

# Al-Assima (Rabat-Salé-Temara), Morocco

Partner city

Status of the project: Ongoing Technical assistance



## Basic Information

Urban area: 1,910 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 2,134,533 (2014) | Growth rate: 1.6%

Country capital city

GDP per capita: USD 3,217

National GHG emissions per capita: 2.62 (tCO<sub>2</sub>eq)

Exposure to climate change: HIGH

## Context

Rabat is the capital city of Morocco and the second largest region of the country. It is both the administrative and business center of the country. Rabat's agglomeration "Al Assima" includes the cities of Salé and Temara. Salé is the biggest cities among the three cities (982,163 inhabitants in 2014), followed by Rabat (577,827 inhabitants), and Temara (574,543 inhabitants). In 2024, the agglomeration's population is expected to reach 2,549,000 inhabitants, which will result in an increase in mobility.

Al-Assima has an existing mass transit system as well as a transport master plan. The local counterparts, Etablissement de la Coopération Intercommunale Al-Assima (ECIAA) and Rabat Région Mobilité (RRM), have the mandate and responsibility to finance mass public transport infrastructure. They have the authority, with the central government guarantee, to borrow from international finance sources. Currently, there are no systems and procedures in place to monitor, evaluate and report on urban mobility.

Al-Assima plans to develop a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP), by mandating a consultant. The future mobility plan will replace the former mobility plan of Rabat and integrate the whole urban area, including the cities of Salé and Temara.

- Structuring the project (governance, feedback on terms of reference)
- Providing RRM with assistance for developing urban mobility diagnosis and vision-building modules
- Assistance for integrating a participatory approach
- Capacity-building (throughout the process)
- Providing technical expertise for the review of SUMP deliverables
- Delivering an expertise programme for the definition and implementation of a local measuring, reporting and verifying greenhouse gas emissions approach, in link with the national level (Rabat is one of the three pilot cities of this specific programme)

The technical assistance contributes to institutional strengthening through capacity building for implementation and a large stakeholder engagement process.

## Support from the Partnership

**Technical assistance:** Support to pilot a Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan (SUMP)

**Funded by:** CEREMA

**Funding amount:** EUR 500,000 (in kind)

**Implemented by:** CEREMA through MobiliseYourCity Morocco

**Local counterpart:** Etablissement de la Coopération Intercommunale "Al-Assima" ECIAA Rabat Région Mobilité (RRM)

**Supported activities:**

Technical assistance to support RRM and the SUMP

- Deliverable reviews
- Support during the SUMP committees

## Status of implementation

**Project start:** 2021 Q4

**Expected project completion:** 2023 Q4

**Completed outputs:**

- Elaboration of SUMP ToRs
- Diagnosis report
- SUMP elaboration study

## Highlights

### SUMP preparation study ongoing after being delayed due to pandemic

After the procurement of the SUMP had been delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the study on the elaboration of the SUMP started in September 2021. Completion is scheduled for December 2023. As of October 2023, the SUMP is in the action plan phase.

*Due to the limited availability of new or aggregated data, the factsheet has only marginally been updated in 2024.*