

ACTION 6: TO MONITOR AND COMMUNICATE

Objective: To establish a results-based, systematic evaluation, monitoring and reporting system in the Euro-Mediterranean region. To establish a system for peer review and monitoring of project design and implementation, through the constitution of a network of partner cities and universities

KEY OBJECTIVES	KEY TOOLS	PROPOSED ACTIONS (2021-2040)	CRITERIA OF SUCCESS
(i) To formulate benchmarks of success based on the several policy frameworks used for the formulation of the Action Plan, with an emphasis on SDG indicators tailored to the Mediterranean context.	(i) Results-based programming, budgeting, management, monitoring and reporting (RBM) approach, as implemented by UNESCO (UNESCO, 2019b).	(i) To design a UfM sponsored project management and results assessment framework based on UNESCO's RBM approach, incorporating principles of metagovernance (coordination of hierarchic, networked and market governance, following principles established experimentally in Meuleman (2020).	(i) A UfM-sponsored project management and results assessment framework, based on UNESCO's RBM approach and incorporating principles of metagovernance, is designed, tested, and refined in a considerable number of projects, allowing for institutional learning.
(ii) To monitor cohesion and coordination of metagovernance (coordination of network governance, hierarchic governance, and market governance).	(ii) Metagovernance evaluation methods proposed by Meuleman (Meuleman, 2020, p. 214).	(i) To design a UfM sponsored project management and results assessment framework based on UNESCO's RBM approach, incorporating principles of metagovernance (coordination of hierarchic, networked and market governance, following principles established experimentally in Meuleman (2020).	(i) A UfM-sponsored project management and results assessment framework, based on UNESCO's RBM approach and incorporating principles of metagovernance, is designed, tested, and refined in a considerable number of projects, allowing for institutional learning.
(iii) To monitor the implementation and success of projects effectively, by integrating lessons learned in decision-making.	(iii) The UfM Framework for Project Description and Evaluation (Annexe A) (shared with ACTION 5).	(ii) To review and refine the UfM Framework for Project Description and Evaluation (Annexe A), following utilization for a substantial number of projects in UfM Member States. (iii) To integrate lessons learned in the design of a UfM-sponsored results-based project management framework.	(ii) The UfM Framework for Project Description and Evaluation (Annexe A) is applied to a substantial number of projects in UfM Member States and adjusted and refined. An updated version is published.
(iv) To measure progress in the implementation of urban-related SDG indicators and the New Urban Agenda, resulting from implementation of this Action. (This complementary objective could be the task of the Mediterranean Sustainable Urbanization Knowledge Hub, mentioned in ACTIONS 2 and 3.)	(iv) Global indicator framework for the SDGs and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (UN, 2017; UNStats, 2020) and the SDGs Global Dashboard (UN, 2020).	(iv) To organize workshops and short courses for public servants to increase capacity for better SDG monitoring. (v) To strengthen supportive frameworks and capacity development for better SDG monitoring, both at national and local levels (National Ministries, the UfM partner network) in the frame of key priorities identified by the Action Plan.	(iii) A substantial number of capacity building workshops are organized. (iv) The quality of SDG monitoring is assessed via existing evaluation frameworks and indicators. Results are published every three to five years.
(v) To implement the UNESCO Culture2030 Indicators to assess and enhance the role of cultural heritage and creativity at the urban level.	(i) Results-based programming, budgeting, management, monitoring and reporting (RBM) approach, as implemented by UNESCO (UNESCO, 2019b).	(vi) To establish and monitor basic definitions in spatial planning in UfM Member States through the compilation of a report.	(i) A UfM-sponsored project management and results assessment framework, based on UNESCO's RBM approach and incorporating principles of metagovernance, is designed, tested, and refined in a considerable number of projects, allowing for institutional learning.
(vi) To strengthen the coordination of national statistical systems, with the adoption of common statistical and planning definitions (alongside national definitions) and alignment of assessment methods across UfM Member States.	(v) The INSPIRE Directive (Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (European Commission, 2007).	(vii) To organize a workshop with statistical agencies and Ministries responsible for spatial planning from UfM Member States to discuss the adoption of common definitions and methodology. (viii) To strengthen the coordination of national statistical systems.	(v) Common functional statistical definitions are agreed between UfM Member States' statistical offices and spatial planning ministries. A report on convergence of statistical and spatial definitions is published. (vi) National statistical capacities are strengthened and expanded. (vii) A substantial number of workshops on urban indicators are organized.