

Calendar of CoR activities in the context of the Nicosia initiative

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<p align="center">Nicosia Initiative: Overview of activities organised and planned in 2019 Libyan founding municipalities: Tripoli, Ghariyan, Zintan, Sabha, Sirte, Benghazi, Tobruk, Zliten</p>			
Schedule/Location	Component	Activities	Partners
Brussels, 4-5 February 2019	Component 3: Multilateral-EU events	Forum "Cities and Regions for Development Cooperation" : presentation of Nicosia Initiative by the mayors of Tripoli and Benghazi, bilaterals with DEVCO DG Manservisi and EP DEVE chair McAvan	CoR European Commission
Seville, 27 February 2019	Horizontal	"Friends of the Nicosia Initiative" meeting held in the margins of the 10 th ARLEM plenary session	CoR EU LRAs EUD VNG GIZ
Udine, 2-3 April 2019	Component 6: Local development	PATH-DEV project closing meeting of the first phase	Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Italian Ministry of Interior 40 Libyan participants
Vigo, 17-19 July 2019	Component 6: Local development	Study visit on fisheries to the Region of Galicia, Spain	Region of Galicia Informest Region Friuli-Venezia-Giulia VNG International

tbc (second semester)	Component 1: training for core municipality staff	Pilot phase evaluation	CIEDEL (France) CCI (Italy) Libyan universities CoR
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tbc	Component 1: training for core municipality staff	E-learning modules 1-3	CIEDEL (France) CCI (Italy) Libyan universities CoR
tbc	Component 2: Public services	Waste Management: Set up of organic waste Compost Units in 6 pilot municipalities	OVAM ACR + Suez Environment AICA Italy Municipalities of: Tripoli, Ghariyan, Zintan, Sabha and Tobruk
tbc	Component 2: Public services	Training for Libyan Nurses	Portuguese Nurses College (tbc) University Hospital Santa Maria (tbc)
tbc	Component 2: Public services	German decentralised partnerships Seven districts (Landkreise) of Brandenburg have expressed interest in supporting Libyan municipalities in the following sectors: water management, waste management, primary health care, public administration, budgeting, participative planning process, youth work/counter-radicalisation, fisheries. Libyan municipalities have sent indications about their specific priorities. As a next step, a first fact-finding mission to Germany could be organised to identify possible joint projects. Hannover would be ready to cooperate in the fields of waste management and primary health. Once further information about the project currently implemented in the municipality of Gabès (Tunisia) is received, information will be also requested from the Libyan side with a view to organising a first exchange mission.	Land Brandenburg Hannover

tbc	Component 1: training for the core municipality staff	Urban Planning/Climate change	Medcities
tbc	Component 1: training for the core municipality staff	Integrity Units at Municipal level	Government of Flanders Transparency International
tbc	Component 2: Public services	Upgrading Sidi Sayyeh Dumping Site serving 13 municipalities around Tripoli	Pending support
tbc	Component 2: Public services	Restore Sewage pumping stations in Benghazi downtown and Sabri areas, which affects the wellbeing of nearly 72.000 inhabitants	Pending support
tbc	Component 2: Public services	Provision of waste containers: Zintan, Ghariyan, Tripoli, Sabha, Tobruk	Omnium Plastic Antwerp Municipality
tbc	Component 6: Local development	Vocational Training Western Mountains: Thüringen has expressed interest in participating in the Nicosia initiative, in particular with regard to Vocational Training (Western Mountains), waste recycling industry, skills upgrade of mechanical industry personnel.	Thüringen Pending support
tbc	Component 2: Public services	Supply of material to re-activate Tobruk Water Desalination Plant	Pending support

Nicosia Initiative: Overview of activities organised in 2018

Libyan founding municipalities: Tripoli, Ghariyan, Zintan, Sabha, Sirte, Benghazi, Tobruk, Zliten

Schedule/Location	Component	Activities	Partners
Tunis, 6-17 February 2018	Component 1: training for the core municipality staff	Second action-learning workshop for Libyan municipalities and universities on pressing issues for LRAs: finding practical solutions - Module 4: Project Management - Module 5: HR Management (planning, recruitment, training) - Module 6: Financial Management	CIEDEL (France) Libyan universities Crown Agents CoR as support and coordination
Trieste (Italy), 19-23 February	Component 6: Local development	Kick-off event: Development of Fishery sector	Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Italian Ministry of Interior
Giza, 20-21 February 2018	Component 3: Multilateral-EU events	ARLEM Plenary session Participation of 2 Libyan observers of ARLEM + EUD delegation	ARLEM members EUD Libya Crown Agents Representatives
ongoing	Component 4: Financial management and anti-corruption measures	Study and implementation of study results on local finance and good governance 1. cooperation from Libyan municipalities in conducting interviews, establishing workshops, ... during study phase 2. participation of the municipalities in evaluation meetings to discuss the drafts of the study 3. participation of the municipalities in launching the study after completion and in the stipulated action plan for follow up	Transparency International Belgium AMAN: Transparency Palestine I WATCH Organization (Tunis) Government of Flanders (financial support)
19-22 March; 26-30 March; 2-5 April; 9-12 April, Tunis	Component 4: Youth	Positive peace training for Young Libyan Community Leaders: Radio Sirte re-established by youth community leaders	Italian Ministry of Interior UNICEF as implementing partner Institute for Peace and Economics CoR and ARLEM Members
March-June 2018	Component 2: Public services	Health care: Provision of insulin to municipal health centres of the Nicosia Initiative municipalities	IOM Italian Ministry of Interior
May 2018	Component 6: Local development	Development of Fishery sector:	Friuli Venezia Giulia Region Italian Ministry of Interior

		Workshop to prepare Terms of Reference for Fishery sector assessment in Libya	
Tunis, 27 September – 2 October 2018	Component 1: training for the core municipality staff	Third workshop for Libyan municipalities and universities on pressing issues for LRAs: curriculum development for Libyan universities (curriculum development and training of trainers)	CIEDEL (France) Libyan universities Crown Agents CoR as support and coordination
Tunis, 26-28 November 2018	Horizontal	Nicosia Initiative Focal Points Coordination meeting	CoR EUD VNG Crown Agents

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Schedule/Location	Component	Activities	Partners
Brussels 7-11 February 2017	Component 4: Financial management and anti-corruption measures-	Exchange on Local Finance and Transparency	Government of Flanders Union of Flanders Municipalities Transparency International CoR Member involved: Luc Van den Brande (BE/EPP)
Malta 22-23 February 2017	Component 3: Multilateral-EU events	ARLEM Plenary Session: Nicosia Initiative follow-up; Technical meeting with all Libyan focal points to fine tune strategy and operational modalities	CoR Bureau members ARLEM members EUD Libya Medcities EEAS Crown Agents Representatives of all Libyan concerned municipalities, including Mayors of Tripoli and Zintan in their quality of ARLEM observer members
Tozeur-Dugheche (Tunisia) 21-23 March 2017	Component 2: Public services	Waste Management: Set up of organic waste Compost Units in 6 pilot municipalities: Field workshop and study visit to a similar project implemented in Tunisia to choose the best technology to be applied in Libya according to territorial specificities; Elaboration of the technical proposal.	OVAM ACR + Suez Environment AICA Italy Municipalities of: Tripoli, Ghariyan, Zintan, Sabha and Tobruk
Tunis 19-23 April 2017	Component 5: Youth	First pilot session (20 young leaders): training for young Libyan community leaders as ambassadors of Positive Peace and its implication on local economic development, resulting in the project of reopening Radio Sirte	UNICEF Institute for Peace and Economics – Australia Mechelen Municipality – Belgium Sligo Municipality - Ireland

Tunis 8-9 May 2017	Component 1: training for the core municipality staff	Continuous Learning Program for Libyan local administrators (M.A.S.T.E.R.): Curricula development; Training of University trainers; Program running at concerned Libyan universities - First kick-off workshop	CIEDEL (France) LUISS School of Governance (Italy) Alma Mater Foundation (Bologna) ENA (France) Arcavacata University (Italy) Universities of Tripoli, Sabha, Jabal Al Gharbi (Ghariyan anf Zintan), Benghazi, Tobruk, Sirte
Trieste (Italy) 13-15 June 2017	Component 6: Local development	Development of Fishery Cooperatives: First exchange visit to Trieste	Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (Italy)
Sfax, 17-18 October 2017	Component 6: Local development	International seminar on Urban strategies, tools and technologies in the era of sustainability.	Medcities Barcelona Metropolitan Area Sfax City
Tunis, 13-24 November 2017	Component 1: training for the core municipality staff	First block of 3 schools modules on pressing issues for LRAs: finding practical solutions - Module 1: strategic planning - Module 2: Public service delivery - Module 3: Municipality Management in time of crisis	CIEDEL (France) Libyan universities
Tunis, 27-28 November 2017	Component 4: Financial management and anti-corruption measures	2 days training / coaching for local researchers in Tunisia on transparency and good governance	Transparency International Belgium Transparency Palestine I WATCH Organization (Tunis) Government of Flanders (financial support)
Murcia (Spain) 20 November – 20 December 2017	Component 3: Public services	Training program in waste water treatment and reuse for irrigation 100 hour training for 20 technicians on: Waste water treatment; Reuse of wastewater for irrigation; Sharing experience and good practices implemented on these matters in the Region of Murcia; Potential application in Libyan communities	Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia; Centre for Innovation and Training Experimental Agricultural

Nicosia Initiative: Overview of activities organised in 2016

Libyan founding municipalities: Tripoli, Ghariyan, Zintan, Sabha, Sirte, Benghazi, Tobruk

Date	Place	Event	CoR member involved	Libyan participants	Additional info
26 April 2016	CoR, Brussels	First coordination meeting: Local administration school network			Participation of schools from Italy, France and other EU countries
31 May 2016	Murcia, Spain	Workshop: Good practice in water management in the Murcia Region	Pedro Antonio Sánchez López (ES/EPP) Manuel Pleguezuelo Alonso (ES/EPP)	4 water engineers	
21-22 June 2016	Antwerp, Belgium	Solid Waste Management City of Antwerp experience to support Libyans Local Authorities	Luc Van den Brande (BE/EPP), Chair of the Management Board of the Flanders-Europe Liaison Agency (+Philip Heylen, Deputy-Mayor of Antwerp and Chairman of the Board of ISVAG) Babette Winter (DE/PES), State Secretary for Europe and Culture in the Thuringia State Chancellery, rapporteur of circular economy opinion Kevin Peel (UK/PES) Markku Markkula (FI/EPP), CoR President	2 mayors (Tripoli, Zintan), 2 local council members, 6 engineers	1st day afternoon and 2nd day morning at CoR, study visit 2 nd day morning. Bilateral EU HR/VP – mayors.
29 June 2016	CoR, Brussels	Second coordination meeting: Local administration school network			Participation of schools from Italy, France and other EU countries, EEAS, Crown Agents

1-3 September 2016	Vila Real De Santo António, Portugal	Primary Health Care Centers' Management at local level - City of Vila Real experience to support Libyans Local Authorities	Luís Gomes (PT/EPP)	4 mayors, 1 political councillor, 7 health experts/ clinic directors	Participation of Health Expert, EUD. Followed, on 05/09, by a meeting of the mayors with high-ranking UfM secretariat representatives in Barcelona.
19-23 September 2016	Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus	Reconversion of Historical Sites into attractive and productive resources	Eleni Loukaidou (CY/EPP) (not speaking)	2 technical experts each from 7 municipalities	
26-30 September 2016	Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus	Mechanisms for Municipal councils to exercise administrative control and evaluation of Municipality's performances	Eleni Loukaidou (CY/EPP) (not speaking)	2 technical experts each from 7 municipalities + mayor of Sirte (tbc)	
3-7 October 2016	Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus	Cleaning and Health Department Issues	Eleni Loukaidou (CY/EPP) (not speaking)	2 technical experts each from 7 municipalities	
10-14 October 2016	Nicosia Municipality, Cyprus	Human Resource management	Eleni Loukaidou (CY/EPP) (not speaking)	2 technical experts each from 7 municipalities	Original date of 05-09/09/2016 needed to be postponed due to visa problems
13 October 2016	Brussels, Belgium	Improving the capacity to deal with waste management		European Week of Regions and Cities	