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Italy and EPLO Launch New Project to Support Modernization of the Public Administration in Jordan

Building on a successful previous phase of collaboration, the Italian Government and the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) launched a significant new project aimed at bolstering the modernization of the Public Administration in Jordan. The new initiative, titled “**Support to Public Administration Reform in Jordan**”, will provide targeted technical assistance to the Institute of Public Administration of Jordan (IPA) over two and half years to strengthen its institutional capacities and improve its training services.

This new project directly follows and builds upon the results of the project “Support to the Institute of Public Administration of Jordan” which was funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and implemented by the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) from November 2022 to October 2024.

The earlier project laid a strong foundation by supporting the IPA in developing its training capacities and implementing crucial elements of the Public Sector Modernization Roadmap. Key accomplishments included the successful delivery of Phase 1 of the Executive Program for Public Sector Modernization, which provided training courses to over 1500 public officials, the development of IPA’s comprehensive Training Program on Digital Transformation, and the design and initial rollout of the impactful Government Leadership Program.

The Institute of Public Administration serves as the national institution responsible for training civil servants in Jordan, making it a pivotal entity in the ongoing efforts to improve the overall performance and efficiency of the Public Administration within the country.

The current project, generously funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation through AICS with a contribution of 1.200.000 EUR, will once again be implemented by the EPLO in partnership with the Italian National School of Administration (SNA).

Specifically, the “Support to Public Administration Reform in Jordan” project will focus on assisting the IPA in further enhancing its training capacities and in the development of innovative training programs tailored for civil servants and government leaders, directly aligning with the identified priorities outlined in the Public Sector Modernization Roadmap. A significant component of the project will be dedicated to strengthening the IPA’s activities in Digital Transformation and Innovation through support for the programs of the newly established IPA Innovation Lab. Furthermore, the project will assist the IPA in developing its Studies and Research Pillar and in upgrading its management systems.

Strategically contributing to the advancement of Jordan’s “Public Sector Modernization Roadmap”, this project will directly support the implementation of its Human Resources and Government Services Pillars.

The official launch of the initiative took place today with the signing of the Partnership Agreement between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Public Law Organization, responsible for the project’s implementation. The signing ceremony was hosted by the Italian Embassy in Amman in the



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presence of the Ambassador of Italy, **H.E. Luciano Pezzotti**, the Head of Programs for Jordan of the AICS Office, Mr. **Martino Costa**, and the Director of Programs of the EPLO, Mr. **Andrea De Maio**.

Ambassador Pezzotti stated, "Italy is proud to continue its strong partnership with Jordan in supporting the crucial modernization of its Public Administration. Building on the positive outcomes of our previous collaboration with EPLO and the IPA, this new project signifies our ongoing commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and fostering a more efficient and citizen-centric government. We believe that investing in the skills and capabilities of Jordan's public officials is essential for the country's sustainable development and its ability to meet the evolving needs of its people."

"The EPLO is proud to launch this important new project which will provide key support to the IPA in strengthening capacities of Jordan's civil servants and leaders and in advancing Digital Transformation of the Public Administration. We look forward to continue working with the IPA and the Italian Government and to further develop the successful partnership we built over these past years", stated Mr. De Maio.