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COMPONENT I: ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND LEGAL AID

Research Report 1.1

“PROCEDURAL SIMPLIFICATION IN THE ENPI SOUTH COUNTRIES”

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Final Conclusions

The launch meeting for the Research Report on “Procedural simplification in the ENPI South countries” of the EuroMed Justice III Project of the European Commission, funded by the European Union, was held on 20 April 2012 in Paris.

The participants were members of the delegations of the following Mediterranean countries: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia.

The meeting was opened by Ms Sara Campinoti, Programme Manager, Unit F4 Regional Programmes Neighbourhood South, Directorate-General Development and Co-operation - EuropeAid, European Commission, who welcomed the participants, and was closed by Mr Andrés Salcedo Velasco, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project, and Ms Campinoti.

The background, the context, timing, methodology (including for the technical visits), the structure of the Research Report and the questionnaire that will be developed under this component, including its overall approach and the main topics suggested for discussion, were introduced by the Project Team experts and the main short-term expert, Mr Bernard Menut, in charge of this Research Report.

In addition, the Project Team presented the project website and the different tools offered in order to support the intermediate work of the participants/experts/project team in between the different meetings of the research report group. In this respect, it was agreed by the participants to take advantage of this virtual platform in order to support the exchange of information and facilitate the expert’s work.

The presentation of the questionnaire by Mr Menut was followed by an open discussion during which participants could make comments and suggestions or ask clarifications regarding the said questionnaire.

In addition, the timing for the preparation of the Research Report was discussed and agreed upon. In this respect, after this meeting Mr Menut will prepare the final version of the questionnaire. Once the questionnaire has been finalised, the Project Team will prepare the different final versions in English, French and Arabic and send them to the Mediterranean countries. Then, these countries have to fill in the questionnaire (English or French) and send it back to the main short-term expert, Mr Menut, and to the Project Team.

The participants agree that the deadline for returning the questionnaire should be as soon as possible and in any case no later than one month after receiving it.

Regarding the technical visits the participants were informed that, if possible, the visits will take place according to the availability of the expert and the host countries.

Participants agree with the conclusions of this meeting.

Participants are grateful to the Directorate-General Development and Co-operation- EuropeAid, European Commission, and to the Project Team for the organisation of this meeting.

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