



DECISIONS

The European Investment Bank (EIB) on 2 December announced it was lending € 150 million for the development of leasing and lending facilities to support investment by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Turkey. The funds will be channelled through Turkey's TSKB Bank to selected banks who will pass them on to finance projects by SMEs in industry, tourism, and services in the form of loans or leases. More at <http://www.eib.org/lending/med/en/index.htm>

MEETINGS

- **Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Ministers met on 29 and 30 November in The Hague to review the Barcelona Process and discuss future prospects in view of Barcelona's 10th anniversary in November 2005.** Ministers confirmed that the Barcelona Process, enhanced by the European Neighbourhood Policy, is the main initiative for the Mediterranean in which the EU and the Mediterranean Partners jointly participate, and the central instrument for partnership and dialogue for the Mediterranean. Agreement was reached on the Workplan for the Anna Lindh Foundation for Dialogue between Cultures. Ministers decided that 2005 will be the Year of the Mediterranean. The meeting was preceded by two 'Troika' meetings on 29 November, one with Israel and one with Mediterranean Arab States. 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. The Foreign Ministers of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Silvan Shalom and Nabeel Shaath, met on 29 November in the presence of Dutch Foreign Minister Bernard Bot. A further Troika meeting was held with the Palestinian Authority on 30 November. On financial co-operation Ministers noted that the considerable improvement in the performance of MEDA is still increasing. After the meeting, Mr Bot, Mr Solana and Ms Ferrero-Waldner all stressed the importance of ownership by the region. The Presidency Conclusions for the meeting were sent on 30 November as Euromed Report No 84. They are also available on line, as well as documents on the State of play of Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements, and MEDA in 2004 at http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/euromed
- **Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Nabeel Shaath visited the European Commission in Brussels on 1 and 2 December.** Mr Shaath met European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, Louis Michel, on 1 December to discuss the situation in the Middle East and the humanitarian situation. The Palestinian Minister met the European Commissioner for External Relations and Neighbourhood Policy Benita Ferrero-Waldner on 2 December to discuss EU-Palestinian Authority relations and plans for the forthcoming Palestinian Authority Presidential elections. Ms Ferrero-Waldner outlined the objectives of the EU Observation Mission, which will be led by former French Prime Minister and Member of the European Parliament, Michel Rocard (sse Euromed Synopsis No 293).
- **Egypt's Foreign Minister Ahmed Ali Abul Gheit will meet European Commissioner for External Relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner and European Neighbourhood Policy on 9 December in Brussels.** This will be Mr Abul Gheit's first visit to Brussels. Discussions will touch on the EU-Egypt Association Agreement, the European Neighbourhood Policy, the Middle East Peace Process, and other regional issues such as Iraq.
- **The 17th MEDA funded Training Seminar for Euro-Mediterranean Diplomats will take place from 3 to 6 December in Malta with the aim of informing junior diplomats of the latest developments within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.** A Working Session will be devoted to each of the three chapters of the Barcelona Process. <http://www.euromed-seminars.org.mt>



PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

/// **MED-INTERPRISE MOROCCO FOR EU-MOROCCO BUSINESS CO-OPERATION**

Representatives of Moroccan small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) specialising in Textiles, Leather and Agri-Food will meet their counterparts from France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the UK from 6 to 8 December in Marrakesh within the MEDA supported "Med-Enterprise Morocco 2004" event, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Co-operation Office. The event, organised by Morocco's National Agency for the Promotion of SMEs (ANPME), aims to create opportunities for EU-Morocco business co-operation. It is part of the Euro-Mediterranean SMEs Co-operation Regional Project. In addition, the programme includes sectoral seminars and allows for visits to Moroccan businesses. http://www.anpme.ma/med_Intreprise2004/med-interprise%20maroc%202004.htm

/// **ARE SAFEGUARD AND USE OF HERITAGE COMPATIBLE? A EURO-MED WORKSHOP**

Compatibility of safeguard and use of cultural heritage will be at the heart of a Euro-Mediterranean Workshop to be held from 9 to 11 December in Malta under the Delta project, part of the MEDA funded Euromed Heritage II Regional Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Co-operation Office. Participants from the 9 countries and territories involved in the project (Algeria, Israel, Morocco, the Palestinian Territories, France, Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain) will look at Compatible use of historic centres; Heritage and compatible tourism; Heritage and compatible accessibility and facilities; A territory's cultural compatibility. Delta, which aims at developing 'Territorial Cultural Systems', is co-ordinated by Italy's Mediterranean Institute (IMED). More at www.imednet.it/delta and www.euromedheritage.net/resources/preliminary_programme_malta_en.pdf

/// **MEDITERRANEAN OFFICIALS LOOK AT INVESTMENT PROMOTION TOOLS**

Web Sites and Tailoring the Offer to Investors' Needs will be looked at as tools for promoting investment in the Mediterranean Partners during two seminars to be held as part of the MEDA funded ANIMA project (Euro-Mediterranean Network of Investment Promotion Agencies or IPAs), managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Co-operation Office. The 3rd ANIMA **Webmasters' Seminar** will take place from 6 to 10 December in Marseilles, France with the aim of analysing existing IPA web sites and providing recommendations for future improvements. Participants will be IPA officers from all Mediterranean Partners, involved in web site editorial development and marketing. A Regional Seminar on "**Tailoring the Offer to Investors' Needs**" will be held from 7 to 10 December in Ankara. Turkish and European case studies will be presented and discussed. Participants will be IPA officers from various Mediterranean Partners, and local IPA officers from Turkey. <http://www.animaweb.org>

/// **ENERGY ROAD MAPS FOR MASHRAK AND TURKEY DISCUSSED AT MED SEMINAR**

Public and private sector representatives from Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey, and European Commission officials met from 22 to 24 November in Amman to discuss national road maps on energy reform at a Sub-Regional Workshop held jointly by consultants co-ordinating the MEDA funded projects "Reform of the Legal and Institutional Energy Sector Framework" and "Restructuring Energy Companies (MEDA-REC)". Both projects are managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Co-operation Office. General agreement was reached on identifying structural obstacles and challenges to reform, as well as the main issues to be discussed at the final workshop to be held next February in Salzburg, Austria. The seminar also included sub-sectoral workshops on electricity, gas and oil.

/// **TWO EXHIBITIONS AND A CONCERT TO HIGHLIGHT MEDITERRANEAN CULTURE**

Various aspects of Mediterranean life and culture will be highlighted shortly in two exhibitions and a concert staged under the MEDA funded Euromed Heritage Regional Programme, managed by the



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European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. Traditional arts and crafts from Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian Territories, Turkey, and France will be on display under the title "**Lasting Mediterranean Impressions and Colours**" at Amman City Hall from 4 to 10 December as part of the PRODECOM project. http://euromedheritage.net/resources/prodecom_expo.pdf. A multimedia exhibition on the **role of cinema in London's Turkish speaking communities** will be held from 3 to 10 December in the UK capital within the Mediterranean Voices project. <http://www.mediterranean-voices.org/pages/news.aspx>. Finally the 8th in a series of concerts called "Musical Traditions of the Mediterranean" will take place on 8 December in Beirut as part of the MediMuses project. The **concert of Classical Eastern Mediterranean Music** will feature musical ensembles from Cordoba, Spain and Istanbul, Turkey. <http://www.mediterranean-music.gr>

MISCELLANEOUS

⌘ EUROPEAN FILM WEEKS IN 5 MOROCCAN CITIES

The 14th edition of Morocco's European Film Weeks will be held from 4 to 22 December in five Moroccan cities and towns under the aegis of the country's Ministry for Culture, in partnership with the Moroccan Film Centre, and with support from the European Commission Delegation in Rabat. It will start in Agadir (4-13 December) and will move to Tetouan (8-17 December), Rabat (10-19 December), Casablanca (11-20 December), and Safi (13-22 December). The Weeks will feature films by young European directors, works by celebrities such as Kenneth Loach, Olivier Assayas and Gianni Amelio, as well as short films by Mediterranean directors.

⌘ NEW HEAD OF REPRESENTATION IN EAST JERUSALEM

The new Head of the European Commission Representation in East Jerusalem, John Kjaer, took up his post on 28 November. Mr Kjaer was formerly Head of the Commission Representation in Estonia.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mediterranean Partners

MEDSTAT Statistical co operation Phase II - Mediterranean Region

Reference: EuropeAid/120096/C/SV/Multi

Status: Open (until 14.01.2005)

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 Sureté 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)



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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)

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)

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)



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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)

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.



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Deadline for first evaluation round 7 May 2004

Reference: EuropeAid/119722/C/SV/TR

Status: Open (until 31.01.2007)

Transportation Infrastructure Needs Assessment (TINA)

Reference: EuropeAid/120093/D/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 920000

Status: Open (until 06.01.2005)

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>

For the list of tenders to be viewed together with all related documents, the following should be entered in the QUERY form:

1. <MEDA> in the pull down window
2. Status: Open
3. Type: Supplies, Works, Services, Grants (tick everything)
4. Region: Mediterranean Partners
5. Countries: ALL
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The list of open tenders will be retrieved.