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**Invitation to the Conference of Mediterranean Local Authorities
in charge of water, April 23, Marseille, France**

Dear partner,

With this letter, the Agency for sustainable Cities and Territories, the Mediterranean Water Institute and MedCités are pleased to invite you to take part in the Mediterranean Local Authorities Conference, to be held on Tuesday April 23 at the Hôtel de la Région Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, in the Salon d'Honneur. Région Sud is a partner of the event.

The next World Water Forum will be held in Bali in May 2024. It is organized around three processes: thematic, regional (among the 4 regions represented is the Mediterranean) and political.

At the crossroads of the last two, the Mediterranean Local Authorities are expected to issue a Joint Declaration. This Declaration will complement those issued by local authorities in America, Asia-Pacific and Africa. The Mediterranean is the fourth geographic zone identified for the World Forum.

After the welcome speeches, the April 23 Conference will be organized around three sessions and a workshop:

- Session 1: Impact of climate change on water resources: sub-national adaptation and mitigation processes, planning processes;
- Session 2: Resources, solidarities, innovations and transfers: assessment of the Mediterranean scale as a gradation for water sharing, highlighting sub-Mediterranean cooperation, particularly decentralized cooperation, and exchanges of knowledge between Mediterranean local authorities;
- Session 3: REUSE, renaturation and green territories: examples of local actions and territorial transpositions
- Workshop: made up of volunteer participants, this workshop will identify a few priority issues and a dozen of commitments that will form the basis of the Joint Declaration to be relayed by the EMI to the Bali Forum.

The participants are Mediterranean local authorities: regions, provincial councils, basin committees, water agencies, departments, provinces, ad hoc syndicates and communities, towns and municipalities. To confirm expertise and promote the exchange of knowledge, we believe it is essential to also invite experts, researchers and academics, as well as technicians in the water sector.

You can already register for the event, which is entirely free of charge, by following this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WQzzcdPuopDujXryFJAuamLByLRyHp_oiaxkbnUfWhE/edit

We look forward to seeing you in Marseille on April 23,
Yours sincerely

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