

## IUC-NA

### Integrated Local Action Plan (iLAP)

### Summary

<u>City:</u>	<b>West Athens</b>	<b>Merida</b>
<u>Province, State, Department...:</u>	Association for the Development of West Athens (ASDA)	State of Yucatán
<u>Country:</u>	Greece	Mexico
<u>Population:</u>	500,000	900,000
<u>Size (km<sup>2</sup>)</u>	67 km <sup>2</sup>	260 km <sup>2</sup>
<u>Period of cooperation</u>	November 2017- November 2019	

<u>Cooperation Themes:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning</li> <li>• Citizen Participation &amp; Social Inclusion</li> </ul>
<u>Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:</u>	<p><b>SDGs:</b> 9- Industry, innovation, and infrastructure 11- Sustainable cities and communities</p> <p><b>EU Urban Agenda:</b> -Urban Mobility -Jobs and skills in the local economy</p>
<u>Key focus of cooperation themes:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elaborating a Sustainable Urban Mobility (Plan) in Merida</li> <li>- Meaning inclusion of citizen participation in the implementation of the SUMP (WA)</li> </ul>
<u>Key challenges of cooperation theme:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Partial legal framework (SUMP not obligatory, no clear guides of implementation)</li> <li>-Disconnected multi-level governance (State, State agencies, Region, Sub-Region, Municipalities)</li> </ul>
<u>Main objectives of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:</u>	<p><b>Merida:</b> Main objective: Elaborate a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP). Specific objectives: Learn from West Athens' experience for elaborating a SUMP; Strengthen local capacity for Urban</p>



	<p>Mobility Planning; Establish a Task Force Group; and Design and Implement a Pilot Project.</p> <p><b>West Athens:</b> Main objective: Implementation of existing SUMP with participation of key stakeholders. Specific objectives: Learn from Merida's methodology and experience in Social Participation in SUMP; Learn from social participation strategies in Merida; Develop opportunities for interaction; Develop an online good practice exchange.</p>
<p><b>Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):</b></p>	<p>Following the Learning Exchanges and technical visits, Merida has established a task force group with key local urban mobility stakeholders, from public, private, social and academia sectors. They have also undertaken monthly meetings and workshops with local actors during the entire collaborative process for developing the SUMP and had open public consultation for enriching and validating the process.</p> <p>West Athens (ASDA): Following the Learning Exchanges and technical visits, West Athens created an Intermunicipal working group for the coordination of the SUMPs and held topical workshops with Municipalities of West Athens (politicians and service officials).</p> <p>Merida: As a result of the SUMP, Merida has identified strategies and actions in six areas for implementing sustainable urban mobility: urban planning and design, legislation and finance, mobility management, public transport, non-motorized modes and private modes. From each one of these six themes, strategic projects have been identified and several pilot projects will be implemented. The next stage of collaboration should focus on development and implementation of pilot projects for sustainable urban mobility, with the contribution of a wider network of cities and financial institutions.</p> <p>West Athens/ASDA: The initiation of Municipal SUMPs, the amendment of the intermunicipal SUMP, and the elaboration of an intermunicipal participation strategy.</p>
<p><b>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</b></p>	<p>Merida has developed a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP) at a strategic level, using the EU mobility planning methodology, with contributions from international and</p>



national consultants, and involving key local stakeholders in open participatory processes.

Merida has learned from West Athens's experience of creating a SUMP, has strengthened local capacity for urban mobility planning with international and national contributions, has established a local task force group for mobility planning, and has conducted a participatory and transparent process.

West Athens has learned a great deal from Merida's experience in social participation and has used this learning to create a participation strategy and is applying it in different fields of urban development and social policies in West Athens.

In accordance with the intermunicipal SUMP created by West Athens, the municipalities of West Athens now have their own SUMPs. West Athens learned more about how to organize and implement more successful citizen participation processes. The experience from Merida has been very important for West Athens.

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