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Second meeting of Steering Committee of Lebanon National Gender Observatory

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The National Gender Observatory in Lebanon has been established in the frame of the 2-year multi-country project "Strengthening access to protection, participation and services for women refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities" funded by the European Union Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the EU "MADAD" Fund and implemented by a consortium led by EuroMed Feminist Initiative.

The second meeting of the Steering Committee of the Observatory took place on 19 March 2019 at the Office of the Minister of State for Economic Empowerment of Women And Youth, H.E. Violette Khairalla Safadi.

Mr. Dia Captan, Programs & Projects Affairs, Ministry of for Economic Empowerment of Women And Youth opened the meeting and expressed the readiness of H.E. Mrs Safadi to host the Observatory at the State Ministry for Economic Empowerment of Women And Youth (EEWAY). The Observatory is viewed as a hub where key ministries and major actors involved in the response to the Syrian crisis, meet. It addresses legal and social discrimination, raising the needs of the most vulnerable women in Lebanon to policy level in order to let them have better access to comprehensive services and support their active participation in local decision-making.

During this meeting, the Core Management Team and the Research Policy Group of the Observatory were introduced. The two entities besides the Steering Committee constitute the foundation of the Observatory. The Observatory collects and analyses data about the situation of both Syrian women refugees and women in the host communities.

The meeting was attended by high level representatives of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry for Interior, EU Delegation, Central Administration for Statistics, Issam Fares Institute, American university of Beirut, Lebanese American University as well as EuroMed Feminist Initiative and the project partner in Lebanon, Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering.

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