ACTION FICHE FOR EGYPT

1. IDENTIFICATION

Title	Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan (SIAP)		
Total cost	€17,000,000		
Aid method / Management mode	Project approach – decentralised management		
DAC-code	15040	Sector	Government Administration

2. RATIONALE

2.1. Sector context

The Action Plan (AP) signed between Egypt and EC in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) commits the two sides to support a comprehensive set of reform priorities in the political, social, economic and trade areas in the coming years. The implementation of the AP will allow Egypt and the EU to further develop their strategic partnership through a close and enhanced relationship. This will involve a significant degree of economic integration and deepening of political, cultural and social co-operation, aiming at promoting the modernisation of the Egyptian economy and society.

Three main priorities have been identified in the Country Strategy Paper (CSP) on Egypt for the period 2007-2013: political reform and good governance, competitiveness and productivity of the economy and socio-economic sustainability of the development process.

To support Egypt's efforts towards administrative reform and facilitate the implementation of the recently signed ENP Action Plan, the European Commission is launching the Support to the Implementation of the Action Plan (SIAP), as indicated in the National Indicative Programme (NIP) 2007-2010.

The implementation of this programme will be fully consistent with the Egyptian Government's reform policies and aim to administrative capacity upgrading, improvement of public services and strengthening of governance.

The programme will mainly fund the twinning between selected services of the Egyptian administration with their European counterparts. It will also fund technical assistance activities. The overall objective will be the capacity upgrading of the Egyptian administration in strategic areas. This is expected to have a major beneficiary impact on the Egyptian administration and facilitate the implementation of ENP's AP.