



## Contribution to the development of an endogenous resource base to support the development and sustainability of the associative movement in Tunisia

### Terms of References for a study

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*As part of its medium-term development of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF) work, the Board is commissioning a study to analyze the potential and identify the tracks to develop to strengthen the national means of financing civil society in Tunisia. This initiative should be part of a broader (regional) debate on how to mobilize, strengthen and diversify existing resources within Arab societies to make civic action activities more sustainable, especially in the field of the promotion and defense of human rights.*

**Aims:** The study aims at analyzing the potential and identify the tracks to be developed to strengthen the national funding means available for actors of the civil society in Tunisia, namely:

1. **Existing endogenous resources for the financing of associations**, including at the institutional level and in the private sector (including a mapping of actors, amounts and areas in which endogenous resources are made available to associative actors);
2. **Legislative framework, national mechanisms and means to be consolidated or developed** to encourage endogenous financing of community actors (including savings and tax exemptions, detachment - full or part-time, or civic service, etc.);
3. **Recommendations for developing this sector in the short, medium and long term**, including the possibility of setting up a national endowment.

A comparative examination of developments and instruments implemented in the country, in other countries of the region or in areas of action close to the human rights field (such as culture and arts, microcredit, etc.) might be necessary to identify the national mechanisms and means that could be developed.

### Methodology

*Proposals, not exceeding four pages, should contain a work plan and a description of the methodology suggested by the consultant(s) to carry out the study. In addition, proposals should specify the extent of experience of the consultant(s) in the field as well as knowledge within, among others, the associative, corporate (public and semi-public), banking and microfinance.*

### Timeline and volume

*The study should be finalized during 2017 and an initial period of eight months is envisaged for its realization. Proposals of the applicants should contain suggestions and offers regarding the forecasted duration and budget needed for the implementation of the study. The study should not exceed 20 pages (a maximum of 40.000 net digits net) in English or French, and should include an executive summary of one to two pages (maximum).*

*Offers (up to 2000 words) should reach the EMHRF Secretariat (Anne-Sophie Schaeffer: [asc@emhrf.org](mailto:asc@emhrf.org) and Améline Jaskowiak: [aja@emhrf.org](mailto:aja@emhrf.org)) by February 10, 2017, accompanied by short CVs (max. 2 pages) and credentials attesting relevant work experience, along with a preliminary list of actors/institutions to contact in order to enrich the study in Tunisia. Successful applicants will be notified by February 20, 2017.*