



## European Union Delegation to Egypt

### Press Release

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#### **EU funded twinning project to support Egyptian National Railways kicks off**

Within the framework of the Support to the Association Agreement Programme (SAAP), the European Union Delegation to Egypt, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of International cooperation and the Egyptian National Railways (ENR) are celebrating the kickoff of the institutional twinning project funded by the European Union and implemented by the Kingdom of Spain.

The Project aims to support the Egyptian Ministry of Transport in the Implementation of the Railway Safety Management System in line with the best European practices. The EU has allocated 1.3 Million Euros to the project. The project's period is twenty four months and expected to end in June 2017.

The EU funded project seeks to develop and enhance the methodologies for accrediting safety critical jobs and certifying drivers at the ENR, defining criteria for accreditation of workshops and control centres, drafting new regulation for level crossings, providing the list of technical standards for ENR systems to all stakeholders, implementing the safety management system, building the capacities of ENR staff by updating the training programs, developing an action plan for enhancing drivers' performance and skills, setting performance indicators for assessment and place emphasises on the selection criteria for recruitment of ENR staff specially for safety critical jobs.

The kickoff ceremony will take place at Sonesta Hotel under the auspices of H.E. Dr. Saad El Geioushy, Minister of Transports, H.E. Dr. Sahar Nasr, Minister of International Cooperation, and H.E. Ambassador James Moran, Head of the European Delegation to Egypt. Also, H.E. Ambassador Arturo Avello, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Egypt, Ms. Dalia Salem, Deputy Programme Manager of the Support to EU-Egypt Association Agreement Programme, Engineer. Khaled Sabra, Beneficiary Country Project Leader and Mr. Gerardo Gavilanes, Member State Project Leader will be participating in the event.

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