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UPFI, supporting sustainable urban project initiatives in the Mediterranean



Launch of the new website

UPFI launches its new website for the actors of an integrated and sustainable urban development in the Mediterranean.

Presentation of the UPFI and its urban projects under preparation, as well as resources and publications will be available online to have a better understanding of this multi-partner and innovative initiative.

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PROGRESS ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS



Project

Integrated and sustainable planning of the Bouregreg river valley

The UPFI supports the AAVB in programming the urban planning of the zone 3 of the Bouregreg valley. This vast project of 6 zones aims at creating a Moroccan eco-city, which will give the opportunity to the inhabitants of the Rabat-Sale agglomeration to live, work, and enjoy leisure and culture in one place respecting the environment of the valley. Under the guidance of the AFD and the EIB, this technical assistance mission's objective is to equip and support the local project holder, the AAVB.

The first component of the technical assistance study, which was dedicated to market analyses (housing, commercial activities, offices, etc.), has been completed in February 2017. The second and third components focusing on the programming and the peri-urban agriculture are the following steps of this support.

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Supporting the Jordanian municipalities in identifying and conducting local investments

The municipal sector is a key level in identifying and addressing the needs of the populations. To support the local authorities in exercising their prerogatives, it is necessary to reinforce their capacities and their financial means in order for them to be able to conduct the key investments for the local urban, economic and social development. The UPFI project of the second Programme for Regional and Local Development (RLDP 2) aims at helping the Jordanian municipalities through a double approach composed of investments and technical assistance.

After the completion of the first diagnosis on the feasibility of the RLDP 2, the Jordanian Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the AFD have mutually approved in February 2017 the approach of the programme. This mutual decision will allow to further conduct the feasibility study on the contemplated beneficiary Jordanian cities and to analyze the possibility of a funding by AFD by the end of 2017.

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Project

Creating a new mixed use urban neighbourhood: Taparura

420 hectares reclaimed from the Mediterranean Sea will constitute the new urban planning project of the city of Sfax: Taparura. To pursue the aim of reconnecting Sfax population to its coastline, this new urban neighbourhood will include mixed use facilities and infrastructures (housing, touristic hubs, public and private facilities, offices, shops, services). In the framework of the UPFI, a technical assistance mission supports the SEACNVS (the Company for the Study and Planning of the North Coasts of the City of Sfax) in defining the operational, financial, legal and institutional setting up of this large scale project.

After an initial phase of diagnosis and strengthening of the project's orientations, the experts mobilized on this technical assistance mission, have animated, in January 2017, a workshop dedicated to the institutional and financial setting up of the project, under the aegis of the Tunisian Ministry of Equipment, Housing and Territorial Planning. This meeting has gathered, in particular, the teams of the Ministry, the SEACNVS team, and representatives of the EIB and the AFD.

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MEETING OF THE UPFI STEERING COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER 2016

The third UPFI Steering Committee was held in October 25th in Brussels, under the Presidency of the European Commission, in the presence of the AFD, the EIB, the UfM and the UPFI Projects Management Unit (PMU): Transtec.

In order to enable the preparation of high-quality projects, a demand of extension of the duration of the FIV, which funds the UPFI activities, has been presented during the Steering Committee meeting. This extension has been accepted by the European Commission. The UPFI will support urban project holders in the Mediterranean until December 2019.

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