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## DECISIONS

**The programmes and operations making up the MEDA Regional Financing Plan 2004 and totalling € 92.5 million were approved by the European Commission in late July and August.** The Financing Plan comprises eight Regional Programmes or Projects covering fields as diverse as environment and training, as well as funds to support the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership (FEMIP), a Neighbourhood Programme for the energy sector, and a € 4 million sub-regional programme for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. The **3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Environment Programme (SMAP III; € 15 million)** aims to assist Med Partners in designing appropriate sustainable development strategies and mainstreaming environmental issues, as well as supporting Integrated Coastal Zone Management. **Euromed Audiovisual II** (€ 12,5 million) will build on the achievements of the first programme to support the development, distribution and promotion of Mediterranean audio-visual works while continuing training and restoration activities.

The **Euro-Mediterranean Satellite Navigation Project** (GNSS) and the **SAFEMED Project for Co-operation on Maritime Safety and prevention of pollution from ships** (€ 4.5 million each) are both priority areas within the Euromed Transport III Regional Programme. **'Role of Women in Economic Life'** (€ 5 million) aims to improve women's access to the labour market, notably through training, credit schemes, information, and networking. **'Education and Training for Employment'** (€ 5 million) is intended to combat and prevent unemployment and to support the integration of unemployed people. The **New Approaches to Telecommunications Policy II** programme (NATP II; € 4 million) is designed to support the modernisation and reform of the telecom sector in the Mediterranean Partners. Finally the **MED-ENEC project (Energy efficiency in the construction sector in the Mediterranean; € 4 million)** aims to give a boost to energy efficiency measures and to the use of solar energy in the construction sector. Support to the European Investment Bank-managed **FEMIP** will amount to € 6 million for Turkey and € 19 million for the rest of the region. The **Energy Neighbourhood Programme** (€ 14 million) aims to speed up reform of the energy sector in the Mediterranean Partners, develop energy interconnections, and harmonise regulations and standards. Its three components are the integration of the Euro-Maghreb electricity market, the creation of a 0Euro-Mashrak gas market, and the energy interconnections between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.

**The European Commission on 11 August announced it had allocated € 1.35 million for victims of house demolitions in Rafah, in the South of the Gaza Strip.** More than 10,000 people whose houses were destroyed or damaged during the Israeli army incursions last May and June are being provided with temporary accommodation pending permanent re-housing. Part of the funds will be used to repair shelters as well as key public infrastructure. The grant, channelled through the Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), is directed to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). [http://europa.eu.int/comm/echo/field/gaza/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/echo/field/gaza/index_en.htm)

**The European Investment Bank (EIB) on 2 August announced it was lending Lebanon € 45 million for the upgrading and extension of the sewerage infrastructure in the coastal towns of Saida and Sour in the South of the country.** This loan will serve to finance investment in water supply, waste water collection and treatment, and stormwater drainage systems. The project is due to be operating at the end of 2007. <http://www.eib.org/lending/med/en/index.htm>



## MEETINGS

- **During a private visit to Libya, European Commission President Romano Prodi was invited by Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to attend the ceremonies in Sirte on 31 August and 1 September for the anniversary of the Libyan Revolution.** During talks, which took place in a cordial atmosphere, President Prodi and Colonel Gaddafi reviewed the state of EU-Libya relations. Colonel Gaddafi reconfirmed his desire for formal relations with the EU as part of the Barcelona Process. More on [http://europa.eu.int/comm/commissioners/prodi/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/commissioners/prodi/index_en.htm)
- **Lebanon's Prime Minister Rafic Hariri will meet top European officials on 16 September in Brussels.** Mr Hariri will be accompanied by his Finance Minister Fouad Siniora. The Prime Minister will meet European Commission President designate José Manuel Barroso, EU High Representative Javier Solana, External Relations Commissioner Chris Patten, Commissioner designate for external relations Benita Ferrero-Waldner, and Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt. Mr Hariri wants to have a first contact with the new Commission which will take over on 1 November, when he will underline the importance of his country's relationship with the EU.
- **EU Foreign Ministers meeting on 6 September in St Gerlach, the Netherlands, reviewed developments in the Middle East peace process and reaffirmed the importance of the Quartet and Road Map, according to Dutch Foreign Minister and President of the EU Council Bernard Bot.** The Minister added that the EU Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their support in principle to Prime Minister Sharon's disengagement plan, provided it concurs with the EU's conditions. More at <http://www.eu2004.nl>
- **During a visit to Tripoli on 4 and 5 September, European Research Commissioner Philippe Busquin discussed with Libyan authorities the potential mutual benefits for Libya and the EU of establishing scientific and technological co-operation, once Libya has joined the Barcelona Process.** Joint initiatives could cover genomics and veterinary research on Libyan cattle, including goats and camels, as well as solar energy. More on <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/>
- **The Euro-Mediterranean Ad Hoc Informal Working Groups on Partnership Building Measures and European Neighbourhood Policy will hold separate meetings on 15 September in Brussels at Senior Officials' level.** The former Working Group will discuss existing Partnership Building Measures such as the Disaster Management Project and the Malta Seminars for Junior Diplomats; proposals for new measures may be put forward. The Working Group on Neighbourhood Policy will have a broad discussion of the concept and objectives of the policy, and the timing of National Action Plans.

## PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

### SEMINAR ON EU BASICS FOR MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SERVANTS

A Seminar on EU Basics for Mediterranean Civil Servants is being held from 6 to 10 September in Brussels as part of the MEDA funded 'Training of Public Administrations' Regional Programme, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. It is the first in a series of 12 seminars designed to provide up to 720 civil servants from the Mediterranean Partners with basic knowledge of the EU. Each seminar will address the Origins and Evolution of the EU, the EU Institutions and Decision-making Process, EU Policies and Law, as well as Key aspects of the Euro-Mediterranean Process, and the MEDA Programme. Every Seminar will be attended by 6 civil servants from each Mediterranean Partner. The 'Training of Public Administrations' Programme is co-ordinated by the Barcelona antenna of the European Institute of Public Administration. 'EU Basics' is one of four



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modules, the others being 'EU Advanced', 'EU Programmes', and 'Train the Trainers'. Creating a network of training centres is also envisaged under the programme. E-mail for EU Basics Module: [m.kirchner@eipa-ecr.com](mailto:m.kirchner@eipa-ecr.com)

## /// **MAGHREB GETS MORE WATER THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY**

52 photovoltaic pumps are being installed (instead of 30 initially envisaged) in rural areas of Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia in order to improve the provision of safe drinking water there. The pumps are part of a MEDA funded project entitled "Implementation of a Photovoltaic Water Pumping and Purification Programme in Mediterranean Countries" and managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office within the SMAP Regional Programme (Short and Medium-term priority environmental Action Programme). Nearly all activities planned under the project have been implemented, according to the latest annual report drawn up by the project's co-ordinating body, the Solar Energy Institute of Madrid Polytechnic University.

## /// **EUROMEDCAFÉ: A WEB SITE FOR DIALOGUE AND A SHORT FILM CONTEST**

An EU supported virtual Euro-Mediterranean café has been recently made available for dialogue on the web at <http://www.euromedcafe.org>. The web site features news and interviews on intercultural dialogue and cinema, and provides all necessary information on the First international Short Film Contest on Intercultural Dialogue. The whole project is co-ordinated by Italy's Fondazione Laboratorio Mediterraneo as part of a 3-year programme supported by the European Commission in the context of activities designed to promote dialogue between cultures worldwide.

## /// **REPORT PROVIDES ADVICE FOR ORGANISING SYRIAN GAS COMPANY**

Advice on how to structure and organise the newly established Syrian Gas Company is being provided to Syrian authorities in a report drawn up by consultants as part of the MEDA funded 'Restructuring of energy companies' project, managed by the European Commission's EuropeAid Cooperation Office. The report, which identifies key issues such as tariffs and the Eastern Mediterranean market, can also help Syrian stakeholders draft terms of reference for future technical assistance activities. The energy restructuring project is co-ordinated by French engineering firm BCEOM.

## /// **MEDITERRANEAN ENVIRONMENT TO BE DISCUSSED IN TUNISIA**

Representatives of the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB), partners in the Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Programme (METAP), will convene with the Programme's National Focal Points on 16 and 17 September in Gammarth, Tunisia for METAP's annual meeting. METAP Progress will be discussed, as well as new developments in the Mediterranean region, and METAP in relation to the MEDA funded SMAP Regional Programme (Short and Medium-term priority environmental Action Programme), the EIB-managed Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership, and the European Neighbourhood Policy. Participants on 18 September will visit METAP's Regional Solid Waste Management Project.

## /// **CAIRO SEMINAR ON INVESTOR SERVICING POSTPONED**

The Training Seminar for Egyptian investment promotion officers, which was scheduled to be held from 6 to 9 September in Cairo under the MEDA funded ANIMA Regional Programme (see Euromed Synopsis No 281), has been postponed. No new date has yet been set. <http://www.animaweb.org>



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## PUBLICATIONS

### NEWSLETTERS FROM ALGERIA, JORDAN AND SYRIA

Dialogue between cultures and the 5<sup>th</sup> European Cultural Festival in Algiers are the focus of the latest issue (No 3/2004) of “Union européenne”, the newsletter published by the European Commission Delegation in Algiers. <http://www.deldza.cec.eu.int>. The latest “Euro-Jordan Newslines” (No 5) published by the Commission Delegation in Amman addresses the issue of the refugees living in Jordan, while the latest Newsletter of the European Commission Delegation to Syria puts the spotlight on water and training programmes in the country. <http://www.deljor.cec.eu.int> and <http://www.delsyr.cec.eu.int>

### NEW DOCUMENT ON US AND EURO-MED RELATIONS

A new brief on “The United States and Euro-Mediterranean Relations: Evolving Attitudes and Strategies” has recently been published on EuroMeSCo’s web site. EuroMeSCo is the MEDA supported Euro-Mediterranean Network of Foreign Policy Institutes. <http://www.euromesco.net>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Mediterranean Partners

**Acquisition of equipment (hardware and software) for the development of educational contents for virtual learning purposes a virtual learning space and virtual learning experiences in the framework of the EUMEDIS programme**

Reference: EuropeAid/115469/D/S/Multi

Status: Open (until 13.09.2004)

**Equipment for the development of a multilingual and multimedia information system**

Reference: EuropeAid/115517/D/S/Multi

Status: Open (until 20.09.2004)

**Seminars for Euromed Diplomats**

Reference: EuropeAid/119403/C/SV/Multi

Budget EUR: 350000

Status: Open (until 01.10.2004)

**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

**Acquisition d’équipements informatiques pour le système d’information du Ministère de l’Industrie**

Reference: EuropeAid/119814/D/S/DZ

Status: Open (until 05.09.2004)

### Jordan

**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)



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## Lebanon

### **Supply of Computerized Mobile Filing System**

Reference: EuropeAid/119815/D/S/LB

Status: Open (until 28.09.2004)

### **Master Plan for the Development of the ICT Infrastructure and System Applications for the Judiciary Sector**

Reference: EuropeAid/120142/D/SV/LB

Budget EUR: 460000

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)

### **Support to the SME Division of the Ministry of Economy and Trade Beirut Lebanon**

Reference: EuropeAid/120155/D/SV/LB

Budget EUR: 3000000

Status: Open (until 23.09.2004)

### **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 d'équipements techniques pour le Centre des Techniques et des Matériaux de Construction CETEMCO Rabat Maroc**

Reference: EuropeAid/115982/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)

### **Assistance technique pour la visibilité (communication et qualité) du projet d'Appui à la formation professionnelle dans les secteurs du Tourisme du Textile et des Nouvelles Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication**

Reference: EuropeAid/116501/D/SV/MA

Budget EUR: 400000

Status: Open (until 21.11.2004)

### **Acquisition et installation de matériel informatique et des logiciels pour le Système National d'Information Géologique (SNIG) et formation associée**

Reference: EuropeAid/116864/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)

### **Acquisition d'équipements pour les Centres Techniques Laboratoires et la Direction de la Normalisation et de la Promotion de la Qualité Casablanca et Rabat Maroc**

Reference: EuropeAid/119898/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 14.09.2004)

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

Reference: EuropeAid/119960/D/S/MA

Status: Open (until 10.11.2004)



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**Mission de suivi de la Réforme de l'Administration Publique au Maroc**

Reference: EuropeAid/119969/C/SV/MA

Status: Open (until 10.09.2004)

**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)

**Projet de gestion des déchets solides à Essaouira Travaux de réhabilitation et d'extention de la décharge contrôlée de réhabilitation des anciennes décharges et de l'installation et la mise en service d'un autoclave**

Reference: EuropeAid/120139/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until 24.09.2004)

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

Reference: EuropeAid/120314/M/W/MA

Status: Open (until ?)

**Aménagement et mise en valeur en bour de la zone de Doukkala Acquisition d'un minibus**

Reference: EuropeAid/120327/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)

**Acquisition des équipements informatiques destinés au secteur des arts graphiques de l' OFPPT**

Reference: EuropeAid/120353/M/S/MA

Status: Open (until 27.09.2004)

**Malta****Gozo Sewage Treatment Infrastructure**

Reference: EuropeAid/117155/D/W/MT

Status: Open (until 23.09.2004)

**Syria****Supply of office equipment and office furniture for the ISMF project Damascus Syrian Arab Republic**

Reference: EuropeAid/118639/M/S/SY

Status: Open (until ?)

**Marketing Activities for the Promotion of Syrian Cultural Heritage**

Reference: EuropeAid/119756/D/SV/SY

Budget EUR: 430000

Status: Open (until 26.09.2004)





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## Tunisia

### **Appui à la cession des actions de la Société Tunisienne des Industries Automobiles STIA**

Reference: EuropeAid/118916/D/SV/TN

Status: Open (until 10.09.2004)

### **Etude et assistance au projet de création d'un port en eau profonde dans le cadre d'une concession**

Reference: EuropeAid/119858/D/SV/TN

Status: Open (until 10.09.2004)

### **Dans le cadre du Programme de Modernisation Industrielle de Tunisie (PMI) centrales d'expertise court terme (pour études et assistance technique) 5 LOTS**

Reference: EuropeAid/119971/C/SV/TN

Status: Open (until 15.09.2004)

### **Etude et assistance au projet de réalisation de la station d'épuration d'El Allef dans le cadre d'une concession**

Reference: EuropeAid/119985/D/SV/TN

Budget EUR: 700000

Status: Open (until 10.09.2004)

### **Appui à la mise en concession de l'exploitation des ouvrages sportifs de la cité olympique de RADES**

Reference: EuropeAid/120113/D/SV/TN

Budget EUR: 300000

Status: Open (until 17.09.2004)

## 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 03.09.2004)

### **Local Administration Reform Programme Turkey**

Reference: EuropeAid/114738/C/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 3282500

Status: Open (until 08.10.2004)

### **Institutional Building and Access to Environmental Information**

Reference: EuropeAid/114883/C/S/TR

Status: Open (until 07.10.2004)

### **Implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives**

Reference: EuropeAid/116247/D/S/TR

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**Veterinary Laboratory Equipment and Epidemiology Materials**

Reference: EuropeAid/116299/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 11.10.2004)

**Veterinary Information System**

Reference: EuropeAid/116300/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 12.10.2004)

**Support to the Enhancement of Safety of Maritime Transport**

Reference: EuropeAid/116319/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 14.09.2004)

**Modernization of Physical Infrastructure of ISKUR**

Reference: EuropeAid/116321/D/W/TR

Status: Open (until 24.09.2004)

**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)

**Border inspection post network system**

Reference: EuropeAid/116379/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 27.09.2004)

**Upgrading the Statistical System of Turkey (USST) Technical Assistance to Data Collection**

Reference: EuropeAid/116653/C/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 3400000

Status: Open (until 15.09.2004)

**Technical assistance to the Petroleum Pipeline Corporation (BOTAS) on Gas Transmission and Transit**

Reference: EuropeAid/117291/D/SV/TR

Budget EUR: 1800000

Status: Open (until 15.09.2004)

**Equipment for the Reproductive Health Programme**

Reference: EuropeAid/117560/C/S/TR

Status: Open (until 16.09.2004)

**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 IT and office equipment and furniture to 105 Project Pilot Institutions of SVET programme Turkey**

Reference: EuropeAid/119895/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 30.09.2004)





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**Supply of Furniture and Equipment for Arifiye Handicapped Rehabilitation Centre and Karaa  
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Center in Bolu**

Reference: EuropeAid/119945/D/S/TR

Status: Open (until 18.10.2004)

**Bande de Gaza/ Gaza and the West Bank**

**Technical Assistance for the Health Sector Support Programme Location West Bank and Gaza**

Reference: EuropeAid/120126/C/SV/WB

Budget EUR: 2275000

Status: Open (until 27.09.2004)

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
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