



TWINNING WORKPLAN

The Administration of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (hereinafter referred to as the Beneficiary Country (BC)) represented by the Director of the Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology

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HAVE AGREED THE FOLLOWING WORKPLAN WHICH THEY UNDERTAKE TO IMPLEMENT JOINTLY:

ARTICLE 1 BACKGROUND

1.1 Beneficiary Country policy developments in the sector

The conclusion of the Association Agreement between Jordan and the European Union represents a major milestone in bilateral relations. Designed as a comprehensive framework for the economic, political and social dimension of the partnership, the basic principle of the Agreement is to gradually create a free trade area by 2010. Harmonising the existing quality infrastructure with international, respectively European, requirements and removing technical barriers to trade is therefore of primary importance not only for the implementation of the Association Agreement but also for the integration of Jordan into the global economy.

Impressive growth rates in terms of gross domestic product and merchandise exports indicate that the Jordanian economy and its underlying quality infrastructure is, in fact, moving in the right direction. However, major challenges to complete the harmonisation process in the fields of standardisation, technical regulations, metrology and conformity assessment remain. As an evaluation report from 2003 pointed out, accredited testing and certification services need to be expanded, appropriate administrative structures to be set up and the relevant legislation to be implemented.

For that reason, capacity building represents a key element of the “Support to the Implementation of the EU-Jordan Association Agreement Program (SAAP)”. The present twinning project which forms an integral part of the SAPP addresses the need for capacity building for the Jordan Institution for Standardisation and Metrology with a particular stake in conformity assessment, accreditation, metrology, market surveillance and standardisation.

1.2 Beneficiary institutions and other parties involved

Due to its mandate and responsibilities, the **Jordan Institution for Standardisation and Metrology** is a key actor within the national quality infrastructure. Important tasks have been allocated to JISM in the following fields:

- Standards and technical regulations: Jordan Institution for Standardisation and Metrology prepares, amends and monitors the implementation of standards in addition to technical regulations in specific sectors e.g. electrical and electronic equipment, construction material, packaging, chemicals etc. Technical regulations in other sectors e.g. telecommunication, environmental issues, agriculture products etc are prepared, amended and monitored by other government authorities.
- Conformity assessment: JISM performs conformity assessment on imported and locally produced products and grants the national Quality Mark.
- Metrology: Jordan Institution for Standardisation and Metrology is responsible for establishing the national metrology system and approves reference measurement standards while it is agreed upon that RSS would be responsible for the National Calibration Laboratory..
- Accreditation: JISM established an Accreditation Unit (AU) which is responsible for the accreditation of laboratories and certification bodies and while striving to become an autonomous independent accreditation body in the near future.
- Market surveillance: Jordan Institution for Standardisation and Metrology is also responsible for market surveillance although, for the time being, only on a small scale based on complaints from consumers.

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1.3. Parallel or related projects in the field

This Twinning contract represents one part of the wide programme "Support to the Implementation of the EU-Jordan Association Agreement Program (SAAP)" to strengthen the Jordanian Institutions dealing with issues covered by the EU-Jordan Association Agreement.

In the frame of the Twinning project an equipment and material needs assessment will be undertaken. Based on the outcomes of this assessment, a procurement of the necessary equipment and materials for the achievement of the objectives will be conducted under the SAAP program through a separate supplies tender, following the EC procedural rules.

A further assistance program "Support to the Accreditation, Conformity Assessment and Certification in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan", Project No.: JOR/AIDCO/2002/0554 Publication Ref.: Europaid/120167/D/SV/JO. The beneficiary will be RSS. Coordination with RSS special in the field of metrology in component E, where the NCL will be established, is needed.