

Mediterranean Cities and climate change: making the urban transport sector more resilient and less impactful

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The Mediterranean region warms 20% faster than other regions in the world and local authorities are at the forefront of the actions for adapting to and mitigating the multiple impacts of climate change. More specifically, cities should on one side implement mobility related measures to tackle the unprecedented challenges they are facing and on the other side they should try to reduce transportation-related emissions that strongly influence climate change.

Extreme weather events, some of which are increasing in intensity and frequency, as well as slower but inexorable changes (for example, sea level rise) are deeply affecting the economic and social system of the Mediterranean cities, all of them. For this reason we gather international experts (city planners, scholars, and policy makers) from North and South of the Mediterranean Sea to discuss the impact of climate change on Mediterranean cities and the possible measures to make the transport system more resilient to its negative effects and to mitigate the change by decarbonising the transport sector.

To spark a real debate, the conference is divided into two different moments:

> Two keynote speakers will open the conference: Margaretha Breil (CMCC) will present a global overview of the climate change multiple impacts on Mediterranean cities, while Area Science Park will put forward some recommendations addressed to local, national and European authorities published in the [Urban Transports Community's Policy Brief #4](#).

> In the second part, a panel of four experts from local authorities and academia from Southern Mediterranean countries will discuss, in ten minutes each, the main points put forward in the two keynote speeches and present how adaptation and mitigation measures are implemented in their countries.

Agenda

- 10:00 Welcome & Introduction
Josep Canals, MedCities
- 10:05 Keynote speech: Impact of climate change on cities and their
transport systems
Margaretha Breil, CMCC
- 10:20 Keynote speech: Making mobility more resilient to climate
change. Presentation of the Urban Transports Community's Policy
Brief #4
Fabio Tomasi, Area Science Park
- 10:35 Introduction to the second panel
Marcello Scalisi, UNIMED
- 10:40 Leila Youssef, Mobility department of Greater Irbid Municipality,
Jordan
- 10:50 Prof. Ghazi Magableh, University of Yarmouk, Jordan
- 11:00 Danial Ziouziou, Vice-Mayor, Municipality of Tetouan, Morocco
- 11:10 Prof. Adil Salhi, Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Morocco
- 11:20 Q&A
- 11:30 Closing

*The event will be held on Zoom and recorded.
Interpretation English <> French will be available.*

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