Center for Mediterranean Integration

CMI Host Municipalities Network

October, 26-27\textsuperscript{th}, 2016 – CMI Workshop on Solid Waste Management for Host Municipalities
The CMI: A Multi-partner Platform Focusing on Regional Public Goods


Who?: development agencies, governments, local authorities and civil society from around the Mediterranean.

How?: exchange knowledge, discuss public policies, and identify the solutions needed to address key challenges facing the Mediterranean.

5 Themes with an overarching thematic focus: Youth

- Education, Innovation, Employability
- Refugees and Mobility
- Violent Extremism
- Climate Change (Water & Energy)
- Territorial Cohesion and Urban Development

And many others
CMI Refugees and Mobility Program

Objective: to disseminate existing knowledge and evidence on development solutions to forced displacement by convening its networks and partners, develop consensus around policy adjustments with regard to both host communities and refugees, and advocate for the need to rally the MENA diaspora more proactively.

Pillar 1: Addressing the Welfare of Host and Refugees Communities: Supporting local authorities with evidence-based knowledge and peer-learning to improve their capacity in priority public service delivery to their populations and the most vulnerable, including refugees.

Pillar 2: Supporting refugee inclusion for common welfare in host countries

Pillar 3: Supporting diaspora mobilization

Pillar 1 Activities:
Peer-to-Peer Learning Workshop for Communities Hosting Refugees (Amman, May/June 2016)

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- Targeted Peer-to-Peer Workshops on priority sectors (SWM, Social Cohesion, Health...)
- Good Practice Compendium for knowledge sharing
- Annual Peer-to-Peer Learning Workshop for Host Municipalities (Spring 2017)
Survey Findings of the Amman event: Priority Sectors Identified by Host Municipalities

During the CMI Survey, 28 local authorities out of 35 said that the Solid Waste Management sector was affected by a extremely large extent from the refugee crisis.
Decentralization and legislation

In the absence of central government support, innovative municipal solutions are needed to alleviate the pressures of SWM.

Municipalities can introduce innovative legislation (reduce plastic bag usage, ban illegal dumpster sites...).

Community Involvement, Job Creation and Awareness-Raising

Involving communities in waste management can increase awareness on the adverse impacts of waste and pollution.

Provided with the right knowledge and tools, residents can become effective stewards of their community’s environment.

Involving vulnerable populations (including refugees) working informally in the waste sector can provide them with transferrable skills and employment.

Waste as a potential resource

Economically feasible recycling involves more effective infrastructure and creative thinking on how recyclable materials can become a resource.

Recyclable materials can be “upcycled” and transformed into products. More quantitative studies are needed to illustrate this.

Organic waste can be used for renewable biogas production (increasing energy resilience) and for compost creation, benefiting the local agricultural sector.
If you want to join please contact us at: refugees@cmimarseille.org