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Innovative tools for management of urban planning and promotion of territorial and urban inclusion in Israel and Palestine.

The project aims to strengthen the capabilities of Tulkarem and Taybe local administration, an Israeli and a Palestinian neighboring Municipalities. The specific field of the project is the territory management and urban transformation through the enhancement of their internal expertise about the digitalization of local land register and the elaboration of urban planning and executive planning through the GIS-P.

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The City of Florence supports the realization of technical trainings about Participatory Geographic Information System (GIS-P) for Palestinian and Arab-Israeli technicians and local administrator, in Florence.

Ten technicians of Taybeh and Tulkarem, the Municipalities involved in the project, have met Italian experts to deepen the knowledge about GIS-P, at Palagio di Parte Guelfa, near Palazzo Vecchio. The GIS-P is useful because it combines several geo-spatial information, organizational tools and methods to represent the spatial knowledge provided physically and virtually by people, thanks to two-dimensional and three-dimensional maps that are used as interactive tools for discussion, information exchange, analysis, decisional processes and advocacy.

Particularly, these two work groups argued about the Taybeh Municipality's proposal which concerns a pilot plan in order to revitalize the center of the city by mapping historical buildings. At the same time, they can improve the participation level of people. These aims can be reached through the GIS-P. Tulkarem Municipality is working on building a database containing territorial, social and economic data of the zone. In addition to this, they are elaborating thematic maps and detailed urban plans concerning the area chosen by the work group of the earlier phase.

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