

EFFICIENT BUILDINGS - CITY PARTNERSHIPS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Join the North-South MED exchange & replication programme to connect with other local leaders and, together, make your buildings more efficient!



The idea behind the city partnerships

Through six energy-focused city twinings, municipal players from the Southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea will have the opportunity to connect with peers from the Northern shore. Guided by experts, they will share a set of common challenges in the building sector and find joint solutions: How can substantial energy savings be achieved in public buildings? How can the energy management in public buildings be improved? Which are the best tools-methods and partners for future-oriented investments in building renovation? How to foster onsite local renewable energy production to support the regional economy and reduce energy imports?

Through this twinning programme that will last until mid-2022, municipal representatives will gain technical and process-related skills that will help them develop, fine-tune and implement successful measures in the field of efficient buildings. This is part of the Interreg MED Efficient Buildings project (<https://efficient-buildings.interreg-med.eu/>).

Twinning activities

Within the Efficient Buildings project, we will support **six city partnerships** ((eligible countries see below) in the implementation of a set of tools, campaigns, processes or methodologies developed by [Interreg MED Modular projects](#). Each city partnership will organise **two individual partnership meetings**, one in each city. In between the meetings there will be regular telephone conferences facilitated by one of the [Efficient Building project partners](#).

Additionally, within this Interreg MED Project **2 annual Efficient Buildings Conferences, 4 Capacity-building workshops** and **7 thematic webinars** will be tailored to the needs of local and regional authorities and serve as a basis for the (further) development of local projects fostering the low emission economy. The 6 city partnerships are kindly invited to participate partly in these events, special meeting slot for the city partnerships can be organised during the diverse events.

Free travel: Travel and accommodation costs to the partnership meetings and capacity building workshops will be covered (1-2 persons per meeting) by the Interreg MED project.

City partnership duration: From approval until 30 June 2022

Eligible countries

Within the City partnership, a city from the north shore will be twinned with a city from the south shore. The eligible countries (and regions) are listed in the table below:

<u>Southern MED countries</u>	<u>Northern MED countries</u>
Turkey, Egypt	Greece, Croatia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Italy
Lebanon, Jordan	France (Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Midi-Pyrénées, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Rhône-Alpes)
Tunisia, Algeria	Spain (Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic islands, Murcia, Valencia)
Morocco	Portugal (Algarve, Alentejo, Lisboa)

What are the benefits for participating cities?

- New impulses for the development and implementation of energy efficiency measures in municipal buildings but also building renovations
- Access to dedicated training
- Advisory services for the development and implementation of specific projects
- Increased knowledge and know-how through participation
- Visibility for your local actions at two annual Efficient Buildings Conferences
- A **stronger network** of national and European peers and experts from both shores of the Mediterranean Sea
- Possibility to further develop and stimulate an existing partnership with a twin city
- Reduction of CO₂ emissions and energy consumption in your city

Selection criteria for candidates

- Planned or implemented commitment in the areas of energy efficiency in public buildings, renewable energy, etc.
- Designate, for the project duration, an English or French-speaking contact person or team of contact persons in your city staff working on public building issues
- Willingness and availability to travel within the framework of the mentioned events
- The existing partnership with a city from the other shore of the Mediterranean Sea is an advantage as well as strong and active involvement in (city) networks

Deadline for applications: 11th December 2020

Participants in the call will be informed of the outcome of the selection process at the beginning of November.

For questions, please contact: ebcommunity@cmcc.it

Please apply by filling out this online form:

South Shore: <https://efficient-buildings.interreg-med.eu/index.php?id=12957>

North Shore: <https://efficient-buildings.interreg-med.eu/index.php?id=12956>