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# Fresh inspiration for your municipal partnership

*Experts Fund for Municipal Partnerships Worldwide  
(Experts for Partners)*

**Assigning an expert strengthens the bond** – Partnerships between German municipalities and municipalities in the global South are important for global development as set out in the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There are already over 400 such municipal partnerships putting cooperation between local governments into practice. Why not take advantage of the opportunities our programme offers and promote your partnership using a municipal expert.

As a rule, experts can be assigned locally for two years – to one or more municipalities or to a local government association. In selecting experts for the role, we take into account the specific technical needs of the existing partnership. And while the expert is on secondment, we provide support in the form of activities such as networking events and exchanges.

## A well-planned assignment

You submit a declaration of interest to us jointly with your partner municipality. In dialogue with us, you define what expertise the expert should bring, as well as the tasks and goals you want them to pursue. We will support you in the search for a suitable expert for the work of your partnership and assist with the formalities.

### The programme offers three different expert models:

→ Integrated experts are European experts who work in key positions in municipalities in the global South and cover both technical and strategic issues. They receive a local employment contract from the municipality and a local salary, which is topped up by us to a level in keeping with the European labour market. The Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM) assists with recruitment.

- Development advisors are European experts who provide technical and methodological advice to a municipality in the global South and support its organisational development and networks. They work in the municipality but receive their service contract and remuneration through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.
- Local experts come from the partner country. They receive a local employment contract from the municipality itself, the financing of which is covered by us.
- It may not be possible to apply all three expert models to every country. The choice of model depends on different underlying conditions. We will be happy to advise you on this.

## Secondment with principles

The principles of the 2030 Agenda are the key to successful municipal development cooperation. In particular, *Experts for Partners* helps you to implement three of them in your partnership:

- make project work transparent;
- ensure the work of the partnership is cross-departmental and cross-institutional;
- give special consideration to women and other disadvantaged groups in project planning and implementation.



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## What experts can deliver

- Experts improve municipal services and responsive local government
- They develop concrete solutions to current challenges such as climate change, inclusive urban development, sustainable development and waste management
- They expand cooperation between partner municipalities
- They successfully implement joint initiatives
- They involve new participants in the partnership – from local government, civil society and the private sector, for example – and promote inter-departmental cooperation.

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