



DECISIONS

A headquarters agreement paving the way for the opening of a FEMIP representative office in Rabat in 2005 was signed on 4 November in the Moroccan capital by Morocco's Finance Minister Fathallah Oualalou and the Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in charge of FEMIP, Philippe de Fontaine Vive. FEMIP is the EIB-managed Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership. The new FEMIP office will help forge links with the country's private sector. More at <http://eib.eu.int/news>

Finance contracts for three EIB loans to Morocco totalling € 191 million were signed on 4 November in Rabat. € 71 million has been granted to the Al Omrane development company for social housing construction, eliminating shantytowns and upgrading slum areas. This is the first EIB loan in the social housing sector outside the EU. Two other loans have been provided to Morocco's National Electricity Board (ONE). An amount of € 80 million will help build a wind farm between Tangiers and Tetouan. A further € 40 million will improve the technical performance of the Mohammedia power plant 25 km north of Casablanca. More at: http://www.eib.org/lending/med/en/index_en.htm

MEETINGS

- **The European Council meeting on 4-5 November in Brussels adopted a statement on the Middle East whereby it “expresses its solidarity with the Palestinian people in this difficult moment”.** The European Council “remains committed to the two-State solution as laid out in the Roadmap”, and “endorses the short-term programme of action in the fields of security, reforms, elections and economy proposed by the High Representative” (Javier Solana). The European Council “invites the High Representative to conduct consultations ... with the parties, the international community, and, especially, the other members of the Quartet”. The full text of the statement was sent out on 8 November as Euromed Report No 83. It is also available from the web site http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/euromed/publication.htm. The European Council also took note of the report on the implementation of the Common Strategy on the Mediterranean region and agreed to extend the period of its application by 18 months until 23 January 2006.
- **Dutch Foreign Minister Bernard Bot as President of the EU Council, European Commission President Romano Prodi, and EU High Representative Javier Solana have each on 11 November expressed condolences on the passing away of the President of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat.** Mr Bot is to attend the memorial service for Yasser Arafat on 12 November in Cairo. His statement is on line at <http://www.eu2004.nl>. Mr Prodi's message to the Palestinian Authority's Prime Minister Ahmed Qurei and to the Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council, Rawhi Fatouh, is available from the website http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm under Midday Express of 11-11-2004. Mr Solana's comments can be accessed from the same website (please go to 'Council', right; click on 'Press', top left, and go to 'Latest News').



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- **Senior Officials of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership responsible for Political and Security Issues held two Ad Hoc meetings on 10 November in Brussels, one on the Fight against Terrorism, the other on Euro-Mediterranean aspects of the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).** The meeting on **Terrorism** included a discussion on Recent Developments in International Fora, and a presentation by the European Commission of the Police component of the MEDA funded Regional Programme on Good Governance and the Rule of Law, managed by the Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The presentation of the programme, considered as a breakthrough in Euro-Mediterranean co-operation in the Justice and Governance area, focused on terrorism-related aspects. (see p. 3) There was a useful and constructive exchange of views on possibilities for co-operation to combat terrorism and agreement to pursue the dialogue. The meeting on **ESDP**, the first to be held in Euro-Mediterranean format, took place in a good atmosphere. The EU updated the Mediterranean Partners on the latest developments and possibilities for third countries to be associated to ESDP. Senior Officials agreed to develop the network of contacts. Finally the announcement was made of a Seminar on Crisis Management to be held in Athens next year.
- **Senior Officials of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership responsible for Political and Security Issues and the Euro-Mediterranean Committee of the Barcelona Process are holding separate meetings on 11 November in Brussels to prepare the Mid Term Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Ministers' meeting scheduled for 29 and 30 November in The Hague, the Netherlands.** Senior Officials focus on the Political and Security Chapter of Barcelona while the Euro-Med Committee addresses the Economic/Financial and the Cultural/Social/Human Chapters. The Euro-Med Committee's agenda also includes discussion of the Draft Statute of the Euro-Mediterranean Anna Lindh Foundation.
- **An informal meeting of the Anna Lindh Foundation's National Networks is taking place on 11 November in Brussels on the Dutch Presidency's initiative.** It brings together representatives of the 35 National Networks (one for each Euro-Mediterranean partner) of the Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures, and the Foundation's Director, Traugott Schöfthaler. The results of the meeting will be presented to the Euro-Mediterranean Committee of the Barcelona Process on 12 November at a working session on the establishment of the Foundation's network of networks and participation of the networks in the Foundation, which will also be attended by the Foundations's Advisory Committee, and the representatives of National Networks. Both meetings are new steps towards the establishment of the Foundation.
- **The 9th Euromed Summit of Economic and Social Councils and similar institutions will take place on 18 and 19 November in Valencia, Spain.** It is organised by Spain's Economic and Social Council in association with the European Economic and Social Committee. The reports to be discussed at the Summit will focus on Agriculture and food safety in the context of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, and Immigration and co-operation between the countries of the region. For further information, please contact Beatriz Martin Nieto (beatriz.martin@ces.es) or Michael Wells (Michael.Wells@esc.eu.int).
- **The European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council will meet on 17 November in Strasbourg, France.** Delegations members will discuss the organisation of their work, European Commission activities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preparations for a visit of a delegation to the Palestinian Territories next January, and the Calendar of meetings for 2005.
- **The EU-Tunisia Association Committee will hold its 4th meeting on 18 November in Brussels.** The meeting will mainly focus on the implementation of the Association Agreement. Committee members will discuss the next steps for adoption of the Neighbourhood Action Plan and the future role of the



Committee. The creation of new specialised sub-committees will be discussed, as well as a tentative time-table for their first meetings, and the results of technical meetings already held (Industry, Trade and Services; Migration and Social Affairs) will be reviewed. There will also be exchanges of views on bilateral relations, and bilateral negotiations on agriculture and services. In addition, the state of play of and prospects for financial co-operation will be discussed.

PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

/// **MEDA REGIONAL POLICE PROJECT SHOULD LEAD TO EUROMED NETWORK**

The € 2 million Police component of the Regional Good Governance/Rule of Law Programme aims at facilitating Euro-Mediterranean Police Co-operation through training as well as exchanges of information and best practices covering the fight against five scourges, namely Terrorism, Organised Crime, Human Trafficking, the Drug Trade, and Financial Crime. Those five subjects will be addressed in 15 training seminars in the course of the project. As regards Training in the Fight against and Prevention of Terrorism, 3 Seminars have been held since last March, two in France and one in Morocco, with the next ones scheduled for December in Morocco and February in Cairo. Subjects addressed included the State of the terrorist threat, Intelligence gathering, Prevention plans, Co-ordination between services, Crisis Management and Intervention, and International Co-operation. Case studies, data and information exchanges, and means of reinforcing regional and international co-operation were discussed during those seminars. A 'Euro-Med Police Network' should be set up as a result of the project, bringing together police officers from both sides of the Mediterranean specialising in the fight against terrorism.

/// **FIRST EURO-MED CYBER-CRIME SEMINAR PAVES WAY FOR FUTURE CO-OPERATION**

Euro-Mediterranean police officers and customs officials engaged in fighting IT based illegal activities had a wide exchange of experiences and opinions during the first Euro-Mediterranean training seminar on Cyber-crime that took place from 1 to 5 November in Wyboston, UK. The seminar was held as part of the Police strand of the MEDA funded Regional Programme on Good Governance and Improvement of the Rule of Law, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The seminar was organised with the help of the UK Centre for National High Tech Crime. Training Sessions covered subjects such as Techniques used by cyber-criminals, the International Legal Framework and the role of Interpol, Protection of key information infrastructures, Training, Collecting and analysing evidence, and the Creation and management of specific units for fighting cyber-crime. Participants showed considerable interest in this initiative with a view to the possible establishment of a network that could form the basis of a future co-operation platform.

/// **EU FUNDED IT FOR JORDAN'S TOURIST BOARD**

A MEDA funded contract for the supply of IT hardware and software to the Jordan Tourist Board (JTB) has been awarded recently, the European Commission Delegation in Amman announced on 8 November. The new equipment and software will enable the JTB to further develop its management systems, web pages and graphic and promotional capabilities. The operation is part of the 'Protection and Promotion of Cultural Heritage in Jordan' Programme, which aims at promoting Jordan as a tourist destination.



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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mediterranean Partners

Equipment (hardware and software) for EMWIS/SEMIDE Phase II Location France Algeria Cyprus Egypt Israel Jordan Lebanon Malta Morocco Syria Tunisia Turkey Palestinian Territories

Reference: EuropeAid/120332/D/S/Multi

Status: **Open (until 05.01.2005)**

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 16.11.2004)**

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

Assistance to the Reform of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training System in the Arab Republic of Egypt

Reference: EuropeAid/116311/C/SV/EG

Budget EUR: 22000000

Status: **Open (until 28.11.2004)**

Israel

Hebrew speaking TV production on EU Israel partnership

Reference: EuropeAid/120450/C/SV/IL

Status: **Open (until 29.11.2004)**

Jordan

Environment Food Laboratories

Reference: EuropeAid/120342/D/S/JO

Status: **Open (until 30.01.2005)**

Twinning Call for Proposals

Reference: EuropeAid/120397/D/G/JO

Status: **Open (until 05.12.2004)**

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 15.12.2004)**



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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 16.11.2004)**

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 ?)**

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)**

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 audio-visuel 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 Marché de fourniture de plants fruitiers pour la campagne 2004 2005 pour le Projet de Développement Rural Participatif

Reference: EuropeAid/120480/M/S/MA

Status: **Open (until 17.11.2004)**

Programme de recherche d'appui au projet Arganier

Reference: EuropeAid/120519/D/G/MA

Status: **Open (until 01.02.2005)**

AON 7/2004 Marché de fourniture de produits pharmaceutiques et vétérinaires

Reference: EuropeAid/120530/M/S/MA

Status: **Open (until 02.12.2004)**

AO 12/2004 DRI/GRN Travaux de conservation des eaux et des sols, d'amélioration agropastorale et de valorisation de terres agricoles DPA de Nador

Reference: EuropeAid/120552/M/W/MA

Status: **Open (until 16.11.2004)**

AO N 12/2004 Projet Khenifra Marché de matériel divers comprenant des équipements d'élevage et apicole pour le Projet de Développement Rural Participatif dans le Moyen Atlas Central de la Province de Khenifra Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/120582/M/S/MA

Status: **Open (until 14.12.2004)**



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AO N 04/2004/ Projet Chefchaouen Achat de matériel technique, matériel apicole - Lieu d'exécution Province de Chefchaouen Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/120591/M/S/MA

Status: **Open (until 14.12.2004)**

AO N 05/2004 Projet Chefchaouen Achat de matériel technique ruches et accessoires - Lieu d'exécution Province de Chefchaouen Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/120592/M/S/MA

Status: **Open (until 14.12.2004)**

AO N 06/2004 Projet Chefchaouen Achat de matériel technique, matériel cunicole - Lieu d'exécution Province de Chefchaouen Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/120593/M/S/MA

Status: **Open (until 15.12.2004)**

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)**

Publication of Three Books about the activity of Preservation of Cultural Heritage Training Programme

Reference: EuropeAid/120513/M/S/SY

Status: **Open (until 29.11.2004)**

Tunisia

Fourniture d'encodeurs GPS et de logiciels SIG et de traitement d'images satellites

Reference: EuropeAid/119962/D/S/TN

Status: **Open (until 06.01.2005)**

Fourniture et installation des équipements d'irrigation d'un barrage collinaire

Reference: EuropeAid/120318/D/S/TN

Status: **Open (until 06.01.2005)**

Turkey

Strengthening the Fight Against Organized Crime

Reference: EuropeAid/116371/D/S/TR

Status: **Open (until 22.11.2004)**

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)**

Consulting and Training required for the implementation of the operation Fire Brigades Rehabilitation and Upgrading in the Greater Municipality of Adapazary Province of Sakarya

Reference: EuropeAid/117844/D/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 239184

Status: **Open (until 24.11.2004)**

Consulting and Training required for the implementation of the operation Fire Brigades Rehabilitation and Upgrading in the Greater Municipality of Izmit Province of Kocaeli

Reference: EuropeAid/117845/D/SV/TR

Status: **Open (until 24.11.2004)**

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)**

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)**

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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:

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