

EU Partnership for Peace Programme

EU's position on the Middle East Peace Process

The achievement of lasting peace in the Middle East is a central aim of the EU, whose main objective is: a two-State solution leading to a final and comprehensive settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on implementation of the [Road Map](#), with Israel and a democratic, viable, peaceful and sovereign Palestinian State living side-by-side within secure and recognised borders enjoying normal relations with their neighbours in accordance with UN Security Council Resolutions 242, 338, 1397, 1402, and 1515 and on the principles of the Madrid Conference.

This includes:

- a fair solution to the complex issue of Jerusalem and a just, viable, realistic and agreed solution to the problem of Palestinian refugees.
- a solution in the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese tracks.

The EU sees a need to address political, economic, humanitarian and security issues simultaneously, wherever necessary via negotiations between the Parties. It recognises that continued and comprehensive Palestinian reforms are necessary and national reconciliation is a basic step to move forward the solution of the conflict. On the other hand, the EU calls the freezing of settlement activities and dismantling of settlement outposts and Israeli abstention from measures which are not in accordance with international law, including extra-judicial killings and collective punishment.

The EU unreservedly condemns terrorism, violence or incitement, which cannot be allowed to hold the peace process or stability in the region hostage. Terrorist attacks against Israel have no justification whatsoever and the EU has included Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other armed Palestinian groups in its list of banned terrorist organisations. The EU recognises Israel's right to protect its citizens from these attacks, but emphasizes that the Israeli Government, in exercising this right, should act within international law and takes no action that aggravates the humanitarian and economic situation of the Palestinians. The assumption of full control of security by the PA in areas under its authority is a key test for the Palestinian Authority and the EU urges it to show determination in the fight against extremist violence and to confront individuals and groups conducting and planning terrorist attacks

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The EU Partnership for Peace Programme supports local and international civil society initiatives that promote peace, tolerance and non violence in the Middle East. The objective of this support is to contribute to the rebuilding of confidence within each society and between societies.

The programme aims to promote initiatives in areas which are likely to have an impact on people's everyday lives and welfare, including practical activities which will promote communication and understanding by demonstrating the advantages of working together for mutual benefit and tangible results.

The programme is jointly managed by the EU Technical Assistance Office to the West Bank and Gaza, the EU Delegation in Israel, and the EU Delegation in Jordan.

- A Call for Proposals is published annually or bi-annually and the selection is made by an evaluation committee composed of representatives from each of the three EU offices
- The annual budget ranges from EURO 5 - 10 million
- The number of selected projects varies from 15 to 25 for each Call for Proposals
- The EU contributions range from EURO 100,000 – 500,000
- The maximum EU contribution is 80%
- The maximum duration for a project is 36 months
- Projects can be implemented either at national level or at bi/multinational level.
- Only non-profit non-governmental organisations from the Mediterranean Partner Countries or EU Member States or countries that are beneficiaries of Pre-Accession Assistance or Member States of the European Economic Area are eligible to apply.

LIST OF ON GOING PROJECTS

Call for Proposals 2010

Title	Grant Beneficiary	Partner/s	Starting date/End date	Total amount/EU contribution EUR	Summary
Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum	Panorama – Palestinian Center for Dissemination of Democracy & Community Development (PA)	Peace Now (IL)	01/01/2012 01/01/2014	508,748 406,998	The Forum aims to sustain strong relations between Palestinian and Israeli Peace NGOs, to increase the breadth and effectiveness of their work and to enhance their capacities.
Sustainable Planning as a Tool to Promote Dialogue and Cooperation between Palestinians and Israelis	The Arab Center for Alternative Planning Association (ACAP) (IL)	Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem (ARIJ) (PA)	01/12/2011 01/12/2014	419,888 335,910	The aim of this project is to bring Arab and Jewish Israelis together with Palestinians to share experiences, engage in dialogue on sustainable planning processes, and work together to develop a 'Sustainable Planning Guidelines Document'.
Tourism: Using economic growth and cross-border cooperation to strengthen coexistence	Gilboa Regional Council (IL)		01/01/2012 01/01/2015	605,333 302,667	The overall objective of the project is to build an industry of tourism in the Gilboa-Jenin regions that attracts Israeli, Palestinian and international tourists, creates a sense of trust and community between Israelis and Palestinians.
Partners in Business, Partners in Peace: Increasing Capacities for Israeli-Palestinian Business Cooperation	The Peres Center for Peace (IL)	PalTrade (Palestinian Trade Center) (PA)	01/02/2012 01/02/2014	572,621 458,097	The project aims to enhance Israeli-Palestinian business and economic relations with an emphasis on increasing the level of Palestinian exports to Israel, and maximizing the business potential for both sides.
Base for Discussion (B4D)	United Nations Development	INJAZ – the Arab Municipal	13/12/2011 13/12/2013	584,968 467,974	B4D's overall objective is to contribute to peaceful coexistence through the development of long-term visions of peace in key sectors of Israeli society: Palestinian-Arab

	Program – Program of Assistance to the Palestinian People (International organisation)	Governance Center (IL) The Van-Leer Institute (IL) The Jerusalem Haredi College (IL)			citizens of Israel, the Traditional-Religious community, and the Russian-speaking population.
The Regional Implications of the Establishment of a Palestinian State	Netanya Academic College (IL)	Amman Center for Peace and Development (ACPD) (JO) Applied Studies and Research Institution Society (DATA) (PA)	01/12/2011 01/12/2013	422,000 337,600	The project aims to provide a clear picture of the regional implications of the establishment of a Palestinian state, through the ongoing research and study of working groups comprised of Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians.
Russian Speaking Community in Israel and the Peace Process: Bridging the Divide	Morashteinu (Our Heritage – The Charter for Democracy) (IL)	N/A	01/01/2012 01/01/2014	192,939 149,914	The project aims to increase engagement with and between Russian-speaking Israelis, and to foster awareness of the political, historical and social factors affecting their immediate regional environment.
Breaking New Ground in Community Economic Development	Tel Aviv University (TAU) (IL)	Arous Elbahr (IL) El Rabita (IL)	01/12/2011 01/12/2014	536,101 428,881	The project aims to contribute to reducing the poverty gap in Israel, which is a major root cause for ongoing tensions between communities. Innovative community economic development strategies will be developed in order to encourage cross-community and cross-sector cooperation.
Neighbours United: Peace Leadership for Today and	Hapoel Tel-Aviv	N/A	01/03/2012 01/03/2015	584,377 467,502	The project aims to use a common love of football to promote opportunities for face-to-face cooperation between Israelis

Tomorrow	Education and Society (IL)				and Palestinians in each society's marginalised populations. Young people will be trained in youth leadership and sport as a means of professional training and peaceful coexistence.
From Margins to Mainstream – Fostering Jewish Palestinian Partnership Practices in Israeli Communities	Sadaka Reut – Arab Jewish Youth Partnership (IL)	Mahapach-Taghir (IL) Oxfam GB (UK)	01/12/2011 01/06/2014	542,250 387,166	The project aims to contribute to a more equitable and just society in Israel and promote peace building between Israelis and Palestinians through conflict transformation and partnership.
Breaking the Cycle of Alienation: Coexistence through Education	Efshar Acheret Association (A New Way) (IL)	N/A	01/12/2011 01/12/2012	283,226 186,929	The project aims to foster pluralism and respect for cultural diversity among Jewish and Arab citizens and re-establish and strengthen participatory democracy and civic involvement as a strong basis for common identity and action.
Knowing the Other through publishing valid, comprehensive and objective information about Israel and the Israeli society	Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (MADAR) (PA)	N/A	01/12/2011 30/11/2014	510,701 360,000	The project aims to disseminate information about socio-political issues of Israel inside the oPt, through website, supplement to the Al-Ayyam daily newspaper, written by Palestinian and Israeli authors and lectures.
Promoting the Arab Peace Initiative as a basis for Middle Eastern Comprehensive Peace	The Center for Democracy and Community Development (PA)	Samenwerkingsverband IKV Pax Christi (NL) Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (IL)	18/10/2011 17/10/2013	569,267 455,414	The action targets decision and policy makers in Israel, oPt, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, in addition to the Quartet and the EU and the civil society of the mentioned countries, in order to campaign for the promotion of the API and its implementation. This latter will be foster through the drafting of a "Regional Action Plan for the implementation of API".
Addressing the Geopolitical Changes in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	Applied Research Institute Jerusalem (PA)	Land Research Center (PA)	04/10/2011 03/06/2014	499,021 399,217	The project aims to continue monitoring and recording all land issues in occupied Palestinian territory including land confiscations, obstructions, house demolitions and borders through the use of GIS systems. Information is provided to international community, including EU Members States and other stakeholders, negotiators, Palestinian Authority, etc.
Enhancing Momentum	Palestinian	H. L.	01/11/2011	484,060	Through a variety of outreach activities, the project aims at

Toward a Negotiated Palestinian-Israeli Final Status Agreement	Peace Coalition Association (PA)	Education for Peace, Ltd. – The Geneva Initiative (IL) Centro Italiano per la Pace in Medio Oriente (CIPMO) (IT)	31/10/2013	387,248	promoting peace, specifically the Geneva Peace Initiative, among the wide public, including veto groups. The kind of activities that will be carried out are seminars, education for women, leadership skills in the Palestinian side, and tours, conferences, internet campaign in the Israeli side.
So Far So Close III - Conflict transformation in the most marginalized areas of the West Bank	Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII - Condivisione fra i Popoli (IT)	Alternative Information Centre (IL)	01/11/2011 31/10/2014	464,503 371,602	The project aims to monitor activities of settlers and IDF in South Hebron Hills, in support to the local popular committee which has adopted a non-violent approach to resist the occupation. The information on settlers and IDF violations gathered during the daily accompanying work are provided to human rights NGOs and media.
Education and Communications for Tolerance, Dialogue and Internal Reconciliation in the Palestinian Territories	Association of Society Voice for Social and Developing Work (PA)	N/A	01/11/2011 31/10/2014	299,750 239,800	The project aims to empower youth role seeking for a strategic peaceful change by building a coalition of at least 50 CBOs on concepts and practices of peace building of reconciliation, tolerance and non-violence.
Investing in Peace II	Mercy Corps Scotland (UK)	Palestinian Information and Technology Association of Companies (PITA) (PA) Information Technology Telecommuni	01/11/2011 31/10/2013	625,000 500,000	The project aims to facilitate concrete business partnerships and transfer of technical capacity from IL to PAL ICT companies, plus report on opportunities in PAL ICT sector.

		cations and Electronics Association (Intellect) (UK)			
Good Water Neighbours: building foundations for peace through education and practical actions that promote just and efficient management of trans-boundary water resources	Friends of the Earth Middle East (PA/IL/JO)	N/A	01/11/2011 31/10/2013	999,949 500,000	1500 Jewish and Palestinian youth in communities which run along the border of IL/PAL will jointly participate in environmental awareness and educational activities for protecting water resources. Action includes teaching youth how to use GIS systems.
PATENT 'Partnership for Advocacy, Technology and Entrepreneurship'	Qeiadat Association (PA)	The Galilee Society (IL)	01/11/2011 31/10/2014	636,395 500,000	The project aims to develop Palestinian R&D capacity by providing for joint work with Israeli academics and involvement in the Galilee research centre (for Arab R&D academics) in Israel.
Fair Trade, Fair Peace	Cooperazione Per Lo Sviluppo Dei Paesi Emergenti (IT)	Sindyanna of Galilee for Progress and Development (IL) Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans Association (PA) Cooperativa Sociale "Commercio Equo e Solidale" (IT) Consorzio Iniziative Sociali (IT)	01/03/2012 31/08/2014	626,911 500,000	Through development of fair trade handicraft and commercialisation, the project aims at improving dialogue and cooperation between Palestinian and Arab Israeli craftsmen as well as to provide economic opportunities for marginalised producers in Bethlehem and Kufr Manda

		Province of Ancona (IT)			
Supporting Cross-Community Activism Among Separated Palestinian Communities	The British Council (UK)	MA'AN Development Centre (PA) Arab Association for Human Rights (IL) SEEDS (UK) Faith Matters (UK)	20/12/2011 19/12/2014	624,934 499,947	Young women and men aged 18-30 from Palestinian communities in the West Bank, Israel, and Jordan will engage through needs-based, shared development projects that they themselves define and manage. Particularly targeted are certain veto communities (e.g. rights-based groups of refugees advocating for the implementation of Resolution 181, groups who do not recognise Israel, etc.). They will learn from each other, become exposed to each others' realities, and exchange experiences with each other drawing from UK expertise (i.e. in community conflict resolution) where appropriate and relevant.

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Transboundary Advocacy of Parliamentarians over shared water issues (TAP)	Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) (PA-IL-JO)	n/a	01/01/2010 31/03/2012	499,998 399,998	The project aims to strengthen the ability of community representatives from Israel, Jordan and the West Bank to work together towards sustainable, regional water regimes through coordinated advocacy of decision makers in the three governments (total targeted population of over 500,000). Community's representatives will be trained in advocacy of both their respective and neighbouring parliaments and governments and work together to explain regional water realities and advocate for sustainable regional water governance.
Women Can Do Change	Psycho Social Counselling Center for Women (PSCCW) (PA)	Women and Horizons - Nissa Wa Afaq (IL) Sisterhood Is	01/01/2010 01/01/2013	328,282.92 262,626.3	Through the creation of a new culture built on women's platform of non-violence, the project will strengthen the role of women in building peace and resolving conflicts peacefully in 26 sites in the West Bank, Jordan and the West Bank. To this aim, the project will form 26 groups and will provide them with extensive training program on different subjects such as resolving disputes by peaceful

		Global Institute (JO)			means, negotiation, persuasion, mobilization and advocacy skills.
"Id lal-Ashara" / Hold Your Horses: a multi-dimensional approach towards tolerance and non-violence	Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation (PYALARA) (PA)	Al Quds University (Al Quds Education TV/Institute of Modern Media) (PA)	01/02/2010 31/03/2012	395,511 316,409	Through the creation of two role models, a hero and a heroine characters that attract young people into reconsidering modes of responding and dealing with situational conflicts or intolerance, the project will promote a more tolerant culture amongst Palestinian youth that would lead towards more understanding and acceptance of the "other" and the adoption of wiser and non-violent reactions to "differences". Stereotypes and violent attitudes will tackled and discussed at 24 TV shows produced within the project.
Pest Management Sans Frontieres: Palestinian-Israeli-Jordanian Cooperation for Environmentally Friendly Pest Management	Peres Center for Peace (IL)	Amman Center for Peace and Development (JO) Tel Aviv University (IL)	01/01/2010 30/06/2012	476,420 381,136	Through strong cross-border cooperation, the project aims to maximize rational pest control and eradicate or significantly minimize spread of harmful common pests in Israel, Jordan and the West Bank and encourage decision-makers to enact policy/legislation supporting the adoption of non-poisonous pest management methodology. Three fully operating demonstration sites (one in each of targeted country) will be created to this purpose head of agriculture cooperatives/leading farmers will be trained on environmental friendly pest control.
Simulating the Arab Peace Initiative	Wahat a-Salam- Neve Shalom School for Peace (IL)	Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (CCRR)(PA)	01/01/2010 29/02/2012	373,028 298,422	The project aims to promote tolerance and better understanding between Israeli and Palestinian societies by engaging core representatives of the media in a process of reflection on the past treatment and historical background of the API and simulate the adoption of API and its potential consequences in the media; Moreover, the project will facilitate critical discussions on the journalist-editor relationship in uni-national settings, on the one hand, and establish open and sustained channels of communication between Israeli and Palestinian journalists and editors, on the other hand.
The Arab Peace Initiative and Israeli-Palestinian Peace: the political economy of a new period	Institut pour la Coopération en Méditerranée - Groupe d'Aix (ICMGA) (FR)	The Peres Center for Peace (IL); Applied Studies and Research Institution Society	01/01/2010 31/03/2012	505,831 395,003	The project will explore the economic dimensions of the "Arab Peace Initiative" (API) on the relations between Israel, Palestine and the Arab countries. In this regard, an in-depth publication with broad analysis of the economic impact of implementing the API on the future economic relations between Israel, Palestine and the Arab countries will be produced and presented to key decision-makers and additional 'agents of influence' (local and international) for them to understand the economic issues and possible scenarios when deciding on policy for the Middle East region. The project will also

		(DATA) (PA)			create public awareness on the tackled issue through a wide media coverage.
Crack in the Wall	Parents Circle-Families Forum (IL)	Al-Tariq- The Way- The Palestinian Institute for Development and Democracy (PA)	01/01/2010 30/04/2012	594,870 306,183	Capitalize on the lessons learned and successes of the peace-building endeavour, the "Hello-Shalom" project, the present action aims to develop an innovative technological platform (The Wall) which would engage significantly more individuals with far more accessible and convenient technological features. The project will engage as many individuals as possible in the platform in dialogue and exchange between Israelis and Palestinians and thus instilling messages and values of respect and understanding.
Playing for Peace - Strengthening Community Relations through Football.	The British Council (UK)	Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln (DE)	18/12/2009 18/12/2012	699,378 389,104	The project will increase trust and understanding between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel, and between Israel and Jordan through interactions in sport and education. Curriculum for inter-community sports coaching, adapted for local contexts in Israel and Jordan will be created and training programme for sports and community leaders, including coach development, cascade training and mentoring will be undertaken.

Call for Proposals 2007

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The Israel Jordan Integrated Emergency Medical System Concept	Ben Gurion University (IL)	Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JO)	01/03/2009 31/07/2012	761,328 380,664	The overall objective is to establish an integrated regional Emergency Medical System (EMS) in Israel and Jordan that will offer a coordinated response to mutual medical emergency threats. The project also aims to achieve comparability of the Jordanian and Israeli EMS systems in terms of theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The action aims to provide the basic framework for upgrading the level of the Jordanian EMS system delivery as a necessary precursor to integration with the Israeli system for the purpose of achieving a coordinated response. The project will involve key EMS stakeholders, share knowledge and expertise, give response to legal and procedural problems (e.g. border crossing) that limit or prevent a full collaboration.

Raptor pest control as a sustainable resource management model in the Jordan Valley in support of the Middle East peace process	Hanns-Seidel-Stiftungnd (DE)	Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (IL) Palestine Wildlife Society (PA) Amman Center for Peace and Development (JO).	01/01/2009 30/06/2012	459,644 367,715	The project's overall objective is to improve co-operation, long-term dialogue and experience exchange between Arabs and Israelis in the Jordan Valley as a means to strengthen civil society action in peace building and conflict transformation as well as to contribute to the preservation of environmental quality and ecological balance in the Jordan Valley by reducing negative impacts on wildlife, soil and water resources caused by the over-use of pesticides.
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- DE Germany
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- JO Jordan
- NL Netherlands
- OPT Occupied Palestinian Territory
- PA Palestinian Authority
- UK United Kingdom