

MEDITER – Mediterranean and Territories

Network for cross thoughts and reflections on the Mediterranean city

Call for contributions

“Governance of Mediterranean metropolises: which models, which tools?”

Study day - January 28, 2015, Marseille

This study day on the issue of metropolitan-level governance in the Mediterranean will enable to question the place of institutional “Meccano” in Mediterranean cities, and in particular to study metropolisation (urbanisation) which rethinks the traditional limitations of the city, the development of intercommunalities, the evolution of relations between cities, the intermediary levels of territorial power and the States, but also the association of the territory’s stakeholders and the development of indicators for evaluating the modernisation of territorial public action.

Across the globe, most States today promote the rise of urban powers capable of being integrated into global flows, whether they are economic, cultural or intellectual. The Mediterranean world does not escape this phenomenon. In this context of territorial competition, this study day aims to provide an overview of the institutional developments and experiments identifiable in each State.

Communications focusing as much on national legislative developments as on localised experiments aiming to develop new economic command centres open to the world are expected. Beyond the distribution of a planetary model already well informed by scientific literature, the objective of this meeting is to study the reality of this new urban model from concrete examples on both sides of the Mediterranean.

This first study day, organised as part of the MEDITER network, aims to promote dialogue between universities and professionals on urban and territorial policies in the Mediterranean. The final objective of the network is to promote the rise of contrasting and opposed thoughts and reflections on the reality and issues of the Mediterranean city today. For this, it relies on a network of targeted laboratories and the organisation of themed study days linking fundamental research and development practitioners. This study day, with publication of the proceedings, will enable to lay the foundations aiming to promote high-level scientific exchanges and discussions in terms of planning and development on the Mediterranean region.

The following areas of reflection shall be given priority to:

- **Metropolis and territories**

Metropolis, territorial cohesion and specificities of the territories
Articulations between the metropolis and the peripheral territories
Development of new levels of intervention of the district in the metropolis
The metropolitan scale for a more sustainable development of the territory

- **Institutional “meccano” and implementation tools**

Articulation between the different institutional levels on metropolitan territory
Development of intercommunalities and merger of communes
Relations between cities, new metropolises and States
Governance of major development projects or economic development

- **Association of stakeholders of the territory with governance of the territories**

The new place of civil society
The forms of partnership and association with economic forces and private, local or non-local investors
Tools of consultation, participation, negotiation... across these new territories of action

- **Governance and evaluation**

Tools/indicators for the evaluation of sustainable development of the metropolitan territory
Tools/indicators for the evaluation of territorial governance

This call for contributions is addressed to researchers, PhD students and development practitioners of the territory in the Mediterranean.

**The proposals of intervention,
of approximately one page or of no more than 500 words, in French or in English,
must be sent
by no later than Wednesday December 10, 2014
to the address: mediter-iuar-avitem@avitem.org**

The Scientific Committee will announce the selected proposals on December 20, 2014.

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