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### What access to the EU for migrants and refugees?

13 February 2017 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Six years after the promotion of a “new approach to a new neighbourhood” following the 2011 uprisings, what is the state of play of EU’s cooperation with the MENA region in the field of migration and asylum?

How do newly established cooperation patterns address the need for greater mobility for both migrants and refugees, identified as a key policy target in the European Commission’s roadmap since the entry in office of Commissioner Juncker in 2014?

EuroMed Rights is pleased to invite you to this public session which aims to reflect on the EU’s external cooperation in the field of migration and asylum with South and East Mediterranean countries and its role in promoting access to international protection and to regular pathways to mobility.

Combining long-term perspective and reflection on more recent cooperation frameworks, EU officials from the European External Action Service, the European Commission as well as the Maltese Presidency of the European Union will share their experience with civil society organisation representatives active in the defence of the rights of migrants and refugees from over 15 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region (Maghreb, Mashreq, Turkey, and Europe).

Venue : Aqua Hotel, Rue de Stassart 43, Brussels (Metro Louise/Louiza)

**Limited seats available – Please register at:** [advocacy@euromedrights.net](mailto:advocacy@euromedrights.net)

Simultaneous translation provided in English and French

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## AGENDA

### 9.00: Welcome of participants

#### 9.15– 9.30: Introduction

- **Introductory speech by EuroMed Rights**, Anitta Kynsilehto – EuroMed Rights Executive Committee
- **From the Tampere summit to the European Agenda on Migration: the EU external action on Migration and Asylum**, Mercedes Garcia-Perez - Human Rights Division of the European External Action Service

#### 9.30 – 11.00: SESSION 1 - Access to international protection: the examples of Lebanon and Jordan

*Moderation: Vincent Forest- EuroMed Rights Advocacy Director*

- **Jordan**
  - **The protection of refugees in the framework of the EU- Jordan Compact and Partnership Priorities**, DG Home (TBC)
  - **Employment access for refugees from Syria in Jordan: what is at stake?** Linda Al-Kalash - Tamkeen
- **Lebanon**
  - **The protection of refugees in the framework of the EU-Lebanon Compact and Partnership Priorities**, EEAS (TBC)
  - **People in need of international protection in Lebanon: a reality check**, Samira Trad - Frontiers Ruwad
- Debate

*11.00 – 11.15: coffee break*

#### 11.15 – 12.30: SESSION 2 - Intending to migrate to the EU: a still limited access

*Moderation: Catherine Teule – EuroMed Rights Executive Committee*

- **“Addressing irregular migration by promoting regular migration”**: the EU’s commitments since 2014, Anna Abela, Senior Policy Officer - Maltese presidency of the EU
- **Mobility Partnerships : the Tunisian example**, Malek Kefif - Forum Tunisien pour les Droits Economiques et Sociaux (FTDES)
- **Return, the cornerstone of cooperation**, Sara Prestianni – Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana (ARCI)
- Debate

### 12.30-13.00: Closing remarks