

**CONFERENCE ON URBAN SAFETY and SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**
A Follow-up to EUROMED-SAFE'99 and SIDMED III

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Overview of Mediterranean Co-operations:

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE MESSAGES

1. The Mediterranean Region, A Multiple-Risk Basin.

The Mediterranean is facing multiple natural hazards and potential disasters – a significant challenge for the regional development - population, cultural heritage, community properties, equipments and lifelines, have to be protected.

2 Objectives : Urban Sustainable Security.

Urban Security – is a main target of sustainable development in the Euro-Mediterranean Region where the decentralised co-operation must be consolidated – has to be promoted, as well in the Region, as in the Johannesburg Summit, planned for the end of 2002.

3. Topical situation : previous initiatives (EUROMED-SAFE and SIDMED III)

A Mediterranean co-operation platform has to be validated.

Teams (including the Ad Hoc Working Group) and equipment have to be strengthened.

Co-ordinated activities of co-operation (**sharing, promotion, etc.**) have to be implemented. Financial means have to be acquired and co-ordinated in order to implement any action.

4. What should we do ? a suggested Strategy

4.1. Examples of initiatives – EMI Co-operation between Naples and Istanbul, RISK-EU Project to reduce the Earthquake Risk in seven European cities around the Mediterranean Basin, network of 15 cities of the “Summit of Mediterranean Cities” for sharing in the fields of water, health and urban risks – requires consideration. Harmonizing is necessary at the MEDSAFE NETWORK level, before developing any new exchanges and setting up new network. What is our offer? Face the needs and the requests of the cities ?

Taking into account the Program of the recent (August 2001) Mediterranean Regional Leadership Team (8 Mediterranean countries are here-represented) - in the framework of the GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR DISASTER REDUCTIONJ – harmonization has to be also extended to this initiative.

4.2. We have to take the necessary steps to joint the MEDSAFE NETWORK and the Global Alliance's efforts towards the same objectives : exchange of knowledge, of know-how, of feed-back experience, technical assistance, training, etc; , according with the needs and the requests, in order to improve the urban security of the Cities.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS. How should we do it ? Who should do it ?

Before implementing any intra-regional or inter-regional activity in the Mediterranean Region, We recommend the following actions::

- To valid the MEDSAFE NETWORK Platform and the associated Web Site.
- To set up two Centres of Excellence: in the West Part (Sophia-Antipolis, France, jointly with MAP) and in the East Part (to be defined) of the Mediterranean Basin.
- To valid and to strengthen the existing teams (the Permanent Liaison Service and the Ad Hoc Working Group), jointly with the Leadership Team of the ALLIANCE.
- To take into account the existing experience (Re. 4.1 the above mentioned examples)
- To implement an actual case, as the recent disaster in Algiers..
- To establish a proposal to request Funds from MEDA II Program at the E.E.
- **DELEGATES FROM EACH OF THE SEVEN REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO BE CONVENED IN JOHANNESBURG IN 2-11 SEPTEMBER 2002**

Annex: The Announcement

MUNICIPALITY OF NAPLES AND UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES "FEDERICO II"

MEDSAFE NETWORK 2001 - INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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Areas launched by the Municipality of Naples through the International Institute Stop Disasters of Naples. The Meeting will gather in Naples delegations of experts, representatives of Local Authorities from the Mediterranean and representatives of International Organizations, both Governmental and Non-Governmental, involved in this sector.

This year the Meeting will benefit of the recent orientations for international cooperation promoted by the City of Naples in the framework of the activities of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD).

Based on the proposal by the Mediterranean Commission, in fact, the Representatives of the 21 Contracting Parties (20 Mediterranean Countries and the European Union) of the Mediterranean Action Plan (Barcelona Convention, UNEP/MAP) decided to include risk prevention and safety of Mediterranean communities among the policies and strategies in support of Sustainable Development in Urban Areas.

INFORMATION and UPDATES on the International Meeting MEDSAFE NETWORK 2001 and the free REGISTRATION FORM are available on the Web at:

<http://www.medsafe.org/pages/Ongoingaction.html> (English Version)

or

<http://www.stopdisasters.org/attivitahome.html> (Italian Version)