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## DECISIONS

**The EU Council of Ministers on 11 October decided to lift the arms embargo against Libya, and repeal a set of economic sanctions adopted in application of United Nations Security Council resolutions as part of “a policy of engagement with Libya”.** In Conclusions adopted to this effect, the Council “regarded Libya’s full integration into the Barcelona Process the overall objective of engagement. It reiterated that participation in the Barcelona Process ... remains subject to Libya’s readiness to accept in full and unconditionally the Barcelona Declaration (of 1995) ... and the Barcelona acquis.” 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) (go to ‘Council’, right, then ‘EU Council’, left, and ‘General Affairs/External Relations’).

**The European Investment Bank on 12 October announced it was providing € 60 million in support of Egypt’s private sector under the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP).** The funds, in the form of global loans, will be channelled through major Egyptian banks to small and medium-sized private sector projects in the areas of industry, services and tourism, as well as agri-food. In a first phase the partner banks include the Export Development Bank of Egypt and the National Bank of Egypt. <http://www.eib.org/lending/med/en/index.htm>

## MEETINGS

- **The EU Council of Ministers meeting on 11 October in Luxembourg adopted conclusions condemning “in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Taba and Ras Satan”, and a statement on the Middle East Peace Process expressing “its grave concern at the unprecedented cycle of retaliatory violence in Israel and the Occupied Territories”.** Both texts are available from the web site mentioned in the 1<sup>st</sup> box above. During the same meeting, the EU Council took note of a progress report by the European Commission on the state of play of the **European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plans** with the seven countries and territories concerned. It “welcomed the considerable progress made” and invited the European Commission to submit formal proposals to the Council by 20 October.
- **The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the EU-Jordan Association Council held on 11 October in Luxembourg welcomed the successful outcome of consultations on a draft Action Plan under the European Neighbourhood Policy.** The tailor-made Action Plan, which covers the next 3 to 5 years, is expected to be officially launched later this year. At political level, the Plan is a response to Jordan’s own agenda of political, social and administrative reform designed to consolidate democracy, accountability, transparency and justice. As for social development, the Action Plan supports Jordan’s policies to boost social cohesion, reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development. The Jordanian delegation was led by Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher, and the EU delegation was led by the current Dutch Presidency. The Association Council also reviewed implementation of the Association Agreement, discussed developments in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the Agadir Process, as well as the Middle East Peace Process and Iraq.
- **“I don’t think there’s a more important problem facing the international community than this one”, European Commissioner for External Relations Chris Patten stated in a speech on the Situation in the Middle East delivered on 13 October before the European Parliament in Brussels.** The full text of the speech can be downloaded from the web site [http://europa.eu.int/news/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/news/index_en.htm) under “Latest Press Releases”.



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- **The MED Committee meeting on 13 October in Brussels gave favourable opinions on Tunisia's National Financing Plan 2004 (€ 22 million), a Supplement to the Financing Plan 2004 for the West Bank and Gaza Strip (€ 23 million), the MEDA Global Allocation 2005-2006 (€ 20 million), and the Neighbourhood Policy Strategy Paper and Indicative Programme for countries under the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (2004-2006).** The Global Allocation is used for funding preparations for projects, the Commission Delegations' cultural and information activities, meetings held within the Barcelona Process, and ad hoc urgent operations.
- **The EU-Tunisia Sub-Committee on Industry, Trade and Services will meet on 21 October in Tunis.** Progress made on Industrial and Trade Co-operation, notably after the Caserta Conference, will be discussed. Sub-Committee members will be informed of on-going MEDA projects. The state of play of the Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Area will also be discussed, as well as the follow up to last July's Istanbul Conference. The launch of bilateral negotiations on services and some bilateral trade issues are also on the agenda.

## PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

### ▣ AGADIR COUNTRIES AGREE TO SET UP COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Representatives of the four countries involved in the Agadir Agreement on sub-regional free trade (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia) on 7 October agreed to install by the end of October a Technical Committee tasked with drawing up a detailed Action Plan mainly aimed at approximation of existing regulations in the area of Public Procurement. This was the essential result of an Intra-Regional Seminar on 'Public Procurement: Auditing and Remedies' held from 4 to 7 October in Tunis within the MEDA funded Euro-Med Market Regional Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The Action Plan will have to define rules and procedures to establish regulatory approximation as a permanent process, reinforce national bodies in charge of awarding public contracts, auditing and remedies, and finally identify areas where technical assistance would be required, such as training and information technology. <http://www.euromedmarket.org>

### ▣ SYRIA'S NATIONAL INDICATIVE PROGRAMME 2005-2006 SIGNED

The MEDA National Indicative Programme (NIP) 2005-2006 for Syria was signed on 12 October in Damascus by the Head of the Syrian State Planning Commission, Abdallah al-Dardari, and the European Commission's Head of Delegation in Damascus, Frank Hesske. The NIP means € 80 million of MEDA funds for co-operation in areas as diverse as Private Sector Development, Trade, Water, Higher Education, and Civil Society. The funding will cover programmes to be launched in 2005 and 2006.

### ▣ TELEMEDICINE CONFERENCES CONFIRM INTEREST IN EURO-MED VIRTUAL HOSPITAL

Twin Conferences held recently in Istanbul and Tunis under the MEDA funded EMISPHER project, part of the EUMEDIS Regional Programme, have confirmed scientific and political interest in the Euro-Mediterranean region in gradually moving from the EMISPHER project towards a Virtual Euro-Mediterranean Hospital (VEMH). EMISPHER is the 'Euro-Mediterranean Internet-Satellite Platform for Health, medical Education and Research' and EUMEDIS is managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The twin conferences entitled "Best Practice in Real-time Telemedicine" were attended by some 270 health experts and decision-makers. They were preceded by workshops on "Infrastructures for Disease Control" and "Infrastructures for the VEMH". <http://www.emispher.org>



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## ANIMA INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AT INTERNATIONAL AGRI-FOOD TRADE FAIR

Investment opportunities in the Mediterranean Partners will be highlighted at the Paris International Agri-Food Trade Fair (SIAL) held from 17 to 21 October through the participation of the MEDA funded ANIMA Regional Programme designed to stimulate investment in the region via a network of national Investment Promotion Agencies, and managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. ANIMA will have a stand at the Fair and will stage a round table on Investment Opportunities in the Mediterranean Region in the Agri-Food Sector on 21 October. The round table will address the creation of distribution and packaging subsidiaries, 'greenfield' investment, partnership agreements, joint ventures, and privatisation. Presentations will be made of the ANIMA Programme, the Mediterranean region's assets, and a European investor's experience. <http://www.animaweb.org>

## MEDITERRANEAN MARITIME HERITAGE IN THE SPOTLIGHT IN MALTA

Mediterranean Maritime Heritage is at the heart of three events held in Malta within the 'Navigation du savoir' project, part of the MEDA funded Euromed Heritage Regional Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. A training course on Traditional Maritime Carpentry is being run from 4 to 29 October, focusing on historic boats of various types. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Salon of Mediterranean Maritime Heritage' is taking place between 11 and 16 October. It features an exhibition on Arsenals, Sub-aquatic Heritage, and Traditional Maritime Crafts, as well as concerts and historical re-enactments. Finally a conference entitled "War and Peace in the Mediterranean" is being held from 14 to 16 October, covering various aspects of Maritime Heritage, notably Fortified Islands, Landscapes, and Intangible Heritage. The Navigation du savoir project is co-ordinated by the University of Malta. <http://www.euromedheritage.net>

## REHABILITATION OF ARCHITECTURE IN LEBANON AND SYRIA ON PAPER, CD-ROM AND ON LINE

Two manuals on rehabilitation of traditional architecture in Lebanon and Syria respectively have been published recently within the CORPUS LEVANT project, part of the MEDA funded Euromed Heritage Regional Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The manuals are available in paper format edition including a CD-ROM, and on line at <http://www.meda-corpus.net>. The Lebanon manual is available in Arabic and French, and the Syria manual in Arabic for all versions, as well as English for the CD-ROM and the web versions. Two **travelling exhibitions** on the same subject will be staged between October 2004 and November 2005.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Mediterranean Partners

#### **Mediterranean Network for Unified distance learning University and Continuous Vocational Training Level project financed in the framework of the EUMEDIS programme**

Reference: EuropeAid/116045/D/S/Multi

Status: Open (until 25.10.2004)

#### **New Approaches to Telecommunications II (NATP II)**

Reference: EuropeAid/120104/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 4000000

Status: Open (until 18.10.2004)



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**Appointment of a Regional Monitoring and Supervision Unit to provide Monitoring Collection and Dissemination of Results of the MEDA Water Projects**

Reference: EuropeAid/120333/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 2500000

Status: Open (until 05.11.2004)

**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 pour l'exécution du Projet d'appui à la réforme du système éducatif en Algérie**

Reference: EuropeAid/120212/C/SV/DZ

Budget EUR: 8900000

Status: Open (until 13.11.2004)

**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**

**Monthly supplement in the written press**

Reference: EuropeAid/120309/C/SV/EG

Budget EUR: 200000

Status: Open (until 07.11.2004)

**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**

**Support to the Accreditation Conformity Assessment and Certification in Jordan**

Reference: EuropeAid/120167/D/SV/JO

Budget EUR: 1000000

Status: Open (until 17.10.2004)

**Twinning call for proposals Strengthening of the Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology in Jordan**

Reference: EuropeAid/120368/D/G/JO

Status: Open (until 22.10.2004)

**Twinning Call for Proposals**

Reference: EuropeAid/120397/D/G/JO

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## **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)

#### **Arab TV programme on the Euro Mediterranean partnership**

Reference: EuropeAid/120271/C/SV/LB

Status: Open (until 02.11.2004)

### **Morocco**

#### **Acquisition d'équipements techniques pour des laboratoires de métrologie**

Reference: EuropeAid/115978/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 14.10.2004)

#### **Acquisition des équipements médico techniques pour 5 hôpitaux**

Reference: EuropeAid/119960/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 10.11.2004)

#### **Acquisition des équipements destinés à la formation dans le secteur des nouvelles technologies de l'informatique et de la communication (NTIC) de l'OFPPPT**

Reference: EuropeAid/119996/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 02.11.2004)

#### **Travaux d'équipement du site El Mers Tranche 2 et de restructuration du site Bni Ouriaghel à Tanger**

Reference: EuropeAid/120237/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 09.11.2004)

#### **Activites culturelles et d'information locales Année 2004**

Reference: EuropeAid/120244/L/G/MA

Budget EUR: 70000

Status: Open (until 29.10.2004)

#### **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 ?)

#### **Achat des équipements informatiques et didactiques**

Reference: EuropeAid/120423/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)

#### **Achat des équipements informatiques et didactiques**

Reference: EuropeAid/120424/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)



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**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)

**01/2004 DRI/Fourniture de matériel Technique (récepteurs GPS Equipements topographiques et matériel d'observation) et Fourniture de matériel Informatique Fourniture de matériel Technique (récepteurs GPS Equipements topographiques ...)**  
Reference: EuropeAid/120442/M/S/MA Status: Open (until 02.11.2004)

**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 Tamlil Sidi Bouklhalef et de Tifni dans le bassin versant de Sidi**  
Reference: EuropeAid/120452/M/W/MA Status: Open (until 19.11.2004)

## 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)

## Turkey

**Equipment for Occupational Health and Safety Laboratories and Occupational Health and Safety Promotion of the Occupational Health and Safety Centre and one outstation of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security in Turkey**  
Reference: EuropeAid/114689/C/S/TR Status: Open (until 18.10.2004)

**Establishment National Drugs Monitoring Center (Reitox Focal Point) and Implementation of National Drug Strategy**  
Reference: EuropeAid/116370/D/S/TR Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)

**Phytosanitary Laboratory Equipment**  
Reference: EuropeAid/116378/D/S/TR Status: Open (until 11.10.2004)

**supply delivery installation putting into operation maintenance and after sales service of the Scientific equipment**





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Reference: EuropeAid/116477/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 14.12.2004)

**Upgrading the Statistical System of Turkey (USST). Technical Assistance to improve the ICT System in the State Institute of Statistics (SIS) of Turkey**

Reference: EuropeAid/117579/C/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 1250000

Status: Open (until 27.10.2004)

**Strengthening the Fight Against Money Laundering**

Reference: EuropeAid/117859/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)

**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)

**Supply of Furniture and Equipment for Arifiye Handicapped Rehabilitation Centre and Karaa acdibi Community Centre in Sakarya and Semiha akir Spastic Children Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bolu**

Reference: EuropeAid/119945/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 18.10.2004)

**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)

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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