

## **Tunisia Financial Assistance Fiche**

### **1. European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) - 2007-2013**

Under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) alone, Tunisia has benefitted from €445 million in development assistance from 2011 to 2013.

This is almost twice as much as the amount initially allocated to Tunisia for the period 2011-13. It includes SPRING funds committed on the basis of the "more for more principle", rewarding progress in democratic reforms. Tunisia has been the number 1 beneficiary of SPRING funds in the Mediterranean with a total of €155 million received.

Out of the ENPI funds allocated to Tunisia for 2011-2013, the main share (€278 million or 62%) was committed in the framework of Budget Support programmes to stabilize the economy and support democratic transition. The rest (€167 million) was channelled to projects benefitting Tunisian citizens, in particular in marginalised areas. The sectors of intervention for 2007-2010 focused on economic governance, support to job creation and employment and support to social sector and the environment. Since 2011, sectors of intervention have been adapted to the situation of transition. Projects focused on the following sectors: good governance and democracy, economic reform and recovery as well as support to social sector and the environment.

Overall, for the whole funding period 2007-2013, Tunisia received €745 million development assistance from the EU under the ENPI alone. This figure was complemented by funding from other EU financial instruments such as the Instrument for Stability (IfS), the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), the Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) and thematic programmes under the Development and Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

Actual disbursements amounted to €636.6 million between 2007 and 2013.

### **2. European Neighbourhood instrument (ENI) – 2014-2020**

From 2014 onwards, funding is provided under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI). The relevant multi-annual programming document, i.e. the Single Support Framework 2014-2015, focuses on three main priorities: 1) Socio-economic reforms for inclusive growth, competitiveness and integration; 2) Strengthening the democratic transition process; 3) Regional and local sustainable development.

For the period 2014-2020, the indicative bilateral allocation for Tunisia could range between €725 and €886 million (i.e. an average of €115 million yearly). For the years 2014 and 2015, the allocation amounted to €234 million.

In addition, Tunisia is eligible for the more for more incentive mechanism which provides additional funding (under the so-called 'umbrella funds'). In 2014, Tunisia received €50 million in Umbrella funds and €71.8 million in 2015.

The 2014 bilateral assistance (Annual Action Programme) in favour of Tunisia was approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 for a total of €169 million, €50 million of which under the umbrella programme. In 2014 Tunisia was once again the number one beneficiary of the "more for more" incentive mechanism rewarding progress in reform.

The following programmes were adopted in 2014: 1) a State-Building Contract in support to the economic recovery elaboration and implementation of a number of sector reforms, key in

addressing the main socio-economic challenges (€100 million); 2) a programme in support to the reform of the judiciary (€15 million), of the media (€10 million), to support gender equality (€7 million) and in support to border management (€3 million), 3) a programme in support to the improvement of living conditions in disadvantaged urban districts (€28 million) and 4) an additional programme focusing on cross-cutting issues such as support to civil society and capacity building (€6 million).

Disbursements in 2014 amounted to approximately €180 million.

The final amount for bilateral assistance in 2015 (i.e. the Annual Action Programme - AAP 2015) corresponds to €186.8 million. The first part of the AAP 2015 (five programmes for an amount of €116.8 million) was adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The second part of the 2015 Annual Action Programme has been adopted on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to support the country's socio-economic reforms and its tourism sector for a total amount of €70 million.

The six programmes adopted are as follows:

<b>Annual Action Programme 2015 ( in million €)</b>	
Programme to support economic recovery (PAR V)	70
Support to the Security Sector Reform	23
Decentralisation and integrated development of regions (CAP2D)	43
Programme in Support to the Association Agreement and the Integration Process P3AI	12.8
Support for the Cultural Sector in Tunisia	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>186.8</b>

Actual disbursements for 2015 amounted to approximately €144 million.

### **3. Overview total EU grants 2011 – 2015 (various EU instruments)**

<b>EU Grants 2011-2015 ( in million €)</b>	
Bilateral allocation 2011-2013 (ENPI)	445
Bilateral allocation 2014 (ENI)	169
Bilateral allocation 2015 (ENI)	186.8
Neighbourhood Investment Facility 2011-2015 (ENPI+ENI)	53.5
Cross border cooperation 2011-2013 (ENPI)	37.2
ECHO - Humanitarian (refugees/Libya crisis 2011)	80.5
Other instruments and initiatives (EIDHR, DCI, IfS, IcSP, Electoral observation missions, civil society facility etc.) 2011-2015	30.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1002.6</b>

Moreover, a macro financial assistance loan for a total amount of €300 million was ratified by the Tunisian authorities (DG ECFIN in the lead) in May 2014. The first tranche of €100 million was disbursed at the beginning of May 2015 and the second €100 million tranche in December 2015.

#### **4. Overview EU Support to Civil Society**

Civil society is benefitting from more than 60 initiatives funded by the EU for a total amount of €58.5 million.

This support is provided through a horizontal civil society support programme financed through SPRING funds (€7 million) as well as from specific civil society components and approaches in the implementation of the different sector specific programmes. In addition to these funds, Tunisian civil society received support from the EU Civil Society Facility (€3.8 million), from the EIDHR (€6.4 million), the IfS and IcSP (€6.3 million) and from thematic programmes (€ 8.3 million) under the Development and Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

In addition to these instruments, calls for proposals are foreseen in most of the bilateral programmes and are thus funded by the ENPI/ENI.

#### **5. Overview EU Support to security and border management**

The EU is committed to support the security sector for the years 2014-15. Initial support to border management was adopted in 2014 in the framework of an ENI mobility and migration programme (€3 million). A comprehensive security sector reform programme (€23 million) was adopted in July 2015 and signed on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Despite the sensitivity of the areas discussed, whose reforms can only be complex and lengthy, the EU expects to cooperate with the authorities in the most open way and in full respect of human rights and international standards

Tunisia is also participating in several regional and thematic programmes funded under the ENI focusing on security, counter terrorism and rule of law.

## ANNEX

**OVERVIEW OF ONGOING EU PROJECTS PER SECTOR****1. EU-Tunisia Bilateral Cooperation 2007-2010 (in € million)\***

	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
<b>Economic governance and convergence towards the EU</b>					
Programme for objective based budgeting (PAGBO) – budget support	30				30
<b>Support to job creation and employment</b>					
Programme to support Education/training, higher education and employment (PEFESE) – budget support			65		65
Programme for Research and innovation (PASRI)			12		12
<b>Social sector and environment</b>					
Programme for environment and energy (PEE)	33				33
Support to the Tunisian chemical group (EIB - interest subsidy)	10				10
Programme to support water resources managements (PAPS EAU) – budget support				57	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>207</b>

\* The programmes mentioned in the above table are only the programmes that are currently ongoing. Other programmes were adopted between 2007 and 2010 but are already completed.

**2. EU-Tunisia Bilateral Cooperation 2011-2013 (in € million)**

	2011	2012	2013	Total
<b>Good governance and democracy</b>				
Programme in support to civil society (PASC)	5	2		7
Justice Reform (PARJI)	25			25
<b>Economic reform and recovery</b>				
Programme to support the economic recovery (PAR I, II and III: budget support)	100	68	110	278
Programme to support service competitiveness	20			20
Programme to support the association agreement (phase I and II)	10	15		25
<b>Social sector and environment</b>				
Emergency programme for marginalised areas	20			20
Health programme in marginalised areas		12		12
Rehabilitation of low income neighbourhoods		33		33
Environmental governance in Gabès			5	5
ENPARD (agriculture and rural development)			10	10
Erasmus +			10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>445</b>

**3. EU-Tunisia Bilateral Cooperation 2014-2015 (in € million)**

	2014	2015	Total
<b><i>Socio-economic reform for inclusive growth</i></b>			
Programme to support the economic recovery IV (PAR IV: budget support)	100		100
Programme to support the economic recovery V (PAR V: budget support)		70	70
Programme to support the Association agreement and the transition	6	12.8	18.8
Programme to support the private sector and vocational training (IRADA)		32	32
<b><i>Fundamental elements of democracy</i></b>			
Justice Reform II (PARJ II)	15		15
Equal opportunities for men and women	7		7
Migration (border management and international protection)	3		3
Media reform	10		10
Security sector reform		23	23
Support to the cultural sector		6	6
<b><i>Regional and local development</i></b>			
Rehabilitation of low income neighbourhoods II	28		28
Regional development (CAP2D - budget support)		43	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>186.8</b>	<b>355.8</b>