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EU Heads of Cooperation visit Shu'fat refugee camp in East Jerusalem

European Union Heads of Cooperation in Jerusalem and Ramallah visited today Shu'fat refugee camp in East Jerusalem. Representatives of the Norwegian and Swiss Cooperation also joined the visit. The group was briefed on various humanitarian and developmental projects funded by the EU and Member States supporting Palestinians living in Shu'fat refugee camp.

The EU Heads of Cooperation were briefed at the Youth Centre in Shu'fat refugee camp by local and European civil society organisations on the challenges facing the camp. The briefing focused on the obstacles that are blocking a sustainable social and economic development of the Palestinian community trapped inside the camp.

The group was briefed by the Italian NGO "Cesvi" about their project that aims to improve the resilience of those living in the camp through improving waste management. The group also met with the East Jerusalem youth delegates from an EU funded project who presented the daily challenges that are facing youth in East Jerusalem particularly in Shu'fat camp due to the separation barrier.

Approximately 12,500 Palestine refugees are registered as living in Shu'fat camp. However, UNRWA estimates that the actual number of residents in the camp is around 24,000.

The projects in Shu'fat camp are part of the EU's East Jerusalem programme. The main aim of the actions implemented and supported by the European Union in East Jerusalem are to preserve the viability of a two state solution, with Jerusalem serving as the future capital of the two states.

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