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## European Union continues to promote Good Agricultural Practices in Egypt

To promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in Egypt, European and Egyptian partners will hold two workshops on “Good Agricultural Practices in Irrigated lands” in Fayoum on 1-2 February 2016 and in Minya on 3-4 February 2016. The workshops are organised in the framework of the European Union Joint Rural Development Programme (EU-JRDP), under the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD). The European Union (EU) has allocated EUR 21,895,000 for this programme implemented by the Italian Development Cooperation in three Egyptian governorates: Fayoum, Matrouh, and Minya.

In Fayoum and Minya, this European initiative aims at increasing the sustainable agricultural production through the adoption of GAPs to improve the quality and quantity of main local crops, as well as the efficiency of irrigation systems.

These workshops are held under the auspices of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, and of the Governorates of Fayoum and Minya. They are organised by the Programme Management Unit (PMU) of the EU-JRDP managed by the Italian Development Cooperation. The workshop approach aims to facilitate early community participation, which, in turn, will promote the integration and cooperation with other projects implemented in these governorates. This will further promote ‘mutual awareness’ of the cooperation activities of the EU-JRDP.

The participants will discuss GAPs in: crop management, including on-farm composting; solid waste management; irrigation systems and sustainable water management.

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