



Press Release

Delegation of the Christian Democratic Party in Germany Visited MAS



Tuesday, 4 October 2016, Ramallah. Today a delegation of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) Parliamentary Group in the Landtag of Baden-Württemberg visited the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS). The delegation comprised of six members of the Landtag of Baden-Württemberg in addition to two representatives of the Palestinian office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), the think-tank for the CDU, the ruling party of Germany, led by Chancellor Angela Merkel since 2005. The delegation, led by MP Georg Wacker, was welcomed by Dr. Nabeel Kassis, MAS Director General, and Ms. Daniela Andreevska, MAS Project Coordinator.

At the beginning of the meeting, the delegation inquired about the current state of the Palestinian economy. Dr. Kassis and Ms. Andreevska briefed the visitors on the reality of the captive Palestinian economy, characterized by unsustainably high levels of poverty, unemployment, and social and regional disparities. Dr. Kassis described the series of political events and decisions which has led to the current situation with focus on the last three decades. Finally, Dr. Kassis presented the recommendations and policy actions which MAS Economic Conference 2016 “Towards a New Vision for the Revival of the Palestinian Economy” adopted in response to the above-mentioned most pressing challenges facing the Palestinian economy and society. The German delegation expressed serious interest in these recommendations. They confirmed that Palestine can benefit significantly from the German experience in the dual education system in its efforts to develop technical and vocational education and training.