

## Project Preparatory Program Soft Loan

(„Program of the Federal Ministry of Finance for the purpose of supporting the identification and preparation of projects within the framework of the Austrian soft loan scheme“)

- Since December 2007 the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance supports Austrian soft loan countries in identifying and preparing projects that fulfill the Austrian soft loan criteria and serve the sustainable development of these countries
- Grants of up to EUR 90,000.- are provided for the support of project identifying or preparatory measures whereby the service recipient has to contribute a minimum of 20% of the total amount of services. Measures eligible for support include
  - Pre-investment decision technical cooperation
  - Procurement-related technical assistance
  - Examples: identification, assessment/review/evaluation, development and preparation of project undertakings, including pilot project undertakings; pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, expert opinions and other consulting services
- Service Recipient and Applicant is the project executing organization in Egypt (e.g. public institutions); manifestations of interest and application forms must be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance via the clearing agent OeKB
- Service Recipient authorizes OeKB to negotiate and conclude agreements and necessary amendments with the Service Provider and to monitor the provision of services
- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Projects must have high chance of being realized and financed via an Austrian soft loan
  - Supported measure must contribute to the promotion of Egypt's sustainable economic development and Austrian economic policy interests

