

## **Territorial prevention and management of crises**

**26 October 2023, 16:30-18:00**

**Meeting convened by the UCLG Working Group**

The role of local authorities in responding to crises, and in particular in the rehabilitation aid phase, is now recognized but not sufficiently taken into account by traditional aid donors.

To prove that direct aid to local authorities affected by a crisis provides a concrete and sustainable response to local needs, UCLG decided 2 years ago to set up an International Solidarity Fund. Thanks to this fund, numerous projects have been supported and are currently underway.

Just a few months ago, two major countries whose local authorities are among the founding members of UCLG, Morocco and Türkiye, were hit by terrible earthquakes that caused death and destruction. Local authorities, towns and villages, have been hardly hit and are on the front line in providing aid to the population.

This meeting, designed as a technical exchange, will provide an opportunity to take stock of the terrible disaster that has struck Türkiye and Morocco. It will then:

- Review the presentation of UCLG's International Solidarity Fund, and consider possible developments;
- Take stock of recently closed solidarity initiatives (Lebanon fund);
- Present current initiatives: fund for Türkiye and fund for Morocco;
- Present and discuss the agenda for the Working Group's next annual seminar.