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**LOCAL GOVERNANCE
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What is the project all about?

For more than 35 years Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda have been linked through a partnership commonly referred to as *Jumelage*. In 2018, this successful concept of decentralised and responsive development cooperation received an additional component in the „Local Governance Exchange Rhineland-Palatinate – Rwanda“ programme.

For the first time municipalities, local governance training institutions and municipal associations are launching a project for professional exchange.

Who are our target groups?

Project actors currently include partnerships between municipalities and related institutions in Rhineland-Palatinate and Rwanda. The focus of their interest is professional exchange and training on local governance.

What are the objectives?

- Build professional capacity among municipal staff, including training to improve municipal work areas such as urban planning, waste disposal, water supply or others
- Promote professional exchange on local governance between municipalities and related institutions (e.g. RALGA)
- Learn from each other in the intercultural context
- Jointly plan and implement projects leading to tangible improvements on both sides as envisaged by the 2030 Agenda

What do we offer to the participating actors?

An opportunity to address key issues for the future together: The project participants in Rwanda will have the opportunity to discuss local governance challenges with partners in Rhineland-Palatinate and receive new professional input and training. And by participating in an international and intercultural partnership, actors will also strengthen the profile of their local authority or institution.

We support this by

- Funding and facilitating mutual expert missions
- Organisation and funding of national and international workshops
- Providing funding opportunities for the implementation of municipal projects at district level
- Supporting public relations to promote the project
- Advisory support on partnership cooperation

What do we expect?

- An interest in exchange and dialogue with relevant partners in Rhineland-Palatinate
- A willingness to work actively with partners, and take part in project activities and workshops
- Cross-departmental work within the local governance unit

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