

## EU - LEBANON PARTNERSHIP

# THE COMPACT



The European Union and Lebanon adopted a Compact in 2016 to guide their efforts to improve the living conditions of both Syrian refugees in Lebanon and vulnerable host communities.

A Compact was annexed to the EU/Lebanon Partnership Priorities, a document that sets out mutually agreed priorities for cooperation until 2020, focusing on:



Fostering Growth and  
Job Opportunities



Governance and  
Rule of Law



Regional Stability, Security  
and Countering Terrorism

### OBJECTIVES OF THE EU-LEBANON COMPACT

- to strengthen mutual cooperation between Lebanon and the EU over the period 2016-2020
- to support the stabilization of the country
- to provide an appropriate and safe environment for refugees and displaced persons from Syria, including their residency status, and a beneficial environment for vulnerable host communities;
- to increase the resilience of the Lebanese national economy, infrastructures and to invest into job-creating projects
- to allow needs, including humanitarian needs, to be addressed in an effective, dignified and fair manner

The Compact includes a minimum of **EUR 400 million for 2016-2017** and additional funds that the EU will make available in the remaining years of the Compact's timeframe. This is **over and above** the already foreseen bilateral funds and reflects the EU pledge for Lebanon made at the London Conference in 2016.



The EU is the most important donor supporting the education sector in Lebanon. In 2016, the EU provided €59 million in this sector for Lebanese and refugee children. This funding includes support to the strategy put in place by the Lebanese Government "Reaching all Children with Education, 2016-2021". Supporting the participation in quality education of all children is our guiding political imperative.

The main results in the areas of the Compact are:

## ENHANCING GROWTH AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**EUR 15 million** to boost Lebanon's productivity and competitiveness in the agribusiness and wood sectors.

**EUR 59 million** in 2016 to support **education** for host community and refugee children, including EUR 16 million for Non-Formal Education Programmes in 2016-2017 and EUR 10 million for the access to basic education of Palestinian refugee children from Syria.

**EUR 13 million** for the implementation of the National Plan to Safeguard Children and Women in Lebanon across the country.

**EUR 1.5 million** to reinforce the capacity of the Ministry of Youth and Sports to better address **youth issues**, including a EUR 800 000 programme addressing drug abuse.

**EUR 11 million** to provide **chronic and acute medicine and vaccines** in 180 Primary Health Care Centers for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese.

**EUR 48 million** for solid waste management programmes in addition to **EUR 5 million** for the construction and equipment of 1 **solid waste** treatment facility and 1 sanitary landfill.



## SECURITY AND COUNTERING TERRORISM

In addition to the **EUR 9 million** IBM programme, **EUR 1 million** has been provided to the Lebanese security agencies for equipment for technical vehicle and cargo examination, mobile and in-land controls, expert-level passport examination, staff facilities, customs operations room and training center.

**EUR 1.2 million** for ongoing projects on **Countering Violent Extremism** and **Social Cohesion**: preventing extremism amongst children impacted by armed conflict through a comprehensive psychosocial approach and speaking up against radicalization through enhancing capacities of media and information literacy.

## GOVERNANCE AND THE RULE OF LAW

**EUR 5 million** programme for the implementation of the EU-Lebanon Roadmap for Engagement with **Civil Society**.

Technical assistance for electoral reforms and election management and to improve women's participation in elections.

**EUR 1.5 million** for capacity building initiatives, including support to the establishment of the **National Human Rights Institute** to advise the government on human rights issues and create the National Preventive Mechanism to investigate the use of torture and ill-treatment.

**EUR 2 million** to support the Lebanese Parliament, resulting in re-activation of the Legislative Tracking System in the Lebanese Parliament.

**EUR 1 million** for provision of **2,400 legal aid services** through the bar associations and NGOs and establishment of 5 legal aid offices in Beirut and north Lebanon to all vulnerable population, Lebanese and refugees