



EUROPEAN UNION – NIGERIA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Transport Facilitation Project
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Sector	Transport		
Location	West Africa	Budget (€equiv.)	€3.8 Million
Start Date	April 2007	End date (Est.)	December 2011

Implementing Partner	ECOWAS Commission
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Objective	To assist ECOWAS in promoting regional integration through a comprehensive transport facilitation programme.
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Description

This project will improve regional transport services with a view to reducing production costs and raising the competitiveness of the West African productive sector. It also supports ECOWAS in facilitating the free movement of persons and strengthening intra-regional trade.

The project will allocate funds for the accomplishment of the following:

- Supporting ECOWAS in the creation of joint border posts as an instrument towards reducing travel/border processing times.
- Preparation and implementation of the West African Regional Facilitation Programme on road transport and transit through the harmonization of regulations, construction of supportive infrastructures, reduction of road controls at all levels, improvement of the information system on goods and other related activities.
- Support to activities reducing the transport costs and improve their efficiency, through improving rail-road coordination, complementary modes of transport, removal of existing monopolies and support to related NEPAD programmes.
- Prepare and implement the air traffic facilitation activities in the spirit of the Yamoussoukro Agreement which recommends the liberalisation of the intra-African air transport adopted by the Meeting of the Heads of States of the African Union in June 2000.
- Preparation and implementation of actions related to the simplification of the administrative and transit procedures such as the definition of a Community action plan for the development of the seaports; the finalisation of the Study on the assessment observatories of maritime transport in West Africa and the strengthening of the maritime and port safety according to the ISPS international Code of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

For a better execution of the above activities, the project also supports actions aiming at improving the environment of the transport sector; building capacity at ECOWAS and UEMOA level with regards to a more systematic analysis and definition of transport policies, management and evaluation of existing programmes; supporting the participation of non-state actors in transport facilitation issues, promotion of transport facilitation by conducting public relations activities.

Results Achieved

- International Service contract awarded in March 2007
- Border Posts to receive infrastructural upgrading have been pre-selected by ECOWAS and UEMOA
- Bilateral agreement between the involved ECOWAS and UEMOA member states presently under way.
- Functionality study being carried-out and Design study will be launched shortly.

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