

EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Programme
5th Network meeting and 2nd Evaluation meeting
Paris, 8-9 April 2008

Final Declaration

We, the participants (*) in the 5th Network and 2nd Evaluation meeting held in Paris on 8-9 April 2008, in our capacity of representatives of public administration training centres and institutions or experts from the relevant ministries in the Mediterranean Partner countries and the EU Member States represented.

Considering the highly positive impact and the added value of the EMTPA Programme on the Training of Public Administrations of the MEDA Countries;

Considering the objectives and priorities of the European Neighbourhood Policy, in particular in the EuroMed area;

Considering the importance of Training of Public Administrations in the interest of strengthening administrative and institutional capacities, in addition to good governance in the EuroMed countries;

Considering, in that context, the need and the will to ensure sustainability of the EMTPA Programme *acquis*, in particular through the implementation of a project and work plan for the Network;

Considering the results of the previous Regional Conferences (Brussels, 2004; Ankara, 2005; Malta, 2006 and Rabat, 2007) and the Final Declaration adopted by the participants during the meeting held in Oeiras on the 12th of December 2007,

We agree to adopt the following declaration:

We consider that this Network meeting has represented the appropriate framework for another meeting between the different departments and training institutions of the Public Administrations participating actively in the implementation of the programme in the Euro-Mediterranean Area and has enabled a strong consolidation of the Network.

In this framework, we appreciate the growing presence of the EU Member States and we very much welcome the representation of Italy within the Network.

We welcome the appointment of the Preparatory Committee composed of 4 EU Member States (France, Greece, Italy, and Spain) and 4 Mediterranean Partners (Israel, Jordan, Morocco and Turkey) in order to support the sustainability of the Network.

This Preparatory Committee will work with the support of the Permanent Secretariat and will have to:

- Prepare the legal status project for the Network on the basis of the Guidance Document adopted by the General Assembly
- Implement a project and a work plan on the basis of the orientations defined by the General Assembly.

The Preparatory Committee is appointed for a transitory period until the 31st of December 2008.

Considering the above, we believe that the objectives set during the meeting have been achieved and we reassert the importance of the Network in the framework of the Barcelona Process and the European Neighbourhood Policy as a factor of development and strengthening of the relationships between Euro-Mediterranean public administrations.

Read and approved in Paris on the 9th of April 2008

(*) See list in annex.