

Middle East and North Africa



**Palestinian Territories**

**Supporting the National Quality Infrastructure**

<b>Objective</b>	Expansion of quality assurance services provided according to international good practices.	
<b>Approach</b>	<p>Entering a new phase of cooperation, this module focusses on the expansion of quality assuring services based on the previously developed implementation plan of the National Quality Policy. The plan enables the provision of quality assurance services in accordance with international guidelines. In this context, PTB supports the Interministerial Committee commissioned to supervise the implementation of the National Quality Policy. The main focus is on establishing an independent work unit (technical regulations team) to facilitate and monitor the compliance of technical regulations with international good practices. Following a two-level approach, the expansion of the quality infrastructure is further promoted by building technical and institutional capacities addressing the needs of industry, trade and the healthcare system.</p> <p>The project therefore supports the Metrology Department of the Palestine Standards Institution (PSI) in the area of legal and industrial metrology (e.g. the verification of taxi meters). A third element of cooperation comprises the operation of a capacity development fund allowing any institution related to quality infrastructure (e.g. accreditation bodies, medical laboratories or consumer protection bodies) to strengthen its technical and institutional competencies upon request and according to its specific demand.</p>	
<b>Impact</b>	<p>By strengthening institutions of the national quality infrastructure (technical regulations team, metrology institute, accreditation body, etc.), this module contributes to improving the framework conditions for the promotion of economic development and growth in the Palestinian Territories. A functioning and recognized quality infrastructure enables Palestinian companies and institutions to operate in accordance with international good practices and is therefore crucial to facilitating trade as well as ensuring the protection of consumers, health, and the environment. Given that the conformity of Palestinian goods and services complies with national technical regulations and international standards, new markets can be accessed, and local production becomes an effective alternative that replaces imports from Israel and elsewhere.</p> <p>By expanding measurement capabilities through improved and new services as well as by reducing measurement uncertainties in industrial metrology, the surveillance of products and services on the Palestinian market can be enhanced. At the same time, local industries demanding those services benefit from higher product quality and subsequently increase their competitiveness in the Arab and international markets. Overall, the interaction of these effects ensures and also creates employment and income opportunities for the Palestinian population and economy, which is embedded in a highly political and volatile context.</p>	
<b>Cooperation</b>	The module is part of the German development programme titled <i>Sustainable Economic Development, Employment Promotion and Education in Palestine</i> . In addition, PTB maintains close synergetic links with the <i>Trade Facilitation Programme</i> of the European Union.	
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