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The partners (co-applicants) are ten Libyan municipalities (**Azzawiya, Benghazi, Bani Walid, Gharyan, Sebha, 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.



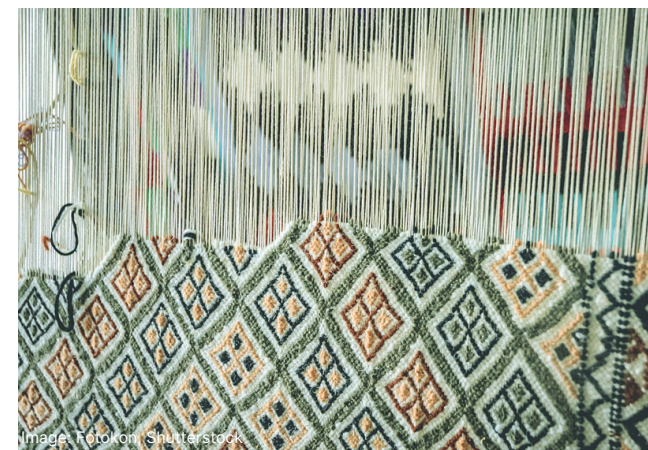
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Activities

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, project kick-off	
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-Mar 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	
Dec 2024	Training of Trainers Pilot Environment, Tripoli (Libya)	
Jan 2025	Mission to Libya, Pilot Fishery	
Jan 2025	Winter School, Trentino (Italy)	
Feb 2025	Steering Committee, Trentino (Italy)	

April 2021 - February 2025

Participants in training activities

Training of Trainers				Training to municipal staff			
	♂ Males	♀ Females	TOTAL		♂ Males	♀ Females	TOTAL
Module 0	20	0	20	Module 0	87	35	122
Cycle 1	19	1	20	Cycle 1	132	65	197
Cycle 2	18	2	20	SS (I)	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	SS (F)	18	2	20
TOTAL	142	16	158	Cycle 5	105	64	169
♂89,9% 10,1%♀				WS (I)	12	3	15
				Cycle 6	106	58	164
				Cycle 7	45	4	49
				TOTAL	854	378	1232
				♂69,3% 30,7%♀			

Municipal staff

Training	M0	C1	SS '22	C2	C3	C4	SS '24	C5	WS '25	C6	C7	TOTAL
	14	14	2	16	15	17	2	15	3	21	6	124
	20	51	2	30	13	18	2	16		11	4	168
	10	16	2	13	18	19	2	17	2	22	3	128
	9	14	2	15	16	13	2	12	2	14	5	104
	4	23	2	16	13	17	2	21	3	12	4	116
	12	18	2	20	17	21	2	19		20	4	135
	18	15	2	14	12	13	2	11		10	5	106
	11	14	2	12	14	16	2	17	3	16	6	110
	15	18	2	14	16	17	2	20	2	19	6	135
	9	14	2	11	16	14	2	21		19	6	116
TOTAL	122	197	20	161	150	165	20	169	15	164	49	1232