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## Security Roadmap for West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula

### I. Project Overview and Objectives

Tafahum has been launched in September 2018 and is designed as a 3-year project. It pursues the overall objective of developing a roadmap for regional security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula – a region that includes the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Iran, Iraq and Yemen. The project aims at generating an overall “understanding” (or *tafahum*) among regional stakeholders on a joined process towards regional security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula. This project is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and implemented by CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient and the Gulf Research Center Foundation.

### II. Project Activities

In the course of this project, multiple workshops, dialogue fora and publications will pave the way to constructing ideational pillars for an overall agreement of how to define a regional security architecture. As an initial step, security experts from the main regional and extra-regional stakeholders were convened in Vienna end-2018 to elaborate on their countries’ respective security priorities. Throughout 2019, five working groups will assemble experts from the GCC states, Iran, Iraq and Yemen. Regional experts from Europe will be added to the groups, which will be divided into the following themes:

- 1) Trade and Energy
- 2) Environmental Issues and Climate Change
- 3) Security Sector Reform and Counter Terrorism
- 4) Media Narratives and Discursive Integration
- 5) Reconstruction Efforts in Yemen, Iraq and Syria.

All results produced in the working groups will lay over a three-year period the basis for the articulation of a roadmap to regional security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula.

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