



MEETINGS

- **EU Foreign Ministers discussed EU relations with the Mediterranean region and the Middle East at an informal meeting held on 15-16 April at Senningen, Luxembourg.** “We have been investing in modernisation and reforms through MEDA funds and other means for over a decade”, said current EU Council President and Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn summarising the discussions on 16 April. “The EU is convinced that reforms can succeed only if they are generated from within the societies and not imposed from the outside. ...existing forums must be used in order to ... strengthen existing co-operation – as is already the case for the Mediterranean”. The full text of the Presidency communiqué is available from the web site: <http://www.eu2005.lu/en/actualites/communiqués/2005/04/16gymnich/index.html>.
- **The sixth edition of the Brussels Economic Forum, organised by the European Commission on 21 and 22 April will include a session on “Europe’s neighbours: Towards closer integration?”** The session will be chaired by European Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy Benita Ferrero-Waldner. One of the speakers will be the Secretary-General of Morocco’s Ministry for Finance and Privatisation, Abdeltif Loudyi. The Forum’s general conclusions will be presented by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso. For more information on the Forum: http://europa.eu.int/comm/economy_finance/events/2005/events_brussels_0405_en.htm
- **The European Parliament (EP) Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) met on 21 April in Brussels.** There was an exchange of views on the political priorities and programme of activities of the EP Presidency of the EMPA.
- **The 4th EU-Israel Association Committee was held on 14 April in Jerusalem at senior officials’ level. This was the first Association Committee to be held since Israel and the EU concluded the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Action Plan in late 2004.** Participants mapped out how the Action Plan is going to be implemented. Progress was made on the creation of sector-based sub-committees. Senior officials looked at how trade in services and agriculture could be liberalised, and how trade with the Palestinians could be facilitated. Political dialogue covered the situation in the Middle East, anti-Semitism, and combating terrorism. The 10th anniversary of the Barcelona Process was also discussed, and Israeli representatives underlined their country’s commitment to the Partnership.
- **The 1st EU-Morocco Internal Market Sub-Committee will meet on 25 April in Brussels.** The vast array of subjects to be addressed includes standards and technical regulations, competition policy, financial services, movement of capital, and the protection of intellectual property rights. The EU and Morocco will exchange information on the right of establishment and company law, the regulatory aspects of services, public procurement, and consumer protection. Convergence between Moroccan and EU regulations in most of these areas will be discussed.
- **The Eurocities network of 121 European cities, which has a Euro-Mediterranean Working Group, on 19 April presented its position on the future of the Barcelona Process and the role there would be for the region’s cities. This was done in Brussels on the European Parliament’s premises.** Eurocities urge Euro-Mediterranean governments and EU institutions to acknowledge cities as partners in Euro-Mediterranean relations and the new European Neighbourhood Policy. The network wants a Euro-Mediterranean Forum of local authorities to be set up and a specific “cities” programme to be provided, whose priorities would range from Dialogue between cultures to Integration of immigrants through Sustainable Urban Development. Eurocities members already take part in the MEDA supported



MED'ACT pilot project of co-operation between cities, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Co-operation Office.

PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

/// EUROPEAN COMMISSION GRANTS NEARLY € 64 MILLION TO UNRWA

The European Commission will contribute € 63.67 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in 2005. The financing agreement was signed recently by the Representative of the European Commission to the Palestinian Authority, John Kjaer, and UNRWA's Deputy Commissioner General, Karen Koning Abu Zayed. The funding falls within the EU-UNRWA Convention 2002-2005, which provides for a European Commission contribution of € 237 million. More at: <http://www.delwbg.cec.eu.int/en/whatsnew/13.htm>.

/// WATER INFORMATION IN MOROCCO

The Euro-Mediterranean Information System on the know-how in the Water sector –EMWIS- has 20 National Focal Points, 15 of them having launched a national water information service available on the web. An information seminar aiming to raise awareness of the benefits of exchanging know-how and information among the main stakeholders of Morocco's water sector will be held on 27-28 April in Rabat on the joint initiative of EMWIS and the Moroccan State Secretary in charge of water. This will also be an opportunity to highlight the important role that Geographical Information Systems (GIS) play in water resource management. For further information, please visit EMWIS web site: <http://www.semide.org/documents/html/Rabat'05.htm>

/// MEDITERRANEAN ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITED IN FLORENCE

Mediterranean arts and crafts will be on display at the Florence Arts and Crafts International Fair from 22 April to 1 May under the title "Prints and Colours of the Mediterranean" within the MEDA funded PRODECOM project, part of the Euromed Heritage II Regional Programme managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Co-operation Office. The exhibition has already been shown in several cities on both sides of the Mediterranean. The PRODECOM project aims at preserving and promoting Mediterranean arts and crafts. <http://euromedheritage.net>.

PUBLICATIONS

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF 10 YEARS OF BARCELONA ON LINE

The report by the MEDA supported Euro-Mediterranean Forum of Economic Institutes (FEMISE) on "10 Years after Barcelona: Achievements and Prospects" has now been made available on line at: <http://www.femise.org/Pub-indic/listpub-ol.html>.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mediterranean Partners

MEDA Regional Information Communication Programme Set-up and management of an information resources center



Reference: EuropeAid/120731/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 1400000

Status: Open (until 20.05.2005)

Appui à un Réseau Euro-Méditerranéen des Instituts de Politiques Etrangères

Reference: EuropeAid/120764/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 5000000

Status: Open (until 01.07.2005)

Appui à un Réseau Euro-Méditerranéen des Instituts de Sciences Economiques

Reference: EuropeAid/120767/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 5000000

Status: Open (until 01.07.2005)

MEDSTAT Statistical cooperation (Phase II) - Lot 5 MED-Environment (ENV) Contrat n ME8/B7-4100/EuropeAid/2001/0125-5

Reference: EuropeAid/121129/D/S/Multi

Status: Open (until 16.06.2005)

Algeria

Fouriture d'expertises pour des missions de courte durée dans le cadre du Programme d'appui au développement des PME

Reference: EuropeAid/120861/D/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 5000000

Status: Open (until 06.05.2005)

Mission d'Assistance Technique à l'Institut National de Formation professionnelle(INFP) à l'Agence Nationale de Soutien à l'Emploi des Jeunes(ANSEJ) à la Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Chômage (CNAC) et à l'Association Nationale des Etablissements

Reference: EuropeAid/121056/D/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 1086000

Status: Open (until 21.05.2005)

Assistance Technique au MFEP pour le renforcement et l'adaptation des outils de gestion du SFEP

Reference: EuropeAid/121057/D/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 644000

Status: Open (until 23.05.2005)

Assistance Technique au MFEP pour développer et implanter un cadre méthodologique d'analyse et d'étude d'opportunité pour les projets de Formation et d'Enseignement Professionnels (FEP)

Reference: EuropeAid/121058/D/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 476000

Status: Open (until 21.05.2005)

Assistance Technique au MFEP pour le renforcement et l'implantation des outils de contrôle de la performance de la Formation et de l'Enseignement Professionnels (FEP)

Reference: EuropeAid/121059/D/SV/DZ



Egypt

FISC FINANCIAL - Component 3 Support to the Egyptian Capital Market Authority (with a focus on Corporate Governance)

Reference: EuropeAid/120470/C/SV/EG

Budget EUR: 3200000

Status: Open (until 08.05.2005)

Local Cultural activities (MEDA 2005 _Egypt)

Reference: EuropeAid/121280/L/G/EG

Budget EUR: 150000

Status: Open (until 30.05.2005)

EC Support to Health Sector Reform Programme

Reference: EuropeAid/121402/M/S/EG

Status: Open (until 09.05.2005)

Jordan

Environment Food Laboratories

Reference: EuropeAid/120342/D/S/JO

Status: Open (until 25.05.2005)

Aqaba Tourism Market Research

Reference: EuropeAid/121383/M/SV/JO

Budget EUR: 63000

Status: Open (until 15.05.2005)

Lebanon

Twinning call for proposals - Lebanese Customs - Capacity Building for Risk Management Applications in Customs

Reference: EuropeAid/121251/C/G/LB

Budget EUR: 140000

Status: Open (until 28.04.2005)

Programme activités culturelles 2005 - Liban

Reference: EuropeAid/121393/L/G/LB

Budget EUR: 100000

Status: Open (until 17.06.2005)



Morocco

Acquisition de matériel didactique et pédagogique provinces de Taounate Sefrou Larache Khemisset Khenifra el Jadida Figuig et Chtouka ait Baha / Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/114445/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 16.05.2005)

Appel d'offres ouvert relatif à l'acquisition des bibliothèques scolaires provinces de Taounate Sefrou Larache Khemisset Khenifra el Jadida et chtouka ait baha - maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/120238/C/S/MA

Status: Open (until 18.04.2005)

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 18.05.2005)

Acquisition des Equipements destinés à la formation professionnelle dans le secteur du Textile Habillement

Reference: EuropeAid/120408/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 29.04.2005)

Acquisition d'équipement pour le Centre Technique des Industriels des Equipements des Véhicules (CETIEV) à Casablanca Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/120888/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 23.05.2005)

Appui institutionnel à la circulation de personnes - Assistance technique à l'unité de gestion du projet

Reference: EuropeAid/120994/C/SV/MA

Budget EUR: 1908500

Status: Open (until 20.05.2005)

Acquisition d'équipement informatique et bornes interactives pour l'Agence Nationale pour la Promotion de la Petite et Moyenne Entreprise (ANPME) Rabat

Reference: EuropeAid/121006/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 24.05.2005)

Twinning call for proposals Re-enforcing maritime safety and security

Reference: EuropeAid/121098/D/G/MA

Status: Open (until 25.04.2005)

Twinning call for proposals Development and implementation of legal organisational and technological instruments aimed at improving trade movements at borders in the framework of the Association Agreement between Morocco and the European Union.

Reference: EuropeAid/121099/D/G/MA

Status: Open (until 25.04.2005)



Twinning call for proposals Support to the Ministry of Land Management Water and Environment for integrated Environment management harmonisation of the national environmental legal framework and convergence with EU environmental legislation.

Reference: EuropeAid/121100/D/G/MA

Status: Open (until 25.04.2005)

Acquisition d'équipement informatique pour la Caisse Centrale de Garantie (CCG)

Reference: EuropeAid/121111/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 14.06.2005)

Ministere de la santé Délégation du ministère de la santé à la Wilaya d'Oujda et Préfecture d'Oujda Angads Maroc

Reference: EuropeAid/121183/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 15.06.2005)

Acquisition des équipements médico-techniques pour 5 hôpitaux

Reference: EuropeAid/121274/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 01.06.2005)

Acquisition d'un système de gestion de documents et de veille pour l'Agence Nationale pour la Promotion de la Petite et Moyenne Entreprise (ANPME)

Reference: EuropeAid/121311/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 28.04.2005)

AO ouvert local n 1/2005 travaux de conservation des eaux et des sols et d'aménagement de pistes rurales dpa nador

Reference: EuropeAid/121338/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 10.05.2005)

Travaux d'équipement du site El Mers Tranche 2 et de restructuration du site Bni Ouriaghel à Tanger (2nde relance lot 1)

Reference: EuropeAid/121368/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 06.06.2005)

Travaux d'équipement du site El Mers Tranche 2 et de restructuration du site Bni Ouriaghel à Tanger (2nde relance lot 2)

Reference: EuropeAid/121370/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 09.05.2005)

Appel à propositions pour un jumelage Renforcement de la capacité opérationnelle des Forces Auxiliaires du Royaume du Maroc et de leur encadrement supérieur dans le domaine de la surveillance des frontières en dehors des points de passage frontalier

Reference: EuropeAid/121438/C/G/MA

Budget EUR: 250000

Status: Open (until 16.06.2005)

Syria



Supply of software and hardware for electricity systems within the Power Sector Action Programme (PSAP)? for the Syrian Arab Republic

Reference: EuropeAid/120501/D/S/SY

Status: Open (until 10.05.2005)

Supply of Computer Equipment Air Conditioners Furniture and Cars for the Municipal Administration Modernisation Project

Reference: EuropeAid/120603/D/S/SY

Status: Open (until 29.05.2005)

Supply of Metering Equipment Materials Management System and NMS/SCADA System

Reference: EuropeAid/120800/D/S/SY

Status: Open (until 13.06.2005)

Tunisia

Acquisition d'équipements et matériels pour la formation professionnelle dans les secteurs de la chimie et de la pharmacie - Chimie et Pharmacie

Reference: EuropeAid/120076/D/S/TN

Status: Open (until 30.05.2005)

Acquisition d'équipements et matériels pour la formation professionnelle dans le secteur du froid et de la climatisation. Froid et Climatisation

Reference: EuropeAid/120077/D/S/TN

Status: Open (until 13.05.2005)

Acquisition d'équipements et matériels pour la formation professionnelle dans les secteurs de l'habillement et du cuir et chaussures. Matériaux Souples

Reference: EuropeAid/120078/D/S/TN

Status: Open (until 11.05.2005)

Acquisition d'équipements et matériels audiovisuels et d'informatique de base destinés à la formation professionnelle, Informatique et Audiovisuels

Reference: EuropeAid/120079/D/S/TN

Status: Open (until 31.05.2005)

Acquisition des équipements et matériels pour la formation professionnelle dans le secteur de la mécanique automobile. Réparation Automobile

Reference: EuropeAid/120082/D/S/TN

Status: Open (until 12.05.2005)

Mission d'assistance à la restructuration des portefeuilles de participations de la Société Tunisienne de Banque (STB) et de la Banque Nationale Agricole (BNA)

Reference: EuropeAid/120654/D/SV/TN

Budget EUR: 400000

Status: Open (until 07.05.2005)



Activités culturelles locales régionales

Reference: EuropeAid/121212/C/G/TN

Status: Open (until 23.06.2005)

Appel à propositions pour un jumelage - Renforcement des Capacités Statistiques de l'Institut National de la Statistique INS

Reference: EuropeAid/121220/C/G/TN

Budget EUR: 1020000

Status: Open (until 16.05.2005)

Appel à propositions pour un jumelage - Modernisation du système de formation douanière

Reference: EuropeAid/121250/C/G/TN

Budget EUR: 180000

Status: Open (until 02.05.2005)

Turkey

Equipment for Shoemaking Training Institution and Information Centre

Reference: EuropeAid/114146/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 06.06.2005)

Technical Assistance to support the legal and institutional alignment of the Fisheries Sector to the EU Acquis

Reference: EuropeAid/117294/C/SV/TR

Status: Open (until 22.04.2005)

Strengthening the Accountability Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Turkish National Police

Reference: EuropeAid/117614/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 30.05.2005)

Supply of Fire Brigade Equipment required for the implementation of the operation Twinning Between the Municipalities of Komotini and Yalova Towards Disaster Preparedness and Management?

Reference: EuropeAid/119480/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 04.04.2005)

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)

Technical Assistance For Strengthen the Institutional Structure and Capacity in the Field Of Chemicals

Reference: EuropeAid/120220/D/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 1500000

Status: Open (until 13.05.2005)



Strengthening the provision of Emergency Obstetric Care in 6 provinces in Eastern Turkey

Reference: EuropeAid/120747/C/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 1000000

Status: Open (until 27.04.2005)

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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