



## **EUROPEAN UNION**

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### **Press Release**

## **The European Union signs four contracts with Lebanese municipalities**

Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, has signed grant agreements with four municipalities, Andaket (Akkar), Deir Qannoun, Douier (South Lebanon) and Assia (Jbeil) for a total of € 310,340 benefitting a total population of 12,000 people. The projects of these municipalities were selected following a call for proposals launched by the Delegation of the European Union and cover socio-economic activities in the fields of environment and eco-tourism.

On this occasion, Ambassador Eichhorst said that "by their proximity to citizens, local authorities are true agents of change. The support of the European Union is part of their capacity building so that they can exercise their responsibilities, particularly in the areas of governance, planning or service delivery".

As part/In the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan signed between Lebanon and the European Union, the EU is committed to supporting a balanced and sustainable socio-economic development in Lebanon. In addition, the EU has pledged to support Lebanon in its efforts in terms of decentralisation, local government reform and the reduction of regional disparities. In recent years, the Lebanese authorities have become important partners of cooperation between the European Union and Lebanon with more than 69 projects funded for a total of more than € 52 million.

The European Union wishes to continue its support to local authorities. It has just launched a new call for proposals for local authorities in Lebanon. The guidelines for this call are available on the website of the EU Delegation in Lebanon:

[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/lebanon/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/lebanon/index_en.htm)