

## Press release

### **First meeting of the “National Focus Group” on the development of the cultural sector in Israel**

**June 10, 2015 Tel Aviv**

**Med Culture**, a regional EU-funded programme, organised the **first meeting** of the **Israeli “National Focus Group”** on the **development** of the cultural sector, **on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Beit Ariela Library, in Tel Aviv**, with the participation of Donna Gobi, Managing Director, Israel Film Service & Director of Cultural Relations, Ministry of Culture and Sport, as well as Israeli cultural practitioners.

Following two roundtable consultations held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv with the Israeli authorities and cultural practitioners earlier in July 2014, a **“National Focus Group”** has been established to work closely with **Med Culture** on **activities** aimed at developing the **cultural sector in Israel**.

During the meeting, participants discussed the suggested activities planned for Israel in 2015 on the basis of the previous consultations as well as suggestions for capacity development actions to identify advocacy tools that could enhance the involvement and contribution of both municipalities and private sector to the culture and arts fields in Israel.

**Med Culture** is a 4-year (2014-2018) regional programme funded by the European Union to accompany partner countries in south of the Mediterranean in the development and improvement of cultural policies and practices related to the culture sector. The approach is consultative/participative and takes place in partnership with civil society actors, ministries, private and public institutions involved in culture as well as other related sectors.

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