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## EASO's cooperation with Jordanian Governors and the Jordanian Ministry of Interior

*Within the framework of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)'s external action project to promote the participation of Jordan in the work of EASO ([read more](#)), EU experts delivered a seminar on International Protection law and on European acquis on asylum to Jordanian Governors and high ranking officials of the Jordanian Ministry of Interior. The seminar targeted the main Jordanian actors responsible for the management of the Syrian refugees' crisis and was an opportunity for improving capacities, sharing knowledge and expertise.*

The seminar provided Jordanian Governors and the officials of the Ministry of Interior with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge on international protection law and to gain a better understanding of European experiences (Belgium in particular) in the field of international protection and EU asylum law. Jordanian representatives gave an overview of the current situation and engaged all present in a panel discussion on the experience of Jordan in the management of the actual situation. The seminar was positively welcomed as an opportunity to exchange capacities and expertise between Jordan and the EU. Finally, a UNHCR representative gave participants a presentation on the current legal and policy framework of international protection in the country.

This capacity building event is of particular importance for Jordanian Governors as they manage the refugees' situation at the community level where 80% of the refugee population lives in Jordan. The seminar is the first of series of three; the next two will focus on registration procedures and on reception centres management. The seminar is also important for EASO since this is a key action with which the agency is engaging in the external dimension of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) following the adoption of the [EASO External Action Strategy](#) in November 2013.

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