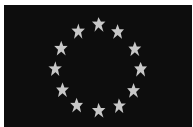


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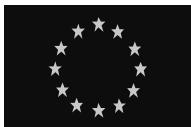
- **Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), issued a statement on 26 January welcoming the peaceful running of the Palestinian elections to which the EU has provided its support via the electoral observation mission.** “We await confirmation of the results. These results may confront us with an entirely new situation which will need to be analysed by the Council next Monday. The EU will express its views and prospects for cooperation with the future Palestinian Government in the light of that discussion and of developments on the ground. The Quartet will also discuss this new situation at its ministerial meeting next Monday in London. The position of the EU in support of the recognition of Israel and a peaceful negotiated solution leading to two States is well known”. Despite the fact that the official results are not yet known, **Members of the European Parliament’s Committee on Foreign Affairs meeting today in Brussels** in the presence of the Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy reacted cautiously to the Palestinian elections. While some already called for EU funding to stop should Hamas as a party in Government not renounce violence and its aim to destroy Israel, others called for the respect of the democratic process and continued dialogue as “denying talks with the legitimately elected government would be unwise”. **Mrs Benita Ferrero-Waldner issued the following statement:** “*The Palestinian people have turned out in very high numbers to freely express their popular will. I am satisfied that the EU Election Observation Mission led by Véronique de Keyser MEP was able to play an important role in strengthening the confidence of Palestinians to exercise their democratic rights. In holding competitive and credible elections the Palestinians have shown their commitment to determine their political future via democratic means. Democracy however brings with it a responsibility to respect the rule of law, to end violence and to commit to peace by peaceful means through negotiations with Israel. I urge the new Palestinian Government to respect these values and to commit fully to a democratic and peaceful process in line with our longstanding principles for cooperation*”.
- **On 24 January, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Commissioner responsible for External Relations and the European Neighbourhood Policy, addressed the Conference on “Reinforcing the Area of Freedom, Security, Prosperity and Justice of the EU and its Neighbouring Countries”** organised in Brussels by the International Organisation for Migration and the Belgian Government, under the auspices of the Austrian Presidency of the EU. In her speech, the Commissioner highlighted the Commission’s new approach to migration which has become one of the strategic priorities of the EU’s external relations policy. She mostly underlined the various aspects of migration as dealt with in the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy and more specifically in the Neighbourhood Policy Action Plans. As she highlighted the bilateral, regional and multilateral frameworks within which dialogue has been initiated on migration issues more particularly with Maghreb countries and Sub-Saharan Africa. For the text of the full speech, please go to the following link: <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/06/30&type=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>
- **Third Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education, 27-29 January, Catania** Following Catania I and II, this third Ministerial Conference on Higher Education will aim to ensure greater convergence among the various university systems in the Mediterranean region, thanks to cooperation among a Network of Centres of Excellence that have been set up over the last couple of years. On the basis of the Barcelona Principles, the Conference will approve a final Declaration in which education is recognised as a driving force for the development of human resources and dialogue among cultures.



- **The Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) is meeting in Lisbon on 30 January 2006.** Euromed Parliamentarians will exchange views on the measures in which education contributes to economic development; on the role of social stability and the importance of social rights in economic development; on the impact of the increase in oil prices. For more information on EMPA, see http://www.europarl.eu.int/intcoop/empa/home/default_en.htm
- **The European Parliament Delegation for Relations with Maghreb countries and Maghreb Arab Union (including Libya) is meeting on 31 January in Brussels** to discuss the report of the EP Delegation's visit to Tunisia in September as well as the preparation of a Delegation working group visit to Mauritania in February.

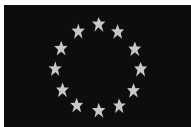
PROGRAMMES & PROJECTS

- ⚡ **MEDA SUPPORTS MAGHREB COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN INTERREG III - MEDOCC PROJECT.** The European Commission decided in October 2005 to provide, in the framework of the MEDA Neighbourhood Programme, financial assistance to eligible MEDA countries in order to encourage their participation in projects financed by INTERREG. INTERREG aims to promote transnational and cross-border cooperation in the Mediterranean area via, inter alia, regional programmes such as MEDOCC (Western Mediterranean) and Archimed (Eastern Mediterranean). The Transnational Secretariat of the INTERREG-MEDOCC Programme is meeting on **6 February 2006 in Rome**. The meeting, to be attended by EU Member States participating in the Programme as well as representatives of Maghreb countries which are eligible to MEDOCC, aims to present the state of play of ongoing projects financed by MEDOCC and to discuss the next stages of the MEDA-Neighbourhood Programme aiming at financially supporting the participation of the Maghreb region in the INTERREG-MEDOCC Project. http://www.interreg-medocc.org/fr/home_html.php
- ⚡ **EUROMED POLICE REGIONAL SEMINAR ON "THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM", 22-26 JANUARY, AMMAN-JORDAN.** This Seminar was organised in the framework of the MEDA-funded Regional Police Cooperation Project, managed by EuropeAid, Cooperation Office of the EC. The project aims at facilitating and reinforcing Euro-Mediterranean police cooperation on regional matters. The Seminar addressed various aspects linked to terrorism such as radicalisation, recruitment, financing, prevention and repression, crisis management, coordination among the various services dedicated to fighting terrorism, and adaptation of the legislation dealing with fighting terrorism. Presentations of case studies were made by experts from Euro-Mediterranean countries. King Abdallah of Jordan is expected to attend the closing ceremony. For more information, contact: anna.abariotou@cec.eu.int
- ⚡ **TERRORISM AND INTERCONNECTION OF CRIMINAL NETWORKS – SEMINAR 3: CRIMINAL NETWORKS, 23-26 JANUARY, PORTO.** This seminar is the third of four seminars under the topic "Terrorism and interconnection of criminal networks" of the MEDA-funded Euro-Med Justice Programme, managed by EuropeAid, Cooperation Office of the European Commission. During this seminar, participants (judges, magistrates, court registrars, lawyers, training officers and any other practitioners of the legal professions of the 10 Mediterranean partners and of the EU Member States) will




work on the fight against criminal organisations through cross-border cooperation, they will analyse all the consequences and impact of the existence of criminal networks and they will discuss in open debates and working groups all the instruments to strengthen cooperation in this field. For further information, contact: anna.abariotou@cec.eu.int

- /// **“EU ADVANCED COMPETITION POLICY”, 29 JANUARY – 3 FEBRUARY, ROME** As part of the MEDA Regional Programme “EuroMed Training for Public Administration”, this seminar is being organised in order to offer participants from MEDA partner countries an in-depth knowledge, in this case in the field of EU Competition Policy, an area of interest to them in the framework of the Association Agreements with the EU; to enable them to acquire an expert's working knowledge on EU Policies that will qualify them to spread relevant information on these matters as well as to develop a working relation with the EU Institutions and EU Member States in this respect; to develop bilateral and multilateral administrative cooperation and to encourage an exchange of experience, knowledge and best practices. For more information, contact: anna.abariotou@cec.eu.int
- /// **“EUROMED JOURNALISTS AWARD 2006”**. This is an international press competition dealing with the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage. The competition is organised by EuropeAid, Cooperation Office of the European Commission, via the Regional Management and Support Unit (RMSU) of the MEDA-funded Euromed Heritage Program. It is open to journalists from EU and Mediterranean countries. Two Prizes will be offered, one to an EU journalist and one to a MEDA journalist. Furthermore, a special Prize will be offered to a journalist from a MEDA Partner Country by ANSamed, an international press agency for the Mediterranean basin for the best article on an example of regional cooperation. The **deadline for submitting articles is 31 March 2006**. For more information, see: <http://www.euromedheritage.net/award2006/en.htm>
- /// **ANIMA WORKSHOP ON “BUILDING AN IPA COMMUNICATION STRATEGY”, 6-10 FEBRUARY, MARSEILLES**. This is the second of a series of regional seminars on “Training the Trainers” (see synopsis 342) 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. This training targets executives from IPAs dealing with marketing and communication. 7 MEDA countries will be represented: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, and Tunisia. ANIMA is a MEDA-funded regional project managed by EuropeAid, Cooperation Office of the EC. For more information, contact: anna.abariotou@cec.eu.int, see : <http://www.animaweb.org/>
- /// **« BYZANTIUM EARLY ISLAM » : FIRST SEMINAR, 6-10 FEBRUARY, ATHENS**. This is the first seminar organised under the Project which brings together experts on cultural heritage from Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Cyprus to further enhance their professional expertise in preserving and promoting heritage in a sustainable way and bringing peace and understanding between the peoples of the region. 50 experts are expected, 19 from Israel, 19 from the Palestinian Territories and 12 from Cyprus. BYZANTIUM EARLY ISLAM, (BYZeIS), a Euromed Heritage III Project (EU-funded Programme managed by EuropeAid, Cooperation Office of the European Commission) is a multidisciplinary project aiming to bring to the fore the region's Byzantine and Islamic cultural heritage and to modernise its ability to manage it intelligently through co-operation. It involves partners from Greece, Cyprus, Israel and the Palestinian Territories. This Project is lead by Elliniki Etaira – Hellenic



society for the Protection of the Environment and Cultural Heritage (Thessaloniki Branch). For more information on this project: www.byzantiumearlyislam.net

PUBLICATIONS

 **FEMIP AND THE MEDITERRANEAN PARTNER COUNTRIES** This brochure gives an in-depth summary of EIB activity in the Mediterranean partner countries. Pinpointing the eligible sectors for funding under the EIB's financing programme, FEMIP (Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership), this publication offers an insight into the finance facilities available in the FEMIP region, as well as underpinning further EIB actions to foster links between the EU and the Mediterranean Neighbours. http://www.eib.eu.int/Attachments/country/femip_general_en.pdf

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mediterranean Partners

EU Partnership for Peace

Reference: EuropeAid/122385/C/ACT/Multi

Status: Open (until 28.02.2006)

SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE ALF/2006/Service/1

International Open Tender Procedure:

Call for Applications

Technical Assistance for Organization of Missions and Events

Deadline 28 February 2006

<http://www.euromedalex.org/En/CallForApplications.htm>

SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE ALF/2006/Service/2

Framework Contract for Printing assignments, Alexandria, Egypt:

Call for Applications

APPLICATION FORM SERVICE/2:

Deadline 28 February 2006

<http://www.euromedalex.org/En/CallForApplications.htm>

SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE ALF/2006/Service/3

Framework Contract for Translation assignments, Alexandria, Egypt:

Call for Applications

APPLICATION FORM SERVICE/3:

Deadline 28 February 2006

<http://www.euromedalex.org/En/CallForApplications.htm>

Algeria

Acquisition d'équipements de reprographie et audiovisuel destinés aux écoles de formation de la Sûreté Nationale d'Alger d'Annaba et de Sidi Bel Abbès.

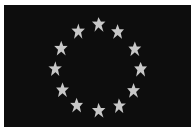
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Status: Open (until 26.03.2006)

Equipements et matériels scientifiques destinés aux laboratoires de police scientifique

Reference: EuropeAid/117163/D/SUP/DZ

Status: Open (until 26.03.2006)



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/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

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Furniture Equipment Supplies for Girls Friendly Schools

Reference: EuropeAid/122359/D/SUP/EG

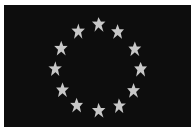
Status: Open (until 03.04.2006)

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

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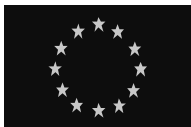
UM AR RASSAS - Research copywriting Graphic Design and Printing of Information and Interpretation Materials

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



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Reference: EuropeAid/121795/D/SUP/MA

Status: Open (until 20.02.2006)

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

Budget EUR: 7000000

Status: Open (until 09.02.2006)

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

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

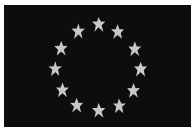
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Turkey

Supply of specific equipment for VET institutions of SVET programme Turkey

Reference: EuropeAid/121717/C/SUP/TR

Status: Open (until 06.03.2006)



Supply of Training Equipment to In-service Teacher Training Centres and VET Teacher training faculties

Reference: EuropeAid/122060/C/SUP/TR

Status: Open (until 20.03.2006)

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)

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