

WP 8 - ACDs Lab network

WP 8 is building on the previous steps of WP 6 and WP 7 and will be developed parallel to WP7 (particularly activities 7.3.2 and 7.3.3 will be shared). It aims at generating more solid forms of institutional cooperation between MPC and EUMC cities in order to foster the partnerships created and create the conditions for nurturing the ACD's Lab Network. The WP Coordinator (GAIA-h) assisted by CRESM and GIC will provide the framework of this cooperation and lead the process for signing mutual agreements between the parties involved. All project partners will contribute to this task by facilitating the contact with local institutions in their respective city. GAIA-h will be responsible for setting up and organizing the first activity of the Lab Network which will be a rotating exhibition dedicated to the promotion of Mediterranean ACDs and their pilot products and will be hosted in Beirut. This rotating exhibition will be on products of ACT as much as on know-how and how-to ACT and urban regeneration go hand in hand. It will be an opportunity to organize round tables and Q&As for an exchange of experiences.

The main expected results of WP8 are:

- An ACDs Lab network among historic cities designed to evolve around and work through the Observatory (WP3) aiming to experiment, validate and promote innovation through development of synergies, exchange of best practices, transfer of knowhow and infusion of new technology using universities, local governments, and stakeholders as power generators.
- An operating interrelation among academia, ACDs and local government, as suggested by the project achieved by the creation of the ACDs lab network to become a Mediterranean social investment, developing creativity and growth among the multicultural localities
- A rotating exhibition dedicated to the promotion of Mediterranean ACDs as part of the historic cities regeneration with the mixed character as business networking and promotion event of pilot market oriented products.

The activities of WP8 are:

8.1	Setting up the ACD's Lab network
8.1.1	Contact the local institutions involved in the creative activities in the participating cities which have been collected throughout the course of the project and discuss with them the prospect to participate in the Lab network according to their profile.
8.1.2	Finalize the structure of the network and the list of institutions and

	organizations that will participate in the network.
8.1.3	Create appropriate framework for cooperation between the participating institutions.
8.1.4	Signing of cooperation agreements in a special ceremony that will be hosted in the context of the first rotating exhibition.
8.2	Rotating Exhibition
8.2.1	Prepare a detailed plan and concept about the organization of the exhibition in a way that it can serve the purpose of promoting ACD's and acts as a networking event. The Exhibition will contain two parts, one will be dedicated to the project results and pilot products created and the other section will be open the floor for interested producers from the six cities to display their products.
8.2.2	Address the stakeholders that will potentially participate.
8.2.3	Design the exhibition dedicated to the promotion of Mediterranean ACDs and their first pilot products (subcontractor).
8.2.4	Set up a specialized organizing committee that will undertake all aspects related with the organization of the event (invitations, logistics, security, catering, etc).
8.2.5	Prepare the site where the exhibition will be located.
8.2.6	Stage the exhibition.
The Quantified Outputs of WP8 are:	
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