REFERENT PROJECT

Twinning in Algeria - Strengthening the institutional skills of the Urban Transport Organising Authority of Algiers



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PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE

As part of an ongoing twinning funded by the European Commission, Cerema is helping «strengthen the institutional skills of the Organising Authority of Urban Transport of Algiers (AOTU-A)». AOTU-A is a public industrial and commercial establishment created by the Algerian Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MTP), responsible for the organisation and coordination of modes of urban transport in Algiers.
In view of the recent effective start of AOTU-A, in 2015, the twinning (DZ/16) aims to provide:

- Support for **assessing the AOTU-A strategy and organisation**
- Support to AOTU-A to provide it with **methods and tools** used to **monitor the performance of its urban transport network operating modes**
- Support for **reinforcing the competencies** of AOTU-A executives to transfer technical capabilities in agreement with European best practices.

Twinning projects funded by the European Commission are administrative cooperation instruments which allow beneficiary countries (candidate countries for membership of the European Union and neighbouring countries) to benefit from the expertise of EU member countries. In addition to this twinning, Cerema has been involved in three other European twinnings in Morocco (Energy) and Algeria (Road and airport safety / Road infrastructure).

CLIENT/PARTNER NEEDS

The twinning started from the observation that urban transport in Algiers suffers:

- from the lack of public action coherence in the field of transport: lack of connection between modes of transport, no restructuring of the bus network when the TSCP (on-site public transport) was commissioned (component 1)
- from competition created by the many bus routes run by multiple operators, and without coordination (component 2)
- from the low use of TCSP modes: high cost, lack of coordination for connections, low spatial coverage (component 3)

This twinning project aims to support the development of AOTU-A to achieve a better organisation and operation of urban modes of transport in Algiers. This twinning will then allow the transfer of know-how from AOTU-A to other AOTs in charge of transport for other Algerian cities.

CEREMA'S SOLUTION

Cerema is part of the team of experts included in the French offer finally selected by the European Union to accompany the Algiers AOTU in its competence improvement, under the authority of Jean-Jacques Becker, project manager, and Jean-Paul Fideli, resident twinning advisor.
The choice made in the French offer is to play on the complementarity between the field expertise of the French AOTUs and Cerema's general expertise and perspective.
Cerema’s expertise is thus leveraged at two levels:

- Management of twinning components 1 and 3, preparation of workshops in Algiers and visits of on-going studies in France, content definition with Algerian counterparts, mobilisation of short-term expertise (AOTU and Cerema)
  These tasks are conducted by the Cerema Territories and Cities Sustainable travel department, at a rate of two to three on-site missions per year over the two years of the twinning
- Short-term expertise for components 1 and 2 of the twinning (governance, contracting, tariff integration, intermodality…) and training actions under component 3
  These missions are carried out mainly by experts from the territorial directorates as the programme progresses, this latter being updated every three months. Cerema Centre East is already mobilised to work on the contractual framework of the activity of AOTU Algiers. Depending on the work themes chosen, a dozen missions could be carried out on-site.

Cerema may also participate in the preparation of and support to some of the four study trips planned in France as part of the twinning. In total, half a dozen Cerema experts could be mobilised at various levels.

CLIENT

European Commission

PROJECT PILOT

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SCHEDULE

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