



## DECISIONS

**European Commissioner for External Relations and the European Neighbourhood Policy Benita Ferrero-Waldner on 22 November decided to deploy an EU Election Observer Mission to observe the Presidential Elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip scheduled for 9 January 2005.** The European Commission intends to deploy the mission in early December. It will be led by former French Prime Minister, and current member of the European Parliament, Michel Rocard. For further information: [http://europa.eu.int/news/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm).

## MEETINGS

- **HM King Abdullah II of Jordan is visiting EU institutions on 25 November.** The King visited European Investment Bank (EIB) headquarters in Luxembourg where he met the Bank's President Philippe Maystadt, EIB Vice-President in charge of the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership, Philippe de Fontaine Vive, and other Vice-Presidents and senior officials. The year 2004 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of co-operation between Jordan and the EIB. Almost € 750 million have been lent to Jordan since 1979. More at <http://www.eib.org/lending/med/en/index.htm>. King Abdullah is visiting Brussels later in the day. He will meet European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, and Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson. The enhancement of EU-Jordan relations through the European Neighbourhood Policy will be discussed, as well as political reform in the Arab world, Iraq and the Middle East. During the visit a financing agreement providing € 30 million of **MEDA support to poverty reduction** and local development in Jordan will be signed. The King will also meet EU High Representative Javier Solana.
- **The next Euro-Mediterranean Mid-term Ministerial Meeting will take place on 29 and 30 November in The Hague.** The Foreign Ministers' meeting will be preceded by two 'Troika' meetings on 29 November, one with Israel and one with Mediterranean Arab States. Both meetings are likely to focus on the Middle East Peace Process. The Troika is made up of the current (Dutch) and next (Luxembourg) EU Presidencies, EU High Representative Javier Solana, and European Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner. Foreign Ministers will review the Barcelona Process and discuss future prospects in view of Barcelona's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November 2005. Economic Reform and Investment will then be discussed, as well as Dialogue between Cultures, notably the Anna Lindh Foundation. Ministers should endorse the Foundation's Statute and Work Programme. A short intervention will be made by its Executive Director, Traugott Schöffthaler. The President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, Fathi Sorour, will also address the meeting. Libya will take part as observer.
- **The EU Council of Ministers meeting on 22 and 23 November in Brussels adopted conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process.** The Council expressed "its condolences to the Palestinian people on the occasion of President Arafat's death" and commended "the approach of the current leadership in organising a smooth transition". The full text of the conclusions is available from the website [http://europa.eu.int/news/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm) (please go to 'Council', right; click on 'Press', top left, and go to 'Latest News').
- **An informal Ministerial Meeting of the Quartet (EU, US, UN and Russia) was held on 23 November in Sharm el-Sheikh.** Participants evaluated the present situation as regards the Middle East Peace Process with particular reference to Palestinian elections, financial support and security.



- **The EU-Tunisia Association Committee held its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 18 November in Brussels at Senior Officials' level.** There was an exchange of views on prospects for enhancing and strengthening the EU-Tunisia Partnership as defined in particular by the European Neighbourhood Policy. In this respect the Tunisian side agreed in principle on the text of the national Neighbourhood Action Plan. The role of the Association Committee was discussed and the two sides agreed that the Committee would focus on arbitration and produce a non-sectoral analysis of issues addressed by Sub-Committees. EU Representatives said the EU stressed the need to enhance Political Dialogue. Tunisian Senior Officials confirmed that dialogue would cover all issues, including those relating to Human Rights, within a comprehensive approach of solidarity, based on mutual respect. The two sides welcomed the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Sub-Committee on Industry, Trade and Services held on 16 November, and there was an exchange of views on future Sub-Committee meetings in other areas. The two sides noted that bilateral financial co-operation is satisfactory. In addition, it was decided to hold exploratory meetings on agricultural negotiations by late January 2005, and Tunisian representatives said they were ready to initiate negotiations on services shortly.
- **The European Parliament Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council will meet on 2 December in Brussels.** The organisation of the Delegation's work will be discussed, as well as preparations for a visit of Delegation members to the Palestinian Territories, and the calendar of meetings 2005. The European Commission's activities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip will be discussed in the presence of a Commission representative.
- **The second meeting of the Pan-Euro-Med Working Group on rules of origin is scheduled to take place on 15 December 2004 in Brussels.** This Working Group was created to deal with any issue of implementation of the pan-Euro-Mediterranean cumulation of origin. For any further information, please mail to [Kristian.Vangrieken@cec.eu.int](mailto:Kristian.Vangrieken@cec.eu.int).

## PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

### ▣ LAUNCHING EVENT FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING PROJECT

The MEDA funded 'Education and Training for Employment' Regional Project, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office, will be officially launched on 29 November in Turin, Italy. The event will be hosted by the project's implementing body, the European Training Foundation (ETF), and will bring together Euro-Mediterranean experts in the fields of technical/vocational education and training, and labour market issues with European Commission representatives. The project's implementation will be discussed, and a dedicated web site will be presented, as well as an Action Plan 2005. Three components of the project will be examined in parallel working groups (Euro-Mediterranean Network on Vocational Education and Training; Support to self-employment and the creation of micro-enterprises for young unemployed people; and Development of e Learning for training in Information and Communication Technology). Participants will be provided with an overview of the project, and will have the opportunity to give an input on implementation modalities. <http://www.etf.eu.int>

### ▣ FOCUS ON STRATEGIC MARKETING AND IMAGE BUILDING FOR THE MED REGION

The 3<sup>rd</sup> regional World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) workshop on Strategic Marketing will be held on 1 and 2 December in Marseilles, France with support from the MEDA funded ANIMA project (Euro-Mediterranean Network of Investment Promotion Agencies or IPAs), managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. Managers and officers of Mediterranean IPAs will be introduced to analytical tools for IPAs to segment sector and country targets in order to market their country or territory and their own services in the most cost-effective way. Case studies will



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be presented by ANIMA co-ordinator Invest in France Agency, and the Welsh Development Agency. The seminar will be followed by a one-day workshop for Mediterranean IPAs on "Improving MEDA Image for Investors". The results of an image survey among investors and the ANIMA proposals for a new image strategy for the region will be presented and discussed. <http://www.animaweb.org>

## ▣ INTRA-REGIONAL SEMINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR AGADIR COUNTRIES

Officials and experts from the countries involved in the Agadir Agreement on sub-regional free trade (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) will take part in an Intra-Regional Seminar on 'Intellectual Property Rights' from 29 November to 2 December in Cairo within the MEDA funded EuroMed Market Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The Seminar aims to promote a common approach among Agadir countries on intellectual property rights legislation, promote the setting up of surveillance bodies and remedy mechanisms, achieve an appropriate level of intellectual property protection between the Agadir countries, further develop intra-regional administrative co-operation, and encourage exchanges of knowledge, experience and best practice. <http://www.euromedmarket.org>

## ▣ EURO-MED CITIES MEET TO DISCUSS URBAN ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable Development in Cities will be the focus of two meetings to be held in Rome shortly. A Regional Meeting and Workshop will take place on 29 and 30 November to look at "How to integrate successfully development and sustainability". The event is organised by the Municipality of Rome within phase 1 of the MEDA supported MED'ACT 2 pilot project, dedicated to Sustainable Urban Development and managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. Participants will be political representatives and administrative officials from Euro-Mediterranean municipalities and NGO representatives. This will be followed by a meeting of the Euromed Working Group of the EUROCITIES association, organised jointly by the municipalities of Rome and Turin with the aim of bringing together elected representatives of Euro-Mediterranean municipalities to promote co-operation on inter alia sustainable development issues. For more details on the MED'ACT meeting: tel: +39 065404931; e-mail: [ecomed@romacivica.net](mailto:ecomed@romacivica.net). More on the EUROCITIES meeting from [international.affairs@comune.torino.it](mailto:international.affairs@comune.torino.it)

## ▣ PROMOTING INVESTMENT IN THE REGIONS OF MOROCCO AND OTHER MED PARTNERS

How to attract investors to a specific region of a Mediterranean Partner will be the subject of a Seminar to be held from 1 to 3 December in Rabat as part of the MEDA funded ANIMA project (Euro-Mediterranean Network of Investment Promotion Agencies or IPAs), managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The first two days of the seminar coincide with Morocco's Investment Days organised under the patronage of HM King Mohammed VI. The ANIMA Seminar is aimed at providing Mediterranean IPAs with a regional approach to investment and help reinforce Morocco's network of 16 regional investment promotion agencies. Participants will be IPA officers from Morocco and 7 other Mediterranean Partners. <http://www.animaweb.org>

## MISCELLANEOUS

### ⌘ 11<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL IN BEIRUT

PRODUCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EuropeAid Cooperation Office DG)

WEB SITE: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/med/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/med/index_en.htm)

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The 11<sup>th</sup> European Film Festival in Beirut will take place from 25 November to 5 December on the initiative and with the support of the European Commission Delegation in Lebanon. A total of 27 very recent European films have been selected. Lebanese films of the '70s will also be screened, as well as 17 short films by young Lebanese directors. The programme is on line at <http://www.dellbn.cec.eu.int>

## 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

**Acquisition d'équipements de reprographie et audiovisuel destinés aux écoles de formation de la Sûreté Nationale d'Alger d'Annaba et de Sidi Bel Abbès.**

Reference: EuropeAid/116491/D/S/DZ

Status: Open (until 05.02.2005)

**Equipements et matériels scientifiques destinés aux laboratoires de police scientifique**

Reference: EuropeAid/117163/D/S/DZ

Status: Open (until 05.02.2005)

### 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

**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)



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## **Twinning Call for Proposals**

Reference: EuropeAid/120397/D/G/JO

Status: Open (until 05.12.2004)

## **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 développer la qualité et la capacité de l'offre de formation et développer l'apprentissage dans le secteur du Tourisme**

Reference: EuropeAid/120205/D/SV/MA

Status: Open (until 20.12.2004)

### **Assistance technique pour le développement du secteur privé de formation dans les secteurs du Tourisme du Textile Habillement et des Nouvelles Technologies d'Information et de Communication (NTIC)**

Reference: EuropeAid/120206/D/SV/MA

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)

### **Assistance technique pour développer la qualité et la capacité de l'offre de formation et développer l'apprentissage dans le secteur du Textile Habillement**

Reference: EuropeAid/120208/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)

**Assistance technique pour développer la qualité et la capacité de l'offre de formation dans le secteur des Nouvelles Technologies d'Information et de Communication (NTIC)**

Reference: EuropeAid/120210/D/SV/MA

Status: Open (until 20.12.2004)

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

Reference: EuropeAid/120314/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until ?)

**Gestion des Contrôles Frontaliers Assistance technique à l'unité de gestion du projet**

Reference: EuropeAid/120406/C/SV/MA

Budget EUR: 2033500

Status: Open (until 27.12.2004)

**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 materiel 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)

**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**





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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)

**Mission d'assistance à la privatisation de la Société Tunisienne de Chaux (STC)**

Reference: EuropeAid/120361/D/SV/TN

Budget EUR: 400000

Status: Open (until 24.12.2004)

**Turkey**

**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)

**Support to participation in EU events; management of a travel facility**

Reference: EuropeAid/117468/C/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 500000

Status: Open (until 28.12.2004)

**Supply of Fire Fighting and Rescue Vehicles and Associated Equipment required for the implementation of the operation ?Fire Brigades Rehabilitation and Upgrading in the Greater Municipality of Izmit Province of Kocaeli?**

Reference: EuropeAid/117846/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 24.01.2005)

**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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## **Gaza and the West Bank**

**Supply installation and maintenance of the IT equipment needed for the pilot testing of the  
Palestinian Authority Tax Administration Computer System (PATACS) (MED/1998/004-174)**

Reference: EuropeAid/120233/D/S/WB

Status: Open (until 26.01.2005)

## **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:

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

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