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EUROMED JUSTICE III PROJECT

Concludes on 4 years of intensified high level dialogue among judicial authorities

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PRESS NOTE

Over the past 4 years the EU-funded Euromed Justice III project stimulated and aggregated the discussions across the southern Mediterranean on legal areas crucial to the fast evolving judicial systems in the EU's partner countries, namely: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia and Libya. Family law, access to justice and criminal law were among the topics judges and officials worked on intensely.

The project concluded with a Final Conference in Barcelona (ES) on 11 March 2015, generously hosted by the Judicial School of the Spanish General Council for the Judiciary. The conference allowed providing an overview of the work developed, gathering feedback on the results achieved and agreeing on lessons learned. It was attended by 8 ENPI South Partner Countries, by the National Focal Points from 8 EU Member States as well as various European Agencies, International Organisations and other institutions operating in these fields, such as the EJTN, The Hague Conference, the Council of Europe.

Euromed Justice III ran for four years with an EU-funding amounting to 5 Million euros. It aimed at fostering cooperation on judicial issues between the ENPI South partner countries and the EU Member States, as well as between the ENPI South actors themselves, hence contributing to the development of a Euro-Mediterranean area of Cooperation on Justice. It has revolved around three main components: Access to justice and legal aid - Resolution of cross-border family conflicts - and Criminal and penitentiary law.

During the project implementation period 66 activities were organised (working groups meetings, training seminars, study visits, technical visits, etc.) that brought together over 1300 stakeholders. The project activities were hosted by 22 Euro-Mediterranean partner countries and the overall participation rate was very satisfactory, i.e. 85%.

All representatives of the ENPI South partner countries expressed their full satisfaction regarding the project implementation and they voiced the wish to be able to benefit from a 4th edition of the EuroMed Justice project.