

Single Support Framework

Jordan 2014-2017

SUMMARY

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The EU-Jordan Association Agreement was signed in 1997 and entered into force in May 2002. Jordan has an Advanced Status partnership. The second joint EU-Jordan European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) Action Plan was formally adopted in 2012. The preparatory process for Deep and Comprehensive free Trade Area (DCFTA) negotiations is well advanced and negotiations can start as soon as both sides are ready, possibly in the second half of 2014. The Mobility Partnership will be signed in 2014.

The EU has a strong interest in supporting the development of a democratic, peaceful, stable and prosperous Jordan in an extremely volatile regional context. In the framework of the “advanced status” partnership agreed in 2010 and the adoption of the second EU-Jordan ENP Action Plan, the EU decided to open the door to enhanced opportunities for Jordan to participate in a number of European and ENP-specific initiatives.

Following comprehensive consultation with the government, civil society and other donors, and taking into account the government's reform priorities and aid effectiveness principles, a consensus has been reached regarding three priority sectors of intervention to be financed through the national envelope 2014-2017:

- **Reinforcing the rule of law for enhanced accountability and equity in public delivery**
- **Employment and private sector development**
- **Renewable energy and energy efficiency**

The three sectors of intervention consolidate previous EU cooperation, taking stock of the situation on the ground: a political context which is undergoing a smooth transition in order to establish democratic standards in the field of rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms; long-standing economic shortcomings such as unemployment or the underdevelopment of private sector; climate change and environmental threats, especially a need to diversify energy sources and to save energy; capacities of the Jordanian institutions and increased inclusion of all key stakeholders.

Besides priority sectors a capacity development envelope and a civil society envelope are foreseen.

<i>Indicative allocation for the period 2014-2020</i>	<i>€567,000,000– €693,000,000</i>
<i>Indicative allocation for the 1st period (2014-2017)</i>	<i>€312,000,000- €382,000,000</i>
<i>Breakdown for the 1st period</i>	
<i>Reinforcing the Rule of Law for Enhanced Accountability and Equity in Public Delivery</i>	<i>25 %</i>
<i>Employment and Private Sector Development</i>	<i>30 %</i>
<i>Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency</i>	<i>30 %</i>
<i>Complementary Support for Capacity Development and Civil Society</i>	<i>15 %</i>