



EUROPEAN UNION – NIGERIA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Technical support to ECOWAS for the Transport Facilitation Project		
Sector	Transport		
Location	West Africa	Budget (€equiv.)	€2,000,000
Start Date (Est.)	10.02.2005	End date (Est.)	31 December 2008

Implementing Partner	ECOWAS Secretariat
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Objective	Supporting ECOWAS in the implementation of a comprehensive Transport Facilitation Programme
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Description
<p>The project aims to assist ECOWAS with the preparation and implementation of the regional transport facilitation programme in West Africa. For this purpose a transport support unit assists ECOWAS with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Carrying out surveys on the ECOWAS wide application of transport regulations.- Collection and dissemination of available information on the facilitation of transport as a means of promoting intra-regional trade.- Informing of decision-makers on prevailing practices impeding freedom of movement.- Definition and preparation of actions under the main transport facilitation programme to be financed under the 9th EDF- Assistance in the harmonisation of transport procedures and regulations.- Preparing the creation of joint border posts as part of the regional transport facilitation programme standards.- Organisation of public relations campaigns, visits and information seminars, awareness-raising and training of ECOWAS staff..- Ensuring effective coordination between the various components of the transport facilitation programme, and with other regional programmes including the setting up of the national and regional transport facilitation committees.

Results Achieved
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The support unit is currently assisting the ECOWAS Commission in the above areas.- A workshop to create and strengthen national transport facilitation committees in West Africa has been organized.- ECOWAS and its Member States receive assistance in harmonising transport procedures and regulations.

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