



EUROPEAN UNION – NIGERIA PROJECT SHEET

Project Title	Monitoring of the Regional Indicative Programmes 9th EDF		
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Sector	Regional		
Location	West Africa	Budget (€equiv.)	€6 Million
Start Date	January 2007	End date (Est.)	September 2011

Implementing Partner	ECOWAS Commission
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Objective	To improve the use of the allocated resources and the effectiveness of the regional co-operation. The Monitoring of the Regional Indicative Programme 9th EDF will also reinforce capacities of the two regional organizations in the field of the programming and the management of the co-operation with the European Commission. It will also assist both regional organisations to reinforce the coordination among each other and with member states.
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Description

Considering the complexity of the implementation of the regional programmes involving several regional organizations, several delegations and a great number of beneficiary countries, it is important to put in place a mechanism to oversee, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Regional Indicative Programmes to reinforce the capacities of the two regional organisations in the area of programming and management of the cooperation with the EC in particular and other donors in general. The project will assist ECOWAS and UEMOA to improve structurally their programming capacity and to reinforce their management capacity.

Support will be given in the following areas :

- **Monitoring of the Implementation of the Regional Indicative Programmes.** ECOWAS and UEMOA will be supported in the implementation of the RIP by having at their disposal a set of instruments to coordinate and monitor the various components of the RIP.
- **Coordination and consultation between the regional organisations, member states and the civil society organisations.**
- **Capacity to manage and coordinate External Assistance.** The coordination and monitoring capacity for projects financed by the international community will be reinforced.

Results Achieved

The teams of two long term experts at ECOWAS Commission and at UEMOA Commission are in place since January 2007. The unit has so far supported ECOWAS in preparing a contribution agreement with the EC and helped to improve internal procurement and accounting systems. The unit has also contributed to a better coordination among all ECOWAS departments involved in the regional programme. The first biannual progress report of the project (as at 30 June 2007) is available.

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