

EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Programme

Train the Trainers Seminar Maastricht, 13-17 December 2004

Final Declaration

We, the participants in the train the trainers seminar held in Maastricht on 13-17 December 2004 in the framework of the EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Programme of the European Commission, managed by the EuropeAid Cooperation Office, supported by the MEDA Programme in the context of the Euro-Mediterranean Policy, make the following **declaration**:

1. We consider this seminar as being useful to enable us to prepare and implement national training programmes with specific focus on those supporting the implementation of the European Union Association Agreements with the MEDA countries.
2. The presentations made by the experts gave us the opportunity to better understand the different aspects of European Affairs in particular concerning the Euro-Mediterranean policy and will help us in our future work.
3. The various sessions concerning human resources development, evaluation and public administration training provided an opportunity to debate, to exchange experiences, and good practices and will help us in furthering cooperation on bilateral and multilateral basis in these fields.
4. We consider that this programme represents among other a significant step towards establishing a Euro-Mediterranean Free Trade Area by 2010, as provided for in Chapter 2 of the Barcelona Declaration, and aims at contributing to the strengthening and the development of institutional and administrative capacities and network, good governance and sound public administration, and to the implementation of the Association Agreements.

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