

# ITALIAN COOPERATION IN EGYPT

## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS

### SHALI: PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF ECO - TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN SIWA AND EL GARA OASIS

**Geographic Area:** Siwa - Marsa Mathrouh Governorate.

**Area of Development:** Support and sustainable management of the environmental heritage.

**Sector:** Environmental sustainability; eco – tourism.



**Executive body:** ONG Ricerca e Cooperazione and COSPE (Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti).

**Institutional counterpart:** Mathrouh Governorate.

**Other Funding parties:** -

**Period of implementation:** 2005 – 2007.

**Amount and nature of the funds** Bilateral channel. € 3,280.000 € [grant].

**Description of the project:** Intervention in the restoration and valorization of architectural heritage as per a cultural, historical heritage protection and as tool for tourism development; protection and valorization of handicrafts. The project aims to improve the ecological equilibrium of the oasis complex also through:

- Promotion of eco – sustainable tourism
- Support to the traditional handicraft

Support to the income generating activities in the tourism and handicraft sectors.