

# Project for Capacity Building and the Networking of Lebanese Municipal Representatives and Officers (2019-2021)

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## Expected outcomes:

- Sharing **knowledge** to support Lebanese local representatives' ability to make decisions on current issues or on issues related to governmental institutions, after a cycle of 27 **conferences** and 6 national **workshops**.
- Strengthening the know-how of Lebanese municipal engineers in **municipal management** and **local development** through 9 **training cycles**.
- Establishing a **national network** for Lebanese municipal officers.

**Background:** Lebanese local authorities are experiencing many deficiencies, mainly because of the lack of human resources, the weakness of municipal officers' competency and the absence of any training center. Because of these shortcomings, dangerous miscommunication and misunderstandings often occur between the State and the municipalities. Also, the demographic explosion following the Syrian crisis has added to the financial and material difficulties Lebanese local communities are struggling against. It is therefore necessary to support local authorities so that they are able to provide basic services, improve dialogue with the State, take part in development projects, and strengthen municipal work teams.

**Main objective:** Accompanying, supporting and strengthening the Lebanese municipal institution through capacity building and the networking of municipal representatives and officers.

**Action plan:** The project aims at training municipal representatives and officers in all four Lebanese regions, and allowing the trainees, both the members of municipalities and those of national institutions, to engage in strong networking after the sessions and conferences. This network will highly benefit from the French expertise which will also be enhanced in return. The dialogue thus established will pave the way for new local management methods and for future relations of cooperation between French and Lebanese municipalities.

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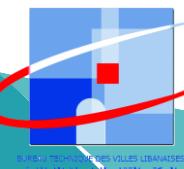
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