

**REBUILD - Research and Education Building Urban Institutions for Local Development** is a project financed by the European Union.

The partners (co-applicants) are ten Libyan municipalities (**Azzawiya, Benghazi, Beni Walid, Gharyan, Sabha, Sirte, Tobruk, Tripoli Centre, Zintan, and Zliten**), two European local authorities (the **Autonomous Province of Trento** - coordinator - and the **Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia**) and an affiliated body, the **International Cooperation Centre**. It builds on the work started in 2017 within the framework of the **Nicosia Initiative** - platform of cooperation developed by the European Committee of the Regions between European and Libyan cities and regions - and, in particular, on the experience of its continuous learning component.

## Objectives

Strengthen **local public services** in Libya through a **permanent training mechanism** delivered by Libyan universities to Libyan municipalities.

Support **decentralization** process in Libya by setting a sustainable learning framework to improve local governance performances and impact in accordance with the Libyan Municipal Development and Decentralization Support Centre.

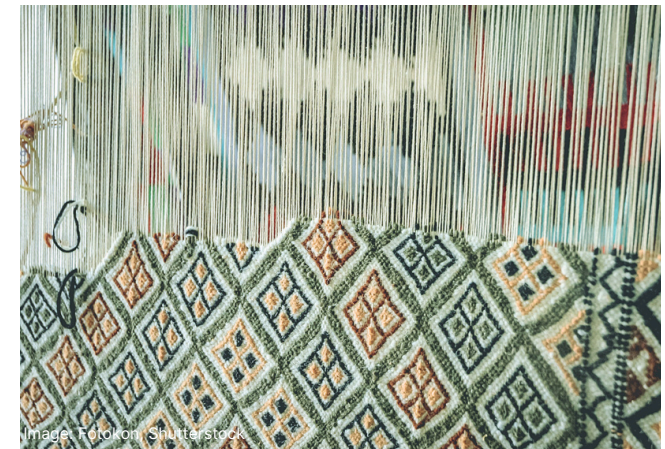
Establish a **community of practices** among Libyan and foreign local authorities promoting exchanges and sharing of practice, knowledge and expertise.

### Empower Libyan Municipalities to:

- (A) effectively **lead** and implement the decentralization policies in their territories;
- (B) become a representative and **accountable** political and administrative reference for the people in their constituencies;
- (C) provide inclusive basic services to local residents in the areas coming under their remit;
- (D) define and lead a territorial strategy for local economic development.



# REBUILD



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**Activities**

The **REBUILD activities** are structured around three main pillars:

- Capacity building** to Libyan municipalities on the basis of a curriculum based on a Territorial Approach to Local Development (TALD) through:
- Training of Trainers (TOT) addressing 10 Libyan universities
  - Training delivered by Libyan universities to Libyan municipalities (local administrators, civil servants)

Establish and facilitate a **community of practices** whereby municipalities can exchange and share good practices with each other and with other national and international actors.

Implementation of two **pilot projects** (in the field of fishery and environmental safety) to test the theoretical and practical skills acquired in the capacity building activities.

**Approach**

**Training on local development** as a broad learning environment, within which each territory values its own specificities and activates around them thanks to the encounter with other realities.

The guiding concept is that of **territorial capital** in its dimensions of cognitive capital, social capital, eco-systemic capital and infrastructural capital: the focus is centered on understanding how this multifaceted collective resource is used by the community to pursue change objectives which contribute to both public and private goods to obtain benefits at the community level.

The hypothesis is that it is the strong relationships between territories and communities that allow the emergence of strategies capable of embracing the different dimensions that make up local development. With a central role of the local authority, in the Libyan context the municipalities.

**Communication outputs**



**Visits**

Jul 2021	Mission to Libya
Sep 2021	Steering Committee in Trento (Italy)
Mar 2022	Training of Trainers and Technical Board in Tunisia
Jun 2022	Visit of MoLG to Trento (Italy)
Jul 2022	Summer School, Trentino (Italy)
Sep 2022	Training of Trainers, Kairouan (Tunisia)
Oct 2022	Mission to Libya - Pilot Fishery
Feb 2023	Mission to Libya - Pilot Fishery
Jun 2023	Training of Trainers, Tripoli (Libya)
Jul 2023	Steering Committee, Trieste (Italy)
Nov 2023	Training of Trainers, Tripoli (Libya)
Feb 2024	Mission to Libya - Pilots Fishery and Environment
Apr 2024	Training of Trainers, Communication Workshop and Technical Board in Benghazi (Libya)
Jul 2024	Summer School, Lyon (France)
Jul 2024	Mission to Libya - Pilot Fishery
Nov 2024	Training of Trainers, Tripoli (Libya)
Nov 2024	Mission to Libya - Pilot Environment

April 2021 - November 2024

**Participants in training activities: trainers and municipal staff**

Training of Trainers				Training to municipal staff			
	♂ Males	♀ Females	TOT		♂ Males	♀ Females	TOT
Module 0	20	0	20	Module 0	103	32	135
Cycle 1	19	1	20	Cycle 1	133	66	199
Cycle 2	18	2	20	Summer School	17	3	20
Cycle 3	23	2	25	Cycle 2	106	55	161
Cycle 4	23	2	25	Cycle 3	120	30	150
Cycle 5	20	5	25	Cycle 4	106	59	165
Cycle 6	19	4	23	Cycle 5	105	64	169
TOTAL	142	16	158	TOTAL	690	309	999
89,9% ♂ 10,1% ♀				69,1% ♂ 30,9% ♀			

Municipal staff								
In-presence training	Mod 0	Cycle 1	SS 2022	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4	Cycle 5	TOTAL
Azzawiyah	14	14	2	16	15	17	15	93
Benghazi	21	51	2	30	13	18	16	151
Beni Walid	13	17	2	13	18	19	17	99
Gharyan	9	14	2	15	16	13	12	81
Sebha	4	23	2	16	13	17	21	96
Sirte	12	18	2	20	17	21	19	109
Tobruk	21	16	2	14	12	13	11	89
Central Tripoli	11	14	2	12	14	16	17	86
Zintan	19	18	2	14	16	17	20	106
Zliten	11	14	2	11	16	14	21	89
TOTAL	135	199	20	161	150	165	169	999