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European Union supports empowerment of disabled people in Egypt

The European Union (EU) and partners launched “**Taghyeer: Towards a Practical Change in the Rights of Youth and Women with Disabilities in Egypt**” project that seeks to enhance the inclusiveness of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Egypt. The EU has allocated a grant of 279 thousand Euros for this project to empower the disabled people organisations (DPOs) and young people with disabilities to undertake a prominent role in civil society and policy making strategies. This EU-funded project seeks to empower and effectively promote PwDs of Greater Cairo especially youth and women. The project is implemented by Handicap International Organization and co-funded by Nahdet Al-Mahrousa Association. The project further endeavors to empower DPOs and policy making strategies

Ms. Kristina Buende, Head of Human Rights, Governance and Civil Society Section at the EU Delegation to Egypt, said "the EU has a strong mandate to improve the situation of persons with disabilities with an overall objective to fight discrimination and promote participation of people with disabilities in the economy and society at large". In her remarks during the launching ceremony, Buende added that the EU and the member states were active and vocal in ensuring that the inequalities suffered by persons with disabilities are properly addressed "leaving no one behind".

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