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## **EUR 2.5 million project implementing the EU-Jordan Mobility Partnership launched**

AMMAN, 13. July 2016 – Today the European Union Delegation to Jordan and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) launches the EUR 2.5 million project “Support to the Mobility Partnership between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (JEMPAS)”. The three-year project, funded by the EU and implemented by ICMPD, will focus on two key areas: Engagement with Jordanian expatriates abroad and preventing trafficking in human beings.

"I am very happy that we can today launch this important project. It is a direct outcome of the EU-Jordan Mobility Partnership and will support the Jordanian Government to develop and implement their national migration policy", says EU Ambassador Andrea Matteo Fontana.

In October 2014 the EU and Jordan established a Mobility Partnership, creating a flexible framework for enhanced cooperation in the field of migration and mobility.

"Jordan is a key partner for the EU in the Middle East. The Mobility Partnership is an opportunity to further strengthen our cooperation in managing migration and mobility – as well as bring Jordanian and European citizens closer together", says EU Ambassador Fontana.

ICMPD will implement the project in close cooperation with relevant Jordanian authorities, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Labour. In addition, the project will draw on expertise from five participating EU Member States (Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Romania).

### **ABOUT ICMPD**

The International Centre for Migration Policy Development is a key player in the migration field. The organisation has 15 member states and carries out activities throughout the world, including Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia. The Vienna-based organization has a mission in Brussels and project offices in 7 countries, including in Nigeria and Tunisia.

Founded in 1993, ICMPD served as a support mechanism for informal consultations and to provide expertise in multilateral cooperation on migration and asylum issues. The principles of partnership and balancing of interests are the foundation of the organisation.

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The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) is an international organisation with 18 Member States and more than 350 staff members. Active in more than 90 countries worldwide, it takes a regional approach in its work to create efficient cooperation and partnerships along migration routes. Priority regions include Africa, Central and South Asia, Europe, and the MiddleEast. Its three-pillar approach to migration management – structurally linking research, migration 3 dialogues and capacity building – contributes to better migration policy development worldwide. The Vienna-based organisation has a mission in Brussels, a regional office in Malta and project offices in several countries. ICMPD receives funding from its Member States, the European Commission, the UN, and other multilateral institutions, as well as bilateral donors. Founded in 1993, ICMPD holds UN observer status and cooperates with more than 700 partners including EU institutions and UN agencies.

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