



EUROPEAN UNION – NIGERIA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Support to the ECOWAS Commission for Economic and Regional Integration in West Africa
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Sector	Reg. Integ. & Trade	Budget (N)	
Location	West Africa	Budget (€equiv.)	€44.80 Million
Start Date	14.06.2007	End Date (Est.)	31.12.2011

Implementing Partner	ECOWAS Commission
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Objective	To support the Regional Organisations and Member States of the Region to achieve the objectives of the Treaties, namely an operating customs union and the establishment of a common market in West Africa, the consolidation of a macro economic framework, the improvement of the legal and administrative framework through institutional capacity building.
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Description

Expected results:

- 1 The customs union is achieved and the common market is reinforced ;
- 2 The macroeconomic surveillance mechanism is reinforced and countries have made progress towards convergence criteria ;
- 3 ECOWAS Commission, UEMOA Commission and West African member states' capacities in the framework of the existing regional integration process and EPAs are reinforced, Furthermore, the participation of NSAs in regional integration is enhanced ;
- 4 Competitiveness of productive sectors is enhanced.

Planned activities to reach results:

- 1 Completion of an ECOWAS Free Trade Area, Support to ECOWAS compensation mechanism in order to assist Member states in absorbing the fiscal losses of the free trade area, support to the implementation of the CET, training and modernization of national customs, support to the development of the region's trade policy, support to the implementation of a trade surveillance mechanism, support to the free movement of persons, services and capital,
- 2 Development of a multilateral surveillance system within West Africa, development of regional statistical capacities,
- 3 Strengthening of the institutional capacity of UEMOA and ECOWAS and of the coordination between the regional organizations; enhancement of the participation of NSAs in major issues of regional integration,
- 4 Support to competitiveness and TBT and SPS measures, harmonization of business law, promotion of harmonized regional sector policies including agriculture, livestock and fisheries.

Résultats Achieved

Signature of the contribution agreement, payment of the first installment (11 651 750 Euros).

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