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EASO delivers a seminar on International protection and EU acquis on asylum for Moroccan Members of Parliament within the ENPI project

Within the framework of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)'s external action project entitled Promoting the participation of Jordan in the work of EASO as well as the participation of Morocco and Tunisia in the work of EASO and FRONTEX ([read more](#)), and in the context of the upcoming discussion in Morocco's Parliament on their new law on asylum, experts from Belgium and the Netherlands delivered a seminar on International Protection law and on European acquis on asylum to Moroccan Members of Parliament (MPs). Moreover, the seminar brought together representatives from three countries, Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco, to share information and expertise on the situation of asylum and international protection law in the region.

The seminar provided Moroccan Members of Parliament with the opportunity to enhance their capacities on international protection law and to gain a better understanding of European experiences (Belgium and the Netherlands in particular) in the field of asylum law. Moroccan MPs also gained improved knowledge about the overall situation of international protection and asylum matters in other countries in the region, namely Tunisia and Jordan. Representatives from Morocco and Jordan gave presentations on their countries' internal processes and structures related to asylum and international protection. The Moroccan inter-ministerial sub-commission on asylum – body responsible for compiling the draft law on asylum presented to Parliamentary voting – gave an overview of the draft law as presented for Parliament's voting. Finally, UNHCR High Representative to Morocco gave participants a compared picture on international protection mechanisms currently in place in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

This capacity building event is of particular importance for Moroccan MPs as they prepare for the Parliament's spring session. It is during this session that they will have on the table the **new Moroccan law on asylum** as a priority. The seminar is also important for EASO since this is a key action in which the agency is engaging in within 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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