



INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Commissioner for External Relations and the European Neighbourhood Policy visited the Palestinian Territories and Israel from 15 to 17 January.** The main purpose of the visit was to review the situation in the Palestinian Territories in the run up to the legislative elections scheduled for 25th January and express EU support to the democratic process. The Commissioner met with Palestinian Authority (PA) Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nasser Al Kidweh, PA Presidential Adviser, Marwan Abdel Hamid, Acting Finance Minister Jihad Al Wazir, the Head of the Central Elections Commission, Hanna Nasir and several other Palestinian officials. She also met the Chief Observer for the EU Election Observation Mission, Veronique de Keyser MEP. With acting Prime Minister of Israel, Ehud Olmert and the Israeli Foreign Minister designate, Mrs Ferrero Waldner discussed bilateral relations and the MEPP. Mrs Ferrero-Waldner took the opportunity to announce a number of new financial decisions including support for the electoral process (1.4 million euros), equipment for the Rafah crossing (1.5 million euros), training and equipment for customs services (1.5 million euros), launch of over 20 million euros worth of projects under the Gaza Infrastructure Facility (€40 million) for the improvement of basic services including waste water, solid waste and electricity. Speaking of the Palestinian elections, the Commissioner stated: *“The Palestinian legislative elections are an important milestone on the road to democracy and should go ahead on schedule. We welcome the decision by the Israeli cabinet to facilitate voting in East Jerusalem and look forward to agreement between the parties on arrangements for the ballots. To build confidence in these polls we are once again deploying the biggest international team of election observers. EU support to the Central Elections Commission has been crucial, and without it, the holding of these elections would not have been possible”*. The Commissioner spent a day in Gaza where she visited a number of Commission financed projects and discussed ways to increase employment generation in a series of upcoming projects under the Gaza Infrastructure Facility. She also visited the Rafah border crossing and met with General Pistolese to review the operation of the Border Assistance Mission. Immediately after her trip, **Mrs Ferrero-Waldner addressed the European Parliament on 19 January** which has sent a 50-strong Delegation as part of the the EU Election Observation Mission to the Palestinian Territories on her visit and meetings with both Palestinian and Israelis. The speech is available at: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/06/17&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- **At their first meeting in Brussels under the Austrian Presidency on 16-17 January, Senior Officials responsible for political and security issues and the Euromed Committee for the Barcelona Process** mainly discussed the Presidency’s Work Programme for the implementation of the Five Year Work Programme adopted at the Barcelona Summit. Senior Officials discussed the proposed Euro-Med Ministerial Conference on Migration scheduled for February 2006 and the practicalities involved in terms of organisation and timing. At this meeting, the Commission made a presentation of its plans to continue the media seminars held during 2005 by the constitution of a Euro-Med Media Task Force. During the Euromed Committee meeting, a “study Committee” was established to review the Anna Lindh Foundation’s statute and future activities.
- **Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the CFSP, welcomed on 15 January the announcement by Israeli and Palestinian leaders on Palestinian elections.** Javier Solana welcomed the decision by the Israeli cabinet to allow voting by Palestinians in East Jerusalem and said that “the EU expects Israel to facilitate electoral operations, including movement of candidates and voting officials, as well as of

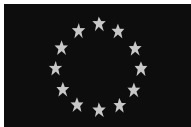


local and international observers". As he also welcomed the announcement by Mahmoud Abbas, President of the PA to hold the legislative elections as scheduled on 25 January, as well as the declared intention of the PA to ensure security of the electoral operations and safety of the voters, candidates and local and international observers. The High Representative also reiterated EU and Quartet positions that all factions, including Hamas, should renounce violence, recognise Israel's right to exist and disarm. For the full statement, see: http://ue.eu.int/ueDocs/cms_Data/docs/pressData/en/declarations/87988.pdf

- **The Austrian Presidency recently issued a Declaration on Lebanon on behalf of the EU** in which it welcomed the appointment of the Mr Serge Brammertz as Head of the International Investigation Commission into the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister, Rafik Hariri and reiterated the need for all related Security Council resolutions to be implemented and, pursuant to those resolutions, for Syria to cooperate fully and unconditionally with the Investigation Commission. In the statement, the EU reaffirms its full support to the government of Mr Fouad Siniora, encourages it to continue the dialogue initiated on the implementation of resolution 1559, fully back its intention to enter into negotiations with Syria with a view to demarcating the entire border separating the two countries. It also reaffirms its support for the holding of an international donor conference in Beirut in 2006. The full text of the Declaration can be found at the following page:
http://ue.eu.int/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/cfsp/87984.pdf
- Meetings for January and February of working groups and Committees of the **Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA)** as well as the meeting of the Delegation of the EP to the EMPA are available at the following: http://www.europarl.eu.int/intcoop/empa/home/default_en.htm
- The European Parliament **Delegation for Relations with the Mashreq Countries met on 18 January** in Strasbourg with a Delegation of Lebanese Members of Parliament to discuss the current situation in Lebanon
- Javier Solana, High Representative for CFSP, congratulated Mrs Tzipi Livni, on her recent appointment as Foreign Minister of Israel.

PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

- ⚡ **ANIMA WORKSHOP ON "BUILDING AN IPA INVESTOR TARGETING STRATEGY", 23-27 JANUARY 2006, MARSEILLES** This is the first of a two-year regional seminar on 'Training the Trainers' organised by ANIMA (Euro-Mediterranean Network of Investment Promotion Agencies) with the aim to provide participants with the theoretical module and support material necessary to transfer the knowledge they have gained from the Seminars to their IPA colleagues. The second workshop scheduled for 6-10 February will look at the development of an IPA Communication Strategy. 7 MEDA countries will be represented: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, and Tunisia. For more information, contact: anna.abariotou@cec.eu.int
- ⚡ **EURO-MED STATISTICAL COOPERATION – LAUNCH OF MEDSTAT II, 26-27 JANUARY 2006, LUXEMBOURG** MEDSTAT II, the Euromed Regional Programme on statistical cooperation, which aims to improve the quality of services and of statistical data in the Mediterranean Partners countries, is being launched. The date for the commencement of activities has been set to 15 January and the execution period will cover 3 years. A kick-off meeting between the contractors and the EC services involved (EUROSTAT and EuropeAid, Cooperation Office of the European Commission) will take place on January 26th and 27th in Luxembourg. For more information, contact: jean-marc.riegel@cec.eu.int



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mediterranean Partners

EU Partnership for Peace

Reference: EuropeAid/122385/C/ACT/Multi

Status: Open (until 28.02.2006)

Algeria

Acquisition d'Ouvrages techniques et scientifiques et d'équipements Informatiques destinés au Centre de Documentation de l'Institut National de Recherche Criminalistique (I.N.R.C)

Reference: EuropeAid/121110/D/SUP/DZ

Status: Open (until 14.02.2006)

Préparation d'Entreprises Publiques à la Privatisation

Reference: EuropeAid/121967/D/SER/DZ

Budget EUR: 3950000

Status: Open (until 22.01.2006)

Assistance juridique opérationnelle à la privatisation et à l'ouverture du capital des entreprises publiques

Reference: EuropeAid/121968/D/SER/DZ

Budget EUR: 2800000

Status: Open (until 21.01.2006)

Encadrement d'opérations de cession d'entreprises au profit des salariés

Reference: EuropeAid/121969/D/SER/DZ

Budget EUR: 400000

Status: Open (until 23.01.2006)

Mise à disposition d'experts métiers et technologues dans le cadre des privatisations en cours

Reference: EuropeAid/121971/D/SER/DZ

Budget EUR: 1000000

Status: Open (until 24.01.2006)

Préparation d'entreprises publiques à la privatisation

Reference: EuropeAid/122030/D/SER/DZ

Budget EUR: 2900000

Status: Open (until 15.02.2006)

Recrutement de l'Unité de Suivi et d'Assistance Technique au Programme (USAT) - Programme d'appui à la réhabilitation des zones affectées par les actes de terrorisme

Reference: EuropeAid/122269/C/SER/DZ

Budget EUR: 2495000

Status: Open (until 01.02.2006)

Egypt

Education Enhancement Programme Provision of ICT hardware peripherals and consumables data networking and cabling and computer furniture as well as training in 15 Governorates - Egypt

Reference: EuropeAid/121166/D/SUP/EG

Status: Open (until 06.02.2006)



Architectural and Engineering services for the Flood Protection of the City of Dahab

Reference: EuropeAid/122288/D/SER/EG

Budget EUR: 500000

Status: Open (until 06.02.2006)

Architectural and Engineering services for the Water Supply in St Katherine and Wastewater Management in El Tur

Reference: EuropeAid/122291/D/SER/EG

Budget EUR: 1470000

Status: Open (until 06.02.2006)

IT Equipment Software Printers Office Equipment Furniture Vehicles and Air conditioning

Reference: EuropeAid/122352/D/SUP/EG

Status: Open (until 27.02.2006)

Technical Assistance for the Project Financial Investment and Sector Co-operation Social Component

Reference: EuropeAid/122363/C/SER/EG

Budget EUR: 950000

Status: Open (until 29.01.2006)

Girls Education Initiative (GEI) Monitoring and Evaluation (M E) National Council for Childhood and Motherhood - Children at Risk Programme

Reference: EuropeAid/122402/D/SER/EG

Budget EUR: 400000

Status: Open (until 16.02.2006)

Construction of 31 Schools in Egypt

Reference: EuropeAid/122415/M/WKS/EG

Budget EUR: 5000000

Status: Open (until 12.02.2006)

Invitation to tender for the supply of IT equipment copying and printing devices to the General Secretariat of the Egyptian -European Association agreement

Reference: EuropeAid/122469/M/SUP/EG

Status: Open (until 01.03.2006)

Israel

Local and Regional Cultural Activities MEDA 2006

Reference: EuropeAid/122418/L/ACT/IL

Budget EUR: 330000

Status: Open (until 20.02.2006)

Jordan

Technical Assistance for the Coordination of the SRRP programme

Reference: EuropeAid/122286/C/SER/JO

Budget EUR: 500000

Status: Open (until 31.01.2006)

Supply of Computers and Equipments for the Programme Management Unit PMU Water

Reference: EuropeAid/122382/M/SUP/JO

Status: Open (until 05.02.2006)



TWINNING CALL FOR PROPOSAL Support to the Ministry of industry and Trade in the Implementation of the EU-Jordan Association Agreement

Reference: EuropeAid/122450/C/ACT/JO

Status: Open (until 16.02.2006)

UM AR RASSAS - Research copywriting Graphic Design and Printing of Information and Interpretation Materials

Reference: EuropeAid/122454/M/SER/JO

Status: Open (until 05.02.2006)

Morocco

Fourniture de matériel pour l'équipement de 5 centres d'archives régionaux de véhicules utilitaires et systèmes de gestion automatisée des archives

Reference: EuropeAid/121795/D/SUP/MA

Status: Open (until 20.02.2006)

Réhabilitation électrique et câblage réseau de 44 Juridictions au Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/121797/D/SUP/MA

Status: Open (until 23.01.2006)

PAGER volet eau/santé - Acquisition de matériel de bureau et audiovisuel

Reference: EuropeAid/122284/M/SUP/MA

Status: Open (until 01.03.2006)

Appel à propositions pour des actions d'appui à l'organisation d'activités périscolaires aux provinces d'El Jadida Chtouka figuig Khemisset Khenifra Larache Sefrou et Taounate (Maroc) 2006

Reference: EuropeAid/122537/M/G/MA

Budget EUR: 100000

Status: Open (until 05.03.2006)

Syria

Supply of Training Equipment for Vocational Education and Training Institutions in Ready-Made Garment and Maintenance

Reference: EuropeAid/122099/D/SUP/SY

Status: Open (until 06.03.2006)

Technical Assistance to the Center of Strategic Health Studies -Syrian Arab Republic S.A.R.

Reference: EuropeAid/122215/D/SER/SY

Budget EUR: 5000000

Status: Open (until 08.02.2006)

Supply of IT and Office-Equipment for Health Sector Modernisation Programme - Syrian Arab Republic S.A.R.

Reference: EuropeAid/122216/D/SUP/SY

Status: Open (until 01.03.2006)

SME Support Programme Damascus - Syrian Arab Republic

Reference: EuropeAid/122282/D/SER/SY



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Budget EUR: 7000000

Status: Open (until 09.02.2006)

Supply of CAD Office Equipment in Damascus and Hama

Reference: EuropeAid/122455/M/SUP/SY

Status: Open (until 22.01.2006)

Supply of Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) and Other Services in Hama West Substation

Reference: EuropeAid/122456/M/SUP/SY

Status: Open (until 01.02.2006)

Tunisia

Fourniture des GMP et des citernes à traction animale pour l'exploitation des barrages collinaires

Bouarfa Kanguet Esslougui et Ain ElBidha

Reference: EuropeAid/122118/D/SUP/TN

Status: Open (until 23.01.2006)

Stratégie de la participation du secteur privé à l'investissement et à l'exploitation dans le domaine de déchets solides en Tunisie

Reference: EuropeAid/122165/D/SER/TN

Budget EUR: 300000

Status: Open (until 06.02.2006)

Turkey

Supplies for Support to Basic Education Project Turkey . Furniture Equipment and Vehicles for 8 Project Provinces and 2 Central Units of MONE

Reference: EuropeAid/121189/C/SUP/TR

Status: Open (until 18.01.2006)

Supply of specific equipment for VET institutions of SVET programme Turkey

Reference: EuropeAid/121717/C/SUP/TR

Status: Open (until 06.03.2006)

Supplies for Support to Basic Education Project Turkey Furniture Equipment and Vehicles for 8 Project Provinces and 2 Central Units of MoNE Section 2 Vehicles

Reference: EuropeAid/122309/C/SUP/TR

Status: Open (until 17.01.2006)

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:

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