

## European Education Commissioner wishes Tunisia joins e-twinning programme



European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth Androulla Vassiliou expressed hope that Tunisia will join the e-twinning programme.

The European Commission, who met, Saturday in Tunis, Education Minister Abdellatif Abid, said this programme could help pupils improve their knowledge and command languages and teachers exchange educational and professional experiences.

She announced, in this regard, that several EU countries will invite teachers who will be selected to implement this programme in Tunisia, to take part in training sessions in Europe.

Because of the lack of specialised skills, nearly one million job vacancies need to be filled in all the EU countries, Mrs. Vassiliou said, recommending creating new diplomas that meet the needs of the job market in Europe.

She said that the development of the education system requires now the development of pre-school education and adults' education as well as fight against digital illiteracy.

For his part, Mr. Abdellatif Abid called for diversifying areas of co-operation with the European Union and stepping up the exchange of experiences and expertise.

He suggested strengthening Arabic-language teaching in the EU countries.