



European Union
Delegation of the European Commission
in South Africa

**... this week
in review**

This publication seeks to provide information on EU activities of interest to SA readers.



13 – 19 August 2004

Headline News

Social Housing in South Africa given €20 million boost by EU Programme (15/08/2004)



The Minister of Housing, Ms Lindiwe Sisulu (MP) and Ambassador Michael Lake, this week jointly launched the €20 million EU-funded Social Housing Support Programme (SHSP). Ambassador Lake noted: "I have been greatly impressed by many of the initiatives that deal with housing and am proud that the European Union has supported such programmes since 1994. We trust that the current programme will serve as a sounding board for the new housing policy and, more particularly, its social housing component. We are confident that the expertise within the programme will ensure that rental accommodation becomes a sustainable model for low-income households as part of a wider urban regeneration." Ambassador Lake said that future EU co-operation in this sector would take direction from an independent review set for late 2004. The Minister thanked the EU for the continued support.

See: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=124&art_id=qw1092574802135B225

Joint SA-EU launch of the SA Police Service's Emerging Leadership Programme (13/08/2004)

As part of the €18 million EU-funded *Capacity Building & Institutional Development Programme for the SAPS and the Department for Safety & Security*, the Emerging Leadership Programme is designed to assist police service to further transformation within its ranks. At the launch of the Programme, attended by Safety and Security Minister, Charles Ngakula, Ambassador Lake said: "One key requirement is to strive towards a management structure that is not only more effective but also is more representative of the broader South African society. It is therefore appropriate that in August 2004, during Women's month, we launch the management training programme that does not only promise to develop 300 police leaders from previously disadvantaged backgrounds, but can also pride itself on having a majority of female participants."

Other News

EU contributes €4.8 million to the South African Pesticide Initiative Programme, SA PIP (18/08/2004)

With the harmonisation of the legal limits of pesticide residues for food products within the European Union, the €4.8 million Programme aims to assist South African producers of horticultural exports to comply with EU food safety standards. The SA PIP, jointly funded by the EU and the National Department of Agriculture, was launched earlier this week. Councillor Jürgen Lovasz, of the European Commission Delegation, said: "While I am confident that this programme, and others like it, will deliver on their objectives, it is perhaps opportune to note that it would be a mistake to focus on safe food only in the context of improving export capacity. In fact, improved exports must come second to the primary objective of strengthening protective systems for one's own consumers. I trust that the SA PIP is well paced to deliver on both levels"

See: [Agri TV](http://www.agri.tv), this Saturday 21/08/2004, 8-9 AM and Saturday 28 /08/2004, 8-9 AM.



Councillor Lovasz (L) handing the Financing Agreement to Deputy Agriculture Minister, D du Toit, with SA PIP Manager H Goodson (R) looking on.

East Timor: €3 million for former refugees (16/08/2004)

The European Commission approved €3 million for a project which aims to ensure that former East Timorese refugees who have decided to remain in Indonesia, either in West Timor or elsewhere, are successfully integrated into that society and are provided with the means to become economically self-reliant. More specifically they will provide former refugees with proper housing, primary health care, water and safe sanitation and improve the availability and quality of basic education in local schools, particularly for girls. The project will be implemented by United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

See: <http://www.europa.eu.int/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEX/04/0816&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Ahead:

- 04/09/2004 – EU-ECOWAS Ministerial meeting, St.Gerlach
EU-ECOWAS (Troika), Maastricht

For further information please contact Frank Oberholzer at 012-452-5200

Pretoria, P.O. Box 945, Groenkloof, 0027 - Tel: 27-12-452 5200 - Fax: 27-12-4609923

E-mail: Delegation-s-africa@cec.eu.int

