

## EC assistance to the Palestinians in 2008 (last updated on 24 June 2008)

(in million EUR )

<b>PEGASE</b> (PRDP Recurrent Expenditure)	176
<b>PEGASE</b> (PRDP Development projects)	53
<b>UNRWA</b> (General Fund and UNRWA reform)	71
<b>Nahr el Bared</b> (Emergency aid for populations affected by the conflict in Lebanon) ( <i>ECHO</i> )	8
<b>Food Aid</b> through UNRWA, WFP, NGOs ( <i>ECHO</i> )	29,5
<b>Humanitarian Aid</b> ( <i>ECHO</i> )	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361,5</b>

In 2008, EC has committed so far €361,5 million, as compared to €554 million in 2007 and €342 million in 2006.

### 1) PEGASE

PEGASE, the European mechanism of support to the Palestinians, was launched on the 1 February 2008. Building upon the Temporary International Mechanism (TIM), PEGASE supports the three year Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP) which was presented by the PA Prime Minister S. Fayyad at the Paris Donor Conference in December 2007. PEGASE supports both recurrent costs of the Palestinian Authority (salaries and pensions, vulnerable families, fuel, arrears) and development projects in the four sectors of the PRDP (governance, social development, economic & private sector, public infrastructure).

### 2) UNRWA

The EU – European Commission and Member States - is the largest donor to UNRWA. The overall EC contribution in 2008 to UNRWA is expected to reach over €100 million. This includes: €66 m to the General Fund, €4 million to the Special Hardship Cases programme (cash subsidies for some of the most vulnerable refugees as part of UNRWA's reform to better target families in need); €1 million for the Organizational Development Plan to strengthen UNRWA's management capacity. On top of this comes EC support for Food Security, Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (€31 million). The Commission also provides assistance for preparation of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the **Nahr El-Bared** camp in Lebanon.

### **3) Food Aid**

The EC's humanitarian aid office ECHO is providing a €29,5 million package to bring food assistance to the most vulnerable Palestinians. This assistance aims to deliver appropriate and adequate food aid, short-term food-security support, nutritional support or short-term livelihood support to crisis affected populations.

### **4) Humanitarian Aid**

The EC's humanitarian aid office ECHO provides €24 million for humanitarian aid actions for the most vulnerable populations affected by the ongoing crisis in the occupied Palestinian territory and for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. Technical assistance is provided to maintain a technical assistance capacity in the field, to assess needs, appraise project proposals and to coordinate and monitor the implementation of humanitarian operations.