REBUILD

1ST STEERING COMMITTEE TRENTO, September 2021, 27th-29th





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INTRODUCTION

THE PROJECT

Started in April 2021, REBUILD is a project aiming at strengthening local public services in Libya through a permanent training mechanism delivered by Libyan universities to Libyan municipalities. REBUILD fits within the *Nicosia Initiative*, a decentralised cooperation platform active since 2016 between Libyan and European local authorities, promoted by Libyan municipalities under the umbrella of the European Committee of the Regions

STEERING COMMITTEE

Role

It is the decision-making body of the REBUILD project. It establishes the general strategy, guides and supervises the actions of the project. It plays an important role in ensuring the sustainability of the project results

Structure

15 members, representing each partner: Autonomous Province of Trento (2), Libyan Municipalities (10), Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia-Giulia (1), European Union Delegation to Libya (1), Liaison Manager (1)

Meets

8 times during the four years of the project: 4 times in-presence and 4 times on-line

OBJECTIVES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE



- Mutual knowledge and trust enhancement among the partners
- Knowing the project and its adopted methodology, reaching a common vision on the project's objectives, on the mutual commitment required by all partners, as well as on the connections with other programs and actors
- Approving the 1st Year Activity Plan

The second

SEPTEMBER, 27TH - OPENING MEETING

27th of September

Maurizio Fugatti, President of the Autonomous Province of Trento Walter Kaswalder, President of the Council of the Autonomous Province of Trento Mattia Gottardi, Councilor of the Autonomous Province of Trento, responsible for Local authorities and relations with the Province Council Gamal Abdnaser Bahar, Mayor of Az-Zawiya Alsaqar Emran Fadhil Allah Ahmed Abuwujawuri, Mayor of Benghazi Yones Ali Mohamed Al-Azoozey, Mayor of Beni Walid Yosof Khalifa Ibderi. Mayor of Gharvan Abraheem Hamid Alshawish, Mayor of Sabha (interim) Fathi Suleman on behalf of the Mayor of Sirte Faraj Hashim Abdulkarim Alkhattabiyah, Mayor of Tobruk Ibrahim Ahmed Eshible, Mayor of Tripoli Mustfa Mohammed Mohammed Albaroni, Mayor of Zintan Muftah Ataher Muftah Ahmadi, Mayor of Zliten Sandra Goffin, Head of Operations at the EU Delegation to Libya (online) Filippo Terruso, Advisor at the Secretariat-General of the European Committee of the Regions (online) Giovanni Gardelli, Unit for the Coordination of Local Authorities. Regional and Mountain Policies of the Autonomous Province of Trento Flavio Deflorian, Rector of the University of Trento Marco Tubino, President of the Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale



SEPTEMBER, 27TH - OPENING MEETING



@Trento, Depero Room - Opening Meeting



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SEPTEMBER, 27TH - MEETING LOCAL PRESS



SEPTEMBER, 27TH- COUNCIL FOR LOCAL AUTONOMIES

27th of September

Morning

Institutional meetings between the Steering Committee participants and the main institutions in Trentino Meeting with the <u>Consortium of Municipalities of Trentino</u> and the <u>Council for Local Autonomies</u> on:

- the framework of multilevel governance between Trentino Province and Municipalities
- the experience of the Trentino Municipalities on local finance
- the support that the Consortium of Municipalities of Trentino offers to municipalities in the provision of services, with particular attention to waste management, electricity grid and local transport
- the role of the Training Agency of the Consortium on the competences of Municipalities' staff



@Trento, Consortium of Municipalities of Trentino - Meeting with the Council for Local Autonomies

SEPTEMBER, 27TH - VISIT TRENTINO



Afternoon

Visit to Val di Non to learn about Trentino cooperatives and visit one of the main Trentino cooperative companies active in the agricultural sector.

The visit represented an opportunity to learn about the Trentino cooperative system, as well as deepening the understanding of the roles that the local authorities have had in supporting the cooperative movement in order to promote social cohesion through socio-economic development.

Visit Trentino - Val di Non

Agricultural cooperative consortium MondoMelinda (Predaia)







@Val di Non, MondoMelinda

SEPTEMBER, 28TH- MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO

28th of September

Morning

Trento Municipality Meeting with Franco Ianeselli, Mayor of Trento



SEPTEMBER, 28TH - STEERING COMMITTEE

28th of September

Morning

Main meeting of the Steering Committee to discuss and approve the main REBUILD working documents.



Whento, Depero Room - Main meeting of the Steering Commit











Trentino has a population of 542,000 inhabitants and an area of 6,200 km2.

Autonomy. Italy is divided into 20 regions, 15 with ordinary statute and 5 with special statute. The Autonomous Province of Trento is unique (along with the Autonomous Province of Bolzano) as the autonomous statute applies to a PROVINCE; the two Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano constitute the Autonomous Region of Trentino-Alto Adige/Sudtirol.

The autonomous status of these two provinces is the only one founded on an international agreement (*Gruber-Degasperi Agreement*, 1946), which makes the autonomy strengthened with respect to national laws.

Why the Province of Trento is Autonomous?

Special autonomy is recognized in **bilingual areas** (Val d'Aosta, Friuli Venezia Giulia and the Province of Bolzano) or regions characterized by physical isolation from the rest of the country (Sicily, Sardinia); however, Trentino's autonomy has different reasons for being in place.

Self-government. The Autonomous Province of Trento has an aptitude for self-government, originating from centuries of history, built on traditions and rules that communities have given themselves and preserved in spite of all different political and social events. The political structure of Trentino was influenced more by the Central European model than by the French-Napoleonic model.

From a geographical point of view, Trentino has always been a "land of passage" and exchange between northern and southern Europe. The Adige Valley (the Adige is the second Italian river and crosses our territory from north to south) and the mountainous conformation have guaranteed the persistence of strong local characteristics and a contrast between the valley and the peripheral areas, that have always defended their autonomy.

Geo-economic characteristics. The morphological conformation of Trentino (mountain area) has influenced its communications and the economy throughout history. The main production factors (e.g., woods, pastures, lakes, rivers) are common goods managed by the local community, not private property.



SEPTEMBER, 28TH - STEERING COMMITTEE

Members of REBUILD Steering Committee - REBUILD

Provincia autonoma di Trento Mr Giovanni Gardelli Ms Lorenza Biasetto Municipality of Az-Zawiya Mr Gamal Abdnaser Bahar Municipality of Benghazi Mr Alsaqar Emran Fadhil Allah Ahmed Abuwujawuri Municipality of Beni Walid Mr Yones Ali Mohamed Al-Azoozey Municipality of Gharyan Mr Yosof Khalifa Mohammed Ibderi Municipality of Sabha Mr Abraheem Hamid Alshawish Municipality of Sirte Mr Mukhtar Khalleefah Faraj Bin Khaleefah Municipality of Tobruk Mr Faraj Hashim Abdulkarim Alkhattabiyah Mr Masoud Mohammed Sulayman Masoud Municipality of Tripoli Mr Ibrahim Ahmed Eshible Municipality of Zintan Mr Mustfa Mohammed Mohammed Albaroni Municipality of Zliten Mr Muftah Ataher Muftah Ahmadi Friuli Venezia-Giulia Region Ms Sandra Sodini Mr Giulio Tarlao Delegation of the European Union to Libya Ms Marion Saurel Liaison Manager Ms Benedetta Oddo



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SEPTEMBER, 28TH - STEERING COMMITTEE



SEPTEMBER, 28TH - VISIT TRENTINO



Afternoon

Val di Fiemme - Magnifica Comunità and Fiemme Servizi

Meeting with the local authorities and in particular the <u>"Magnificent community"</u>. An opportunity to learn about a **self-governance system** that has its roots in history and which still plays an important role in local socio-economic development and in the **provision of services to the population**.

Evening

Pergine Castle - official dinner



SEPTEMBER, 29TH - FINAL MEETING

29th of September

Morning Buonconsiglio Castle, Trento









PORTRAITS









































































FINAL CONCLUSIONS

1st Steering Committee meeting of the REBUILD project

Partners' final conclusions

Trento, Italy, 29 September 2021

In conclusion of the first meeting of the Steering Committee of the project **REBUILD**, **Research and Education Building Urban Institutions for Local Development**, united by the spirit of mutual trust and cooperation, the partners:

Recognizing the value of the **Nicosia Initiative** which has started six years ago as process of direct collaboration between European and Libyan local authorities upon the proposal by a delegation of Libyan mayors and under the aegis of the European Committee of the Regions,

Acknowledging that strategic peer-to-peer partnerships between European local authorities' leaders and Libya's mayors amid Libyan political uncertainty is a relevant and efficient approach to enhance well-being of Libyan citizens through supporting municipalities to deliver better services in key essential sectors and to support local governance in Libya

Acknowledging that the project **REBUILD**, **Research and Education Building Urban Institutions for Local Development** appropriately address the need to strengthen capacities of Libyan Municipalities through a training process delivered by Libyan universities, which is based on:

- 1. the key role of municipalities in promoting local development
- 2. a curriculum jointly defined among REBUILD partners
- **3. experiential learning processes**

Reiterating partners' full commitment in collaboration within the framework of the REBUILD project

Recognizing the need to adapt the project strategy and activities to the uncertain Libyan context and to the changes in its legislative and political framework

FINAL CONCLUSIONS

The Partners:

1. highlight the importance of seeking synergies with other projects and programmes that are implemented by the Libyan authorities and by international organizations to foster the leading role of local authorities in development processes.

2. praise the commitment of the partnership coordinator, the **Autonomous Province of Trento**, to manage the project partnership with a collaborative spirit that implements and sustains dialogue and mutual trust; and share its experience of good governance.

3. praise the commitment of partner Municipalities, and especially of the Mayors as their leaders, to facilitate the implementation of the project by:

- leading the selection of the participants to the training activities and facilitate the logistic needed for its sound implementation
- fostering continuous dialogue with Libyan Universities and with other entities involved in the project
- assuring quality control of the training process by periodically meeting with the Local coordination group to evaluate progress and adjustments
- supporting and engaging in the creation of a Community of Practices aimed at sharing experiences, good practices and successful strategies among Libyan territories, also through periodical meetings among the Mayors themselves.

4. praise the commitment of the partner autonomous **Region Friuli Venezia Giulia** for its valuable support to the **fishery pilot project** and its commitment in assisting the process to achieve the EU certification for Libyan fish export to European markets.

5. encourage the dialogue between Libyan Partner municipalities and the autonomous Province of Trento in identifying how to implement the pilot project concerning **renewable energies** applied to waste management in order to adapt it to Libyan needs and context.

6. encourage the **Project Management Unit** to work as proposed in the **plan of action** prepared and proposed by the **Technical Board** of the project and discussed and adopted by this Steering Committee.

7. agree to evaluate the 1st year-action plan by March 2022, when the next meeting of the **Steering Committee** is scheduled.



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