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Tunisia marks record investment at the end of Q3 2025

The Tunisia Investment Authority released a statistical bulletin on Tunisia's economic performance between January and September 2025. The volume of investment reached EUR 1.76bn, which is an increase of an extraordinary 41.5% in comparison to the same period in 2024. The investments result in additional generation of almost 75,000 job opportunities in the country. The industrial sector maintained its position as Tunisia's leader in progress, contributing 30% of declared investment volume and 36% of job generation. However, the renewable energy sector does not remain far behind, representing EUR 470m investment. Most of the investment will take place in Sidi Bouzid governorate, reaching 15.8% of the national total investment, driven by two significant renewable energy projects worth approximately EUR 230m.

Growth, despite challenges, at the heart of the Tunisian 2026 budget

Tunisian Prime Minister H.E. Sarah Zaafrani Zanzeri presented the foundations of the budget for 2026. This was developed in parallel with plans for development, scheduled for 2026 through 2030. The goal is to 'build a national economy that balances both the welfare state and economic realities.' The focus lies on strengthening the social role of the state, stimulating employment and reducing unemployment, improving Tunisian purchasing power through wage increases, developing a new social protection system, and improving public services, mainly within education, public transportation, and the health sector. These issues will be addressed alongside other accompanying reforms such as recruitment in the civil service, extending and regularizing employment protections, opening new lines of financing to promote social inclusion, and simplifying the administrative procedures for domestic enterprises. H.E. Prime Minister Zanzeri highlighted Tunisia's growth rate as the beginning of an economic recovery as well as the progress being made on major infrastructure projects.

Tunisia and Egypt: Seeking a Partnership in the health sector

A meeting took place at the Tunisian Ministry of Health between the Chief of Staff for the Tunisian Ministry of Health, Mabrouk Aounallah, the President of the Egyptian Unified Purchasing, Supply and Medical Logistics Authority Hachem Sateet, and Egypt's Ambassador to Tunisia H.E. Bassem Hassan. At the core of the discussions was the implementation of joint projects focused on the sharing of medical expertise, training healthcare professionals, and coordinating medical research. A policy was also agreed to, the purpose of which was to promote joint procurement of medical equipment and medicines. This partnership is part of a shared vision of sustainable development in the health and medical fields, based on solidarity and pooling of resources. Tunisia and Egypt aim to consolidate a model of regional cooperation with the hope of strengthening health security and improving access to healthcare in their respective countries.

Tunisia and Italy launch joint TANIT projects for treated wastewater

At the beginning of November, Tunisia and Italy started a strategic initiative to valorise treated wastewater under the Italian "Mattei for Africa" programme. The project sets a goal to secure water in the region and ensure agricultural resilience, effectively supporting the sustainability of the economy in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The launching ceremony was attended by the high-level Italian delegation of the Embassy, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, the Italian Deposits and Consignments Fund and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari. The Tunisian side was represented by the Secretary of State for Hydraulic Resources, H.E. Hamadi Habaieb. The TANIT programme has been said to be structured around three main axes: treatment and reuse of wastewater for agricultural purposes, support for research and innovation in the field of water management, and training of agricultural stakeholders for efficient use of resources. According to the plan, the project will reuse treated water from Greater Tunis for agricultural irrigation of approximately 11,500 hectares and extend wastewater treatment infrastructure in El Attar, Melliane, Sfax, Enfidha, and Agareb.

European Union and Tunisia strengthen energy partnership

Recently, the European Union, together with the European Investment Bank (EIB), announced a technical assistance grant worth EUR 12m for the Tunisian Electricity and Gas Company (STEG). The signing ceremony was attended by the European Commissioner for the Mediterranean, H.E. Dubravka Šuica, and the Head of the EIB's MENA Division, Ulrich H. Brunnhuber. The grant includes financial and expertise support to oversee, manage and implement the ELMED project connecting Southern Europe to North Africa with an undersea cable system. The project is included in the EU list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs), being described as one of the critical projects for energy security and reducing CO2 emissions both in Tunisia and the EU. The initiative is continuation of former support provided to Tunisia by the EIB as well as EBRD and KfW.

Oman partners with Tunisian STEG and SONEDE

Ambassador of Oman in Tunisia, H.E. Hilal bin Abdullah Al-Sanani, signed two strategic cooperation agreements with leading Tunisian institutions in the field of energy and water with the Tunisian Electricity and Gas Company (STEG) and SONEDE International. According to the representatives, the agreements create pillars for the sustainable development and socio-economic stability of both countries. The cooperation will include technical and administrative expertise sharing. The bilateral cooperation has been said to represent the Omani strategy of Oman Vision 2040, creating a stable ground for future investments in tangible projects, boosting the quality of services provided in both countries, and reinforcing economic and technological development.