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Direction Générale des Services Mission Prospective

Le Directeur

Subject : Interreg +Resilient Policy Commitment

As head of the Prospective Department of the City of Marseille, I had the pleasure of participating in the Interreg Med + Resilient project at different stages. During the study phase, I had the opportunity of taking part to the study visit in Reggio Emilia and to be part of the benchlearning and scoping workshops. I was also involved in the pilot action on the food desert and in the Living Lab organized in November 2021 by Aix-Marseille University.

This project and our regular exchanges with Nadine RICHEZ-BATTESTI and Francesca PETRELLA, from Aix-Marseille University and members of the LEST (Institute of labor economic and sociology) have been inspiring in our strategy to make sustainable food a lever for societal transformation and in our commitment to apply for the European project on "100 Decarbonised Cities". Moreover, in line with the +Resilient project, we are striving to build an active local policy of territorial animation, mobilising a wide range of stakeholders in participatory and creative processes. In this objective, we began to renew territorial governance in the direction of more participation. We also intend to revisit the socio-economic models of the territory to adopt a more systemic approach and encourage a societal transition through interdisciplinary action research. As an example, we are currently developing urban farms based on new economical models taking into account their social utility as they are committed to facilitating access for all to quality food and participating in territorial animation.

The +Resilient project has provided an indispensable basis for reflection that is taking part in new action practices in the territory and should lead to new collaborations in the months to come in connection with the transition on a municipal scale as we are fervent defenders of the necessity to reinforce links between research and public action on local level.

