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## **EUROMED MIGRATION II – Developing of a Euro-Mediterranean Area of Cooperation on Migration**

**PROJECT TITLE:** EUROMED MIGRATION II – Developing of a Euro-Mediterranean Area of Cooperation on Migration

**COUNTRIES:** EU and MEDA countries

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE:** To strengthen the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in the management of migration so as to build up the MEDA partners' capacity to provide an effective, targeted and comprehensive solution for the various forms of migration. To promote opportunities for legal migration, support for measures to promote the linkage between migration and development and the stepping-up of activities to stamp out people trafficking and illegal immigration, and to manage mixed flows.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

The legal migration activities aimed to strengthen cooperation with the migrants' countries of origin, to the dissemination of information on various aspects of migration, based on the findings of international research, the legislation of the EU and the Meda countries, and information of a practical nature useful for job applicants, instruments to support circular and return migration, raise awareness of migrant women on their rights and duties in the host country and improve their role as actors of development in the host country and the country of origin. Concerning circular and legal migration, the project aimed at contributing to the current efforts by European institutions to identify measures that will help to meet the labour requirements of the EU Member States while contributing to the development of the countries of origin and offering skills and other benefits to the participating migrants.

Furthermore it foresaw to strengthen contacts between specialist officials designated by individual countries for the exchange of useful information of an operational and technical nature to combat illegal migration, including the amendment of laws and regulations on the suppression of illegal migration and support for the setting-up of operational structures, in particular the criminal networks which organize the smuggling of migrants.

A third component consisted of measures for improving the impact of South-North migration on the development of the region as a whole; this entailed strengthening actions already taken by the EU in partnership with countries of origin. To this end the project aimed at identifying possible ways of overcoming the obstacles to sending cash remittances and to determine whether specific technical aid to improve the economic and financial structures of the Meda countries could be provided by the EU under its programmes and by the European Investment Bank.

Main activities included:

- Setting up of a EuroMed network for migration management;
- Identification of innovative mechanisms for migration management;

- Creation of 4 working groups;
- Delivery of 18 specific training sessions for Meda countries' representatives (officials of the administrations concerned and non-governmental actors);
- Organization of 5 study visits in EU member states designed for officials of the administrations concerned and non-governmental actors of the EU and Meda countries;
- Delivery of a study on women in the Meda countries.

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