

TWINNING PROJECT ABSTRACT

“Strengthening the process of Gender Responsive Budgeting”

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**Beneficiary Authority: Centre of Excellence – Gender Responsive Budgeting
Centre d’Excellence – Budgétisation Sensible au Genre (CE-BSG)**

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The **overall objective** of the project is to promote equality between women and men in Morocco through the process of Gender Responsive Budgeting in line with the Acquis and good practices in EU member states.

More **specifically**, the project aims to contribute to the integration of Gender Responsive Budgeting in the planning and budgeting process in sector ministries.

The Moroccan Ministry of Finance has started to work on Gender Responsive Budgeting as early as in 2000 and has become one of the most advanced countries in the region in this regard. In 2013, a Centre of Excellence on Gender Responsive Budgeting was established. It is currently in the process of reorganisation which led to its transfer to the Budget Directorate and the elaboration of a new strategy. The twinning project will enable the Centre of Excellence to benefit from good practices of European Member States in view of the institutional architecture to effectively institutionalize Gender Responsive Budgeting in sector ministries and at local level through a multi-faceted strengthening of its operations, providing methodological and technical support and advice, coaching and training with the objective of reinforcing several key functions of the Centre and establishing proper procedures and systems.

In addition, technical support, training and coaching will be provided to selected sector ministries in order to strengthen their capacities to fulfil their obligations of the new Organic Law to implement the Budget Law dated of 2015 that requires all ministries to integrate gender equality in their projects, programmes and performance indicators.

The project supports the implementation of the action plan proposed in the roadmap of the Advanced Status (“Statut avancé”) where a number of sectors and priority activities - including public finance and gender - were jointly identified and supported by the multi-sector program called “Achieving the Advanced Status” (Réussir le Statut avancé),.

The following components and the required mandatory results of the twinning project are listed below:

COMPONENT 1: Institutional and organisational strengthening of the Centre of Excellence – Gender Responsive Budgeting (CE-GRB)

Mandatory result:

- A SWOT analysis and recommendations how to strengthen the Centre of Excellence have been elaborated that take into account the Moroccan context and European best practices

COMPONENT 2: Dialogue and exchange on how to institutionalize Gender Responsive Budgeting as an integral part of the Moroccan budget process

Mandatory result:

- The mandate and mission of the Centre of Excellence – Gender Responsive Budgeting has been strengthened in line with European best practices.

COMPONENT 3: Technical support of selected pilot ministries to implement GRB

Mandatory result:

- Pilot ministries have been supported to fulfil their obligations in view of the integration of the gender dimension in their performance-based budgets (Projet de performance)

The maximum total budget for this project is 250.000 EUR. Request for proposals will be disseminated in June 2017 and the expected starting date of implementation is February 2018. The duration of the project is 6 months.