

MEDSAFE NETWORK 2001 - INTERNATIONAL MEETING

URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Achieving a decentralised co-operation framework in the Mediterranean

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE

The development of the City is considered by the International Agencies (UNEP, UNESCO, PAM/CMSS, etc.) and by the European Union one of the founding themes to be analysed and, possibly, to be solved in the next years.

After the Earth Summit in Rio (1992) many attempts were made to plan and direct the development in a way compatible with the environment resources and the cultural, social and economic peculiarities of urban areas.

To date, however, it is not possible to see a path widely accepted towards such a form of development. Differences of thoughts and contrasting interests, bring, in fact, to “blocked” situations in which the urban development is not able to fully take into consideration the human and social needs.

Furthermore, the stability of urban systems (structures, infrastructure, services, etc.), the safety of people, the protection of their material and cultural interests, progressively assume a raising importance among the elements defining the quality of life.

Objectives

The 2002 Earth Summit will gather in Johannesburg the World Governants to make a review of actions launched and carried out since 1992 in the field of sustainable development.

The International Meeting on Urban Safety and Sustainable Development, to be held in Naples (Italy), from 18 to 20 December 2001, will provide the opportunity to launch a reflection on “The Current State of the City”, a complex system oscillating between sustainability and collapse, assuming, as an important point of view, the need to ensure a “sustainable safety” in the short and long term.

Furthermore, the International Meeting on “URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT” will provide the opportunity to strengthen the co-operation among partners of Mediterranean towns. In fact, in occasion of the Meeting on “Urban Management and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean” held by the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD/MAP/UNEP), in Barcelona, from 4 – 5 September 2001 to define the strategies for ensuring the Sustainable Urban Management in the Mediterranean, the following recommendations, among others, were made:

Strengthen and develop the co-operation network among towns ^(*)

- The existing co-operation networks, both general (Medcities since 1991) and thematic (Medener, Healthy Cities, **MEDSAFE NETWORK on urban safety from natural hazards**, etc.) would be strengthened. They would be supported, as necessary, by European or international financing. They should be encouraged by MAP in their networking, and for some of them, in identifying their urban aspect.
- Some topics would benefit from becoming part of the new co-operation networks or projects, whose creation should be encouraged, on a voluntary basis, and with the participation of interested authorities:
 - for the exchange of experience on sustainable development (local Agendas 21 cared for by the Medcities, for example);

^(*) See the “REPORT ON URBAN MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN” prepared (October 2001) for the Extraordinary Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), Monaco, November 12, 2001

- for the exchange of information (indicators, municipal actions, laws, etc. – 34 towns have already replied to a MAP questionnaire); an agreement could be reached between MAP and Medcities to maintain the flows of information exchange;
- for the protection of the cultural and historic heritage, and tourism in urban environment;
- **for the prevention of natural, industrial and technological risks;**
- for the rehabilitation of peri-urban agriculture, etc.

The International Meeting - organised by the MEDSAFE NETWORK Secretariat, a body in charge of the participation of the City of Naples in the framework of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (Mediterranean Action Plan launched by the Barcelona Convention and managed by UNEP) - will provide different opportunities of confronting views and ideas between the actors in “urban safety” and actors in “sustainable development” from European and Mediterranean cities.

The International Seminar will gather in Naples academists and experts, professionals, high-level representatives of city administrations, ministries, and international organizations, both Governmental and non-governmental.

Among the main objectives of the Meeting there are:

- * the knowledge of relationships between sustainable development and safety in urban areas;
- * the consolidation of the decentralised co-operation in Europe and in the Mediterranean;
- * the promotion of Urban Safety as an element to be proposed and discussed in occasion of the Johannesburg Earth Summit (Rio+10)

PARTNERSHIP

Launched by the Municipality of Naples and the University of Naples “Federico II”, the International Meeting is organised by the MEDSAFE NETWORK Secretariat in collaboration with the Earthquake and Megacities Initiative (EMI), the European Centre on Information, Culture and Citizenship of Naples (CEICC), the European University Centre on Cultural Heritage of Ravello (EUCCH) and the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD, Mediterranean Action Plan, UNEP).

The initiative is carried out under the patronage and with the support of Regione Campania, Department for Scientific Research.

Further collaboration is provided by the Provincia di Salerno.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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18 DECEMBER 2001

“SALA PIGNATIELLO” – PALAZZO SAN GIACOMO

Morning

10:00 – 13:00

**URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.
SETTING A PRIORITY LIST FOR ITALIAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Opening speech and chairmanship

Chairman: F. DI MEZZA

Assessor for Civil Protection, Municipality of Naples

Technical Speeches

Prevention actions for urban land protection

National Department for Civil Protection

Industrial risk management in Italy and in Europe

G. Silvestrini, General-Director, Service for Atmospheric Pollution and Industrial Risk, Italian Ministry for the Environment

Discussion with Local Authorities
and Responsible Persons from Local Administrations:

- Municipality of Naples
- Municipality of Rome
- Municipality of Ercolano
- Municipality of San Giorgio a Cremano
- Municipality of Procida
- Municipality of Bacoli
- Municipality of Pozzuoli
- Municipality of Torre del Greco
- Provincia di Napoli
- Provincia di Salerno
- Provincia di Benevento
- Provincia di Avellino
- Provincia di Caserta
- Regione Campania

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee-break

13:00 – 15:30

Lunch-break

18:00 - Closure

19 DECEMBER 2001

“CASINA DEL BOSCHETTO” – VILLA COMUNALE

Morning

10:00 – 10:40

WELCOME BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Rosa Iervolino Russo, Mayor of Naples
Marco Di Lello, Deputy for Urban Issues, Regione Campania
Luigi Nicolais, deputy for Scientific Research, Regione Campania
Guido Trombetti, Rector, University of Naples “Federico II”

10:40 - 11:00

Coffee-break

11:00 – 13:00

SESSION 1

URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Chairman: C. MONTI

Assessor, Environment, Municipality of Naples

Sustainable development in the Mediterranean

A. Hoballah, Deputy Co-ordinator, Mediterranean Action Plan, United National Environment Programme

The UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction in support of Mediterranean co-operation for urban safety

S. Briceno, Director, United Nations Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The national laws concerning the Civil Protection: obligations and benefits for Local Authorities

Guido Bertolaso, Capo Dipartimento Nazionale della Protezione Civile

Urban safety as an element of sustainable development

G. Luongo, University of Naples “Federico II”

The Mediterranean “dimension” of natural and man-made risks

A. Villeveille, G. Deneufbourg, UATI/ICET

Good practices in urban management for sustainable development

U. Leone, University of Naples “Federico II”

Afternoon

15:00 – 19:00

SESSION 2

URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND GAPS

Chairman: G. LUONGO

University of Naples “Federico II”

Scientific and technical tools for the evaluation of seismic hazard and damage earthquake scenarios in the Mediterranean cities

G. Panza, Italy

Using Integrated Coastal Zone Management to make urban coastal areas safer

I. Trumbic, Priority Actions Program - Regional Activity Centre, Split - Croatia

Athens

Istanbul

The recent disastrous events in Naples

Giovanni Spagnuolo, Head, Civil Protection service, Municipality of Naples

16:30 - 17:00

Coffee-break

Chairman: E. GIANGRECO

Università degli Studi di Napoli

Illegal buildings, safety improvement, sustainable development of Mediterranean cities: a dream, a challenge or a real potentiality?

F. Ferrigni, Italy

Urban Safety in Marseille

G. Colas, IPRG Marseille, France

Co-operation for protection of cultural heritage in the Mediterranean

D. Drocourt, "100 Mediterranean Historical Sites", Marseille, France

Algiers: The city of all risks. A case study: Seismic Risk

D. Benouar, Algiers, Algeria

Formulation of a comprehensive urban disaster prevention and management plan for Tehran

F. Medhian, Municipality of Tehran

19:00 - Closure

20:30 - Social Dinner

20 DECEMBER 2001

“CASINA DEL BOSCHETTO” – VILLA COMUNALE

Morning

09:00 – 10:30

SESSION 2

URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND GAPS (continued)

Chairman: S. DI MAIO

Director, International Relationships, Municipality of Naples

Egypt

Overview of Mediterranean Co-operations: follow-ups of SIDMED III and EUROMED-SAFE'99

Guy Deneufbourg, UATI/ICET

New tools for urban safety: from scientific research to disaster prevention in schools

M. Ghafory Ashtiany, IIEES, Iran

Urban safety in Moroccan Mediterranean cities

D. Ben Sari, Mohamed V University, Ecole Mohammadia d'Ingénieurs, Rabat, Morocco

Tunisia

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee-break

11:00 – 13:00

ROUNDTABLE

**URBAN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.
TOWARDS A CO-OPERATION FRAMEWORK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

C. Clini (Italy), D. Ceglie (Italy), C. Monti (Italy), F. Di Mezza (Italy), L. Ubertini (Italy), A. Hoballah (Greece), S. Antoine (France), A. Miozzo (Italy), F. Bendimerad (Algeria), J. Parpal (Spain).
(provisional list)

Chairman: (to be defined)

Afternoon

15:00 – 19:00

SESSION 3

**CO-OPERATION TOOLS IN THE FIELD OF
SAFETY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Chairman: F. ALESSI,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Land safety and sustainable development in the Mediterranean region

E. Leblanc, Ministry for Land and Environment Management, France

Thematic networks as co-operation tools between Mediterranean partners

S. Antoine, Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development, France

The MEDSAFE NETWORK as a co-operation platform for urban safety and sustainable development

A. Mauro, Co-ordinator, Medsafe Network Secretariat, Italy

The Earthquake and Megacities Initiative as a co-operation tool for seismic risk reduction.

F. Bendimerad, Chairman, EMI, U.S.A.

16:30 - 17:00

Coffee-break

The role of co-operation in disaster preparedness

E. Goldshmitt, United Nations Programme for the Environment, France

The EDUMED Schol Network as a tool for risk prevention in Europe and the Mediterranean

M M Gallo, EDUMED Network, Co-ordinator of the Director Civil Protection, Provincia di Salerno

The “EUR-OPA” Programme of the Council of Europe for risk prevention in Europe and in the Mediterranean

JP Massué, Secretary-General “EUR-OPA”, Council of Europe, France

The European Centre for Information, Culture and Citizenship (CEICC) of Naples as a “co-operation window” between Europe and the Mediterranean.

S. Di Maio, Municipality of Naples and CEICC, Italy

19:00 - Closure of the Meeting