



DECISIONS

The European Parliament on 18 November approved the new European Commission headed by President designate José Manuel Barroso. The new European Commission team will begin their term of office on 22 November. The European Commissioner responsible for External Relations and the European Neighbourhood Policy will be Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

MEETINGS

- **HM King Abdullah II of Jordan will visit Brussels on 25 November.** He will meet European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, European Commissioner for External Relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner, and Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson, as well as the EU High Representative Javier Solana, the President of the European Parliament Josep Borrell, and Heads of European Parliament Political Groups. The King will also be received by the Belgian King, Albert II. The meetings with EU representatives will be an opportunity to underline that EU-Jordan relations are excellent and a model of co-operation in the Mediterranean region, and to stress the importance of the European Neighbourhood Policy for the EU-Jordan partnership. EU representatives are expected to reaffirm Europe's commitment to supporting Jordan's programme of political and economic reform through the Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan and financial co-operation.
- **The EU Council of Ministers meeting on 15 and 16 November in Brussels adopted guidelines on the position to be taken by the EU in the forthcoming Euro-Mediterranean meeting of Foreign Ministers scheduled for 29 and 30 November in The Hague.** The meeting will take stock of progress in several areas of the Barcelona Process and relations with the Mediterranean region. It will provide an opportunity to have a political debate on the Arab-Israeli conflict. The meeting will also launch the preparation of the 10th anniversary of the Barcelona Process, which falls in November 2005.
- **Representatives of the European Commission and the aviation authorities of Lebanon met on 8-9 November in Beirut and initialled an aviation agreement.** This agreement will allow all EU airlines access to the Lebanese market from any EU Member State, facilitating a further increase in trade and tourism flows between Europe and Lebanon. By bringing all existing air services agreements between Lebanon and EU Member States in line with EU law, the agreement gives all airlines flying between Lebanon and the EU the necessary legal certainty for their operations. This is the first aviation agreement between the EU and a Mediterranean Partner. The agreement paves the way for more ambitious air transport negotiations with Lebanon and other Mediterranean Partners aiming at further liberalisation of aviation markets, regulatory convergence and co-operation on key technological aspects.
- **A Euro-Mediterranean Seminar on Trade and Agriculture will take place at Senior Officials' level on 23 November in Brussels as a follow-up to the meeting of Euro-Med Agriculture Ministers held last year in Venice.** Discussions will cover the State of Play of Euro-Mediterranean Agreements, Future steps towards Liberalisation of Agricultural Trade, Quality Policy, Rural Development, and Prospects for future regional co-operation. Participants will be representatives of Euro-Mediterranean partners' Agriculture Ministries, the MEDA supported Euro-Mediterranean Network of Economic Institutes (FEMISE), CIHEAM (Centre international de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes), IDPM (Institute for Development Policy and Management), and the European Commission.



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- **The Euro-Mediterranean Committee of the Barcelona Process meeting on 11 November in Brussels approved the Draft Statute of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures. An informal meeting of the heads of the Foundation's National Networks took place on the same day in the same city on the Dutch Presidency's initiative.** It was also attended by Advisory Committee members, the Foundation's Executive Director Traugott Schöfthaler, and European Commission representatives. Participants exchanged views on the Foundation's work programme to be prepared by Dr Schöfthaler, and various ideas were discussed. This was also an opportunity for Dr Schöfthaler to sign a contract with the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office so as to allow for launching preparatory work necessary to set up the Foundation.
- **A joint meeting of the Euro-Mediterranean Committee of the Barcelona Process, the Foundation's Executive Director, the Advisory Committee, the heads of the Foundation's National Networks, and European Commission representatives was held on 12 November in Brussels.** Dr Schöfthaler presented the outcome of the previous day's informal meeting (see above). The European Commission provided information on relevant MEDA funded Regional Programmes (Euromed Audiovisual, Euromed Heritage, EUMEDIS, and Euromed Youth), most of which are managed by EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The heads of the Israeli, Tunisian, Hungarian and Italian networks each presented their vision of the Foundation. Dr Schöfthaler underlined that the input from all 35 National Networks would help him finalise a 3 year work programme for the Foundation, including concrete actions for 2005, to be presented to the Ministerial meeting in the Hague later this month. **Meanwhile, the Anna Lindh Foundation's Secretariat in Alexandria is launching a Call for Candidatures for 8 positions.** The details are on page 3 and can be accessed on line at <http://www.euromedheritage.net>
- **The meeting of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council, scheduled for 17 November in Strasbourg, has been cancelled.**

PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

▣ REGIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING PROJECT ONE STEP CLOSER TO IMPLEMENTATION

A crucial step towards implementation of the new MEDA funded 'Education and Training for Employment' Regional Project was taken on 16 November with the signing in Brussels of a contract between the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office, in charge of managing the project, and the European Training Foundation, the selected implementing body. The Education and Training project aims to support the Mediterranean Partners in the design of relevant technical and vocational education and training policies that can contribute to promoting employment through a regional approach. The project will involve a Euro-Med Forum for exchanges of experience and best practice, and a Euro-Med network on Education and Training for Employment entrusted with monitoring, information dissemination, studies, and promoting regional co-operation. Other activities will include support to self-employment and creation of micro-enterprises, as well as development of e Learning. The project is due to start in early 2005 with a € 5 million budget from MEDA. The European Training Foundation is the EU agency specialised in vocational education and training, based in Turin, Italy. <http://www.etf.eu.int>

▣ INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND AFTER CARE IN EGYPT, JORDAN AND THE MED REGION

Attracting investors and building an after care strategy will be at the heart of two MEDA supported events to be held in Amman from 21 to 24 November, and in Cairo from 23 to 25 November respectively as part of the ANIMA Regional Programme (Euro-Mediterranean Network of Investment Promotion Agencies). ANIMA is designed to promote investment in the Mediterranean Partners, and managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The **Cairo event** will be made



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up of a 2-day Conference called 'Egypt Invest 2004' and preceded by a one-day workshop entitled "After Care – Building the country image through existing foreign investors". Egypt Invest 2004, held under the patronage of the country's Prime Minister Dr Ahmed Nazif, will focus on investment opportunities in Egypt as well as the practical steps needed to encourage further investment, modernise industry and increase foreign trade. Speakers will include the Prime Minister and several members of his government, the acting Head of the European Commission Delegation in Cairo, Oliver Nette, as well as senior decision makers from the public and private sectors, and representatives of financial institutions. The Cairo workshop will be dedicated to the after care strategies of Mediterranean Partners' Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs). It will be organised by the Egyptian Agency (GAFI) and participants will be representatives of IPAs from Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Territories, and Tunisia. The **Amman Local Seminar**, organised in co-operation with the Jordan Investment Board, will devote two days to Investor Targeting, focusing on IT and Pharmaceuticals, and two days to After Care. It will cover concepts, methods and best practices on project identification, as well as the design of an after care programme. <http://www.animaweb.org>

/// EURO-MED PARTNERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY TO DISCUSS SUSTAINABILITY OF FREE TRADE AREA

Representatives of Euro-Mediterranean partners, European and international civil society, the European Parliament and the European Commission will on 24 November discuss the Final Report for Phase I of the MEDA funded Sustainability Impact Assessment of the planned Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Area, a project managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The meeting will offer all interested stakeholders an opportunity to provide direct feedback to the consultants in charge of the study. <http://www.sia-trade.org>.

/// TRAINING SEMINAR FOR TRAINERS ON EURO-MED YOUTH WORK

An Introductory Training Seminar for Trainers on Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work will take place from 22 November to 3 December in Budapest within the MEDA funded Euro-Med Youth Regional Programme. It is organised by the European Youth Centre in Budapest in co-operation with the Euro-Med Salto Resource Centre and the Council of Europe. It will mark the start of a training course whose last session is scheduled for September 2006, and whose main aim is to develop the skills of 30 trainers involved in Euro-Mediterranean activities.

/// EURO-MEDITERRANEAN HERITAGE FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE MASHRAK

Three cultural events are currently taking place or will be held shortly as part of the MEDA funded Euromed Heritage Regional Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. An **exhibition** entitled "Voices and Echoes – Reminiscences of Mediterranean in the Atlantic" is taking place in November and December in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in the Canary Islands, Spain within the Mediterranean Voices project, part of Euromed Heritage II. For more details: <http://www.med-voices.org> . A **Seminar on Local Development** and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership will take place on 20 November in Madrid as part of the "Filières Innovantes" project. For more information: ccantofr@ghis.ucm.es . Two visiting lecturers from Beirut will give **master classes** in Traditional Eastern Mediterranean Music from 22 to 28 November in Cairo within the MediMuses project. More at <http://www.medimuses.gr> . <http://www.euromedheritage.net>

CALL FOR CANDIDATURES

The Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, to be established in Alexandria (Egypt) by the 25 Member States of the European Union and their ten Mediterranean Partners as an instrument of the Barcelona Process and with the general objective of developing



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partnership in social, cultural and human affairs, and, in particular, for developing human resources, promoting understanding between cultures and exchanges between civil societies, seeks for recruitment as of March or April 2005

(A) four senior programme specialists in two or more of the following fields: Education, Culture, Intercultural dialogue, Sciences, Communication, Human Rights, Gender issues and Youth

(B) two junior programme specialists in two or more of the following fields: Education, Culture, Intercultural dialogue, Sciences, Communication, Human Rights, Gender issues and Youth

(C) two programme support specialists for: public information/webmaster and administration/management/financing.

The Anna Lindh Foundation offers three years (renewable) contracts. The salary will be internationally competitive. Eligible are nationals of one of the 35 EuroMed partners (25 EU Member States, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey)

The following qualifications are required:

For the four **senior programme specialists**:

- Higher Education degree or diploma
- Ten years of professional experience in the fields indicated below
- Experience with international co-operation, with civil society groups and civil society organizations
- Excellent English and French
- Good knowledge of Arabic and other languages spoken in the Euro-Mediterranean space will be an asset
- Excellent command of modern IT tools
- Very good experience in international cooperation in at least one of the following fields (additional fields will be an asset):
 - 1) Education
 - 2) Culture
 - 3) Science (social and/or natural sciences)
 - 4) Communication
- good experience in international cooperation in at least one of the following areas (additional areas will be an asset):
 - 1) Human Rights
 - 2) Gender issues
 - 3) Youth
 - 4) Intercultural Dialogue
- Good knowledge of programmes and procedures of the European Commission, the Barcelona Process and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

For the two **junior programme specialists**:

- Higher Education degree or diploma

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- Two years of professional experience in the fields indicated below
- Experience with international co-operation, with civil society groups and civil society organizations
- Excellent English and French
- Good knowledge of Arabic and other languages spoken in the Euro-Mediterranean space will be an asset
- Excellent command of modern IT tools
- experience in international cooperation in at least one of the following fields (additional fields will be an asset):
 - 1) Education
 - 2) Culture
 - 3) Science (social and/or natural sciences)
 - 4) Communication
- experience in international cooperation in at least one of the following areas (additional areas will be an asset):
 - 1) Human Rights
 - 2) Gender issues
 - 3) Youth
 - 4) Intercultural Dialogue
- Good knowledge of programmes and procedures of the European Commission, the Barcelona Process and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

For the two programme support specialists:

public information/webmaster

- At least two years of professional experience in public information/webmaster
- Higher education diploma or degree
- Excellent English and French, as well as very good working knowledge of Arabic. Other languages spoken in the Euro-Mediterranean space will be an asset
- Excellent command of modern IT tools
- Knowledge of programmes and procedures of the European Commission, the Barcelona Process and the European Neighbourhood Policy and experience with international cooperation, with civil society groups and civil society organizations will be an asset

administration/management/financing

- Five years of professional experience in administration/management/financing
- Higher education diploma/degree
- Excellent English and French, as well as very good working knowledge of Arabic. Other languages spoken in the Euro-Mediterranean space will be an asset
- Excellent command of modern IT tools
- Excellent and proven experience and knowledge of programmes and procedures of the European Commission, the Barcelona Process and the European Neighbourhood Policy
- Experience with international co-operation, in particular with civil society organisations is an additional asset



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Additional assets for all categories:

Experience in working with multinational or multidisciplinary teams, organization of cultural activities and events, administration of public funds, project management and launching private-public partnerships.

Online applications in English or French: CV of not more than five pages (format: <http://www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency/cv.asp>) and a one page letter of motivation will be received **before January 10, 2005**,
by the Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation
Email: application@euromedalex.org

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 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 26.11.2004)

Israel



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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

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 24.11.2004)

Supply of Equipment for Vocational Training (VET) Centers

Reference: EuropeAid/120317/C/S/LB

Status: Open (until 25.01.2005)

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)

Assistance technique pour appuyer l'émergence des besoins en compétences des entreprises dans le secteur du Tourisme

Reference: EuropeAid/120203/D/SV/MA

Budget EUR: 1615400

Status: Open (until 20.12.2004)

Assistance technique pour le développement du marché de l'emploi dans les secteurs du Tourisme/ Hôtellerie du Textile Habillement et des NTIC l'identification des champs et des structures du secteur du Tourisme la mise en place d'un observatoire

Reference: EuropeAid/120204/D/SV/MA

Budget EUR: 1539600

Status: Open (until 20.12.2004)

Assistance technique pour appuyer l'émergence des besoins en compétences des entreprises dans le secteur du Textile Habillement

Reference: EuropeAid/120207/D/SV/MA

Status: Open (until 20.12.2004)



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Assistance technique pour appuyer l'émergence des besoins en compétences des entreprises dans le secteur des Nouvelles Technologies d'Information et de Communication (NTIC)

Reference: EuropeAid/120209/D/SV/MA

Status: Open (until 20.12.2004)

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 Tamllil Sidi Bouklhalef et de Tifni dans le bassin versant de Sidi

Reference: EuropeAid/120452/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 19.11.2004)

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 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)

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 chefchaouenachat 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)



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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)

Supply and Installation of Equipment and Furniture (STE E F) [Re launch of TWO lots]

Reference: EuropeAid/120575/M/S/SY

Status: Open (until 16.12.2004)

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)



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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)

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)

Gaza and the West Bank

Provision of Heavy Machinery for Public Work Unit

Reference: EuropeAid/120432/D/S/WB

Status: Open (until 19.01.2005)

Provision of Equipment for Public Work Unit and Garbage Collection System

Reference: EuropeAid/120433/D/S/WB

Status: Open (until 18.01.2005)

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

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