial development across the region.</li> <li>(xi) Connecting municipalities to help them exchange experiences while developing ICDSs (in connection with ACTION 2: TO EDUCATE &amp; STRENGTHEN CAPACITY, through living labs and with support from local universities).</li> <li>(xii) Mapping key cultural heritage in towns and cities across the region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Number of cities with ICDSs rises significantly to more than 80% in three to five years.</li> <li>(iv) Networks of local authorities are actively involved.</li> <li>(v) Number of local action plans connected to ICDSs rises significantly in three to five years.</li> </ul>