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PRESS RELEASE

The Delegation of the EU launches a call for proposals on "Support to electoral reform in Lebanon"

The Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon is seeking proposals for the funding of projects aimed at supporting the reform of the electoral framework in Lebanon in line with international standards and the recommendations of the European Electoral Observation Missions.

Under this call, priority will be given to actions that contribute to the adoption of a rights based system and implementation of electoral reforms in line with Lebanon electoral international commitments, international electoral standards and recommendations of the European Electoral Observation Missions and best practices such as:

- Support for the independent management of elections;
- Measures to support the secrecy of the vote, such as the use of officially printed ballots;
- Increased women's representation in elected bodies and electoral processes;
- Greater youth participation in electoral process (e.g. lowering of the voting age);
- Enhanced monitoring and supervision of the campaign spending regulations;
- Promotion of a more rigorous media regulatory framework;
- Clearer and more effective electoral complaints procedure;
- Increased voter participation of Lebanese abroad;
- Enhanced electoral domestic observation;
- Support to allow regional exchanges and best practices on reforming the electoral systems and legislations in the Arab countries;
- Promotion and enhancement of the role and skills of grassroots civil society organizations in the field of monitoring and following up on the elections.

The overall indicative amount made available under this Call for Proposals is EUR 2,000,000 Partnership is mandatory and there has to be at least one organisation of Lebanese nationality and one organisation with previous experience in managing similar projects.

The full guidelines for applicants are available on the following websites:

http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/lebanon/index_en.htm

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

The deadline for submission of proposals is: Friday 1st June 2012.

An information meeting will be held on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 11h00 at the Delegation of the European Union:

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