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EU provides €59 million of socio-economic support to Egypt

With the aim of improving Egyptian people's lives, the EU is providing €59 million through four development projects in Egypt, in the areas of human rights, private sector development, urban development, energy and water.

The objectives of these programmes are in line with the priorities set out for EU cooperation with Egypt for 2014-2015, namely: 1) Poverty Alleviation, Local socio-economic development and Social Protection; 2) Governance, Transparency and Business Environment (including Complementary support in favour of civil society and of EU Agreements), and 3) Quality of life and environment.

- **Citizen Rights Project:** This project will contribute to the provision of rights by the Government of Egypt to its citizens as provided for in the 2014 Constitution. It will be addressed through two main components: 1) Strengthening the National Council for Human Rights, and 2) strengthening women's role in Egyptian society and increasing gender equality.
- **Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth in Egypt:** This programme will contribute to Egypt's economic recovery through: 1) facilitating the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in sectors with high potential for inclusive growth, and 2) enhancing the protection of cultural heritage for it to become a real driver of local socio-economic development.
- **Upgrading Informal Areas Infrastructures:** This programme will contribute to local socio-economic development in the informal areas of the Greater Cairo Region (Governorates of Cairo, Giza and Qalyubeya) by enhancing the delivery of basic services through upgrading basic community infrastructures. It builds on previous and on-going interventions.
- **Fostering Reforms in the Egyptian Renewable Energy and Water Sectors through Developing Capacity Building:** This programme aims to support the ongoing reform process of two key sectors of the Egyptian economy: the water and renewable energy sectors. The specific objective is to improve the management and use of these resources by enhancing operational efficiencies of concerned stakeholders and beneficiaries.

For more information

EU Delegation to Egypt: http://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/egypt/index_en.htm

EU support to Egypt:

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/neighbourhood/countries/egypt/index_en.htm

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