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TECHNICAL FOCUS MEETING

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FINAL CONCLUSIONS

The Technical Focus Meeting organised under the EuroMed Justice III Project of the European Commission, funded by the European Union, was held on 30 September 2014 in Barcelona, Spain.

The participants were members of the delegations of the following ENPI South Partner countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia.

The meeting was opened by Mr Peter Goldschmidt, Supervisor of the EuroMed Justice III Project, Director of the European Centre for Judges and Lawyers, EIPA Luxembourg; and Andrés Salcedo Velasco, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project, who welcomed the participants. The meeting was also closed by Peter Goldschmidt and Andrés Salcedo Velasco.

Andrés Salcedo, José María Fernández Villalobos, Course Manager of the EuroMed Justice III Project, and Peter Goldschmidt then made a general presentation of the Euromed Justice III Project's extension period and held a session on "General Presentation of the extension period and future activities that will be developed during this last phase of the project"

The main body of the Focus Meeting consisted of four thematic introductions followed by discussions concerning the specific activities to be developed during the last phase of the project. The first one on Component I: Access to Justice and legal aid titled "Quality of Justice and Judicial Policy, Governance and Competences of the Judiciary, and Legislative Programming for the Administration of Justice and the judiciary". The second one on Component II: Resolution of cross-border family conflicts titled "EU, EU MS and ENPI South Partner countries cross-border regulations and cross-border family conflicts". And the third introduction on Component III: Criminal and Penitentiary Law titled "Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism".

The last session focused on the planned study visits.

The discussions on each theme took place at two levels: first in small groups consisting of 3 or 4 delegations and then in plenary when the findings of each group were discussed.

Considering the objectives of this meeting and taking into account the recommendations made during the different working sessions and the debate, the participants are of the opinion that this meeting has achieved the expected results, i.e. it has given them the opportunity:

1. To express their satisfaction for having been able to meet with the Project Team in order to get an in-depth overview of the activities that will be developed during the last phase of the project, this way strengthening cooperation between the National Focal Points and the Euromed Justice III Project Team.
2. To have a lively and inspiring debate on the activities and contents of the training seminars and study visits which will take place during the last phase of the project, while having the opportunity to contribute with their comments and suggestions to the final content of these activities and to reach common agreement on them.
3. To provide them with an overall approach concerning the final versions of the publications drawn up in the framework of the EuroMed Justice III Project that are now available on the project website.
4. To reaffirm the advisability of promoting this kind of meetings which allow for a quality exchange and reflection between all those who are in charge of managerial duties directly related to the Euromed Justice III Project.
5. To be informed of the TAIEX instrument and of the possibility to suggest the gaps to be filled or the needs for further training and technical assistance requests, as a follow-up of this Euromed Justice III Project meeting. In any case, such requests should be made by the National Focal Points.
6. To be informed of the links between the areas covered by three Euromed projects: Justice, Migration and Police.
7. To be fully aware that the work carried out by the different activities developed through Euromed Justice III Project in the Euro-Mediterranean area can bring a relevant contribution to consolidating a Euro-Mediterranean Justice area in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, in particular in the thematic areas addressed by the EuroMed Justice III Project.

Participants note that due account will be taken of their comments and suggestions for which the members of the Project Team are very grateful.

Participants agree with the conclusions of this meeting.

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