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ASSESSMENT OF THE
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PARTNERSHIP:
PERCEPTIONS AND
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THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (IEMED) IS CONDUCTING A YEARLY SURVEY OF ACTORS AND EXPERTS IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND SHORTCOMINGS OF THE BARCELONA PROCESS. THIS ACTIVITY IS PART OF THE PROGRAMME "PROMOTING MUTUAL AWARENESS, UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD REGION (SOUTH)" (EUROPEAID/125411/ACT/C/MULTI- LOT3), CO-FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION THROUGH THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT (ENPI) REGIONAL TRACK.

SUCH A PROJECT CUTS ACROSS THE IEMED MISSION AS AN ACTOR IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE EU AND THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AND A THINK TANK ANALYSING EURO-MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS, PROPOSING AND DISSEMINATING POLICY OPTIONS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE BUILDING OF A TRUE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

THE SURVEY FOCUSES ON PERCEPTIONS OF THE EXPERTS WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP (EMP). SO FAR POLICY-MAKERS DO NOT HAVE SUCH AN INSTRUMENT AVAILABLE TO ASSESS RESULTS, ORIENT POLICIES AND MOBILISE ACTORS AND EXPERTS AND ULTIMATELY PUBLIC OPINION THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THE SURVEY IS ALSO MEANT TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY OF THE EMP, POINTED OUT IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS HELD IN MARSEILLES IN NOVEMBER 2008 AS A VITAL ELEMENT "FOR ITS PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE, AS WELL AS ITS ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEGITIMACY." SPECIFIC ATTENTION WILL BE DEVOTED TO GENDER ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS OF ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT, AND A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE SURVEY WILL BE ENSURED.

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