



## DECISIONS

Following its decision on 11 October, the EU Council on 14 October adopted a **Common Position and a Regulation** lifting the restrictive measures and the arms embargo against Libya as a result of the Libyan Government's compliance with the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions, accepting the responsibility for actions of Libyan officials, payment of appropriate compensation and renunciation of terrorism. The arms embargo was imposed by the EU in 1986. The decisions are part of an EU policy of engagement towards Libya. More at [http://europa.eu.int/news/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm) (go to 'Council', right, then 'EU Council', left, and 'Environment').

## MEETINGS

- **The European Commission and Syria on 19 October formally marked the end of negotiations for an EU-Syria Association Agreement.** The text of the Agreement was initialled in Brussels by chief negotiators Abdullah al-Dardari, Head of the Syrian State Planning Commission, and Christian Leffler, European Commission Director for Relations with the Middle East and South Mediterranean. The Agreement will now be submitted for approval to the relevant Syrian authorities and the EU Council before ratification by the Syrian and European Parliaments, and Parliaments in EU Member States. Like all Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements, it covers all three chapters of the Barcelona Process (political and security; economic and financial; social, cultural and human), and includes respect for human rights and democratic principles as essential elements. Clauses on Fighting Terrorism, and on Non proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction are also contained. For more information: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/external\\_relations/syria/intro/index.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/syria/intro/index.htm)
- **Energy Ministers from the Mediterranean Partners meeting on 15 October in the Italian capital launched the Rome Euro-Mediterranean Energy Platform (REMEP), a focal point for enhancing Euro-Mediterranean Energy Co-operation by ensuring the practical implementation of the regional initiatives agreed at the Energy Ministerial meeting in Rome in December 2003.** The 15 October meeting was held on the initiative of Italy's Minister of Productive Activities Antonio Marzano and was also attended by European Commission Vice-President in charge of Energy and Transport, Loyola de Palacio. The Vice-President presented the MEDA funded Energy Neighbourhood Programme (see Euromed Synopsis No 282). During the meeting, it was agreed to enhance EU-Mashrak co-operation in the gas sector and to set up a co-ordinating office in Damascus. In the margins of the meeting, the Israeli and Palestinian Ministers in charge of Energy had talks with Ms de Palacio and agreed to open a joint Israel-Palestinian Authority Energy Office. More at [http://europa.eu.int/comm/commissioners/palacio/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/commissioners/palacio/index_en.html) (click on 'Press Release', left and go to IP/04/1238).
- **The 2nd Experts' Committee of the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP) will meet on 25 and 26 October in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.** Its aim is to draw up practical proposals to be submitted to the FEMIP Ministerial Meeting planned for June 2005. The meeting will be opened by Dutch Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm on behalf of the EU Presidency, and the Vice-President of the European Investment Bank in charge of FEMIP, Philippe de Fontaine Vive. In a first session on Water and Sanitation, participants will look at the role of the private sector and the appropriate financial instruments to be used in the Mediterranean Region, and have an exchange of views on the experience gained in several Mediterranean Partners. A second session will be devoted to Transport, focusing on the possibility of creating a Euro-Mediterranean Transport Network, and



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considering possible private sector participation. Speakers will be senior representatives of EU and Mediterranean Partners' banks, industry, business organisations, academic institutions, and the European Commission. <http://www.eib.org>

- **Israeli President Moshe Katsav met European Commissioner designate for External Relations Benita Ferrero Waldner on 20 October in Vienna, Austria.** Ms Ferrero Waldner received Mr Katsav mainly in her capacity as current Foreign Minister of Austria, but she took the opportunity to also use the visit as her first contact with the Israeli Head of State as incoming European Commissioner. In this context issues relating to bilateral EU-Israel relations and the Middle East Peace Process were discussed.
- **The Euro-Mediterranean Committee of the Barcelona Process will hold an Ad Hoc meeting on the Anna Lindh Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures on 26 October in Brussels.** Discussions will focus on the main outstanding issues, the Foundation's Statute and its Advisory Committee.
- **The European Parliament (EP) Delegation for relations with the Mashrak Countries will meet on 27 October in Strasbourg, France.** Preparations for the visit of a delegation from the Lebanese Parliament on 24 November in Brussels will be discussed, as well as the planning of the Delegation's activities. **The EP Delegation for relations with Israel will meet on the same day in the same city.** There will be an exchange of views with Israel's Ambassador to the EU, Oded Eran. **The EP Delegation for relations with the Maghreb Countries and the Arab Maghreb Union will meet on 28 October, also in Strasbourg.** The planning of the Delegation's activities is on the agenda. For all three Delegations this will be the first regular meeting since the election of the new Parliament, and the calendar of meetings for 2005 will be discussed in all three meetings.
- **The first meeting of the High-Level Group on Connecting the trans-European Transport network with EU neighbours was held on 18 and 19 October in Brussels.** Participants reviewed criteria for the selection of priority axes and projects, and discussed financing and efficient use of the network. The meeting was chaired by European Commission Vice-President Loyola de Palacio, and brought together representatives of the EU Presidency, and all the EU's neighbouring countries and territories, including the Mediterranean Partners and Libya as an observer. The European Investment Bank (EIB), the World Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development were invited as observers. The High-Level Group, established by the European Commission after the latest EU enlargement, has been tasked with making proposals to the Commission on how to better connect the EU with its neighbours. During the meeting the Commission stressed that it would analyse technical and administrative harmonisation, interoperability and traffic management, as well as safety and security. The Group should submit a first report late this year and complete its work by the autumn of 2005. [http://europa.eu.int/news/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm).
- **Youth leaders from all 10 Mediterranean Partners and the 8 new EU Member States who joined the Barcelona Process upon accession (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia) will meet from 22 to 26 October in Budapest on the initiative of the Euro-Mediterranean Youth Platform.** The meeting aims to facilitate the integration of youth leaders from Central and Eastern Europe into the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. It should enable participants to learn more about the situation of young people in each other's countries, and the Barcelona Process, and to initiate common activities. The Youth Platform was launched a year ago to enhance networking across the Euro-Mediterranean area. <http://www.euromedp.org>
- **A meeting of the EU-Tunisia Sub-Committee on Industry, Trade and Services scheduled for 21 October in Tunis (see Euromed Synopsis No 287) has been postponed.** The meeting should take place in mid-November, but no new date has yet been fixed.



## PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

### ▣ ENHANCEMENT OF UM AR-RASSAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE IN JORDAN

The Delegation of the European Commission in Amman on 17 October announced that a contract for preservation and presentation works at Um Ar-Rassas Archaeological Site had been awarded by Jordan's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. The contract relates to the design of various installations, including a new shelter over floor mosaics, a visitors' centre, and footpaths. It forms part of the EU-funded 'Protection and promotion of Cultural Heritage in Jordan' Programme. More at <http://www.deljor.cec.eu.int>

## PUBLICATIONS

### 📖 TRAINING IN TUNISIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

If you want to know about Education and vocational training in relation to the labour market in Tunisia, or Innovative practices in teacher and trainer training in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, and Syria, you can download two reports recently published by the European Training Foundation. The report on Tunisia is available in French from the following website

[http://www.etf.eu.int/website.nsf/Pages/C881F4F67B27EF32C1256EFD004AB63F/\\$FILE/MED\\_VET\\_Tunisia\\_04\\_FR.pdf](http://www.etf.eu.int/website.nsf/Pages/C881F4F67B27EF32C1256EFD004AB63F/$FILE/MED_VET_Tunisia_04_FR.pdf) and the report on training in the Middle East is on line in English at the following address

[http://www.etf.eu.int/website.nsf/Pages/82FD5DC0FDE2BE66C1256F0200524A84/\\$FILE/MEDA\\_TT\\_T\\_InnovativePracticesInMashrek\\_03\\_EN.pdf](http://www.etf.eu.int/website.nsf/Pages/82FD5DC0FDE2BE66C1256F0200524A84/$FILE/MEDA_TT_T_InnovativePracticesInMashrek_03_EN.pdf)

### 📖 EUROPE-EGYPT CO-OPERATION IN 2003 ON LINE SOON

The Annual Report on co-operation activities with Egypt funded by the EU and its Member States will be published soon on the web site of the European Commission Delegation in Cairo. <http://www.eu-delegation.org.eg>.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### ⌘ FILM FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN BEIRUT

An International Film Festival for Children and Youth entitled "Children on the margins create films" was held from 8 to 14 October in Beirut with financial support from the European Commission Delegation in Beirut as part of its local cultural activities 2004. The Festival, organised by the Arab Centre for Popular Arts/Al Jana, was a forum for children from disadvantaged communities around the world. Nearly 100 films made by children or with children's participation were screened. <http://www.dellbn.cec.eu.int>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Mediterranean Partners

**Mediterranean Network for Unified distance learning University and Continuous Vocational Training Level project financed in the framework of the EUMEDIS programme**



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Reference: EuropeAid/116045/D/S/Multi

Status: Open (until 25.10.2004)

**Appointment of a Regional Monitoring and Supervision Unit to provide Monitoring Collection and Dissemination of Results of the MEDA Water Projects**

Reference: EuropeAid/120333/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 2500000

Status: Open (until 05.11.2004)

**Algeria**

**Assistance technique pour le programme d'appui à la réforme du secteur de la justice en Algérie**

Reference: EuropeAid/119950/C/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 7320000

Status: Open (until 20.11.2004)

**Assistance technique pour l'exécution du Projet d'appui à la réforme du système éducatif en Algérie**

Reference: EuropeAid/120212/C/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 8900000

Status: Open (until 13.11.2004)

**Assistance Technique au Ministère de la Formation et de l'Enseignement Professionnels pour la gestion des programmes de recyclage et des plans de formation des entreprises du secteur public**

Reference: EuropeAid/120311/D/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 2175500

Status: Open (until 24.11.2004)

**Egypt**

**Monthly supplement in the written press**

Reference: EuropeAid/120309/C/SV/EG

Budget EUR: 200000

Status: Open (until 07.11.2004)

**Israel**

**the production of a single or a series of TV productions (terrestrial and/or satellite) in Hebrew language which will highlight the framework of relations between the EU and Israel against a background of the broader links between Europe and Israel**

Reference: EuropeAid/120450/C/SV/IL

Status: Open (until 29.11.2004)

**Jordan**

**Twinning call for proposals Strengthening of the Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology in Jordan**

Reference: EuropeAid/120368/D/G/JO

Status: Open (until 22.10.2004)

**Twinning Call for Proposals**

Reference: EuropeAid/120397/D/G/JO

Status: Open (until 21.11.2004)



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## **Series of TV Documentaries on EU Jordan Partnership in Arabic**

Reference: EuropeAid/120455/C/SV/JO

Status: Open (until 21.11.2004)

## **Lebanon**

### **MSC Environment No. 02 Middle East Lebanon**

Reference: EuropeAid/120050/D/S/LB

Status: Open (until 24.11.2004)

### **Arab TV programme on the Euro Mediterranean partnership**

Reference: EuropeAid/120271/C/SV/LB

Status: Open (until 02.11.2004)

## **Morocco**

### **Acquisition de bibliobus aménagés et des ressources documentaires destinés aux provinces de taounate sefrou larache figuig khemisset khenifra el jadida et chtouka ait baha / maroc**

Reference: EuropeAid/114443/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 16.12.2004)

### **Acquisition des équipements médico techniques pour 5 hôpitaux**

Reference: EuropeAid/119960/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 10.11.2004)

### **Acquisition des équipements destinés à la formation dans le secteur des nouvelles technologies de l'informatique et de la communication (NTIC) de l'OFPPT**

Reference: EuropeAid/119996/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 02.11.2004)

### **Travaux d'équipement du site El Mers Tranche 2 et de restructuration du site Bni Ouriaghel à Tanger**

Reference: EuropeAid/120237/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 09.11.2004)

### **Activites culturelles et d'information locales Année 2004**

Reference: EuropeAid/120244/L/G/MA

Budget EUR: 70000

Status: Open (until 29.10.2004)

### **Travaux de construction de réhabilitation et d'aménagement pour la mise à niveau des écoles primaires dans les délégations provinciales de Chtouka Ait Baha Khemisset Sefrou et Khenifra.**

Reference: EuropeAid/120270/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 22.11.2004)

### **Travaux de conservation des eaux et des sols d'amélioration sylvopastorale et d'infrastructures collectives**

Reference: EuropeAid/120314/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until ?)

### **Achat des équipements informatiques et didactiques**

Reference: EuropeAid/120423/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)



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**Achat des équipements informatiques et didactiques**

Reference: EuropeAid/120424/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)

**AO N 6/2004 relatif à l'exécution de travaux de création et d'aménagement de points d'eau pour le projet de Développement rural participatif dans le moyen atlas central**

Reference: EuropeAid/120435/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 23.11.2004)

**01/2004 DRI/Fourniture de matériel Technique (récepteurs GPS Equipements topographiques et matériel d'observation ) et Fourniture de matériel Informatique Fourniture de matériel Technique (récepteurs GPS Equipements topographiques ...)**

Reference: EuropeAid/120442/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 02.11.2004)

**08/2004 Khenifra Marché de travaux de plantation et d'infrastructures anti érosives pour le projet de développement rural participatif**

Reference: EuropeAid/120446/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 24.11.2004)

**AO01 04 Sidi Driss Marché des travaux relatifs à l'aménagement anti érosif et gestion des eaux des neuf sites d'intervention dans les communes rurales de Ait Majden Sour El Aaz Ait Tamlil Sidi Bouklhalef et de Tifni dans le bassin versant de Sidi**

Reference: EuropeAid/120452/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 19.11.2004)

**Appel d'offres local pour l'acquisition de matériel informatique, matériel et mobilier de bureau et de matériel audiovisuel en 3 lots projet Réseau de Maisons de la Culture**

Reference: EuropeAid/120472/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 11.11.2004)

**AO N 11/2004 Marche de fourniture de plants fruitiers pour la campagne 2004 2005 pour le Projet de Developpement Rural Participatif**

Reference: EuropeAid/120480/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 17.11.2004)

**Syria**

**Technical Assistance for the implementation of the Municipal Administration Modernisation project**

Reference: EuropeAid/119822/D/SV/SY

Budget EUR: 10000000

Status: Open (until 02.12.2004)

**Turkey**

**Establishment National Drugs Monitoring Center (Reitox Focal Point) and Implementation of National Drug Strategy**

Reference: EuropeAid/116370/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)

**Strengthening the Fight Against Organized Crime**

Reference: EuropeAid/116371/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 22.11.2004)





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**Supply delivery installation putting into operation maintenance and after sales service of the Scientific equipment**

Reference: EuropeAid/116477/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 14.12.2004)

**Upgrading the Statistical System of Turkey (USST). Technical Assistance to improve the ICT System in the State Institute of Statistics (SIS) of Turkey**

Reference: EuropeAid/117579/C/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 1250000

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)

**Strengthening the Fight Against Money Laundering**

Reference: EuropeAid/117859/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)

**Call for expression of interest to set up a list of pre selected consultants in order provide administrative and technical assistance to the Representation of the European Commission.  
Deadline for first evaluation round 7 May 2004**

Reference: EuropeAid/119722/C/SV/TR

Status: Open (until 31.01.2007)

**Supply of Furniture and Equipment for Arifiye Handicapped Rehabilitation Centre and Karaa acdibi Community Centre in Sakarya and Semiha akir Spastic Children Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bolu**

Reference: EuropeAid/119945/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 18.10.2004)

**Computer laboratories for the 105 project pilot institutions and technical support to the 30 provincial directories of SVET programme Turkey**

Reference: EuropeAid/120219/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 29.11.2004)

**Delivery of it and office equipment furniture and additional goods to the vet information centre/earged/svet project main and regional offices of svet programme - Turkey**

Reference: EuropeAid/120234/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 24.11.2004)

Detailed information on these tenders can be found in the EuropeAid tender database at:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl>

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