



EUROPEAN UNION

EU resources on Gender and entrepreneurship 2013



1. Regional

- Euro-Med Gender Issues Webpage



Gender issues

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/thememed.php?subject=12>

- **Anna Lindh Foundation President: Women as central players for re-launching Regional Dialogue**

Women are driving forces for the promotion of intercultural dialogue and social change, the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation André Azoulay has underlined at a Euro-Med gathering of cultural leaders in Casablanca.

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/31200/Anna-Lindh-Foundation-President:-Women-as-central-players-for-re-launching-Regional-Dialogue>

- **EU committed to leading action to eradicate violence against women**



The European Union is committed to leading action to eradicate violence against women, *"arguably the most widespread human rights violation of our time"*, said EU High Representative Catherine Ashton in a statement to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women yesterday, 25 November.

- **ENPI Info Centre feature stories on gender issues**



Women seeking freedom and respect. They have been trained and empowered. Today they run small business, they manage shoe shops, they even teach aerobics at ladies' gyms. Palestinian women living in six villages throughout the West Bank were given the chance to set off on a journey of self-accomplishment.

http://www.enpi-info.eu/list_type_med.php?id_type=6&subject=12

- **Algeria: EU supports women through the promotion of local craft industry**



The European Union has funded the creation of a learning and support center for women in Algeria, through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights. A representative of the EU Delegation to Algeria has paid a visit to the town of Remka, Ghelizane province, to enquire about the progress of the project.

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/31252/Algeria:-EU-supports-women-through-the-promotion-of-local-craft-industry>

- **Egypt: Ashton announces four million euro boost to EU funding to support women's rights**



EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton has announced €4 million of new funding for women's rights in Egypt, bringing EU support on gender equality in the country to €11 million. She announced the new funding at a speech in Cairo yesterday, to an EU conference entitled 'Egyptian Women: The Way Forward' in Cairo.

http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id=29770&id_type=1&lang_id=450

- **EU External Action – Euromed and Women**

Guidelines for the improvement of women's status and situation in the Euro-Mediterranean area were developed by the inclusion of specific recommendations in the Five-year work plan adopted at the Barcelona Summit of Heads of State and Government, in November 2005.

http://www.eeas.europa.eu/euromed/women/index_en.htm

- **Spring Forward for Women: EU and UN team up for new Mediterranean gender programme**

The European Commission and UN Women today launched 'Spring Forward for Women', a new joint regional programme for the Southern Mediterranean region. The programme aims to support national and regional stakeholders to empower women economically and politically in the context of the progress that has followed the Arab Spring.

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/30650/Spring-Forward-for-Women:-EU-and-UN-team-up-for-new-Mediterranean-gender-programme>

- **EU action to protect and promote women's rights**



The EU's political will to protect and promote women's rights is evident in the Guidelines, agreed in 2008, addressing discrimination as well as violence against women.

The Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them promote gender equality, put in place effective, coordinated strategies, and address the impunity of those who have perpetrated violence against women. The document also prioritises women's rights within the EU human rights policy towards third countries and sets out a strategy for dealing with individual cases of human rights violations.

http://eeas.europa.eu/human_rights/women/index_en.htm

- **UfM webpage – Women as Job Creators**



The Union for the Mediterranean is now targeting women as job creators, in an effort to support young women in the southern Mediterranean starting up their own business. I urge you today, all Lebanese women entrepreneurs, to make the best use and take advantage of these EU tools and networks

<http://www.enpi-info.eu>

2. Bilateral - EU-funded Gender-related support to Lebanon

The EU is the main supporter of the private sector initiatives in the region including gender empowerment, which we see as the major engine for job creation and economic development. The main EU-funded initiatives in Lebanon, are:

- **Business Incubation**

www.berytech.org



<http://biatcenter.org/>



<http://southbic.org/>



- **Facilitation of Access to Credit**

Kafalat, which is successfully providing credit guarantees to new innovative entrepreneurs

<http://www.kafalat.com.lb/>



- **Funding of Innovation**

The Technological Innovation Center at the Industrial Research Centre, providing funding to innovative Lebanese companies and cutting-edge technologies aimed at enhancing their competitiveness (Innovation Vouchers).



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