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Housing, Mobility and Social Cohesion



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The **Med Dialogues +2030** is an annual conference series organised and promoted by the **European Institute of the Mediterranean**, the **Barcelona Office of the Club of Rome**, and **“la Caixa” Foundation**, which fosters debate on the sustainable development issues in the Mediterranean region.

By giving voice to renowned experts and actors from both shores of the Mediterranean Sea and a variety of backgrounds, the Med Dialogues +2030 seek to **raise greater awareness and understanding about the critical sustainability challenges faced by Mediterranean countries.**

Launched in 2021 as the region was entering the “Decade of Action”, the Med Dialogues +2030 adopts each year a different approach to the implementation and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), putting forward **analyses and recommendations** to contribute to building a **more resilient, sustainable, prosperous, inclusive, and safer Mediterranean region by 2030.**

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This year, the Med Dialogues +2030 will focus on **Sustainable Development Goal 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities**, exploring how Mediterranean cities can become more inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. Across the region, cities are facing interconnected challenges such as housing affordability, mobility, environmental degradation, urban sprawl, and social inequality. SDG 11 offers both a framework and a call to rethink how urban spaces evolve and respond to the needs of their communities.

As one of the world's most urbanised regions, the Mediterranean has long been shaped by cities that act as centres of exchange, coexistence, and cultural creation. Today, however, these urban areas are undergoing rapid transformation driven by demographic pressure, tourism, climate risks, and uneven development. **Balancing innovation with the protection of cultural heritage and social cohesion has become an urgent priority.**

In this context, the Med Dialogues +2030 6th Edition will bring together urban planners, policymakers, architects, researchers, and civil society actors to explore practical and locally grounded solutions. Through six sessions, speakers and practitioners will share initiatives **addressing affordable housing, sustainable mobility, public space design, heritage preservation, waste management, and climate resilience**, contributing to more liveable and inclusive Mediterranean cities.



Make cities inclusive, safe,
resilient and sustainable



PROGRAMME

CONFERENCE SERIES 6 Sessions from October to December 2026

VENUE: Palau Macaya | Sala Macaya. Passeig de Sant Joan, 108, Barcelona

Duration of each session: 1h30

Sessions in English / French / Spanish with simultaneous translation

Free entrance with prior registration (limited seating): www.iemed.org/meddialogues2030

DIALOGUE 1

20 October 2026 | 6.00 pm - Sala Macaya

RETHINKING HOME: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND INCLUSIVE LIVING IN MEDITERRANEAN CITIES



Guest: **Luciana Pacucci**, Project Manager, Fondazione Housing Social, Italy

Access to affordable and adequate housing remains a major challenge for Mediterranean cities. In this session, Luciana Pacucci, Project Manager at Fondazione Housing Sociale, will explore how innovative social housing models, participatory design, and urban regeneration initiatives can strengthen inclusion, affordability, and community resilience.

DIALOGUE 2

27 October 2026 | 6.00 pm - Sala Macaya

CITIES IN MOTION: DESIGNING SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY FOR ALL



Guest: **Goran Lampelj**, Project Coordinator,
ODRAZ-Sustainable Community Development, Croatia

Ensuring safe, affordable, and sustainable transport is a growing priority for Mediterranean cities facing congestion, pollution, and unequal access to mobility. In this session, Goran Lampelj, Project Coordinator at ODRAZ-Sustainable Community Development, will discuss how integrated mobility planning, public transport, and non-motorised mobility can support more accessible and inclusive urban environments. Drawing on ODRAZ's experience in EU-funded projects and the CIVINET network, the session will explore how citizen participation and sustainable mobility planning can improve quality of life and urban resilience.

DIALOGUE 3

3 November 2026 | 6.00 pm - Sala Macaya

CO-CREATING CITIES: PARTICIPATION, INCLUSION, AND THE FUTURE OF URBAN PLANNING



Guest: **Ikbel Dridi**, Project Manager, Femmedina, Tunisia

Advancing inclusive and sustainable urbanisation requires planning processes that better reflect the needs of under-represented groups. In this session, Ikbel Dridi, Project Manager of Femmedina, will explore how participatory approaches can make urban governance more inclusive, accessible, and responsive. Drawing on the Femmedina project, the session will highlight how community engagement and collaboration between citizens and local authorities can help create safer and more equitable public spaces across Mediterranean cities.

DIALOGUE 4

17 November 2026 | 6.00 pm - Sala Macaya

**PRESERVING THE PAST, SHAPING
THE FUTURE: SAFEGUARDING
MEDITERRANEAN HERITAGE** _____



Guest: **Rawda Abdelhady**, Founding Director, Raqada Foundation for Art and Heritage, Egypt

As urbanisation, climate change, and mass tourism increasingly threaten Mediterranean heritage, protecting cultural and natural sites has become a growing priority. In this session, Rawda Abdelhady, Founding Director of Raqada Foundation for Art and Heritage, will discuss innovative approaches to heritage conservation through technology, public engagement, and community participation.

DIALOGUE 6

15 December 2026 | 6.00 pm - Sala Macaya

**GREENING THE CITY:
PUBLIC SPACES FOR INCLUSION, WELLBEING, AND RESILIENCE** _____



Guest: **Gonalo Canto**, Advisory Board Member, GreenInCities, Portugal

As Mediterranean cities face rising temperatures, density, and social fragmentation, expanding safe and inclusive public spaces has become increasingly important for achieving SDG 11. In this session, Gonalo Canto, Advisory Board Member of GreenInCities, will explore how urban greenery, nature-based solutions, and participatory planning can help create healthier, more sustainable, and cohesive communities.

DIALOGUE 5

1 December 2026 | 6.00 pm - Sala Macaya

**FROM WASTE TO VALUE: CIRCULAR
SOLUTIONS FOR CLEANER
MEDITERRANEAN CITIES** _____



Guest: **Yassine Mazzout**, President, AT-TAWAFOUK Cooperative, Morocco

As waste generation and pollution increase across Mediterranean cities, inclusive waste management has become increasingly important for urban sustainability. In this session, Yassine Mazzout, President of AT-TAWAFOUK Cooperative, will discuss how cooperative models integrating informal waste pickers can improve recycling, reduce emissions, and support more resilient urban ecosystems.

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